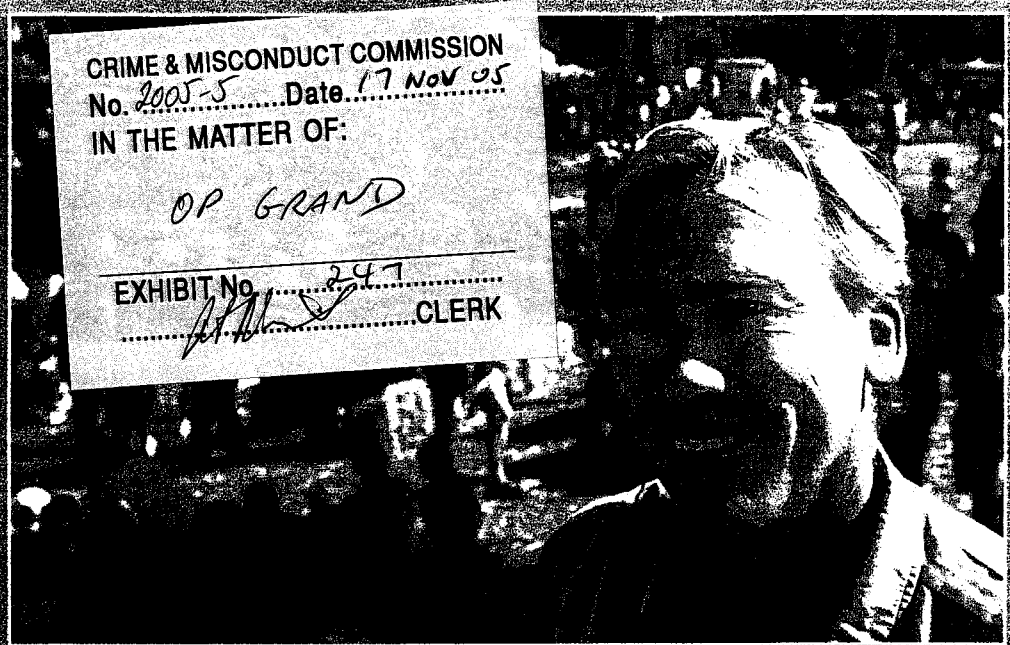


# Return PETER YOUNG

Your strong  
voice for  
Division 5



I am proud to say **we** have achieved  
great things for Division 5.

Four years ago I stood as a candidate for the position of Councillor of Division 5. At that time I challenged the then Deputy Mayor, who had been a Councillor for eighteen years, because I believed he had lost touch with the community. I ran a campaign supported by individuals and families, not big developers, and with community support I became your representative.

This has been a challenging role in many respects. I inherited a Divisional budget significantly overspent, impacting on the ability to deliver new facilities and services within the first twelve months. I inherited unfulfilled promises, some clearly not achievable. I inherited parks, footpaths and water catchments in dire need of significant improvements just to get the basics right. I inherited communities that were isolated from the decisions that affect their local area. But most importantly of all I inherited the obligation to serve the communities of Division 5 and of the entire City. This is a job I believe I have done with passion, with a great deal of hard work, and at all times with the strong conviction that the interests of residents come first.

Now, on March 27, I will again be seeking your endorsement to continue as your representative. I believe that I have honoured my commitment to the community, that together we have achieved great outcomes, and that I am the right person to continue to represent you.



#### My Background

- Division 5 Councillor since 2000.
- Have lived in Division 5 at Oxenford since 1994.
- Tertiary education at Flinders University (South Australia) and Sydney University. Bachelor of Arts (double major) majoring in Political Science, Government and Public Administration, and Human Geography.
- Prior to election in 2000, Director of my own consulting company. Provided award winning specialist advice and services in Geographic Information Systems to the Federal Government and the Governments of Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia.
- Born and lived in Adelaide until I was 20.
- Lived in Sydney 1979 – 1994.

