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Council must focus on core responsibilities

Dunne promises a 'Back to Basics' approach

Division 9 candidate Bruce Dunne has pledged to maintain a clear focus on increasing council's core responsibilities and services to give ratepayer's more value for their money.

"For me, being a Councillor is all about representing the residents who elected you and listening to their concerns about the area in which they live," Mr Dunne said.

"Local government should be about providing core services to its residents and one of the main issues I have been hearing from Division 9 residents is their dissatisfaction with basic road maintenance, rubbish disposal and the ever increasing rates and levies.

"If elected, one of my main aims will be guiding council to adopt a 'back to basics' approach and improve the provision of fundamental services to residents."

Mr Dunne said Council's principal responsibilities should include sealing roads and road maintenance, rubbish collection and the provision of tip vouchers, footpaths, cycleways, park upgrades, streetscaping and importantly, lowering rates.

"I am passionate about fostering a common sense approach to council's processes and, along with my intention to explore other ways of raising revenue instead of adding levies, I want to focus on fixing up the current issues and problems with our local infrastructure and community resources."

Mr Dunne said the issues needing attention in Division 9 are extensive and varied, but high on his list of priorities is safety on local roadways.

Citing several examples in the Coolum area, Mr Dunne said the safety of residents was of paramount importance and has pledged to address the problem areas swiftly.

"In the Coolum area, residents have raised valid concerns over the safety of the Centenary Heights/Jenyor Road/Yarrook Street intersection as well as the Perry Street/Beach Road intersection," Mr Dunne explained.

"There are also some concerns with unsealed roads, particularly the School bus routes, and these are all justified.

"Anyone who has driven through the Jenyor Street intersection or tried to turn onto Beach Road from Perry Street will know the risks.

"Negotiating hill crests, blind corners, speedsters and high car numbers all at the same time is a recipe for disaster and if I am elected, I will be attending to these and other safety concerns as a matter of urgency."

Mr Dunne also rates the upgrading of key community recreation areas, including a continuation and upgrade of the Coolum Boardwalk, of major importance and will also aim to improve Council's recognition and financial support for the division's many volunteer groups.

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