

### **SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

In this format, I'd like to welcome Andrew and Tammy Campbell to the Shire of Northampton and sincerely wish them a successful and enjoyable time in our part of the world. I know Council will join me in conveying that we feel very fortunate to have been able to attract someone with Andrew's experience to our district.

June has finally brought some welcome rain for much of the Shire, although properties in Ogilvie (where I live), Binu East and West, and Ajana are desperate for rain. Fingers crossed we get some more significant winter rains soon.

Congratulations to Amy Teakle who was recently received the distinguished Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) at King Charles' first honours. Amy fits in very well in the Teakle family, who have 'service' intrinsically embedded into their DNA. Thank you, Amy for all the good work you do for our community.

As the DFES Cyclone Seroja commitment comes to an end at the end of June, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Andrea Teakle for her work over the last two years as a Community Recovery Officer in Kalbarri. Part of the same Teakle family, Andrea has also worked much of her life for the service of others. Both ladies suffered devastating losses to their properties after the cyclone and yet are always committed to helping others.

I'm sure you will join me in passing on condolences to Councillor Ros Suckling on the recent passing of her father "Dick" Peterson. My thoughts are also extended to Geoff, Deb and Jenny and their families.

My deepest condolences also, to the community of Kalbarri as it comes to terms with the loss of Patrice Richardson and in particular to Tayla, Nanna Sue and all those who loved Patrice. Tayla, please know that you are loved by the Kalbarri community and by your strong network of friends.

I attended both funerals last Wednesday and was reminded how the loss of a loved one brings people together and of just how fortunate we are to have the special connections that living in close-knit communities bring. The message at both gatherings, was to tell or show the people you care about what they mean to you. Kindness, connection and compassion matter always.

Liz Sudlow  
Shire President

### **FROM THE CEO**

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, I am Andrew Campbell and along with my wife Tammy have relocated to Northampton from Manjimup to take up the role of CEO with the Shire of Northampton. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone so far for welcoming us to the multiple communities in the Shire district since I commenced on 22 May 2023.

By way of background, I am a qualified Environmental Health Officer who quickly transitioned into management roles in Local Government working my way through to the position of CEO in 2014. Having spent seventeen years as a senior executive in Local Government I have been able to develop specific skill sets, knowledge, and experience that I will be applying to the CEO role at the Shire of Northampton.

I have been very impressed generally with the Shire district particularly the resilience of people after the cyclone. I understand the recovery impact on communities from a natural disaster having presided over a major bush fire event in 2015. I am aware of the damage to significant public infrastructure from the cyclone and give my commitment to expediting public infrastructure repairs. As this happens, please be mindful that there is a complex process to gain approval under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and that process is very constrained by the requirement to replace infrastructure "like" for "like". The Shire has recently engaged consultants GHD to assist and rapid progress is being made already. Further community information will be released about the repairs in the coming months.

Aside from my focus on the cyclone repairs, over the next period I will be spending my time understanding the Shire organisation and business improvement required, making introductions with the business and "not for profit" community, re-establishing connections with government, and generally acquainting myself with the Shire district. Whilst I am predominantly located in the Northampton Shire office, I also intend to be based in the Kalbarri Shire office at least three days per fortnight to improve accessibility to the CEO. It would be appreciated if requests to meet with me be made via [ceo@northampton.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@northampton.wa.gov.au) as my schedule is currently very busy.

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Chief Executive Officer