

**Mayor
Cr Mark Nolan
Portfolio- Major Projects and
Organisational Culture**



The Cassowary Coast region has been my home for my entire life and I am passionate about our region and serving the community.

I married my wife Marsha over 46 years ago and together we have two children. Marsha & I are very proud of our 2 children - Natasha is a Social Worker employed with Innisfail Community Support Centre assisting the underprivileged and most needy in our community and Shane is an electrical engineer employed in the mining / resources sector in Mount Isa. They have children of their own and in all we are proud grandparents to three girls and also have one great granddaughter.

A qualified boilermaker, I worked on the tools for 40 years- for 25 of these years I was also a Shop Steward (Delegate) and State Councillor for the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union and developed a keen interest in politics and the protection of worker's rights and entitlements.

A move to Local Government was a natural progression for me. I have proudly served the Cassowary Coast region since 2004, as Councillor, Deputy Mayor and now as Mayor. There is no greater honour or privilege than serving in public office.

As Mayor, I believe it is important to be inclusive on all matters with my fellow Councillors and I believe that every voice deserves to be heard. It is my goal to develop a positive working environment with Councillors, Council staff and all members of our community.

My focus for this term is to deliver budgets with lowest possible general rate increases and one of the ways I plan to achieve this is by asset rationalisation. Council will work closely with the Cassowary Coast Community Reference Group to ensure the community is consulted throughout this process.

In my spare time I serve as President of Innisfail Meals on Wheels and Chair of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. My greatest asset is my wife who has backed me every step of the way and is also passionate and active in various volunteer positions within our community.

My favourite saying is "If you can dream it, Do it", which I try to live by each and every day.