

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Benalla Rural City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	Benalla Rural City Council
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	HEWA GUNARATNE, Puna

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)  
 My vision for Benalla Rural City is to have a well-connected community. It is a place where it is easy to find a place or group for everyone to fit in, feel comfortable, and people can afford to live well.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?  
*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*  
 I have 4 years experience as a Councillor since 2020, and I am a Certified Practising Accountant working in health. I am committed to community service, and I generously give my time to many community groups in Benalla. I believe that volunteering builds resilient communities.

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><b>Note:</b> 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?	Yes
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small><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.</small>	>90%
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> puna4community@gmail.com	

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