My belief is that residents are better served when there are multiple Councillor wards.

My experience as a resident of the former West Riding of the then Shire of Eltham was that:

- the three Councillors worked as a team and 'covered' for each other to ensure at least one of them attended the many community meetings/consultations that were held to address the wide range of issues within the Riding. Then after discussion fully represented the residents of their riding.
- collectively they could 'stand up' for their Riding when Councillors from other Ridings were proposing actions that may have had an impact on the residents of their Riding.
- collectively they has a vision for many improvements within the Riding such as increased open space and connectivity of open space for the Riding.
- collectively they were prepared to stand up and defend the position taken by them.

My experience as a resident of the Hawdon Ward of Banyule with single Councillor representation is:

- the one Councillor has been readily influenced by the Mayor and other Councillors when it comes to the sale of open space within the Ward.
- the requests of residents for connectivity of open space has been put aside, by the single Councillor, as too hard.
- work and other commitments has precluded the one Councillor from being fully involved in several important community meetings. Something that would not have happened if there were multiple Councillors.
- The Mayor having a level of influence over one Councillor. Something that may not have happened if there were multiple Councillors.