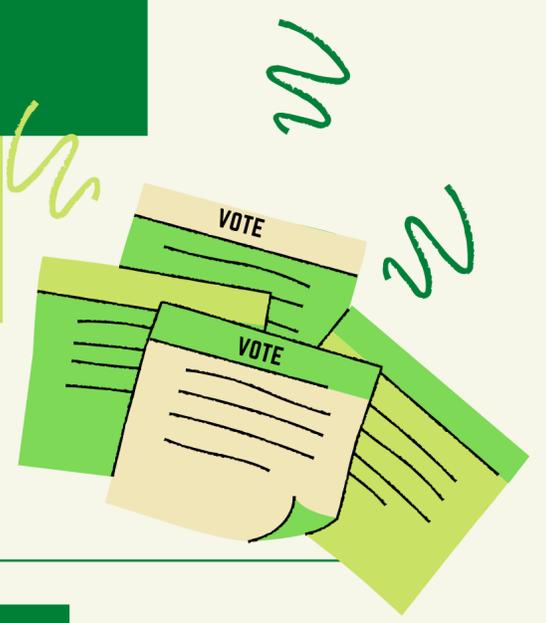


SOUTH GIPPSLAND COUNCIL CANDIDATE SURVEY

Just Transition South Gippsland (JTSG) is a movement aiming to hasten the necessary switch to a low-carbon South Gippsland, while insuring that no person or family is left behind. We seek a fair and inclusive community. Helping you to select the right councillor will help us all achieve a better, cleaner, brighter future.

Just Transition South Gippsland
We are a group of South Gippslanders interested in how the region can transition to a low carbon economy and society whilst also addressing issues of inequality and social exclusion.

Affiliations
JTSG is a movement made up of independent South Gippsland residents. JTSG is not affiliated with any candidate, or their organisation running for election for the South Gippsland Shire Council. Nor do we have any affiliation with any political party.



INTRODUCTION

As part of a just transition for South Gippsland, we are intent on working with business, community, sports and arts groups, as well as all levels of government. This includes the soon to be elected South Gippsland Shire Council.

There is much that Council could do to help the region move away from carbon emitting fossil fuels and address the various social issues we confront.

In the lead up to the October Council Elections, we want to provide a guide to help voters, interested in a fair transition to a low carbon economy, make an informed choice when voting.

OBJECTIVE

To provide voters with a guide highlighting the position of each candidates relative to a specific number of JTSG key areas of focus.

METHODOLOGY

This survey result was created directly from a council candidate survey created by JTSG.

The online survey, sent to each Candidate, asked 26 questions covering JTSG priority areas, namely stewardship, climate leadership, South Gippsland prosperity and an assessment of the candidates interest in a just transition.

RESULTS

There is a clear difference of views between the candidates running for Council.

Our survey has identified a number of candidates who are looking to make a positive impact on climate change and stewardship of the council. Others have a range of differing priorities and some chose not to respond.

We would urge you, as a voter, to consider the importance of your vote in supporting a candidate that best fits South Gippsland's interests.

ANALYSIS

All 26* council candidates were invited to respond to a survey composed by Just Transitions.

13 completed and responded to the survey. While 19 candidates opened the survey, 11 chose not to respond.

One candidate opted out.

*sent to potential candidates before nominations closed

Invitations

- 19 opened (73.1%)
 - 5 unopened (19.2%)
 - 1 bounced (3.8%)
- 12 clicked through (46.2%)
- 1 opted out (3.8%)



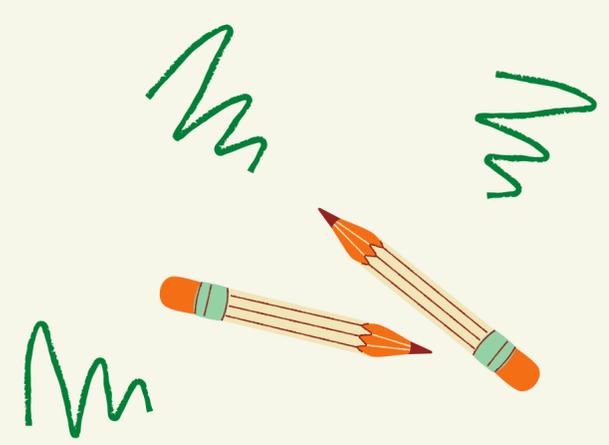
Responses



CONCLUSION

This election represents a new start in local decision-making for the people of South Gippsland. After 2 years, being governed by an Administrator, democracy returns. Your vote is fundamentally important to ensuring that Gippsland achieves its full potential for those now and for future generations. Please consider wisely the candidate you will vote for. Detailed candidate responses and other materials are available on our website.

