



City of Greater Geelong Candidates Survey Responses – Brownbill Ward

The Greater Geelong City Council is divided into 4 wards with a total of 11 councillors: Bellarine, Brownbill and Kardinia wards each have 3 councillors and Windemere ward has 2 councillors. [Geelong Sustainability](#) in collaboration with the local citizens who led the [Geelong Community Survey](#) organised this 2020 CoGG Candidate Survey to ascertain the views, aspirations and priorities of candidates standing in this important local government election. All candidates standing for Geelong Council were invited to complete the Survey and received a reminder email and text. 8 of the 12 Brownbill candidates submitted responses, which are shown below in ballot paper order.

The following candidates did not complete the survey: **Alex Csar** ([info](#)), **Bernie Franke**, **Louis Hehir** ([info](#)) and **Dean Hope**.

Links to candidate statements and/or information published by The Pulse are included where available. In addition, Brownbill candidate statements to the VEC can be downloaded [here](#).

Candidate	Sandi DWYER	Peter MURRIHY	Stretch KONTELJ	Sarah MANSFIELD	Eddy KONTELJ	Gabriel WENYIKA	Jose RODRIGUEZ	Melissa CADWELL
Pulse Candidate Information	info	info	info	info	info	info	info	info
Affiliation with a Political Party	Independent	Independent	Liberal	Greens	Independent	Independent	Independent	ALP
Motivation for standing for Council	To bring restoration and regeneration to our Earth & create an interconnected, biodiverse world.	To make a positive difference.	To help Geelong revive and thrive.	To build a vibrant, healthy, safe, environmentally sustainable and inclusive community.	To give back to the community.	I believe in Geelong and I believe our council needs a young voice that speaks for Geelong.	To support the region through clever and creative thinking.	To ensure that Council considers everyone in the ward so we all get a fair go from Council.
Top three personal priorities, if elected	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zero emissions by 2030 2. Localisation 3. Ecosystem regeneration 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid recovery 2. Assist Sporting Clubs Groups 3. Climate Change 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic sustainability 2. Environmental sustainability 3. Preserve cultural heritage 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action on climate change 2. Improved active transport 3. More social/affordable housing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect our environment 2. Support Geelong through COVID 3. Expand Free CBD Parking 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Represent young people 2. Consider all issues on their merits 3. Encourage a multiculturalism 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clever and Creative Vision 2. Support Investment 3. Resource management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representing the outer suburbs 2. Equity of community amenities 3. Maintaining services & jobs
<p>The results from the Geelong Community Survey showed the community was unsure of progress on many aspects of the Clever and Creative Vision. They were seeking more information and accountability about the City's progress.</p>								
If elected, how will you ensure that the public is better informed?	Creation of a citizens assembly will involve the community more. Jacinda Adhern has modelled for us the power of communicating to her people using facebook or similar platforms, on a regular basis.	Improve CoGG's Communications. Investigate the most effective way that people would be informed of progress in this area.	COGG should report progress on a six monthly basis.	Consider how we can better utilise social media, and what additional information could be included in other communications council has with residents, eg rates notices..	We need to continue to utilise all forms of media, including social media, meeting platforms and forums, stakeholder partners to share the message	Greater use of social media to keep the community up to date and informed.	The C&C vision may be too generic to measures of success. We need to know what it looks like and communicate when we get there.	Work with the local advocacy & citizens groups and COGG communications team to review why current messaging & identify solutions

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Ways to ensure regular consultation with their constituents								
Respond to emails in 2 weeks	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Drop-in sessions monthly	☺	☺	(See below)	☺	☺	X	X (see below)	☺
Community meetings quarterly	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Deliberative high-level community engagement	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Set up community advisory panels to inform Council	☺	☺	X	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Other method	Invite creative and insightful solutions esp. from youth who are so intelligent and creative to bring their depth and intelligence to the issues that face us all.	Continue Community Focus Meetings	Rather than drop in sessions, which I believe are problematic with COVID-19 restrictions, I will happily arrange ZOOM meetings in relation to issues of mutual concern to residents.	Work to establish an advisory body specifically in relation to the environment that will include community members and organisations	I will continue to make myself available to the community at every possible opportunity		Hold bi-monthly drop-in sessions	be responsive to direct query's from voters and residents, and pursue options for resolution of their query
Top three Clever and Creative Vision aspirations								
Top three Clever and Creative Vision aspirations that they will prioritise in the next Council Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community 2. Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment 3. Development and implementation of sustainable solutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community 2. Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment 3. Development and implementation of sustainable solutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities 2. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community 3. Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fast, reliable and connected transport network 2. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community 3. Development and implementation of sustainable solutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities 2. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community 3. Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fast, reliable and connected transport network 2. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community 3. Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities 2. Creativity drives culture 3. A destination that attracts local and international visitors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities 2. A fast, reliable and connected transport network 3. An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community

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Impact of population growth on infrastructure & the environment								
“Geelong’s infrastructure and services are keeping pace with its population growth.”	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree
How concerned are you about the impact of population growth upon our natural environment?	Very concerned	Concerned	Very Unconcerned	Very concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Very concerned
Support for the natural environment								
Adopting science-based biodiversity targets	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
KPIs for environmental targets for senior executives	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺
More resources for Biodiversity	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺
Fast track environmental works for COVID economic recovery	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	X	☺
Support for climate action								
Support a municipal-wide zero carbon emissions target by ...	2030	2040	2040	2030	2030	2030	Unsure	ASAP / 2030
Develop a comprehensive Climate Change Response Plan	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Organise a citizens' assembly on climate change	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺
Provide more resources in budget for sustainability & climate action	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Educate and support households & businesses to transition to a low emissions economy.	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Establish a stakeholder reference panel to advise the City on climate action.	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺

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Support for active transport – Public transport, walking and cycling								
Develop comprehensive public transport plan as priority	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺
Expand walking/shared trails infrastructure	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Fast track Principal Bike Network	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺	☺	☺
Other ...	Implement electric vehicles for both public transport and the delivery of goods & services	Promoting the use of E Bikes and Scooters	Make Geelong less car-dependent & encourage use of PT, bikes & transition to electric cars.	Ensuring that active transport is addressed in the planning stages of new developments			I would like every councillor to exclusively use Public Transport and Bicycles for a week; by conducting their of affairs this way they, they will become aware of the strengths and weakness of the current Public Transport network. I believe that the public network is very good, but experiences poor community uptake. There is much room for improvement in that regard.	
Support for waste minimisation and improved resource recovery								
Fast-track a food organics processing system	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺
Fast-track a materials recovery facility	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺
Educate the community to rethink, reduce, reuse & recycle	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Expand the resource recovery at the Drysdale Landfill	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	X	☺	☺
Other ...	Utilise creativity of young & Deakin		Set recycling targets to reduce	Prioritising responsible waste			Water Security should remain of	

	to innovate new technology and recycling services		the amount of waste going into landfill.	management and innovation in council procurement and materials use (eg repurposing waste for construction etc). Supporting community in their own food waste management through smaller scale options including home composting/worm farms, community gardens.			utmost importance, and I believe that the region should consider the treatment of used water into ultra-clean, high-grade reclaimed water that is suitable for drinking. This will cushion natural water supply against dry weather, or environmental devastation. The region can do more to recover this essential resource.	
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Key election dates:

- Thursday 8 October - Ballot pack mail-out ends
- Friday 23 October - Voting closes 6 pm
- Friday 13 November - Results declared

An election office has opened at: Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West T: (03) 8619 1427

More information: Victorian Electoral Commission, www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2020-local-council-election/elections/greater-geelong-city-council