# Proud to be independent and working for you

Residents come first. That is my philosophy and that often means other Councillors and I have a different opinion and position about important issues. Here are some issues where my position has been different to that of some neighbouring Councillors

• Councillors travelling business class – me for me against

• Supporting the location of the proposed Rainforest Interpretive Centre in the old quarry site at Nerang (as per consultant recommendation) rather than in Burdhill Park – me for them against

• Approving a tavern with gaming machines to be built immediately adjacent to a school – them for me against

• Securing parkland on the Coomera River from developers – me for them against

• Using Division 5 funds for a bus service in Helensvale and Studio Village – me for them against

• Contributing funds towards the Nerang Celebrates Festival – I did, they did not

• Funding flood mitigation works for the Nerang floodplain from the Whole of City – me for them against

• Replacing agendas on Council's Web site in advance of committee meetings to enable public access – me for them against

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## \$8000 council rise scrapped

by Michael Corkill and Tony Wilson

The council yesterday voted to stick to its base salary levels – \$60,359 for councillors and

THE Gold Coast City Council blamed for decisions... The council approached the... There is no second largest... be an good...

### Bulletin comment

THE 'famous five' group of city councillors trying to overturn a controversial \$60 rate hike are waging a losing battle, they conceded last night.

Finance committee chairman Cr Alan Rickard has defended the Budget, saying the increases were necessary.

## Priorities and Whole of City projects on my hit list for 2004-05.

I will be pursuing issues of City-wide significance such as

- Public transportation
- Major roadworks (e.g. Surfers Paradise, Smith Street etc)
- Sustainable water supply
- Environmental programs
- Flood mitigation
- Botanical gardens
- City-wide greening program
- Improved recycling and recovery programs
- Preservation of the Broadwater

Projects of a more localised nature for which I will be seeking funds from the 'Whole of City' allocations include

- \$8m for major development of the Nerang River Regional parklands, to include a major recreational and playground component
- \$5m for significant works to achieve water quality improvements for Lake Coombabah and the Helensvale wetlands, and the Nerang River
- \$5m for the new Helensvale library – to purchase a new site and construct a new building approximately twice the size of the existing building
- Continued improvements at the Helensvale Sporting Precinct
- Initial stages of the \$12m Global Centre for Sustainability at Nerang
- Upgrading the Helensvale pool
- Funding towards a new Pacific Pines sports facility
- Substantial roadworks throughout Gaven
- New Community Centre at Oxenford
- Distribution of treated effluent to all major parks and sports fields in Helensvale

# Proud to be your representative and working with you

My job is to represent your interests every time. I can only do that by listening to you and helping find solutions. Every important achievement in Division 5 has been a joint effort - sometimes against the odds - but the victories have been sweet.

You gave me the strength to get all **Town Planning Sessions** open to the public and media - no more secrecy!

You gave me the passion to get all **Brundel Sessions** open to the public and media - it's your money and it's your money worth it!

You wanted a more ecologically sustainable approach to managing our City. So we worked together to include strong principals and objectives in the all-important 2003-2008 Corporate Plan.

You made it clear you treasure your heritage, so I worked with the Nerang community to begin restoration of the *Maid of Skerpaddle* steamer and fought for the preservation of historical Nerang homesteads within Nerang.

You wanted places to build communities and I secured funds and was involved in every aspect of the planning and design of the \$2.4m Pacific Pines Community Centre and Auditorium.

You were tired of being knocked so I together we ran the **2003 Nerang Celebrates Festival**.

You needed an organised forum to address your local issues so we established the **Parkwood Brundel Residents Association**.

## Keep Council YOUNG

Nerang residents young and old celebrate securing a decent funding package for the Nerang pool redevelopment. Construction is due to begin after Easter 2004.

You were tired of being overlooked so we worked together to secure funds for the new \$430,000 Helensvale Senior Citizens club rooms.

### Budget victory to 'new blood'

**COUNCIL** has opened its doors to the public and media for the first time in its history. The decision to open up the meetings was decided by a narrow vote after for-and-against arguments were held closed session last Thursday.

"This is a credit to the new councillors — it's fair to say that some of the new blood had a lot to do with it," said Cr. Crichlow, who

By MURRAY HUBBARD

Dawn Crichlow, Eddy Sarzoff, Margaret Griffiths, Peter Young, Ted Shepherd and Peter Drake.

