I have served 6 years as a Councillor and currently the Deputy Shire President. I was raised in Australiad and my childhood consisted of mostly outdoor activities based around the Leschenault Estuary and Collie River. I left Australind to enlist in the Regular Army and served for 20 years retiring as a Major and returning home with my family. During my military service I gained experience in administration and logistics at a strategic, operational and tactical level. I was posted as the Operations Officer of the Soldier Career Management Agency responsible for the administration, training and promotion of all serving regular soldiers. I was also responsible for raising the first Brigade Administrative Support Battalion in WA, which involved the amalgamation of 6 different units and personnel. On returning home I worked part time with the Education Department and Lot 208 Youth, delivering youth services throughout the Shire and volunteered on a number of community groups. Simply put I love this part of Australia I call home. The decision to stand for election as your Shire President is a decision I have not taken lightly. I would embrace the opportunity to continue serving on Council in the role of Shire President. I look forward to steering the projects and strategies, along with my fellow Councillors, that will support our growing Shire. I will stand against the cost shifting of State and Federal responsibilities onto local government. I will continue to serve with integrity, fairness and make my decisions objectively. I am a participative leader and have the courage of my convictions to make difficult decisions. Please consider a vote for me as your Shire President so I may continue to represent and serve with integrity and purpose to achieve positive outcomes for our growing Shire.