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Councillor Allie House resigns from Council

Allie House has resigned as Councillor with the Waratah-Wynyard Council.

Allie was first elected to Council in 2018, following a highly successful campaign, finishing second on first preferences.

She has made a significant impact in her short time on Council with a heightened focus on transparency, communication, engagement and accountability. Projects which Allie has had strong involvement have included animal management, particularly dogs, public camping, live streaming of Council meetings and Council's Environmental Strategy.

The highly successful Community Conversations were instigated following a motion from Cr House.

In her statement to Council, Allie commented, "I had taken on this role with determination to achieve a more contemporary approach to local government dealings, and particularly to address and improve transparency, communication and engagement, and the perception of being self-serving.

"We have made some gains in some of these areas, and I thank each and every one of you for supporting and joining in my attempts to do so. Despite the challenges of being a Councillor, I had hoped and intended to complete this term with you all, however the constant pull between work, Council and personal life has required me to make some difficult decisions."

Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh thanked Allie for her time on Council, "I wish to thank Allie for her contribution to Council and our community. She has brought a new perspective to our Council table and certainly made a positive difference in her time. I certainly hope this isn't the last time we see Allie House in a role as an elected representative."

The casual vacancy will be filled by recount conducted by the Electoral Commissioner.

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