

What will you do to make Katherine safer?

01 Peter McDougall

02 Kathy Glass

Safety starts by listening to the community, understanding my role as a Councillor, and working with stakeholders and constituents to assist in developing a sustainable pathway for a safer community.

03 Cristian Coman

- Engagement with key groups;
- Support of community (and youth) programmes;
- Community grants to support the above;
- Decisive advocacy and engagement with Territory and Commonwealth Governments, and Media;
- Support of after-hours activities for youth where possible;
- regular engagement and coordination with Police, including for review and planning of dispositions of Council owned or managed lands and assets (e.g. parks and public spaces); and
- Implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (as can be implemented noting the planning limitations arising out of the Local Government Act 2019 – NT Local Government has limited planning function).



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04 Kathryn Whitehouse

Listen - hear the concerns of residents and act on them.

Engage - work with services, agencies, and the land councils to create solutions.

Act - Tackle homelessness and address alcohol-related issues

Accountability - hold parents responsible for their children's behaviour, safety and engagement in school.

05 Joanna Holden

All Councillors will need to take responsibility to improve the safety of Katherine residents. My guarantee is I will lead the Katherine Town Council to engage with agencies and organisations to deliver solutions tailored to Katherine.

05 Toni Tapp Coutts

Lobby and advocate with all relevant stakeholders in youth engagement to establish a youth safe house where kids can be taken at night.

More public art, tree planting program encouraging family and youth to take pride in the town.

Promote youth activities and utilise the KTC sports and recreational facilities already available.

Take Council to community, through live streaming meetings, holding regular information stalls in the CBD/ shopping centre.

Council needs to step up to the plate and be part of the solutions and I will be working on this issue.

06 Jim King



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07 Ron Green

08 Anjali Palmer

From a legislative point of view, Council has no jurisdiction in managing crime, police or the justice system.

Council, however, does have the ability to participate and advocate for action from the Territory and Federal governments. We can hold our Territory government to account on the promises made and the failure to have delivered those. Well intended policy has led to a high rate of incarceration at a great cost to taxpayers (estimated to be \$3852.00 per day per person or \$1.4M per year by the Justice Reform report 2021), understandably circumvented by defence lawyers in the interest of their clients and leading to community being held to ransom by a small number of repeat offenders.

Policy created in a vacuum almost always never works. Partnerships and collaborations are the only way forward to address these issues affecting us. There are many early intervention, evidence-based programs and strategies which I will be pursuing vigorously. I will work with community members and victims of crime to create crime prevention plans which can be implemented in partnership between community and the 3 tiers of government. I will work with councillors, the CEO, NGO's the Chamber and businesses to start these conversations and engage in actions and strategies that assist in the creation of a safer Katherine.

Different and varied approaches must be investigated because clearly, whatever we are doing currently is not working.



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09 Wayne Connop

Addressing Crime through a Legal Lens

Wayne's experience in the criminal justice system as a lawyer gives him a unique edge in addressing Katherine's safety concerns. He understands the complexities of crime prevention and the importance of addressing the root causes. His expertise in criminogenic needs and crime prevention through environmental design enables him to strategize effective ways to make Katherine safer for everyone. For example I will research and examine such need and Look at affordable housing options/model for the homeless and identify land for construction of an overnight stay centre for people who do visit Katherine and do not have adequate accommodation as there is currently no accommodation available, no land identified and I will work with the various Tiers of government both Federal, Local and NTG to produce this outcome.

Tackling Social Issues through Compassion and Expertise

Homelessness is a pressing issue in our community, and it is a cause Wayne is deeply committed to. His background in law and dispute resolution makes him uniquely suited to handle the sensitive nature of this problem. By fostering dialogue and encouraging collaboration, he aims to establish sustainable solutions that respect the dignity of every individual affected by homelessness.

Infrastructure and Economic Revival

As a former director of a Territory construction company, Wayne has first-hand experience with infrastructure development. He understands the importance of good roads and robust infrastructure for the growth and prosperity of Katherine.

Moreover, Wayne believes in the potential of our town and is dedicated to boosting social enterprise and economic activity. By creating more job opportunities and economic stability, Wayne plans to usher in a new era of growth and prosperity for Katherine.



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10 Lee Fortmann

- I sincerely hope there is scope for the council to work 'hand-in-glove' with the relevant Government and Non-Government agencies. To enhance communication connecting council to the 'silos of government' – police – justice – education, to work with them to bring about a safer Katherine
- Utilize a criminological theory suggesting that visible signs of crime and civil disorder, like minor vandalism, encourage further crime and disorder, including more serious offenses. Essentially, the theory suggests that visible signs of disorder signals to potential criminals that a community is uncared for
 - Physical Disorder: This includes things like litter, graffiti, abandoned buildings, and unkept properties
 - Social Disorder: This encompasses things like public intoxication, loitering.

11 Mel Doyle

12 Amanda Kingdon

- Advocate to all tiers of Government to support tried & tested programs to reduce social issues and crime prevention, to reduce harm.
- Improve Council street lighting, safe pathway crossings, family friendly recreational areas, and
- Advocate for efficient and effective Federal highway lighting,
- Advocate for a community safe centre, improving public housing areas, and affordable accommodation for remote community visitors, and
- Implement an education program to promote respect for all people, property and Council by-laws.



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13 Kerrie Mott

Support the Mayor to advance the strong advocacy work by their predecessor, with existing NGO's, Aboriginal Organisations, Northern Territory and Federal Government agencies. Provide them with an action plan based on Community Feedback, to be implemented in stages which includes immediate to long term initiatives.

14 Jon Raynor

All I can do is advocate for a Safer Katherine. I Promise that I will be advocating strongly to Territory and Federal members to get the resources we need, to make this town safer. Remember Making Katherine Safe is EVERYONES issue, not just the Council. The Question should be What can you do to make Katherine Safe??

15 Matt Hurley

To make our town safer a greater communication between the council and NT Government needs to be cemented. So they are more aware of our growing issue. We need to be in greater contact with the federal government as well.

16 Dirk Ambjerg



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17 Ian Clark

I would advocate for more police. Advise people to get help and utilise the Neighbourhood watch. They give support and advise people on security and help to get some money back for break ins.

The safety of our community is important and I can advocate to the government because it is their role.

18 Matt Morton

