



'Bring Back Bruce'

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"Obviously, the fact that I've lived in this area for 40 years does not automatically make me the best candidate. There are certainly many other attributes that should be considered, but having an intricate knowledge of the division for that amount of time does certainly add to my credentials.

Let's consider some of the local issues being raised of late:

- Beach fencing at Mudjimba – common sense would dictate that you not build a fence near the high tide mark, particularly when we live in the sub-tropics and it's in the middle of our monsoon season. But, experience has also shown how far back the seas can scour into the dunes when there is no resistance from fencing.
- The canelands/flood plains - having experienced the major 1983 (Wet Wednesday), 1989 and the 1992 floods and many minor floods in between, I am witness to the effect and impacts flooding can have on this area, the direction of water flows, the catchments and what solutions have been put in place to reduce or prevent flood damage. This knowledge certainly helps with future planning particularly when confronted with developers and their out-of-town consultants who will advise that this area doesn't flood.
- Importantly, I also have a working knowledge of local landslip areas such as the western side of Grandview Lane.

It is the knowledge and experience with these issues and many more that informs the way some things are done here. I suggest anyone new to the area would do well to research the history of topical issues.

It is the people that make a community and I firmly believe that knowing the people, the key players, those who have earned respect because of a lifetime of volunteer or professional contribution to their communities - is certainly worth something when it comes to representing this division. This knowledge doesn't come overnight. It's also worth considering that a candidate that has been an active part of their community for some time has firmly demonstrated that he/she is here for the long haul and certainly in my case, my family and are not going anywhere soon. We are proud residents and we want to protect what we have – I will do whatever it takes to continue to improve the division for everyone else who calls it home as well.

I certainly don't proclaim to know it all, but I know many of the wonderful people that make up our community. I am standing as a candidate because I want to look after the residents of Division 9 and their quality of life. I would be honoured, and humbled, to be elected to represent our community.

No, a candidate should not be elected because they have been on the coast the longest, but I reckon it counts for something.

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