

Additional Information

As a serving City of Gosnells Councillor, I have for the most part lived in Thornlie since the mid-eighties. I returned to Thornlie in 1994 after serving four years as a police officer in South Hedland. With my wife Catherine, we raised our three children here in the City of Gosnells. Its been my privilege to serve as a City of Gosnells Councillor for the last four years. I like to think that along with my fellow councillors and the Citys amazing staff, we have achieved a great deal for our community such as the Youth Entertainment Space recently opened in Southern River. I am very conscious of how we spend ratepayers money so I was delighted to initiate and progress a motion recently through the City of Gosnells to reduce election costs by potentially a half a million dollars every two years. Im happy to announce that this idea has received critical support from the Minister for Local Government Hon Hannah Beazley. Such a saving could be used in other important areas of need in the city and potentially save up to \$10 million across the state. My family connection to the City of Gosnells goes back to the turn of the last century when my great-great grandparents, Bruno and Marie Klæbe settled on five acres in King Street Gosnells, where they established a farm and lived for decades. The family home (built circa 1920) still stands today on the corner of King and Crandon streets (at the roundabout). As a long serving police officer who served in Gosnells, I have a lot of knowledge and experience to give back to our community. For so long our community has been sold short with too few police to respond or investigate crime and hoon behaviour. Illicit drug consumption is through the roof while domestic violence and crime rates are spiralling. I know this area, I am one of you and I strive to be your local voice in local government. Please look out for me over the next couple of months and come and say gday chances are we have a lot in common.