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Q1

Candidate Name

George Georgiou

Q2

South 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

North East Ward

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

Q6

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am a community advocate in

South Ward, North East Ward, North West 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?

Make Active Transport a bigger priority in Moreland's budget and look for new revenue sources to fund an expanded 10-year cycling plan.

Charge for short term parking across the city, (MCC owned car parks and major retail streets), but only on the condition that every cent generated goes towards active transport.

I believe Sydney Rd would better accommodate our demands if parking was replaced with wider footpaths and dedicated cycling lanes, (option 3). I believe the retailers would also benefit from this as well.

Convert 25% of all MCC owned car parks into open space and include active transport connections where there are destinations to link on either end of the new space. By reducing parking at our major local destinations, short trips become inconvenient with the car and people eventually switch their short trips to walking and cycling.

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?

Trees! Lots and lots of trees!

We need to continue planting the 5000 trees a year but we also need to grow and protect our existing canopy and I don't believe we do a very good job of that. We need a plan for every tree in Moreland, one that not only plants, but also grows, protects, supports and educates.

My trees flyer which you can find on my Facebook page goes into more specific things we can do to help trees cool down our local environment.

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 fully support the zero-carbon scheme and this is an area I will be investing more time in if elected but at this stage I can't add anything new to this until I look at the existing initiatives in more detail.

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?

Not sure at this stage but very much in favor of a 100% renewably powered energy target.

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?

In the area of litter and dumping, this is something I campaigned for in 2016 and will invest time into if elected. It will have to involve many different groups if we are to see cleaner streets and properties which will lead to a cleaner Merri Creek and Moonee Ponds Creek. Education is key and we can create education programs for schools and other groups but while we are educating and creating new behavior and habits, we have to give our corridors, creeks and property a big clean. One group I am frustrated with is Moreland City Council and the lack of interest they have in keeping their properties clean of litter. If we are going to clean Moreland of litter with a Moreland City Council initiative then Moreland City Council has to be the first to set an example.

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?

At this stage I'm not sure but this is an area I want to put more time into, especially looking at large abandoned sites and future use.

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)?

Not sure at this stage. If elected, I will look at the Moreland Food System Strategy in more detail and speak to the community groups involved.

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?

I think one of the biggest problems we have is the lack of trees on private land. I think we need a new plan for new and existing trees. I think the plan also has to include a strategy for landscaping and maintaining new developments.

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)

Agree with Reservations

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

Expand the current MITS 10-year cycling plan. If we are going to meet our modal share and emissions targets, we will need to double the planned separated bike lanes and shared paths over the remaining MITS 10-year plan.

Priority 2

• Charge for short term parking across the city, (MCC owned car parks and major retail streets), but only on the condition that every cent generated goes towards active transport.

Priority 3

• A new framework for every tree. This should include

Priority 4

• A new masterplan designed to identify potential active transport corridors thru large blocks of private land that are yet to be developed. (Refer to my A3 transport flyer for detail)

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

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?
