



City of Greater Geelong Candidates Survey Responses – Windermere 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 Windermere 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. 2 of the 5 Windermere candidates submitted responses, which are shown below in ballot paper order.

The following candidates did not complete the survey: **Anthony Aitkin** (<https://mitchellsfrontpage.com/candidates/anthony-aitken/>) **Kylie Grzybek** (<https://mitchellsfrontpage.com/candidates/kylie-grzybek/Links>) and **Enamul Haque** (<https://mitchellsfrontpage.com/candidates/enamul-haque/>)
Candidate statements and/or information published by The Pulse are included where available.

In addition, Windermere candidate statements to the VEC can be downloaded [here](#).

Candidate	Monique CONNELL	Sarah HATHWAY		
Pulse Candidate Information	https://mitchellsfrontpage.com/candidates/monique-connell/	https://mitchellsfrontpage.com/candidates/sarah-hathway/		
Affiliation with a Political Party	Independent Put Climate First Alliance	Socialist Alliance		
Motivation for standing for Council	Climate action	I believe the Northern suburbs of Geelong are chronically underserved and ignored.		
Top three personal priorities, if elected	Zero emissions by 2030 Recycling redesign Community gardens	Service provision Action on climate change Improved amenities		
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.				
If elected, how will you ensure that the public is better informed?	It will be on councils website	It needs to be the responsibility of council to distribute information via mailed out newsletters, social media, in person meetings both small and large scale in all suburbs		

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Ways to ensure regular consultation with their constituents				
Respond to emails in 2 weeks Drop-in sessions monthly Community meetings quarterly Deliberative high-level community engagement Set up community advisory panels to inform Council Other method	😊 😊 😊 😊 😊	😊 😊 😊 😊 Provide ward newsletters with information and updates on matters that impact on them in their local area.		
Top three Clever and Creative Vision aspirations				
Top three Clever and Creative Vision aspirations that they will prioritise in the next Council Plan	1. A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities 2. Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment 3. Development and implementation of sustainable solutions	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		
Impact of population growth on infrastructure & the environment				
“Geelong’s infrastructure and services are keeping pace with its population growth.”	Disagree	Strongly disagree		
How concerned are you about the impact of population growth upon our natural environment?	Very concerned	Concerned		
Support for the natural environment				
Adopting science-based biodiversity targets KPIs for environmental targets for senior executives More resources for Biodiversity Fast track environmental works for COVID economic recovery	😊 😊 😊 😊	😊 😊 😊 😊		

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Support for active transport – Public transport, walking and cycling				
Develop comprehensive public transport plan as priority Expand walking/shared trails infrastructure Fast track Principal Bike Network Other ...	☺ ☺ ☺	☺ ☺ ☺ Any improvements to the public transport network need to include options to travel across suburbs. The current network is largely set up to travel from the CBD out to a particular area. If you wanted to travel from Lovely Banks to Northshore via public transport for example, this would be quite difficult under the current set up.		
Support for waste minimisation and improved resource recovery				
Fast-track a food organics processing system Fast-track a materials recovery facility Educate the community to rethink, reduce, reuse & recycle Expand the resource recovery at the Drysdale Landfill	☺ ☺ ☺ ☺	☺ ☺ ☺ ☺		
Support for climate action				
Support a municipal-wide zero carbon emissions target by ... Develop a comprehensive Climate Change Response Plan Organise a citizens' assembly on climate change Provide more resources in budget for sustainability & climate action	2030 ☺ ☺ ☺	2030 ☺ ☺ ☺		

Educate and support households & businesses to transition to a low emissions economy.	☺	☺	
Establish a stakeholder reference panel to advise the City on climate action.	☺	☺	

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