

## Candidate Details



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| Ballot paper name | <b>HART, Michael</b>                                                                            |
| Candidate name    | <b>Michael Ian HART</b>                                                                         |
| District          | <b>Shire of Esperance</b>                                                                       |
| Nominating for    | <b>Councillor for Town Ward</b>                                                                 |
| Election type     | <b>Extraordinary</b>                                                                            |
| Enrolment status  | <b>HART, Michael is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Esperance.</b> |

I've lived in Esperance my whole life. I schooled here, farm here, married & raised 4 children here. At 55 I'm still working the land and still committed.

I've also served for several years on the board of Esperance Care Services & on the board of Esperance Christian Family. Those roles taught me that institutions exist to serve people, not the other way around.

Local government will work best when it stays focused on practical outcomes for the people who live and work here; housing that is actually possible to build, roads that carry the freight our district depends on, & processes that don't add unnecessary cost or delay.

Not every problem can be fixed from the Council table. But I will ask hard questions, push for clear information, & keep the focus on what helps ordinary residents & businesses rather than what protects the institution.

My family is part of the soil of Esperance, I believe that on the Shire council I can bring insight to our oversight & build roadways to our destiny.

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### Additional Information

I've lived in Esperance all my life. I went to school here, farmed here, and with my wife have raised four children here. At 55 I'm still working the land and still committed to this district.

Alongside farming I've served for several years on the board of Esperance Care Services and on the board of Esperance Christian Family. Those roles confirmed something I had already begun to see: institutions exist to serve people, not the other way around. When the focus quietly reverses, process multiplies, information becomes guarded, and ordinary residents and businesses carry the cost.

I'm standing for Council because I believe local government is at its best when it stays close to practical outcomes housing that can actually be built without negative equity, roads that carry the freight this district depends on, and approval processes that do not add unnecessary delay or cost. I will not claim every problem can be solved from the Council table. I will ask clear questions, push for transparent information, and keep the measure of success on what helps the people who live and work here rather than what protects the institution.

I have a long-standing interest in philosophy and leadership, particularly the difference between those who draw their sense of significance from a position and those who already know who they are and therefore hold responsibility more lightly. The first tendency builds monuments; the second builds roadways. I want the second kind of approach on Council steady, practical, and oriented toward the long-term good of the place rather than the short-term comfort of the system.

My family is part of the soil of Esperance. I believe I can bring useful insight to the oversight role and help keep local government pointed toward service.