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14 October 2005

Detective-Inspector Ken Beml
Crime and Misconduct Commission
Level 3, Terrica Place
140 Creek Street (Cnr Adelaide Street)
BRISBANE QLD 4000

BY DELIVERY

Dear Mr Beml

GOLD COAST BULLETIN
OUR REF: MIJ:AS:20053141

We refer to your email dated 28 September 2005. In addition to the information which was provided to you during the course of the interviews on 14 September, we have now procured responses to the various questions which were raised in your email. Please find **enclosed** herewith written responses from the following journalists:

1. Alice Gorman (nee Jones);
2. Peter Gleeson;
3. Fiona Hamilton;
4. Joanne Gibbons;
5. Ryan Ellem;
6. Carly Hennessy;
7. Brian Mossop;
8. Murray Hubbard; and
9. Merylyn MacKenzie.

Despite our client's efforts, it has been unable to establish the identity of the authors of the following stories:

- *Candidates asked to reveal donors (12/03/04); and*
- *All bets are off as Irene threatens to do in "independent" (30/03/04).*

Yours faithfully
BIGGS & BIGGS

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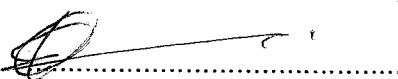
RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES

1. My name is Peter Gleeson and I have been employed by the Gold Coast Bulletin since 1993 as a Council reporter, Chief of Staff and Chief Reporter. I am often asked to do political and Council stories, particularly in the lead-up to an election.
2. The articles, "*Clarke: we can make it work*" published March 29, 04, "*Paying the piper*", published April 13, 04 and "*Mayor-elect's deal may see 'bloc' leader as deputy*", published April 3, 04, were written by me. The letter from Councillor Pforr referred to in correspondence to the Bulletin was sent to me via facsimile on 21/3/04. A copy is attached. The articles titled "*Tickets please*" dated February 20, 04, untitled p 9 story, March 11, 04 and "*Candidates asked to reveal donors*" (p 5, March 12, 04) were also written by me.
3. The interviews required for these stories were conducted in the days leading up to their publication.
4. I cannot recall anyone else being present during the course of any of the interviews that I conducted in the lead-up to the publication of these stories.
5. The interviews were conducted generally by telephone at the Gold Coast Bulletin offices and from time to time in person.
6. The articles are a true and accurate account of those interviews.
7. The conversations were recorded in my notebook. They were not taped.
8. I have not been able to locate the notes that I made during the course of interviews conducted for the purposes of the stories referred to in paragraph 2.
9. In relation to the story "*Mayor-elect's deal may see 'bloc' leader as deputy*" published April 3, 04, I confirm that the comments contained therein were, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. Included in the story was the passage:

"The Clarke team told Cr Power that if he delivered the eight votes required to implement a reform agenda, Mr Clarke would support Cr Power in any future Mayoral campaign – probably in 2008".

I cannot now recall who it was that informed me of this. I believe that I conducted telephone interviews in respect of the story on 2 April 2004 at the Gold Coast Bulletin offices and subsequently on my mobile telephone. I recall speaking with both Councillor Power and Graeme Staerk prior to publication of the story. Despite my efforts, I have been unable to locate any notebooks pertaining to the story.

10. I do not believe that I have any further information that could assist the investigation.


PETER GLEESON

13/10/05

RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES

1. My name is Fiona Hamilton and I have been employed by the Gold Coast Bulletin since 2003 as a Council reporter and Surfers Paradise reporter.
2. The articles – *Dawn calls for CMC probe (1/12/04)*, *Lamb silent on no conflict calls (2/12/04)*, *Chip and the Bloc (22/12/04)*, *Boyle eyes loophole (26/8/05)*, *CMC probes Mayor (27/8/05)*, *Donors' land in change of use (1/9/05)*, *Loose lips may sink bloc's ship (3/9/05)*, *Council denies CMC link to project's axe (9/9/05)*, *Heat on as second poll fund bared (23/8/05)*, *Candidates' secret backers (10/9/05)*, *Council ice by fury (12/9/05)* were all written by me. In addition, the unattributed articles, *Rookie Rob calls for contentious Council to be canned (15/8/05)*, *A CMC please explain for the Mayor (30/8/05)*, *Mayor disputes his own return amendments (1/9/05)* and *Fueing factions concur on probe (1/9/05)* were also written by me.
3. The interviews required for these stories were conducted in the days leading up to their publication, usually the day before.
- 4, 5. The interviews were generally conducted by telephone from the office of the Gold Coast Bulletin, although I may also have conducted a couple of face-to-face interviews..
6. So far as I am aware, the articles that were published were a true and accurate account of the interviews that were conducted.
7. The interviews that I had were recorded in my notebook. I did not tape-record any interviews.
8. I have managed to locate my notebooks pertaining to stories published on 15/8/05, 23/8/05, 26/8/05, 27/8/05, 30/8/05, 1/9/05, 3/9/05, 9/9/05, 10/9/05 and 12/9/05. I can no longer access the notes which I took during interviews pertaining to the other stories referred to above as the relevant notebooks have now been discarded or, in some cases, misplaced.
9. I do not believe that I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.



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FIONA HAMILTON

RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES

1. My name is Joanne Gibbons and I have been employed as a general news reporter at the Gold Coast Bulletin since 1997. My primary role over the last four years has been as health reporter, but as a senior journalist I am often asked to tackle stories on a variety of issues, including local Council.
2. The article "*It's a Power blackout*" published on February 23, 2004 was written by me.
3. The interview with Cr David Power was conducted at the Gold Coast Bulletin office, 385 Nerang Road, Molendinar, on Sunday, February 22, 2004.
4. No-one else was present when the interview was conducted.
5. The interview was conducted by telephone.
6. The article is a true and accurate account of Cr Power's comments to me during the interview.
7. The conversation was recorded by me in my notebook. It was not taped.
8. I have searched for the notes relevant to this interview, however I have not been successful in locating the relevant notebook.
9. I do not believe I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.



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JOANNE GIBBONS

Response to CMC queries:

1. My name is Ryan Ellem and I have been employed as a general news reporter at the Gold Coast Bulletin since December 2003. Over the last 18 months I have covered the Surfers Paradise round, but also cover Gold Coast City Council stories when required.
2. The article 'The new boys on the block are ready to roll' was written by myself on Sunday, March 28, 2004 and published on Monday, March 29, 2004. The article 'All bets are off as Irene threatens to dob in "independent"' was written by myself on Monday March 29, and published on Tuesday March 30, 2004.
3. The interview conducted with Cr Grant Pforr was done over the phone on Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, and the same was done with Cr Rob Molhoek. The interview with Irene Wareing was conducted over the phone on March 29, 2004, while the interview with Cr Greg Betts was done at his house on the evening of that day.
4. The interviews with Cr Grant Pforr and Cr Rob Molhoek were private phone calls. No one else was present. The interview with Irene Wareing was private and completed over the phone. The interview with Cr Betts was done at his house. I recall Cr Betts' wife was present for part of the interview.
5. The interview was completed with Cr Grant Pforr over the phone, and with Cr Rob Molhoek over the phone, in two separate interviews. I spoke to Ms Wareing over the phone, and Cr Betts at his house in Burleigh Heads.
6. The article is a true and accurate account of both Cr Pforr's comments in our interview, and Cr Molhoek's comments in our interview. The article concerning Ms Wareing and Cr Betts is also a true and accurate account of our interviews.
7. All four separate conversations were recorded in my notebook. None were taped.
8. The four interviews were recorded in a notebook that I have been unable to locate, and therefore believe has now been discarded.
9. I do not believe I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.

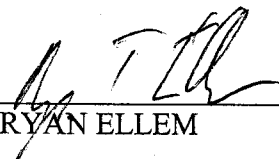
Dated this ^{14th} day of October, 2005


Ryan Ellem

Response to CMC queries:

1. My name is Ryan Ellem and I have been employed as a general news reporter at the Gold Coast Bulletin since December 2003. Over the last 18 months I have covered the Surfers Paradise round, but also cover Gold Coast City Council stories when required.
2. The article 'The new boys on the block are ready to roll' was written by myself on Sunday, March 28, 2004 and published on Monday, March 29, 2004.
3. The interview conducted with Cr Grant Pforr was done over the phone on Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, and the same was done with Cr Rob Molhoek.
4. The interviews were private phone calls. No one else was present.
5. The interview was completed with Cr Grant Pforr over the phone, and with Cr Rob Molhoek over the phone, in two separate interviews.
6. The article is a true and accurate account of both Cr Pforr's comments in our interview, and Cr Molhoek's comments in our interview.
7. The conversation was recorded in my notebook. It was not taped.
8. I have been unable to locate my notebook relevant to the above story and I therefore believe that it has now been discarded.
9. I do not believe I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.

Dated this 10th day of October 2005.



RYAN ELLEM

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO 228
SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION SHOWCASE
PD330/596/-**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS

Refer 20 page attachment

1 BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable.

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Not applicable.

3 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council's involvement in the proposed Innovation Showcase.

4 PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

Not applicable.

5 DISCUSSION**5.1 Background**

Innovation Showcase is an initiative designed to 'showcase' the region's innovative products and services. It is designed so that the region's public, private and community organisations can take advantage of this facility which is planned to open later this year in Gold Coast Airports Terminal Three, the former international terminal.

