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

✓ Yes

No

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**02** Name:

Andrew Munroe

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**03** Ward you are standing for:

Cootamundra

Eley

✓ Elgar

Kingsley

Lake

Mahoneys

Simpson

Sparks

Terrara

Walker

Wattle

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

✓ YES

NO

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**05** Do you live in the ward?

✓ YES

NO

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

56 years

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**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

1. As a Councillor for 12 years there are many community activities and engagements as a consequence. 2. Whitehorse Manningham Library Corporation, 2 years. 3. Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF), Deputy Chair, 10 years. 4. Blackburn South Community Bank (until recently Chair for 7 years), 18 years. 5. Liberal Party, 37 years. 6. Avenue Neighbourhood House, treasurer 2 years.

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

1 Keeping a tight rein on Budget expenditures

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

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

The respondent skipped this question.

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

Experience as a Councillor which assists in collaboration and outcomes.

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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       |                   |          | ✓     |                |

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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 | ✓                 |          |       |                |

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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?

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| Ward meetings already serve that function                                   | ✓                 |          |       |                |
| This could help reduce number of emails and phone calls Councillors receive |                   |          | ✓     |                |

|  | STRONGLY DISAGREE | DISAGREE | AGREE | STRONGLY AGREE |
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| 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                         |                   |          | ✓     |                |
| 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?**

Council will have to respond to cater for what will be a level of permeant changes in the way residents engage with our facilities, paths, parks etc.

#### 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: It needs some qualification as a middle suburb some of which my apply inner-city wont automatically translate. But we will need to improve active transport and outdoor dining options.

#### 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?**

We will need to invest more in our parks and walkways to keep up with the wear and tear. Will need to make pressure points more pedestrian friendly (street markings, crossings etc.).

#### 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.

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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 |
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| 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.**

I have always called Cootamundra Ward home. Growing up in North Blackburn and raising my family in Blackburn I am well placed to be your strong local representative. COVID-19 has proved challenging for many of our residents both personally and financially and it also presents an immense challenge for your Council. To date the loss of revenue and additional costs are estimated to be in excess of \$15M and rising the longer services are disrupted. To some extent the recovery will be more difficult than the shutdown and Council will face many challenges as it seeks to support residents and businesses on the road to recovery. As a multi-term Councillor and two-term Mayor, my experience as we move forward has never been more important. In the last term there have been many achievements and at the top of that list is the delivery of highquality services while maintaining the State Government Rate Cap.

New playgrounds at Cootamundra Walk and Furness Park, Morton Park Pavilion redevelopment and tree protections all delivered this term. In the term ahead I will advocate for the redevelopment of Koonung Park, for female-friendly sporting facilities, a future for an expanded Blackburn Library, completion of the Whitehorse Performing Arts Centre, initiatives to increase the city tree canopy, under-grounding of power lines and most importantly disciplined financial management. As a senior engineer and manager combined with a wide range of community leadership positions, including 7 years as Chair of Blackburn South Community Bank, I bring a wealth of experience to the role as your Councillor. I will continue to make myself fully accessible and if you would like further information please do not hesitate to call me on 9013-4050 or email [contact@andrewmunroe.net](mailto:contact@andrewmunroe.net).To continue to serve you I seek your number 1 vote.