



A History of Labor in the Regions and Brisbane City Council Callen Sorensen Karklis

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Qld has always had an interesting reputation compared to its Southern peers in Australia. Particularly in the late 1980s after 32 years of conservative rule under Nationals Frank Nicklin and Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen. When in fact under considerable research Qld has had a very strong progressive history in voting patterns historically. On both a local and state level. In fact it was in Barcaldine Central Qld where the unionist and workers fighting for fair conditions founded the Australian Labor Party in 1891 during the Austalian Strike. 13 union leaders were charged with conspiracy and sedition, taken to Rockhampton for trial, conviction, and sentenced to 3 years in imprisonment at St Helena Island Prison. 3 union leaders later became the William Hamilton, Julian Stuart, George Taylor became parliamentarians in Qld and WA. The following booklet analyses the history of Labor's success in local and state government in the Sunshine State. Let us not forget that all politics starts local.





Map of Queensland (Sunshine State)

History of Sunshine Coast Labor:

Local:

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|---|---------------|
| 1. G.A Watson | 1940s – 1950s |
| 2. Andrew Thompson (Mayor Maroochy Shire Council) | 1946 – 1952 |
| 3. Alec Barr (Landsborough) | 1950s – 1960s |
| 4. Chris Cummins (Caloundra) | 1997 – 2001 |
| 5. Debbie Blumel | 2008 – 2012 |

State:



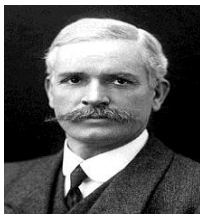
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| 1. William Summerville (Stanely) | 1902 – 1904 |
| 2. Andrew Thompson (Wide Bay) | 1918 – 1920 |
| 3. Ray Barber (Cooroora) | 1989 – 1992 |
| 4. Jon Sullivan (Glasshouse) | 1989 – 1992 |
| 5. Chris Cummins (Kawana)(left) | 2001 – 2006 |
| 6. Cate Molloy (Noosa) | 2001 – 2006 |
| 7. Carolyn Male (Glasshouse) | 2001 – 2009 |
| 8. Jason Hunt (Caloundra) | 2020 – Present |

State seat of Nicklin:

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|---|----------------|
| • William Summerville (Stanley) | 1902 – 1904 |
| • Peter Wellington (Independent who backed Labor) | 1998 – 2017 |
| • Robert Skelton | 2020 – Present |

Robert Skelton was ahead on counts in the seat of Nicklin on preferences which gives the seat back to Labor in over 100 years. But since 1986 and its inception as the seat of Nicklin we've seen a gradual demographic change from being a traditional conservative seat to that of a urban working class area. It has shown that for 19 years a progressive held the seat, Wellington usually backed Labor governments in administration (1998 – 2001 & 2015 – 2017) and was rewarded in doing so as the Speaker of Qld Parliament in his final term. It should be noted that Maroochy Shire Council is now known as the Nambour region of the Sunshine Coast City Council.

Chris Cummins was the Emergency Services Minister in 2004 – 2005, Minister for Small Business, IT policy, Multicultural Affairs in 2005 – 2006.



Federal:

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Andrew Fisher (Wide Bay) (left) | 1901 – 1915 |
| 2. Brendan Hansen (Wide Bay) | 1961 – 1974 |
| 3. Michael Lavarch (Fisher) | 1987 – 1993 |

Andrew Fisher was the 2nd Labor Prime Minister, 1908 – 1909, 1910 – 1913, 1914 – 1915, Leader of the Opposition, 1909 – 1910, 1913 – 1914, 2nd Federal Labor leader, 1907 – 1915, Minister for Trade and Customs in the Watson Ministry from 27 April – 17 August 1904 (First Labor national government in the world). Brendan Hansen was the Chief Government Whip during the Whitlam era 1972 – 1974.

Elected Sunshine Coast MPs (2020 Qld State Election)

Jason Hunt (Caloundra MP)



Australian Regular Army and Custodial Correctional Officer (Qld Dept of Corrective Services)

Robert Skelton (Nicklin MP)



Firefighter ARFF 2004 – Present

Urbanisation, development, changing demographics in ethnic, younger voters, working populations, and relocating populations could all be playing an effect on the surge to Labor on the Sunshine Coast in more recent years.

Gympie case study: An Example of how changing demographics and party infighting can make or break progressive campaigning in any tier of government.

Traditional Labor seats can sway the other way conservatively especially as a protest vote solidifies, especially if party infighting takes sway and becomes the norm. Gympie was traditionally a mining, timber producing town with strong elements of farming, and light industry and a strong working-class population in parts of the area. When most think of this area today people think of conservative politicians, but this hasn't always been the case and to this day isn't completely true. There are in fact Labor successes still occurring on a local council level. But what's interesting to take note of is the Labor infighting and changing demographics with a declining population in the late 1960s – 1970s that had cost a great deal of success from the Labor party particularly on a state and federal level.

State Seat of Gympie/Nash later known as Gympie again from 1960 onwards.

