

NSW Local Land Services

North Coast Region

2017 Local Board Member Election (3 to be Elected)

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BREUST, Margaret

Position:

Active retiree, who is following an interesting association with the Country Womens Association

Qualifications:

Life experiences and forever learning

Employment Exp:

In my many years of employment I have been involved with Bookkeeping, Accounts Payable and Receivable, Customer Service Manager with a large Transport Company, Accounts and Payroll Manager for an Employment Agency also involved with the New Business and Logistic Team with a Transport Company.

Membership & Positions:

I am actively involved with the C.W.A.. I am currently the Mid North Coast Group President also executive representative to State C.W.A.. The Mid North Coast Group area covers from Buladelha to Nambucca Heads and out as far as Gloucester.

I have worked with other C.W.A. State committees and events.

I also support our local area by my involvement and membership with our Local Community Group called S.P.A.D.C.O. (Stuarts Point and Districts Community Organisation), the Stuarts Point Hall Committee, Yarrahapinni Festival, and I volunteer at the local school.

I do not have expertise in all areas required on the board but I can offer my interest with people skills and management of skills and tasks presented.

I have a great respect for the rights of people and a great willingness to help wherever I am able.

Thank you for your time.

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CHAPMAN, Adam

My name is Adam Chapman and I operate our family beef cattle, fattening and cropping property at Fine Flower, north west of Grafton in the upper Clarence. My family has been in the region for the past 34 years and I operate the family business with my wife, Belinda and our three children.

I feel that all Local Land Services (LLS) Boards need grass roots representation from local producers. We need to ensure that producers have a say and are actively involved in the decision making process that impacts their business and land. I would work with landholders and local communities to deliver services for local needs. As a Director I would be striving for the best outcome for rate payers.

I previously held a Director position on the North Coast Livestock Health Pest Authority (LHPA) and held this position for four years, prior to this position I was an elected Director on the Grafton Rural Lands Protection Board (RLPB) for six years. In my Director role I have developed experience in interpreting and following acts and legislations that govern these organisations, interpreting and adhering to budgets, allocating funding, developing and implementing procedures, policies and management plans in a board environment.

While I was a Director on North Coast LHPA and Grafton RLPB I was involved in committees formulating procedures and animal health operational plans consisting of BJD, chemical residues, cattle tick and pestivirus programs. I have worked with NSW DPI in relation to plague locusts management strategy. Through my involvement as a committee member on the Pest Animals and TSR committee I have worked on and formulated wild dog and baiting program strategies as well as weed control programs for TSR's.

As a past director on LHPA I was involved in carrying out animal health programs of national, state and local significance. The north coast region is prone to the Hendra virus and as a Board we were committed to assisting horse owners, private vets, NSW DPI and NSW Health in advisory investigations and management of confirmed infection. I have also had experience in emergency management during the Equine Influenza outbreak in 2007 by working and operating under instructions given by DPI.

I completed a traineeship after finishing high school at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children Westmead in the pathology department 1993 to 1999. During my traineeship I completed my Associate Diploma in Health Sciences at the Sydney Institute of Technology.

I am involved in my local community and I have established a local area wild dog baiting group in Fine Flower/Barretts Creek. I have been a long term active member of the Fine Flower Rural Fire Brigade since 2001.

My business experience in beef production, commercial exposure through family business interests and scientific background combined with 10 years Directorship offers a solid grounding for the LLS board member position. I am committed to high ethical standards and view this opportunity as a chance to offer my skills and service to Local Land Services.

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TIBBETT, Brett

Occupation:

Beef Cattle Producer

CEO Grafton Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council

Qualifications:

UNE – Agricultural Economics

Majors in agricultural and resource economics, agribusiness, marketing

Cert. Four – Frontline Management

Corporate Governance Training

I have a lifelong involvement in the local agricultural sector and have always been passionate about sustainable land management, production systems and the viable production of food and fibre on the North Coast. To further develop my knowledge and skills I studied agricultural economics at UNE for three years majoring in Agricultural and Resource economics, agribusiness and marketing.