Council has been proactive in its efforts to diversify the City's industry base and ensuring its place in the global "new economy". To embody this direction, Council and the business community have adopted the "Gold Coast - Innovation City" brand. As a result there are strong connections between the efforts of Innovation Showcase and Council.

Traffic through Innovation Showcase will range from local, national and international consumers, buyers, distributors and financiers. The end goal of this initiative is to provide exposure to the region's innovative products and services and foster an international recognition of Gold Coast City as an important place to do business.

Innovation Showcase is a permanent business expo, with exhibitors renting indoor and outdoor space. The showcase staff will handle individual product promotion, including private presentations.

The showcase will focus on the 17,000 southern migrants moving to the City each year by providing a snapshot of the region's facilities. It is also anticipated that the showcase will work with the Gold Coast Chambers of Commerce and Council in promoting the City to 350,000 convention delegates per year as well as working with 600,000 inbound international tourists providing processing services on their arrival. The showcase will also co-operatively market with the participants and sponsors through special promotions to all travellers to the City.

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Incorporated within Innovation Showcase will be an allied venture to be called the Meeting Place which will house a business centre with conference rooms and a theatre that can be adapted to cater for product launches and functions.

The Innovation Showcase concept has received widespread support from all levels of government in the form of letters of support from various Gold Coast City Council councillors, and State and Federal Government representatives (refer Attachment, pages 1 to 15 of 20).

5.2 Economic Development Strategy

Three of the key Fundamentals included in the Economic Development Strategy which are crucial in assisting the City achieve its desired position within the global economy are Image and Identity, Cooperation and Innovation City.

Image and Identity tackles one of the most significant issues facing Gold Coast City at the moment, that is of reflecting an accurate and positive image of the City, and in securing adequate investment for infrastructure and City initiatives.

Two fundamental criteria of economic development are that committed action produces results and that a strong focus on cooperation is also necessary for success. Cooperation is important on at least three levels:

- Cooperation at the industry level, establishing strong and active industry clusters and networks, and working cooperatively to resolve structural issues, establish brands, undertake cost-effective cooperative marketing, build supply chain capability and grasp opportunities in many ways.
- Cooperation at the whole of City level.
- Cooperation on the regional, or South East Queensland, scale (including Tweed).

In times of rapid change, innovation is the life-blood of economic opportunity and achievement. Innovation is developing new ideas and then achieving commercial success with them. It extends beyond the technical to include business, creativity, design, entrepreneurial activity and culture.

The approach for displaying innovative products and services as has been demonstrated by Innovation Showcase goes a long way toward implementing initiatives that will address the requirements of the above mentioned Fundamentals.

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5.3 Proposed Council Support

It is proposed that the most effective method for supporting Innovation Showcase will be to fund displays for the eight local area industry clusters, which are:

- Gold Coast Region Information Technology Forum
- Gold Coast Food Forum
- Gold Coast Education and Training Network
- Surfboard Manufacturing Cluster
- Gold Coast Region Environmental Industry Association
- Gold Coast Health and Medical Industry Association
- Film Industry Working Party
- Gold Coast Marine Industry Association.

It is anticipated that each of these clusters will require an average 2 square metres, which means for the clusters, the space requirement will be 16 square metres at an annual cost to Council of \$24,000. It is intended that the 16 square metres will be in one location with a display focusing on Council's Economic Development program, the clusters it supports and the Innovation City message.

In return for taking this amount of space Innovation Showcase have agreed that Council will be provided the additional benefits associated with sponsorship, which include:

- Gold Coast City Council to be acknowledged as a sponsor on all printed material.
- Sponsor banner display within the Innovation Showcase.
- Innovation Aspect Magazine - quarter page colour advertisement.
- Sponsor recognition on Website and links.
- Gold Coast Bulletin supplement.
- Collaborative marketing projects.

Each of the industry clusters will also receive all of the exhibiting benefits including:

- Innovation Showcase Website.
- Gold Coast Bulletin supplement (four annually).
- Website links.
- Innovation Showcase brochure.
- Cooperative marketing opportunities both national and international.

6 STATUTORY MATTERS

Not applicable.

7 CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Economy

- Diversify and Strengthen the Economy
- City Image

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8 COUNCIL POLICIES

Council's current Financial Assistance Policy last amended in May 2001, which replaced the Donations Policy, requires that for the provision of funding in excess of \$10,000 a *Major Event Risk Assessment Checklist* must be completed prior to sponsorship being considered. This assessment is designed as an internal check and provides the basis for determining the applicant's ability to implement the project, which in this case is Innovation Showcase.

Innovation Showcase has addressed each of these criteria quite extensively, and at this stage only a few remain incomplete. This is due largely to the fact that the event is planned to commence this year and as a result certain information will not be available until Innovation Showcase is operational (refer Attachment, pages 16 to 20).

9 DELEGATIONS

Not applicable.

10 BUDGET/FUNDING

An amount of \$24,000 is to be sourced from the Economic Development Branch Budget, Project Number JE60 - Business Promotion. This amount is space rental for 1 year, when the time comes to renew this arrangement the effectiveness of the exercise will be assessed and renewal will be considered.

To minimize risk associated with supporting this event arrangements will be made for the contribution to be fifty percent upfront and the remainder to be paid periodically over the course of the year. The timeframe for the periodic payments will be factored into a Services Contract and if there is cause to terminate the contract payment will not go ahead.

11 COORDINATION & CONSULTATION

The Innovation Showcase initiative has been endorsed by REDAC and has the support of each of the eight industry clusters/associations, as well as a range of local, state and federal government representatives.

12 TIMING

Innovation Showcase is due to open for operation in October 2003. Upon Council approval a Services Contract will be developed that stipulates the requirements of both parties and the timelines for payment and operation.

13 STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS

As a major sponsor of Innovation Showcase Gold Coast City Council is providing an opportunity for the eight industry clusters/associations to obtain significant local, national and international exposure. This opportunity has received unanimous support from each of the eight industry clusters.

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14 CONCLUSION

The current Financial Assistance Policy requires that external organisations meet certain assessment criteria prior to receiving any funding. These criteria have been assessed and the results are included in the attachment.

It is also believed that by supporting Innovation Showcase Council is potentially assisting local industry to obtain significant local, national and international exposure. This initiative also has the potential to assist Council position itself in the global economy in three key fundamentals including Image and Identity, Cooperation and Innovation City.

15 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council resolves as follows:

- 1 That Council approves the provision of \$24,000 from the Economic Development Branch Budget for the support of Innovation Showcase.
- 2 That the Chief Executive Officer (Director EDMP) forwards a copy of the report and Council's resolutions to Mr Lionel Barden, Managing Director, Innovation Showcase.

Author:
Nick McGuire
Business Development Officer
19 August 2003

Authorised by:
Greg Young
Director Economic Development & Major Projects

ROXANNE SCOTT

We deserve better...

- ...better water management
- ...better local solutions to rat running
- ...better foreshore maintenance
- ...better financial management of ratepayer funds
- ...better footpaths
- ...better attention to our parks
- ...better working relationships with State Government
e.g. improving facilities for Southport police
- ...better working relationships among City Councillors

CAN YOU HELP?

Roxanne needs assistance on election day, Sat. 27 March 2004 to hand out 'how to vote' cards.

She would sincerely appreciate any assistance that you could offer. Please contact her at the number below if you are able to help.

ROXANNE SCOTT B.A., MBA

Independent Candidate for Division 6

GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL

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JABIRU ISLAND: where do we go from here?

(Excerpt from address at public meeting, held Sunday 11 January, 2004 at Jabiru Island.)

My name is **Grant Pforr** and I'm your candidate for Division 3 in the upcoming Council elections on March 27th.

I live in our electorate and spent my first 30 years at Paradise Point. I say this because I believe as a candidate, you need to know where the area has come from, before you can plan for its future.

Jabiru Island - where do we go from here?

No-one wants Couran Cove to go out of business, however, we all want to see a better managed mainland facility operating. The current Runaway Bay marina is under huge pressure. What happens if the expansion of the Island Resort moves to it's capacity in the near future?

1. Couran Cove needs to find an alternate site. I've been communicating with all parties regarding several locations other than Jabiru.
2. If Council *does* approve the terminal here on Jabiru, we don't stop here. We need to put our concerns very strongly to the State Government and lobby all ministers. Perhaps we can block it here.
3. If all else fails and the terminal is approved by all levels of Government, Council should address & regulate the ferry terminal so as to address all residents concerns. Even if it means having some of the operations at alternative sites. For example the water taxi. This could be done in the appeals process.

I will continue to communicate with all parties on this and other issues, as I feel Jabiru Island could continue to haunt the Gold Coast City Council for years to come. Thank you.

VOTE **1** GRANT PFORR

He's working FOR you!
CANDIDATE FOR DIVISION 3
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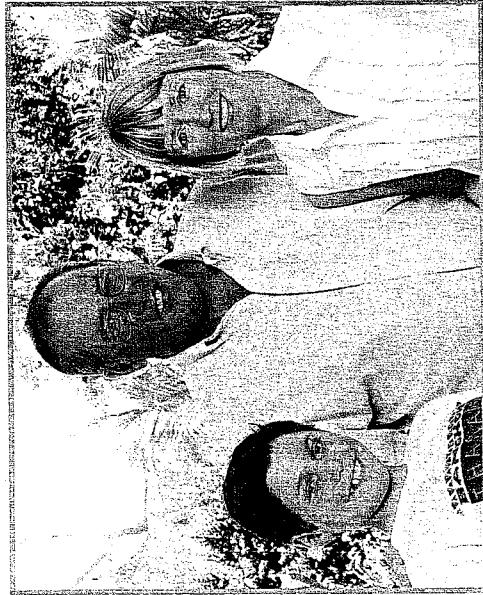
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Personal Profile

BRIAN ROWE

M. Sch. Mgmt., B. Ed., M. A. C. E., M. A. C. E. A., M. O. T. E. A.
J. P. (Qual)



Gold Coast resident since 1982, current Helensvale resident

Married to Anne, children Matthew, Candice, Jasmin.

