

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Greater Dandenong City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	Cleeland Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	HEWAVITHARANA, Pradeep

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

I aim to prioritize the needs of our ageing population and disabled residents while championing accessible infrastructure, inclusive programs, and equal opportunities for all. By focusing on these areas, we'll build a more vibrant, compassionate community that serves both present and future generations.

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

As a global citizen with experience in three countries, I offer a unique perspective to our municipality. My background in education, disability advocacy, and diverse volunteering equips me to serve as an empathetic Councillor, committed to fostering an inclusive community where every voice is valued and heard.

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? <b>Note:</b> <i>Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002.</i> 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? <b>Note:</b> <i>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.</i>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> Your concerns are my priorities: roads, rubbish, and disability access. Let's tackle these challenges together! I'm here to listen and act. hewavitharana@gmail.com or 0417217368	

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