

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name	HARRINGTON, Karen
Candidate name	Karen HARRINGTON
District	Shire of West Arthur
Nominating for	Councillor for Shire of West Arthur
Election type	Ordinary
Enrolment status	HARRINGTON, Karen is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of West Arthur.

Serving in this role over my first term has been a privilege and I am passionate about advocating for the sustainable future of our community. My commitment is to ensure our shire flourishes now and for future generations. It is about fostering a place where families thrive, local businesses prosper, and natural resources are preserved. I am committed to truly listening to your concerns, your ideas, and your visions for our future. Through genuine engagement and collaboration, we can build a vibrant, healthy, and inclusive community. I welcome feedback, discussion, and debate, and I will continue to work hard to ensure everyone feels heard and represented in council decisions. I will advocate for sustainability, champion economic growth and job creation, remain financially focused, and always listen respectfully to the people I represent. Together, we can ensure our shire is a place where we are proud to live, work, and raise our families.

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Additional Information

Throughout my term, I have been guided by the objectives and strategies detailed in the Shires key strategic documents, developed in close consultation with our community. Most notably, the Economic Development Plan and the Strategic Community Plan Towards 2031 have shaped my priorities and approach. These documents reflect the collective aspirations of our residents and provide a clear pathway for progress. These strategies guide council decision-making, ensuring our policies and investments reflect the will of the community.

Economic development is another critical focus. I believe that fostering growth in our shire will create more local jobs, attract new residents, and build our tourism profile. I have worked diligently to support initiatives that stimulate our economy and create new opportunities for everyone. Our rural heritage and natural beauty are assets that, with strategic vision, can draw visitors and new enterprise to our region, fuelling sustainable population growth and enhancing our sense of place.

Financial responsibility is paramount to our future viability. I am committed to continuing my focus on prudent, transparent financial management. This means prioritising essential services and infrastructure, seeking efficiencies, and building strong reserves for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

During my term, I have served as the SOWA Deputy President, presiding member of the SOWA Audit & Risk Committee, Deputy Chairperson of 4WDL VROC, member of the subcommittee of the 4WDL Executive Housing Committee plus a member of both the Central Country Zone and the Executive Central Country Zone. Additionally, I have been actively advocating for community benefits in preparation for the States renewable energy transition within the Shire over multiple committees. I have met with various ministers to advocate for key worker housing, community benefit funds for hosting renewable energy projects, and to oppose the phase-out of sheep live export.