- 1983 – 1995 Somerset College Foundation Head of Junior School
 - 1995 – 2003 Saint Stephen's College Foundation Headmaster
 - 1995 – present Member of the Coomera Chamber of Commerce
 - 1988 – present Member of the Australian College of Educators (M.A.C.E.)
 - 1999 – present Trustee of the Godia Firkins Education Trust
 - 2000 – present Foundation Director of the Coomera Watersports Club
 - 2001 – present Member of Coomera / Oxenford Community
New Year's Eve Fireworks organizing committee
 - 2002 – 2003 President of the Association of Private Schools (A.P.S.)
- Former coach, best and fairest winner and premiership captain of the Broadbeach Australian Football Club
- Under 11's Coach for the Coomera Hope Island Cricket Club
- Referee for the Coomera Crushers Junior Rugby Union Club and Under 10's assistant Coach

Let's put the jigsaw back together
—The 'big picture' is important too!



The Gold Coast is like a jigsaw puzzle made up of 14 pieces, the 14 Divisions which make up the Council.

In choosing to nominate as a candidate for Division 5, I do so with a guaranteed passion for the jigsaw piece that is made up of the local communities of Division 5. You can be assured the local area will always remain my premier concern as a Councillor.

However, I also give you a guarantee that I will devote energy and effort to bring together the 14 individual people responsible for these 14 individual jigsaw pieces and then seek to carefully re-construct the 'big picture' which has become fragmented and of which we appear to have lost sight. More importantly now than at any time in the Gold Coast's history, I believe we are desperately in need of representatives who are prepared to systematically and methodically see and create the 'big picture' that is the Gold Coast City. In this 'big picture' mode we must have our representatives working less as individuals and more as a cohesive team and thus, through consultation, bring better services to you the community.

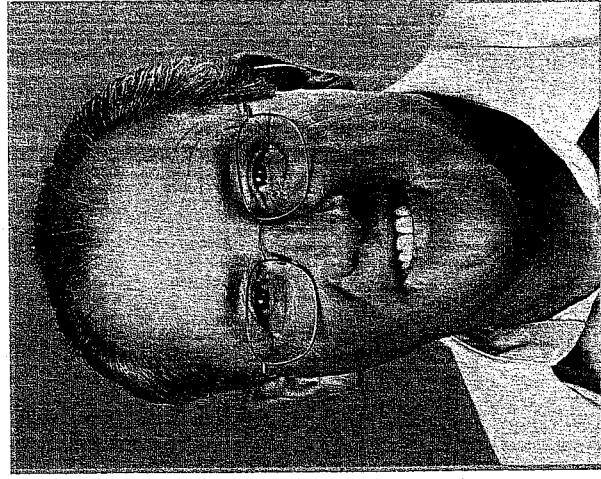
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coupled with a concern about the Gold Coast's
'bigger picture'.

VOTE 1 ROWE

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1. My name is Alice Gorman nee Jones. At the relevant time, I was the Gold Coast Bulletin's Council reporter. I started in that role in January 2002 and continued the round until August 2004. Currently I am on maternity leave from the newspaper. I have been working as a journalist since I left school in 1994.
2. The following articles were written by me:

<i>Stirrings for our top job</i>	30 August 2003
<i>Running for cover</i>	19 September 2003
<i>Meet the money man</i>	25 March 2004
<i>How a plot took shape</i>	26 March 2004
<i>Three admit to fund</i>	27 March 2004
<i>Three bloc busters</i>	29 March 2004
<i>Sarroff, Crichlow and Young face hard fight</i>	29 March 2004
<i>Pforr fund blow-up</i>	12 April 2004
<i>I confess: the bloc really does exist</i>	15 April 2004
<i>Shock for the bloc</i>	17 April 2004
<i>Trouble remembering things</i>	24 September 2005
<i>Planning boss forms faction</i>	20 February 2004
<i>Barden's role in power bloc "explained"</i>	27 March 2005
<i>Morgan: we had a brief</i>	15 April 2005

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Interviews pertaining to the above stories were conducted as follows:

<i>Stirrings for our top job</i> (30/8/03)	Interviews conducted over the telephone on 29 August 2003. Notes of the interview were taken in shorthand. The story is a true and accurate account of what was said to me.
<i>Running for cover</i> (19/9/03)	The interviews were conducted by telephone and shorthand notes were taken. The story is a true and accurate account of what was said to me.
<i>Meet the money man</i> (25/3/04)	Interviews were conducted over the telephone on 24 March 2004. I have retained the shorthand notes which were taken in preparing this story. The story is a true and accurate account of what was said to me by Brian Ray, Lionel Barden, Soheil Abedian, David Power, Brian Rowe and John Fish.
<i>How a plot took shape</i> (26/3/04)	Interviews were conducted by telephone. The shorthand notes that were taken are still in my possession. The story is a true and accurate account of what was said to me.
<i>Three admit to fund</i> (27/3/04)	Interviews were conducted by telephone and shorthand notes were taken. These notes are also still in my possession. The story is a true and accurate account of what was said to me.
<i>Three bloc busters, Sarroff, Crichlow and Young, face hard fight</i> (29/3/04)	The interviews that were conducted were conducted via telephone and notes were taken at the time. The interview with Soheil Abedian was conducted face to face at the post-election party of Gary Baidon, and I have the notes of that interview. The story is a true and accurate record of what was said to me at the time.
<i>Pforr fund blow-up</i> (12/4/04)	Interviews were conducted by telephone and shorthand notes were taken. The story is a true and accurate record of what was said to me at the time.

I confess: the bloc really does exist (15/4/04)

This interview was conducted face to face. Shorthand notes were taken and the interview was taped. Although I have been unable to locate the relevant tape-recording, the notebook pertaining to this interview is still in my possession. The story is a true and accurate record of what was said to me by David Power.

Shock for the bloc (17/4/04)

Comments from Desley Boyle were issued in a statement by her press officer. The comments from Councillors Sarroff, Young and Crichlow were obtained at the news conference and from a copy of the Councillors' letter to Desley Boyle. The story is a true and accurate record of what was said to me and what was contained in the relevant media statement and above letter.

Trouble remembering things (24/9/05)

Comments regarding Council matters were taken from previous stories run in the Gold Coast Bulletin.

Planning boss forms faction (20/2/04)

This was a joint story that I did with Peter Gleeson. As far as I can recall, the comments from Brian Rowe were from a face to face interview that I did with him. Shorthand notes were taken at the time of the interview. The story is a true and accurate account of what was said to me.

Barden's role in power bloc explained (27/3/05)

The text in this article was taken directly from an email which had been sent to the paper.

Morgan: we had a brief (15/4/05)

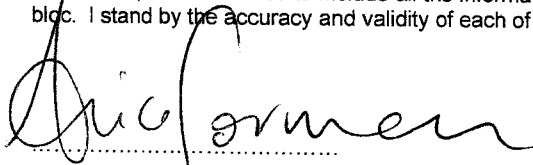
The interview with Chris Morgan was conducted by telephone. Shorthand notes were taken at the time. The story is a true and accurate record of what was said to me at the time.

Apart from the above, where indicated to the contrary, I have not been able to locate my notes pertaining to the remaining articles herein referred to.

9. In addition to the above, I have attached hereto copies of the following further information which may be relevant to the CMC's investigation:

- letter from Lionel Barden to the Editor dated 26 March 2004;
- Statutory Declaration of Ronald William Clarke dated 24 March 2004;
- Grant Pforr letter dated 16 March 2004;
- document entitled "*Candidate for Division 3 Gold Coast City Council*";
- Minutes of Council Meeting (6) dated 5 September 2003;
- Minutes of Council Meeting (7) dated 5 September 2003;
- letter from Councillor Shepherd to Lionel Barden dated 19 June 2003;
- Councillor Jan Grew letter dated 25 June 2003;
- letter from Councillor Lacastra to Mr L Barden dated 18 June 2003;
- letter from Councillor David Power to Mr Lionel Barden dated 9 July 2003;
- Minutes of Council Meeting (Coordination Committee) (9) dated 5 September 2003;
- Economic Development Report No 228;
- excerpt from Economic Development Report No 228 (5 pages);
- letter from John Lang, undated;
- media release re Greg Betts;
- document entitled "*Grant Pforr, candidate for division 3, is a man of action*";
- document entitled "*Grant Pforr: (that's pronounced "for") he's working for you*".

At all times, I endeavoured to include all the information I knew of relating to the stories which I did in respect of the bloc. I stand by the accuracy and validity of each of the stories I did.



ALICE GORMAN

MURRAY HUBBARD'S RESPONSE TO CMC QUESTIONS

1. *The Identity of the journalist and background information as to current position, duties, employer and length of time employed.*

I am currently employed as the Gold Coast Sun's Motoring Editor. I was previously employed as the newspaper's senior Journalist. My employer is Gold Coast Publications, publishers of the Gold Coast Sun. I have been employed at the Gold Coast Sun since 1991.