My family have been involved in the local agricultural sector for over 120 years. I currently operate a beef cattle operation and I understand the need for best practise bio-security processes and effective and efficient service provision to customers to support local land holders and managers reach their land management and production goals. I have extensive experience and understanding of the agricultural sector supported by studying at UNE and have practical involvement in the agricultural sector on the North Coast. The North Coast has an extremely diverse population and agricultural footprint. This diversity increases resilience in the local economy and community and should be supported by organisations like NCLLS to further develop and expand resulting in a vibrant and sustainable agricultural and land management sector on the North Coast.

In addition to my skills and experience in the local agricultural sector I have extensive practical experience in the natural resource management and biodiversity conservation sector. I am a passionate supporter of local organisations and individuals being empowered to achieve sustainable land management outcomes on private land holdings and throughout the Crown lands estate. My continued involvement in this sector has allowed me to observe the positive community outcomes produced by well-planned and implemented natural resource management and biodiversity conservation programs. The benefits to the broader community are delivered through local employment and engagement, transfer of knowledge between participants, development of skills and techniques, increased production capacity and better sustainable land management outcomes producing a better environment for us to live and work in, "healthy country healthy people".

I am an active member of the Grafton Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council (GNLALC) and have held various elected/appointed leadership positions within the NSW Aboriginal land rights network since 2001, including GNLALC Chairperson, CEO GNLALC (current), NSWALC North Coast Region delegate Local Government Association, North Coast Regional Delegate NSWALC Crown lands round table and economic development committee. Whilst undertaking the above roles I have developed expertise in organisational and community strategic planning and a strong understanding of corporate governance. Strong governance and communication build confidence and promote stronger engagement and trust between the organisation and its customers. If elected I would work to ensure that North Coast local land services governance is improved, strategic direction is developed in line with community expectations and increase communication with customers and stake holders. My focus will be service to the regions land managers.

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SCHMITZER, Terry

Current Occupation or Position:

Biodiversity Fund Project Manager, Hastings Landcare Inc.

Qualifications:

- NSW School & Higher School Certificate
- Diploma of Conservation and Land Management (Tocal College)
- Certificate III Horticulture, Horticulture (Parks & Gardens), Horticulture (Landscape Design & Construction) TAFE NSW

Employment Experience:

1975/1999 – Hastings Shire Council & Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, Finance (1975/1989), Deputy Fire Control Officer/Weeds Officer (1989/1995), Weeds Officer (1995/1999)

1999/2016 – Regional Weeds Management Officer, Mid North Coast Weeds Co-ordinating Committee (MNCWCC) Inc.

2016/2017 Hastings Landcare Inc. Biodiversity Fund Project Manager.

Membership or Positions held in any organisation:

Byabarra (Bulls) RLFC 1979-1991; Treasurer/Secretary/President

Byabarra Public Hall Trust 1981-1989; Trustee/Chairperson

Mid North Coast Regional Bush Fire Committee; 1987-1995; Secretary

NSW Weeds Biological Control Taskforce 2005-2016; Secretary/Treasurer

NSW Weeds Officers Association 1991-1995; Secretary

NSW Tropical Soda Apple Taskforce 2010-2016; Secretary

MNCWCC Inc. 1999-2016; Secretary

Expertise, knowledge or skills in an area prescribed in Clause 90 for appointed members:

- Leadership, strategic planning and management-

Team leader for development of MNCWCC documents and implementation of programs;

- Three Regional Weed Strategies (2000-2015);
- Numerous Regional Weed Management Plans;
- \$3million additional funding obtained for regionally significant weed projects;
- Lord Howe Island weed inspection program.

Reference team member, weed component, NSW Invasive Species Plan 2008-2015.

