

# **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2023 ELECTIONS**

## **City of Albany Mayoral and Ordinary Councillor Nominations Statement**

### **Matt Benson-Lidholm JP BA Grad Dip Ed**

Representation & administration in the City of Albany require excellence in decision making & planning, with experience an essential ingredient.

As a councillor, my professional, business & representational skills, along with experience as a former MP have helped me to contribute to our city's high reputation. In turn, future priorities include further developing Council's vision & strategic direction.

I look forward to promoting the 2026 bicentenary and liaising with the State Government. As a JP, Director with the WA Fishing Industry Council & Regional Development Australia, also with wine producer interests & rural & remote education leadership, I can deliver much for Albany.

Social housing & good budget results are recent positives; however, I am particularly concerned about housing costs & rentals, labour shortages, and costly upgrades to our airport & ALAC. If elected I will advocate strongly in addressing all issues.

Elected members working as a team is a priority for me, as is leadership. Lyndon Johnson once said of teamwork: *"There are no problems we cannot solve together, & very few that we can solve by ourselves."*

As a demonstrated community leader, I hope to engage in a consultative, teamwork focussed approach, underpinned by integrity, in addressing our challenges.

I seek your support to be a part of Albany's exciting future, as either Mayor or Councillor.