<https://jtsouthgippsland.org/council-matters>



COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



BANIKOS, Anda

ANDA BANIKOS – COASTAL-PROMONTORY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

Concern for the future - Council and community must work together to ensure a fair future for South Gippsland. We need trust in the Council, a recognition of Climate Change, a caring and fair plan for a sustainable future

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Yes, fully committed

Comment: I am very mindful that the Just Transition Roadmap is a work in progress and that it will change with additional community input. I support it in principle

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Strongly agree

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

**Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.
Restoring the integrity of the natural environment.**

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives.

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:

Respondent skipped this question

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

- support farmers to implement sustainable and regenerative farming practices, small-scale diversification of food crops, incentivising habitat conservation
- carbon credits/rate concessions for natural environment acreage and low carbon farming practices
- support riparian protection and regeneration - this will increase the productivity of the surrounding farmland while sequestering carbon in the surrounding vegetation

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

- support farmers to implement sustainable and regenerative farming practices,
- incentivise habitat conservation for all landholders
- revise planning strategies to make conservation of existing natural environment a priority
- establish biolinks/wildlife corridors to join areas of existing biodiversity value
- blue carbon capture programs for our coast
- promote sustainable ecotourism to assist in ongoing funding of environmental programs

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

I did not answer a couple of questions either fully or at all, as they asked whether I would "ensure" that a particular action was taken by Council. No individual councillor is in a position to ensure any particular project or policy - Council abides by democratic principles and every vote is equal. I have answered questions that have been couched in terms such as "support" or "advocate for" as this is all any councillor can do ... of course, councillors can support and advocate strongly and with well-researched arguments, which is what I would seek to do in relation to the recognition of a Climate Emergency and carbon emissions reduction.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Fish Creek

Employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you willing to sign the Councillor Code of Conduct recently adopted (18 August 2021) as published on the South Gippsland Shire Councils website?
YES

VEC INFORMATION

For further candidate information on VEC website click below.



FURTHER DETAILS

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



DAVIES, Mohya

MOHYA DAVIES – COASTAL-PROMONTORY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

To represent my community.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **YES, South Gippsland from 2008 until 2016**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION



Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Yes, fully committed

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY



Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

**Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.
Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.**



In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:

- ensure that Council is not investing directly or indirectly in companies involved with fossil fuels
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangement

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Consult with farmers on a way forward.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Support regenerative programs.



Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

Respondant skipped this question

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete



FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Foster

An employee

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you willing to sign the Councillor Code of Conduct recently adopted (18 August 2021) as published on the South Gippsland Shire Councils website?
YES

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



GILLIGAN, Sarah

SARAH GILLIGAN- COASTAL- PROMONTORY

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

I've decided its time to put my professional skills and love of this place to work, there's too much at stake. I believe we have an opportunity over the next three years to shine as a region and as a council. To shine as leaders in managing rapid sustainable growth in a way where we don't lose whats special about this place and protect our way of life. I'm fed up with divisive politics and am keen to contribute to a collaborative professional council with a new way of working, TOGETHER.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?

Committed to some of the issues

Comment: I agree with the aims of the Just Transition Roadmap, I'm keen to know more about how this is done within the council setting. For example, I know declaring a climate emergency does not have a huge impact on Council land use reviews and environmental overlays. I'll commit to advocating for policy change that has a boots on the ground impact too.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?

