

Candidate Details



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| Ballot paper name | HARKINS, Melissa |
| Candidate name | Melissa HARKINS |
| District | Town of Cottesloe |
| Nominating for | Mayor for Town of Cottesloe |
| Election type | Ordinary |
| Enrolment status | HARKINS, Melissa is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Town of Cottesloe. |

As a Cottesloe councillor for the past 8 years and currently Deputy Mayor, I am a committed representative who cares deeply about our community and understands local issues.

As Mayor, my priorities will include enhancing the foreshore with improved recreational spaces; improving universal access; increasing sustainability & the urban canopy and preserving Norfolk Island Pines. I will work to achieve outcomes that balance sensible development with the preservation of Cottesloe's unique character, heritage and amenity. I will advocate for improved east-west connections, and a community-supported Indiana redevelopment. I am committed to the efficient management of local government basics, strengthening community engagement & sharing resources with neighbouring local governments.

As a proud and active mother of two adult children who attended local schools, sporting and surf clubs, I have a strong and personal connection to this community and I would be honoured to represent you as Mayor.

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Additional Information

With 8 years of service as a Cottesloe councillor and currently Deputy Mayor, I bring extensive knowledge of current local issues. I have worked to achieve outcomes that balance progress with the preservation of Cottesloe's unique character.

As Mayor, I will work towards securing funding for the foreshore upgrade to deliver people-friendly spaces with improved recreational areas, while protecting our precious coastline. I am committed to championing sustainability and greening by increasing tree canopy, enhancing local biodiversity, and preserving our iconic Norfolk Island Pines. I believe in ensuring universal access and inclusion in the district. Development in Cottesloe must be sensible, with genuine community consultation guiding decisions that balance mandated infill with the protection of heritage, character and amenity, while maintaining strong relationships with Government so our community's voice is heard! Improving connections between east/west Cottesloe is also vital. I will advocate for safer Curtin Ave crossings and work with the DOT to deliver better level crossings. I will ensure that the Indiana redevelopment meets community expectations and delivers a positive outcome for residents and visitors alike. I will work with the Administration to get the basics right, from roads, footpaths and waste, to the maintenance of our local amenities, strengthen community consultation, and pursue efficiencies by sharing resources with neighbouring councils.

My professional background includes executive roles in stakeholder engagement, University Lecturer, Board Member in the not-for-profit sector and service as a Justice of the Peace, giving me broad experience in leadership, governance and community service. I am a proud and active mother of two adult children who grew up in Cottesloe and attended local schools, sporting and surf clubs, which has given me a strong, personal connection to the community I would be honoured to represent as Mayor.