

Carter, Kevin (from "Great Lakes Advocate" 5 June 2014)



LONG-TERM Bulahdelah resident Kevin Carter has announced he will run for Great Lakes Council in September's local government elections, saying he would like to be a champion of the region's villages.

"I want to ensure that the little villages; Bulahdelah, Nabic, Cooalongook, Bunghwhal and places like that, which are outside the main growth areas, are able to maintain essential basic services," Mr Carter says.

Mr Carter, a 26-year resident of Bulahdelah, believes his 43 years in the public service, including 11 years as district forester for Bulahdelah and for the past 13 years as area manager of the Taree National Parks and Wildlife Service, equips him well to serve as a councillor.

"In 43 years in the public service, in forestry and for the National Parks I have a good understanding of practical land management, balancing different interests and working within tight budgets. I'm also very familiar with the way state government and ministerial processes work."

Mr Carter has also been president of the Bulahdelah Historical Society for over 20 years and held leadership positions on Bulahdelah Visitor Centre Management Committee, Bulahdelah Chamber of Commerce and Bulahdelah Health Committee.

If elected Mr Carter says he will pursue a 'back to basics' approach which focuses on essential services.

"We need to get back to basics in local government that ensures we keep our Great Lakes Area in a healthy and beautiful state whilst allowing for modest growth conducted in a responsible and sustainable manner."