

Enjoyed serving community

I'm delighted with most of the benefits achieved for our community over the past four years and having been offered opportunities to stand again, it saddens me to decline. Regrettably travel, business and matrimonial commitments take priority over civic office for now.

Along with my colleagues' support, I'm proud to include among my greatest civic achievements "Destinations" – the marina vision and heritage reforms. Interestingly, the Society of Heritage Owners honoured me with a Heritage Hero accolade for my heritage work, which has largely been endorsed by the Australian Productivity Commission and the Independent Expert Panel's heritage reports. However, it's Minister Sartor who deserves credit for fixing unfair heritage laws, which will lead to greater preservation of genuine heritage items.

I'm also grateful to have been acknowledged by the ABC as a Local Achiever for my idea which removed hoons with Barry Manilow's music rather than with force. Since entering politics, the majority of my wages/travel expenses have been donated to local charities and at every level I feel proud of the positive contributions made for Rockdale's residents. I've enjoyed serving our community and if called upon to serve our nation in a higher office, I would be honoured to do so.

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