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Dear people.

I have decided to run for council on the following basic.

I am a qualified electrician working in the construction both as a local contractor And working away from home on mining contract jobs from time to time.

I still hold my pilots licences and have had experience in the fields of accountancy and surveying And worked on main road projects. Both as machine operators and surveying. I have a natural interest in civil engineering

I relate to a couple of friends on the present council and have a knowledge of council goings ons.

At present I have two five acre blocks plus two rental houses which with my work and sports keep Me occupied. So I am active and mentally capable. One five acre block a nursery which I am leaving ideal till things pick up.

As a councillor I want to push outside the normal parameters of coucillors. And be a positive councillor who can do things. And look at things with the attitude how can we do it. There is always ways around things. And ways to do things.

What you must remember is all politicians are only a phone call away and all action go down and wave a banner outside their office. Politicians respond to the media.

I want to be a peoples councillor.

I would like to push for the following.

1. Council fees and application fees. Like most things these went up in the boom. To encourage Building and development I would like to see these come down. Give the small bloke a go.
2. Setting up of an office to help those who suddenly find they Need help and direction. Society is becoming more self interested. And group orientated.
3. As our population is ageing more quick response to their concerns and need. Although about strong pensioner support groups.

Funding is available for everything else. Surely we can get funding for the things I bring up.

4. Our library is becoming a real asset to schools and people in general. Expansion of this. The library is rearly a family group to a large extend. I.E. Friends of the library. I wonder about donations to start it.

5. Child safety child and neglect.
6. The fact is a lot of kids do not have a chance of getting through the negative influence in this town and others towns I hear great concern out there.
7. It has always been my belief that we have to get these kids connected into good families.
8. The fact is doctors solicitors tradesmen and those who see the worst of it and care about kids all say the system is wrong. Hopeless.
9. I believe what is needed is a group in each community consisting of a couple of doctors solicitors tradesmen and in particular the general community. After all it is these who bear the blunt of what they see and experience. They have have the power to do things and get the job done and relate to the community and those that care about them Bring some intelligence into the system and working in with those of the general public who care.
10. Have direct access to the politicians
11. There is one particular group of kids which concern me and I have taken quite a number under my wing over the years. We have a couple in tennis and they are forming their own lives. But help is there.
12. I called them throw back kids. Somehow good genes have got into the system and they are born into poor circumstances and have terrible lives. They Are highly intelligent gifted kids. They do not have a chance. As a roofer said about one, I know the kid. If a good kid is born amongst them they destroy them.
13. School system it depends on the headmaster. In life you must start at the top. All I know is the present system at james nash is not working as good as it should. Examine the school systems to ensure they are picked up and looked after
14. I want to get rid of the feeling there is nothing you can do for kids in poor situations. Believe me doctors solicitors headmasters school teachers have the same experience. And feel the same hopelessness. Like a headmaster said they are hard to get through to. It's a long fight
15. It strikes me what a lot of kids need is a good feed full of vitamins once a day. At school we all received a bottle of milk and an apple everyday. We have to cater for these kids .
16. I am aware people who go in and protect kids can be called all sorts of things. But with a different system this can change

As tradesmen we see it all.

PENSION

17. I personally believe that the pension needs to be increased and the deeming rates and asset rates. Increased I do not know how people can exist on 250 dollars a week. Week in week out.
18. It has always struck me that those who use the system get most of the money. I think a bit of levelling out. .I believe in a society where everyone gets a go.I think the single pension should be increased by 50 dollars per week. And the married 30 dollars per week .

19. The Economy is like a large cake. The politicians cut in all up into pieces depending on how it will effect the vote. I think some groups could handle a little less and others get more. Take out the waste to start with. Maybe a bit more of the mining tax to go to pensions

Unemployment

20. It strikes me we have a lot of people genuinely unemployed. There is a lot of work which could be done to keep those who wish occupied. It can be boring and sole destroying unemployment.
21. I tried to push to the politicians build a factory for one and return it to the manual labour of old and as things improve they go out into the general economy.
22. The savings in divorces mental health and destroyed lives. But factually instead of paying people who want work to sit around and go crazy lets pay them to work.
23. Work for all who want
24. I am aware some would benefit by work
- 25.
26. At present I am re-organising my life. Like most I have become tied up with austar. Medicare. And wrong phone plans changed. Austar has gone to allow medicare. A new phone plan cuts my bill by 200 percent
- Cars have to be sold and more all around vehicles brought. My work load been re-organised to give me time for more productive things.
- I have struck a deal with an agriculture slashing contractor. This will benefit both of us in time saving and costs.
- I think council has to go through this process and the saved money and time directed elsewhere. For better benefit. You see so much wasted money.
- Particularly as Campbell Newman has frozen rates for three years.

As a sportsmen I believe in sports for kids. Special kids or offend knocked about kids seem to love tennis and school. My favourite issue

Bulling at schools. You will always have bullies and those who wish to throw rot. Unfortunatly these days it has changed to where the bully has a gang. The fact is you have to get the better of them. Pick the bully off. Pick the gang off one by one. Or deal with it physiologically. Call him the same name over and over he will crack.

The other fact there are good kids who stand up for those bullied. Heroes.

Technical colleges.

27. I would like to see the return of the old technical colleges. It struck me during the boom and even now that you have to have tickets for everything. And stupid pieces of paper. All expiring at different times. How can a lot get into work.

But no-where to receive training. The old technical colleges were terrific. I know during my apprenticeship I was doing refrigeration welding and a university maths course. Plus my sports and a few beers and lots of fishing.

A lot of retired people say to me they would love to teach at colleges for free to keep themselves active in mind. That covers the full range tradesmen .engineers. welders etc.

