

What makes you the standout candidate?

01 Peter McDougall

02 Kathy Glass

I'm one of the few candidates who can say Katherine has been home my whole life. I've raised my family here, volunteered in many capacities from sports to helping feed the homeless, and built a business from the ground up. These experiences have given me both a broad skill set and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities our community faces. My commitment is personal, long-term, and driven by love for this town. The community of Katherine is my home.

03 Cristian Coman

Commitment to impartiality (to discharge one's duties without fear or favour, affection or ill-will) and integrity, and thorough understanding of the function (and limitations) of a Council and role of an Elected Member.

Rather than focusing on fairytale promises of 'working together', 'I will fix crime', 'economic development', and other fantasies that lie outside the scope and function of an Elected Member as prescribed by the Local Government Act 2019 and its statutory instruments, I will bring decisive action for Katherine by recognising and using the divisions of the sitting Territory and Commonwealth governments, through a combination of ministerials, media engagement, and stakeholder engagement with key groups and bodies, especially Aboriginal groups. I will have a strong focus on policies of Council - especially those affecting the rights of residents (e.g. infringement notices to be a last rather than a first resort). I will review and deliberate with Council on its current rating arrangements to ensure fairness and compliance with the Local Government Act 2019, especially current Council policy pertaining to the applicability of ss 225(3), 226(5) of the Act.



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04 Kathryn Whitehouse

A proud Katherine resident for 25 years and serving our community through two decades of policing, I know both the strengths and challenges Katherine faces. I'm a great listener and committed to turning community concerns into real action.

05 Joanna Holden

The success of Katherine's 60th anniversary show and celebrations clearly demonstrate my leadership. The success of the show required managing diverse stakeholders, meeting challenging deadlines and finances. My demonstrated leadership skills, community focus and belief in concentrating on solutions rather than problems make me the standout candidate for Katherine Mayor.

05 Toni Tapp Coutts

I will hit the road running with my proven experience and knowledge of the town. Previous 18 years on Council - former Deputy Mayor and extensive experience as a chairperson and board member on many successful organisations. Katherine Country Club, Arts & Culture Centre, Katherine Regional Arts Katherine Museum.

06 Jim King

07 Ron Green



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08 Anjali Palmer

Katherine has a general practice because of my determination to deliver the best possible service to my community. I did this through sheer strength of character and focus, engaging various stakeholders and producing the best possible outcome for the community – battling on, even when the chips were down. I am fearless in upholding and amplifying what Katherine needs and wants. My approach to success is working with people, creating environments where people feel comfortable to bring their skills to the table and engaging to bring out the best in people.

I know our town's strengths as well as its challenges. My connection to this community is deep—this isn't just where I work, it's where I live and belong. I care deeply about our future.

I'm a scientist and a systems-thinker, trained to look at the big picture and find practical, sustainable solutions. Over the years, I've worked in senior roles across public, private, and non-government sectors, which means I understand how decisions are made from all sides. My work in health, policy, program management, and community engagement has given me skills that translate directly to making our Council more effective.

I've led teams of professionals, worked closely with community members, and managed complex projects from start to finish. I take the time to listen to different viewpoints, act with integrity, and always put the community's needs at the centre of every decision. My focus is on turning good ideas into action that makes a real difference for Katherine.



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09 Wayne Connop

A Diverse Portfolio of Experience

I will work with KTC and through community consultations to support them to redesigned and to deliver various projects:

- Civic Centre Refurbishment

- I will work with KTC and community via consultation forums to support them to redesigned to deliver: • a watertight roof and modern HVAC system • accessible bathrooms and compliant ramps • energy-efficient lighting and improved insulation • separate staff and public office areas • upgraded IT infrastructure • public amenities upgrades

- Katherine Aquatic Centre Upgrade Council

- I will work hard to assist KTC to finish the upgrade to the existing 50m pool, build a 25x25m eight-lane pool with a zero-entry ramp, and install a new leisure water play area.

- provide more options for disability access and Accessible pathways for them to make their life easier around the town

- Outback Outhouse Council I will ensure KTC will through community consultation construct a fully accessible Outback Outhouse style public toilet to replace the existing one outside the Post Office.

Nature Play Park Council will install a new nature play park in one of Katherine's suburban areas.

- Irrigation System Upgrades Council I will ensure through community consultations and KTC work on replacing and upgrade irrigation systems in public green spaces.

- Priority locations include Railway Terrace, I will work with KTC and the community via consultations to upgrade Glencoe Park and Fuller Park.



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Urban and Rural Road Upgrades Council will continue to improve our roads with the priorities for 2025-26 being:

- Giles Street – improve traffic flow and parking in the school zone, and complete shoulder repairs from Cameron Street to the hospital
- Needham Terrace – complete road reseal
- Shepherd Street – complete road reseal
- Zimin Drive – shoulder upgrades and improvements at the Shadforth Road intersection
- Intersection upgrades – priorities include Helena/Florina, Collins/Byers, and Collins/Cragborn B

- Big Rivers Inter-Government Collaboration – as a mayor and councillor, I will work hard with KTC Council to lead a regional collaboration process with all key stake holder like local community, native title holders, land councils and pastoralist and the general community.to identify a common ground of consensus and come to a workable solution and produce outcomes
- I see Collaboration will better assist the region to both address challenges and strengthen connection between people and resources available to the region. I see Katherine as a Services Hub - Highlight and leverage Katherine as a services hub for all outlining areas to store produce and establish a agrihub centre for such major projects such as beetaloo project, pastoral and agricultural projects.
- I will work upgrading children's playgrounds and ensure they are brought up to safety standards and made safe for our children to apply on.
- I will work on solar lighting for our streets and paths
- I will work on footpaths and more land areas for recreation purposes



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10 Lee Fortmann

- I believe in listening to the needs and wants of the people of Katherine and acting on behalf with integrity, honesty and not playing politics to appease, I call a spade a spade – I am direct and hard working
- I have highly developed collaborative communication and working skills, to work with the Mayor, and fellow councillors
- As a school teacher for over 20 years I have extensive knowledge of the issues surrounding bureaucracy and the communication skills to deal with it

11 Mel Doyle

12 Amanda Kingdon

- Have a genuine, considerate and responsible personality
- Good knowledge of local government processes, and
- Passionate about making a difference for families, businesses, and future generations.

13 Kerrie Mott

I don't consider myself a stand out nor do I wish to be. I simply get on with the job.



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14 Jon Raynor

Everyone believes they are the stand out Candidate, However, Everyone elected to Council Has to work with 6 other persons to develop the right policies and procedures. Everyone comes into an Elected position thinking they can change the world, the ones who do are the ones who work with others to facilitate and make the changes. We have 4(four) years to make sure we head in the right direction.

15 Matt Hurley

I believe I am a standout councillor candidate because I have been in the role before. In my time away my love for Katherine has grown. I believe my ability to speak out for residents has also grown. I've got your back with passion.

16 Dirk Ambjerg

17 Ian Clark

Local for 60 years. Worked in Supervisor roles in Council for 7 years. I have been a contractor for council over many years. I understand the workings of council inside and out

18 Matt Morton

