

It's time for a change:

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Southport, Molendinar, Labrador to Central St.

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Strong support from the community has led Roxanne Scott to run for the Council seat of Southport which has not been contested since 1998.

Roxanne launched her campaign on the Broadwater foreshore area last Monday (20 October).

“The idea was suggested to me several weeks ago and I have been systematically contacting local identities to gauge community opinion,” Roxanne said.

“And I have been overwhelmed by the encouragement I have received.”

Roxanne Scott is the Senior Employment Adviser for the Department of Employment and Training’s Gold Coast office at Southport, where she has managed more than \$10million of projects under the Breaking the Unemployment Cycle (BUC) initiative.

Roxanne has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Southport area through working closely with local community organizations to assist their clients and is currently asking local residents to contact her with their views on what will be needed in Southport over the next four year term of Council as well as for the longer-term.

Local organizations that Roxanne has assisted have included The Migrant Centre, Bridging the Gap, Women at Work, Set Free Care, Anglicare, The Schizophrenia fellowship, The Mental Health Association, Gold Coast Youth Commitment, the Sexual Assault Support Service and Silver Bridle Action Group.

Employment projects in the construction field at Southport that have been managed by Roxanne under the BUC initiative have included the restoration of the Southport Scout Hall North Street, the Gold Coast Amateur Fishing Club on the Broadwater, the Sporting Hall of Fame at Owen Park and the Caretakers Cottage in the same area.

Roxanne stresses that she has a great deal of passion for Southport and the Gold Coast.

“Despite this area being one of Queensland’s and Australia’s greatest assets, Gold Coast has been seriously under-funded in a whole range of areas in recent years,” Roxanne said.

“Having a business focus and some 20 years experience in State Government, I would push for greater equity in funding, “ she said.

“Gold Coast’s rapid population growth and the fact that, despite being larger than Canberra, it is seen as a regional centre rather than a major city in it’s own right.

“But the statistics speak for themselves – an examination of funding per population share shows deficiencies for Gold Coast in a whole range of areas, of which Police is only the tip of the iceberg. “

In relation to the Council itself, Roxanne feels that there has been too much infighting and not enough reasoned argument and negotiation to solve Gold Coast’s problems including financial management, traffic, water and rates.

“Too much bickering and emotions has unfortunately impacted adversely on the decision-making processes in Council,” Roxanne said.

“I would work towards a more professional Council where community opinion and logic would prevail in decision-making processes”.

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Roxanne is married with two boys aged 15 and 13.

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