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Q1

Candidate Name

Shea Evans

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

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

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 employed in various capacities in the past throughout Moreland have have worked with organisations to increase leadership capabilities in young people.

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?

Safety and connectivity are the two big issues that MITS need to solve. Safety for all road users, which would then increase cycling and walking. This safety comes in a few forms, from upgrading current paths and walkways and including better design in future plans.

Better access to Public Transport and better infrastructure would allow more people to utilise public transport for inter-suburban travel.

Council should be using MITS and other expert opinions to come up with better solutions on how people can get around Moreland.

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?

Greater green coverage is the key to cooling our urban areas.

Greening incentives and regulations around what is built in Moreland needs to be put in place to make sure that new developments are following best practice.

However the Council could create a lot more green corridors and provide the plants needed to make it happen.

Community education about the how individuals and organisations can help with this should also be a priority of Council as well.

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?

More community education needs to happen around the organics collection, as well as more community waste collection sites. These don't have to be large transfer stations, they can be neighbourhood compost collection points.

And furthermore more to recycling, there should also be more education and collections points for e-waste and textile waste. These are huge contributors to landfill and whilst I believe the community want to do the right thing, having no where convenient to dispose of these products means they end up in landfill.

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?

This must be closely monitored and considered an important aspect in the new Councils plan for 2021-2025. Setting aggressive targets and bringing the community along for the journey is what it required.

Both residents and business both have to do their share in this regard, so any incentives that Council can create to make have those targets met needs to happen.

Its not enough for Council to sit back and hope that individuals and organisations change their habits, there needs to be harsher penalties for targets that are not met and great reward for those that do meet targets.

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?

Council recommendations of steps or processes as to how business can stop litter and pollution need to be regulated and incentivised. On the inverse, much more should be done to prosecute those companies that break the law and damage the environment.

Publicly known targets and solutions to littering should also drive companies to do the right thing.

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?

Making sure that business has access to fast and reliable support from Council can help them get back to focusing on their business. Providing assistance around the environmental co-benefits would also help business focus on what they can do in re-opening and generating revenue once again. The reduction of 'red-tape' is the thing that business really needs in the wake of covid, so Council should be making it as easy as possible to trade in an environmentally sound way. It also gives us the chance to redesign or try new business practices that benefit the environment as well - such as new business consumables (ie. packaging) new suppliers, use of different workspaces.

Local government services and government projects also give local economies a much needed boost. Projects that directly improve the environment or that indirectly employ environmental best practice is.

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)?

Working with organisations and experts in this field would benefit Moreland on making sure that food security was achieved for everyone living in Moreland.

Waste of food also needs to be something that Council makes sure that is covered under any food security strategies.

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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?

Making sure that Council and community set the rules and agenda for any developments, and not allowing the greed for developers to supersede what needs to take place in order to save the community and environment.

Making sure that any local ordinances around protection or enhancement of the environment is followed by developers, with penalties for those that do not follow these rules.

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.

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| Priority 1 | Prioritising the needs of the community to minimise the impact of Covid-19 on residents and small business. |
| Priority 2 | Maintaining Council run services and making sure they are not privatised. |
| Priority 3 | Ensuring that action is taken in relation to the climate emergency. |
| Priority 4 | The effective use/implementation of MITS and improvements to how people get around Moreland. |
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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?

Any action that is taken to reduce the impact of man made climate change cannot be considered too small or too large. I would also like to acknowledge that whilst I am in no way an expert on the above topics, I recognise and understand how urgent it is for leaders to act.

I commit to listen and learn more, and also commit to championing actions that lead to better outcomes for the immediate and distant future.
