

Mayor Carolyn Crossley



Biography

Carolyn spent most of her formative years living in regional Victoria where she has now settled. After completing her nurse training at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne she travelled extensively overseas, from high altitude trekking in the Andes and Nepal to exploring desert tombs in Iran and Jordan. She has nursed in the UK, Adelaide, Maffra and Sale.

Carolyn then went on to manage her husband's engineering consultancy business until an unfortunate offshore accident caused his death in 1986 leaving her widowed with a two-year-old child and a baby.



Three years later, at the age of 33, she was elected to the City of Sale, serving a three-year term including a year as Deputy Mayor.

In 1992, she relocated to Cowwarr with her small family, renovated the heritage butter factory and created the innovative Cowwarr Art Space. She continues to run the gallery and residency program that attracts artists from around the world.

Carolyn has always been involved in community service with experience in the fields of environment, education, tourism and the arts. She served on various Arts Victoria Peer Assessment Panels and was a member of the Heyfield & District Community Bank Board. She is currently undertaking a four-year term on the Gippsland Lakes Co-ordinating Committee.

Carolyn was first elected to Wellington Shire Council in 2012 where she served as Deputy Mayor in 2014 and Mayor in 2015. She was re-elected in 2016 to the new Northern Ward in Wellington Shire and was elected as Mayor for the first two years of the new Wellington Shire Council 2016-18 and received a Mayor Emeritus award from the MAV.

Of all the forms of Government, Carolyn believes Local Government is the most important as it is focused on the place we've all chosen to live, work and call home.