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Rob broadcasts yen for politics  
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FORMER radio station manager Rob **Molhoek**, who as a child handed out 'how to vote' cards for former Gold Coast mayor Sir Bruce Small, will run for the council seat of Parkwood at the local government election early next year.

Mr **Molhoek**, 43, was born in Southport and grew up in Labrador. He is the chief executive of the Bell Legal Group, after a stint as head of RG Capital's Sea FM and Gold FM radio stations on the Gold Coast during the late 1990s.

Mr **Molhoek** will run for the seat based on Parkwood, Arundel and Labrador which is expected to be vacated by incumbent councillor Margaret Grummitt.

Cr Grummitt, who has won pre-selection for the National Party, will run for the state seat of Broadwater against the ALP's Peta-Kaye Croft.

It means she will have to resign as the Parkwood councillor before the state poll, set down for March 27.

Mr **Molhoek** said yesterday his two major ambitions in life were to run a radio station and enter politics.

"I've achieved that first aim and I just felt that with Margaret (Grummitt) being pre-selected for a state seat this was the right time for me to have a go," he said.

"I once handed out cards for Sir Bruce Small so I guess it's been in my blood for a long time."

Mr **Molhoek** said he believed his business acumen would stand him in good stead as a councillor.

"I think I've got the skills to take a businesslike approach to being a councillor and I've always maintained that my strengths are in financial control matters, planning and strategy," he said.

"I have my family here and want to live and remain here. I firmly believe, having travelled quite a bit, that the Gold Coast is the best city in the world."

Mr **Molhoek**, married to Melinda for 18 years with four sons, David, 14, Tim, 11, Mathew, 9, and Andrew, 3, was general manager of the Woolworths store at Broken Hill at the age of 26.

It was at Broken Hill that Mr **Molhoek** first got his taste of radio.

After having a particularly bad day at the Woolies store, Mr **Molhoek** joked to the owner of the local radio station, 2BH, about a job.

"He rang me a day later and asked if I'd like to manage his radio station," said Mr **Molhoek**.

"It was a big decision. I had the beginnings of a very good career at Woolworths but after three weeks I decided to give it (radio) a go. It was a hell of a learning curve."

One of his key campaign issues will be preserving the Broadwater in its natural state.

**Caption:** Rob Molhoek, seeking a career in local politics

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