Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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

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

To contribute to a functional and responsive council which represents the key needs of its varied communities. A municipality that has a balanced approach to development and employment in traditional and emerging sectors; and which compliments our natural environment responsibly. A progressive, balanced municipality, with opportunities for all.

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

I am self disciplined, organized have well developed analytical skills gained through two decades with the ADF and university qualifications. This, in addition to experience as a General Store keeper plus working on multiple community led organisations has enabled me to remain connected to the community and understand their needs.

| Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above? | Yes |
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| 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> | |

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