

QUEENSLAND
CRIME AND MISCONDUCT COMMISSION

Crime and Misconduct Act 2001
[Section 75]

NOTICE TO DISCOVER

(MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATION)

CRIME & MISCONDUCT COMMISSION
No. 2005-5 Date 7 Nov 05
IN THE MATTER OF:

OP GRAND

EXHIBIT No. 153
CLERK

TO: Brian Philip ROWE
[REDACTED]

I, ROBERT MARTIN NEEDHAM, Chairperson of the Crime and Misconduct Commission, reasonably suspect that you are a person who has information, or you are in possession of a document or thing, relevant to a misconduct investigation.

I HEREBY require you to give:

a written statement of information of the type specified in the Schedule to this Notice, and relevant to a misconduct investigation; and

stated documents which are in your possession of the type specified in the Schedule to this Notice, and relevant to a misconduct investigation.


TO: Lincoln HANSEN, Anna McDONALD, Karel WEIMAR, Ben DUELL, or Daniel BOYLE of the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE BY:

Giving the statement, document or thing to the Commission Officer/s named above on or before 5:00pm on Monday 22 August 2005 at:

The Crime and Misconduct Commission
Level 3 Terrica Place
140 Creek Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

DATED this 12th day of August 2005


ROBERT MARTIN NEEDHAM
Chairperson
Crime and Misconduct Commission

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The Case Officer is: Ken BEMI

SCHEDULE

1. All documentation, including information contained upon any computer or computer disk or other electronic storage medium, held by you or that is otherwise in your possession or under your control, recording the relevant details required by Chapter 5 Part 8 of the *Local Government Act 1993* including details of any gift, donations, services, benefits or funds (hereinafter collectively referred to as "gifts") you requested, were provided, or received, directly or indirectly, from any person or entity related to the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004 including but not limited to:
 - Correspondence (including email correspondence);
 - Invoices, receipts, remittance advices or similar documents evidencing gifts you requested, were provided, or received; and
 - Statements of account held with any financial institution evidencing gifts you requested, were provided, or received.

2. All files, memoranda, presentations, documents, notes, note books, meeting notes and other records of meetings, emails, correspondence, letters, letters of engagement, diary entries and records, advertisements, promotional material, advices, advertising strategies and records, invoices and records of payment by you (or any other party) and any other documentation whether in printed form or in any other form, including information contained upon any computer or computer disk or other electronic storage medium held by you or that is otherwise in your possession or under your control:
 - Relating to your candidacy or to your election campaign, or the candidacy of another candidate or the election campaign of any group of candidates as defined by section 426 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, in relation to the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004;
 - Relating to your dealings with any of the following: Lionel Barden; the Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund; the Lionel Barden Common Sense Trust; the Common Sense Trust; the Lionel Barden Trust; the Power and Robbins Trust; Mandra Pty Ltd trading as Quadrant; Hickey Lawyers; Great Southern Land G.M.B.H.; Ray Group Pty Ltd; Gregory Phillips; Sunland Group Limited; Phil Sullivan; Fish Development Pty Ltd; Devine Ltd; Rapcivic Contractors Pty Ltd; Roche Group Pty Ltd; Villa World Limited; Ingles Group (QLD) Pty Ltd; Blue Sky Capital Pty Ltd; and Stockland Development Pty Ltd; or any person or entity associated with the aforementioned persons or entities in relation to the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004; and
 - That may indicate the nature and extent of the association between yourself and David Power, Ron Clarke, Raymond William Hackwood, Robert La Castra, Edward (Ted) Shepherd, Sue Robbins, Jan Elizabeth Grew, Grant James Pforr, Robert Molhoek, Roxanne Scott and Greg Betts in respect of the possible nomination and election of any of those persons at the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004.

3. A written statement of information detailing all donations, gifts, services, benefits or funds (hereinafter collectively referred to as "gifts") you or your campaign committee requested, were provided, or received either directly, or indirectly through another person or entity, and whether or not requested, or provided, or received wholly by yourself or in conjunction with others, from any person or entity related to the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004 including but not limited to:

- The identity of the person or entity who provided gifts, including the identity of any third person or entity involved in the distribution or eventual provision of the gifts to yourself;
- The nature of the gifts you requested, were provided, or received. For example whether the gift was monetary, in-kind, or the provision of service;
- The amount, or market value, of any gifts you requested, were provided, or received; and
- The date you requested, were provided, or received any gifts.

