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Q1

Candidate Name

Shaun Minehan

Q2

North West Ward

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

Q3

Independent

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

Q4

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

None

Q5

South Ward

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

Q6

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am a volunteer / unpaid carer in

North West Ward, North East Ward

I am a community advocate in

North East Ward, North West Ward, 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?

Walking infrastructure is especially poor in parts of Hadfield, Glenroy and Gowanbrae. I will support capital works funding to fix this.

Paint is not infrastructure and if elected I will vote on Council to create cycling paths that provide the user with a better cycling experience. I will also advocate for healthy, everyday cycling as the best transport option and work with advocacy groups to end policies that discourage cycling such as mandatory helmet laws. I note the Greens Party for some reason support mandatory helmet laws.

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?

These policies have taken much work and we are lucky to have them in Moreland. What is missing is education of residents in regards to what the Heat Vulnerability Index actually is. I'd like to look at ways that Council can empower each resident to learn more about the urban heat island effect and empower them with strategies to make a difference.

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?

I'd like to start a consultation with residents and more importantly Owners corporations, building managers etc to see how these strategies can be rolled out in apartment buildings. We could also do more at our local shopping strips with food and organic waste bins at these locations.

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?

Id like to see Moreland Council and Councillors advocate the State Government to make solar mandatory on rental properties. Renters are often supportive of these plans but unable to act and are beholden to the landlords wishes (usually no).

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?

Punitive measures go some way but are rarely the answer. Id like to see Business Moreland take a lead here.

Q15

Supporting business and the environment as part of Covid RecoveryWhat 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?

Id like business owners to thnk about the longer term benefits of environmentally sustainable jobs before they begin a recruitment process. Id like to see incentives for local cafes and restaurants to promote walking/cycling when they reopen. Sensible changes to infrastructure is critical here.

Q16

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

This is a much larger issue than people realise. There is significant potential to work with residents groups in Gowanbrae and Glenroy ro scope potential sites for small to medium scale community gardens.

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 exisiting policies in the Urban Forest Strategy, Moreland Nature Plan, and the Achieving Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0 project?

Id be interested to see if the Planning Committee can make any changes to ensure developers have a greater awareness of these plans prior to submitting their applications.

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)

Agree with reservations

Q21

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

Priority 1

Determine the best way for Moreland to continue supporting our community throughout, and after Aged Care & NDIS reforms

Priority 2

Better equip our young people for employment and provide opportunities to actively participate in civic life

Priority 3

Increase tree canopy cover, enhance existing open space and create at least two new parks in areas with the lowest access to open space

Priority 4

Set a clear vision and strategy for aquatics, leisure and sporting facilities to meet ongoing community needs

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?

Thank you for your work! It is such a great opportunity to answer these questions during the campaign. If elected, I'd love to sit down with you all and hear more - you are passionate and that matters for so much. Once again, thank you.
