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This survey is for election candidates only. Are you standing for election in Whitehorse

✓ Yes

No

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Name:

Jarrod Gunn

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Ward you are standing for:

Cootamundra

Eley

Elgar

Kingsley

Lake

Mahoneys

Simpson

Sparks

✓ Terrara

Walker

Wattle

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Are you a current Councillor standing for re-election

YES

✓ NO

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Do you live in the ward?

✓ YES

NO

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For how long have you been a resident of Whitehorse?

21 years

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List relevant community, political and/or professional organisations with which you are/have been actively involved with, your role(s) and the period of your involvement

Whitehorse United Soccer Club (4 years), Livingstone Primary School (7 years), Birralee Pre-School (2 years), Parkmore Pre-School (3 years), Bellbird Dell Friends (2 years), Vermont South Learning Centre (1 year).

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I'm standing for Council because my priorities are:

- 1 An enhanced emphasis on the local environment - trees, parks and streetscapes
- 2 Maximising walking & cycling opportunities
- 3 To maintain Council services the way they are
- 4 Making sure local business is supported
- 5 Climate change mitigation initiatives
- 6 Ensuring rates are kept as low as possible
- 7 Keeping a tight rein on Budget expenditures
- 8 Minimising the dominance of the car in our society
- 9 Other (please note below)

Build a stronger more integrated community that celebrates its strengths and its diversity.

What particular experience and strengths do you have which will help you address those issues and bring about change?

Extensive community development experience, a good listener and passionate about local issues.

Many Councils have a publicly available Community Engagement Framework to ensure good mutual flow of ideas between Council and the community. In relation to Whitehorse adopting a Community Engagement Framework:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
It's essential for good communication	✓			
It's important but not urgent at present		✓		
The community is consulted well enough now			✓	
Community views are vital before decisions are made			✓	
Council surveys are too simplistic at present			✓	

Do you think special interest groups should have agreed opportunities for regular engagement with relevant Officers to share plans and progress, and give specialised advice and feedback?

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
These groups have valuable special knowledge	✓			
Officers are professional and don't need additional advice		✓		
It's an interesting idea for the future but not now.		✓		
Officers consult well enough now			✓	
There are already many ways for groups to say what they think		✓		
These groups are just seeking special advantage for themselves		✓		

Do you think special interest groups should have periodic opportunities for engagement with Councillors where ideas can be shared and discussed on a 'round-table' basis?

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Ward meetings already serve that function			✓	
This could help reduce number of emails and phone calls Councillors receive	✓			
Councillors would benefit from getting specialised advice				✓
Councillors are well enough informed now by officers		✓		
There are already enough ways for groups to say what they think		✓		
Council meetings provide this opportunity to groups already		✓		
An annual round-table type of forum for these groups should be considered.			✓	

An effect of Covid-19 has been that people are exercising by walking and riding more than previously. Is this an opportunity for Council to take action to facilitate a sustainable, safer and permanent shift to people using Active Transport as a more common mode for local trips, school journeys etc?

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
It's a temporary thing and everything will pretty much go back to normal after Covid-19	✓			
Walking and riding is good for recreation, but it's not viable as a transport mode in Whitehorse		✓		
It's a good idea in theory, but Whitehorse can't afford the cost to do much about	✓			

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
this				
Whitehorse already does a lot and has longer term plans to make it better			✓	
This is a 'once-in -lifetime' opportunity and Council should do a lot more to ensure this happens				✓

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Do you have particular views you'd like to share in relation to the last question?

Yes. Walking and cycling in Whitehorse is currently much more difficult and less enjoyable than neighbouring municipalities. The typography does play a small part but the Healesville Freeway Reserve corridor is an excellent opportunity to enhance the municipalities walkability and cycling friendliness.

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Do you support Council taking action to repurpose open space, footpaths and roadside parking at shopping centres so that cafes and restaurants can re-open with more patron space outside when restrictions are eased.

If it takes away car parking it wouldn't work

This is good for inner city areas but It's not really practicable in Whitehorse

✓ Council should give this strong consideration

Council should do this immediately to help local businesses

Comment: ^ this was chosen to allow me to progress in the survey. I personally feel tis is too vexed to respond in a survey. I am prepared go support local business in a balanced and measured way but it is not open to business first interests as there are many considerations.

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In your view, with so many more people walking and cycling, what will be the effect on parks, local streets, traffic and the community generally, and what should Council do about this?

This is an exceptional opportunity to increase the social cohesion of this community and it is an excellent time to support outdoor passive recreation.

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In the Budget, approx 20% of people get approx 80% of the capital budget for formal & non-formal recreation activities.. See the link above. Please choose one statement that best represents your view:

✓ This is unfair and I think non-formal infrastructure should get a more equitable % of capital spent

It sounds a good idea in theory, but It's difficult to know where extra funds could be spent to redress this imbalance and make a difference to those who only participate in non-formal activities

Council has always supported formal sports and I think that budget constraints mean that Council can't afford to spend extra on infrastructure for non-formal activity.

I don't see a problem with the way things are

Comment: I am supportive of investing in the East Burwood Reserve Master Plan but it must be balanced with expenditure on passive recreation.

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The Whitehorse Cycling Strategy includes building Easy Ride Routes. Considering the need for better cycling facilities identified in the Strategy, and the effects on cycling participation caused by Covid-19, what are your views?

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Easy ride routes are a good idea and should be implemented quickly				✓
Taking 4 years to start on the first route is not good enough				✓
Taking over 10 years to get the first 6 of 20 possible routes is not good enough				✓
These are a good idea but not particularly urgent		✓		
Council can't afford to spend more \$ on this to speed up implementation		✓		
Having these routes won't have much effect on people riding more	✓			
The routes are all on the road and these routes won't really add to safety for cyclists		✓		

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You can paste your Candidate Statement into the box below.

No. Voters can receive this with their ballot.