

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	East Gippsland Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	East Gippsland Shire Council
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	COLUMBUS, Steven

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)

I passionately believe that youth and young families are the future of our region, but Council isn't serving them well. We must make East Gippsland attractive for youth and young families to live, work, and thrive. Let's give locals better reasons to stay and new residents more reasons to settle.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

Provide details (maximum 50 words)

I've 25 years of public policy development, quality assurance and governance experience in higher education, vocational education, State and local government. I worked at East Gippsland Shire in governance, so I understand how things work, the challenges confronting Shire officers and Councillors. I'll make the system work for you.

Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above?	Yes
Have you read the current Councillor Code of Conduct for the council named above?	Yes
Are you endorsed by a registered political party? Note: Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002. If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? Note: Council meetings means Council meetings referred to in section 61 of the Local Government Act 2020 but does not include meetings held for which a Councillor has been granted leave from attending by the Council.	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> On Facebook search: "Steven Columbus - Candidate for East Gippsland Shire Council" or contact me by email: steven.columbus.eg@gmail.com	

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