- Community participation, regional service delivery and working with industry, government and other parties-
 - Co-ordination, and delivery of NSW Weeds Action Program across all Mid North Coast Regional weed stakeholders;
- Audit, financial control and reporting and risk management-
 - Local Government rating, debt recovery & investment, preparation of court documents, sale of land for unpaid rates & associated reporting;
- Primary Industries or providing services to support this sector-
Weed management programs at a Landholder, Regional and State level for 27 years.
- Contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management-
 - NSW Weeds Biocontrol and Tropical Soda Apple Taskforces regional/state programs;
 - Various Regional/ State Noxious Weed projects.
- Emergency management, especially biosecurity and natural disaster emergencies-
 - Section 44 Bushfire Emergency 1994 Lake Innes/ Port Macquarie,
 - Tropical Soda Apple First incursion in Australia 2010-2016
- Natural resource management and biodiversity conservation-
 - Project Manager Numerous weed control programs,
 - Project Manager Hastings Landcare Inc. 'Building Resilience through Riparian Landscape Links' (\$1.4 million).
- Working with Aboriginal groups and communities-
 - I have been instrumental in the engagement/ training of Aboriginal Rangers for Taree Indigenous Development & Employment (TIDE) teams at Gloucester, Taree, Karuah, Forster & Thungutti (Bellbrook) communities for weed control programs since 2003.
- Local Government-
 - Various positions in Local Government Finance ultimately 'Chief Clerk Finance'.
 - Deputy Fire Control Officer/ Weeds Officer.
- Additional information
I, with my family, managed our beef cattle property for 29 years with significant rainforest and habitat linkages in the Comboyne escarpment area to achieve a balance between environmental/ biodiversity and agricultural sustainability.
I offer significant holistic NRM planning and management experience essential in ensuring the success of LLS.

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SUMMERVILLE, Neil James

Hello my name is Neil Summerville. I am writing to you to seek your vote in the North Coast Local Land Services (NCLLS) election. I am a fourth generation farmer having been involved in livestock production and cropping all my life, including 28 years at our current property, where my wife and myself have raised 4 sons and run a beef cattle breeding operation.

Presently, I am a Board member of Local Land Services and former chairman of Livestock Health and Pest Authority and Rural Lands Protection Board. I am also the current chair of The North East Pest Animal Advisory Committee. This committee oversees pest animal control in the NCLLS and Northern Tablelands LLS region in conjunction with Nation Parks, State Forests, Landcare, RSPCA, DPI pest animal research unit and others; enabling coordination of pest animal control programmes across all land tenures. I am also a member of the Ministerial Cattle Tick Advisory Committee.

Services provided by North Coast Local Land Services include:

- Animal health surveillance – enabling continued access to domestic and export markets.
- Feral animal control – wild dogs, foxes, feral deer and rabbits.
- Advisory Services – livestock and crop production advice including horticulture.
- Land Management – reserves.
- Vegetation management advise – native vegetation, weeds and harvesting.

Presently, I am deputy chairman of The Northern Co-operative Meat Company which processes cattle and pigs at our Northern Rivers plants.

I have always been keen to promote Bio Security issues to ensure continued access to both domestic and export markets, to protect, animal and human health and to achieve good production levels. I have a strong understanding of these issues after many years of close involvement with animal health veterinary teams and committees.

Vegetation issues are of great importance to me because our 'Hiddenvale' property has some steep country that adjoins the Richmond Range National Park and the Richmond Range State Forest. This means we have issues with weed and regrowth control and are also involved with timber harvesting and production. Of major importance is the problem of feral dogs in this area and many other areas as well. Hence I have a sound knowledge of the problems that face many farmers.

I would appreciate your vote as I am keen to continue the work being done, that is to provide improved services for North Coast rate payers, while at the same time keeping rates at an acceptable level.

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AMEY, Thomas Peter

Dear Fellow Ratepayer

I am a beef producer, running 700 head of cattle on my properties located at Dyraaba and Mummulgum in partnership with my wife Cathy.

I have been a rate paying land owner for 39 years and over that period I have purchased about 600ha of cattle grazing land, primarily producing trade yearlings; averaging 210kg HSCW. Along with Beef production I am also the business manager and co owner of Riverside Family Practice.

I have an honours degree in Rural Science from UNE Armidale, graduating in 1978. The degree encompassed Soil science, Agronomy, Animal production and Economics.

My first employment was with a fertilizer company dealing with all crops and land uses on the North Coast. I later became a development agronomist; pastures with Incitec. I do some consulting work, including land capability assessments for development applications to local councils and impact studies on agricultural activity resulting from issues such as highway upgrades.

I was a director on the board of the Northern Co-operative Meat Company for 14 years, where I held the position of Deputy Chairman for two years. I also gained experience from being on the first NCLLS board. I have a good understanding of the due diligence requirements and the legal responsibilities involved with holding the position of director on a board.

