

Cowra Shire Council Elections 2021 Press Release
Candidate: Alex Cozadinos

I seek your support to be elected as a Councillor of the Cowra Shire. If elected, I am committed to actively contributing to the wider community that I call home, and to supporting:

- the growth of new and established locally owned businesses. The ongoing economic health of our community depends on them.
- our local farming community. A thriving farming community is the backbone of regional areas such as the Cowra shire.

Since purchasing a property and moving to Cowra after retiring as a teacher in the ACT, I have wanted to find a way to contribute in a meaningful way to the wider community that I now call home. I believe local government is where I can most effectively use my leadership skills and areas of community interest to serve the community.

What I commit myself to:

- be actively involved in Cowra Council on your behalf
- uphold Australian values, the Australian way of life and the freedoms that as a community we all enjoy and celebrate, particularly on Australia Day and ANZAC Day
- ensure the Council focuses on the core business of local governments as outlined by the Local Government ACT 1993 No 30 [NSW]
- actively support you if you believe that you are not being heard by Council and to ensure that your rights are respected. Your opinions and concerns are important and must be addressed
- assist you to access and understand appropriate information and services provided by Council
- follow through on what I have promised you to do. My word is my bond.

Leadership skills that I will offer as a Cowra Councillor:

- Active listening
- Advocacy
- Empathy
- Integrity
- Reliability/ Follow through
- Relationship building
- Strategic thinking
- Strong communication skills
- And other leadership skills that I have developed over the years, particularly as Head of Science and teacher in two secondary schools as well as in a number of representative positions with the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies.

Community involvement:

- Active member of the Cowra Pistol Club.
- Active involvement in a well-known and respected local church.

Areas of community Interest:

- Mental health issues, particularly among veterans, farmers, and business owners and among men in general in our community.
- Community-based groups whose aim is to provide their members a place where they can feel safe and included.

It will be an honour to serve you as a Councillor of the Cowra Shire.