2. *The date of the article and the Identity of the journalist who wrote the article.*

I confirm that the articles cited in paragraph 3 hereof have the correct dates and I was the author of the same.

3. *The date and location of the interview.*

18/02/04	<i>Councillors lock horns as battle reaches climax</i>	Interviews conducted both personally and by telephone in the week leading up to publication.
14/03/04	<i>To the polls</i>	Interviews conducted by telephone in the week leading up to publication.
07/04/04	<i>More councillors needed on coast: Power</i>	Unsure as to whether the interview was conducted personally or by telephone in the week leading up to publication.
14/04/04	<i>Pfarr denies he lied about election funds</i>	Conducted interviews personally at Evandale Council Chambers and by telephone, in the week leading up to publication.
05/05/04	<i>Integrity was put at risk, says Chamber</i>	By telephone in the week leading up to publication.
28/04/04	<i>D day nearing for Council bloc</i>	Interviews were conducted at the swearing-in of the new Council at Evandale. I think this was on either 8 April or 9 April 2004.

4. *Details of the other persons present.*

Although there were people nearby when the interviews took place, there was no-one present as such at any interview that I conducted.

5. *The format of the interview, example, in person or by phone.*

Interviews of Councillor Sarroff, Mr Solomon and Mr Janssen took place at the Council Chambers. Attempts to talk to Mel Chalmers and Lionel Barden were conducted by telephone in the case of Mr Chalmers and by telephone or email with Mr Barden.

6. *Whether the article is a true and accurate account of what the relevant person/s has stated.*

To the best of my belief and knowledge, the articles were accurate.

7. *How the conversation with the relevant person/s was recorded.*

In a reporter's notebook.

8. *The existence of any notes or tapes to support the accuracy of what was stated by the relevant person.*

Generally it is not my practice to retain notebooks for any length of time and, consequently, the relevant notes have long since been disposed of.

9. *Any other information that may assist this present investigation.*

I have no further information which would be of assistance to the investigation.


Murray Hubbard

RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRY

1. My name is Merilyn MacKenzie. I am a journalist with Sun Community Newspaper, a position I have held for the last three years.
2. The articles entitled *Roxanne hits back on funds* (14/04/04) and *Young muscled out, admits Shepherd* (21/04/04) were both written by me.
3. I have no specific recollection of when the interviews required for these stories were conducted, however they would normally have been conducted in the week prior to publication.
4. I do not recall anyone being present during the interviews for the stories.
5. To the best of my recollection, the interview with Roxanne Scott was conducted by telephone. However, the other interviews for the purposes of the stories were conducted in person, although I may have telephoned one or two interviewees for clarification.
6. The articles written by me are true and accurate.
7. Notes of interviews were taken and, in some cases, interviews were tape-recorded.
8. I have moved a couple of times since the stories were written and I have been unable to locate any notes or tape-recordings of interviews, despite efforts that I have made to locate those records.
9. I do not believe I have any other information that may be of assistance to the investigation by the CMC.


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MERILYN MACKENZIE

RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES

1. My name is Carly Hennessy and I have been employed at the Gold Coast Bulletin since 2004 as the education reporter and court reporter.
2. The article "*Boykambil residents voice fears over Hope Island work. Pforr: my vote will be honoured*" (19/4/2004)" and "*Axe to fall if deceit proved*" (31/8/2005) were both written by me.
- 3, 4, 5. The location of the interview in respect of the first story was the Boykambil boat ramp on Sunday, 18 April 2004. According to my notebook, many people were at the rally, but I do not recall if any were present at my interview with Councillor Pforr. The interview was conducted after a rally at which Councillor Pforr addressed residents about their concerns. To the best of my recollection, I talked to him twice after he had addressed the crowd. The comments of the Local Government Minister, Desley Boyle, as contained in the second article written by me, were made by the Minister at a press conference at the Local Government Association Queensland conference on 30 August 2005. I cannot now recall the exact reporters at the press conference, but I remember the *Courier-Mail* photographer was there as well as various television stations and representatives from radio stations 4BC and ABC.
6. To the best of my knowledge, each of the articles is a true and accurate representation of what occurred and what was said on the relevant occasions.
7. I still have my notebook pertaining to the story published on 19 April 2004. However, I no longer have a recording of the Minister's press conference referred to in the second story, but I do have a transcript of the press conference.
8. I do not believe I have any other pertinent information relevant to the investigation.


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CARLY HENNESSY

The Gold Coast Bulletin
P O Box 1
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215
October 12, 2005

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

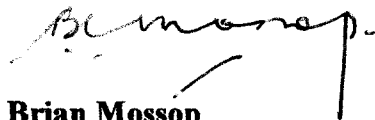
Brian Mossop is a feature writer who has been a journalist for 40-odd years and has been employed by The Gold Coast Bulletin for the past 10-plus years. The article 'Pair driven by passion' was part of a series on Gold Coast City Council election contenders and was published on Monday, March 22, 2004 in The Gold Coast Bulletin. It is a true and accurate reflection of the information provided in the interviews with both Peter Young and Brian Rowe.

The interviews, from memory, were conducted during the previous week. My recollection is that Peter Young was interviewed in his Council office while that with Brian Rowe took place in a coffee lounge at Coomera. In both cases - public aside in the coffee lounge - only myself and the interviewee were present for the face to face interviews, the information from which formed the basis of the article.

Both interviews were conducted with a small tape recorder. The tapes, although kept for some time, were later used for further interviews and recorded over.

I can assure the investigation that what was stated in the article was an accurate reflection, either by way of quotes, statement or inference, of what was told to me by the subjects.

Yours faithfully,



Brian Mossop

Mark Jones
Partner
Biggs & Biggs Lawyers
GPO Box 1388
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Statutory Declaration

QUEENSLAND
TO WIT

I, RONALD WILLIAM CLARKE
of 54 MIDNIGHT COURT,
RUNSWAY BAY, in the State of Queensland
do solemnly and sincerely declare
that,

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY DONATIONS,
WHETHER IN CASH OR KIND, APART FROM
VOLUNTEERS, TOWARDS THE COSTS OF MY
MAYORAL CAMPAIGN, AND ALL MY
EXPENSES, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE,
AND DETAILLED ON THE ATTACHED ANNEXURES
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And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same
to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867.

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Taken and Declared before me, at RUNSWAY BAY QLD
this 24th day of March 2004



A Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations.

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RON CLARKE
CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR EXPENSES

JULY 2003

AD COM		\$4,018.18
Production	2748.18	
Brochures	<u>1270.00</u>	
 MEDIA DIRECTIONS		 \$5,500.00
Services to July 03	5000.00	
GST	<u>500.00</u>	

AUGUST 2003

AD COM		\$5,051.00
Billboard Rental	1320.00	
Production	<u>3731.00</u>	
 MEDIA DIRECTIONS		 \$9,900.00
Services to September 03	9000.00	
GST	<u>900.00</u>	

SEPTEMBER 2003

AD COM		\$1,320.00
Billboard Rental	<u>1320.00</u>	

OCTOBER 2003

AD COM		\$10,365.22
Press	3016.86	
Billboard Rental	2640.00	
Signs/Stickers/Brochures	<u>4708.36</u>	
 MEDIA DIRECTIONS		 \$3,339.38
Services	3035.80	
GST	<u>303.58</u>	

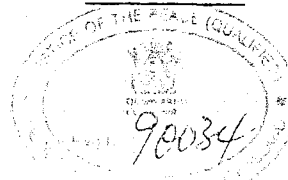
NOVEMBER 2003 (LAUNCH)

AD COM		\$18,086.86
Production	1492.00	
Radio	4343.90	
Press	10750.96	
Water for Launch	<u>1500.00</u>	
 WINNING DIRECTIONS		 \$3,364.46
Services	3058.60	
GST	<u>305.86</u>	

DECEMBER 2003

AD COM		\$1,395.24
Press	<u>1395.24</u>	
 WINNING DIRECTIONS		 \$3,365.34
Services	3059.40	
GST	<u>305.94</u>	
 Sub Total		 \$65,705.68

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JANUARY 2004

AD COM		\$10,785.22
Press	7095.22	
Production	480.00	
Magnetic Signs	<u>3210.00</u>	
WINNING DIRECTIONS		\$3,300.00
Services	3000.00	
GST	<u>300.00</u>	

FEBRUARY 2003

AD COM		\$28,488.59
Billboard	1309.00	
Press	5072.75	
Production	1400.00	
Walk & Talk: Expenses	2525.99	
Community Forum: Printing & Postage	15864.32	
Corflute Posters	<u>2316.53</u>	
DIRECTIONS MEDIA		\$3,300.00
Services	3000.00	
GST	<u>300.00</u>	

MARCH 2003

AD COM		\$67,195.48
Production	4575.00	
Radio	12489.40	
TV	29076.30	
Press	14610.99	
Billboard	1940.00	
How to Vote (280,000)	<u>4503.79</u>	
DIRECTIONS MEDIA		\$3,300.00
Services	3000.00	
GST	<u>300.00</u>	
ADS ON TAXIS		\$6,000.00
January 03	1000.00	
February 03	2000.00	
March 03	<u>3000.00</u>	
QLD MINES:		\$6,100.00
Mobile Signs	3500.00	
Signwriting	<u>2600.00</u>	
ZENITH MEDIA		\$4,678.54
Press	<u>4678.54</u>	
TOTAL (INCL GST)		\$198,853.51

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Letter to the Editor

Att. Bob Gordon

26th March 2004

Bob, please note I am sad that I had to write this letter. I am dissapointed in your paper's representation of the facts over the last few days.

