

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Strathbogie Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Strathbogie Shire Council
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	BINKS, Laura

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)
 'Strathbogie Shire is a region of natural beauty with vibrant communities who are respectful, optimistic and inclusive.' Working together, we embrace opportunities, care for each other and the natural world. We are financially sustainable and have strong collaborative partnerships that ensure our ongoing success. We welcome tourists and new residents.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?
Provide details (maximum 50 words)
 2020-2023 - Councillor and Mayor at Strathbogie Shire Council. 2021-2023 - Deputy Chair and North East Member of Rural Councils Victoria, an advocacy body supporting 34 rural councils across Victoria. Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors - Company Directors Course. Sole trader, consultant, building design and construction professional, small scale farmer.

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? <small>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.</small>	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small>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.</small>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> laurajpbinks@gmail.com 0438509833	

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