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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.**

Candidates Full Name: Kim Wheatley

Ward Standing for: Wahroonga

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Qualifications: Day job: General Manager - NPP

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

If **YES**, specify

Community/ lobby/ sporting group membership? **NO**

If **YES**, specify

Have you endorsed Save Greater Sydney Coalition’s election planning principles? **NO**

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

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

Do you support Ku-ring-gai Council's legal action against the NSW Government's Transport Orientated Development (TOD) SEPP? **Why or why not?**

The TOD which is currently before the state government will be detrimental to both our heritage and our tree canopy. There has not been any thought put into the infrastructure and amenities for the Ku-ring-gai municipal.

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?

I'm very concerned about the NSW government's proposed planning changes to the recent low to mid rise housing SEPP in Wahroonga Ward. Proper planning has not been considered this will damage our heritage and tree canopy. We already have significant issues with our storm water and sewage as well as major traffic issues in the area.

2016 NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE AWARDS HIGHLY COMMENDED
2009 NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE AWARDS HIGHLY COMMENDED
2008 NSW GOVERNMENT HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS AWARD
2000 FOKE, WINNER, NSW HERITAGE OFFICE CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION AWARD
“HERITAGE WATCH OVER OUR PLACE OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE –KU-RING-GAI”
KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COUNCIL (NSW) METRO PRIDE AWARDS.

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

Do you support listing Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion as a UNESCO GeoRegion? **YES/NO difficult to answer without further information**

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?

NATURAL TURF is preferred. However, when exploring alternative turf products they have to be certified with an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) detailing sustainable Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) with a focus on product end of life

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 first ran for council and was elected in January 2022, having worked in senior management roles for over two decades, I felt it was important to give back to the community. I'm very people focused and my nature has always been a person who has wanted to help.

2. What is your vision for Ku-ring-gai?

To continue to maintain and preserve the nature beauty of Ku-ring-gai. We are very fortunate to be able to live in an area with an abundance of trees and parks as well as a rich heritage.

3. What life experiences and professional experiences do you bring that will serve in your role as a councillor?

I've held senior executive positions in blue chip companies in both Australia and the U.S for over 20 years. I was very fortunate to have been elected to serve Wahroonga Ward in 2022. I believe the reason why I was elected was due to my experience in business planning and budgeting and being a very effective communicator.

4. What do you see as the key issues facing Ku-ring-gai?

The hot topic is the Transport Orientated Development (TOD) which will be extremely important in the next term. Other key issues are preserving our heritage and tree canopy, ensuring we have enough community facilities and green space as well as being financially responsible

5. How do you propose to address those issues if elected?

As I have done for the last several months. I'll continue to challenge the NSW Government for their lack of consultation during this planning process.

6. How will you ensure community engagement and participation?

I'm constantly working with the community. I meet with residents often that have concerns and have always made myself available. My motto is "I'm here to help"

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

Significant traffic issues in the Wahroonga village (although this is in another ward it is seen to be part of Wahroonga) and around school zones. More footpaths are required and preserving the heritage of the area

Candidate's Name: Kim Wheatley

Signature: *Kim Wheatley*

Date: 29/08/2024

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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