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**Qualifications:** Bachelor of Arts (Japanese, German) ANU, Bachelor of Laws (Hon), UTS

**Professional Certificates:** Transitioning Business to Net Zero (University of Cambridge, UK)

Sustainability: Strategies and Opportunities for Industry (MIT, Massachusetts)

Carbon accounting and reduction (Terra.do)

Climate change: Learning for Action (Terra.do)

Certificate in Governance, Risk, Financial Performance and Strategy, (AICD) (currently enrolled)

**Employment:** Program Director, Impact X

**Are you a member of a political party?**

No.

**Community and Sport Memberships:**

- Gordon Football and Lindfield Football Clubs  
I play for Gordon Over 45s and I have a son who plays for Lindfield.
- Neighbourhood Watch (Killara Chapter)
- EnergyZE North Shore (Chair)
- Ku-ring-gai Council Net Zero Champions
- National Trust
- Eryldene Historic House and Garden

**Have you endorsed Save Greater Sydney's Coalition's election planning principles?**

I'm not aware of Save Greater Sydney Coalition's election planning principles. I support the Better Planning election planning principles:

a) The well-being of the whole community, the environment and future generations across regional, rural and urban NSW.

b) Effective and genuine public participation in strategic planning and development decisions.

c) An open, accessible, transparent and accountable, corruption-free planning system.

d) The integration of land use planning with the provision of infrastructure and the conservation of our natural, built and cultural environment.

e) Objective, evidence-based assessment of strategic planning and development proposals.

**Have you signed the YIMBY Election Pledge?**

I've never seen the YIMBY Election Pledge. I've not signed the pledge.

**Do you believe dwelling supply alone will solve the housing shortage and affordability?**

No. I don't believe dwelling supply alone will solve the housing shortage and affordability.

**Do you support Ku-ring-gai Council's legal action?**

I'm pleased the outcome of Ku-ring-gai Council's legal action against the NSW Government's (TOD) SEPP is a direction issued for both parties to mediate before 30 September 2024. I think the way forward for both parties involves communication and engagement to work through this matter.

**Do you support making a new place based LEP to mitigate the adverse impacts of the TOD and SEPP?**

I understand either the NSW Government or Council can make an LEP. I think the mediation between the NSW Government and Ku-ring-gai Council will assist in mitigating the adverse impacts of the TOD and SEPP.

**Do you support maintaining public Council land for community use?**

Yes. I support the concept of maintaining public Council land for community use.

**Do you support listing Ku-ring-gai as a UNESCO GeoRegion?**

On my limited knowledge of this proposal, I support listing Ku-ring-gai Geo Region as a UNESCO GeoRegion. I read that FOKE was establishing identified walks to be part of the GeoRegion and am keen to learn more.

**Do you support the protection of Ku-ring-gai's heritage conservation areas?**

I believe that significant heritage assets and areas owned or cared for should be protected in Ku-ring-gai.

**Do you support the establishment of a Ku-ring-gai Council Environmental Advisory Group?**

I need to learn more about the aims of the proposed Ku-ring-gai Council Environmental Advisory Group. Best practice requires consultation with experts and the community and certainly the environment should be considered in all decision making.

**Do you support natural turf on Ku-ring-gai's sports and playing fields or the installation of artificial turf?**

I support best practice sports field management, including the use of natural grass, as it prevents player injuries, doesn't contribute to landfill and protects biodiversity.

**What motivated you to run for Council?**

I'm running for Council:

- to ensure it provides the services, efficient and transparent decision making, and recreational, sporting and cultural infrastructure which brings communities together;

- to bring a collaborative approach to meeting residential housing demands, while respecting Ku-ring-gai's unique heritage and protecting its precious environment; and
- to contribute and support a vibrant, diverse and connected community and supporting local business.

**What is your vision for Ku-ring-gai?**

My vision for Ku-ring-gai is a connected and engaged Community for all ages, managed urbanisation providing equal access to appropriate recreational, cultural, sporting and economic infrastructure, which protects the environment and our natural resources, and strengthens our resilience as an LGA.

**What life and professional experience do you bring that will serve in your role as a Councillor?**

I've lived in many cities around the world and value a vibrant, diverse and connected community. I'm a Program Director at Impact X, currently working on smart city innovation, green infrastructure investment and protecting the environment and our natural resources to make our cities, sustainable and prosperous. I work with the Resilient Cities Network of which Sydney is a member city, (comprising 33 councils including Ku-ring-gai).

Legally trained I've practised law, worked for private and public companies, in project management and most recently for not for profits, local community groups (earlier mentioned) and social enterprise.

**What are the key issues facing Ku-ring-gai?**

Key issues include:

- the uncertainty of TOD and SEPP and whether there is adequate protection of Ku-ring-gai's environment and heritage assets, the need for broad consultation with Ku-ring-gai's community and experts, and a well considered Masterplan to provide to NSW State Government.
- the maintenance and enhancement of recreational, sporting and cultural facilities,
- ensuring adequate and well-maintained infrastructure for increased housing density (in whatever form/timeline)
- the need for connection and engagement between different cultures and ages within the community (especially for those who feel isolated and lonely); and the
- protection of the environment and Ku-ring-gai's biodiversity.

**How do you propose to address these issues if elected?**

I'd endeavour to:

- consult with the affected community and engage experts on these issues to determine a strategy;
- support collaboration with all stakeholders involved in these issues;
- engage these stakeholders to find a common purpose/goal to work towards and agree on a plan of action (Master Plan); and
- once agreed, implement the planned action, involving all stakeholders.

The respective action would need to be reviewed at different points to determine if successful or not, and what may need amendment. On implementing such a plan, Council would need to review the agreed KPIs and if achieved. If the KPIs are not

achieved, determine why. This would include seeking internal and external feedback and determining how as a Council we can do things better.

**What are the key issues in your Ward (Gordon)?**

I think the key issues in Gordon Ward are:

- the uncertainty of TOD and SEPP (particularly Killara which is a designated 83% heritage conservation area within 400 m of the station) and its impact on our heritage conservation areas and the environment;
- the uncertainty of the reconstruction of the Marian St Theatre given it's insufficient funding and Marian St Theatre's DA expires in 2026;
- the protection of Eryldene's Historic House and Garden to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate and ensure its gardens are climate resilient for years to come;
- the protection, maintenance and enhancement of our public and community spaces to ensure access for all;
- better maintained (well-drained) sporting and recreational grounds, and
- the need to build awareness of the great local businesses in Killara, Gordon and Lindfield to increase customer traffic, support them to reduce operating costs and meet increasing ESG requirements.