Greg Kehoe left the ALP in 1957 amid the Qld ALP split. Gympie has come close during the late 1980s – early 1990s and during the 2015 Qld State Election Labor in swings.

Number	Name	Year	Party Affiliation	Time in Office
1.	Andrew Fisher	1893 – 1896 1899 – 1901	Labour	3 years (not counting dual)
2.	Jacob Stumm	1896 – 1899	Conservative	3 years
3.	George Ryland	1899 – 1912	Labor	13 years
4.	George Mackay	1912 – 1915	Ministerial	3 years
5.	Thomas Dunstan	1915 – 1929	Labor	14 years
6.	Vivian Tozer	1929 – 1935	CPN	6 years
7.	Thomas Dunstan/Greg Kehoe	1935 – 1957	Labor	22 years
8.	M. Hodges/L. Stephan	1957 – 2001	L/NP	44 years
9.	Elisa Roberts	2001 – 2006	One Nation/IND	5 years
10.	D. Gibson/T. Perrett	2006 – Present	LNP	14 years

MP Andrew Fisher was the Secretary for Railways and Public Works (1899) in Anderson Dawson's 7 – day Qld government. The first parliamentary Labour government in the world.

MP Thomas Dunstan was the Secretary for Public Lands (1925 – 1929)

& Minister without Office (1925) during the McCormack state Labor government.

Federal Seat of Wide Bay since 1901.

Number	Name	Year	Party Affiliation	Time in Office
1.	Andrew Fisher	1901 – 1915	Labor	14 years
2.	E. Corser/B. Corser/W. Brand. H. Bandidt	1915 – 1961	Commonwealth Lib/Country	46 years
3.	Brendan Hansen	1961 – 1974	Labor	13 years
4.	C. Millar/W. Truss/Llew Obrien	1974 – Present	L/NP – LNP	46 years

Fisher was Labor’s 2nd Prime Minister, Hansen was Chief Whip for the Whitlam government

LOCAL Council:

Locally however Labor candidates had better success in municipal government, the following list outlines this: (more information may exist)

1. George Ryland (1892 – 1900) Mayor in 1899
2. Daniel Mulcahy (1882 – 1900) Mayor in 1899 – 1901
3. George Thomas (1924 – 1927) Mayor
4. Andrew Thompson (1927 – 1930) Mayor of Tiaro
5. Dr Luthor Morris (1931 – 1937) Mayor
6. P.H. Bunderson (1935 – 1943)
7. JHW Jamison (1940s) (6 ALP candidates at the 1943 elections)
8. Marc Dower (1960s – 1991) Deputy Mayor
9. Geoff Brown (1985 – 1991)
10. Rae Gate (2008 – 2016) Acting Mayor in 2015
11. Daniel Stewart (2012 – Present) (currently in portfolios)

Labor candidates have consistently maintained a hold in Council for over 50 years historically which still indicates pockets of Labor heartland voting blocs. Labor Cr is currently allied with KAP Mayor of Gympie Glen Hartwig. The Labor MP Andrew Fisher became Labor’s 2nd Prime Minister from 1909 – 1910, 1910 – 1913, 1914 – 1915 for 5 years until World War 1 and the Gallipoli campaign brought Fisher to the brink, as was the burden of war with his Labor successor Curtin in World War 2. Fisher resigned in 1915. Brandan Hanson was the Whitlam Governments Chief Whip. Thomas Dunstan was a senior government minister in state governments including for the public lands department.



Former Labor Cr Geoff Brown and Current Cr Dan Stewart with Federal Labor leader Hon. Anthony Albanese. True comrades in the labour movement. Geoff sadly passed away a year ago, he will be sadly missed by his Labor peers and his community.

History of Hervey Bay:

Local:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Andrew Thompson (Mayor) | 1927 – 1930 |
| 2. Bill Nunn | 1987 – 1990 |
| 3. Belinda McNeven (Deputy Mayor) | 2000 – 2012 |
| 4. George Seymour
(Deputy Mayor) | 2012 – Present
2013 – 2018 |
| (Mayor) | 2018 – Present |

Labor Crs have held public office consistently since Hervey Bay became a city in 1985.

State:

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. George Martin | 1902 – 1905 |
| 2. Albert Whitford | 1918 – 1920 |
| 3. Jim Blake | 1968 – 1974 |
| 4. Bill Nunn | 1989 – 1998 |
| 5. Andrew McNamara | 2001 – 2009 |
| 6. Adrian Tantari | 2020 – Present |

Labor has seen 28 years of Labor in Hervey Bay on a state level for almost a 4th of federation and 23 years since 1968, almost half the time since that year.



Andrew McNamara (left) was the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Main Roads: 2006 – 2007, and the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change, and Innovation: 2007 – 2009. Adrian Tantari new Labor MP for Hervey Bay. Area was part of the Berrum, Isis, and Hervey Bay state electorates.

