Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Surf Coast Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Winchelsea Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	PHELPS, Tony

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* I'm committed to sustainable development, preserving town characters while easing coastal pressure. I want timely maintenance of parks and roads for a vibrant community. By promoting activities that foster connection and a balanced budget, I'm looking to maximise value for every dollar. Transparency, communication, collaboration are key.

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

I've long been committed to our community. I chair Winchelsea Community House, volunteer as a firefighter, and support local initiatives eg. the Winchelsea Community Action Plan. Holding an engineering degree and MBA, I ensure a strong connection to community needs and encourage your input.

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? Note: <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? 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> Facebook: facebook.com/tonyphelps4winchelseaward Email: candidate@tonyphelps.com Phone: 0488 859 139 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm – because work/life balance matters!)		

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