

Additional Information

My name is James Youd and I'm standing as an independent candidate for Moresby Ward because I believe local government works best when it listens, communicates openly, spends responsibly and focuses on practical improvements that make everyday life better.

I have lived, worked and attended school in the City of South Perth for almost all my life. From McDougall Park Kindy to Como Primary and Wesley College, I've lived on Preston St, Comer St and in 2022, life came full circle when I began working at Como Primary as a teacher. That same year, I was fortunate to buy a unit in Moresby Ward.

Living in this community has given me an appreciation for what makes our community special: our green spaces, the foreshore, our quiet suburban streets and local shopping strips like Barker and Birdwood avenues.

While I work as a teacher, this year I've been a Growth Team Officer at the SSTUWA, helping graduate teachers across the state understand their workplace entitlements and rights. This advocacy work has reinforced my belief that listening to people and making steady, practical improvements over time can have a lasting impact.

That's the approach I'd bring to Council. If elected, I'll advocate for:

- Investigating broader access to rates smoothing and other flexible payment options.
- Reviewing councillor entitlements and expenditure to ensure they remain appropriate and represent value for ratepayers.
- Carefully reviewing major infrastructure spending to ensure it represents good value and helps keep rate rises as reasonable as practicable during challenging economic times.
- Supporting practical improvements that make everyday life better, from safer streets to well-maintained parks and community facilities.
- Communicating openly so residents better understand Council decisions and the reasons behind them.

Teaching and advocacy have taught me to listen carefully and ensure every voice is heard. I hope to earn your trust and represent Moresby Ward.