Federal:

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Andrew Fisher | 1901 – 1915 |
| 2. Brendan Hansen | 1961 – 1974 |
| 3. Brian Courtice | 1987 – 1993 |



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Brendan Hansen was the Chief Government Whip during the Whitlam era 1972 – 1974. Michael Lavarch was the Attorney – General of Australia from 1993 – 1996. The Labor party have been in office for 30 years over a fourth of federation.

History of Maryborough:

Local:

1. Norman John (1891 – 1901, Mayor: 1900 – 1901)
2. Charles McChie (Mayor: 1898) 9 years
3. David Weir
4. William Hallway Domaine (1896 – 1900, 1924 – 1939) (Mayor: 1933 – 1939)
5. Joseph Farrell (1936) (Mayor of Burrum Shire Council)
6. David Weir (1914 – 1917)
7. C. Adam (1927 – 1933)
8. G.R. McDowall (1939 – 1950)
9. Brendan Hansen (1960 – 1963)
10. John Anderson (1970 – 1988)

State:

1. Charles Barton (1902)
2. William Mitchell (1902 – 1904)
3. John Norman (1902 – 1907)
4. John Adamson (1907 – 1909)
5. Alfred Jones (1915 – 1917)
6. David Weir (1917 – 1929)
7. James Stopford (1932 – 1936)
8. William Demaine (1937 – 1938)
9. David Farrell (1938 – 1953)
10. Horace Davies (1953 – 1971)
11. Brendan Hansen (1977 – 1983)
12. Bob Dollin (1989 – 1998)
13. Bruce Saunders (2005 – Present)

Federal:

(See previous page – Wide Bay)

James Stopford was the Minister without office (1923 – 1924) & Home Secretary (1923 – 1929)

Alfred James Jones MP later became the Lord Mayor of Brisbane (1934 – 1940) his son was also Mayor in the 1960s – 1970s under the Labor party banner.



History of Bribie Island/Caboolture:

Local: (Moreton Bay)

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Joe Kruger | 1973 – 1979 |
| 2. Alex Barr | 1970s – 1980s |
| 3. Carryn Sullivan | 1991 – 1994 |
| 4. Koliana Winchester | 2005 – 2020 |
| 5. Chris Whiting | 2000 – 2012 |
| 6. Mick Gillam | 2008 – Present |
| 7. Karl Winchester | 2020 – Present |

Labor has been in public office for 3 decades since the 1970s, it should be noted that this is only a core sample of many other Labor Crs who have served in office.

State:

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Ken Hayward | 1986 – 1992 |
| 2. Jon Sullivan | 1992 – 1998 |
| 3. Carryn Sullivan | 2001 – 2012 |
| 4. Rick Williams | 2015 – 2017 |
| 5. Ali King | 2020 – Present |



Ken Hayward was the Minister for Health during the Goss Labor Government while he was the MP for Caboolture. The seat has been Labor for 25 years since 1986 when demographics changed in the former seat of Caboolture. Bribie island has been part of the Caboolture and Pumistone state electorates.

Federal:

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. James Wilkinson | 1901 – 1906 |
| 2. Brendan Hansen | 1961 – 1974 |
| 3. Michael Lavarch | 1987 – 1993 |
| 4. Jon Sullivan | 2007 – 2010 |
| 5. Susan Lamb | 2016 – 2019 |



History of Bundaberg:

Local:

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Bernard McLean (Mayor) | 1927 – 1936 |
| 2. Frank Eastaughffe (Cr & Mayor – Isis) | 1936 – 1970 |
| 3. John Faircloth (Deputy Mayor – 10 years) | 1964 – 2007 |
| 4. Nita Cunningham (Mayor) | 1991 – 1998 |

The Bundaberg region has seen over 80 years of Labor Crs in public office on a local level.

State:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. George Hall | 1892 – 1893 |
| 2. Thomas Glassey | 1896 – 1901 |
| 3. George Barber | 1901 – 1935 |
| 4. Bernard McLean | 1935 – 1941 |
| 5. Frank Barnes | 1941 – 1950 |
| 6. Ted Walsh | 1950 – 1969 |
| 7. Lou Jensen | 1969 – 1977 |
| 8. Jim Blake | 1977 – 1983 |
| 9. Clem Campbell | 1983 – 1998 |
| 10. Nita Cunningham | 1998 – 2006 |
| 11. Leanne Donaldson | 2015 – 2017 |



Federal: (Same as Hervey Bay)

Ted Walsh was the Deputy Premier (1946 – 47, and 1957), Treasurer (1952 – 57), Minister for Transport (1944 – 1947), Minister for Public Lands (1940 – 1944), Clem Campbell was deputy speaker and chairman of committees, Nita Cunningham was the Minister for Local Government and Planning (2000 – 2004), Leanne Donaldson was the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries (2015 – 2016). Social democrats have held office in the seat for 97 years whilst Labor have held office in the seat for 84 years. Labor only just fell short here in the 2020 Qld state election.

