

# NEW YEAR / NEW COUNCIL



Congratulations to our new and returning Councillors on being elected by our community to perform such an important role towards ensuring that our shared vision for the future is realised,

So, let's have a look at the membership of our new Council and find out a little bit more about our Councillors, who they are, and their passion to make a positive difference to this wonderful place we all call home.

## Mayor Stephen Allan

Pharmacist, business owner and committed community volunteer who has lived and worked in the Bellingin Shire for 30 years. He was the community pharmacist in Urunga from 1991-2018 and President of Urunga Mylestom Chamber of Commerce from 2003-2021.



He has 5 children in a blended family and 2 grandchildren. As a well known and respected member of our Shire and a Board Member of the Neighbourhood Centres of Bellingin Shire, he brings to Council a wealth of experience and a result focussed approach towards addressing the challenges and opportunities we face now and into the future.



## Cr. Jo Brotherton

Co-owner of the Urunga Washing Well, a Bellingin Shire Citizen of the Year recipient, Vice President of the Urunga Mylestom Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary of Urunga Lions Club.

Jo is a tireless community worker, involved with Open Arms Care, the Neighbourhood Care Network and the Coffs Harbour Women's Shed. In her varied life Jo is very practical, with extensive business experience with background in finance, tourism,

## Cr. Joanne Cook

Dairy Farm owner and Nurse, living in Dorrigo.

She has a good grasp on the importance of the various community groups in the area, and understands the needs of agriculture and food production, small business, and industry. She understands the vast diversity of this shire and its stunning and unique natural environment and ecosystems and their amazing value to our people, future generations, and tourism.



## Cr. Jennie Fenton

Scientist, disability advocate, parent, carer, student, masseuse, and a very active part of the community. She was awarded the Community Service Award on Australia Day in 2016 for her commitment to sustainability, social inclusion, community childcare, local festivals, community gardens, and refugees.

Now in her second term of Council, the community activities she supports include Bello Belonging (as founder of the grassroots social inclusion project), and Northbank Community Garden (President).



## Cr. Stephen Glyde

was born in Bellingin and is a descendent of the Glyde/Locke Family who were pioneers in this valley in the 1890's. Having served in many different roles in the community for lots of years he feels

it is time to try to make a difference in the Bellingin Shire Council for the future generations of Bellingin.

## Cr. Dominic King

now In his third term of Council, is a passionate advocate for the environment and firmly believes Local Government is best placed to develop strategic plans and solutions to tackle the place based challenges of a changing climate. He also is a strong supporter of Local Governments ability (if correctly funded) to best deal with issues such as housing affordability, social justice and community inclusion.

His experience on Council has enabled him to experience first-hand how local government functions and operates on a legislative and economic basis.



## Cr. Ellie Tree

At 28 years old, makes her the youngest councillor ever elected to Bellingin Shire Council. She is a mum of two young children, a student, youth and family caseworker, and an active community volunteer.

Ellie brings a youth lens to council and hopes to increase communication and inclusivity of youth in the decision-making process..

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## Help Make a Better BelloShire

Our Shire's Community Vision is our strategic roadmap for the future and now it's time for you to have your say on how we can all make a better BelloShire.

Have your say by completing our quick Community Vision survey and to put yourself in the running for one of ten \$100 Shop Local gift vouchers.

Also, stay tuned for future updates about our Community Vision Focus Groups, which will be held in early 2022, where you can learn more about the projects and programs Council delivers and how you can help us plan for our future.

Scan the code or have your say at [placescore.org/belloshire](https://placescore.org/belloshire)



OUR VISION IS FOR EVERYONE,  
AND EVERY VOICE IN EVERY  
PLACE COUNTS.

Read Council's Community Report Card and detailed Annual Report on the achievements throughout 2020/21. Visit <https://beta.bellingen.nsw.gov.au/Your-Council/Community-Vision-2027/Our-reporting-process>



68%

Waste Diverted From Landfill



\$26.3M

Grant funding successfully secured



22,467

Phone Calls And Counter Enquiries Answered



Works have commenced to construct new retaining walls on Crown Street to replace aging timber infrastructure.

Tallowood Point Bridge is now completed and open for public access.

Works continue on the Memorial Hall to Hub Project with contractors on site and demolition works well underway.

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