4. A written statement of information detailing:

- Your dealings with any of the following: Lionel Barden; the Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund; the Lionel Barden Common Sense Trust; the Common Sense Trust; the Lionel Barden Trust; the Power and Robbins Trust; Mandra Pty Ltd trading as Quadrant; Hickey Lawyers; Great Southern Land G.M.B.H.; Ray Group Pty Ltd; Gregory Phillips; Sunland Group Limited; Phil Sullivan; Fish Development Pty Ltd; Devine Ltd; Rapcivic Contractors Pty Ltd; Roche Group Pty Ltd; Villa World Limited; Ingles Group (QLD) Pty Ltd; Blue Sky Capital Pty Ltd; and Stockland Development Pty Ltd; or any person or entity associated with the aforementioned persons or entities in relation to the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004;
- The nature and extent of the association between yourself and David Power, Ron Clarke, Raymond William Hackwood, Robert La Castra, Edward (Ted) Shepherd, Sue Robbins, Jan Elizabeth Grew, Grant James Pforr, Robert Molhoek, Roxanne Scott and Greg Betts in relation to the possible nomination and election of any of those candidates at the Gold Coast City Council elections on 27 March 2004;
- Your dealings with, and knowledge of, Paul Wesley Brinsmead and/or Hickey Lawyers in relation to the receipt of funds and/or the disbursement of funds by Paul Wesley Brinsmead and/or Hickey Lawyers that were received and/or disbursed for the benefit of the election campaign of yourself, a group of candidates, or any other candidate in respect of the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004;
- The date that you announced you would be a candidate for the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004;
- The date that you nominated as a candidate for the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004;
- The name and residential and business address of each member of your campaign committee (as defined by s 426 of the *Local Government Act 1993*) for the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004; and
- Any accounts held with any financial institution (including account number, account name and financial institution) that were used by you, your campaign committee, (as defined by s 426 of the *Local Government Act 1993*), any member of your campaign committee or any person acting for you or your campaign committee in relation to your campaign for the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004.

INFORMATION TO ADDRESSEE

GENERALLY

YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE

Failure to comply with this notice, without reasonable excuse, constitutes an offence which carries a maximum penalty of 85 penalty units or 1 year's imprisonment.

An offence is not committed if the information, document or thing—

is subject to privilege;

OR

is a secret process of manufacture applied by you solely for a lawful purpose.

Privilege, in the context of a misconduct investigation, means -

- (i) legal professional privilege; or
- (ii) public interest immunity; or
- (iii) parliamentary privilege

and includes a claim on the ground of confidentiality. "Confidentiality" means a ground recognised at law that giving an answer, or disclosing a communication or document, would be a breach of an oath taken or statutory or commercial obligation or restriction to maintain secrecy.

By complying with this notice, **YOU DO NOT**—

contravene a provision of an Act or law imposing a statutory or commercial obligation or restriction to maintain secrecy in relation to the information, document, or thing;

OR

incur any civil liability in relation to the information, document or thing.

SHOULD YOU HAVE A CLAIM OF PRIVILEGE

The commission officer is to consider the claim. The commission officer may withdraw the requirement in relation to which the claim is made **OR** may advise you that you may apply to or be required to attend before the Supreme Court to establish the privilege under section 196 of the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* (Q).

IF

a claim is made in relation to a document or thing you are required to give or produce to the commission;

AND

the document or thing is in your possession or you acknowledge the document or thing is in your possession;

AND

the commission officer does not withdraw the requirement;

THE COMMISSION OFFICER MUST REQUIRE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY SEAL THE DOCUMENT OR THING [the "SEALED EVIDENCE"] AND GIVE IT TO THE COMMISSION OFFICER FOR SAFE KEEPING.

YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY SEAL THE DOCUMENT OR THING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE. [A failure to do so constitutes an offence which carries a maximum penalty of 85 penalty units or 1 year's imprisonment.]

YOU AND THE COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE MUST IMMEDIATELY DELIVER THE SEALED EVIDENCE TO A REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT TO BE HELD IN SAFE CUSTODY.