History of Gold Coast Labor:

Local:

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| 1. Keith Hunt
(2 nd term)
(Mayor) | 1967 – 1973
1976 – 1978
1979 – 1982 |
| 2. Jack Egerton
(Deputy Mayor) (ran as Independent Labor) | 1979 – 1985 |
| 3. Peter Lawlor
(Chair of the Planning and Development) | 1988 – 1994 |

Labor and social democrats have been in Gold Coast City Council for 21 years well over a third of the time since its inception in 1949. Note: Edgerton fell out with State Labor and Whitlam over his knighthood which is frowned upon in the labour movement.

State:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Merri Rose (Currumbin) | 1992 – 2004 |
| 2. Robert Poole (Gaven) | 2001 – 2006 |
| 3. Phil Gray (Gaven) | 2006 – 2009 |
| 4. Dianne Reilly (Mudgeeraba) | 2001 – 2009 |
| 5. Peter Lawlor (Southport) | 2001 – 2012 |
| 6. Peta – Kaye Croft (Broadwater) | 2001 – 2012 |
| 7. Christine Smith (Burleigh) | 2001 – 2012 |
| 8. Meaghan Scanlan (Gaven) | 2017 – Present |

Ever since the end of gerrymandering in 1989 Labor has held state labor seats for a total of 23 years in total after breaking total conservative rule in the area. Christine Smith although not a minister was the parliamentary (caucus) Secretary of the ALP, Meri Rose was the Minister for Fair Trading (2001 – 2004), Tourism and Racing (1999 – 2004), Emergency Services (1998 – 1999), Rose was briefly jailed for corruption for 18 months, Peter Lawlor was the Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading (2009 – 2011), Peta – Kaye Croft was parliamentary secretary for Emergency Services (2009 – 2010), parliamentary secretary for education (2010 – 2011) and parliamentary secretary assisting the Premier on the Gold Coast and Commonwealth Game (2011 – 2012), and Meaghan Scanlon has recently been the Assistant Minister for Tourism Industry Development.





Federal: (Forde considered a bellweather)

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| 1. David Beddal (Fadden/Rankin) | 1983 – 1987 |
| 2. Mary Crawford (Forde) | 1987 – 1996 |
| 3. Brett Raguse (Forde) | 2007 – 2010 |
| 4. Murray Watt (Duty – Senator) | 2016 – Present |

David Beddall was the Minister for Small Business and Customs in the Hawke/Keating Labor government (1990 – 1993), he was Jnr Communications Minister (1993), and Minister for Resources (1993 – 1996) Mary Crawford was the parliamentary secretary to the minister for Housing and Regional Development during the Keating Labor Government from 1994 – 1996. Forde and Rankin before is the only Gold Coast area (Gold Coast hinterland) that has converted to Labor on a federal level. 16 years since 1983/84 changes a 3rd of the time since then Labor has held public office federally.



*Former MP Everton: 2009 – 2012
Public Servant, Chief of Staff to Anna Bligh MP
(2002 – 2007, 2008), Judge’s Associate and political
advisor and lawyer*

*Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, Natural
Disaster, Emergency Management, Qld Resources*

*Served as Parliamentary Secretary for Health (2009
– 2011) and for Treasurer and Minister State
Development (2011 – 2012)*

History of Labor in Logan city Council:

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| 1. Allen De Brenni | 1985 – 1988 |
| 2. Darren Power | 1997 – 1999 |
| 3. Cherie Dalley (Acting Mayor 2018) | 1997 – 2019 |
| 4. Lisa Bradley | 2008 – 2019, 2020 – Present |
| 5. Jon Raven (Deputy Mayor) | 2016 – 2019, 2020 – Present |
| 6. Teresa Lane | 2020 – Present |
| 7. Timothy Frazer | 2020 – Present |



Allen De Brenni (far left), Cherie Dalley (middle left), Jon Raven (middle right), Darren Power (far right). Mayor Darren Power was formerly a member of the ALP prior to 1999 when he joined the Nationals in 1999 and was later in the LNP from 2008 – 2010 but resigned due to his disgust with the how the LNP treated former LNP later KAP MP Aidan McLindon. Darren Power is currently in coalition with Labor.

State:

1. Ted Baldwin (1969 – 1974) (Logan/Redlands)
2. Bill D’Arcy (1972 – 1974) (Albert)
3. Wayne Goss (1986 – 1998) (Logan)
4. John Szczerbanik (1989 – 1995) (Albert)
5. Molly Robson (1989 – 1995) (Springwood)
6. Tom Barton (1992 – 2006) (Waterford)
7. John Mickel (1998 – 2012) (Logan)
8. Grant Musgrove (1998 – 2001) (Springwood)
9. Margaret Keech (2001 – 2012) (Albert)
10. Barbara Stone (2001 – 2012) (Springwood)
11. Evan Moorhead (2006 – 2012) (Waterford)
12. Linus Power (2015 – Present) (Logan)
13. Mick De Brenni (2015 – Present) (Springwood)
14. Shannon Fentiman (2015 – Present) (Waterford)

Federal:

1. David Beddall (1984 – 1998) (Rankin)
2. Mary Crawford (1987 – 1996) (Forde)
3. Craig Emerson (1998 – 2013) (Rankin)
4. Brett Raguse (2007 – 2010) (Forde)
5. Jim Chalmers (2013 – Present) (Rankin)