Arguments used against opening up the sessions included that the media might misinterpret or misreport what was being debated which could leave council in a poor light and it could lead to self interest groups strongly lobbying council.

You wanted a new Nerang library that not only met your needs but was a place of health and joy and pride. I fought for the funding and we worked together on design and public amenities.

You wanted a fair go so I inflated and secured increased pensioner concessions.

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**THE Gold Coast City Council is set to fling open the doors of its highly secretive planning meetings following a push for 'greater transparency'.**

**New council members Young and Griffiths have successfully pushed through a resolution to draw attention to the confidential nature of council decisions. The move has put Cr. Crichlow, who**



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# Proud to be flat out and working for our future

## Whole of City funds - More \$ for Division 5

Councillors are given a small allocation each year to spend on parks and playground equipment, traffic calming, stormwater improvements and other local projects. Major projects are funded from the *Whole of City* accounts. Here are some wins in the past few years that have injected BIG \$ and brought significant benefits to the Division 5 community...

**Helensvale Senior Citizens Club** – the club have been working towards this project for 10 years. Now, finally, they have a first class centre with room for lots of new members who want to get out and about and active.

**Helensvale Sporting Precinct (Rugby Park)** – the playing grounds at this facility were in very poor condition. Over used and with no watering and irrigation. Now a Master Plan has been developed, and includes plans to install new high standard lighting, irrigation for new playing areas, new pathways and security improvements. The fields are being significantly restored and will be amongst the best in the City – what are our young sportspeople deserve!

**Discovery Park Helensvale** – residents who live nearby and users of this major park know what an abysmal state the main drain has been in for years. Now funds are being directed to make significant improvements including realigning and re-profiling the drain, installing pipes and sediment basins, removing weeds and revegetating the area.

**Discovery Drive/Rugby Park area** – pollution carried off the streets gets into the park area near the swimming pool and then into Lake Coombabah adding to the already poor water quality. New traps and pipes will help reduce the pollution and are part of a much larger emphasis on factors affecting the water quality in the area.

**Lindfield Road Helensvale** – a new 2.5m wide off road cycle/pedestrian facility will at last provide decent access all the way to the library and Helensvale Plaza.

**Nerang Tennis Club** – a new clubhouse was constructed to replace the unsafe and severely termite damaged club. Now, with new pride, the club can offer a decent facility for a growing number of members.

**Nerang Swimming Pool** – after what seemed like an absolute eternity we at last have funds for construction of a new first class heated sports pool and the redevelopment of the existing pool and facilities to provide a much better recreational facility for families and young people – well all ages really! The successful tenderer is being appointed in March. Watch out!

**Nerang Streetscape Project** – originally just a dream, funds and more funds and more funds were secured to achieve substantial works in Nerang Street, Price Street, Lavelle Street, Cotton Street that have rejuvenated the old Business District and created a centre with character and created the foundation for a solid future.

**Nerang Library** – funds for this project were often at risk as Councillors questioned why Nerang should be getting so much money all at once. Well the library is in place and is beautiful, complete with an outside reading garden that has been protected for the public and solar power.

**Bischof Park Nerang** – major redevelopment of the toilet block will improve the facility and its appearance will complement the historical significance of the park. The old play equipment which is unsafe and a hotch-potch of different styles is to be replaced with new equipment in the style of a boat in keeping with the *Maid of Sker* paddle steamer nearby.

**Cotton Street Nerang** – properties and parked cars used to be regularly flooded. A major upgrade of the stormwater system has put a stop to that.

**Michigan Park Oxenford** – dangerous play equipment is being replaced.

**Michigan Drive Oxenford** – a new 2.5m wide off road cycle/pedestrian facility will help keep kids safely off the road.

**Pacific Pines State High School** – funds were brought on-line early to ensure the car park was up and running early in the piece.

**Pacific Pines State Primary School** – funds were brought on-line early to ensure the car park was up and running from day one.

**Pacific Pines Community Centre and Auditorium** – funds were linked with those from the Department of Education at a time when the Department was reluctant to enter into joint developments. The results are outstanding and provide a much better class of facility to the school and general community than would have been achieved if two centres had been built.