Hilights:

You wrote I have been "identified as the unofficial chairman" of the "power block"

Not true - I am not official or unofficial chairman of any group of people and I told your reporter that. I have met with some candidates only once a few days ago in the capacity of a consultant.

You wrote "On Wednesday he denied involvement in the fund saying I promise on my heart, cross my heart I have not."

Not true - The "I promise on my heart" expression was in answer to a question regarding a meeting with Brian Ray to which I answered honestly that I had not met Brian in probably four years

On Wednesday I answered all questions put to me honestly.

The Facts.

Back on Friday the 26th December your newspaper ran a front page article on a "power block" made up of Wayne Skuthorpe, Don Magin, Guy Jones, Linda Browne Irene Wareing Dr. Karen Coates supported by Peter Young and Dawn Critchlow.

Many members of the Combined Chamber of Commerce of which I was one were worried about their policies and the impact on the future direction of the Gold Coast if they were successful. We discussed at a number of Combined Chamber meetings our involvement in the upcoming Council elections to counter what appeared to be a well funded political machine.

In December I retired from the Robina Chamber Presidency as my business interests were all now at Coolangatta. I had no further involvement in the Combined Chamber decisions.

Once the campaign commenced I was invited to a number of meet-the-candidates meetings. I was personally still worried regarding a radical group of candidates and their association with certain incumbents.

I was approached by a number of my former colleagues and friends to put my name to a Trust to which people from a broad business spectrum could donate to support a counter group of like minded candidates who united would make positive and cohesive decisions for the good of the City.

I was asked because :

- 1) My involvement in the Cities economic development strategies
- 2) My support for Council and the City in representation including the Melbourne-Sydney and the two Canberra trips.
- 3) My business cannot gain from Council decisions even being outside of Council bylaws on Gold Coast Airport property.
- 4) I no longer represented any business group
- 5) I made no personal investment

I was seen to be neutral.

The Trust fund which your paper provocatively called a slush fund was put in place **to diffuse direct donations to candidates, negating the opportunity of implication and influence later. The candidates were not aware of donation sources and the donours had no direct access to candidates**

Even I do not know the amount of dollars received until after the election when I sign off on the Trust books for exposure in line with legislation. I do not sign the cheques.

All of the monies are handled by a legal firm and distributed against invoices submitted by professional and commercial companies involved in the production of printing and media etc.

There are no slush funds provided to any candidate and this implication that I would be involved in such activity I take as a personal slur.

Your editorial asks "Why the secrecy". Well if you had not named two of the people providing donations the candidates would not know the source of funds. (Not even I know all the donours) We wished to keep the funding mechanism as clean as possible to reduce the opportunity of influence. This is still our policy yet we still stand accused.

When we provided this information in detail yesterday your paper decided not to print any of the explanation but only to imply through provocative language and untruths some sinister backroom plotting by so called "developers" some councillors and myself.

All this and not one word for the duration of the campaign on the other **secret** power block, also it would appear, well funded . But today your paper donates the whole of page seven to the majority of these people to decry and insult our group.

I have many friends who work at the Bulletin and have campaigned alongside the newspaper on many occasions. I have always defended the Bulletin even when colleagues have considered there was one sided reporting. I am sorry that I needed to write this letter when we should be working together but your reporting on this occasion is incorrect and unfair.

Best Regards,

Lionel Barden

COUNCIL MEETING
5 September 2003

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MINUTES

9 RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 COORDINATION

Cr Rickard, Deputy Mayor, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Coordination Committee held on Thursday 28 August 2003.

RESOLUTION G03.0905.007 moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Young

That the Report of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Friday 28 August 2003, covered by Recommendations C03.0828.001 to C03.0828.014 be received.

CARRIED

ITEM 7

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. 228
SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION SHOWCASE
PD330/596/-

Prior to the meeting additional attachment pages numbered 21-30 were circulated and are attached hereto.

MOTION moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Robbins

That Committee Recommendation C03.0828.007 be not adopted and in lieu thereof that that Council resolve as follows:

- 1 That Council approves the provision of \$24,000 from the Economic Development Branch Budget for the support of Innovation Showcase, subject to the satisfaction of the Key Performance Indicators set out in Resolution 2.
- 2 That Council approves the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) listed below and the method under which the funding (up to a maximum of \$24,000) will be provided for the support of Innovation Showcase.

Objective	Key Performance Indicator	Council Funding Allocation
Initial payment (10% of approved financial support).	Initial Payment (10% of approved financial support)	\$2,400
Attraction of widespread government and industry support.	Written confirmation of 35 exhibitors, excluding Council.	\$2,000
Identify critical path for progressing this initiative.	Provide documentation including project Business Plan and Marketing Plan.	\$2,000
Attraction of sponsorship for the project.	Written confirmation of 4 major sponsors contributing financial support to Innovation Showcase.	\$2,000
Generation of national and international media exposure.	Tangible evidence of Innovation Showcase being promoted in all forms of media including print, radio, television and Internet.	\$3,600
Based on success and continued operation of Innovation Showcase.	Based on the continued operation and viability of Innovation Showcase 6 times \$2,000 payments will be made monthly from April 2004 to September 2004.	\$12,000 (payments spread out over the course of 6 months)

9 RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 COORDINATION

ITEM 7 (continued)
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. 228
 SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION SHOWCASE
 PD330/596/-

- 3 The Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to assess written submissions from Innovation Showcase addressing attainment of each KPI, prior to funding being progressively drawn down and provided.
- 4 That the Chief Executive Officer (Director EDMP) forwards a copy of the report and Council's resolutions to Mr Lionel Barden, Managing Director, Innovation Showcase.

Cr Crichlow called for a Division

Voting

- For 10 Cr Power, Cr Rickard, Cr Grummitt, Cr Young, Cr La Castra, Cr Shepherd, Cr Grew, Cr Drake, Cr Robbins, Cr Baildon
- Against 4 Cr Crichlow, Cr Christmas, Cr Sarroff, Cr McDonald

The MOTION was CARRIED.
 RESOLUTION G03.0905.008

ITEM 8
 TOURISM REPORT NO 7
 GOLD COAST CITY OCEAN BEACHES AND FORESHORE PLAN
 WFB600/420/03

RESOLUTION G03.0905.009 moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Power

That Committee Recommendation C03.0828.008 be not adopted and in lieu thereof that Council resolve as follows:

"That Council defers this item so that there may be further consideration of the issues raised during the Coordination Committee deliberations. This will specifically include examining ways and means of further rationalising costs associated with the project and synergies with comparable planning and research both within Council and through external organisations, for example, Surf Life Saving Australia."

CARRIED

292nd Council Meeting 5 September 2003
 Coordination Committee 28 August 2003

ITEM 7
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO 228
SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION SHOWCASE
PD330/596/-

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS

Committee Recommendation Changed at Council 5 September 2003

Changed recommendation

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION C03.0828.007
 moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Hackwood

That the matter lay on the table for further information to be brought back to the next Council meeting.

CHANGED AT COUNCIL 5 September 2003 **CARRIED**
RESOLUTION G03.0905.008 moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Robbins

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The MOTION was CARRIED.

Innovation Showcase - Major Event Risk Assessment Checklist

Criteria	Officer Comments	RISK LEVEL Satisfactory (Yes, No, N/A)
<u>Event Specification</u>		
1 Event concept.	<p>Innovation Showcase is designed to showcase the regions innovative products and services.</p> <p>Innovation Showcase is a permanent business expo, with exhibitors renting indoor and outdoor space.</p>	Yes
2 Visitor numbers /delegates/ exhibitors anticipated.	<p>As the event is yet to open for operation previous visitor numbers are not available. However Innovation Showcase will focus on the 17,000 southern migrants moving to Gold Coast each year, the 350,000 convention delegates, as well as working with 600,000 inbound international tourists.</p> <p>If Innovation Showcase is able to tap into a percentage of this market visitor numbers appear to be quite positive.</p>	Yes
3 (Consider the need for external advice from specialists in the relevant industry sector and/or a rigorous methodology for testing proponents' claims.)	<p>Mr Lionel Barden is the Managing Director of Innovation Showcase. Mr Barden has had extensive experience in technical, innovation-based industries over a long period of time, and has been successful in a range of commercial operations. This alone positions him well to implement the proposed program with Innovation Showcase.</p> <p>Work history/experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Managing Director and Development Manager of Fibre Light International Limited and its subsidiaries. • Inaugural CEO of Gold Coast Innovation City Limited, whose vision is to assist in the positioning of Gold Coast as Innovation City. • 1986-1996: Managing Director of Ultimate Techniques Pty Ltd, a family company consulting to a number of lighting companies. • 1984-1986: Managing Director of Pacific Glass and Light Pty Ltd, a Singapore based company, founded by Mr Barden and his Singapore partners. <p>Selection of Awards received/significant achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner SJ Salmon Award for Best Technical Paper for the year. • Designer and team leader recipient of five lighting design awards. • Hon Secretary of Singapore Australian Business Council in Singapore. • Regional Director of QCCI. • Developed the Global Access Programme (GAP) in partnership with QCCI for the development of Australian technology companies into world markets through a joint venture with UCLA in Los Angeles. • President of the Robina Chamber of Commerce. 	Yes
4 Market segment/source of visitors ie international, interstate (this has a strong relationship to bed nights	As previously mentioned innovation Showcase has the potential to access a wide range of national and international visitors and migrants to the City.	Yes

