

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name	O'KEEFFE, Kate
Candidate name	KATE O'KEEFFE
District	Shire of Gnowangerup
Nominating for	Councillor for Shire of Gnowangerup
Election type	Ordinary
Enrolment status	O'KEEFFE, Kate is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Gnowangerup.

My name is Kate O'Keefe and I would like to garner your support for another term as a councillor serving you on the Shire of Gnowangerup. Serving on council is a privilege and significant responsibility, one I have not taken lightly since my term began in 2019, making council commitments my priority.

I have lived in Gnowangerup for thirty years after coming here to work as a teacher in 1994. I married my husband in 1998 and together we run our family owned, mixed cropping and sheep farming business with our children.

I am an excellent communicator with well-developed interpersonal skills, highly efficient organisation skills, integrity, accountability and a thirst for learning.

In 2020 I became a registered Justice of the Peace and enjoy serving the community in that capacity.

I believe my skills, my love for our community and the people who live in its three towns and my ongoing commitment to serving our electorate make me worthy of consideration for your vote in this election.

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Cr Kate O'Keeffe

Serving on council is a privilege and a significant responsibility, one I have not taken lightly over the past four years, making council commitments my priority. I have represented the Shire on regional committees and events. I enjoy the challenge of responding to the needs of the three towns in our shire and their community members, and setting realistic and achievable goals and strategies to maintain and improve the services we offer.

The many roles I have undertaken as a teacher, from classroom teacher to Deputy Principal and the skills learnt while doing so, relate well to those skills I see as necessary for a proactive councillor; I am an excellent communicator with well-developed interpersonal skills, good organisation and time management skills, integrity, accountability and a thirst for ongoing learning. I have also enjoyed drawing on the skills learnt leading whole school planning and budgeting sessions in my capacity as a councillor and believe they help me to provide a rounded and well thought out approach to council decision making.

I remain active in and around our community, supporting the school, sporting clubs, regional sporting associations and community organisations. In 2020 I became a registered Justice of the Peace and have enjoyed serving the community in that capacity, meeting community members and businesses in need of a JP when required.

I believe my skills and knowledge over a variety of skill sets, my love for our community and the people who live in it and my ongoing commitment to serving our community make me worthy of consideration for your vote in this election. If successful I look forward to committing another four years to serving the Shire of Gnowangerup, continuing the positive and worthwhile work and contributions I have made over the past four years.