Neither agree or disagree

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:
Promoting a circular economy, including waste and resource recovery
Restoring the integrity of the natural environment

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:

- ensure that Council is not investing directly or indirectly in companies involved with fossil fuels
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangement

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

I believe the whole of the farming community needs to make a plan together, one that includes different measures for different sectors of the farming community. A small scale sustainable agriculturalist will be more agile and able to adopt change and lead the way for the region than an established long time major producer. We need to be realistic, but all committed to change, willing to work together toward the big goals.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

I believe I will be an asset to the South Gippsland Shire Council. I understand that change is hard, we are facing cultural change within our council and within our region. I have the professional tools for the job and would love to be a part of creating a new relationship between council, community and the many land and water managers in our Coastal Promontory Ward. Together.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Land use reviews and planning overlay reviews. Supporting the coastal communities to manage their environments. Recognising that our tourism will be relying on our natural assets. Looking into saltmarsh and other carbon economy offset opportunities for our region.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - Complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a **political party**?

NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?

Friends and family supporters

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Venus Bay

Self employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



LIEBELT, David

DAVID LIEBELT – COASTAL-PROMONTORY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

Represent the silent majority.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Committed to some of the issues

Comment: Some of the issues are not economically viable within the time frames.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Strongly agree

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

**Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.
Promoting a circular economy, including waste and resource recovery.**

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:

- ensure all public lighting is converted to LED
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets

You support a Council program to provide financial incentives to encourage the adoption of energy efficiency initiatives for households, business and farms in South Gippsland.

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

- Rate rebates for creating vegetation corridors along waterways that link our farming communities to national parks and coastal reserves. Achieves reduced erosion, better water quality and preservation of our diverse animal, plant and birds populations.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

- Commitment to create natural environmental corridors by working with farmers.
- A commitment to preserve existing reserves in our small communities that have previously been proposed for sale to improve the bottom line of the council budget.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

We need to pursue our environmental ideals with an understanding that the economics must be considered. As an economist I can bring validity to the modelling that is proposed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Venus Bay

Employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you willing to sign the Councillor Code of Conduct recently adopted (18 August 2021) as published on the South Gippsland Shire Councils website?
YES

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE

MAT MORGAN – COASTAL- PROMONTORY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

I am standing for council as a voice for young people in South Gippsland, especially on important issues like climate and sustainability. Everyone should be represented in the decision making process, and it's time for the people who will be most affected by these decisions to have a seat at the table.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**



MORGAN, Mat

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap? 

Yes, fully committed

Comment: I'd just like to congratulate all involved. As a member of Bass Coast Climate Action Network, I know first hand how much work goes into these roadmaps. Now let's have it adopted by council.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region? 

Strongly agree 

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.

Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action
- within 6 months, ensure a Climate Action Plan is developed and adopted by Council for South Gippsland
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans
- ensure that the leadership of the Council, including the CEO, have part of their incentive bonus tied to achieving agreed carbon targets

You support a Council program to provide financial incentives to encourage the adoption of energy efficiency initiatives for households, business and farms in South Gippsland.

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you indicated you will:

- ensure all public lighting is converted to LED
- ensure that Council is not investing directly or indirectly in companies involved with fossil fuels
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangement

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

- South Gippsland can continue leading the way in Victorian agriculture whilst transitioning to a low carbon sector. The council has a pivotal role in this, council must positively incentivise sustainable or regenerative agriculture and bring farmers with us on this transition.
- Creating local processing facilities for produce, meat and dairy products, plus encouraging 'buying local' through farmers markets, community hubs, schools and farm gates; will slash transport emissions.
- Rotational grazing on permanent pasture is already fairly standard practice on many farms here. If council add financial incentives (further than the already clear benefits) for shelter-belts, (Discounted rates for land dedicated to native vegetation) we would take a significant step towards net zero. Council should also be funding research for and supply methane minimising supplements for cattle feed to our farmers.
- Using the example of Totally Renewable Phillip Island's carbon auction in 2019, we should also encourage the take-up of carbon farming in South Gippsland.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

South Gippsland Shire must do more than 'protect' the remaining natural environment. We must dedicate more land to vegetation, critically near waterways and bio-links.

