

### **Additional Information**

I have called this region home for over 33 years, I am hugely proud of our community but like many others, I have mixed emotions about the change we've seen here. It's hard to see the town lose elements of that rural charm that makes it so appealing, but we all want to live here, which means development is inevitable. One of my strongest drivers in running for council is to have input into the measures we implement when it comes to maintaining the "essence" or "soul" of our region, while also making it a place that people can move to, afford to live, succeed in business or small business, raise children, enjoy retirement, surf, create art and do all the things that make life so valuable.

I believe it is possible to balance development and sustainability; it is hugely important to protect the natural environment here - the bushland, the coastline, the wildlife - things that make people want to live here. It is equally important to create the infrastructure to support an ever-growing population and the large volume of tourists who keep so many local businesses afloat and that is where balanced decision-making is required. Since my time as a student at Margaret River High School (and Busselton SHS for yr 11 and 12), I have had a successful career in the corporate world related to mining & construction, worked in the entertainment industry and tried my hand as a musician, but ultimately my heart lay back in the South-West and I moved back with a young family over 10 years ago. My wife and I opened Margaret River's first indoor children's playcentre - Little Monsters Play Centre - I have been President of both MRPS & MRSHS P&Cs (4yrs each) and have been heavily involved in lobbying the state government for the funds to complete the school build. As I no longer work full-time, I would like to dedicate more of my time to my community as a Shire councillor and hope I can rely on your vote.