

Georgie Hart

"As a candidate who has not been elected to Unley Council before and isn't privy to all the finer details of policies and procedures, it is somewhat difficult to answer the questions with a detailed position. However I will do my best to give an overview of my views.

1. Are you in favour of increasing that proportion to target building a better community?

Yes, I believe that community centres and the programs they offer are an essential service to our community.

Budget allocations should aim to meet the requirements of what is needed to service the community well. Council should provide thorough consultation with all the models of community centres within the City of Unley to ensure funding is proportionate to what is required in the aim of building a better community.

2. Will you support equitable funding of all community centres?

Yes. Funding may not be equal due to different models and requirements but it must be equitable to ensure the best outcomes for our whole community.

3. Would you support a policy that all Council owned buildings, particularly those used by community-based not-for-profit organisations will have solar installations installed at Council expense as a matter of ecological priority?

Yes. I believe that all Council owned buildings and especially not-for-profit tenants should be prioritised in a rollout of solar installations, as a bulk buy Council purchase. Council should pay for full or subsidised solar depending on limitations within the budget set aside for Council operations in the Climate and Energy Plan. However Council could also combine a solar bulk buy scheme for Council operations as part of a broader Community Climate Action Plan to tackle community carbon emissions. A combined purchase could be better value for money, and also provide greater energy security to residents in the process.

4. Will you support the provision of community notices and programs at no cost to the provider?

Yes I will. I also think it is important to use a wide variety of communication tools consistently to advertise what's on offer, to maximise reach. Website, social media, Unley Life, email (as applicable) etc.

5. Are you in favour of co-naming Council facilities with Kurna naming as a priority?

In principle, absolutely yes, however this process can't be rushed. It should be a priority but extensive consultation with Kurna elders (present and emerging) has to be ongoing to ensure the various views amongst Kurna people are carefully considered.

I believe Unley Council has or is, developing a Reconciliation Action Plan and I would expect this to be part of that plan or I will certainly advocate for it to be.

6. Do you support GCS Inc being given a long-term lease from the Council so that it can continue to operate as an independent community centre?

Yes, in principle I think this is a great option. As someone who hasn't been on Council however, I am unsure of the legalities around long term leases, but I do believe not-for-profits serving the community should be prioritised for long term leases. "