## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Warringine Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	STEPHENS, Michael

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

Warringine consists of many tight community groups bound by a love of the area. With their connections to Westernport, the busy business centre of Hastings, and country feel of Bittern and Crib Point. I see Warringine gently growing while protecting the natural elements that these groups cherish.

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

Over 30 years working and operating a local small business. I have deep community connections and involvement, from CFA, Westernport coastal committee management, school council, and community group participation. I have tertiary degree qualifications. Raised my family, and I know that integrity means everything.

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: 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.	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> 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)? Provide details	

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