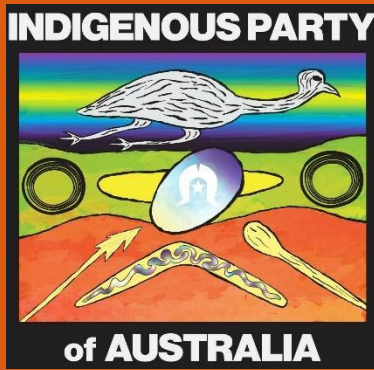


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Jenny-Lee Carr - No. 2 Senate Candidate - Queensland.

Jenny-lee lives in the Lockyer Valley on the country of the Yuggera and Ugarapul People with her exact suburb belonging to the Kitabul People. Her connection to the Kunja and Barangun People is through her Mothers side

She is a dedicated health professional who has worked for 20 years in both hospital and community settings, specifically Aboriginal Medical Services and Mental Health and is currently working in acute in-patient mental health in Ipswich. Having spent her lifetime caring for her family, her people, and others, she now takes that compassion to a tilt for a Senate seat in Queensland.

The energy and sound time management which has allowed Jenny-Lee to raise five children, work full time as a nurse and care for ailing Elders in her family is now being pressed in to service in her new unaccustomed role as a political candidate

On a limited small party budget, she, her husband, and teenage children have made a dynamic team, peppering the Lockyer Valley and surrounds with corflutes while Jen has continued to work in nursing, helping keep our COVID stretched health system afloat.

Finally succumbing to COVID herself last week and having to isolate from work she didn't miss a beat, taking the opportunity to catch up on press releases, social media and other written work.

As soon as her isolation period was over she headed to the recording studios to record a punchy election advertisement she had written herself. Listen out for it on radio station River 949 next week. Jenny-lee's skills and confidence in this media work were honed from her time designing successful health promotion campaigns while working in Aboriginal Medical Services.

Now stranded by floods in Laidley, she continues to take the whole situation in her stride. However, rather than just being a mad rush for the line, hoping to secure an uncertain prize, for Jenny-Lee, like all our candidates, this hard work is just the beginning of a long term plan to shift the balance of power towards those who need and deserve it most. Jen is already planning NAIDOC and other events for after the election. Aboriginal people are famously patient, but some, like Jenny-Lee, are running out of patience to see all their people thriving and prospering in their own land.

As well as having an enormous capacity for hard work, Jen is clever, flexible, and innovative, showing the ability to 'think on her feet', essential for mental health nursing. If she is rewarded with the privilege of representing the people of Queensland she will press all those skills and attitudes in to service for her people and all the people of Queensland.

Innovation has been the hallmark of her campaign from the very start. Her 'job interview' involved driving Party Convenor, Uncle Owen Whyman, and Party Agent Gab McIntosh around many of the correctional facilities of South-East Queensland while explaining the difficulties faced by Indigenous children and adults in these places. Visits to groups of Elders rounded out the tour.

Through canny budgeting and tenacious haggling, Jen has managed to employ election strategies usually confined to bigger or richer parties, such as a roadside billboard, radio advertisements, and newspaper spots. Meanwhile she continues to build community through attendance at Elders and women's groups and general 'meet & greets' in markets, festivals and on the street. She has amused her children by diving in to social media and Zoom meetings with typical undaunted enthusiasm but mastery of TikTok moves has so far eluded her. Once again all these attributes and skills will be invaluable should she earn the privilege of entering the Australian Senate.

Jen believes the delivery of programs and incentives targeted at the First Nations community needs more control and input from First Nations People themselves. She is currently studying a Bachelor of Criminology and Justice solely to give her the skills needed to help improve outcomes for her people in the law and correctional systems. She has a strong desire for justice for all First Nations People, passionately wanting to reduce Deaths in Custody, Juvenile detention, and rates of Indigenous incarceration in general.

In the community she wants to reduce Indigenous child removal, chronic disease mental illness, and suicide rates.

She strongly believes that to be dealt with properly, all those issues need strong un-compromised voices and advocates in parliament; tenacious champions of the people who are not distracted by loyalties to other parties and other issues.

In summary, she believes it is time for the Aboriginal Voice to be heard and that she has the ambition, focus and belief to make that happen.

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