

ORDINARY MEETING	1
21 DECEMBER 2023	

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILLOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Appoint **[Councillor X]** to fill the vacant Division 4 Councillor position.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council must appoint a new Councillor to fill the vacant position that has arisen following the retirement of former Mayor, Bob Manning and the appointment of Cr Terry James to the position of Mayor at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 22 November 2023

Under the Local Government Act (LGA) there is no requirement to hold an election to fill the vacant office of Councillor as the vacancy is now too close (within 12 months) to the next quadrennial local government election, set for March 2024.

Candidates' statements are included in the Agenda for Councillors' consideration.

Under Section 166B of the LGA, the vacant office must be filled by the local government appointing, by resolution a nominee who is qualified to be a Councillor.

BACKGROUND:

Commencing on 22 November 2023, the Chief Executive Officer invited nominations from anyone who was qualified (in accordance with Section 152 of the LGA) to be a Councillor. Former candidates were individually notified, where the Electoral Commission of Queensland had the authorisation of the candidate to publicly release their contact details.

The notices seeking nominations were published in multiple media platforms, including Council's website, via media release to local media outlets and social media platforms.

Council received eight valid nominations and no invalid nominations by the submission closing date. The submissions received from the eight eligible candidates are attached to this report.

The Electoral Commission confirmed the enrolment of these candidates on the electoral roll.

The names of the nominees are:

- Yohan (Yodie) Batzke
- Scott Colbran
- Shane Cuthbert
- Cate Mahoney
- Mark McCombie
- Jeremy Neal
- Rosario (Ross) Parisi
- Joseline (Joy) Quinones

COMMENT:

Council will determine the candidate to be appointed as the new Councillor by way of the following process:

- The Mayor will chair the meeting.
- The report before the meeting will identify the names of all nominees qualified to be a Councillor, including their statement of selection.
- The Chair will move to suspend standing orders to allow more than one motion on the table.
- The Chair will then offer each candidate the chance to speak to the Council for 2 to 3 minutes.
- The Chair will call for a mover for a proposed nominee from the list contained herein to be appointed to the position of Division 4 Councillor.
- If there is a seconder, the nomination will lie on the table.
- Repeat until there are no more valid nominations.
- The Chair will then put to a vote the first nomination in the ordinary (and open) manner, as prescribed by section 254 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (the Regulation) and Council's Standing Orders. If a majority of Councillors vote to appoint the first nominee as Division 4 Councillor, that is the end of the Councillor appointment process.
- If the first nominee does not secure the majority support of Councillors, the motion to appoint the first nominee fails and the Chair then calls for a vote for the next nomination.
- The process will, if necessary, repeat itself again and again until a nominee receives a majority vote of Councillors.
- Once a nominee has the majority vote the chair will ask the remain nominees if they want to continue to have the votes called.
- Each Councillor has only one vote.

Following their appointment by Council, at the conclusion of the closed agenda items the CEO will then swear in the new Councillor.

Council is following the requirements under the LGA to fill the vacant Division 4 Councillor position for the remainder of the term.

Under the LGA there is no requirement to hold an election to fill the vacant office of Councillor as the vacancy is now too close (within 12 months) to the next quadrennial local government election, set for 16 March 2024.

OPTIONS:

Option 1:

Appointment of Councillor

That Council:

1. Appoint [Councillor X] to fill the vacant Division 4 Councillor position.

Option 2:

Alternative course of action

That Council note the Nominee Statements as provided in Attachment 1 and resolve to appoint a Councillor at a future meeting (within X timeframe).

CONSIDERATIONS:

Risk Management:

There are currently no risk management matters to note.

Council Finance and the Local Economy:

Any costs associated with filling Councillor vacancies can be met from within existing budget allocations.

Statutory:

Council must comply with all relevant provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* when filling vacancies within Council. Following the process described in this report will ensure Council complies with its obligations under the Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Submissions received from Qualified Persons

Address details, email addresses, telephone numbers and signatures have been redacted.



