

### Additional Information

Having worked with many children who are now the youth of our community, I feel a deep responsibility to listen to them as future leaders of our community. I am steadfast in ensuring their voices are heard, supporting initiatives that strengthen youth wellbeing, education, and employment pathways, and creating opportunities that work.

My professional experience in teaching, childcare, and community advocacy has given me insight into supporting families, children, and vulnerable community members. I am passionate about equity and access, working with stakeholders to ensure inclusivity for people with disabilities and advocating for services that meet the needs of residents, particularly those who may be marginalised.

I have successfully written funding applications and secured numerous grants. These achievements demonstrate my ability to turn ideas into meaningful outcomes that benefit the wider community.

Having also run a small family business for 27 years, I understand the challenges of managing a business and supporting employees. Nurturing local businesses is vital, as they provide the unique goods and services that contribute to our region's distinctive character. By strengthening local businesses, we strengthen the fabric of our community.

I have firsthand experience providing palliative care for my husband, navigating healthcare and support services, deepened my understanding of the challenges families face and the importance of empathetic, coordinated care. As a wildlife carer and environmental advocate, I am committed to preserving our region's biodiversity and promoting sustainability for future generations.

I honour and work alongside the Wadandi Pibelman peoples, acknowledging them as First Nations custodians of this land and I will ensure their voices are respected and included in decision making.

I bring the time, energy, and dedication to give back to the community, with pragmatism & compassion.