DSRA "Meet the Candidates" Forum

DOUGLAS SHIRE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

PROGRAM

Saturday 7TH March | 2pm to 4pm | Mossman Bowls Club

2pm – 2:10pm — Welcome & Introduction: Sylvia Healy – President DSRA
Clint Reynolds – Vice President DSRA

2:10pm - 3.13pm — Each Council Candidate has 7 minutes to introduce themselves and discuss their campaign and key issues for the upcoming election.

3.13pm - 3.31pm — Each Mayoral Candidate has 9 minutes to introduce themselves and discuss their campaign and key issues for the upcoming election.

Please include the following information in your introduction:

- How long have you been a ratepayer in Douglas Shire?
- Are you affiliated with or a member of any political party or a member of any local community groups and or associations.
- What skills, knowledge and experience enables you to be an effective Councillor/Mayor.

3.31pm – 3.55 pm — Question Time:
Each candidate will randomly select a question from the list below (drawn from a hat) and provide a 2 minute response.

Questions:

The Candidates will only be required to respond to one randomly selected question from the list below:

1. What will you do in your first 6 months as a Councillor/Mayor?
2. What do you see as your role as a Councillor/Mayor?
3. What makes you stand out from other candidates?
4. What should Council do to improve water security in the Shire?
5. How would you ensure that the views of all ratepayers and residents are heard when consulting with the community?
6. How can the Douglas Shire Waste Management system be improved?
7. What do you think the process should be for determining discretionary spending?
8. What gaps (if any) do you believe there are in regard to Community Engagement?
9. What % of closed Council meetings per year do you see as acceptable?
10. Do you believe the current Rate Category System is fair and equitable (explain your response)?
11. If elected what 3 steps would you take to improve the economic status of the Douglas Shire?
12. What do you see as the key infrastructure barriers to sustainable development?
13. How should the Community be involved in regard to major development approvals?
14. Do you see opportunities for Council to generate revenue from sources other than rates and government grants, and if so give examples?
15. Do you believe the level of economic growth in the Shire is at an acceptable level?

3:55pm – 4:00 pm — Closing

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