Mica Martin
Chief Executive Officer

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Yohan (Yodie) Batzke

Councillor Nomination Form



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Part 1 - Candidate details

Title: Mrs Residential address: [REDACTED]

First name: Yohan (Yodie) [REDACTED] Postcode: [REDACTED]

Middle name/s: Wilma Phone: [REDACTED]

Last name: Batzke Email: [REDACTED]

Part 2 - Candidate's declaration

Note: it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that they are eligible for nomination. Candidates may be requested to provide further information to support their nomination.

MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with section 152 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, I declare: (Please tick)

1. I am 18 years or over, and an Australian Citizen.
2. I reside in the Cairns Local Government area.
3. I am enrolled on the electoral roll kept under the Electoral Act, Section 58.
4. I am not disqualified from being a Councillor under the *Local Government Act 2009*¹.

MANDATORY ONLINE TRAINING

1. I have completed the "So you want to be a Councillor" course offered by the Department of Local Government (please attach proof of completion).

I Yohan (Yodie) Batzke (first and last name) declare that I am qualified to stand for nomination as a Councillor in accordance with Section 152 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and I am not disqualified to be a Councillor in accordance with sections 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Signature of candidate: [REDACTED] Date: 03 / 12 / 2023

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Part 3 - Candidate statement

Please provide a candidate statement outlining why you should be appointed to fill the vacant office of Cairns Regional Councillor until the next local government election (maximum 500 words). Candidate statements will be included in the Council agenda papers at the appropriate meeting.

Introduction:

As a way of introduction, my name is Yohan Batzke but my community name Yodje, name given to me by my father. I am 58 years of age, married to my husband Hans of 34 years, and together, we have raised four wonderful children who have in turn blessed us with four grandchildren.

I have called Cairns home since 1971, when my parents late George and May Dewis made the decision to sell our family business on Thursday Island to relocate our family of 7 to Cairns in pursuit of better healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. My family ties and connections also extend to Babinda and Innisfail where my father's family still resides to this day. My primary school years were spent at Cairns West Primary School, Edge Hill Primary School, and Trinity Bay High School. Although my husband and I were absent from Cairns from 1995 to 2009, due to moving to Canberra to work in the Australian Public Service, our connection to Cairns has never ceased. During the past 52 years, I have witnessed many changes occur in the Cairns Regional Council footprint and surrounding regions socially, environmentally, economically, and politically.

Community and Business Experience:

I am also a former small business owner from 1996 to 2013 with core business services in: cultural awareness; trainer; event management conferencing and facilitation services; policy and procedural development; government ministerial services (in areas of compliance); community development and planning; preemployment services for long term unemployed; marketing; land tenure and native title; cultural heritage; strategic and operational planning; corporate governance training for not-for-profit community-based organisations and political advocacy.

When we began our business in Canberra in 1996 our main clientele at the time were Commonwealth Government Agencies and Statutory Bodies located in Canberra. This then extended nationally to private sector such as the aviation industry and State Government Departments.

From 1999-2002 our business activities were put on hold due to my successful election and appointment as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Queanbeyan Regional Council Chairperson,NS. Our total number of elected Councillors for the region was 12, with the statutory responsibility of overseeing the annual distribution of our Council's annual budget of approximately \$36 million. The ATSIC Regional Council footprint was inclusive of ACT and the southeast region of NSW from Nowra to Eden, also inclusive of a second Territory Jervis Bay. During that time, I had also served on several Government appointment Ministerial portfolios representing ATSIC on the NSW Aboriginal Housing Board, NSW Health Forum, Southeast Regional Sea Forum and Youth Justice.

I have been a strong community advocate in all communities we have lived in. Reflecting on my historical connection with Cairns, spanning over 52 years, I have witnessed many changes occur in the Cairns Regional Council footprint and surrounding regions socially, environmentally, economically, and politically. Although I no longer operate a business, my business ethics and life skill experiences continue to play an integral part in my role as a community advocate.

Commitment to Diversity, Collaboration and Communication:

During the past two Cairns Regional Council terms, I have also been an active member of the Cairns Regional Councils First Peoples Advisory Committee, Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group and member of the Cairns Multi-Cultural Reference Group on the proposed design of a Multi-cultural Centre here in Cairns. I have also made it my business to contact various Council Staff members to seek further clarification on community development issues that have been brought to my attention or felt compelled to advocate for.

