

I have lived here since 1995 and am happily married with 7 grown children and 5 (so far) grandchildren. I assist my husband in his local small business and have a professional background mainly in the public service.

Soon after moving here I began volunteering whenever and wherever I could, to give back to the community that I feel has given me so much, and I have been, and still am, a member of many community groups and committees, including playgroups, P&Cs, school boards and progress associations.

I still have a passion for serving the community and believe it is vital to listen before acting to ensure I am representing residents' views. I am not afraid to stand up and speak on behalf of the community and individual residents, and effectively use my extensive experience and a comprehensive understanding of good governance and all relevant shire policies and overarching legislation.

I support development and growth within the shire, in appropriately zoned areas, that does not impact current residents' properties and lifestyles.

I continue to recommend changes to policies to make them more user-friendly and allow residents to enjoy a greater range of lifestyles within a safe, inclusive, and attractive environment.

I have served on Shire committees including Audit, Art, CEO Review & Selection, and the Community Safety Committee, which I am chairperson of. I have also been a Shire representative on Avon Tourism, Roadwise, the Wheatbelt JDAP and regional local government organisations.

Some areas I would be advocating for include improving effective communication between the Shire and residents, the safety and wellbeing of our residents, supporting local business, the activation of towns and localities throughout the shire for both residents and tourists, and fair and equitable access to facilities and services throughout the shire.

I believe I have the necessary skills, knowledge, passion and determination to be a hardworking and effective President for our shire.