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Ku-ring-gai Council Election 2024 – Candidate Questions

Please return your answers to info@foke.org.au by 5.00pm on **FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024**.

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Qualifications:

Master of Business, Adv Dip. Human Resources & about a dozen other leadership and executive coaching qualifications.

Day job: CEO People for Success – Leadership Educator

Are you a member of a political party? **NO**

Community/ lobby/ sporting group membership? **YES**

If **YES**, specify Voices of Ku-ring-gai

Have you endorsed Save Greater Sydney Coalition's election planning principles? **YES**

Have you signed the YIMBY election pledge? **NO**

Do you believe dwelling supply alone will solve the housing shortage and affordability? **NO WAY**

Do you support Ku-ring-gai Council's legal action against the NSW Government's Transport Orientated Development (TOD) SEPP?

YES – Minns' blanket rezoning will destroy the natural and built heritage and the character of our beautiful LGA and will not solve the housing crisis.

Do you support making a new place based LEP to mitigate the adverse impacts of the TOD and Low to Mid-Rise Housing SEPP on Ku-ring-gai? **YES**

Do you support maintaining public Council land for community use? **YES!!!**

Do you support listing Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion as a UNESCO GeoRegion? **YES!!**

Do you support the protection of Ku-ring-gai's Heritage Conservation Areas? **YES!!**

Do you support the establishment of a Ku-ring-gai Council Environmental Advisory Group? **YES!!**

Do you support natural turf on Ku-ring-gai's sports and playing fields; or the installation of artificial turf? **YES!!**

Expanded Questions:

Please keep each answer less than 200 words (longer answers may be cut).

1. What motivated you to run for office at the Ku-ring-gai local government elections?
I want to protect the precious and rare flora and fauna of Ku-ring-gai, its built heritage, and to ensure we have thriving arts and cultural spaces in addition to sport and recreational spaces. I also want to ensure Council is fiscally responsible with ratepayers money.
2. What is your vision for Ku-ring-gai?
A thriving LGA with sensible development that not only does not further degrade our precious biodiversity and that is NATURE POSITIVE so we can stop the extinction crisis. I want Ku-ring-gai to continue to be a place of belonging where people can enjoy recreation, sport and the arts – where roads are maintained, rates are reasonable, and Ku-ring-gai is recognised globally for its special and rare ecosystems and landscapes. I'd like to see how built heritage protected for all to admire.
3. What life experiences and professional experiences do you bring that will serve in your role as a councillor?
For the past three years I've added my voice to help protect Ku-ring-gai's precious built and natural heritage. My leadership ability, facilitation, critical thinking, creativity and vision will help move Ku-ring-gai past the dysfunction it has seen for many years.
4. What do you see as the key issues facing Ku-ring-gai?
 - *Protection of Ku-ring-gai's Natural Ecosystems*
 - *Protection of community land from appropriation, selloffs, rezonings and reclassifications*
 - *Careless Financial Management. E.g. the synthetic turf at Norman Griffiths cost the ratepayers dearly because Council did not do their REF properly. The community had to take them to court to get them to update their REF and still it was incomplete. Now the workarounds such as the flood mitigation system are costing ratepayers hundreds of thousands of dollars extra.*
 - *Councillors infighting & game-playing instead of working towards a vision*
5. How do you propose to address those issues if elected?
 - *Examine the protections offered for Ku-ring-gai's bush reserves and aim to strengthen protections.*
 - *Review the biobanking agreement, biobanking policy and accounting system to ensure it is offering protections for nature OR rework it if, as I suspect, it does not.*
 - *Review the Urban Forest Strategy which does not acknowledge nor offer protection for our critically endangered ecological communities.*
 - *Separate the Strategy and Environment departments allowing more agency for Council's environmental managers to protect the environment.*

- *Support the Council's legal action*
- *Commission a forensic review of council's spending & roles and responsibilities to ensure we are getting value for money.*
- *Support Councillors to work towards an inspiring vision for Ku-ring-gai*
- *Lessen developer influences on Council matters.*
- *Support Council to fund the Arts within Ku-ring-gai and ensure fair distribution of funds for sports, recreation and the arts.*

6. How will you ensure community engagement, and participation?

- *I intend to hold regular Town Halls to consult, inform and listen to the community.*
- *Overhaul the consultation process.*
- *Hold regular meetings with key community organisations.*

7. What do you consider are key issues in your Ward?

- *Ensuring protection from the threat of fire given North Turramurra has one road in and one road out which is a key threat considering there are 12 aged care facilities where it would be difficult if (God forbid) a fire broke out.*
- *Protecting the natural environment from further degradation.*
- *NTRA site – working with the football community and the local residents to agree on a sensible development that does not result in a total takeover of community land but meets the needs of the Footballers and their spectators.*
- *Helping with decisions with the Turramurra Hub to ensure development fits with natural and built heritage.*

8. Are there any additional comments you wish to add?

I intend to listen to the community and act with honesty and integrity. If I'm not elected, then I hope the next Council will work together to have a functional leadership team that focuses on protecting our built and natural heritage for future generations to enjoy. I'm not against density per se but it should be nature positive density that does not destroy what makes Ku-ring-gai a beautiful place to live. I do not support ugly tall apartment buildings like the ones going up all over Sydney and will fight vigorously against development of that kind.

Candidate's Name: Kristyn Haywood **Signature:**



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Thankyou for your time in answering the questions. Candidate answers will be published on FOKE's website, Enews and sent to members and supporters/resident's lists.

Please attach your election **photo**.

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