

In 2019, I said *“I am a strong minded, fair woman with an agenda”* that *“our people don’t receive the short straw”*

Spoke of a council *“that leads and rebuilds the community relationships. That is strategically focused in building the community’s vision of a vibrant rural community that embraces a sustainable future”* of *“efficient management”, “good basic facilities”* and *“mitigating future pressures to the shire”*.

And what we achieved was,

- ◆ a knowledgeable Council which supports robust discussion
- ◆ strong financial oversight and comprehensive reporting frameworks
- ◆ best practice governance and actioned Inquiry Report recommendations
- ◆ a disciplined and can-do culture across the organisation
- ◆ sound budgets and growth in bank reserves
- ◆ strong targeted plans within the capacity of the community to pay
- ◆ a path to address pressures and consolidate our future
- ◆ strategies to preserve our heritage, history and environment
- ◆ a strong regional and state profile

To keep rates as low as possible, solutions had to be found to achieve objectives. Scrutiny of expenses showed external revenue, particularly state and federal did not achieve cost recovery

So, I advocate strongly through regional committees, industry associations and build alliances to meet rising costs and increase funding allocations, as

- Chair of the Avon Region of Councils, the Wheatbelt Regional Roads Avon subgroup, and as the Avon-Midland Country Zone deputy councillor for the WALGA State Council
- As the Toodyay representative of the Avon-Midland Country Zone, Rural Water Council, Wheatbelt Regional Roads North, Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Group and WA Feral Pig Advisory Group,

Result

- lowered power tariffs, saved \$80,000
- increased Toodyay disaster, bridge and drainage funding
- shifted costs to Bureau of Meteorology
- obtained a review of local - biosecurity funding, road funding allocations, heavy vehicle road contributions, clearing permits

A lot done, more to do - Toodyay has a bright future – please support me.