The Registrar is to keep the sealed evidence in safe custody until—

(a) application is made to a Supreme Court judge to decide the claim of privilege;

OR

(b) the end of 3 court days after the day on which the document or thing is given to the registrar, if an application has not been made under paragraph (a);

OR

- (c) the registrar is told by the person and the commission representative that agreement has been reached on the disposal of the sealed evidence.

If an application is made to a Supreme Court, the Registrar is to dispose of the sealed evidence in the way ordered by the judge.

If an application is not made by the end of 3 court days after the day on which the document or thing is given to the Registrar, the Registrar is to return the sealed evidence to you.

If you and the commission representative give the registrar notice that an agreement on the disposal of the sealed evidence has been reached, the Registrar is to dispose of the sealed evidence in the way agreed.

OATH OF SERVICE

SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS UNDER THE *CRIME AND MISCONDUCT ACT 2001*

I, KENNETH WILLIAM BENT of the Crime and Misconduct Commission, 140 Creek Street, BRISBANE do swear that on the 12th day of August 2005.

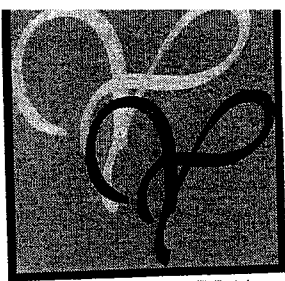
I served the said Brian Philip ROWE with the attached notice by:
delivering the original of the attached notice to the named individual personally at

~~48 Riverdowns Crescent, HELENSVALE QLD 4210~~ 6 BLSGH CRT, BENOWA

Signed and sworn by the Deponent at BNE
this 12th day of AUGUST 2005
before me: DAVID LESLIE GOODY

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) Deponent
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Justice of the Peace
S.P. (C. [unclear])



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Friday 26th August 2005

The Crime & Misconduct Commission
GPO Box 3123
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Via Facsimile Also: 33606060

Dear Sirs

**IN THE MATTER OF A MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATION
NOTICE TO DISCOVER – BRIAN PHILIP ROWE**

I have accepted service of the enclosed notice.

As communicated to officers of the Commission I am instructed that my client holds no documents, records, statements or otherwise as sought by the subpoena. It is the case that my client "threw out" any documents in his possession (which would be duplicates only) when he relocated to Perth in early 2005).

My client further instructs in response to paragraph 4 of the subpoena as follows:

1. No dealings;
2. The persons named therein were and still in certain cases personally know to my client as candidates in the 2004 council elections. There are personal friendships forged whilst my client was headmaster of Saint Stephen's College and thereafter Chairman of the Coomera Chamber of Commerce with Messrs Power and Pforr;
3. No knowledge;
4. In or about the second half of January 2004;
5. Closing Date of Nominations;
6. Michael Dermott Yarwood (6 Bligh Court Benowa Qld 4217)
John Lang (Lang Realty Coomera)
Kathryn Barry (1/8 Millenium Drive Helensvale)
Chris Conroy (unknown)
7. Nil known to my client.

My client repeats and relies on the statement filed on his behalf in respect of his election gifts return. I am instructed to provide full co-operation and assistance in respect of any query arising from the response herein. In the event that you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Kindest Regards
MICHAEL D. YARWOOD



This office will be closed between the 29th August – 2nd September 2005. There shall be an answering service but no facsimile service whilst the office is closed. We shall be otherwise unavailable.

This office operates an answering service outside the above operating hours.

Tuesday 11th October 2005

ORIGINAL

Mr. Stephen Lambrides
Assistant Commissioner
Crime & Misconduct Commission

Via Facsimile: 33606059

Commissioner

BRIAN PHILIP ROWE

I refer to the above witness scheduled today for examination before the Commission.

I confirm my telephone discussion with you at 5.38pm last evening in which I raised the following:

