

# #10

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## Q1

Candidate Name

Monica Harte

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## Q2

**North West Ward**

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

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## Q3

**Sue Bolton Community Independants**

Are you a candidate for a political party? Which Party?  
Or are you standing as an Independent candidate?

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## Q4

If you are receiving campaign funding for this election, who are you receiving funding from? (list all or state 'None')

Individual and community donations, Socialist Alliance, approaches to Trade Unions

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## Q5

**South Ward**

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

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## Q6

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

Other (please specify) If you have other connections to Moreland, please state the ward(s) and the connection(s) briefly in 100 characters.

Over my 25 years as a resident I have been active in community campaigns around local development . I sing with my local choir, Brunswick Rogues .

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### Q7

Triple bottom line accounting brings to account three domains that we need for a good life. They are economic, environmental and social which includes health. Do you commit as a Councillor for Council to use triple bottom line accounting on all Council infrastructure projects and will you try to ensure that climate emergency is embedded in every Manager's performance plan?

(no label)

**Agree Strongly**

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### Q8

Transport: Upfield Rail Upgrade - Problems with parking and traffic congestion, capacity issues of public transport (once the pandemic passes) necessitate solutions for upgrading the Upfield Line. According to Infrastructure Australia, the northern region Transport Corridor will reach and exceed capacity in the next decade. Will you support duplication and extension of the Upfield rail line to Craigieburn and Wallan for provision of a more reliable and frequent rail service catering for the growing population in Moreland and residents in new growth suburbs further north?

(no label)

**Strongly Agree**

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### Q9

Transport: Tram Network Extension: As a Councillor will you support ongoing advocacy for the Victorian State Government to extend the No 58 West Coburg Tram along Derby street in Pascoe Vale, and No 19 North Coburg tram routes further north along Sydney Road to Campbellfield?

(no label)

**Strongly Agree**

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### Q10

Transport: Mode shift - What actions will you be pushing for to facilitate a mode shift to more sustainable modes of transport in Moreland as part of, or beyond, Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS), including changes to parking restrictions, increasing public transport advocacy, cycling and walking infrastructure?

The key focus is integration , and central to that is public transport. It is nearly 30 years since the fight to save our Upfield Line was won. We had successive State Governments planning to rip up railway lines, a strong road lobby, and a struggle to put public transport on the agenda. Struggle and campaigns are critical for our public transport infrastructure to now grow. Population density demands increased PT frequency, Upfield duplication, train and tram line extensions. Community campaigns and Council advocacy are the energy and fuel for sustained pressure on State Government. It is a northern issue with a need for combined advocacy with adjoining councils . Advocacy for increases to east west bus infrastructure , night and weekend services , especially in NW ward is critical . Council has done a lot of work on cycling , budgets needs to be maintained for improvements to cycling infrastructure in the north Craigieburn ,Upfield paths, Glenroy /Coburg. Walking means looking at areas of walking safety eg. , footpath infrastructure , risks area , lighting and safety on access to stations., especially in NW, ,Integration is key , but MITS is not balanced in reflecting the realities of the diverse transport needs of the community. We are a large municipality within a large city. There is not equitable transport access across Moreland. There are diverse needs. Many do not work in the city, or regular hours . The needs of families are complex. Community consultation around parking restrictions is essential , not measures which discriminate or penalise.

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### Q11

Heat Vulnerability: Large sections of Moreland's north are at the extreme end of the Heat Vulnerability Index, meaning residents are very susceptible to global warming. What will you do to address this beyond existing policies, including Moreland Urban Heat Island Effect Action Plan (Word Doc 48MB), Moreland Urban Forest Strategy 2017-2017 (PDF 9MB), Cooling the Upfield Corridor Action Plan?

Increasing green spaces and creation of tree canopy, is critical. Planting of trees in our streets, valuing our trees so that in development and infrastructure projects retention of trees, particularly mature trees is seen as priority. Each development, small or large, frequently seems to mean a loss of permeable space. I would support addressing this more in planning regulations.

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### Q12

Waste Management. Moreland aims to be a leading council in sustainable waste management, yet its rate of diverting waste to organics and recycling sits just above the state average. What will you do to help Moreland in the rollout of the Food and Garden Organics Collection Service, and achieve Moreland's 2030 zero waste to landfill target as part of Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0?

Waste reduction and elimination is critical. Recycling is not a panacea. Council can have a real impact at local level of waste management but not in a vacuum without wider Government regulation around industry which drives the creation of waste. Waste has become a issue in this election around fortnightly bin collections. It can be an opportunity for community engagement. Everyone is conscious of waste, even if not articulated. How we can reduce waste individually and as a community, eg., options for fixing electrical appliances, how apartments may best organise collective bins, options for organic waste, how do we understand the specific needs of larger households families. Councillors pay a significant role in how they promote the need to address waste, and listen to community and advocate for industry regulation and change.