Sure we need hairdressers and computer courses. But bloody hell

Job match. I would like to see job match receive funding for training courses

These incessant pieces of paper you have to have. It has to stop somewhere. It has just gone crazy. There has to be a good look at it.

Medical. Operations.

Well I have a hernia. I have an arrangement where if it gets too bad I will be operated on immediately. It is not a big deal or terrible bad but it does affect me if I work too hard or do other things in excess. The surgeon wishes to wait for muscles to relax.

I meet many worse off than I . It dawns on you for an extra three thousand dollars they could be operated on within a week.

I would like to see loans made available for these operations at nominal interest rates. No doubt the preferable system would be transferred across from private sector to public sector

But facts are facts.

Of course it would mean the weeks time delay in the private sector would extend to 2 weeks Or so. Or whatever the different operations time scales. But for those who would like to move the system forward they can. Of course this would reduce the public waiting list.

Bank loans.

Lets face it some fall out of the system. It is especially hard on seasonal workers and construction workers. self employed. pensioners. And a selection of unemployed

People need help from time to time. I cannot see why a special system cannot be set up for them to receive loans. Working through the banking system would seem to be the most economical way to go. If a bank loan can improve the productivity of a persons life and be safe it should be given by this arrangement.

An 18 year old who has been employed for a week can step into a car yard and walk out with a thirty thousand dollar car and loan at huge interest he cannot afford. A stable person cannot get anything

Well we have Bob Katter around now . My view of Bob is that if you bring an issue forward that has to be acted on he will act on it. And get the medias attention. Politicians respond to the media. Watching him on T.V. He is alright. I know his best mate and his very sound.

I have endeavoured to make contacts over the years with people from top line footballers to the governor. To all types of politicians. Actually most I just naturally meet.

Re meeting Shane webke was one. His a terrific bloke. The kids at Curra where to meet him.

Their all terrific blokes.

Kev Rudd 3 weeks ago I decided I had better renew a few acquaintances. I phone Kevs Brisbane office. And said I assumed he would be busy for the next couple of days and passed on a message From a mate.

4 days later I phoned his Canberra office. They asked if I would like to talk to him. I said no But I would pass on a message which I knew he would appreciate. Wish I would have spoken to him but we will catch up. I wonder where he will pop up next and as what. Private enterprise. A different minister. Ambassador Phoned Julies office just to get used to phoning around . You can make contacts outside

Hobbies. My hobbies are tennis. Getting out on farms of friends. Branding etc for a break. And work which is to be honest is hugely sociable and enjoyable. And 99 percent remain good friends. You never know where you are going to be in a day or what is going to happen. Your phone calls start at six. And messages have to be answer at nine that night.

I enjoy my customers and have done over 2000 jobs in the area. Plus my away from home work on mining construction where I make some money. So I have a pretty fair idea what is going on. The thing about being councillor is you can meet all the politicians if you desire. And push your issues. I have made it my aim to meet the governor. Phone contacts to Kevin Rudd.. And contacts into The prime ministers officer. And would pursue into the premiers office.

My sense of humour helps with the staff. Although I have contacts into the top of child safety. The system has to be changed.

I am aware that people who go in and protect children can be called all sorts of things and these people should be given back up. A different system would eliminate a lot of this. Lets get these kids leading productive lives

. Electricity costs

I beleive within six years 80 percent of Australia houses will be self contain in their energy needs.

Lets face it electricity costs are going up every year. Factually they have gone up 50 percent in the last three years.

But factually we are becoming more energy conscious.

Light bulbs are on the market now which are 50 times more energy efficient than the usual We have now. Plus a 28 year gaurantee. They have come down from 200 dollars a unit to 28 dollars and no doubt will come hughely as demand increases.

There is heat storage reflective surface paint which you paint slates with and turn at night time which lights your room. Solar panels will become more efficient as time passes and there is a break through in battery storage on the way.

A power line is planned to cross Australia so we get maximum solar energy and wind energy transferred across the country. It may well be there will be a whole series of these.

I.E We get 18 hours of daylight shining on them. And on and on it will go.

I would like to see a gympie music festival. I saw the early years of the Tamworth festival.

It was terrific with kids and adults busking in the main streets. I would like to see some awards and this extended into the night. It does not have to be a big deal to start off with.

Even slim dusty would come and listen to some of the talent. Unfortunately the pubs moved in the rock bands and ruined a lot of it.

On a work visit to the airport a kindly pilot showed

I want to get a lot of things put right. Being a councillor would give me contacts and time.

One of the things I would do is hire a part time switched on secretary with world wise attributes to help push issues into state and federal governments. Which affect us.

Curra and surrounds. Developers have made millions out of this area and not given a lot back. I feel they should be encouraged to give a bit back to community projects not the rate payer eventually have to foot the bill.

I am pretty aware of their operations

Yours sincerely,

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Council staff handle a lot of things . And advise council what to do mainly. Councils are a pretty self running organisation. There is room to work outside the normal parameters.

What I have endeavoured to do is show I am an active intelligent person with a fair bit of world wiseness. I have been associated with gympie since 1975. Most of my work has been in the surrounding area and I am not as well know in division 4 as out there. But I still have many friends in the area. I have been residents in division 4 since 1996.

I have done the hard yards as banana lumper and bean picker. Plus big project construction work. Plus my local contracting

Gympie is a beautiful region close to Brisbane. If we want the best we have to advertise it.

I am not exactly computer literate. And I know we all thing the same on a lot of issues.

I have done exchange work to help deliver these.

5 weeks ago while working in the area a kindly older pilot extended me kindness and took me through the airport. And planes I relized while working through the training jet I still have it all together

There has been a bit of a mess up due to computer slowness at the nomination center . But I am going to have a go. And hope you will appreciate there can be a difference