

Additional Information

Fergus Bennett stands for lawful and accountable governance, grounded in a family legacy of community service and an understanding that local government must act with integrity, clarity and respect for the people it serves. His purpose is to restore a Council that resolves problems before they become crises and return meetings to safe, orderly domains where fair, open discourse can occur without hostility or disruption. Governance is not performance; it is the steady, principled work of protecting the public interest.

His priorities reflect this approach. Completing the lingering audit work is essential to restoring financial stability and rebuilding trust. A disciplined infrastructure and capital works program must be delivered by establishing reserves and maximising external grant funding. Planning advocacy must be strengthened so residents have a meaningful voice in shaping neighbourhood character. Environmental protection must be genuine, with a renewed commitment to growing the urban tree canopy and safeguarding the natural and civic assets that define Nedlands.

Responsible financial practice begins with governance reform. Lawful CEO selection and performance processes must empower the whole Council to represent the community effectively. A stable, respectful workplace is essential to attract and retain skilled staff, reduce turnover and deliver reliable services. Organisational change must be managed with discipline so service levels stabilise and residents receive the consistency they deserve. Rates must be contained through responsible stewardship, not short term fixes or political theatrics.

With six years experience on Council, including strong DAP representation, foreshore stewardship and constructive debate across meetings and committees, he brings a grounded understanding of Nedlands challenges. As Mayor, he will provide steady leadership, lawful governance and the organisational knowledge required to guide the City with confidence.