

Yarra Langridge and Nicholls Ward Candidate Councillor Questions 2020

Q1. Why have you decided to stand for the Yarra City Council? (200 words) The reason I wanted to run for Council is issues that our communities face on the daily basis from my own experience and what encouraged me is lack of having the decisions made without having the community involved in the decision making inspired me to run for one so that I can raise awareness onto how important it is for our community to be involved, engaged and persistent in order to achieve equality and equity in our community, to represent your views, and your voice on Council. Since we are a diverse community I want raise culture awareness and since our whole area is very diverse, Why not have diversity in council? I conduct myself with integrity and commitment. I intend to be true to those values in all that I do for my community. I have a genuine passion for our community and as a single parent I can appreciate the utmost importance of living in a community that is safe for all us and our children and it's is important for us as a community to tackle those issues together. And also I thought the time was now to ensure when decisions are made at the council table, they are a reflection of the entire community.

Q2. Are you a member or supporter of a local group or organisation? (100 words)

Yes I am part of Fitzroy Learning as leader of the Somali women's group is a safety place for mother's and children to engage in activities or whether is sharing a bbq while the kids run around and the mother's sit for tea and a chat. This group also encourages new Somali women coming to the area that don't have a support system and support is what we offer and also introducing different organisations to them that can assist them.

Q3. Have you been a participant in a local project or campaign? No I haven't except for the state elections for Adam Bandt's campaign as volunteer and I brought a lot of friends to come help out and volunteer with me.

Q4. What experiences have you had with the Yarra City Council? (200 words) I've had good experiences when it come to organising community events inside Atherton Gardens but at times I felt that the communities needs were being ignored and falling on deaf ears.

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Q5. What role does the community play in council decision making? How can this be made more effective? (200 words) I don't think they would be a council without the community and the community plays the most important role regarding raising issues that the communities face to the council. I think to make this more effective the council needs to plan with the community and ask the community what their needs and wants are before coming to decisions. To get the community to engage more to get more involved and to have diversity in shaping our community. In all we just need to be more active and take responsibility as a community as well.

Q6. How do you propose to communicate with the community if elected as a councillor? (100 words) I would consult with the community organise a day that we can all come together as a community to share those great ideas we have in shaping our community and to discuss and engage with different groups we might share different ideas but collectively we have the power to make great changes as a community.

Q.7. What are your priorities if elected to the Council? (300 words) My priorities are my community and their voices and through them being their voice into making sure their needs and wants for the community are met and also to raise awareness on how important it is for the community to be involved in every step of the way because without them there is no community. Am very passionate about the voices of each and every person. We need big numbers to make those changes together.

Q8. The FRA has identified the following key priority areas - (500 words)

- Heritage Protection and Conservation
- Planning Permit Information and Advocacy
- Yarra Council Strategy, Policy and Guidelines
- Homelessness and Social Issues
- Climate Action

What priority would you give to each and how would you respond to your top 3 if elected as a councillor? Very hard to choose but if I had to my

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top three is Heritage protection and conservation, Climate change, Homelessness and Social issues. Raise awareness within the community for all the people that share the same interest in the community and giving them that knowledge so that they can fight very hard for this issues with me. And with my voice I know I can get and give knowledge in ways our communities could get involved because I know they are already passionate about this topics but with proper guidance their involvement would mean alot with proper numbers then I can go make this changes as your Councillor with my community best interest.

Q9. What should be the role of Yarra City Council in relation to State and Commonwealth governments? (300) Council is to provide proper guidance and plan with what might impact us as a community and taking proper precautions, making sure that the Commonwealth government can give us the proper assistance into achieving the best outcomes.

Q 10. What relationship should the Yarra City Council have with neighbouring councils? (200 words) Connecting our communities into building better and stronger connection have festivals that compliment all our diversity instead of having different festivals, I think it's would be amazing to come together to be examples for other communities once they realise our strong connections. A whole communities come together is very powerful and speaks for itself.