1. The date disks containing material from Betts, Pforr, Mulhoek, Morgan and Scott were received by my office on Friday 7th October 2005. As you are aware Brian is from Perth Western Australia and early yesterday morning had an opportunity to review that material;
2. Brian is scheduled to return to Perth at 7.05pm this evening. Brian is dependant on returning to Perth this evening for key meetings at the campus of which he is headmaster ahead of senior school exams scheduled latter this month;
3. Brian has informed me of errors made in my initially correspondence to the commission of which require qualification. Your file will record the late service of the *Notice*, effected upon my office to assist the *Commission*. It is to be noted that during the initial contact with an officer of the *Commission*, Brian was informed to get in quickly his response to the *Notice* specifically in respect of his throwing out of his election documents prior to his relocation to Perth and that if the *Commission* required further material that the *Commission* would be in contact. In this regard it is noted that discussions with both Anna MacDonald and Cameron Stewart of the *Commission*, I advised that Brian was more than happy to provide a further record of interview by teleconference, telephone or otherwise, at one stage it being suggested that a list of questions be forwarded to him in Perth to assist the *Commission*. This was initially canvassed as it was acknowledged that attendance between the 5th - 12th October 2005 would be disadvantageous to the students and staff of his campus.
4. Following service of the *Notice* and the significant time constraints in responding, my office had contacted Brian (whom was attending school camps and activities at the time) and generally queried him on the matters in paragraph 4 of the *Notice* noting that the relevant officer had commented to generally reply given the lack of campaign records.

My correspondence of the 26th August 2005 incorrectly notes the following:

- A. It is necessary to qualify that Brian acknowledges two (2) group meetings and one (1) personal meeting with Mr. Chris Morgan, whom I did not properly associate as being a representative of Quadrant. Brian comments that he had

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dealings with Chris Morgan and knew that Chris was from the organization called Quadrant. Brian attended meetings for the purposes of educating himself as a candidate. Brian further states that the personal meeting with Chris Morgan was to have him "proof read" his initial brochure produced by him at a time over the Christmas holidays when his graphic designer was on leave and could not be contacted.

- B. Whilst John Fish is not specifically mentioned, it is the case that his company is Fish Developments Pty Limited. Brian notes that John advised him that he would be providing funding assistance to Brian's campaign, at which time Brian commented that he would need to speak to his campaign manager John Lange. Brian notes that John Fish had commented that Brian "would owe him a beer".
- C. It is to be appreciated that Brian has not had the benefit of a campaign diary, that record having been thrown out prior to his Perth relocation. Brian comments that indeed Lionel Bardon was present at a pre-election Booth Workers meeting of which he attended. Whilst not election related, Brian has also recalled that at the invitation of John Lang he did attend the Gold Coast Bulletin Gala Dinner and sat at the table where Lionel Bardon was also accommodate. Whilst there was a general discussion about council there was no specific discussion of Brian as a candidate.
- D. As to Brian's announcement as a candidate whilst it was officially made at a campaign launch in the 2nd half of January 2004, his decision was made in December 2003 with campaigning (door knocking) commencing in earnest in the second week of January 2004.
- E. I have incorrectly recorded that he nominated at the closing of nominations. The record will clearly show that it was in fact on the opening day of nominations done for the purposes of a potential media photo/story opportunity
- F. Brian's campaign committee should read Mr. John Lang, Mrs. Kathryn Barry, Mr. Ian Fryer, Mr. David Treacher and Mr. Chris Conroy.
- G. My letter of the 26th August 2005 omits that Brian was aware his campaign account was held at the sub-agency of Heritage Building Society at Land Realty but confirms that he holds no other details of that account save its operation by Mr. John Lang his campaign manager.

Please provide the above matters to counsel assisting the Commission, noting that my office has failed to properly interpret the instructions received from Brian, quite possibly consequent on the significant time constraints due to the late service and Brian's locale.

Further, in anticipation of Brian's return to Perth today, I advise that he shall require two (2) further cab charge dockets, on account that the two initially provided allowed travel from his home to Perth Domestic Airport Terminal and Brisbane Domestic Airport Terminal to Rendevous Hotel. Obviously he shall require cab charge vouchers for the return trips (i.e. Rendevous - Bne Airport; Perth Airport - Home).


Yours sincerely

MICHAEL D. YARWOOD

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Please find below the submission requested on October 10 as a condition of my return to Perth. Again I thank you for your understanding in that matter.

As you are aware upon my move to Perth I threw away all my remaining files etc re the GCCC election of March 27, 2004, when I stood as a candidate in Division 5. As such, the following is written following listening to Rob Molhoek in the stand for 2 days and skim reading transcripts of proceedings from subsequent days. Actual dates of meetings stated below have been established through witnesses' comments during proceedings October 10 - 14.

Thus I submit the following.