sold and economic benefits).	<p>It is also anticipated that Innovation Showcase will offer inbound international tourists a processing service upon arrival. This service will be a significant drawcard for international tourists to the showcase.</p> <p>Innovation Showcase also has the potential to be a major drawcard to the local market, including in particular schools, as it will provide demonstrations of locally produced innovation.</p>	
5 Venue booked?	Innovation Showcase currently lease Terminal 3 at Gold Coast Airport, this is the former International Airport terminal.	Yes
6 Proposed dates.(any known major clashes?)	Innovation Showcase is scheduled to open for operation in October 2003, and will run all year. As a result it is not going to be affected by other events, in fact Innovation Showcase will benefit from major events held in the City.	Yes
7 Event budget including marketing expenditure.	This information has not been made available, but if specific information is required the organisers can provide upon request.	Yes
8 Profile of other proposed sponsors.	<p>Innovation Showcase have advised that to date 39 organisations have indicated their intention to exhibit at the event. Some of which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powertec Telecommunications P/L • RG Capital Radio • Dreamworld • Delfin Lend Lease • Queensland Government, Department of State Development • Griffith University • Gold Coast Tourism Bureau • Gold Coast Bulletin • Tweed Economic Development • Bendigo Bank • Queensland Investment Corporation 	Yes
9 Event history or inaugural/entrepreneurial event.	Inaugural event.	Yes
10 In the case of established events, three years of financial statements should be requested.	N/A	N/A
Event History		
11 Is the event established or an inaugural event (an inaugural event is likely to be higher risk)?	Innovation Showcase proposes to be opened for operation in October 2003. As a result information for all questions in this section are not available.	Yes
12 If it is an established event, detailed information regarding the last three events should be obtained, including: a) Financial statements b) Venues c) Attendances d) Caution: Very large attendance levels at previous events held in the Northern hemisphere or Asia may not apply here. e) Ask for country by	N/A	N/A

country breakdown of delegates at the last event (if an established event)		
Host Organisation		
13 Who is the host organisation? Is the host organisation well known/supported within the target market?	Innovation Showcase is the host organisation, and as mentioned previously the Managing Director, Mr Lionel Barden has a wide range of experience in the area of innovation and technology. Also, in his capacity as President of the Robina Chamber of Commerce, and other community and industry related positions Mr Barden has access to a wide range of contacts in the City that positions Innovation Showcase well to access the proposed target markets, and gain access to potential sponsors and exhibitors.	Yes
14 What is the structure of the host organisation (company, association etc)?	Innovation Showcase is a Private Company, ABN - 7510 409 4859	Yes
15 Does the host organisation have a locally based legal entity?	The company is locally based.	Yes
16 What is the history of the host organisation (how long established, directors/principals, members etc)?	Innovation Showcase is a new company, specifically established for this operation.	Yes
17 Will decisions concerning the conference be made here, or by the host organisation representatives interstate or overseas?	The organisation is based in Gold Coast City, so decisions will be made here.	Yes
Management Structure		
18 Is there a local event committee and who is on it?	There will be a cooperative marketing committee formed including all the exhibitors.	Yes
19 What experiences do the committee members and/or host organisation have with the events?	As it is a permanent business expo, and not a one off event this is believed to be not applicable.	N/A
20 Have they appointed a Professional Event Manager or Conference Organiser (if yes, does this entity have experience and success with similar types of events)?	An event manager has been appointed with experience in events such as the Gold Coast Marathon, the Asia Pacific Masters Games and the International Rugby Summit - Sydney 2003.	Yes
Business Plan Considerations		
21 Does an event business plan exist?	A Business Plan has been completed, and information relating to this can be obtained via the organisers.	Yes
22 What percentage of total event revenue/funding is sought by way of financial and in-kind assistance?	No information provided relating to this.	No
23 Proposed registration/entrance fees.	There will be no entrance fees for visitors. Exhibitors will pay for either floor or wall space. Costing details are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor wall space 0.5m x 0.5m = \$500/yr • Indoor wall space 1m x 1m = \$1000/yr • Indoor wall space 2m x 1m = \$1500/yr 	Yes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor floor space 1m x 1m = \$1500/yr Exterior space 1m x 1m = \$600/yr <p>Certain customised space costings are also available.</p>	
24 What are the required break even numbers, and is this realistic?	Innovation Showcase advises that 50% participation will break even.	Yes
25 Is there an exit strategy in place? Up to six or seven months before an event the organiser should be able to cancel and return money to exhibitors and delegates, although perhaps not sponsors if they have assumed some risk.	Exhibitors are contracted to 1 year at a time; as a result the exit strategy revolves around the yearly contracts.	Yes
26 Provisions for the event to be underwritten in case of loss.	Advice from Innovation Showcase is that this is not applicable.	No
Marketing		
27 Does a marketing plan exist; what are the promotional opportunities?	A marketing plan exists and has been provided to Council in the form of a PowerPoint Presentation.	Yes
28 Specific marketing objectives.	<p>The specific marketing objectives of Innovation Showcase include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term indoor and outdoor display areas designed to showcase innovative products and services in a range of industry groups. Provide innovative promotion through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal, serviced showroom Special promotion display areas Private theatre Themed connection walkway Interactive charity displays Full gloss product brochure Special airport courtesy vehicle Children's technology section IT connection to presenters Cooperative networks - marketing locally, nationally and internationally. Potential trade missions displaying Gold Coast products and services internationally. Provide meeting facilities and function rooms for a wide range of business and community events/meetings. <p>Innovation Showcase is designed to be: "A commercially funded, community project providing a serviced Showroom in a high traffic location with a state-of-the-art Business Centre supporting the Gold Coast as Australia's Innovation City."</p>	Yes
29 What extent of television and other media coverage is projected?	With the Gold Coast Bulletin and RG Capital Radio as sponsors it is expected that media coverage will be extensive.	Yes
Return on Council Investment		

30 What will the event give in return for investment?	The likely return for investment will be an increase in exposure of the City's innovative capabilities and technologies to a local, national and international audience.	Yes
31 What are the components of the sponsorship package?	<p>In return for support Council will receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to be acknowledged as a sponsor on all written material. • Sponsor banner display within the Innovation Showcase. • Innovation Aspect Magazine - quarter page colour advertisement. • Sponsor recognition on Website and links. • Gold Coast Bulletin supplement. • Collaborative marketing projects. <p>The eight industry groups will receive the following exhibitor benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation Showcase Website. • Gold Coast Bulletin supplement (4 annually). • Website links. • Innovation Showcase Brochure. • Cooperative marketing opportunities both national and international. 	Yes
Economic Impact		
32 Likely economic impact on the City, including bed nights sold to interstate and international attendees.	<p>The economic impact of the exposure generated from this event is hard to measure. However it has the potential to increase opportunities for the businesses associated with the event, and the City in general significantly.</p> <p>As mentioned above the target market is the 17,000 southern migrants moving to Gold Coast each year, the 350,000 convention delegates, as well as working with 600,000 inbound international tourists. This event has the potential to significantly value add to their experience in the region and enhance the opportunities for repeat visits/business.</p>	Yes
33 Does the event (and those likely to attend it) deal with an area that is of interest to the City?	<p>Innovation Showcase is designed to showcase the regions innovative products and services. This is consistent with the "Innovation City" brand currently being promoted by Council and the business community.</p> <p>The anticipated traffic through Innovation Showcase will potentially include a large percentage of national and international business people, which is the target market for promoting this brand, and working to develop the City's image as an important place to do business.</p>	Yes
34 Does the event represent an important opportunity to promote the City to a targeted group/sector?	The event provides an excellent opportunity to highlight the City's strengths and capabilities in the area of innovation and technology.	Yes
35 Will the event create or contribute to opportunities for tourism, investment, and/or employment within the State?	It is anticipated that Innovation Showcase will increase exposure for Gold Coast developed innovations. This has the potential to increase opportunities for those associated businesses/industry groups.	Yes

Ms Alice Jones
Reporter
Gold Coast Bulletin
385 Nerang-Southport Road
Molendinar QLD 4214



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Gold Coast resident since 1982

Current Helensvale resident

Married to Anne, children
Jasmin, Candice and Matthew

1995 – 2003 Saint Stephen's
College Foundation Headmaster

1983 – 1995 Somerset College
Foundation Head of Junior
School

1988 – present Member of the
Australian College of Educators
(M.A.C.E.)

2002 – 2003 President of the
Association of Private Schools
(A.P.S.)

2000 – present Foundation
Director of the Coomera
Watersports Club

1999 – present Trustee of the
Goda Firkins Education Trust

1995 – present Member of the
Coomera Chamber of Commerce

2001 – present Member of
Coomera / Oxenford Community
New Year's Eve Fireworks
organizing committee

Former coach, best and fairest
winner and premiership captain
of the Broadbeach Australian
Football Club

Under 11's Coach for Coomera
Hope Island Cricket Club

Referee for the Coomera
Crushers Junior Rugby
Union Club and Under 10's
assistant Coach

Dear Alice,

I am delighted to announce that, after much deliberation, Brian Rowe has decided to nominate as a candidate for Division 5 in the upcoming local government elections on March 27. As his Campaign Committee Chairman, it is exciting to witness Brian's passion for representing Division 5 in the Gold Coast City Council.

