

About me, my beliefs and values

I was elected as a Shire of Toodyay councillor in 2019.

I understand and respect the role of Elected Members and know that the role is not just about turning up at monthly Ordinary Council Meetings.

For councillors to properly perform their role, active attendance and participation is also required at agenda briefings, concept forums, workshops, Council and outside committees and community engagements.

Representing the community means being involved in all council activities.

Being a councillor is 24/7. It requires commitment and hard work as well as time for reading and research. My record speaks for itself. I have not missed a meeting since being elected in 2019 and have attended almost every forum and workshop, either in person or online.

I have shown that I have the time and commitment to perform all the required duties.

I have worked with other councillors and the administration in a co-operative manner, rather than confrontational, as I believe this achieves the best results.

I understand the limitations of a councillor's role and that as an elected member I have no individual decision-making power. I must work as part of a team and all decisions require a majority vote of the council.

Knowing the difference between governance and operational matters is vital. Under the local government legislation, councillors are not permitted to interfere in the operational matters, as these fall within the jurisdiction of the Chief Executive Officer, the only employee of the Council.

I strongly believe that politics and personal interests should not interfere with working for all the community.

I have no vested interests which could cloud my judgement.

I am pragmatic and understand that change takes time and not everyone likes change. You can please some of the people all of the time, most of the people some of the time but a few of the people will never be pleased.

Vote Beth Ruthven

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