

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

✓ Yes

No

Question
02 Name:

Raylene Carr

Question
03 Ward you are standing for:

Cootamundra

Eley

Elgar

Kingsley

Lake

Mahoneys

Simpson

Sparks

✓ **Terrara**

Walker

Wattle

Question
04 Are you a current Councillor standing for re-election

✓ YES

NO

Question
05 Do you live in the ward?

✓ YES

NO

Question
06 For how long have you been a resident of Whitehorse?

35 years

Question
07 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

Chair and board/committee member of numerous community groups over the past 12 years
Board member of Family Access Network - 18 months
Member of and dog training instructor at a neighbouring dog club, volunteering my services for over 21 years.
I have never been a member of any political party

Question
08 I'm standing for Council because my priorities are:

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

Question
09 If the list above didn't have your main reason(s), please note them here:

Question 10

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

Diploma of Business Management

12 years valuable experience as a Councillor. I know what works and what doesn't and how to achieve the results the community wants. I work with the community and bring them with me on the journey. Together, we achieve great results!!

Question 11

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			✓	

Question 12

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	✓			

Question 13

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.				✓

Question 14

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 this			✓	
Whitehorse already does a lot and has longer term plans to make it better			✓	

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
This is a 'once-in -lifetime' opportunity and Council should do a lot more to ensure this happens			✓	

Question 15 Do you have particular views you'd like to share in relation to the last question?

These 2 part questions are ambiguous and difficult to answer. i.e. Do I think walking & riding is good for recreation? - strongly agree. Do I think it viable as a transport mode in Whitehorse? - this depends on whether you have a daily commute to the city - disagree; or cycling to work in another suburb - agree; or picking the kids up from school - strongly disagree. Similar to WH already does a lot - disagree; has longer plans to make it better - agree. Based on this my answers are also ambiguous.

Question 16 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: Council are already considering this. The impacts to 'other' businesses needs to be taken into account. Council cannot support one business at the expense of another. i.e. local cafe taking up car spaces next door to a local lawn mowing firm that needs their customers to park outside their premises for easy and immediate access.

Question 17 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?

Foot traffic will continue to increase resulting in more people accessing our local parks, streets, etc. Council will need to be flexible in their approach to infrastructure providing semi-permanent barriers that can be moved as required to meet the growing demand. The logistics of this will not be easy and Council will need to effectively communicate to residents what is going on and why.

Question 18 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: There needs to be a balance between formal & non formal. Some years, one may surpass the other depending on need however, there should not be an 80/20% split.

Question 19 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		✓		

Question 20 You can paste your Candidate Statement into the box below.

Thankyou for granting me the honour of being your voice on Council for the past 12 years. I still have the commitment and passion I started with, and now added to vital experience. I ask you to again endorse me as your representative by voting 1 Carr. We have worked together well and will always be stronger together. By voting for me, you can be assured I will continue to represent your best interests and will always value our accepted lifestyle by opposing inappropriate development. I will ensure local businesses continue to be supported through Council assistance grants. I have been relentless in my support for the Terrara Park Pavilion; the Nunawading Basketball Club and Vermont South Club. I advocated strongly for the East Burwood Master Plan which will enhance the entire precinct and successfully lobbied the Federal Government for \$1.3m funding for Sportlink to fully enclose the outdoor courts and achieved a Federal grant of \$300k for the Vermont South Club upgrade. I will continue to acknowledge and support the need for off-road shared pedestrian/cycling paths, in addition to libraries; purchase of public open space; value for rates; childcare, aged, disability services; responsible animal ownership; efficient

waste systems, footpath maintenance and common-sense traffic management. Currently a member of several community groups and board member of FAN, previously serving on the VSLC board and over 12 diverse sub-committees during my term. I am your voice on Council. I have honoured my promise of bringing honesty, integrity, accountability and transparency to Council. I have a solid track record and am tried and true. Now is not the time for change. I have enjoyed my role as your independent Councillor and seek your support to continue advocating on your behalf at Council. Mobile: 0468 89 69 74 Please vote 1 Carr vote1carr@outlook.com