Please find attached an official invitation to his campaign launch on Wednesday January 28, 5pm, at the Pacific Pines Tavern.

I would be delighted if you could find the time in your calendar to be present on this occasion and I know Brian looks forward to catching up with you.

Also, as Campaign Committee Chairman, I have been pleased indeed by the amount of people that have been keen to make a contribution to the campaign and I remain in their debt for their generosity. A standard amount of \$200 has been forthcoming from many people (and in some cases far more) and I am most grateful.

Should you feel inclined to make a contribution to the cause, please seek me out on the evening of the launch or, alternatively, you may wish to forward it to the Post Office box cited on this letterhead. Contributions may be in the form of financial assistance or may be a pledge of personal time to walk the streets with Brian or to assist at the booths on polling day. Campaigns are certainly very costly in money and in many individuals' personal time. Believe me all assistance is warmly appreciated.

I hope to see you on the 28th.

Warmest Regards,

John Lang
Campaign Committee Chairman.

LET'S GO WITH ROWE

26.Mar. 2004 12:07

COUNCIL MEETING
5 September 2003

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MINUTES

9 RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 COORDINATION

Cr Rickard, Deputy Mayor, presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the Coordination Committee held on Thursday 28 August 2003.

RESOLUTION G03.0905.007 moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Young

That the Report of the Coordination Committee Meeting held on Friday 28 August 2003, covered by Recommendations C03.0828.001 to C03.0828.014 be received.

CARRIED

ITEM 7

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO. 228
SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION SHOWCASE
PD330/596/-

Prior to the meeting additional attachment pages numbered 21-30 were circulated and are attached hereto.

MOTION moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Robbins

That Committee Recommendation C03.0828.007 be not adopted and in lieu thereof that that Council resolve as follows:

- 1 That Council approves the provision of \$24,000 from the Economic Development Branch Budget for the support of Innovation Showcase, subject to the satisfaction of the Key Performance Indicators set out in Resolution 2.
- 2 That Council approves the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) listed below and the method under which the funding (up to a maximum of \$24,000) will be provided for the support of Innovation Showcase.

Objective	Key Performance Indicator	Council Funding Allocation
Initial payment (10% of approved financial support).	Initial Payment (10% of approved financial support)	\$2,400
Attraction of widespread government and industry support.	Written confirmation of 35 exhibitors, excluding Council.	\$2,000
Identify critical path for progressing this initiative.	Provide documentation including project Business Plan and Marketing Plan.	\$2,000
Attraction of sponsorship for the project.	Written confirmation of 4 major sponsors contributing financial support to Innovation Showcase.	\$2,000
Generation of national and international media exposure.	Tangible evidence of Innovation Showcase being promoted in all forms of media including print, radio, television and internet.	\$3,600
Based on success and continued operation of Innovation Showcase.	Based on the continued operation and viability of Innovation Showcase 6 times \$2,000 payments will be made monthly from April 2004 to September 2004.	\$12,000 (payments spread out over the course of 6 months)

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ITEM 7 (continued)
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- 3 The Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to assess written submissions from Innovation Showcase addressing attainment of each KPI, prior to funding being progressively drawn down and provided.
- 4 That the Chief Executive Officer (Director EDMP) forwards a copy of the report and Council's resolutions to Mr Lionel Barden, Managing Director, Innovation Showcase.

Cr Crichlow ~~and for the Division~~

Voting

For ~~Cr Power, Cr Rickard, Cr Cunningham, Cr Young, Cr Lisa Castro, Cr Sherman, Cr Kippenberger, Cr Robb, Cr Robbings, Cr Baildon~~

Against ~~Cr Crichlow, Cr Christmas, Cr Sartorius, Cr McDonald~~

The MOTION was CARRIED.
RESOLUTION G03.0905.008

ITEM 8
TOURISM REPORT NO 7
GOLD COAST CITY OCEAN BEACHES AND FORESHORE PLAN
WFB600/420/03

RESOLUTION G03.0905.009 moved Cr Rickard seconded Cr Power

That Committee Recommendation C03.0828.008 be not adopted and in lieu thereof that Council resolve as follows:

"That Council defers this item so that there may be further consideration of the issues raised during the Coordination Committee deliberations. This will specifically include examining ways and means of further rationalising costs associated with the project and synergies with comparable planning and research both within Council and through external organisations, for example, Surf Life Saving Australia."

CARRIED

9. AUG. 2003 16:58

CPB

NO. 391 P. 18/15



Councillor
Ted Shepherd



REPRESENTING DIVISION 9:

- Adventuretown
- Ashgrove
- Bonogin
- Gribben
- Highland Park
- Lower Beachmont
- Mudgumbia
- Nerang
- Nimbinwood
- Northern Valley
- Springbrook
- Tully
- Warangary

CITY OF GOLD COAST

19 June 2003

Lionel J Barden
Managing Director
Innovation Showcase
Terminal 3
Gold Coast Airport
COOLANGATTA QLD 4225

Dear Lionel

As requested I have pleasure in providing a letter of support for the Innovation Showcase.

The Showcase is an exciting, innovative and self-funding promotional venture for the Gold Coast regional community that will provide exposure to the region's innovative products and services and foster an international recognition of the Gold Coast as an important place to do business.

Located in a high traffic area at the Gold Coast Airport it will focus on the 17,000 southern migrants moving to the Gold Coast each year and will joint venture with the Gold Coast Chambers of Commerce and the City Council in their promotion to convention delegates and inbound international tourists.

With an end goal of providing exposure to the region's innovative products and services and fostering international recognition of the Gold Coast as an important place to do business, I fully support all endeavours in making the Showcase an outstanding success.

Sincere regards

COUNCILLOR TED SHEPHERD
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25 June, 2003

IN SUPPORT OF INNOVATION SHOWCASE INCORPORATING THE MEETING PLACE

Innovation Showcase, located at Gold Coast Airport Terminal 3, is designed to highlight the Gold Coast regions innovative products and services in one strategic location. Innovation Showcase will act as a window for Gold Coast business houses to tap into the lucrative national and international markets.

The goal of Innovation Showcase is to help promote the Gold Coast City Council's theme of "Innovation City" and to capture the hundreds of thousands of yearly travellers to our city and provide them with a snapshot of those dynamic and innovative products and services that are available on the Gold Coast.

Incorporated within Innovation Showcase will be an allied venture to be called "The Meeting Place" which will house a business centre with conference rooms and a theatre that can be adapted to cater for product launches and functions.

As the Gold Coast City's Divisional Councillor for Division 11, I wish to add my full support and endorsement of the goals of Innovation Showcase. Innovation Showcase will facilitate the Gold Coast's growth, investment, business and employment opportunities, which in turn provide the City with a sounder and stronger base.

I congratulate Innovation Showcase for its vision.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Grew

JAN GREW

3 AUG 2003 12:58

CFD

NO. 231

P. 8/15



Councillor
Bob La Castro
DIVISION 8 Representative



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18 June 2003

Mr LJ Barden
Innovation Showcase
Terminal 3, Gold Coast Airport
COOLANGATTA QLD 4225

Dear Lionel

I would just like to congratulate you and all those involved with the 'Innovation Showcase', at the Gold Coast Airport.

This is a tremendous initiative, which can only enhance and strengthen the Gold Coast business community.

The Gold Coast has so much to offer, in so many different spheres. There could be no better way or place to promote our City's corporate image than through the Innovation Showcase at the Gold Coast Airport.

Once again, congratulations on the initiative you have shown in supporting Gold Coast Business.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Bob La Castro
Division 8

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P. 6/13



City of Gold Coast

Councillor David Power

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9 July 2003

Mr Lionel Barden
Managing Director
Innovation Showcase
Terminal 3 Gold Coast Airport
COOLANGATTA QLD 4225

Dear Lionel

I would like to commend you on your initiative in developing and operating Innovation Showcase.

This facility will provide enormous opportunities for businesses to have direct access to the significant number of people who have accessed this City through Gold Coast Airport, but also the residents of the City who may be educated regarding the enormous potential outside of our well known industry sectors such as tourism and construction.

This is a facility that will showcase what is based on the Gold Coast and significantly assist in diversifying and strengthening our economic base.

I have no hesitation in endorsing the project and offer you any assistance I can in ensuring its success.

Yours faithfully

DAVID POWER
COUNCILLOR DIVISION 2

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MEDIA RELEASE

**Greg Betts - Independent Candidate for Division 12
Gold Coast City Council Elections - 27th March 2004
Phone/Fax: 5576 2129 mobile: 0416 080557**

Keep Party Politics Out of Council!

Greg Betts an independent candidate for Division 12 in the Gold Coast City Council election on March 27th, 2004 has SLAMMED the National Party Political PUSH into the Gold Coast Council elections.

The National Party will field a candidate in Division 12 at the Council election in March.

"Their candidate failed to win the seat of Burleigh in last weeks Queensland State election and is now attempting a push into Council. The question must be asked - is this to be the consolation prize?" asked Greg Betts who nominated as a candidate for Division 12 last week.

"Our City Council is NOT PARTY POLITICAL and that's how the residents of Division 12 want it to stay. I received many calls since this announcement, many residents are concerned that Party Policy will be represented and not the people. They say there is no place for inter-party rivalries in Council".