**Binstead Way duplication Pacific Pines** – another project that was on the ropes for a while, it has delivered a safe high quality road with important safety measures for the school community and all pedestrians and cyclists.

**Universal Street Studio Village/Gaven Heights** – an off road cycle/pedestrian link was constructed from Pinevale Street to Studio Park, specifically to cater for young people.

## Committees and organisations I am proudly involved with.

- (Deputy Chair) Finance Committee
- (Chair) Coombabah Water Futures Advisory Committee
- (Chair) Environment Advisory Committee
- (Chair) Environmental Industries Working Group
- (Chair) Nerang Development Advisory Committee
- Audit Committee
- Community Services Committee
- Coordination Committee
- Planning and Development North Committee
- Cultural Development Advisory Committee
- Infrastructure Advisory Committee
- National Negotiating Advisory Committee
- Nature Conservation Stakeholder Group
- Nerang River Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee
- Queensland Coomera Water Futures Advisory Committee
- Planning Scheme Review Advisory Committee
- Regional & Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Senior Officers Remuneration Advisory Committee
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Urban Design Advisory Committee
- Commonwealth Minister of Environment's National Local Leaders in Queensland Program (Local Government Representative)
- Local Government Management Group
- Gavena Valley and Hillside Residents Association
- Gavena Working Group
- Gavena State School Community Land Management Committee
- Glass Block Coomera Branch Wildlife Preservation Society of Old Gold Coast Catchment Association Management Committee
- Gold Coast Region Environmental Industries Association
- Helensvale Golf Club
- Helensvale Residents Association
- Helensvale Sporting Precinct Coordinating Group
- Helensvale Sheds Inc
- Nerang Community Association
- Pacific Pines Auditorium and Community Hall Management Committee
- Parkwood (Ranch) Residents Association
- Regional Vegetation Management Plan Working Group
- South Coast Working Group - Regional Vegetation Management Planning
- Studio Village Community Association
- Studio Village Carols by Candlelight Organising Committee
- Numinbah Nerang Forest Tenure Working Group
- Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee

## On holidays or working on election day? Can't get to a Polling Booth?

If you are going to be on holidays or are otherwise unable to get to a polling booth on March 27 you may be entitled to Pre-Poll voting or Postal Voting.

Please call us on 5502 1333 if you have any queries whatsoever.

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Your Councillor for Division 5  
City of Gold Coast



Dear fellow residents of Division 5

Four years ago I was elected to represent you in Council. Not to represent Council, but to represent you. I stood for election because I believed the interests of communities were being put second place behind the interests of big business. Since then I have been guided by a single principle - residents always come first. It is a principle that I have never swayed from. At every opportunity I have argued and campaigned for your funds to be spent more wisely, for your interests to be better served, for your fair share of the pie. It has been a most challenging job, with plenty of drama, but one that I have been proud to do.

Council makes plenty of mistakes. I cannot alone prevent that, or always achieve the right outcome - it is a democracy after all where each Councillor has even rights. But I can tell you I have never shied from presenting a point of view that I believed was the best thing for the community, whether it be rates or flood mitigation or libraries. I have 'stuck my nose in' where others would prefer I did not, in order to get better development, better facilities in new developments, better environmental safeguards. Within our communities I have made deliberate efforts to work with and strengthen the capacity of groups and individuals. We have become better organised, we have run highly effective campaigns, and we have achieved some great results together. That has been a highlight for me - to see people achieve things that matter to them.

I am not perfect. I have worked hard and long hours. I have attended thousands of meetings. I have had the great fortune of working with impressively talented people - young and old - and of experiencing the best and worst in our communities. I have learnt a great deal.

I am still incredibly keen about the task ahead. We have some significant challenges before us as a City and we have great opportunities to make more progress. I am committed to our City being recognised as one of the great places in the world to live - with a fantastic quality of life, worthwhile and skilled employment opportunities, the best environmental protection, and people who are proud of their part in our many communities. I am determined to deliver the best quality facilities - libraries, pools, community centres and parks. I want our streets lined with trees so it is pleasant to come home and go for a walk, I want the best playgrounds and pathways for our kids to get safely about, I want our young people to be valued and given good opportunities.

The time has come. The Council elections are due, and you must decide who you want to trust with the task ahead.

