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<b>List the top three issues facing our local community right now</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council's ongoing response to COVID-19.</li> <li>2. To protect our pristine environment from the effects of global climate change.</li> <li>3. Ensure the Borough remains independent and financially viable.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increasing community involvement in Council decision making.</li> <li>2. Over-development, loss of greenspace, damage to coastal reserves.</li> <li>3. Council financial sustainability and transparency.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintaining a financially viable, independent Borough.</li> <li>2. Caring for community wellbeing in navigating health and economic impacts of COVID-19.</li> <li>3. Acting on climate change with our community.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The need for immediate action on climate change.</li> <li>2. Economic impact of COVID-19.</li> <li>3. Inadequate public infrastructure and facilities, particularly for young families.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economic recession in the wake of COVID-19.</li> <li>2. Management of waste and recycling, reducing the load going to landfill.</li> <li>3. Global warming – 'act local, think global' strategy.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ecological change created by warming climate.</li> <li>2. Destruction of global, and in particular Australian, biodiversity.</li> <li>3. Plastics, their use and movement into the ecology of the planet.</li> </ol>
<b>Did you sign Queenscliffe Climate Action's petition for the Borough of Queenscliffe to declare a climate emergency? Why?</b>	I could not sign the Petition. Being a sitting Councillor this would have put any future voting at risk.	<p>Yes, and we've hosted politician meetings at the Shelter Shed where climate change was a key issue.</p> <p>Why? It's important.</p>	Yes. Because we can make a difference by acting locally, and by example we influence our Governments.	I would have <u>definitely</u> signed it, but I missed it having just given birth to my second child.	I didn't sign this petition – I wasn't aware of it; but am happy the Borough declared a Climate Emergency.	I believe I did sign.
<b>List the top five actions Council should take to mitigate against and adapt to the increasing impacts of climate change.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finish the Climate Emergency Response Plan in consultation with our community</li> <li>2. Work with the newly formed Climate Emergency Action Group that was formed at last year's Climate Forum.</li> <li>3. A gas led recovery will not deliver the outcomes our country requires. It must be the better use of efficient renewable energy. Starting in The Borough.</li> <li>4. Implement.</li> <li>5. We must educate our community about the real issues of climate change.</li> </ol>	This is a serious issue and therefore Council's response must be well-considered, structured and agreed. Like any project, the Council and community working group needs to undertake an options analysis to determine where resources and budget should be directed for maximum environmental benefit. This logical process will identify more than five actions, and a strategy to achieve them! Personally, my focus is on locally-sourced produce, commercial waste minimisation and recycling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communicate with our community about why we are developing a climate response plan, and the process.</li> <li>2. Develop a response plan with our community, providing opportunities for everyone to have a say, and drawing on the capability within our community.</li> <li>3. Budget for and allocate responsibilities and resources to deliver the plan, including involvement of community members.</li> <li>4. Measure and communicate progress.</li> <li>5. Celebrate successes as we move forward on our journey.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce Council's carbon emissions to net-zero.</li> <li>2. Facilitate the reduction of Community carbon emissions to net-zero, e.g. through renewable energy education, programs and bulk buys.</li> <li>3. Change Council's vehicle fleet to electric and inspire community conversion with EV events and rapid EV charging stations in public spaces.</li> <li>4. Hold the line, with strategic planting of dune revegetation and seawall-type infrastructure.</li> <li>5. Manage a strategic retreat in low-lying areas.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find 'Neighbourhood Safer Places' within the Borough in response to the raised threat of bushfires.</li> <li>2. Install electric vehicle charging points in the Borough</li> <li>3. Ensure that the minimum of waste goes to landfill through the establishment of a comprehensive 'Waste and Recycle Programme' to properly co-ordinate: e-waste, chemical waste, and hard waste.</li> <li>4. Ensure all water run-off is pollutant free.</li> <li>5. Progressively move to making all Council vehicles electric.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop ecological change conversations, encourage small changes in peers and families.</li> <li>2. Accelerate clean and renewable energy in public and private dwellings.</li> <li>3. Discuss our dinner plates and how to eat for ecological change, reducing food waste and footprint on the planet.</li> <li>4. Encourage smart design for public infrastructure and land use policies.</li> <li>5. Support our youth in a positive and encouraging manner, listen and respond to their ideas with enthusiasm and action.</li> </ol>
<b>If elected as a BoQ Councillor, would you support Council's December 2019 resolution to develop a climate emergency response plan in partnership with the community? If yes, how?</b>	<p>As the Mayor at the time I am on the record and spoke to voting for the resolution.</p> <p>Since that resolution I represented The Borough at the National Climate Emergency Summit in January where I voted for the Borough to join the Climate Action Australia advocacy group.</p>	Of course! One of my key platform objectives is to have greater community involvement in Council strategy, policy development and project implementation. The revised Local Government Act (S.55) encourages partnering between Council and community and I strongly support this methodology to define and formalise Council's response to climate change.	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimise Councillors' buy-in to developing our climate response plan.</li> <li>• Support the CEO and staff to integrate climate action into all Council's policies and programs.</li> <li>• Facilitate Council and community involvement and ownership in developing and implementing our response plan.</li> <li>• Ensure a scorecard is established to monitor progress on key indicators.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating extensive community engagement to build awareness and commitment to action</li> <li>• Engaging qualified local experts, including to undertake economic and social impact analysis</li> <li>• Advocating for broad action and funding at State and Federal levels.</li> <li>• Forming strategic partnerships (e.g. potential power purchase agreements).</li> </ul>	<p>I fully support the Council developing a Climate Emergency Response Plan.</p> <p>A comprehensive plan of action should be prepared after extensive community consultation.</p> <p>This would then be adopted by Council and implemented as a matter of priority over the next four years.</p>	Local government is the grass roots community, ecological best practice is the goal. Ideas must come from individuals and groups to develop sustainable policies.