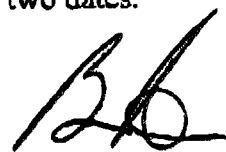
Quadrant: I attended meetings at Quadrant on December 18 and January 8. Present at both those meetings were Cr Power, Cr Robbins, Chris Morgan, Grant Pforr and his wife Liz, Greg Betts, Rob Molhoek, and me. Cr Shepherd was present only on December 18. Roxanne Scott states she was not present at the January 8 meeting and I could not disagree with that as I cannot recall whether or not she was there.

I also had a meeting with Chris Morgan at Quadrant late December. No one else was at that meeting. This was to have Chris make some minor amendments to my brochure. I did not use Quadrant for my promotional material but on this occasion the graphic designer I was using was away for the entire Xmas/New Year break and I wanted my brochure finished and to the printers so I could use them with my doorknocking which I wanted to begin as early in January as possible.

It needs to be noted that attendance at the meetings of December 16 and January 8 was purely optional. I was told of the first meeting by John Lang or David Power but there was never a compulsion to attend. I subsequently attended for the purpose of educating myself as a candidate and to gain campaigning hints as I had never been involved with an election campaign before.

Lionel Bardon: Whilst at some time in the past I had heard Lionel speak at a Coomera Chamber of Commerce meeting about his Innovations Showcase at Coolangatta, I met Lionel for the first time at the Gold Coast Bulletin Gold Coast Honours Gala Dinner Awards (November 2003). My wife and I attended at the invitation of John Lang and sat at the same table as Lionel (and from memory his wife) and John Lang (and his wife). It was John's view that if I was going to present as a candidate for local government I should be "seen" at such functions in the lead up. I had several conversations with Lionel throughout the evening although we were seated on opposite sides of a round table seating 10. I could not state definitively what we spoke about - they were general conversations only.

I met Lionel again on March 24 at Lakelands Golf Club when he addressed those present on the importance of being organised on polling day re the undecided voter. To the best of my knowledge I did not see Lionel in between these two dates.



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Greg Betts: I have only met him twice, at the two meetings at Quadrant.

Roxanne Scott: To the best of my knowledge I only met Roxanne at the Quadrant meeting and at a Southport Chamber of Commerce Meet the Mayoral Candidates Breakfast. This function was well attended and we only exchanged pleasantries as we passed each other. From memory she was standing at or around the main entrance door when I walked in with John Lang.

Cr Robert Molhoek: I met Robert at the Gold Coast Bulletin Gold Coast Honours Gala Dinner. I attended his campaign launch with John Lang the next week and was grateful for the opportunity as I had never attended a candidate's campaign launch and was going to have to do one myself down the track. Robert attended my campaign launch in January. Robert was at both Quadrant meetings.

Grant Pforr: I was previously the Headmaster of the College his children attend and his wife was on staff. In fact a meeting between Grant, Cr Power and myself in the Headmaster's office was the beginning of the Coomera Watersports Club. Subsequently Grant became the College's rowing coach.

I have never come across someone who has devoted so much personal time and energy to a community project as Grant (and also Liz) has done to Coomera Watersports Club.

Grant (and Liz) were at both Quadrant meetings.

Cr David Power: I have known Cr Power for approximately ten years and would regard him as a friend. He was the local Councillor for the area in which the school I was Headmaster was situated. As the elected local government representative he was invited and attended many college events and functions. During my time as Headmaster he was used as a guest speaker to staff regarding the development of the northern/Coomera area and was guest speaker several times at Parents and Friends (P&F) Meetings.

Cr Power was a member of the Coomera Chamber of Commerce as was I, and as such we also caught up at many meetings. I was also on the Coomera Chamber of Commerce subcommittee which organised the Coomera New Year's fireworks with which Cr Power was very involved.

Cr Sue Robbins: I met Cr Robbins for the first time at the Quadrant meeting on December 16. I only met her once more and that was at the meeting on January 8.

Cr Jan Grew: I don't believe I have ever met Cr Grew.



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Cr Ray Hackwood: I don't believe I have ever met Cr Hackwood.

Cr Ted Shepherd: I met Cr Shepherd for the first time at the Quadrant meeting and cannot recall seeing him again before the election.

Cr Ron Clarke: I met Cr Clarke for the first time at a Coomera Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting at which he was guest speaker. This was when he was a mayoral candidate.

Cr Clarke attended my campaign launch (Cr Baildon was also invited but was an apology).