## **I Stand on Our Record of Achievements Together**

My strong interest has always been to work *with* community groups and individuals to achieve positive outcomes, and some of the more significant of these are the Streetscaping of Nerang, the new Nerang library, funding for the Nerang pool redevelopment, the Pacific Pines Community Centre and Auditorium, the Binstead Way duplication, the Helensvale Senior Citizens Club, Helensvale Sporting Precinct, and the Nerang Celebrates Festival. All of these positive outcomes resulted from the vision and commitment of our community, and our success was truly sweet and well deserved.

You may remember that this Council once had the highest proportion of secret meetings of any Council in the State. I identified this as a significant matter that I would seek to strike out, and *you* responded by supporting me. *We have been successful*, and now all the Town Planning committee meetings and all the Budget deliberations have been opened up to the public and media, (despite the cries of despair from a few who thought the public interest could be better served in secret).

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Working with dedicated people I have been instrumental in having the City's Corporate Plan significantly modified to include a much greater emphasis on Ecologically Sustainable Development. (Our challenge now is to implement that Plan). I have worked with the community and battled in Council to secure Council approval for the Westfield Town Centre development at Helensvale, the restoration of the *Maid of Sker* paddle steamer, the preservation of historical Nerang homesteads *within* Nerang, increased pensioner concessions, the great community festival *Nerang Celebrates*, and the establishment of the Parkwood Arundel Residents Association.

I have worked with the community to protect and improve our open spaces, to rebuild theatres and renew community support agencies, to get better outcomes from development proposals like Taverns and Cable Cars and housing estates. I am not going to give up now. There is much more to do.

### **I Am Concerned About Our Future**

Our City is threatened by development that is placing extreme pressure on our way of life, our enjoyment of the place we choose to live in, the health of our waterways, our water supply, traffic congestion and bushland. With the aid of committed and talented people in our community I have been constantly campaigning for our new Town Plan to be significantly modified so we can build a City that still has clean water, clean air, parklands where you have space to relax, efficient and reliable (and affordable!) public transport systems and uncongested roads. It is difficult with this Council. I believe there is considerable lack of comprehension of the real impact of very high growth.

Take the single issue of **water supply**. It is evident that we have been struggling to keep up with growth. Commitments have been made to pipe 115 million litres of water per day from the Wivenhoe Dam and strategies are being put in place to increase our use of treated effluent, and to capture storm water in rain water tanks and underground aquifers. But even with all of these schemes in place, we will still have a shortfall of 70 million litres of water PER DAY when the city's population reaches its expected maximum!

Our quality of life is under threat and I believe we simply must evaluate and plan our future more cautiously and more thoroughly, with the interests of our present and future **community** uppermost. That is a challenge I remain committed to. I need your support to continue that work.

### **The Reality**

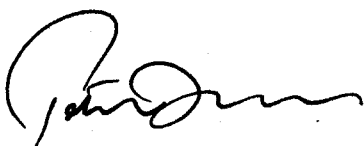
During the past four years there have been significant outcomes achieved in Division 5. These have been hard fought battles, in a hostile political environment, but I believe the community have been the winners. I have certainly been proud of my involvement in us achieving good things, and frustrated by the *lack of support* for some projects like the bus service proposed for Helensvale and Studio Village in 2000, or the failure to gain funding to make improvements to Uplands Drive at Parkwood where the amenity of a once quiet area had been destroyed by a Council approved development, or the failure to gain funding for significant upgrades to the Regional Parklands in Nerang.

When you vote on March 27 I ask you to consider things carefully. I believe we need a Council of people who believe **the community comes first**, who are not afraid to stand up and try to make a difference, and who are honest, genuine and hard working.

I am certainly committed to this job, and I hope you will decide to return me with a strong majority, so that we can give a clear message to the moneyed interests that this City **belongs to the people**.

I give my assurance I will remain dedicated to the task for the entire period. It is my intention then, in March 2008, to run for the position of Mayor. I think by that time, with 8 years behind me as Councillor, and if my passion and resolve is still strong, I will be ready to give this City and its people the vital direction and leadership it really does deserve.

I am, yours sincerely,



Peter Young