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THE GREENS

FOR SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL



OUR PLAN



Lead local climate action, end offshore gas in our oceans

Lead local climate action by helping Council source renewable energy, bringing down your bills through solar bulk-buying and working with the government to improve public transport, take cars off the road and reduce emissions. Oppose gas exploration in the Otway Basin.



Tackle the cost of living crisis

Put people before profit by bolstering funding for local social and welfare services, like maternal health, childcare, parks, playgrounds, sports facilities, community grants and libraries. Support toy libraries, tool libraries, food charities and fresh food markets. Reduce household transport costs through expanded public and active transport.



Creative and fair solutions to address housing affordability

Meet the housing needs of key workers to keep our towns running. Regulate the short stay market. Support shop top housing and housing diversity in town centres. Push for property developers to build a minimum 30% public and genuinely affordable housing in new developments.



Safe bike riding and walking, public transport for the future

Work with State government to increase public transport across the shire - fast, frequent, reliable local and V/Line bus network, more trains for Winchelsea. Keep cyclists and pedestrians safe by pushing for more walkable communities, separated bike lanes within and between towns, safer footpaths and pedestrian crossings. Implement the Safer Cycling Strategy in full and expand it to cover e-bikes.



Thriving local communities, revitalised town centres

Support local business, arts and tourism through collaborative planning. Upgrade streetscapes, improve footpaths and increase public funding for year round events. Trial a summer pop-up park for Gilbert Street, Torquay. Advance the Baines Crescent creative enterprise precinct.



Community-led, sustainable growth for Winchelsea township

Push for human-scale development that is sustainable, affordable and respects local heritage. Keep our neighbourhoods green and liveable by creating and expanding our parks, building more bike lanes and footpaths. Invest in the quality services that care for our community's health and wellbeing.



Protect our biodiversity, waterways and farmland

Protect our rivers and creeks, wetlands and coastline, remnant vegetation and high value farmland. Support local wildlife and biodiversity initiatives and cool our towns by bolstering tree canopies. Protect and restore ecosystems, such as Spring Creek Valley and the Karaaf wetlands.



Flourishing arts and culture and sustainable tourism

The Greens will back more public funding for art, artists and art organisations, and cultural events. Tourism is the core of our economy, we need to ensure we maximise the benefits year-round, while managing its impacts on our environment and our communities.



Revolutionise recycling

Invest in a circular economy and improve recycling. Continue to lead local government in waste management.



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First Nations justice

Today many of the harms of colonisation of this land remain. We see them in the laws, policies and the racism that pervades our services, ecosystems, heritage and culture and connection to Country.

Recognition of these truths is essential to addressing the wrongs of the past and the present. Local councils play a significant role in supporting the Victorian Treaty process. Local waterways, bushland, gathering and sacred sites must be protected

First Nations people in Victoria are the people best placed to make decisions about their own communities and needs. More Greens voices on Council means more active support for First Nations self-determination for local issues and projects.

We must return power to First Nations communities to determine their own future.

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We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Country on which The Surf Coast Shire Council is located, the Wadawurrung people and the Gulidjan and Gadubanud peoples of the Eastern Maar. Sovereignty was never ceded.