15. Melissa McMahon (2017 – Present) (Macalister)

History of Toowoomba: *(Labor has never held Darling Downs or Groom federally)*

Local:

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| 1. John Fogarty, (1881 – 1904) | Mayor: 1887 – 1892 |
| 2. Edward Smart | 1894 – 1900 |
| 3. Jack McCafferty (1955 – 1958) | Mayor: 1958 – 1967 |
| 4. Jack Duggan (Deputy Mayor & Mayor)
(Mayor: 1981 – 1982) | 1970 – 1982 |
| 5. Lindsay Jones | 1973 – 1979 |
| 6. Peter Wood
(Deputy Mayor: 1992 – 2004) | 1982 – 2004 |
| 7. Megan O’Hara Sullivan
(Finance, Business Strategy portfolio 2016 – 2020)
(Chair of Environment Advisory and Heritage Advisory Committees) | 2016 – Present |
| 8. Kerry Shine
(Finance, Business Strategy portfolio) | 2020 – Present |



State: (includes all Toowoomba electorates)

1. John Fogarty (1893 – 1904)
2. Edward Smart (1904 – 1907)
3. Frank Brennan (1918 – 1925)
4. Evan Llewelyn (1925 – 1929) (1932 – 1935)
5. James Kane (1935 – 1938)
6. Jack Duggan (1935 – 1957) (1958 – 1960) (1960 – 1969)
7. Les Wood (1946 – 1947, 1950 – 1958)
8. Ray Bousen (1969 – 1972) (1972 – 1974)
9. Peter Wood (1966 – 1972) (1972 – 1974)
10. John Flynn (1989 – 1992)
11. Kerry Shine (2001 – 2012)

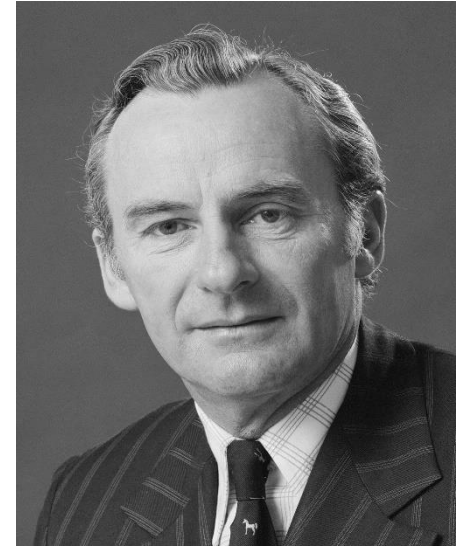
*67 years of Strong Labor state history and 59 years of Labor Local Council history
Brennan was the Secretary for Public Instruction (1924 – 25) and Minister without portfolio (1923 – 24)*

Duggan was the Minister for Transport (1947 – 1957) and Deputy Premier (1953 – 1957) he also led the ALP as Opposition Leader in Qld (1958 – 1966), Les Wood was Leader of the Opposition as well from 1957 – 1958 briefly. Kerry Shine was the Minister for Natural Resources and Water (2006) and Attorney General (2006 – 2009).

History of Ipswich:

Local:

1. Denis Thomas Keogh (1884 – 1894) (Mayor: 1893 – 1894)
2. William Summerville (1903 – 1904) (Mayor)
3. James Wilkinson (1914) (Former Federal MP)
4. Frank Cooper (1924 – 1927, Deputy Mayor)
5. Ivor Marsden (1943 – 1949) (Deputy Mayor in 1949)
6. James Finimore (1950 – 1973) (Mayor)
7. Vi Jordan (1961 – 1967) (First Woman elected to Ipswich Council)
8. Des Freeman (1979 – 1991) (Mayor)
9. Don Livingstone (1985 – 1990)
10. David Underwood (1991 – 1995) (Mayor)
11. John Nugent (1995 – 2004) (Mayor)
12. Paul Tully (1979 – 2018) (2020 – Present)
13. Paul Pisasle (2004 – 2017) (Mayor)
14. Andrew Antonioli (2017 – 2018) (Mayor)
15. Wayne Wendt (2016 – 2018) (Acting Mayor in 2018)
16. Jacob Madsen (2020 – Present)
17. Kate Kunzelmann (2020 – Present)



*Cr Madsen is the Chair of the Governance and Transparency portfolio
Not all councillors from the ALP are listed above^ and mid 1930s.
Over 83 years of Labor strong in Ipswich City Council.*

Federal:

1. James Wilkinson (1901 – 1906)
2. Bill Hayden (1961 – 1988)
3. Les Scott (1988 – 1996)
4. Bernie Ripoll (1998 – 2016)
5. Milton Dick (2016 – Present)

*(Above – picture)
Bill Hayden – Federal Treasurer (1975)
Minister for Social Security (1972 – 75)
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (1983 – 1988)
and Governor General (1989 – 1996)

Parliamentary Secretary to Treasurer (2012 - 2013)
and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business (2013)*

