

Candidate Details



Ballot paper name	STARCEVICH, Sam
Candidate name	Samantha STARCEVICH
District	Shire of Esperance
Nominating for	Councillor for Rural Ward
Election type	Ordinary
Enrolment status	STARCEVICH, Sam is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Esperance.

I first ran for council to be a strong voice for rural communities whose concerns were not being heard. Over the past two years I've learnt so much, built meaningful relationships, and worked hard to advocate for residents. I'm proud of shining the spotlight on critical issues like water and roads, and of the collaborative approach I've taken with fellow councillors and staff to achieve the best outcomes. Speaking up in chambers has been a personal challenge, but listening and learning has strengthened my resolve. Community feedback has shown me how complex and demanding council work can be, and how vital it is for rural voices to be heard. If re-elected, my priorities will be maintaining and upgrading our roads, ensuring Myrup Waste Facility is delivered, and deepening community engagement to build understanding of how the shire works. I'll continue working behind the scenes to resolve concerns quickly, advocating with respect and persistence.

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Additional Information

I wanted to be a genuine voice for our rural communities, many of whom felt their concerns weren't being listened to. Living and working rurally myself, I understand first-hand how important it is that the challenges we face are not only acknowledged but acted upon. Over the past two years, I have learned so much about local government and the complexities of decision-making. Most importantly, I have worked hard to build strong relationships with councillors, staff, and community members so that together we can achieve the best possible outcomes. One of the areas I am most proud of is bringing rural priorities such as water security and road maintenance into sharper focus. Both issues affect the day to day lives of rural residents, and I have been determined to ensure they are not overlooked. At the same time, I have valued the relationships I've built across council- because real progress requires collaboration and respect.

This journey has not been without challenges. Speaking up in chambers has tested me, I have held back and listened and learned. But these moments have made me stronger and more determined. Seeing the realities of council work from the inside has also been eye-opening. I now better understand the difficulty of balancing community needs in such a vast and remote shire, where we must provide a wide range of amenities often shared elsewhere, while managing the rising costs of living.

My work in council builds on a broader commitment to rural advocacy. I've been involved in the Salmon Gums community since the 1990's be it the local group or P & C, was on Federal ICPA and was one part of the team that started Farmers Across Borders, a grass roots charity supporting communities in need across Australia. These groups, as well as all community groups show what matters most, the spirit of generosity and resilience of rural WA.

If re-elected, my priorities remain clear. Advocating and working for OUR community.