

Councillor Robert Loughnan - Mayor



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Key issues include Ministers, Government Departments, LGAQ, Agforce, APPEA, action groups, Chamber of Commerce, media, community engagement, significant stakeholders.

Background

Born in Mitchell in 1962, Robert grew up on the family property 'Cornwall,' north of Roma. After completing his secondary schooling at Toowoomba Grammar School, Robert returned to 'Cornwall' to work on the family property. After a stint working on farms in Sweden and Canada and playing rugby Robert returned to the region to manage another family property 'Alicker' in 1986. He has remained living and working in the region ever since. Robert is married to Dianne and together they have 2 sons Patrick and Nicholas.

Personal Focus

It is anticipated that the augmentation of the Surat Basin will offset population growth and present new business opportunities within the region. Robert intends to drive a reform of Council planning processes to prepare for, accommodate and benefit from the resources boom. At the same time, Robert will strive to ensure that the good aspects of the current way of life in the region are retained.

Emphasising the importance of collect community engagement across the new region, Robert advocates that a small network of advisory boards, each with broad community membership, are established to assist Council in representing the needs of an expansive and diverse region.

Professional & Community Profile

Robert has extensive experience with local government serving for 14 years as a Councillor in the local region. For the past 8 years, Robert was the Mayor of the former Bungil Shire Council. He is the first Mayor of the newly amalgamated Maranoa Regional Council.

Robert is involved in state and local organisations including:

- Local Government Association of Queensland
- Local Disaster Management Group
- Airport Advisory Board
- Gladstone LNG Project - Santos
- Roma Rugby Union Club - Life Member of

