



Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc

Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District

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Candidates in 2024 Irwin Shire Council Extraordinary Election History and Heritage Survey

Summary of Responses

1 of 2 candidates (50%) completed the survey.

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.

Key quotes from comments:

Jeff Meldrum: "Thanks for your email, at the moment I am just waiting to see if I get elected and have decided not to participate. Cheers Jeff Melsom"

Nic Grove: "Please also have a look at my profile on the Shire website for more information - <https://www.irwin.wa.gov.au/shireofirwin/media/images/news/shire-of-irwin,-councillor-grove,-nicholas-profile.pdf>."

Supporting Materials

The Irwin Districts Historical Society circulated a survey to both candidates in the forthcoming Shire by-election to provide them an opportunity to speak directly to electors with an interest in the Shire's history and heritage. The Society is not making any recommendations one way or the other, but makes the candidate's responses available to help electors with an interest in history and heritage to make their own decisions.



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The survey consists of three general policy questions and four specific questions. The results are tabulated below, and the form as completed by each candidate is attached for you to verify the results. The form included space for any additional comments or remarks by the candidate, and each candidate submitted an additional comment separately (quoted above).

Candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot paper.

Candidate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7
MELDRUM, Jefferey	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GROVE, Nicholas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Key: Y = Yes, N = No, U = Unsure, NA = No answer, NR = No response

The Questions asked:

General policy

1. As a councillor, will you actively support and work for the conservation of the Shire’s heritage estate and our cultural and natural heritage assets?
2. As a councillor, will you make it your business to know which heritage places in the Shire are listed on the Local Heritage Survey, the Local Planning Scheme and the State Register of Heritage Places, and why they are listed?
3. As a councillor, will you use your best endeavours to advocate for adequate funding and other support for heritage places in the Shire, for both private owners and heritage places in Shire ownership?

Specific issues

4. As a councillor, will you support the development of an inclusive and universal Shire heritage tourism strategy?
5. As a councillor, will you work for the conservation and adaptive re-use of Dongara Town Hall, and oppose demolition of the Hall?
6. As a councillor, will you support the formal acknowledgement of local Aboriginal history and heritage in the Shire?
7. As a councillor, will you support the addition of all nature reserves in the Shire, and Denison Common, to the Local Heritage Survey?

The Society sincerely thanks the candidates who chose to participate in the survey and/or provide comment.