I am active in working collaboratively with fellow beef producers and agencies such as NSW DPI, MLA and LLS organising producer groups and running producer meetings and field days.

Presently I am one of three NSW Regional Chairs of the Southern Australian Meat Research Council (SAMRC), being chairman of the NE NSW region, which covers four LLS regions. This involves gaining feedback from pasture fed beef and sheep meat producers regarding their priorities for the allocation of MLA levy funds to Research Development and Adoption projects. This also involves me assessing projects suitability for funding.

I am a President of and have developed the Northern Rivers Wild Dog Control Association, to access funding for trapping and shooting activity to compliment the LLS baiting programmes.

I have a keen interest in whole farm planning, where properties can be developed and managed sustainability using practices that are socially acceptable, economically rewarding and environmentally responsible. I am present in year eight of a ten year plan to develop the 245ha Dyraaba property. The plan is to maintain the habitat while doubling the carrying capacity and profitability.

I am an active 62 year old with plenty of experience to fulfil the role of Director on the NCLLS Board. I believe I communicate well on all levels and in any situation. Over the last 39 years I have worked for the good of North Coast producers and willing to represent you on the NCLLS board. I will work to give our young farmers the opportunities to fulfil their farming aspirations as I was able to do.

Thankyou for your support

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GRIFFIN, Graham

I hold a Diploma in Engineering Geology and a Master of Science. For fifteen years, I've run a small business from a 450 acre property (timbered and pasture) in Pillar Valley. I've worked as an exploration geologist, a senior park ranger, a senior research scientist with CSIRO, and a partner in Datasticians – a business providing ecological research, environmental monitoring and data analysis services to government and industry.

After a long involvement in research and its practical application in rural and remote land management, I would like to use this experience for the sake of my rural community. Ideas that interest me include: promoting an integrated approach to fire, weed and feral animal control; and the potential for mediation services to respond to cross-boundary (e.g. fencing) and regional (e.g. fire, weed, feral animal) issues.

I have a strong background in land management issues and provision of support to the primary industry sector, through research on fire management, weeds (athel pines, buffel grass and feral cotton), rangelands assessment, remote area agriculture, and land clearing, including collaborative research with State, Territory and Commonwealth agencies and private pastoral companies. I have provided environmental and/or data analysis services to diverse sectors such as road construction, petroleum exploration, mining, water management, and Aboriginal organisations. Examples include: road and seismic line rehabilitation; mandated monitoring; water drawdown impacts in the Great Artesian Basin; and woody weeds, land clearing and tree cover across the entire Queensland rangelands.

My role as a senior scientist included leading large research projects, and supervising postgraduate students. I undertook the CSIRO Project Leader training program. Both as a scientist and with my own business, I've undertaken strategic planning, risk management and ensured compliance with financial, reporting and other regulatory requirements. Scientific research planning and implementation require critical thinking and the ability to understand issues objectively, with a problem-solving focus. I have published over forty scientific papers, written over one hundred technical reports, been an invited participant at many conferences, as well as advocating and communicating science through documentary television, newspapers and current affairs programs, and by mentoring postgraduates.

I was the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment's nominee on the Uluru-Kata Tjuta (Ayres Rock-Mt Olga) National Park Board of Management for fourteen years, including vice-chairman for six years, a role supporting the Indigenous chairman. I've served on committees and boards responsible for: conserving the national estate; managing national issues such as greenhouse emissions; and providing environmental advice to a developing township (Yulara), the Central Land Council, and Newhaven Reserve (for Birds Australia). Much of my research occurred on Aboriginal land, including fire management and managing environmental impacts of infrastructure. I've also assessed capacity building amongst Aboriginal land managers (at NSW Aboriginal Land Councils).

I'm an invited member of: the United Nation's IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy; the Ecological Society of Australia; and the Institute of Analytics Professionals Australia. At the local level, I'm an active Rural Fire Service volunteer (since 2002) and a participant in the Upper Coldstream Biodiversity Project.

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McCONVILLE, Stuart J

- Degree in Environmental Science (Environmental Resource Management)
- Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary Science)

Teaching: Secondary Science teacher – casual relief.

Business: Owner and manager of Pooh Solutions and MODiCom digital communication startup.

Farmer: Pecans, various citrus, ginger and garlic.

