



February 2020

RCCCC held a very successful event this month featuring candidates for Mayor and the 10 Divisions for our local Council.

Each division candidate and sitting councillor were given the opportunity to present for one minute, followed by one minute to answer a pre-set question. Then Mayor Karen Williams and Mayoral Candidate Claire Richardson each presented for three minutes and then answered several questions from the floor.

The common message from all candidates was the notion of continuous improvement in infrastructure, tourism development and working in collaboration as a business community to see our economy thrive. Further we learnt of the Council moving to a Strategic Contracting Framework, RCCC will work with Council moving forward to see local businesses working with Council more.

Now is a good time to reflect on the last four years and the hope expressed by Chamber following the last election results that the new Council could constructively focus on the betterment of Redland City. Then President Garry Hargrave encouraged Council to focus on ways to foster new private sector investment opportunities by having a consistent approach to private enterprise and economic development.

Jobs growth, and the gaps between skills shortage and skill supply will be a focus of the Redlands Regional Jobs Committee, which will meet next week for the first time. The goal of the Committee is to engage with employers, small businesses and other industry stakeholders to ensure training and employment solutions are more accurately aligned with local skills needs and economic activity to support jobs growth in our region.

Redlands Coast will host the Redlands Business Expo at Sheldon Event Centre on Thursday 16 April. There are a limited number of stands still available, and only three of any kind of business will be accepted to exhibit. The stand includes lunch for two on the day and also a pre-expo workshop. Visit the website [www.smallbusinessexpos.com.au](http://www.smallbusinessexpos.com.au) for more information.

Yours in business

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