

# Why are you running for Council?

## 01 Peter McDougall

## 02 Kathy Glass

As a local Aboriginal woman born and raised in Katherine, I believe I can advocate and build on the initiatives for Katherine through strategic developments. My strong connections with the community through my business, working life, and life in general have driven my passion to look at all aspects of a family-oriented township and to deliver a service for all.

## 03 Cristian Coman

to bring about strong, compliant and decisive leadership and representative action for the betterment of Katherine and its residents, by way of effective engagement with Territory and Commonwealth governments, peak bodies and stakeholder groups.

## 04 Kathryn Whitehouse

I'm running for council to be your voice - representing you on issues that matter most. I'm committed to ensuring every dollar is spent wisely and in the best interest of all Katherine residents.

## 05 Joanna Holden

I am running for Council because I love Katherine, she's my home. I believe I can deliver the strong leadership Katherine needs to resolve the most pressing issues facing the town.



# Why are you running for Council?

## 05 Toni Tapp Coutts

I am retiring at the end of the week and will have time to put into Council. My track record has proven that I will take on the hard jobs and speak out on behalf of ALL people in Katherine.

## 06 Jim King

## 07 Ron Green

## 08 Anjali Palmer

I love Katherine. When a vital local GP practice closed in 2020, I stepped up and founded Bauhinia Health – investing my energy, networks, and life savings into building something this community needed. It's been a hard, humbling, but deeply rewarding journey – and we are growing. I had a vision for quality, sustainable healthcare, and I delivered it. I now have a broader vision for Katherine. One that, whilst working within the envelope of the Local Government Act (2019), strengthens Council's voice through strong advocacy, unrelenting questioning of the Territory and Federal government decisions that impact our community negatively. Council has a voice – the community has given council the authority to carry that voice and channel it to advocate for the community and hold the other 2 levels of government accountable. If elected as your Mayor, I will work to ensure accountability, hold our governments accountable, make sure our voice is heard and actively engage with you in delivering the 2027 Strategic Plan. If elected as a Councillor, I will work with the Mayor and my colleagues in Council to ensure we work respectfully with each other and the CEO, be a vehicle to ensure communication between Council and community and provide regular updates to community.



# Why are you running for Council?

## 09 Wayne Connop

A Legacy Rooted in Katherine

being a born and bred local and understand the local needs are Wayne's career spans across several sectors — he's been a plumber, a teacher, mango farmer, a barrister and solicitor, and a director of a Territory construction company. Having spent over 27 years working in Federal and Northern Territory governments at executive levels, he has honed essential skills in policy-making, administration, and leadership.

His rich professional background allows him to approach Katherine's problems from a variety

of perspectives, ensuring well-rounded, efficient solutions that account for the diverse needs of our community.

I am running for Mayor and Council because I am a long-term Territorian and local person with plumbing and draining qualifications, including teaching and I hold tertiary qualifications in Law and Majored in Political Science and Public Policy, I graduated from the ANU in Canberra 2022/23.

I am currently the Executive Director of Housing at Kalano Community Association Inc for over the last 3 years working on housing and essential services for our various communities and homelands.

Wayne Connop is more than just a candidate; I was born and bred in Katherine and grew up here and he is a part of Katherine's rich heritage. His family, including pioneering figures like Henry Ventilia Peckham, who held the Northern Territories' first substantive mailing contract, and family who worked at Willeroo Station and across the cattle industry have shaped Katherine for generations. With such lineage, Wayne carries an intimate understanding of our town and a passionate commitment to its development.



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## 10 Lee Fortmann

- To be a voice for the people of Katherine
- To deliver authentic and honest communication between council and the constituents of Katherine
- Enthusiastically pursue positive outcomes for this great town

## 11 Mel Doyle

## 12 Amanda Kingdon

I am running for Mayor as Katherine as it is my home of 26 years, and I have had 4 years experience as a Katherine Town Councillor. I have participated in a Pathways to Politics program, and recently a Change makers rural Australia workshop, to develop leadership skills. I understand how Governance works and keen to build on that knowledge to serve you.

I am running for Councillor of Katherine, as it is my home of 26 years, and I have had 4 years serving as a Katherine Town Councillor. I am conscientious, and dedicated to informed decision making. Have a strong desire to continue to serve and participate in Katherine community.



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## **13 Kerrie Mott**

I have completed 2 years as an Elected Member. I would like to see projects commenced in that time, through to completion.

## **14 Jon Raynor**

I am running because Katherine has a lot of Potential, Katherine is a Crossroad of the NT, I want to see Katherine grow into the City it can become.

## **15 Matt Hurley**

I am running for councillor because I love Katherine.

## **16 Dirk Ambjerg**

## **17 Ian Clark**

I want to see Katherine improve and continue to have better services. I work well with others and I will be supportive when it is for the betterment of our town.

## **18 Matt Morton**

