

## Port Phillip Council candidate questionnaire

Candidate name	Lucas Eldridge
Candidate for which ward	Lake Ward
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Which political party are you a member	The Greens
What are your qualifications	Certificate IV in Business (Office) Administration and have worked in Print Services and Facilities Support for more than 9 years
What is your current employment	Print Services and Facilities Support (including mail processing, courier organising etc).
How long have you lived in Port Phillip	I've live in Port Phillip (St Kilda) for 8 years having moved here from the Mornington Peninsula (Mt Martha)
Which ward do you live in	Lake
What is you expertise that you bring to Council	A passion for helping those in need, being a regular red cross blood service donor, a passion to ensure that routes 12, 96 and all tram routes that service St. Kilda junction have both low floor trams and accessible stops so that they are accessible for all.  I also want landmarks, such as the Palais Theatre, to be permanently heritage listed, so that they are saved from unnecessary development
What are your personal policy priorities	An accountable and responsive council, sustainability, equity, inclusion, the arts and keeping Port Phillip liveable.
What inspired you to stand for Council	The opportunity to represent my community and if elected, to make Lake Ward a better place (and I think my candidate profile page and passions mentioned two rows above, sum up how I wish to achieve that).
What is your policy on council issues relating to	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council governance</li> </ul>	I want to ensure decisions are made in a transparent manner that reflects the wishes of the community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council finances</li> </ul>	In light of council rate capping, I want to ensure that money is spent in a way that is in the best interests of the Port Phillip community, provided that the council is run within its means (which it has to be in light of rate capping).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council rates</li> </ul>	See above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social housing</li> </ul>	Social housing needs to be improved to help those in need. It's great that the Gatwick has been saved from being taken over by developers (for now), but more needs to be done to address growing inequality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and Development</li> </ul>	Should be in the interests of the entire community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triangle project</li> </ul>	This site should not be sold to developers as the result would be diabolical. A shopping mall on this site would be terrible. I'd like it to be an open space myself.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisherman's Bend planning</li> </ul>	Whether the State Government chooses light rail or heavy rail, it

	needs to be reliable so that the future 80,000 residents of Fishermen's Bend can get to where they need to go with minimum fuss.
• Arts & entertainment	More money for live music and NO money for the grand prix (the grand prix can be abolished once and for all)!
• Sport & recreation	Sport is the cornerstone of many communities in Australia because it brings people together, expresses our unique Australian culture and promotes physical health.  Existing sporting facilities in Port Phillip should be refurbished where needed.
• Community services	See my responses regarding public housing
• Aged care services	Adequate aged care facilities should be provided for our aging population.
• Child care services	Child care centres should be community based and not profit driven.
• GLBTIQ	By the time St. Kilda has a pride rally in the 2018 calendar year, our federal politicians had better have legislated MARRIAGE EQUALITY at long last!  It's fantastic that homophobic bigots won't have too big a platform (in other words, they won't have too big a megaphone) now that the plebiscite has been defeated, but my word does federal parliament need to catch up the rest of the world, allow a free vote and legalise equal marriage rights once and for all!
• St Kilda festival	Personally, I'm not a fan and I think there's more important things council can spend money on.
• Roads	Maintain existing roads, but improvements to tram stops is my number priority!
• Rubbish	Regular street cleaning and ensuring wherever there's a public street garbage bin, there's a public recycle bin next to it!
• Council website and use of technology for communication	N/A (I'm not on council yet).
• Council response and finalisation of complaints	N/A (I'm not on council yet).
• Other	Thanks for taking the time to research the candidates in this council election and supporting our local democracy through genuine community participation and engagement. If you'd like any further information or to support my campaign, please contact me via the email address below:  <a href="mailto:lucas.eldridge@vic.greens.org.au">lucas.eldridge@vic.greens.org.au</a>

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As such, we are seeking your cooperation and giving you the opportunity to inform our members, supporters and voters, about you, your inspiration to be a councillor and your policies on many issues and questions which we have obtained.

Your responses will be collated, without any editorial comment nor correction, and posted on our website at, [www.unchain.org.au](http://www.unchain.org.au) posted on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/unchaininc/>.

Our members and email list supporters will then be alerted to your responses to inform them of how to locate your responses on the many issues raised in the questionnaire.

All candidates will be given the opportunity to respond with your response or lack of response communicated to the voters in the election.

Please complete the survey and email your response to [unchaininc@gmail.com](mailto:unchaininc@gmail.com) by XXXXXXXXXXXX.