

Additional information

My father came to the Kimberley in 1921 to work on cattle stations across the Top End. He went to the second world war during which time he met my mother. Active in Syria and the Kokoda Trail in New Guinea, he received a Mention in dispatches for bravery. I have a Kija brother and sister who were part of the Stolen Generation. My Great Grandmother was Ballardong Noongar woman. My Grandmother was born in a tent in East Fremantle. I am the first generation on my mother's side who has not been subjected to institutionalized care.

I have a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science majoring in Australian Studies and Sociology with an Agricultural Minor and a Graduate Diploma in Education.

In 2017 I was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for my research into trauma and how the Arts can help people recover from it.

Passionate about education and alternative pathways to learning for young people, I have worked as a teacher in and outside the system for many years. I have taught nonreaders, to juggle and watch them go on to complete a university education. I am on the School Board of Broome Primary School.

I was instrumental in starting Theatre Kimberley in Broome to later work for the not-for-profit organisation for 20 years as Artistic Director.

I have spent a lifetime working to help build community capacity and cohesiveness, social justice, and tolerance. I believe that it takes a community to raise a child.

If elected to council I will do my best to support the valuable youth support work already being done and help establish new programs where needed. I will see the newly completed Arts and Culture Strategy Action Plan that I have lobbied for, for over 30 years be put into action. I will do what I can to ensure that Broome remains the caring, supportive and creative community that makes it a great place to live, as it faces new challenges in considering future developments.