

It has been a great privilege to serve the community of Bridgetown Greenbushes as a Councillor for the past 4 years.

I entered Council with the desire to help improve the lines of communication between the Shire and the community and I think I have made definite progress in that area. My weekly On the Bench sessions and monthly ones in Greenbushes have allowed me to stay well connected to the feelings and opinions of locals. It has given me the opportunity to assist some residents with their concerns and issues and continues to give me a good general sense of how the community sees things. This means I am confident that I am bringing a relevant community voice to Council when we are making decisions.

Since being elected as Shire President in May 2022 I have treated the role as my job and have made myself as approachable as possible. I have also been able to have a more direct role in approaching areas of concern. I am pleased to have guided Council through some big decisions including the relocation of the Visitor's Centre to the renovated Railway Station, the recruitment of a new CEO and the commencement of the new Partnering for the Future collaboration with Talison Lithium which has secured \$1,640,459 to fund significant capital works projects this year. I look forward to further substantial funding via this partnership agreement over the coming years.

The Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes is at the beginning of a phase of significant change. I understand the community has some nervousness around this change and I am committed to ensuring the essence of what we treasure in our Shire is protected.

I am excited about the future and, if re-elected, I am looking forward to working with the accomplished new CEO Nicole Gibbs and am confident we have an extremely capable Council who will work with the community and the Shire management. We look towards building a new level of customer service, asset management and provision of services in line with community expectations.