Understanding the important role of the Elected arm of Council, as a community advocate, I have made it my business to raise in the broader context infrastructure needs, safety in parks, prevention of youth suicide, community centres; housing; economic and enterprise development needs of the community. However, some of the more specific issues I have raised with Councillors for the past 12 years are as follows:

- Division 1 Clr Moller – broken bottles at the Alomba Creek causeway.
- Division 3 Former Clr Rob Pyne on the new overpass bridge at White Rock where I raised concerns of safety issues regarding debris being thrown at oncoming traffic from the bridge overpass.
- Division 4 Clr Terry James - raising issue re-opening McFarlane Drive as an alternate route for residents and the outstanding rates not being paid by a not-for-profit community organisation.
- Division 5 Former Clr Richie Bate – safety issues for tourists arriving early hours of the morning by Greyhound and no taxi or public phones accessible when arriving at Fogarty Park and then having to walk several blocks to accommodation; issues around homeless residing in the city centres and parks; the need for a basketball court to be located on the esplanade; condition of playground equipment at Shang Park, Moorooool (damaged after cyclone); requesting an audit to be done on Council parks absent of lighting and lobby for parks to have a solar power generated lights to be put in parks (purpose - to prevent parks from being used for illegal activities or places used by individuals as a potential place to commit suicide), acts of violence against women and children, and old sewage systems causing damage to homes from torrential rain and flooding.
- Division 6 Former Clr Linda Cooper on extensive debris causing major blockage of a causeway bridge near Brady Close;Clr Kristy Vallely on safety concerns and issues of illicit activities happening under the bridge at located near Coolwaters.
- Division 7 Clr Max O'Halloran on itinerates camping along Saltwater Creek and cooking local wildlife (small campfires made along bike paths) and itinerates sleeping in Centenary Lakes parks and gardens.
- Former Mayor Bob Manning – seeking CRC donations and support for the friends of the 8 Children who passed away on Murray Street.

Commitment to Constituents & Council:

In addition to contacting the elected arm of Council, if there was a need to seek further information on community projects, Council Staff of the Community Development, Community Sport & Cultural Department (now referred to as the Lifestyle & Community) have always made time to meet to discuss the Council's directions in meeting our communities' aspirations.

Not to be polarised by issues affecting not only a certain sector of our community but collectively as a Region, I am confident my life skills and ability to communicate with a diverse group a people, business, ministerial and advocacy, but more importantly my commitment to our community, can only be a positive contribution in advancing the needs of constituents in Division 4 for the remainder of this Councils term.

In conclusion, my reasons for submitting this nomination form are based on my unwavering, passionate support of the Cairns community as an active community advocate and understanding the important role Local Government Association's play, in meeting the hopes and aspirations of constituents. If I am successful in being appointed Councillor of Division 4, my commitment in advocating for and on behalf of all community members, business owners, schools, and community organisations will continue.

If you wish to seek further information on my ability to serve as Councillor for Division 4, please do not hesitate to contact me on my direct mobile number [REDACTED] email: [REDACTED]

Scott Colbran


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Last Name: Colbran

Email Address: 

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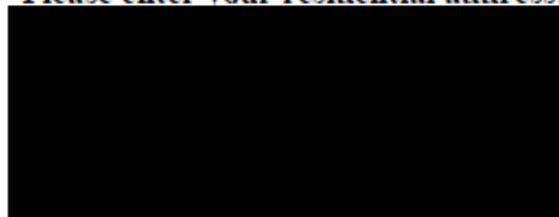
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Please provide a candidate statement outlining why you should be appointed to fill the vacant office of Cairns Regional Councillor (Division 4) until the next local government election (maximum 500 words). : I campaigned in Div 4 in the last 2 elections. I also lived in Division 4 for 10 years. I door-knocked 90 % of the area during both campaigns, and understand the issues that concern the residents .

