

**Combined Residents of Whitehorse
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Candidate Questionnaire, Whitehorse Council Elections – October 2024

Name of Councillor candidate: Jason Martin

Whitehorse Council Ward: Mahoneys Ward

The *Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group Inc. (CROWAG)* represents a number of community groups and individual members across the municipality. In the current COVID-19 environment we are seeking to assist candidates to reach our members, helping them to make informed decisions when they vote.

CROWAG advocates for appropriate and sustainable development concerning built-form, public amenity, and the natural landscape within Whitehorse to all tiers of government. It seeks to promote the quality of life for residents and the natural landscape of Whitehorse. It lobbies Whitehorse Council to improve its relationship with its constituents in the areas of public accountability, public transparency, good governance, community engagement, fairness and equity.

Your responses to this questionnaire will be made available:

- a. to all CROWAG individual and group members and their networks within Whitehorse
- b. on the CROWAG website at www.crowag.com

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Please answer all questions and keep written responses to each question to less than 150 words.

1. How long have you been a resident of Whitehorse?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 20+ years

2. Do you live in the council ward for which you are a candidate?

Yes or No

3. List the community, political and/or professional organisations with which you are a member during the last 10 years.

Not applicable.

4. What positive achievements resulted from your membership of these groups?

N/A

5. Please state what you want to achieve as an elected Councillor

I want to get some fresh perspective in the council. Too many long-standing councillors. My goal is to improve the liveability today and make sure we implement best practice planning acknowledging the projected growth in our municipality.

6. What are the top five issues you believe could improve the functioning of the *Whitehorse City Council* in representing its ratepayers and community?

- 1) Planning Planning Planning.
- 2) Accessible, easy, reliable and safe transport options.
- 3) Managing waste, recycling and keeping this cost component down.
- 4) Making sure council provides value for money for rates.
- 5) More advocacy at the State Government level acknowledging Box Hill as biggest CBD outside Melbourne.

9. **The following Issues of specific interest to CROWAG.**

In the boxes below, please **rank the priority of the areas of interest** in order of importance **to you** from 1 (Most important) to 10 (Least important). Please do not use the same ranking number more than once.

1	Engagement with residents and ratepayers
2	Transparency and governance in council matters
10	Managing Climate Change and Sustainability.
3	Administrative and budgetary efficiency.
6	Retaining council oversight for planning and development

7	Speeding up Planning and development by reducing council oversight.
9	Advocating for the Federation Brickworks site to be parkland
5	Enhancing the city's natural landscape, parks, tree canopy, streetscape, and overarching neighbourhood amenity
4	Improvement of Infrastructure for walkers, cyclists, and people with disabilities
8	Managing traffic and parking

10. If you have any further comments please note them below:

Council needs to take a stronger and more proactive approach with the State Government acknowledging the issues that face Whitehorse. Planning Laws are under some potentially big reforms and residents need to be informed of the consequences. We need a balance between development, timely approvals and a well planned community.

Thank you for completing the CROWAG questionnaire.

Please save your completed questionnaire and send it as an attachment by email to 'Whitehorse Councillor Candidate Responses' at: crowag.inc@gmail.com