

## **Bay 93.9 Questionnaire 10 Oct. 2017**

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**In what suburb do you live?**

Marcus Hill (in between Drysdale and Ocean Grove)

**How long have you lived in Geelong?**

38 Years total.

I was Raised on the Bellarine – attended Point Lonsdale PS and Queenscliff High School

- I studied Civil engineering at the Gordon and later, a Masters in International relations Deakin
- I contribute and volunteer locally. I have devoted much time as President of Bellarine Landcare

**Occupation:**

- Currently I live and farm at Marcus Hill and
- I formerly worked as a civil engineer, a Maths and Environmental Science Teacher and a farmer
- My most recent 20 years' profession has been Leading, planning and implementing International Humanitarian Recovery and development Programmes for the UN, EU, and the Australian Government.

**What do you hope to bring to the council in a professional sense?**

Professional qualifications and heaps of experience working with and strengthening communities

- Associate Diploma of Civil Engineering (1968); Gordon Institute of Technology.
- Trained Technical teacher's certificate (1972).
- Governance Certificate IV (2008)
- Master of Arts (International Relations). Deakin University
- I worked in the humanitarian space since 1987 in a broad range of complex and natural emergencies and where there has been transition to the recovery phase. For many years I worked at the level of Country Director for various NGOs in African countries such as Mozambique, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Sudan, and others like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Philippines and PNG.

**What do you hope to bring to the council in a personal sense?**

I want to make a useful and lasting contribution to the City of Greater Geelong, its people, culture, economy and environment.

I can do this by applying the principles, knowledge and skills which I have developed over a lifetime of a challenging and diverse professional career. This is my opportunity.

My Vision supports the Greater Geelong 30-year plan for a clever and creative future. I see an environmentally sustainable, consultatively socially-equitable detailed plan, carefully and well implemented.

Elements of this vision include a prosperous, safe, educated, happy, healthy, inclusive, well connected and welcoming multicultural community. Parks, cultural and lifestyle amenities will abound.

**Your greatest personal attribute:**

I have a capacity to establish sound and constructive relationships

**Favourite football team:**

Cats

**Favourite food:**

Thai Tom Yum

**Favourite band/singer:**

Van Morrison

**The three top issues facing Geelong:**

- Cohesive and good governance
- Ensuring the 2018 council plan forms a strong foundation for the Clever and creative 30 year plan
- Ensuring Sustainable and carefully planned housing, industrial and recreational development, with properly protected natural and rural assets.

**The three top issues facing the ward in which you are standing:**

- A fair go for the Bellarine
- Sustainable and carefully planned housing, industrial and recreational development,
- Properly protected natural and rural assets.

**Are you a member of a political party?**

Yes

**If yes, which party?**

I am a member of the Portarlington branch of the ALP

- I am Not running as an endorsed candidate – Council elections should not be party political
- I think and act independently; and I
- Judge issues on their merits

**Who is funding your campaign?**

I am funding my campaign. I have received some donations, all amassing a total of \$1100

**What are your plans for preferences?**

I have advertised on my website, and Facebook

[www.jimmason.com.au](http://www.jimmason.com.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/jimmasonbellarine/>

and in The local; Newspapers Geelong Advertiser, Echo, Voice and Bellarine times

Here are my preferences

<b>Jim Mason</b> <b>How I will Vote</b>
[5] ADAMS, Naomi [4] GOERSCHEL, Petra [11] SULLIVAN, Trent [9] ASHER, Stephanie [13] ROE, Tom [7] SIMS, Art [3] McGAIN, Stephen [10] O'BRYAN, Denis [12] VAN BEVEREN, John [1] MASON, Jim [2] BRACKLEY, Anne Elizabeth [8] WEBB, Stewart [6] ELLIS, Lindsay