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Shane Cuthbert

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First Name: Shane

Last Name: Cuthbert

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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attention for my positive community contributions and advocacy regarding some of the most significant issues facing Queenslanders such as homelessness and youth crime. News.com.au published a complete profile from early childhood through to my present run for Council and Mamamia discussed the important work I do with men, to reduce domestic and family violence across Australia. Every Councillor present, has seen me sitting in this Chamber the last two years, committed to learning Council processes and staying up to date on issues affecting Cairns residents. Not one other Council candidate has shown such dedication and commitment. Not only have I been present, during most Council meetings but my influence in them has been felt in this Chamber many times. I was pivotal in organising the deputation to Council by my friend, formerly incarcerated Human Rights lawyer Deb Kilroy, that moved Councillor Vallely so deeply, the meeting was adjourned. My nomination is backed by the community. More than 250+ residents signed a pledge supporting my nomination over the weekend. It is a 'no brainer' that any nominee seek the support of the community. Finally if appointed, I'll be donating to charities based in Cairns, I don't need the paycheck. Councillors have an opportunity here to appoint someone that is both capable and committed, Councillors can make a decision that is just, right and fair but also one that feels good and inspires others.

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Cate Mahoney

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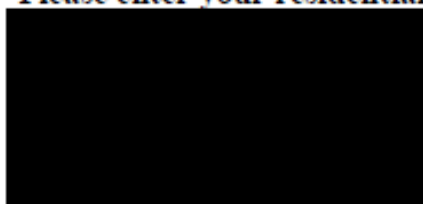
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Please provide a candidate statement outlining why you should be appointed to fill the vacant office of Cairns Regional Councillor (Division 4) until the next local government election (maximum 500 words). : Please accept my nomination for Councillor for Division Four. I moved to Cairns in 1991, as a Customs Officer, posted to the then new Cairns International Airport, and have proudly lived in Division Four for over two decades. I have witnessed the rapid growth and diversity of our community during this time and my commitment to Cairns’ ongoing prosperity is unwavering and has fuelled my passion for contributing to its continued success. I am committed to making Cairns safe and sustainable for future generations. My extensive experience in government at both Commonwealth and State levels, the private sector and in volunteer roles has equipped me with valuable skills such as project management, legislative interpretation, compliance and accountability, governance, and communication, essential in the role of Councillor. I am confident in my ability to analyse complex issues, collaborate with diverse stakeholders, and make well-informed decisions that benefit the entire community and promote Council’s vision. My many roles as a volunteer included Game Night Manager Cairns Taipans, Team Leader Basketball, Commonwealth Games 2018, Team Leader Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships Cairns 2018, as well involvement with AFL Cairns, Cairns Basketball, Cairns Netball, Cairns Little Theatre, and at Vinnies, to name a few. I am also the coordinator for basketball for the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games, a position I have held since its inception. These roles have allowed me to promote and

showcase Cairns as a premier sporting and tourist destination. I am passionate about representing our City at the local, national and international levels. I have cultivated deep connections and a profound understanding of the needs and aspirations of our residents. Throughout this time, I have actively participated in community initiatives and various projects aimed at enhancing our collective well-being. I am particularly committed to ensuring that all residents are heard and receive fair representation. My unique perspective, garnered from years of community involvement and professional life, positions me well to address the challenges facing our diverse population. Fostering open communication between Council and community members is a priority, ensuring that every voice is heard and considered in the decision-making processes. If successful, I pledge to approach my responsibilities with integrity, transparency, and a strong sense of responsibility. Collaborating with fellow council members, local businesses, and residents will be central to my approach. Together, we can create policies and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for everyone in Cairns. I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to serve on Council, not just as a personal milestone but as a means to contribute substantially to the positive development of our community. My passion, skills, and commitment make me a strong candidate for this position. Thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to the possibility of working together to make a lasting and meaningful impact.

Please enter your residential address:



Mark McCombie

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Part 1 - Candidate details

Title: Mr Residential address: [REDACTED]

First name: Mark [REDACTED] Postcode: [REDACTED]

Middle name/s: John Phone: [REDACTED]

Last name: McCOMBIE Email: [REDACTED]

Part 2 - Candidate's declaration

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I Mark McCOMBIE (first and last name) declare that I am qualified to stand for nomination as a Councillor in accordance with Section 152 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and I am not disqualified to be a Councillor in accordance with Sections 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

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My name is Mark McCombie

I am a 67 year old pharmacist who has been resident in Cairns since 1993, and resident in Moorool since 2016. I have worked continuously within the pharmacy community since before and all the time I have been in Cairns.