State: (includes all Ipswich electorates)

1. James Wilkinson (1894 – 1896)
2. William Maughan (1904 – 1912)
3. David Gledson (1915 – 1929) (1932 – 1949)
4. Ivor Marsden (1949 – 1960) (1960 – 1966)
5. Vi Jordan (1966 – 1974)
6. David Underwood (1977 – 1989)
7. Don Livingstone (1989 – 1998) (2001 – 2006)
8. David Hamil (1983 – 2001)
9. Rachel Nolan (2001 – 2012)

David Gledson was the Minister without Office (1925 – 1926), Secretary for Labour and Industry (1926 – 1929) and on the Executive Council and Assistant Secretary for Agriculture and Stock (1939), Secretary for Mines (1939 – 1941), and Attorney General (1941 – 1949)

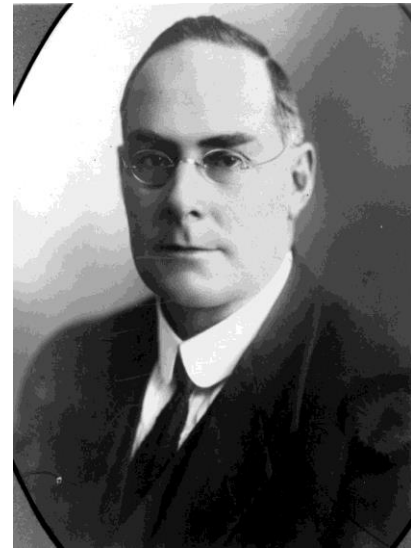
*MP David Hamil was Qld Treasurer (1998 – 2001) and held multiple ministries (Transport, and Education).
MP Rachel Nolan also held state ministries (Transport, Natural Resources, Finance, and the Arts during the Bligh era)*

10. Wayne Wendt (2006 – 2012)
11. Jennifer Howard (2015 – Present)

History of Cairns:

Local:

1. William Murchison (1933 – 1952)
2. Thomas Martin Crowley (1938 – 1947)
(Deputy Mayor: 1938 – 1948, Mayor: 1949 – 1952)
3. Bunny Adair (Mulgrave Cr 1939 – 1946)
4. Bill Fulton (1952 – 1960)
5. Seymour Darcy Chataway (1960 – 1967)
6. Thomas Alfred Pyne (Cr 1961 – 1976) (Deputy Mayor 76 – 79)
(Mulgrave Mayor: 1979 – 1995)
(Cairns Mayor: 1995 – 2000)
7. Rob Pyne (2008 – 2015) (2020 – Present)



*62 strong years of Labor in City Council in Cairns
117 years of State Labor MPs, 79 years of Federal Labor MPs*

State:

1. Thomas Givens (1899 – 1902)
2. John Mann (1902 – 1912)
3. William McCormack (1912 – 1930)
4. John O’Keefe (1930 – 1942)
5. Thomas Crowley (1947 – 1956)
6. Watty Wallace (1956 – 1964)
7. Ray Jones (1965 – 1983)
8. Keith De Lacy (1983 – 1998)
9. Desley Boyle (1998 – 2012)
10. Rob Pyne (2015 – 2017)
11. Michael Healy (2017 – Present)

*John Mann, Attorney – General (1940 – 1941)
Secretary for Mines (1941 – 1942)*

(Above – picture)

*William McCormack, Speaker (1915 – 19), Home Secretary
(1919 – 23), Secretary for Public Lands (1923 – 1925),
Premier, Treasurer (1924 – 29), Leader of Opposition
(1929 – 30)*

*Keith De Lacy, Minister for Regional Development (1989 –
1990), Treasurer (1989 – 1996)*

Federal:

1. Fred Bamford (1901 – 1917)
2. George Martens (1928 – 1934)
3. Darby Riordan (1934 – 1936)
4. Bill Riordan (1936 – 1949)
5. Harry Bruce (1951 – 1958)
6. Bill Fulton (1958 – 1975)
7. John Gayler (1983 – 1993)
8. Peter Dodd (1993 – 1996)
9. Jim Turnour (2007 – 2010)

*Desley Boyle held various ministerial portfolios (2004 –
2011), Women, Environment, Child Safety, Tourism,
Regional Development and Industry, Minister for
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, and
Local Government.*

*Fred Bamford was the Minister for Home and Territories
(1916 – 1917)*

Bill Riordan was the Minister for the Navy (1946 – 1949)

History of Mackay:

Local:

1. John Mulherin (1933 – 1934) (Mayor)
2. George Moody (1934 – 1943) (Mayor)
3. John Binnington (1952 – 1967) (Mayor)
4. Ed Casey (1967 – 1970) (Deputy Mayor)
5. Lorraine Bird (1985 – 1991: Pioneer Shire Council)
6. James Bidgood (2004 – 2007) (Chair of Finance & Water)
7. Kevin Casey (2004 – 2020) (Deputy Mayor: 2016 – 2020)
8. Frank Gilbert (2012 – 2016)
9. Fran Mann (2016 – Present)
(Chair: Character & Heritage Advisory Committee)

