

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Watson Ward by-election

Your council, your vote



You must be enrolled to vote

A by-election for Watson Ward within Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will be held in March 2023. To be able to vote in the by-election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at **4 pm** on **Friday 20 January 2023**. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council by-election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

State-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this by-election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 18 March 2023 **AND**
- you live in Watson Ward **AND**
- you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 18 March 2023 **AND**
- you live in Watson Ward and you are not on the State electoral roll **OR**
- you have lived at your current residential address within Watson Ward for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at vec.vic.gov.au

You can also download an enrolment form from the website.

All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at **4 pm** on **Friday 20 January 2023**.

How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at vec.vic.gov.au at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

Council-enrolled voters

Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 18 March 2023 **AND**
- not a State-enrolled voter within Watson Ward.

You are automatically enrolled for this by-election if you were enrolled as a non-resident owner at the most recent election for Watson Ward.

If your circumstances have changed since the most recent election and you are no longer a non-resident owner of that property, you will not be automatically enrolled for this by-election. Depending on your circumstances, you may still be eligible to apply to be enrolled as a Council-enrolled voter.

Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property in Watson Ward since the last election and you are not automatically enrolled **OR**
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within Watson Ward **OR**
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in Watson Ward and have no other voting entitlement within Mornington Peninsula Shire, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for the tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within Mornington Peninsula Shire **OR**

- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation within Watson Ward that pays rates to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and you have no other voting entitlement within Mornington Peninsula Shire.

How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the above-mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact Mornington Peninsula Shire Council on (03) 5950 1206 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at **4 pm** on **Friday 20 January 2023**.

How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on (03) 5950 1206.

Thinking about standing for election?

To nominate as a candidate for Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Mornington Peninsula Shire Council **AND**
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected **AND**
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit vec.vic.gov.au

Enrolment closes

4 pm Friday 20 January 2023

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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