Q1
Candidate Name
Dean Norman O'Callaghan

Q2
Contesting Which Moreland Ward?
North East Ward

Q3
Are you a candidate for a political party? Which Party?
Or are you standing as an Independent candidate?
Independent

Q4
If you are receiving campaign funding for this election, who are you receiving funding from? (list all or state 'None')
None

Q5
Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:
North East Ward

Q6
What are your other connections to Moreland wards
I am an employer in South Ward
I am self-employed in South Ward
I am a community advocate in South Ward

Other (please specify) If you have other connections to Moreland, please state the ward(s) and the connection(s) briefly in 100 characters.
I run a communal compost heap, herb garden and filtered water service on hope st. brunswick. South ward
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

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

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

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?

> A “no car” household grant to pay for good bikes.
> Regular trial days of car free shopping days on Sydney rd and Lygon St.

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?

create a “plant a tree on your curb program” for appropriate homes.

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?

Bokashi bins are very appropriate for people living in flats.
Also some local businesses (like mine) are perfect locations for communal composting facilities.
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?

More community buy in programs.

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?

Rubbish audit teams to visit 10 factories a day with bins made from recycled plastic and signage to help them setup their systems better.
Factories already doing the right thing should be rewarded. All businesses will be audited and informed of the audit a month in advance so they have time to get their systems SCHMICK.. rewards for the best businesses will be created.

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?

Using the Kangan TAFE campus as a facility for creating sustainable products that can be sold for a price that covers costs is a great idea.
A sustainable food production hub that people can use to cook for catering events/new innovative food products?
A team dedicated to interviewing and inspiring and sharing inspiration from environmentally innovative businesses like mine, the good brew company, would be an incredible innovative council initiative.

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)?

get more food businesses started in Moreland.
> Food Safe food business incubators at Kangan Tafe
> more markets, more encouragement of households to grow excess food and sell/swap with programs like sprout.

Q17
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?

create a “Green makeover award for existing buildings and homes”.
Ensure all new buildings have at least one tree per household planted on their roofs or in the industrial area in the north of the NE ward.

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  Car Free household bonus
Priority 2  Food business Incubator
Priority 3  More Award nights for Green Businesses/households
Priority 4  Car free bike promoting local shopping festivals

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?

I am a big supporter of and i am inspired by CACE - Council and community Action in the Climate Emergency
https://www.caceonline.org/

I have a netork of progressive environmentally aware friends and business owners who want to see real action in the face of the climate emergency we are facing.

I woul relish the opportunity to support the greens in Moreland Council to act drastically and quickly on climate.