Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Ballarat City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Central Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	McINTOSH, Samantha

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

For Ballarat to thrive, I'll focus on sustainable growth, support for local businesses, new development, and improved infrastructure. I'll work towards enhancing community parks, libraries, playgrounds and sporting facilities, protecting our heritage as we grow, transparency in decision-making, and making Ballarat a greener, more inclusive and healthier city for all.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor? *Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

My proven ability to engage with community, policy analysis, and sustainable development will enable me to serve effectively. I bring strong leadership skills, a collaborative approach, and a commitment to transparency. My ability to listen to diverse perspectives and advocate for local priorities will help drive positive change for Ballarat.

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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?	Yes
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office?	>90%
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)? *Provide details* 13 Hotham Street, Lake Wendouree 3350 0456 686 562 samanthamcintoshballarat@gmail.com

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