

Burwood Council Election 2024: CABCB Candidates Survey

Name:

John Faker Mayor

Party Affiliation

Labor

1. Do you agree that Council has a responsibility to lead the community on climate change remedial actions? If you agree, how might Council achieve this?

Yes - recently upgraded 100% of our street lights to LED. We have also signed a new energy contract which supplies all of councils energy needs with 100% renewable energy. Planting more trees, investigating community batteries and solar energy opportunities, installing more water tanks and catchments in parks to collect stormwater from streets and use this in our parks. Planting more trees to increase our tree canopy coverage as well as support our local wildlife. Many more policies

2. In Council's Sustainability Plan (2022), Council announced a target for its operations of Net Zero emissions by 2030. What will you do to support Council in reaching that target?

Yes we have a number of policies and actions working towards target refer to our policy and other answers in this survey.

3. Will you press for measurable indicators for sustainability/environmental achievements and publishing reports of achievements at least once per Council term?

We have a climate and sustainable committee as well as a sustainability policy which measures our actions

4. Would you seek to strengthen environmental requirements in the Development Control Plans (DCP) of Council so that new housing is designed and built for the low emission future?

We have already supported such measures

5. **Will you also support an amendment to DCP to require new apartments and office blocks to be all electric, with no gas or wood-fired heating?**

Not at this stage as we are awaiting NSW government departments investigation

6. **Will you push for Council to reach 40% tree canopy cover by 2036 as stipulated by the NSW State Government? (Tree Canopy cover is defined by the NSW State Government as all vegetation greater than 3m. In 2022 tree canopy across Burwood LGA was reported by the NSW State Government as 14.55%.)**

Yes we have planted over 2500 trees over the past 4 years and we are continuing with a further 500 this year and subsequent years

7. **Should Council conduct education programs for the community on ways to reduce their Greenhouse Gas Emissions and their environmental footprint?**

Council is already doing such with local schools and residents

8. **What will you do to improve waste management and recycling for households and businesses?**

Currently trialling FOGO. We are also working with a number of providers to increase recyclable's and reduce waste. One such program is using truck tyres in asphalt for road resurfacing projects. Early results show we can achieve a longer road life, and reduce tyres from landfill. This is an opportunity to create a circular economy.