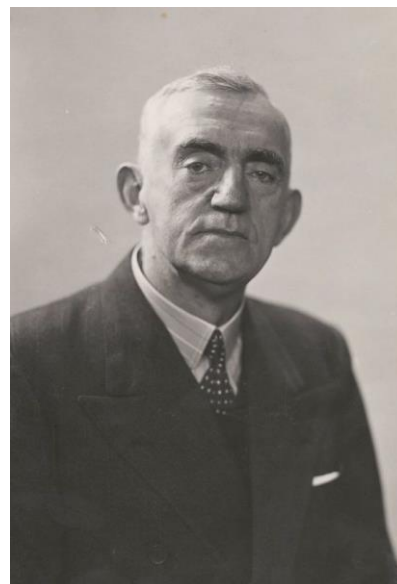
*50 years of Labor Party in City Council in Mackay
109 years of State Labor history
49 years of Federal Labor history*

State:

1. Albert Fudge (1904 – 1907)
2. William Forgan Smith (1915 – 1942)
3. Fred Graham (1943 – 1969)
4. Ed Casey (1969 – 2015)
5. Tim Mulherin (1995 – 2015)
6. Julieanne Gilbert (2015 – Present)

Federal:

1. David Thomson (1903 – 1906)
2. William Higgs (1910 – 1920)
3. Frank Forde (1922 – 1946)
4. Rex Patterson (1966 – 1975)
5. James Bidgood (2007 – 2010)



(Picture Above)

William Forgan Smith

*Served several ministerial portfolios (1920 – 1929)
Without portfolio, Public Works, Agriculture, and Stock
Leader of Opposition (1929 – 1932)
Premier (1932 – 1942), Treasurer (1932 – 1938)*

Ed Casey

*Leader of the Opposition (1978 – 1982)
Minister for Primary Industry (1989 – 1995)*

Tim Mulherin

*Deputy Labor Leader (2012 – 2015)
Minister for Fisheries, Primary Industry, Rural and Regional
Qld (2005 – 2012)*

Julieanne Gilbert

*Assistant Minister for Health (2020 – Present) Assistant
Treasurer, State Development (2017 – 2020)*

William Higgs

Treasurer of Australia (1915 – 1916)

Frank Forde (Picture: Left)

*Prime Minister (1945) Deputy PM (1941 – 1945)
Minister for Army (1941 – 1945)
Minister for Trade and Customs (1931)
Assistant Minister for Committee of Public Accounts (1929 –
1931)*

Rex Patterson

*Minister for Northern Development & NT (1972 – 75),
Northern Australia (1975), & Agriculture (1975)*



History of Whitsunday: (formerly Bowen)

Local: (Includes Bowen)

1. Ernest Joseph Riordan (1933 – 1936)
2. E. Hamond (1940s)
3. T. Messrs, T. B. Woods, H Curry (1950s)
4. Mike Bruncker (1994 – Present) (Mayor Bowen: 1997 – 2008) (Mayor Whitsunday: 2008 – 2012)

State:

1. Francis Kenna (1902 – 1909) (split from Labor in 1907 – Kidstonites)
2. Myles Ferricks (1909 – 1912)
3. Charles Collins (1915 – 1936)
4. Ernest Riordan (1936 – 1944)
5. Fred Patterson (1944 – 1950) (COMMUNIST)
6. Ken Smyth (1986 – 1992)
7. Lorraine Bird (1989 – 1998)
8. Jan Jarratt (2001 – 2012)

Federal (refer to previous page for Dawson division)

Ernest Riordan was the Secretary for Mines and Immigration (1952 – 1954) Government Whip (1942 – 1944) while he was MP for Flinders which included Mt Isa



History of Townsville:

Local:

1. Anthony Ogden (Cr: 1891 – 1894, 1911 – 1918, 1930 Mayor: 1924 – 1927)
2. George Keyatta (Cr. 1929 – 1935)
3. Tom Aikens (Cr 1936 – 1949, Deputy Mayor: 1939 – 1944)
4. A.V Hamilton (Deputy Mayor: 1946 – 1949)
5. Perc Tucker (Mayor: 1976 – 1980)
6. Mike Reynolds (Cr: 1973 – 1980: Deputy Mayor: 1976 – 1980, Mayor: 1980 – 1989)
7. Toney Mooney (Cr 1977 – 1989, Mayor: 1989 – 2008)
8. Jenny Hill (Mayor: 2012 – Present)



77 years of Labor Party history in Townsville Council

(Picture Above) Mike Reynolds

State:

1. Anthony Ogden (1894 – 1896)
2. Thomas Foley (1909 – 1912)
3. Daniel Ryan (1915 – 1920)
4. Maurice Hynes (1923 – 1939)
5. George Keyatta (1939 – 1960)
6. Tom Aikens (1960 – 1977)
7. Alex Wilson (1977 – 1986)
8. Perc Tucker (1972 – 1974)
9. Geoff Smith (1980 – 1986)
10. Ken McElligott (1983 – 1986)
11. Ken Davies (1989 – 1992)
12. Geoff Smith (1992 – 1998)
13. Mike Reynolds (1998 – 2009)
14. Mandy Johnstone (2009 – 2012)
15. Scott Stewart (2015 – Present)

