## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Ballarat City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Buninyong Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	TAYLOR, Ben

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

Local government should be about Local issues. Ballarat is growing and Council needs to manage this growth while keeping its unique character. To deliver the service and infrastructure we need better planning and strategic action. I want Ballarat to be a better place to live, work and raise a family.

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

Current Councillor for South Ward for 12 years, Mayor and Deputy Mayor positions. Chair of contracts committee and member of infrastructure and environment portfolio. Executive Officer for a Not for Profit. Father of 4 and understand the cost of living pressures facing families each day.

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%
<b>Note:</b> 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* Email: ben4buninyong@gmail.com Ph: 0437 787 129

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