

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

**Name of Councillor candidate:** Peter J Allan JP

**Whitehorse Council Ward:** SPARKS

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](http://www.crowag.com)

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**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.

Australian Services Union, Box Hill RSL, ALP, Reason Party, Liberal Democrats (no longer a member of any political party)

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

Personal growth, knowledge, working as a team to achieve mutual beneficial results, participation in union affairs – workplace and industrial aims for workers, knowledge of the political process

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

A great and better city for future generations. Great sporting and community facilities and infrastructure, financially viable city, inclusive city. A city that "gives back" to its ratepayers and residents. An open and transparent city council. A council that does not have high fees and charges. Great in-house community services (not outsourced). A council prepared to fight against too much high density housing (proposed changes to ResCode especially) and good environmental policies and actions. More open space purchases! Re-establish council run childcare in the Box Hill area!

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) More open council committee meetings
- 2) Look at establishing a residents' referral group – sometimes called a residents' jury
- 3) Return to multi-member wards – suggest 4 wards of 3 councillors
- 4) Less delegation to officers on planning applications
- 5) Establish a residents group on Council Budget for referral

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.

<b>1</b>	Engagement with residents and ratepayers
<b>6</b>	Transparency and governance in council matters
<b>7</b>	Managing Climate Change and Sustainability.

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

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

All the above are important and they all affect us all and individually. The ranking is really in my mind about how things can be achieved in timelines! If elected I look forward to 4 years of achievement of programs, works, policies that enhance people's lives

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](mailto:crowag.inc@gmail.com)