



Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc

Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the Irwin districts, the Wattendee People of Southern Yamatji country, their continuing connection to land, sea and community, and pays our respects to elders and their cultures, past and present.
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MEDIA RELEASE

IRWIN SHIRE COUNCIL 2024 BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES SURVEYED ON HERITAGE & HISTORY

Historic Shire Seal
 c1961-1975



The Irwin Districts Historical Society circulated a survey to the two candidates, Nic Grove and Jeff Melsom, standing for election to the vacant seat on the Irwin Shire Council, and the results are now in.

The survey was open between 14 and 17 June 2024. One of the candidates responded to the survey and the opportunity for speaking directly to electors with an interest in the history and heritage of the Irwinshire. The Society does not endorse any candidate, but makes the survey available to help electors make their own informed decisions when voting.

- Nic Grove will work for our cultural and natural heritage.
- Nic Grove is committed to knowing and learning what local places are heritage listed, local and State, and why they are listed.
- Nic Grove would advocate for funding support for Shire-owned and privately-owned heritage places.
- Nic Grove supports developing an inclusive and universal Shire heritage tourism strategy,
- Nic Grove supports the conservation and adaptation of Dongara Town Hall and opposes its demolition.
- Nic Grove supports acknowledging Irwin’s Aboriginal history and heritage.
- Nic Grove supports a local heritage listing of the three nature reserves in the Shire and Denison Common.

Jeff Melsom declined to participate in the survey.

A summary of the responses, with the survey questions, and the actual survey forms, can be seen on the Society’s website at <https://irwinhistory.org.au>

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