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**Q1**

Candidate Name

Pauline Galvin

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**Q2**

**South 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')

Socialist Alliance, Electrical Trades Union and United Fire Fighters Union have supported the team, there have been small personal donations.

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**Q5**

**North East Ward**

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

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**Q6**

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am a volunteer / unpaid carer in

**South Ward, North East Ward, North West Ward**

I am a community advocate in

**South Ward, North East Ward, North West 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 have been involved with a range of Community Groups that have Moreland as their focus, and so work across all wards. These groups focus on the environment and also transport issues, both subjects which have local applications and wider implications.

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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?

In order to facilitate mode shift it is critical that sustainable alternatives are available, attractive and safe. We need analysis based prioritisation of transport infrastructure that addresses current identified risks, and which identifies barriers to use of active transport modes. We need to adopt a strategic approach to public transport advocacy for the Northern Region.

Moreland should be doing investigative work to identify barriers to take up of public transport by groups at risk of transport poverty, ie young people, young families and those on restricted incomes, such as pensioners and the unemployed. Moreland needs to strengthen the requirements on developers to be accountable for transport safety impacts of their developments.

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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?

Moreland Council has recently done extensive work developing a number of Action Plans that contain many innovative ideas and approaches. This work is to be commended.

The critical thing is to ensure that implementation of these plans and strategies occurs and are evaluated in order to ensure that Moreland is moving towards our stated desired outcomes.

UHIE is a key indicator of the outcomes of a wide range of environmental policy stances that Moreland Council has adopted over the last few years, including Climate Emergency and Zero Carbon Moreland strategies. Monitoring the UHIE will give insight into the effectiveness of those strategies, and thus should have a high priority in evaluation and benchmarking.

Incorporate UHIE performance metrics into Council Departmental performance indicators, PLUS they will be a key performance metric of the Climate Emergency Integration Officer.

These metrics should be based not only on environmental standards achieved, they should be checked against social vulnerability factors.

One factor that needs to happen is for people vulnerable to UHI effects to be identified by health authorities in order to ensure that people can be checked in with, and assistance rendered in the event of a catastrophic heat wave.

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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?

A critical approach to effective implementation of strategies such as the Food and Garden Organics Collection Service is to identify barriers to take-up. Council should undertake work to identify which segments of the Community are finding compliance difficult (or are finding that this strategy has no relevance for them). When such groups are identified, strategies particularly involving peer groups, to remove obstacles or increase relevance can be undertaken.

Moreland has capacity to work with other municipalities and appropriate bodies to identify opportunities to improve waste diversion and resource reclamation.

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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?

Work with social/community housing to provide rooftop solar via grants or community support schemes for residents who would most benefit from smaller energy bills and are least able to afford solar panels.

Work with CALD community groups to identify barriers to solar panel uptake.

Work to provide social/community housing with energy efficiency upgrades including insulation installation and loan schemes to replace energy hungry appliances with more efficient ones.

Work with all residents via information, education and low interest loans to replace energy hungry appliances with more efficient ones.

Work with schools to get and update solar panels.

Continue with bulk solar purchases to help residents get easy access to solar panels

Work to take part in another community solar farm, or wind farm to provide affordable renewable energy for Moreland

Team with groups like EarthWorker who manufacture heat pump water heaters in Victoria.

Make low/no interest loans to residents that can be paid back with savings from lower energy bills.

Work to encourage landlords to provide solar panels on rental properties

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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?

Recent changes to EPA legislation move management of chemical risk onto businesses and enterprises. It is important that the Council supports businesses in the best practice management of chemicals and potential pollutants.

The Council should develop and have an active relationship with local businesses to assist management. Having an established relationship will help to make identifying instances of pollution and litter easier.

The Council officers would then be able to assist businesses in adopting a risk assessment, hazard reduction approach to environmental management.

The Council should maintain a community based pollution reporting process that is easy for communities to access.

Council should have a system where random reviews are conducted to assess compliance with waste management guidelines

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### 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?

There are a number of Covid recovery programs being mooted by different levels of Government. It is important that the Council keeps fully abreast of these possibilities, and is liaising with local maker groups, businesses, manufacturers and local tertiary research facilities to facilitate opportunities for collaboration. Local small business will require outreach and support to identify opportunities to invigorate local economic possibilities and explore opportunities.

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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)?

The ongoing Covid-19 issue has illuminated issues with food security all over Melbourne. Moreland has a Community Development approach to food security, as outlined in the Moreland Food System Strategy. The increased need generated by pandemic needs to be met with increased resources in order to roll out this system beyond the small number of engaged sites. Learnings from this program need to be rolled out to other areas of Moreland, and current sites supported to increase their reach. Community groups interested in Community Development such as religious groups who traditionally would engage in charity would be valuable to engage with.

**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?

Existing vegetation, in the form of mature trees should be protected in any building development. Existing vegetation must be planned around and extensive bonds should be extracted to ensure trees are actually protected. Green assets need to be documented and audited, lest trees are preemptively removed before plans are submitted. Green roofs and walls should be encouraged as part of the planning process.

**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>Environmental Governance</b>
Priority 2	<b>Community Engagment (and its governance)</b>
Priority 3	<b>Sustainable Transport</b>
Priority 4	<b>Local economic development to support Covid recovery</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?

Moreland Council has some good policies in place that address Climate Change. We must now work to make sure that those policies are implemented and not forgotten in the face of economic challenges that confront us with the Covid recession. In this time of Climate Change we need to build the systems that support us to live low energy footprint lives, as we join together to support each other through these difficult times

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