In addition I have worked previously in the tourism industry before coming to Cairns. I also worked part time in the tourism industry alongside my pharmacy career while in Cairns,

I have been a member of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard flotilla in Cairns since 1994. I have held many positions on vessel, base, training and administrative roles within Coast Guard right up to National Level.

To do many tasks properly I have completed Certificate III Marine Driver (Coxswain), Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment and a Diploma in Accounting.

My particular interests include Environmental Management, reinvigoration of the Tourism Industry in Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and the Tablelands and surrounding savannah country, support for housing both ownership and rental and finally retention and expansion of health services.

Abnove all, I want to continue seeing a strong and capable council that supports and encourages the provision of services to meet resident needs.

Jeremy Neal

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First Name: Jeremy

Last Name: Neal

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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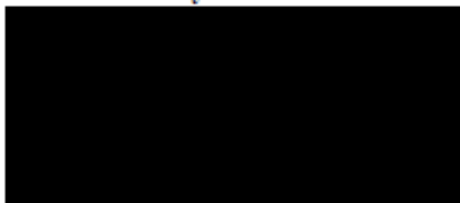
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Please provide a candidate statement outlining why you should be appointed to fill the vacant office of Cairns Regional Councillor (Division 4) until the next local government election (maximum 500 words). : Jeremy Neal - Dedicated to Cairns, the community, and our way of life. As an Earlville resident and an experienced Advanced Care Paramedic responding to the needs of our community, I am the most suitable nominee for the position. My professional experience includes 15 years with the Queensland Ambulance Service undertaking numerous officer-in-charge positions and operations supervision roles. From this experience, I have extensive exposure in strategic policy development, staff management, Disaster Management (including formal post graduate study in Disaster Management), heightened situation decision making, and community engagement. This extensive experience has helped me develop a pragmatic approach to understanding the consequences of decision, and the importance of balanced responses to challenging situations. Through this time, I have received consistent exposure to all demographics of our community and developed a firm understanding of the issues facing our diverse population in Cairns. This understanding has been developed from the raw exposure to emergent situations often exacerbated by chronic underlying shortfalls within our society. My community involvement stems from both the Ambulance Service and personal interests. These include Iron Man, Commonwealth Games, Cairns Triathlon, Vice Presidential Motorcade, Kindy visits, meet and greets for potential indigenous paramedic recruits, station visits for school children, Under 8's Day, Clean Up Cairns, school fetes, dog visits and social visits to nursing homes, yard maintenance for elderly

neighbours, and building local street communities. Having not been subject to any professional investigation or discipline after 15 years of service and thousands of patient interactions, my professional and down to earth attitude is received well by the community. Also, coming from an industry that relies heavily on teamwork, my professional attitude supports diverse workforces and varying opinions with importance placed on having tact during difficult or confronting conversations. I understand the need to ensure sound fiscal policy with an outcome driven approach having managed local financial expenditure in an industry experiencing >10% growth in demand with <10% budgetary growth. This understanding also extends to ensuring long term vision is maintained during distracting short term stressors on the community. These professional attributes are also complemented by my personal beliefs whilst being a husband to Leearna, and a father of three. Through a strong relationship with my wife, we provide a solid home environment to raise three good men to carry the city forward in future years. If selected for appointment by the Council, my commitment to the community is to complete the current term in a positive and constructive manner ensuring the least disruption for the city and its residents. I encourage all Councillors to consider the strong position my application commands. The skills and experience mentioned above make me the sensible appointee to complete this council term.

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Title: MR. Residential address: [REDACTED]

First name: ROSARIO (ROSS) [REDACTED]

Middle name/s: ALFIO Phone: [REDACTED]

Last name: PARISI Email: [REDACTED]

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4. I am not disqualified from being a Councillor under the *Local Government Act 2009*¹.

MANDATORY ONLINE TRAINING

1. I have completed the "So you want to be a Councillor" course offered by the Department of Local Government (please attach proof of completion).