Stuart has a passion for sustainable resource and land management, and has developed a property testament to his convictions. At “Amorata”, all nutrients are recycled, waste water is re-used and dams and wetlands have created habitat as well as water security. Shelter belts and windbreaks protect and enhance micro climates for orchards, as well as providing habitat for pest management insect and bird species. Sustainable bamboo and hardwood plantations supply building materials, and rainforest restoration zones around riparian areas protect and enhance local biodiversity. Stuart not only has the qualifications, he has 20 years of practical experience with regard to sustainable land management.

Stuart is also an advocate of science and education, at which he excels as a high school teacher. Communication skills are one of Stuart’s greatest assets, as are his passion and conviction for his ideals.

Stuart’s main concerns regarding the current practices of the NCLLS board are:

- Equity for non-commercial stock owning landholders (45% in the NC district).
- Wild dog mismanagement.
- Internal co-ordination between catchment management objectives and livestock / pasture objectives.
- Subjective notional carrying capacity assessments.
- Poor administrative function.

More broadly, Stuart’s concerns over LLS legislation include:

All land except cane land is rated based on its capacity to carry stock, regardless of what the current land use may be. I believe this should be extended to include orchardists.

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TAYLOR, Neil

I would like to join the NCLSS Board and work with others to achieve LLS objectives. I am passionate about environmental conservation and helping farmers to produce local healthy food. I have a keen interest in pest and weed management.

I've lived on 100 acres at Palmvale near Murwillumbah for 10 years. I'm restoring the forest including weed management and planting of 10,000 native trees.

I'm the Co-Founder of EnviroSource – www.envirosource.com.au which supports the capability and collaboration of environmental and sustainability practitioners. I also teach Human Resource Management at Southern Cross University.

Qualifications

Masters Business Administration (MBA) and training in Sustainability Leadership.

I'm an experienced primary producer and have owned four NSW rural properties. I've been a Greens member for over 17 years, and over the last 12 years held Senior Management positions in Consultancy Businesses including as CEO. I have experience with NCLSS as the Tweed CMA Community Support Officer. After deregulation of the Dairy Industry in 2000 I managed the NSW Dairy Family program supporting Dairy Families. I've owned wholesale nurseries for 16 years and worked as a Board member and CEO of the Nursery Industry Association of NSW, and Board member of Greening Australia NSW. Prior to that I worked as an engineering manager in the computer industry and owned beekeeping and beef cattle businesses. My land management skills were first developed on our family's 80 acre fruit orchard in Kurrajong.

LLS Board Members are required to have expertise, knowledge or skills in one or more of the following areas. Some of my personal experience is listed.

Required expertise knowledge or skills	Neil's experience and track record
Leadership, strategic planning and management	CEO in three organisations as well as my own business
Community participation, and Regional service delivery, Working with industry, government and other partners	Nursery Industry, Dairy Family, Greens, Sustainability groups, EnviroSource development
Audit, financial control, reporting and risk management	MBA qualified, ex-Bookkeeper and Project Manager of multi-million dollar projects. Developed Integrated Management Systems including audit reporting and risk management
Primary industries or providing services to support this sector	Orchards, Beef Cattle, Beekeeping, Nurseries and Dairy Family Program

Contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management	Currently involved with weed Biosecurity programs in NSW and Qld
Emergency management especially biosecurity and natural disaster emergencies	Limited experience
Natural resource management and biodiversity conservation	Extensive experience in designing and managing ecological restoration projects.
Working with Aboriginal groups and communities and/or local government.	Limited experience with Aboriginal groups. Worked with many Local Governments as a contractor, and as the CMA Community Support Officer
Strong understanding of corporate governance, a commitment to high ethical standards and teamwork	Corporate Governance experience in Government, Not for Profit and Commercial organisations. Previous Board roles. Committed to ethical behavior and teamwork.
Well-developed skills in communication, negotiation, advocacy and influencing skills. critical thinking, proven judgement and objectivity.	Experienced and active Community member and Manager. Very familiar with working with others to identify common objectives, and achieve joint outcomes.

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WILSON, Trevor James

My name is Trevor Wilson, farmer from Dyraaba, west of Casino. I would like your support in having a second term on the Board of the North Coast Local Land Services (NCLLS).