Currently, South Gippsland Shire Council will allow Goldsmith's Environmental Ltd to remove 50 hectares of native revegetation from Lavers Hill in the Hoddle Ranges; an essential bio link for the Strzelecki Lyrebird project, and in Fish Creek's water catchment area. If that's the current standard, let's not just protect what's left, let's buy back land and plant it out. There have been high levels of nitrate and ammonia found in South Gippsland's waterways, this is because of farm runoff. We should where possible, create vegetation 'barriers' between farmland and waterways.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

As a 23 year-old staring at this existential threat, it gives me hope and motivation to see this work being done at a grass-roots level on climate action. I never wanted to be a politician, my friends never wanted to be climate activists, we are here because we have to be. I am standing for council because I can't sit by and watch. I, along with many of my friends don't feel comfortable bringing children into this world, my brother doesn't have nightmares about monsters under his bed, he dreams of bushfires. I've held climate refugees in my arms and felt their pain, a pain that will be shared by millions every year, unless we act now.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party? **YES Victorian Greens**

Is your political party contributing to funding your campaign? **YES**

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who? **Local community member donations**

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Foster

Student

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you willing to sign the Councillor Code of Conduct recently adopted (18 August 2021) as published on the South Gippsland Shire Councils website? **YES**

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



PLOWRIGHT, Sue

SUE PLOWRIGHT – COASTAL-PROMONTORY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

My motivations include wanting to help achieve a Council the South Gippsland community can respect and trust. One that is proactive in addressing the opportunities and risks of the climate emergency in a way that promotes economic, social, environmental and future justice. A council that actively engages all its population in big picture planning while overseeing fair and efficient delivery of essential services. I'm motivated to contribute my skills, knowledge and experience, which I think are particularly useful at this point in time to the Shire, to achieve a fresh and dynamic new Council that leaves an acclaimed legacy.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Yes, fully committed



Comment: I have read the Roadmap and provided a detailed response via email. In short I support all the objectives but in terms of justice, would like to see particular mention of young people (under 18) and making sure they can have a voice; and women and minorities in government and leadership positions, because we are currently significantly underrepresented.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY



Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Strongly agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

**Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.
Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.**



In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:
**take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government?
Council emission reductions in South Gippsland**

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:
no response

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Agriculture is not an area in which I have any expertise, so I would ask for briefings and would myself research what initiatives other Shires around Australia (and other jurisdictions and indeed worldwide) have successfully implemented. I would try to ensure South Gippsland farmers, experts and those linked to primary production were very involved in designing plausible, but exemplary, actions.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

Thank you for the opportunity and please see the accompanying email that sets out some of my reasoning behind my responses where I couldn't provide comments in relation to particular questions.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Again, I would ask for briefings as I am not an expert on all the available possibilities, and would ask for expert advice from people like the presenters on the PACA monthly webinars. In general I fully support trying to set ambitious revegetation and biodiversity targets and action plans that include all habitat types (wetlands, forests, grasslands etc. and all their sub classifications that I don't know). I fully support developing procurement policies such as a hard/porous surface policy so that if recycled and porous road, pavement and other surfaces can be procured, they are. I am sure there are a multitude of inventive possibilities and am a keen supporter of South Gippsland becoming an exemplary municipality in terms of restoring, regenerating and dedicating resources to reviving and protecting our beautiful and important natural world.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete



FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Toora

Self employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you willing to sign the Councillor Code of Conduct recently adopted (18 August 2021) as published on the South Gippsland Shire Councils website?
Yes

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



COUSIN, Rosemary

ROSEMARY COUSIN- TARWIN VALLEY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

I want to see significant improvements in Council's performance, and I want to see our economy, community and environment reinvigorated. Council can do a great deal to achieve this.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **YES**, South Gippsland for 9 months. I was a countback councillor elected after a Councillor resigned

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION



Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Yes, fully committed

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY



Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?

Agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:
**Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.
Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.**



In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action
- within 6 months, ensure a Climate Action Plan is developed and adopted by Council for South Gippsland
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans
- ensure that the leadership of the Council, including the CEO, have part of their incentive bonus tied to achieving agreed carbon targets

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you indicated you will:

- ensure all public lighting is converted to LED
- ensure the rapid conversion of the Council vehicle fleet to electric vehicles
- ensure that Council is not investing directly or indirectly in companies involved with fossil fuels
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangement

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Review local Planning Policies; Encourage the use of vegetation offsets in the planning schemes to revegetate public and private lands; Complete the Climate Change Plan currently under preparation, the Council Plan and the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan and hold regular round table discussions with participants in each sector of the Shire's economy.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

I would like to see Council's Economic Development and Tourism strategies refreshed to better focus on native forests, and small food producers as a key part of these strategies. I would also like to see a transport strategy including heavy vehicles, intersections and public transport. Our advocacy should include working with others on a regional basis for such things as improved telecommunications across the Shire.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Find and use safe alternatives to glyphosate based herbicides on roadsides, school and playgrounds, public areas, drains and waterways. Collaborate with the WGCMA to protect and regenerate waterways and water catchments. Encourage widespread revegetation programs. Advocate as the Shire did for protection of State Forests from logging. Adopt the Strzelecki Koala, Superb Lyrebird, Wombat, Wallaby and Platypus as our symbols of a healthy environment and put signage up to stop them being road carnage.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete



FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party? **YES The Australian Greens**
Is your political party contributing to funding your campaign? **YES**
Are you receiving non party funding? **If so, from who?**
I am supporting most of my own campaign costs personally

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.
Allembee South
Self employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you willing to sign the Councillor Code of Conduct recently adopted (18 August 2021) as published on the South Gippsland Shire Councils website?
YES

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE

ANDREW CORCORAN – TARWIN VALLEY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

Restore democracy

Have you previously been a Councillor? **No**



CORCORAN, Andrew

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?

Yes, fully committed

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?

Agree

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

**Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.
Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.**

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action
- within 6 months, ensure a Climate Action Plan is developed and adopted by Council for South Gippsland
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans
- ensure that the leadership of the Council, including the CEO, have part of their incentive bonus tied to achieving agreed carbon targets

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you indicated you will:

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- ensure that Council is not investing directly or indirectly in companies involved with fossil fuels
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangement?

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Find best practices for example use seaweeds in animal feed to reduce methane emission

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

we must plan for zero net emissions

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

stop chopping down trees

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party? **NO**

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Mirboo North

Retired

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



EDWARDS-GALAL, Nicole

NICOLE EDWARDS-GALAL – TARWIN VALLEY WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

To give back to the community that has given me so much, I would like to help deliver a council that listens to the whole of the community with respect and empathy and works hard to establish a more sustainable environment for all.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **No**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Committed to some of the issues.



Comment: I completely support the Roadmap in principle, however I do not consider myself as well-informed on some of the issues as I would like to be and look forward to developing my knowledge. I would like to hear the ideas and suggestions for implementation of these plans prior to fully committing. It is also important to note as potentially one of nine councillors at the table, that I do very much intend to advocate and vote in favour of these climate initiatives as demonstrated on the road map, but would also require another four votes to get it over the line. I strongly agree and support the creation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues as noted in question 15 below, however I would strongly urge Just Transition to widen the net and not limit their base to rate payers. I would like to see a wider representation of the community, as solely rate payers would exclude a fair amount of those important voices.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?

Agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.

Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you indicated you will:

Respondent skipped this question

You support a Council program to provide financial incentives to encourage the adoption of energy efficiency initiatives for households, business and farms in South Gippsland.

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

This is not an area of great strength for me, my general knowledge is currently more at the international level through my current studies. However I am making the conscious effort to bridge the gap between where I stand on the international level and the local level as discussed throughout this road map. My general feeling is that any action taken will need to be in consultation with, and supportive of, farmers to adopt and implement regenerative and sustainable farming practices.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

I would like to be transparent in the fact that I am currently working to educate myself on local initiatives against climate change through research. I do wholeheartedly support the declaration of a climate emergency and if elected, I will absolutely advocate and push to make this happen to the best of my ability as one of nine potential councillors. I had a difficult time answering some of these questions, not because I do not want to do almost all of these steps (except perhaps tie the CEO and other senior official's bonus' to meeting targets), but because as I would only be one of nine voices at the table, I cannot in good conscience commit to something that I can't guarantee can be delivered. All I can say is that I personally support your road map and will advocate for it if elected.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

