



MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY
Bulletin

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Dear Members

Welcome to 2017 – our 40th Anniversary year!

It is a credit to your membership, the current committee as well as past members and committees, that the Society and its opinions are regarded highly by State Parliamentarians, State Government Departments, Local Governments and Councillors. In the last 12 months we also had a visit and talk from the Chair of the Heritage Council, Ms Anne Arnold, who very much appreciated the work of local heritage societies such as ours.

This high regard for our Society, due in part to our large representative membership and apolitical stance, is on display in this *Bulletin* with both major political party candidates responding to a list of ten questions prepared collectively by your Committee regarding heritage issues in the heritage protection areas of Inglewood, Menora and Mount Lawley.

All candidates contesting the seat of Mount Lawley were contacted with our questionnaire. Three candidates responded: the Animal Justice Party (Kandi Revian), Labor Party (Simon Millman) and the Liberal Party (Michael Sutherland).

The candidates who did not reply were the WA Greens (Matt Roberts), Micro Business Party (Alexandra Farsalas) and Australian Christians Party (Janelle Van Burgel).

I thank all three local candidates for their responses and invite you to peruse their responses closely over a cuppa before casting your vote next Saturday 11 March 2017.

Finally, it is with sad news that I report the demolition of the last corner store in Walcott Street, Mount Lawley/Menora. Further details on our [Facebook page](#).

Yours sincerely
Paul Collins
President

Questionnaire for Candidates nominating for the Seat of Mount Lawley in the March 2017 WA State Election

General Reply from the Animal Justice Party (Kandi Revian – Candidate):

We are a political party formed purely to represent the rights and interests of non-human animals in the political system. Given around 80% of legislation passed affects animals directly or indirectly, I'm sure you can imagine we have our hands full just getting our heads around all those animal-related issues and our policies that cover them.

The AJP is unique in that we do not strive to represent those who vote for us, but rather those who have no vote, despite the impact that legislation passed in Parliament has on them.

Given the lack of impact heritage listing and preservation has on animals, it is not an issue we are well versed in or have a comment on, except to say

Answer to Question No 5.

No, the AJP has not received any financial support from property developers.

Answer to Question No 8.

We would probably support the implementation of underground power if the impact of that on animal life was less than overhead power lines.

Answer to Question No 9.

The less vehicles on the roads, the less injuries to and deaths of animals – companion and wildlife, so we would always support maintaining and increasing current public transport options.

Question	Labor Party Response (Simon Millman – Candidate)	Liberal Party Response (Michael Sutherland – Candidate)
1. What does heritage protection mean to you?	One of the reasons Tara and I chose to raise our family in Mt Lawley was its character and heritage features.	Maintaining the character of certain areas by protecting certain buildings and a sympathetic streetscape.
2. What do you see as the threats to heritage protection and what is your plan to address these threats?	Some of the threats I see to heritage protection are Governments not consulting the broad community about detail to be included in planning laws, developers not complying with the law or not taking into account the important heritage values of the area.	There are various threats such as demolition by neglect, illegal demolition, etc. Legislation to prevent demolition by neglect should be passed as a priority in the next Parliament.
3. Do you and your party support the Beaufort Street Scheme Amendment as adopted by the City of Stirling in May 2016 and which was then sent to the Minister for Planning's Department?	I support the Beaufort Street Scheme Amendment and if elected I will work with the Minister for Planning to progress the approvals process.	I support the scheme which is very impressive.
4. Do you and your party support the Metropolitan Scheme Amendment to widen the road reservation on Guildford Road in Mount Lawley and Maylands?	No.	I support the upgrading of Guildford Road within the existing Road Reserve. (see bottom of this email for link to MLS website News page for the letter from Mr Sutherland to residents October 2016)

5. Do you and/or your party receive financial support from property developers?	The WA Labor Mt Lawley campaign has not received any support from property developers.	Not at a local level. Any other queries can be directed to the Liberal Party Head Office.
6. Do you and your party support the abolition of Development Assessment Panels?	If elected I will work with local communities to ensure that the State fully comprehends and responds to community concern with the administration and decisions of DAPs. The Shadow Planning Minister Rita Saffioti and I will meet with the Mount Lawley Society to discuss these concerns.	No.
7. How can you assist the Mount Lawley Society in its quest to find a new home so that our resources are more safely stored and more accessible to our members?	I was pleased to recently announce that a McGowan Labor Government will contribute \$10,000 towards the Society's archiving program. If elected I will work with Government departments to find a permanent home for the Society.	I will be happy to try to assist with finding some more suitable accommodation if I am re-elected.
8. Do you and your party commit to implementing underground power in the heritage protection areas of Mount Lawley, Menora and Inglewood that are yet to be completed?	(see below)	Yes
If so, then please outline your timetable?	If elected I will work with the City of Stirling to see if there is a role for the State Government in the further roll out of underground power.	The timetable is dependent on the amount of money the State Government is prepared to spend on the various 'Rounds'. On application by the city of Stirling, Menora has been included in Round 6, work is due to begin this year.
9. Do you and your party commit to retaining Mount Lawley train station open as an accessible public transport option?	A McGowan Labor Government will retain the Mount Lawley train station as part of our integrated public transport system – Metronet.	Yes (see bottom of this email for link to MLS website News page for the letter from Mr Sutherland to residents October 2016 and communication from Hon Bill Marmion)
10. Do you and your party oppose forced council amalgamations or boundary adjustments?	WA Labor opposes forced Council amalgamations.	Yes.

Go to the [Mount Lawley Society website/News page](http://www.mountlawleysociety.org.au/News) for the letters to residents from Mr Michael Sutherland re Guildford Road widening and the Mount Lawley and Meltham Street train stations as well as the response from Hon Bill Marmion.

Facebook and Instagram

Those members who use Facebook are invited to check out the Mount Lawley Society page. Please 'LIKE' our Facebook page and also 'SHARE' posts that you agree with. <https://www.facebook.com/mountlawleysociety/>

Also 'FOLLOW' our Instagram page https://www.instagram.com/mount_lawley_society/

Next Meeting

Members are always welcome at our monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club. **The dates of the next two meetings are Monday 6 March 2017 and Monday 3 April at 7.30pm.**