The concept of a fully integrated service delivery model with a strong 'outcomes for landholders' focus is something I support. The efforts of committed and dedicated Board members such as myself has established the foundations of a strong organisation. It is now time to continue that process. Looking to the future, the experience of committed Board members is required to obtain the best outcomes for you the ratepayer.

I bring a unique experience with depth of knowledge and breadth across many fields. These include:

- 1) Education. Diploma of Applied Science (Agriculture), Graduate Diploma in Extension, Company Directors training with AIDC, as well as many short courses.
- 2) I was employed as a professional Land Management Officer in both the public and private sector for 22 years.
- 3) For the last 22 years I have successfully operated our own beef cattle and horticultural operation where we have integrated sustainable land management with productive agriculture.
- 4) Representing landholders on the Regional Vegetation committee and for the last 3 years on the board of NCLLS.

On the Board I have held the positions of Chair of the Services committee with oversight for the delivery of important services to landholders. More recently I have been Chair of the Strategy committee responsible for the future direction of the organisation. I was the Board representative on the Regional Weeds committee which has developed the Regional Weeds plan.

Active community involvement is important to me, volunteering for the RFS as Deputy Captain and on the committee for the Relay for Life Charity where I am also MC for this 18 hour event. I am a member of the landcare group "Soilcare" and also NSW Farmers Association.

I am a proactive and independent thinker, who is open and honest in all my dealings. With my focus on improving outcomes for landholders, I am innovative and embrace change where improvements can be made.

Areas within NCLLS where improvements can still be made are:-

- 1) Improved communication with ratepayers.
- 2) Being proactive and more innovative in the integration of conservation with productive agriculture.
- 3) Improved coordination of wild dog control.
- 4) Sourcing funds from entities other than NCLLS ratepayers for programs with a wider community benefit.

You are being asked to choose 3 Board members. My depth and breadth of skills made me a very effective Board member. During the first term I put the NCLLS as my top priority for my time. I was proactive, introducing many initiatives, but was always welcomed the views of others. I look forward to your support and trust that your other 2 selections will add to the quality of the Board.

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COMMENS, John S

My name is John Stephen Commens and I would like to nominate myself for the Local Board Elections for the North Coast region.

As a 5th generational farmer, I am currently one of the owner operators of Coastal Turf, located in the Tweed shire. Along with my daughter, we operate a 25 acre farm with sales in excess of \$900,000 per financial year. Since 1967 I have owned and operated rural properties and businesses, ranging from Sheep and Cattle stations to Horticultural Turf farms.

At Coastal Turf, our family farm was one of the founding members of Turf Queensland as well as being an intricate part of the initiative to implement the Turf levies.

As well as having agricultural and horticultural hands on and business experience, I have also served on many community boards.

In recent times I have served as Chairman of the Tweed Ballina Byron Community Transport (TBBCT) organisation. In this role, I implemented several strategic innovations to not only secure the financial position of TBBCT but secure TBBCT as an important part of the community.

With a secure financial base, the organisation was able to increase their working budget from \$800,000 to excess of \$4.5 million dollars. This was accomplished by several means, including working with both Federal and State Governments to ensure grants to ensure the transportation service for the disadvantaged and differently abled people from their homes to places of employment, medical facilities and community groups as required. I also enlisted several key strategies to utilise technologies to make communication more efficient, and efficiently utilisation of assets and finances.

With myself at the head, TBBCT built a strong relationship with the Indigenous population within our borders to such an extent the board now include 2 Indigenous members. This strong relationship with the several Indigenous groups within the Tweed Ballina Byron regions continues to this day.

I am part of the Rotary organisation and have held many leadership roles within the organisation at the club level as well as District level. These include in recent years District Protection Officer for Youth, Assistant District Governor, and the District Member for the National Rotary Advisory Council for Australian Honours.

Currently I am also the Treasurer of the St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Murwillumbah. Serving in this role from 2002, I have prepared all the financial records for yearly auditing, and report monthly to the Committee of Management for St Andrews Presbyterian Church Murwillumbah. I have implemented several key strategies to take the church from a deficit to now holding a bank balance with 6 figures.

