

Councillor Jill Baker



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Portfolio: Community Wellbeing (People)

Key issues include health and welfare programs and participation, Queensland Health, equity (cultural, gender and accessibility).

Background

Jill moved to Roma in 1994 following her marriage in 1992 to Dr. Jim Baker, formerly Queensland's Flying Obstetrician/Gynaecologist based in Roma. She is blessed with one daughter, Sally. Jill and Jim moved to their property 'Lighthouse' in 2001 following Jim's retirement from the medical industry to manage operations of their grazing enterprise.

Personal Focus

Jill is honoured to have been elected to the newly formed Maranoa Regional Council and feels equally privileged to now have the opportunity to lead this first Council through the challenges and opportunities faced by local government following amalgamations. Jill recognises the immediate need to set in place the guiding principles and strategies to ensure future prosperity for people of this region and highlights the importance of ensuring equal representation for both towns and country.

Professional & Community Profile

Jill has an extensive and varied career profile which has in turn supported her service to the community as an elected member of Council. Jill first served on the Whitsunday Shire Council in 1991 before commencing duties as Deputy Mayor with the Roma Town Council from 1997 – 2000. Jill was also elected to the Bungil Shire Council from 2000 – 2004, and most recently the Maranoa Regional Council. In recognition of her commitment to Local Government in Outback Queensland Jill received the Centenary Medal in 2001.

Professionally Jill has worked within the medical industry, having trained as a General and Midwifery Nurse. She also undertook secretarial studies, utilising these skills within private enterprise and as an owner of a small business. Jill is currently a Justice of the Peace and Civil Marriage Celebrant.

Jill is a fervent supporter of her local community and is involved as a member of the following organisations:

- Health Community Council (South West)
- Great Inland Way
- Rural Financial Counselling Service (South West)
- Zonta Club of Roma
- Family support member of Queensland Rural Medical Family Network (part of Health Workforce Qld)
- Toowoomba & Golden West Regional Tourism Association Board
- Roma Tourist Association
- Roma on Bungil Gallery