"I've been door knocking for many months now and Division 12 voters tell me they want individuals in Council that will represent the wishes of the residents, NOT party hierarchy."

Greg said, "State and Federal politics has already been poisoned by representatives that now care more about working for the interests of the Party rather than the people who voted them into office. We don't want that situation at a Local Government level".

"I am an INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE and can reassure residents that I have been working for the past year towards achieving my long held goal of better representation for Division 12. This is not a last minute decision for me and I have already doorknocked a vast area of the Division to find out what residents Local Government concerns are."

"We need local representation by a local person without Party Political influences and I intend to provide exactly that!

END

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL Greg Betts 55762129

GRANT PFORR

Candidate for Division 3

is a man of action



Grant Pforr is a man who is no stranger to the thrust and parry of dealing with government at all levels.

The candidate for Division 3 in the Gold Coast City Council elections in March this year has lobbied federal, state and local politicians over many years in his quest for funding for charity and community projects with which he has been involved.

He also has been actively associated with the surf lifesaving on the Gold Coast for 38 years and lists life saving legend Garth Andrews among his many close friends and associates in the lifesaving movement.

Mr Pforr was himself a Gold Coast City Lifeguard between 1977 and 1982.

He joined the Southport SLSC in 1966 and was the first Nipper Club State Captain, during which time he helped build the Southport club from its foundations.

As president of the Southport club between 1999 and January 2002 he increased turnover by \$1.5 million to put the club on a sound financial footing.

Champion lifesaver in 1982, Mr Pforr is a current holder of 12 Australian Titles and 43 Queensland Titles, a very impressive record indeed.

He was a Westpac Rescue Helicopter crewman for two years from 1980.

Named Volunteer of the Year for services to the community, Mr Pforr also was honoured with an Australian Sports Medal on Australia Day 2001.

A successful businessman in the building industry, Mr Pforr believes he has much to offer the people of Division 3 - and the Gold Coast City Council in general - as a councillor.

Encouragement from business associates and friends in Division 3 contributed to his decision to stand for Council.

"I feel I can offer a fresh look not only to Division 3, but the bigger picture for the whole of the Gold Coast," Mr Pforr said.

His credentials and background certainly indicate that this is no idle boast.

Born in Brisbane, 46 year old Grant Pforr moved to the Gold Coast with his family when he was only six months old and has lived here ever since.

He was educated at the Broadbeach Primary School, then Aquinas College to Year 11, and at Southport State High School to Year 12.

He became secretary of Permacrete Pty Ltd in 1982 and is now Managing Director of that company, based at Paradise Point.

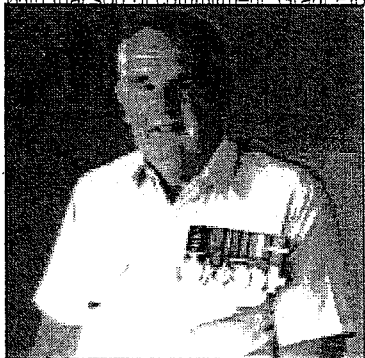
Seventeen years ago he married former Gold Coast beauty queen Elizabeth Hills. The couple has two teenage sons, Zanon 15, and Lyndon 12. The family lives at Hope Island and owns property at Paradise Point.

Mr Pforr has been the founding chairman of the Coomera Watersports Club since 1998 and has raised more than \$1.7 million during that time to support the club's operations.

There was a justifiable note of pride in Mr Pforr's voice when he said:

"I have worked a lifetime for charity organizations and carried out voluntary work with Rotary projects from the Tweed to the Coomera River. My wife Liz and I have worked with many past and present councillors, council officers, State members on both sides of the political fence, as well as Federal members during our charity work, to gain grants and sponsorship for community projects."

With that sort of commitment, Grant Pforr is set to become the front runner for the position of Councillor for Division 3.



Garth Andrews (O.A.M.)

"Grant is the man from the Gold Coast for the Gold Coast"

- Integrity
- Energy
- New Generation
- Proven Track Record
- Quiet Achiever
- Fresh Look



Grant and his wife Liz

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DECEMBER

GRANT PFORR

(that's pronounced 'for')

He's working **FOR** you!



Grant Pforr is familiar with government on all levels. The candidate for Division 3 in the Gold Coast City Council elections in March next year has lobbied federal, state and local politicians over many years in his quest for funding for charity and community projects which he has been involved with. As president of the Southport Surf Club between 1999 and 2002 he increased turnover by \$1.5 million.

He was a finalist in the recent Gold Coast Honours Awards for his contribution to sport and was named Volunteer of the Year for services to the community. Mr Pforr has also been honoured with an Australian Sports Award on Australia Day 2001.

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"I feel I can offer a fresh look not only to Division 3, but the bigger picture for the whole of the Gold Coast," Mr Pforr said. "We need progress, but only with the correct infrastructure, planning and transport management. However, I don't want to lose what is unique to the area and what makes it so special."

His credentials and background certainly indicate that this is no idle boast.

At 46 years of age, Grant Pforr moved to the area in 1974 having lived on the Gold Coast his whole life. He brings youth, energy and enthusiasm with the added advantage of experience. He has watched the area grow and change but understands what it once was.

Married for seventeen years to former Miss Gold Coast, Elizabeth Hills, the couple have two teenage sons, Zanon 15, and Lyndon 12. The family resides at Hope Island.

Chair of the Coomera Watersports Club since 1998 he has raised more than \$1.07 million to support the club's operations.

"I am working with all groups within the division to gain a better insight into the needs of our area, such as the Broadwater, roads and traffic management, capturing and recycling stormwater, safety concerns and environmental issues."

"I will make myself available to listen to any concerns the division has and I look forward to serving the areas in my division - Boykambil, Coombabah, Hollywell, Hope Island, Oyster Cove, Paradise Point, Runaway Bay, Sanctuary Cove, Santa Barbara and Sovereign Islands."

"I congratulate Sovereign Islands, Gold Coast City Council, Paradise Point and Northern Progress and the performers involved in the recent success with 'Opera in the Park'. My family, along with many others, enjoyed an evening of classical entertainment."

Please feel free to contact me on mobile 0419 701 942 or phone/fax 5530 8660 or email lgpforr@hotmail.com. With that sort of commitment, Grant Pforr is set to become the front runner for the position as he is already dealing with issues as your candidate.

*Grant, Liz, Zanon and Lyndon
wish you and your family all the very best
for a safe, happy and healthy Christmas*



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GRANT PFORR ASM

Candidate for Division 3
Gold Coast City Council

'He's working FOR you'

[Handwritten signature] 13/10/05

16 March 2004

Dear Peter

Thank you for Mr Carroll's letter dated 9th March and received Friday 12th March. In response to it I have funded my own campaign as I have publicly stated. I have received great in-kind support from good friends and family, utilising all resources and experience available to me.

My wife has given up her job of almost 6 years as teacher's aide, to be my Campaign Manager and general 'jill of all trades' right down to designing the printed formars. While some people have been building the Coast for a few years, I've been building the Gold Coast community for a lifetime.

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Yours faithfully

[Handwritten signature]
Grant Pforr

25/3/03
Please find copy of my letter further to your call today. 16/3/03
[Handwritten signature]

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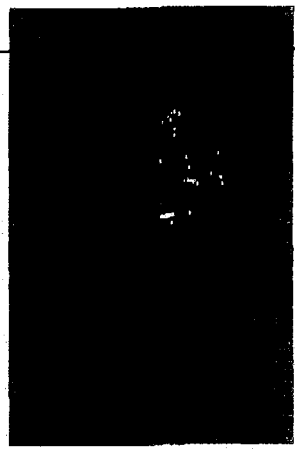
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25/3/03
Please fund copy of my letter. 16/3/03
Thank you for your call today.
Bob
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Candidate for Division 3

Gold Coast City Council

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Grant Pforr

An overview of the main issues on Grant's agenda.

After months of door knocking and speaking personally to residents of Division 3, it's clear these issues are the primary points you want me to act on, as your new representative Gold Coast City Council.

Better Funding

- I'll fight for a better share of State Government funding for key infrastructure projects.

Respect the Environment

- Effectively manage & conserve the Broadwater and Coomera River • Retain Jabiru Is Paradise Point foreshore for public open space • Protect South Stradbroke Island's unique qualities

Sensible Water Management

- Encourage innovation including alternative usage of water storage and rate payer inc
- Seek a whole of city solution to the problems of water storage & flood mitigation.

Fairer Rates

- Actively work towards a fairer rate system for all.

Improve Our Roads

- Continue to lobby for upgrades to Hope Island & Oxley Drive • Identify solutions to stop through-traffic on residential streets • Plan extra parking at Broadwater and Paradise F shopping precincts. • Investigate alternate routes for Labrador & Surfers Paradise • Improve public transport

Recognise the Needs of our Kids

- With my background as Founder & Chair of Coomera Watersports Club, continue to support programs and facilities for youth.

Preserve our History

- I have already been instrumental in keeping the Main Beach Pavilion free for community interests. • I passionately believe in preserving the history of our Gold Coast and with your support will work towards developing our own unique museum.

Stay Independent & Keep Party Politics out of our Council

- I already have a proven track record of close & professional contact with many Council Officers, plus Members Of State and Federal Government of all political persuasions and I firmly believe that Party Politics has no place in our local government process.