

## Candidate Details



Ballot paper name	<b>KUNZE, Ben</b>
Candidate name	<b>Benjamin Paul KUNZE</b>
District	<b>City of Canning</b>
Nominating for	<b>Councillor for Bannister Ward</b>
Election type	<b>Ordinary</b>
Enrolment status	<b>KUNZE, Ben is eligible to stand for election as the owner of rateable property in the City of Canning.</b>

Serving as your Deputy Mayor and local Councillor in the City of Canning has been the greatest honour of my life. I am passionate about this area because it is where I grew up, and I've taken that local knowledge into my role representing our community since 2015.

Just as I promised, I have refocused Council's attention towards Riverton, Rossmoyne, Shelley and Willetton. I am proud that projects that have long been discussed, but never eventuated, are finally happening!

We expanded the Willetton Basketball Stadium, the Rossmoyne Netball Club has a home, Shelley finally has underground power, Riverton and Shelley Reserves have modern LED sports lighting, and we are finally building an exciting accessible district-level playground at Shelley Beach Park.

I have actively rallied against initiatives that I believe are not the job of local government, to avoid financial waste and keep pressure off rates. **With your support at this election, I can continue delivering for our local community!**

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It has been an immense honour to represent our community as your Deputy Mayor, and local Councillor since I was first elected in 2015.

I am passionate about this area because it's given so much to me and my family for over 30 years. In 1984, my parents Christine and Helmut moved to Riverton where they raised my sister Lisa, my older brother Craig, as well as my twin-brother Karl and me.

We were all educated at Riverton PS and Rossmoyne SHS. Karl and I hit our first baseball at Willetton Park playing with the Willetton Baseball Club, learnt to serve and volley at the Corinthian Park Tennis Club and kicked our first footy for the Riverton Roos JFC, where we are proudly Junior Life Members.

I am proud to have returned to Riverton Primary Campus to serve on the Campus Board since 2017 as a community representative to help strategically direct its future.

For 20 years my parents ran a wholesale bakery "The Village Bakery" in Canning Vale that serviced many local cafes and businesses. It was there I saw first-hand the level of investment that small business owners make, which has helped form my values.

I have a Bachelor of Social Science, majoring in Politics and International Relations; and Geography, at Curtin University and have since worked for several Members of Parliament. It's with these skills that I have been successful with bringing together a variety of stakeholders to secure funding and support to achieve our community's goals.

I'm an environmental enthusiast and have been dedicated to WA's endangered Black Cockatoos for almost 15 years through my involvement with Kaarakin, a not-for-profit dedicated to their survival. During my time on Council, I've helped develop the City's Urban Forrest Strategy, opposed projects that have detrimental environmental impacts, and helped secure funding to help improve our local environmental.

I encourage you to visit my Facebook page (@BenKunzeCanning) to learn more about what I've done during my 8 years as your local Councillor.