I would need to work in consultation with those more factually informed than I to be able to offer a well informed decisions here. My general feeling, like the question before is that any action taken will need to be in consultation with, and supportive of, farmers and the community to adopt and implement regenerative and sustainable development practices.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party? **NO**

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Leongatha

Self employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE

DON HILL – TARWIN VALLEY WARD

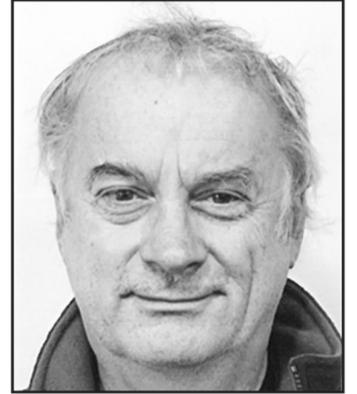
INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

Serve the ratepayer.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **YES, South Gippsland from 2012 to 2019 (7 years)**



HILL, Don

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION



Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Yes, fully committed

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY



Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Strongly agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

**Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.
Restoring the integrity of the natural environment.**



In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:

- within 6 months, ensure a Climate Action Plan is developed and adopted by Council for South Gippsland
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government
- ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:

- ensure all public lighting is converted to LED
- ensure the rapid conversion of the Council vehicle fleet to electric vehicles
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangements

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Offer farmers a rate reduction for taking actions that produce positive outcomes

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Rate reduction credits for farmers making such changes to environment such as agroforestry plantings

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

Should have had some more probing questions on vested interests

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete



FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Mirboo North

Retired

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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Yes

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



HERSEY, Nathan

NATHAN HERSEY- STRZELECKI WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

To utilise my knowledge, skills, abilities and to be a strong advocate for our community. To put others above self and to continue doing what I love in working to serve others.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Committed to some of the issues

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Neither agree or disagree

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:
Promoting a circular economy, including waste and resource recovery.
Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you have indicated you will:

- **implement incentives and encourage members of the local community to take action**
- **ensure Council prioritises the most vulnerable in the community when developing climate action plans**

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you have indicated you will:

Not completed

You support a Council program to provide financial incentives to encourage the adoption of energy efficiency initiatives for households, business and farms in South Gippsland?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Not completed

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Not completed

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

Not completed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - incomplete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a **political party**? **YES, Liberal**
Is your political party contributing to funding your campaign? **NO**
Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
None whatsoever

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Loch Village

Self employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



HIRST, Frank

FRANK HIRST – STRZELECKI WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

To give back to the community where I've been nurtured for over 40 years

Have you previously been a Councillor? **YES, South Gippsland Shire Council for ten weeks!**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?

Yes, fully Committed

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?

Strongly agree

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:

Promoting a circular economy, including waste and resource recovery
Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation

In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

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- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets
- ensure that the Council is purchasing renewable energy either independently or through a Council bulk buying arrangement

You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

- Minimise the amount of land taken out of farming for residential development.
- Ban fossil fuel powered ride-on lawnmowers so that land is used more productively.
- Allow and encourage people to live productively on blocks of land less than the 40ha minimum allowed now

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

- Partner effectively with Landcare (a la Bass Coast).
- Assist with maintenance of bushland reserves across the Shire by partnering with Parks Victoria and Friends groups.
- Support the creation and maintenance of effective wildlife corridors

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

Effective control of invasive weeds is essential to efficient and productive agriculture. Council should implement a rate-discount scheme to reward landholders who control their weeds, manage land sustainably and/or actively sequester carbon (again a la Bass Coast).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete

FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?

NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?

NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Ranceby

Self Employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

VEC INFORMATION

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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



KEERIE, Jenni

JENNI KEERIE – STRZELECKI WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

I'd like to see an overall plan established and delivered to create a better living environment for our current residents and for future generations as well as for the natural environment, flora, fauna too.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **NO**

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION

Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Committed to some of the issues

Comment: I am committed to the majority of the issues stated, and I say this because I am not across all of the issues, there are so many aspects and much to be considered. I am willing to be further informed and to take guidance from people with more knowledge and experience than myself.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY



Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:
Promoting a shift to regenerative and/or zero carbon farming.



In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

- vote to declare a climate emergency
- take an advocacy role for climate actions with other levels of Government

In relation to Carbon Emission Reductions, you indicated you will:

- ensure all public lighting is converted to LED
- update the Council procurement policy to ensure the preference is always given to suppliers with rapid zero emission targets

You support a Council program to promote electric vehicle use, including investment in public charging points?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

To ensure that sustainable practices underpin and consciousness of impact is at the core of decision making.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Consult, identify and research key areas for protection, rehabilitation, and preservation and factor these into future planning. Also factor the natural environment into any planning and development and ensure informed decision making is undertaken.

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?
Not at this time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete



FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Korumburra

Employed

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

VEC INFORMATION

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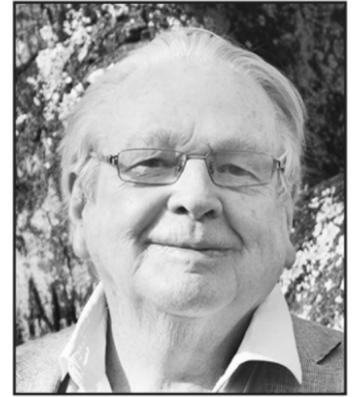


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COUNCIL MATTERS CANDIDATE SURVEY RESPONSE



McEWEN, Andrew

ANDREW MCEWEN – STRZELECKI WARD

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Do you support the recognition of First Nation's sovereignty including their role in custodianship of the land? **YES**

MOTIVATION TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

I want help South Gippsland become a sustainable centre for regenerative farming and a low carbon economy and society that's hallmark is on a caring just society that is underpinned by our strong heritage of mutual support and self-help.

Have you previously been a Councillor? **YES**, South Gippsland for 7 years.

COMMITMENT TO A JUST TRANSITION



Are you committed to a just transition as defined by the Just Transition Roadmap?
Yes, fully committed

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY



Do you support the creation and operation of a Citizens' Assembly in order to address major issues facing the region?
Strongly agree



CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP

Top two prioritised actions on climate change to be taken in South Gippsland:
Declaring a Climate Emergency & developing a Climate Action Plan.
Adopting participatory democracy and committing to extensive community consultation.



In relation to the Climate Emergency, you indicated you will:

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You support a Council program to actively promote, fund and support effective community and business emissions reduction initiatives?

DEVELOPING FOOD AND FARMING

What actions do you believe the Council can take to ensure that Food and Farming continues to develop within the Shire, while at the same time making a measurable contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving a low carbon economy?

Establish a regenerative farming commission of key stakeholders to develop a collaborative plan to assist farmers transition to zero carbon farming by 2030 and to become an international leader on temperate region regenerative farming. Provide a rates concession for farmers shifting to regenerative farming.

REGENERATING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please specify what actions you believe Council can take to secure South Gippsland's natural environment?

Council has only 17% native vegetation cover. A shift to regenerative farming with 30% reforestation would add 80,000 hectares. Work should also be done on rewilding landscape areas on public and other lands. Rating concession should be provided for such rewilding. Planning needs to be done with Landcare groups, farmer and environmentalists to ensure that there are wildlife corridors of native animals and the Strzelecki Koalas. Traffic calming is require to reduce the loss of native animals

Do you have any further comments you would like to make?

Addressing climate change and transition to a low carbon economy and capitalising its opportunities requires a collaborative approach between council, government, communities, business, and the farming community. Council needs to embrace a leadership role to establish the collaborative partnership and plans to achieve these outcomes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Survey - complete



FUNDING & AFFILIATIONS

Are you a member of a political party?
NO

Are you receiving non party funding? If so, from who?
NO

CONNECTION TO SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Please nominate the place where you reside.

Meeniyan

Retired

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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YES

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