

I'm Susanne Warr and I feel very privileged to be involved in Monsignor Hawes Heritage Inc. as we have one of Monsignor Hawes' beautiful churches in Chapman Valley where I live.

I have had a long association with the Geraldton Diocese having spent my childhood growing up in Coorow. I was taught Religious Education in my primary years by the Motor Mission Dominican Sisters. During high school I attended Santa Maria College in Perth, as a boarder. I returned to the Midwest as a graduate in 1986 to teach at Stella Maris College holding various teaching roles in the Home Economics and Religious Education departments. I had time away from the classroom while my children were young and returned to teach at St Mary's School Northampton where I taught for over 20 years as a relief teacher and in a part-time capacity teaching Science and Visual Arts. In addition, for over 20 years I've guided and taught many children from the Chapman Valley area Religious Education and prepared them for the Sacraments.

I'm married to a third-generation farmer and have lived in the progressive farming community of Yuna for the past 29 years. My husband and I have been fortunate to give each of our four children the experience of rural life as we both had, educate them within a very proactive small primary school environment, and allowed them the opportunity to attend Catholic boarding schools in the city. Fortunately, each of them has also had the opportunity to further their education through university and TAFE.

I'm passionate about local history and Monsignor Hawes's architecture and aspire to work towards its preservation. With the support from strong communities, government funding, and investment, I wish to see Monsignor Hawes' buildings continue to be an attraction to the Midwest for many years to come. We are so fortunate to have wonderful Catholic schools within our Diocese and many in the Midwest have strong connections to Monsignor Hawes churches and his architecture.