

Additional Information

I am someone who believes that setbacks can be turned into opportunities to give back.

In 2008 I sustained a serious back injury that ended my working career and changed the course of my life. Rather than letting that define me, I chose to retrain and adapt. I became a Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist, which not only gave me new skills but also helped me contribute to the early beginnings of our son's charity, Sams Spares.

Sams Spares, named after our son, has since grown into a community-driven not-for-profit that refurbishes donated laptops and provides them to individuals and families across WA who would otherwise go without. It started as a simple idea, repairing a few old devices and giving them a second life but quickly became a mission to bridge the digital divide. Watching how access to technology can change someone's life, whether for study, job searching, or staying connected, has been one of my proudest contributions.

Outside of community work, I have always valued focus, discipline, and continuous improvement. I found an outlet for this through pistol shooting, where I have been fortunate to win numerous medals for my marksmanship. The sport has taught me patience, control, and the importance of staying calm under pressure, skills that carry over into my approach to community service and leadership.

Living with a disability has also given me a deep understanding of resilience and advocacy. I know what it feels like to face barriers, and I am passionate about making sure systems and services work for people, not against them. That perspective drives much of my involvement in local initiatives, from neighbourhood meet-and-greets to youth engagement and safety projects.

I am proud to call Gosnells home with my wife Diane and our two sons, Sam and Will. This community has shaped us as a family, and I am committed to giving back through practical solutions, genuine representation, and a focus on building a stronger, fairer, and more connected City.