

Boroondara Reconciliation Network Council election candidate questionnaire 2024

Please complete this by **next Friday 27th September**

Your name *

John Friend-Pereira

Your ward *

Solway Ward

Will you, if elected

Foster better community recognition and acceptance of Aboriginal peoples and culture by advocating for:

Co-naming or renaming of Council and community buildings, rooms, and locations to honour First Peoples' names and languages?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to be permanently flown in the Council chamber and on more Council buildings?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

More local Aboriginal history on public markers in shopping centres and otherwise?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Increasing the number, scale and reach of Council-sponsored and led events concerning dates and weeks of significance to Aboriginal peoples?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Will you if elected

Foster better community understanding and education by advocating for Council to:

Lead, collaborate or partner with community groups, organisations and local businesses in a truth-telling public education process regarding Aboriginal history in Boroondara?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Implement and encourage cultural awareness public education programs and workshops and otherwise support initiatives that promote cross-cultural understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture in the Boroondara community?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Co-ordinate the development and implementation of a program for engaging young people of Boroondara in learning about local Aboriginal history, culture, human rights and care for country?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Review Council's standard Acknowledgement of Country to consider inclusion of acknowledgement of the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people's care for country, the history and consequences of colonisation, the resilience of Aboriginal people, and support for Treaty in Victoria?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Promote events supporting the Victorian Treaty process?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Will you, if elected

Strengthen Council's public leadership of and advocacy for reconciliation by advocating that Council:

Formally support Treaty in Victoria by a Council motion, and advocate for the negotiation and implementation of Treaty with the State government?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Conduct a community consultation on having Citizenship ceremonies on days other than 26 January?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Co-ordinate and support the development of an active network of community groups and organisations which work together to advance reconciliation in their staff, volunteers, members and the broader community?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Advocate to the State government for ongoing base funding for [Indigenous Gathering Places](#), not tied to specific program outcomes?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Raise awareness about the importance of Treaty and the rights of First Peoples through internal and external communication channels?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Advocate to the State government and the Municipal Association of Victoria for policy reforms and legislative changes that promote the recognition of First Peoples' rights and facilitate the implementation of Treaty commitments?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Will you, if elected

Enhance Council's reconciliation action decision-making by advocating for Council to:

Establish a reconciliation advisory group which includes Councillors, First Nations people including Wurundjeri Woiwurrung representatives, other community members, and Aboriginal service providers?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Make Council policies and plans clear that in matters affecting Aboriginal people, their voices have precedence over others, consistent with the [principle of self-determination?](#)

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Review the Reconciliation Action Strategy 2022-2026 commencing in 2025; and include in the review a [deliberative community consultation](#) with a leadership role for the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Except for discussions of confidential matters, have open meetings of Council's reconciliation advisory group, with minutes published on Council's website?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Actively engage the [First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria](#) in consultation on Council policies and plans relating to reconciliation, and rights of First Nations peoples?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Will you, if elected

Enhance staff culture and Council policies to ensure support of reconciliation within Council by advocating for:

Policies, budget and processes that promote the procurement of goods and services from Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Policies, budget and processes that promote and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment, volunteering and traineeship opportunities?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Comment if you wish

Enhancement of staff development to promote and ensure a culturally safe workplace for Aboriginal employees and contractors?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Employment of an Aboriginal person in a leading role in the organisation?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Partnering with and employing Aboriginal organisations and people with experience of Aboriginal caring for Country in the development and management of Council-controlled land and water resources including advising on Council policies and practices concerning trees and biodiversity on private land?

Yes

No

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Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

Provide training and capacity-building opportunities to increase staff understanding of First Peoples' issues and Treaty negotiations, and the cultural competency of staff-members?

Yes

No

Maybe

Comment if you wish

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