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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council By-Election 2023
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	Watson Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	BORZECKI, Stefan

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council?

*(maximum 50 words)*

A more open and transparent Council that concentrates on providing the basic services at the best value to the Ratepayers. More emphasis on productivity in all Shire operations less activity on Global /Federal/State issues.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

Experienced in Civil Engineering and Merchant Banking in Major Companies; combined with developing and operating a successful small business in Watsons Ward for the past thirty years. This required constant difficult negotiations/interaction with Shire.

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What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council?

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I envisage that the upgraded Frankston Flinders rd roundabout intersection in Somerville will vastly progress. That Watson ward sporting clubs will have increased council support. That small businesses in Watson have greater support. That the people of Watson will have their concerns more thoroughly heard and addressed.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

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I have 35 years experience running a small business. I hold degrees in both Psychology and Sociology. Have a deep volunteer involvement history on the peninsula. Have thorough listening and mediation skills. Have broad board and director experience. Have skills in working with people from diverse backgrounds.

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What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council?

*(maximum 50 words)*

My vision for the Watson Ward is to make all the towns better places to live and work in. I will campaign to restrict all heavy vehicles from Tyabb, Somerville and Baxter, To assist Local people to readily work in the area by facilitating a council run work wanted scheme

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

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I am an electrical engineer and planner. I have been involved in strategic planning in the oil and gas field so am familiar with the needs and issues surrounding the areas major industries. I am able to be involved in the development of advanced forms of enterprises in our towns.

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What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council?

*(maximum 50 words)*

Being a mid term election, with Council Wellbeing Plan in place, I look forward to adding views of Watson Ward residents to ensure fair outcomes for our ward.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

Experienced craftsman, manager, building industry, also working voluntarily in community roles: Boards of Lions Clubs International, Royal Victorian association of Honorary Justices - on call 24 hours a day answering needs of people caught in justice system. As professional athlete, strong interest in provision of sporting facilities at all levels.

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<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	BEVERIDGE, Susie

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council?

*(maximum 50 words)*

With community and fellow colleagues, guide the Shire in building and strengthening connections with the community, primarily at Watson Ward level; our Westernport region; then whole of Mornington Peninsula, to oversee significant improvements in quality of services and infrastructure, but also preserve what we love most about where we live.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

Strength in endurance. Twice elected Shire Councillor; second time unopposed. No political ties. Chair of Community Renewal Steering Committee. Ability to forge strong partnerships, networks with all participants regardless of political spectrum. Wisdom through lived experience of hardships has enabled me to generate funding, awareness and kindness. Knowledge of legislation.

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What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council?

*(maximum 50 words)*

My vision is for a safe, prosperous community where people can enjoy our beautiful peninsula. We need modern, safe facilities that fit the needs of our growing population, whilst also supporting the businesses that sustain our community. I will apply a balanced, commonsense approach to shaping our future peninsula.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

Former Deputy Mayor for Mornington Peninsula. Completed many Victorian Local government courses improving skills in planning, community engagement, project funding. Professional financial background and contract Bookkeeper. Previous small retail business owner. Ability to liaise with people from all backgrounds enables me to successfully negotiate for community groups.

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