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KERR, Stewart

Stewart Kerr JP; (Retired RAAF Ground Defence, Fire, Training and Security Officer); local Murray Grey beef cattle breeder; Mullumbimby Rural Cooperative Director, for 10 years; and Director and Vice President of the Mullumbimby Ex Services Club for 13 years seeks the support of voters for election to the Local Land Services Board in 2017.

I represented this area for 11 years on the Tweed / Lismore Rural Lands Protection Board (covering the Tweed, Byron, Ballina and Lismore local council areas), followed by 4 years on the North Coast Livestock Health and Pest Authority (with the extended area including Casino, Grafton and Coffs Harbour council areas).

I was a member of the North-East Pest Animal Advisory Committee from its inception for 14 years (6 years as Chair), and served 4 years on the North Coast National Parks & Wildlife Service Regional Advisory Committee. I am a Life Member of both Landcare and Soil Care and I was a foundation member of the Victorian Aboriginal Advancement League.

During my senior years in the RAAF I was a member of the Australian Institute of Management, the Australian Institute of Training and Development and the Institute of Personal Management Australia.

I believe my experience and training in management, training, cooperate governance, animal health, biosecurity, pest animal control and support for the local community will ensure that I can contribute in a positive way on the Local Land Services Board, helping to ensure it is a professional, cohesive, outcomes focused organization.

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KIRCH, Ian William

Qualifications:

Assoc. Degree in Business Admin.

Diplomas in Environmental Mgmt, WHS & Business Management, Chem Cert, Trainer / Assessor, Cert in Managing Public Monies

40 years experience in Agriculture mainly livestock and cropping, Dairy & Poultry.

Currently Chairman of NSW Farmers Assoc. Northern Rivers Branch.

Currently Vice Chair Richmond River Beef Producers Assoc.

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WESTHEIMER, Peter

Dr Peter Westheimer MBBS

I am deeply committed to the big picture of economic and sustainable land management at a property, shire and regional level.

I have extensive team leadership, strategic planning and management experience from 18 months as Deputy Mayor and a four and a half years as a Councillor at Byron Shire Council 2004 - 2008.

I have 20 years of experience as a Primary Producer in farm forestry, cattle & mango orchards covering all aspects of rural land management, and attending conferences & field days to keep abreast of new land science and technology.

I am totally comfortable in critically and objectively reading, analyzing and voting on meeting agendas and strategic documents.

My membership and chairing of Council committees has included State of the Environment, Estuary Management, Biodiversity & Sustainability and Occupational Health & Safety and board member of the Subtropical Farm Forestry Association, Northern Rivers Screenworks and Arts Northern Rivers.

Whilst Deputy Mayor, I spearheaded a committee to successfully raise \$1.5 million to refurbish the Mullumbimby Civic hall.

I am also a medical doctor with particular interest in occupational health, preventative & medicolegal medicine and rehabilitation. My work has included being team leader of a holistic health specialist clinic and advisor to major organisations and councils.

I have a strong everyday working connection with the contemporary Australian landscape and respect for indigenous knowledge and management of country.

Strategic management of natural resources and agricultural lands is paramount for a healthy changing society and critical to enriching the sustainability of our primary industries, natural environments and local communities.

To further this I ask for your support in electing me to the board of local land services North Coast region New South Wales.

Professional Endorsements:

Rob Doolan -Planner -Balanced Systems

“Over 16 years I have witnessed Peter’s organizational, people management skills and advocacy work as a local councillor with Byron Shire Council as well as his natural resource and land management skills with the successful restoration of his property in Myocum. As an elected councillor within local government, similar to a Board member, he has skills as a team member, developing strategy, managing risks, working with stakeholders and effective communication. As a member of the local community for the past 35 years and as a former elected Shire Councillor, I am happy to provide my support to Peter with his candidacy”.

Dr. Jo Green - Natural Habitat Officer Byron Shire Council

“I have known and worked with Peter for over 20 years in Byron Shire. I have watched as he has developed many areas of his property for excellent forestry and revegetation outcomes following systematic planning and research. Peter has been a strong supporter of Brunswick Valley Landcare and Big Scrub Landcare Inc. He has offered his property for field days, educational outcomes and a planted corridor part of the award winning Koala Connections project. His knowledge and practical understanding of local land management issues is extensive and would be of great assistance on the Local Land Services Board”.

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