



Re-elect Cr Henry Zelones OAM JP

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The purpose of this letter is twofold, the first to introduce myself to the many new residents who have moved into Kelmscott River Ward and two, to give a short update on the many issues I am working on for our residents.

It has been my great privilege to represent the River Ward since being elected to the City of Armadale Council. More recently as Mayor I have had a wider responsibility, but it has also enhanced my ability to meet your needs. Having lived in Kelmscott for nearly 40 years, the local knowledge I've gained has better equipped me to assist residents when they require information, advice or help with Council matters.

Like the majority of our residents I was not born and raised here, but chose to moved and settled here over 40 years ago. I established a family run business and raised and educated my children locally. My children have grown and are now raising families of their own. My wife and I still live in the first house we bought here in Kelmscott.

I retired from the family business 4 years ago and undertook, with support from my wife and my fellow councillors, the role as Mayor of the City. During my time on the Council I undertook extensive training in all aspects of local government and completed two courses at the University of Canberra. I also completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course here in WA which has better prepared me for my role as Mayor.

Rounding out my experience and knowledge of local government was an appointment to the Heritage Council of WA and, most recently, reappointment to the West Australian Planning Commission where I serve as a Commissioner. I was a founding Board Member of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority Board and then on the Armadale Redevelopment Committee for the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority. I am also a founding member of Business Armadale.

In a rapidly growing municipality, solutions to complex issues like traffic congestion, property rates and the environment require strong representation to the State and National Governments who, through legislation, set the rules by which we function. I am well positioned to continue advocating improved outcomes for you, and although the fight may be tough and take time, I have the strength and the time to give on your behalf.

You would have seen press releases reflecting on the rapid growth of the City especially in recent years. This growth is continuing at well above the national average and is having an ongoing impact on the continued level of service from the city.

However, you would have seen in the media our latest efforts to draw attention to the State and Federal Governments on urgent issues such as the Denny Ave - Albany Hwy intersection, the very poor road conditions on Armadale Rd to the Freeway and the lack of a year around indoor aquatic centre. These are only a few issues that we have lobbied the government for improvements. The Canning by-election has proven to be an opportune time to remind them it is time they take these issues seriously.

While there have been many improvement and additions to the Kelmscott River Ward many are not necessarily highly visible to all residents, or have been completed. The upgrade of Fry Park in Clifton Hills, Rushton Park and John Dunn recreation reserves are probably the most prominent. Regular improvements to other reserves and expansion of our footpath network continue to grow.

Perhaps not so obvious to many residents is the planting of thousands of new trees in our parks and along our streets. Environmental improvements with river foreshore plantings and weed control are less noticeable, but are being done to improve the natural environment of our residents. These are but a few of the changes taking place throughout the city.

There are, however, many improvements that need to be made, but I would like to hear your views and ideas to take forward for Council to consider in its forward plans.

Yours faithfully,

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