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### Q13

Energy Efficiency and Renewables. Moreland has a goal of "Efficient and 100% renewably powered energy". Yet Moreland has one of Victoria's lowest uptake of solar PV. How can Moreland "walk the talk" on renewable energy and meet the community goals set in the Zero Carbon Moreland – Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25?

Take up of Solar, through raised community awareness of options, re loans, bulk purchases to reach all communities, and exploration for other incentives /grants/ support. As part of longer term strategy exploring options such as community grids.

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### Q14

Pollution and litter: How will you educate and incentivise business in industrial zones (especially in the North East Ward) to avoid pollution and litter from entering our drains and our creek systems?

There is a role for Council in developing a model where officers work with and develop relationships with business and EPA to help monitor and be proactive in above solutions. Where there is resistance from business it is a pretty clear indicator of a likely compliance problem. Combined strategies of support to assist compliance and penalties for non compliance go hand in glove.

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### Q15

Supporting business and the environment as part of Covid Recovery What actions will you take to help Council promote environmentally sustainable jobs as part of a Covid recovery such as by possible development of large abandoned sites for a sustainability hub (such as former Kangan TAFE automotive campus)? How else will you advocate for supporting small business Covid recovery that includes environmental co-benefits?

How we think about COVID recovery is critical. We can not just eat our way out of it, though opening up flexibility with outdoor dining important. Good equitable consultation important. We need look at who is impacted so we get some really meaningful projects and ideas that are underpinned by some key principles related to community benefit, one of which would be the environment.

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**Q16**

Food Security How would you address food security in Moreland beyond the existing Moreland Food System Strategy? (including as a part of the clean Covid recovery)?

I am a crisis and homelessness worker and have been present throughout every phase of this pandemic to the multiple needs and pressures that have been faced. In the area where I have work we have been part of ensuring the most basic need of food could be met. What it has shown to me is the vulnerability of all of us, as something quickly changes, though many more vulnerable than others. The combination of initiatives such as community gardens, community food hubs, food bank helps build shared community and resilience as part of addressing food security. The ideas are there, local councillors can help facilitate and be a part of the growing of these projects in the north.

**Q17**

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Food Security. The IPCC Special Report on Land and Climate Change Summary for Policy makers (2020) articulates major emissions reduction can be achieved from adopting a primarily plant based diet (B6.2). Will you advocate for public health policies that promote proper nutrition and dietary change by Moreland residents as per the IPCC (C2.4)?

**Q18**

Buildings, Biodiversity and Urban cooling: What would you do as a Councillor to ensure that with new building developments, Moreland has sufficient vegetation cover to contribute to biodiversity outcomes and urban cooling beyond existing policies in the Urban Forest Strategy, Moreland Nature Plan, and the Achieving Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0 project?

Development that includes open green space, trees, permeable surfaces, .

**Q19**

Cement Emissions. Use of Portland Cement contributes to 8% of global emissions. Alternative low emissions/zero emission cement products are available at reasonably competitive rates. Will you commit to amending Moreland Council Procurement policy sustainability filter to purchase low carbon/zero emissions cement/concrete products?

(no label)

**Strongly Agree**

**Q20**

Climate Citizen Assemblies: Under the new Local Government Act 2020 (community engagement policy), all councils in Victoria are required to use deliberative practices for the development of their Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan, at the bare minimum. The gold standard of this kind of democratic, deliberative practice is a Citizens' Assembly. So, will you support such a democratic framework for Council's climate emergency response by establishing a Citizens' Assembly?

(no label)

**Strongly Agree**

## Q21

What are your top four priorities for the Council Plan to be formulated for 2021-2025.

Priority 1	<b>Placing community consultation and community need as central plank of Council governance , to ensure resident rights and voices are not traded off or not sought</b>
Priority 2	<b>Establishing a broad inclusive vision of our transport needs and addresses urgent infrastructure needs . which encourages srt needs</b>
Priority 3	<b>Retain community Aged Care and disability services, opposing privatisation</b>
Priority 4	<b>Appropriate development, open green space and trees</b>

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## Q22

Do you have any other comments on Council Climate Leadership and Advocacy (include any actions you have taken on this)? Do you have any supplementary comments relating to the questions above, comments on other issues related to climate change not covered, or comments on climate change generally?

The role for Council is in leading . This is multi pronged. It is by advocacy to other tiers of Government , leadership in terms of Councils own initiatives and policy , such as procurement , divestment policies , ending of use of fossil fuels, and meaningful consultation and work with community on local policies and implementation to create is a spirit of ownership , participation and equity in the creation of a sustainable future. These are big challenges, in a world changing rapidly . We are fortunate to have a plethora of individuals with skills , a wealth of knowledge and community organisations providing major leadership in Climate Action. . A resource to be harnessed by Council .Thank you for your survey CAM.

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