

OSCAR- Candidate Survey – Noosa Shire Election 2024

Surname:	Finzel
Given name:	Karen
Position contesting:	Councillor
1. About You:	
<i>Are you a member of a registered political party?</i>	NO
<i>If so, are you endorsed or formally supported by that political party?</i>	NO
2. How will you deal with situations where you or your immediate family have assets, interests or affiliations that might be likely to present you with potential conflicts of interest in carrying out your tasks as a Councillor?	<p>During this term, I have consistently shown that I am transparent and abide to all relevant and prescribed compliance rules regarding the declaration of Conflicts of Interest. If re-elected I will continue to do the same.</p>
3. If elected, how do you intend to engage with your community and/or the region?	<p>As I have shown this term, I am approachable and available and have engaged with a broad range of the local community. I have regularly made the time to meet with individuals, community groups, businesses, sporting clubs, local committees, and the creative industries alike. If re-elected I intend to continue to engage with my community in the same way.</p> <p>Councillors are often invited to attend local, state, and national government conferences to remain informed on relevant issues that affect us at both a local and regional level. If re-elected, I will continue to attend these events.</p> <p>I also acknowledge the importance of meeting with local councillors from other shires to remain informed as to what is working elsewhere that we</p>

	<p>could consider implementing in Noosa if it aligns with our community values.</p> <p>Given we have neighbouring councils (Gympie and Sunshine Coast) with newly recognised biosphere reserve status, I hope to strengthen our relationships with those councils to benefit the region as a whole.</p>
<p>4. Why do you think that you are the best candidate for the position you are contesting?</p>	<p>Over the past four years as a Councillor, I have shown my unwavering dedication and commitment, transparent and collaborative approach, capacity for innovation and action, and the ability to listen to the facts to best inform my decision-making process and therefore serve the best interests of the community as a whole.</p> <p>During this last term, I have worked tirelessly to understand and work in the rigorous nature of the role of Councillor. Based on my experience gained, I am confident that I have proven my ability to withstand the endurance and activities required serve this community in a meaningful and impactful way. If re-elected I will continue to do so.</p>
<p>5. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make concerning this section of the survey?</p>	<p>I would like people to know that I am an independent, community-focused representative who has lived in Noosa for almost 40 years who identifies with our shared values, the significance of our natural environment, and the importance of giving voice to everyone across the shire.</p>