

Division 1
Cr Barry Barnes
Deputy Mayor Portfolio- Asset Sustainability



I was born and raised in Ingham, Queensland and moved to the Cassowary Coast in 1997 when I purchased a cattle and sugar farm. I am a third generation farmer and agriculture runs in my blood. Previous to this, I was a qualified boilermaker.

After Cyclone Larry, I moved into running a transport business which had buses for school runs and organised transfers for banana workers. I have employed people and run businesses my whole life, which I believe has provided me with the ability to think outside the square, to keep an open mind and to always remain positive.

I was a Councillor as part of the old Cardwell Shire Council before the two councils were amalgamated. I ran for Councillor in the Cassowary Coast Regional Council because I have a drive and passion to improve our great region. I want to achieve the best outcome for the region-its residents. Businesses and ratepayers.

I want to strive for financial stability for the coast. It is my goal to promote the Coast as one region and to continue to bring residents together because I truly believe that we can achieve more as a collective group.

One of my personal goals whilst Councillor is to increase safety and drivability of our unsealed road system.

I have been married to my wonderful wife for many years and together we have two sons and now have been blessed with grandchildren. I have a high interest in rugby league and was the first president of the Tully Tigers and continue to be involved in both junior and senior league.

I am a keen outdoor sportsman and believe Cardwell could be the adventure capital of the North with downhill mountain bikes, good fishing, walking tracks and boat trips.