

2020 Mount Alexander Shire Candidate Survey

1. Name of candidate completing this questionnaire

2. Which ward are you standing in?

3. Name three top priorities for Mount Alexander Shire

- Housing affordability
- Waste management
- Rates/budget
- Arts and culture
- Action on climate change
- Protecting and celebrating cultural heritage
- Aboriginal justice and self-determination
- Improving recreation
- Road and traffic management
- Paths, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure
- Managing population growth
- Community cohesion
- Opportunities for youth
- Supporting ageing residents
- Supporting residents with disabilities
- Community voice and engagement
- Supporting local businesses
- Recovering from COVID-19
- Other _____

4. How would you assess the current level of rates levied in Castlemaine?

- Too high
- About right
- Too low
- It's not that simple

5. How important are visitors from outside our Shire to our community and economy?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

6. How important is it for Mount Alexander Shire to commit to actions which contribute to tackling climate change?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

7. How serious an issue is access to housing and housing affordability in Mount Alexander Shire?

- Extremely serious
- Very serious
- Somewhat serious
- Not serious

8. Which of the following should be Council's highest priority for waste management? (select one)

- Annual/biannual hard rubbish collection
- Addressing illegal dumping
- Working with community to reduce the amount of waste produced
- Improving the amount and effectiveness of recycling in the Shire
- Reviewing / upgrading the waste transfer station/s
- Other

9. Thinking about roads and infrastructure, which of the following do you think is the highest priority for Mount Alexander Shire? (select one)

- Improving walking and cycling infrastructure
- Maintaining and upgrading country roads and bridges
- Ensuring adequate parking near shopping areas
- Traffic management in townships
- Other

10. What is the issue you have heard most about during your campaign?

11. (In five words or less) What is the best thing about living in Mount Alexander Shire?

12. (In five words or less) If you could change one thing about Mount Alexander Shire, what would it be?

13. Please elaborate on any of your answers to the questions above.

14. How should Mount Alexander recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and related impacts on economy and community?

15. If elected how will you engage with residents (and others) and make sure that your decisions reflect the many views in our communities? Will your approach differ for different people?

16. Name three characteristics that make a good councillor