I met Cr Clarke again at a community meeting he held in Helensvale leading up to the election (Helensvale 18 in Division 5)

Cr Robert La Castra: I first met Cr La Castra when he was doorknocking during the campaign that saw him first elected. I lived in his Division. I met him again at the opening of the Nerang Library prior to the election.

John Fish: I have known John, Helen and the family in the school setting and also socially for approximately 10 years.

Brian Ray: I knew Brian and Kathy for some 23 years. Our first meeting was December 1982 when I was appointed to the foundation staff of a new Gold Coast independent school to be opened in February 1983. Brian was a member of the Board of Directors of that college. Two of the Ray children attended this college. In addition to our long standing friendship we shared names that were very similar and for the 13 years I was on staff at the college we often received each others mail or messages. This was of constant amusement to us.

Hickey Lawyers: Whilst the financial/accounting side of my campaign was largely in the hands of John Lang and his PA, it was my understanding that Hickey Lawyers was where the Trust fund which supplied funds to my campaign was operated and thus requests for funds were directed to, or at least ended up with, Hickey Lawyers.

Approached to be a candidate: Shortly after I had announced that I would be retiring as Headmaster, John Lang (who was President of the Coomera Chamber of Commerce) informally asked me at a function if I had ever thought about standing for local government. This conversation would have been around mid 2003. We talked about it several times over the ensuing weeks/months. After seeking counsel from Lex

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Bell and discussing it with my wife, a decision was made to stand. I would guess that was around October or early November.

From memory my candidature became 'officially' announced in the time period early December or late November.

My campaign launch was in late January.

I nominated as a candidate for the Gold Coast City Council elections of March 27 on the opening day of nominations.

Funding: Following the decision to stand, John Lang and I spoke with Cr Power. To the best of my knowledge John Lang was the one who arranged the get together. Now that the decision to stand as a candidate for Division 5 had been made, John believed it was necessary to have a general discussion with Cr Power and to seek advice on how we would fund the campaign, which we believed, would need to be significant. Cr Power informed John and I that he was prepared to investigate some funding options for the campaign. We asked that he do so.

Some time later (days not weeks) Cr Power informed me he had been able to secure some funding and explained the circumstances of that funding.

Cr Power and I also discussed who else may be prepared to contribute. Due to my friendship with John Fish and other businessmen in the area, Cr Power suggested they may also be supportive.

It was felt the combination of such support could be significant and this was imperative as since my decision to stand I had heard nothing except how hard my job was going to be.

Reasons for standing: In the general community there was a frustration at the antics of the councillors and there was a view they were carrying on in a manner not befitting their elected position. There existed a view that they were not showing enough respect to each other and to the task of running the city. This was a common topic of conversation at that time and leading up to the election it was consistently and continually voiced.

The business community in particular were also reflecting a frustration that decisions were not being made on important whole of city issues.

Whilst unsure if I was going to be capable of bringing change to that situation, or if indeed it was the fault of the system, I decided nothing was to be achieved by inaction. If unsuccessful, at least I would have been able to voice these concerns.

My theme for the campaign was a jigsaw puzzle and that the 14 Divisions were pieces of that puzzle. The 14 pieces needed to be brought together to form the whole picture and complete the puzzle. (Even our how to vote card was in the shape of a jigsaw puzzle piece.) They were of no value to the big picture as individual pieces until they were brought together. The Gold Coast is now the sixth largest city in Australia yet our governance was not reflecting that big city decision making that was needed. I believed that local divisional issues were being addressed by councillors but the



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energy and commitment to the big picture stuff was suffering and was not present in any where near the volume that it needed to be.

The message of my campaign was –
Let's put the jigsaw back together
-The 'big picture' is important too!

It is also important to note that I was never asked to be, or ever considered myself to be, a member of a 'ticket' or an 'alliance'. There was never a suggestion that there was intent to form a voting block or that, if elected, I was expected to vote in any particular way.

Campaign Committee:

John Lang - Campaign Manager and Finance Manager

Kathryn Barry – Secretary

David Treacher

Ian Fryer

Chris Conroy

Additional assistance was given by Michael Yarwood

Occasional advice/assistance from Bob Janssen

All my material was authorised by Col Meagher

My campaign account was held at the Heritage Building Society sub branch at Lang Realty, Dreamworld Drive, Coomera. I understand you have details of that account from John Lang. Payment of accounts and documentation etc was done by John Lang's PA.