I ROSARIO PARISI (first and last name) declare that I am qualified to stand for nomination as a Councillor in accordance with Section 152 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and I am not disqualified to be a Councillor in accordance with Sections 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Signature of candidate: [REDACTED]

Date: 4. / 12. / 2023

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Statement supporting Rosario (Ross) Parisi's nomination for the vacancy in Division 4 of the Cairns Regional Council.

It is my honour and privilege to nominate for the current vacancy in Division 4 of the Cairns Regional Council. As a way of introduction, I was born and bred in Cairns, indeed a true local. As a mature age student, I have completed 2 University degrees at James Cook University, Smithfield Campus. The two degrees include, Bachelor of Arts - Political Science majoring in International Relations, and History and my 2nd degree is a Bachelor of Laws to be awarded on the 19th March 2024.

In 1976, at the age of 23, I was first elected to the Mulgrave Shire Council for Division 4 [the Northern Beaches including Lake Placid, Caravonica, Redlynch, Freshwater, Brinsmead and Stratford and remained a Councillor until 1989. In 1994, after a 5-year absence, I stood for Council again and was successfully elected. However, the term lasted only 1 year because of the amalgamation of Cairns City Council and the Mulgrave Shire Council.

I am proud of the achievements and planned infrastructure works that were attained under my watch. Some of the notable ones have been completed during the past year or two. If I may, I would like to take the opportunity to list the more notable achievements.

1. The building height limit on the Northern Beaches, still in existence today,
2. The provision of an adequate water supply that led to the development of Division 4 in an orderly fashion,
3. The Installation of the sewerage scheme for all of Division 4.
4. The Smithfield / Yorkeys Knob connector road,
5. The Redlynch bypass [Western Arterial],
6. The Smithfield bypass, just completed but planned under my watch,
7. The James Cook University precinct,
8. Joint Council representative on the Cairns Base Hospital Board,
9. I lead a cohesive team of Division 4 Councillors which reflected my ability to work in a team environment, where previously the Division was torn by infighting and inertia.

The above achievements stemmed from a visionary perspective and a realisation that Division 4 had special characteristics that had to be enhanced. I was able to appreciate the need for growth to occur but in an orderly and sustainable way. It proved to be a success. The current maintenance of the esplanades and of suburban parks are exemplary, and the current Council needs to be commended for a job well done.

In 1976, I was able to bring youth and vitality to a stale administration whereas today given the chance I would bring experience and a skill set that I have since acquired and the proven ability to work with all political persuasions and personalities. To this end, I have many thousands of followers on my social pages that I am associated with. If given the chance to represent Division 4, a microcosm of Australian society, I will do so with a vision of suburb and service renewal and the need for the Council to invest in selected social housing.

In conclusion by way of your indulgence, I seek your support in nominating myself to fill the vacancy in Division 4. Thank you for your consideration.

Ross Parisi

Ph [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

4th December 2023

Joseline (Joy) Quinones

Councillor Nomination Form



Instructions

Completed nomination forms can be submitted by:

1. Emailing to CEO@cairns.qld.gov.au
2. Handing in a hard copy to Council's Customer Service Centre.



Part 1 - Candidate details

Title: Ms Residential address: [Redacted]
 First name: Joseline [Joy] [Redacted] Postcode: [Redacted]
 Middle name/s: Carol Phone: [Redacted]
 Last name: Quinones Email: [Redacted]

Part 2 - Candidate's declaration

Note: it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that they are eligible for nomination. Candidates may be requested to provide further information to support their nomination.



MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with section 152 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, I declare:

(Please tick)

1. I am 18 years or over, and an Australian Citizen.
2. I reside in the Cairns Local Government area.
3. I am enrolled on the electoral roll kept under the Electoral Act, Section 58.
4. I am not disqualified from being a Councillor under the *Local Government Act 2009*¹.

MANDATORY ONLINE TRAINING

1. I have completed the "So you want to be a Councillor" course offered by the Department of Local Government (please attach proof of completion).

Training completed.

to be completed

I Joseline [Joy] Quinones (first and last name) declare that I am qualified to stand for nomination as a Councillor in accordance with Section 152 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and I am not disqualified to be a Councillor in accordance with Sections 153, 154, 155 and 156 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Signature of [Redacted] Date: 30 / 11 / 2023

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