I am a Health Scientist and author who lives with her husband in Bridgetown after retiring from an illustrious 23-year career across various Departments in State and local Government both in Western Australia and Tasmania. We have brought up 5 children and are very proud of their achievements. After moving from Perth to the Bridgetown, I worked for three years combined at the Shire, Talison Lithium and Geegeelup Aged Care as a Human Resource consultant before making the switch to Shire Council in 2022. I am passionate about the community, its youth, aged care and indigenous and cultural heritage. After a year-long apprenticeship in Chambers, learning the Council and local Government ropes, I feel confident to continue the work this innovative and forward-thinking Council has initiated. With a new CEO starting in October 2023, and the strategic industry partnership finalised with Talison Lithium, I believe the best is yet to come for both Bridgetown and Greenbushes, and I am excited to be part of this positively growing future. I strive to work closely with the Shire, my Council colleagues, community members and industry to achieve better outcomes for all residents. My passion includes creating a more affordable housing strategy for the Shire, maintaining our road and infrastructure systems, improving tourism and business across the Shire, and providing the best protection for our environment and any emergencies should they occur. Local Government relies almost entirely on the contribution of rate payers for its operational and strategic undertakings, and those monies must be spent wisely. State and federal Government and now industry contributions allow for further improvements; however, I believe the appropriate and fair distribution of funds is paramount to ensure an equitable allocation across all sectors of the community. That is what I stand for, and with your vote for my nomination, I believe this Council can achieve exactly that.