

# 2016 City of Greater Bendigo Council election survey of candidates

This is a survey of City of Greater Bendigo Council election candidates in 2016.

This survey and the associated public forums are being conducted on behalf of Bendigo business and community, and presented by:

The Bendigo Sustainability Group, Bike Bendigo & Progress Bendigo.

It is very important that all Candidates complete this survey by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday 30 September 2016. If a Candidate responses will be collated and distributed to the media.

As a result of the forums and the survey results, the position of candidates on various issues will be better understood by the community, enabling them to make better and more informed decisions with regard to their vote.

We thank the candidates for taking the time to complete this survey.

If you have any questions, please contact Colin Lambie, tele 0417 561 903 or email [colin@lambie.net.au](mailto:colin@lambie.net.au)

References include:

1. City of Greater Bendigo Environment Strategy 2016-2021
2. City of Greater Bendigo Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Plan
3. City of Greater Bendigo Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy (ITLUS)
4. City of Greater Bendigo Residential Housing Strategy

## 1. Please enter your name and Ward that you are standing in.

Mark Weragoda Eppalock Ward

## 2. Do you agree with the following statements by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)?

'Warming of the climate system is unequivocal' and 'Human influence on the climate system is clear'.

- Yes  
 No

What do you think we should do about it in Central Victoria?

We should try harder to reduce carbon by working an

### 3. Select the goals you support from the recently released City of Greater Bendigo Environment Strategy 2016-2021; which includes (click to select, leave blank if not supported)

- 100% renewable energy generation from local & regional sources
- Highly energy efficient systems and buildings
- Zero recoverable resource sent to landfill
- Council will support commercial scale agriculture & horticulture, and local urban food production
- Council will promote green job & industry creation in Bendigo
- Council will fund initiatives like Sustainability Awards and the Community Sustainability Festival.
- Council will empower the City of Greater Bendigo Green Team with a budget and give them accountability for the City's own waste and energy goals
- Council will work with businesses and community to secure 100% renewable energy for all Greater Bendigo residents & businesses

Comments

### 4. Do you support Council's plan to transition Greater Bendigo to an integrated transport and mobility network built around neighbourhoods containing most of residents needs and able to be accessed within a 10 minute walk or cycle or via public transport?

- Yes
- No

Comments

### 5. Do you support the proposition that our urban areas of tomorrow should be designed predominantly for people and not cars?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any particular ideas how we can get the community actively walking or riding far more regularly instead of using the car? Please enter ideas here:

### 6. Would you support us having a network of connected and safe 'separated' bike paths and lanes criss-crossing our city and towns instead of the current mostly white lines painted on the road?

- Yes
- No

Comments

7. The Council has approved a Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Plan to encourage fairness and equality for all Bendigo's citizens. Do you support this plan?

Yes

No

Comments

8. Will you work to ensure the Cultural Diversity & Inclusion plan is implemented effectively?

Yes

No

Comments

9. Do you think a Council can represent many views, but act harmoniously?

Yes

No

If you answered yes, how will you contribute to the Council working together harmoniously?