

Jennifer McRae Profile Statement

Born in 1972, I'm a farm kid from Napier.

I attended Flinders Park PS & Albany SHS, graduating in '89 & then got shipped off to Perth to study nursing at Curtin University. I was so home sick for the farm I still wonder how I managed to graduate.

Eventually, I found my wings and flew off to my first job @ Laverton in the Goldfields, which set the scene for the first part of my career, remote area nursing with Indigenous communities across WA, NT, QLD. I spent a few years backpacking the world and nursed at a HIV outpatient clinic in London. I studied health promotion in 2000 and learnt valuable skills that have often come in handy.

After decades away, I returned home in 2005 as a single parent. Starting over, I worked as a community clinical school nurse @ NASHS & many of our local primary schools until 2019.

I'm now married with 3 teenagers.

In 2019, I established the Albany chapter of national literacy support program *StoryDogs*, where we now have 6 teams. I continue to volunteer every week at Spencer Park PS.

In 2023, after 2 years of lobbying the state government, I successfully led a small grassroots group of West Australian forced adoption survivors, to secure a state inquiry into past practices which is currently underway. I continue this advocacy work & recently helped create the state's first peer support group for adopted people living in the Great Southern Region.

If elected, I'll advocate for sustainable decision making that benefits the majority, over vested interests. I whole heartedly support the Torbay community's quest for protection from mining & will ensure that Albany town's last pocket of bushland at Yakamia, is preserved for our future generations to enjoy. I'll support policies which ensure local businesses thrive and commit to sustainable and equitable spending of ratepayer's fees.

Albany has endless potential and a positive future, but we must safeguard our town's most vulnerable before all else.