## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Yarra Ranges Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Chirnside Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	HIGGINS, Richard

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* That council supports and supplies the local community with the required services, facilities, and landscape, to have a happy, healthy life style, free from excessive costs and restrictions. Ensuring all residents, no matter their age have a say in making the Yarra Ranges the best place to live.

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

I have been a councilor for 12 years and have held the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. I'm a board member for Mooroolbark Bendigo Community bank and METEC. During 36 years as a police officer (Retired) and as a councilor I have chaired meetings, committees and overcome many disputes.

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?	Yes	
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.	>90%	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> mobile:- 0435782737 email:- richardhiggins2024election@outlook.com		

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