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<b>List the top three issues facing our local community right now</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The effects of the COVID-19 on the community.</li> <li>2. Carbon production leading to climate change.</li> <li>3. Coastal effects of climate change on the Borough.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climate Emergency – including coastal inundation.</li> <li>2. COVID-19 recovery and rebuilding of our local businesses to ensure they thrive into the future.</li> <li>3. Respectful, collaborative Council/Community Partnerships.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Governance and Finance, managing the budget</li> <li>2. Responding to climate change</li> <li>3. Helping the community emerge or learn to live with COVID-19.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need for greater community consultation and Council transparency</li> <li>2. Climate change and adequate environmental protection</li> <li>3. A seasonal economy impacted further by COVID-19.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Post COVID-19 recovery = a unique opportunity for Council to plan for a new direction.</li> <li>2. Community acceptance of and participation in climate change.</li> <li>3. Leadership from Council.</li> </ol>
<b>Did you sign Queenscliffe Climate Action’s petition for the Borough of Queenscliffe to declare a climate emergency? Why?</b>	No. Council members are obliged in law to act with ‘unbiased decision making’. Signing of a petition would indicate bias.	YES. Global issues require local action, everything we do can make a difference. Many combined, smaller actions can change outcomes.	I did not sign the petition. This would have been a conflict of interest for me. I attended all the climate meetings.	I support the declaration and work of QCAG, though didn’t sign the petition. I was not a resident in 2019.	Yes, I signed the petition.  Why? To ensure we have a safe viable community for future generations.
<b>List the top five actions Council should take to mitigate against and adapt to the increasing impacts of climate change.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quickly develop the comprehensive ‘Climate Response Plan’ with cost benefit analysis for residents and businesses.</li> <li>2. Review actions of Carbon Neutral Action Plan (CNAP) 2012. Those remaining should be assessed and incorporated in the carbon neutral strategies.</li> <li>3-5. Prioritise work on a Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) required by the Marine and Coastal Act 2018. This would cover effects of sea level rise and inundation, erosion, bush fire risks etc.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalise the Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP)</li> <li>2. Resolve to implement all actions identified in the CERP and work with State and Federal Governments to maximise our impact.</li> <li>3. Work with the community on Coastal Inundation develop a plan to manage and mitigate risks as identified in the “Our Coast” report 2015.</li> <li>4. Aim for Carbon Neutral and Clean Energy options.</li> <li>5. Innovate in waste management by adopting of a ‘circular economy’ model.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a Council Plan that includes initiatives regarding climate threats.</li> <li>2. Develop a community plan for responding to climate change as per the resolution.</li> <li>3. Develop an engagement plan for the community</li> <li>4. Find ways to fund agreed priorities of these plans</li> <li>5. Develop a solar Park</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implement the Climate Emergency Response Plan as core council business.</li> <li>2. Join the Australian Coastal Councils Association, who represent coastal councils nationally.</li> <li>3. Support uptake and rollout of renewable energy sources in pursuit of carbon neutrality.</li> <li>4. Ensure the Community Vision, required under the LGA 2020, captures community’s aspirations for community-led climate action.</li> <li>5. Collaborate with other councils, Traditional Owners, community groups, businesses and schools so the Borough becomes a climate action leader.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Combined Council and community response to climate change impacts.</li> <li>2. Create an Energy Hub, including installation of solar on historical buildings; ensure all new developments have green initiatives; work with businesses to identify initiatives.</li> <li>3. Ensure our coastline is safe from storm surge and anticipated rising sea levels.</li> <li>4. Ensure the quality of our waterways and protect our flora and fauna.</li> <li>5. Ensure cost-effective recycling initiatives are implemented especially for green and food waste.</li> </ol>
<b>If elected as a BoQ Councillor, would you support Council’s December 2019 resolution to develop a climate emergency response plan in partnership with the community? If yes, how?</b>	Yes. I have supported and voted for initial funding of the Response Plan’s development via a Council and community working group. This partnership is developing a strategy that will be put to the entire community for their input via a mixture of communication methods.	Absolutely and categorically YES. The 2019 resolution was the first major step in an ongoing piece of work. The Climate Emergency Response Plan needs to be a ‘living’ document that details the actions we as a community will take to tackle the myriad of issues associated with the climate emergency.	I wrote the resolution passed by Council. I moved the Resolution passed by Council. I have worked to achieve some of the points this year, e.g. changes to the Audit Charter and development of a community consultation plan.	Yes. I support the development of an ambitious CERP and want to see wide implementation of it by Council. If elected, I will champion a transparent and inclusive process of development and implementation to build trust and ensure community agency over the plan. I am committed to its long-term success.	Yes. Identify and implement a Plan of Action, including priorities and timeline - a Borough Master Plan (Council with QCAG) which recognises climate change.  Collectively, Council and QCAG need to bring the whole PLQ community with them.  Better communication – which our community feels is lacking from Council and current Councillors.