

Additional Information

Local government is about accountability, transparency, getting the best outcomes for residents and being efficient and cost-effective. Everything a Local Government does should pass the pub test. No overseas trips on the ratepayers dollar!

I have great respect for our current Mayor but 17 years in the role is a long time. In my 6 years on Council, I've worked hard to do the best job I can. I've replied to every phone call and email I've received. I sit on numerous committees and reference groups, including chairing the City's Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee and I attend all residents group meetings in my ward.

Being on Council is about the wins you get for the community. I helped our wonderful volunteers who run a free food service get a premises. I pushed to ensure affected residents at the caravan park will get financial compensation when redevelopment happens. The City's getting a tree protection policy, we now have a Sustainability and Environmental Reference Group and are an Owl Friendly City.

I want to introduce placemaking planning: public consultation through collaborative design to create public spaces; putting community involvement and well-being at the front of the planning process. You consider IF something can happen before deciding it WILL happen. The process involves working with residents, businesses and local authorities to find out what they all need and want. You then develop strategies that enhance quality of life within that space. It's an iterative process involving continuous feedback, adjustments, and improvements based on community and stakeholder input. We, those who live, work and play here, should be shaping our community, not politicians and developers.

A Mayor is spokesperson, champion and advocate. This matters because State Government is taking power from Local Government, particularly with planning decisions. We need a stronger voice and I can be that voice. If you'd like more information about me please get in touch.