Maurice Hynes held the Ministerial portfolio of Secretary for Labour and Industry (1932 – 1939)

Perc Tucker was the Leader of the Opposition (1974)

Fred Bamford was the Australian Treasurer (1916 – 1917)

Ken Davies, was the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Consumer Affairs (1995)

Geoff Smith was the Minister for Lands, Business, Industry, Regional Development, Manufacturing, Commerce, Small Business (1989 – 1995)

Mike Reynolds was the Speaker of Qld Parliament (2006 – 2009), Minister for Child Safety (2004 – 2006), Minister for Emergency Services and North Qld (2001 – 2004) Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier in North Qld (1998 – 2001)

Ted Lindsay was the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology. (1993 – 1994)

Federal:

1. Fred Bamford (1901 – 1917)
2. George Martens (1928 – 1946)
3. Bill Edmonds (1946 – 1958)
4. Ted Harding (1961 – 1966)

Mandy Johnstone, Deputy Speaker (2009 – 2010)

5. Ted Lindsay (1983 – 1996)
6. Cathy O’Toole (2016 – 2019)

History of Rockhampton:

Local:

1. Thomas Dunlop, (Cr 1927 – 1949, Mayor: 1927 – 1929, 1936 – 19349)
2. T.J. Lee (Cr 1930 – 1933), Mayor (1930 – 1935)
3. W.R. Goss (1927 – 1936)
4. Harold Gardner (Cr 1935 – 1939, 1945 – 1979, Mayor: 1953)
5. W.C. Ingram (Cr 1941 – 1944, Mt Morgan Shire: Deputy Chair)
6. Robert William Evans (Cr 1933 – 1936, Mayor: 1936 – 1943)
7. Crs L.G Haigh, R.D McKewan, J.J. Dowling, J. Kerrigan. And B.C. Bartlem (Crs. 1940 – 1946)
8. Bray Grey (Cr 1973 – 1991)
9. Paul Braddy (Cr 1979 – 1982)
10. Robert Schwarten (Cr 1985 – 1991)
11. Margaret Strelow (Cr 1997 – 2000, Mayor: 2000 – 2020)
12. Tony Williams (Mayor: 2020 – Present)



*87 years of Labor Party history in Rockhampton Council
113 years of Labor Party in state history locally*

State: (Rockhampton seat and South)

1. William Kidston (1896 – 1909)
2. Kenneth Grant (1902 – 1909)
3. John Adamson (1911 – 1917)
4. Frank Forde (1917 – 1922)
5. George Farrell (1923 – 1929)
6. Thomas Dunlop (1929 – 1932)
7. James Larcombe (1932 – 1956)
8. Mick Gardner (1956 – 1960)
9. Keith Wright (1969 – 1984)
10. Paul Braddy (1985 – 1995)
11. Robert Schwarten (1995 – 2012)
12. Bill Byrne (2012 – 2017)
13. Barry O’Rourke (2017 – Present)

State: (Keppel seat)

1. James Larcombe (1912 – 1929)
2. Walter Ingram (1944 – 1952)
3. Viv Cooper (1952 – 1960)
4. Merv Thackeray (1957 – 1960)
5. Paul Hoolihan (2004 – 2012)
6. Brittany Lauga (2015 – Present)

Federal:

1. David Thomson (1903 – 1906)
2. William Higgs (1910 – 1920)

William Kidston – Premier and Treasurer (until split) governed with Liberals afterwards.

William Higgs – Treasurer of Australia (1915 – 1916)

Frank Ford – PM (Minister under Scullin & Curtin)

James Larcombe – Qld Treasurer (46 – 50), State Minister for Mines, Transport, Public Instruction (1939 – 1946), Attorney General (50 – 52)

Doug Everingham – Minister for Health (1972 – 1975) (Picture above)

Keith Wright (Leader of Opposition (1982 – 1984)

Rob Schwarten – Minister for Public Works (1998 – 2011), Minister for IT (2006 – 2011), Leader of the House (2005 – 2009), Minister for Housing (1998 – 2009), Minister for Racing (2004 – 2006)

Paul Braddy – Deputy Premier (22 – 24 November 2000), Minister for Education, Policy, Emergency Services, and Corrective Services under Goss and Minister for Employment, Training and IR under Beattie.

Paul Hoolihan, was Deputy Speaker Qld Parliament (2006 – 2012)

Bill Byrne, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries (2015, 2016 – 2017)

Minister for Rural Economic Development (2016 – 2017)

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Corrective Services (2015 – 2016), Minister for Sport and Racing (2015)

3. Frank Forde (1922 – 1946)
4. George Gray (1961 – 1967)
5. Dr Doug Everingham (1967 – 1975, 1977 – 1984)
6. Keith Wright (1984 – 1993)
7. Marjorie Henzell (1993 – 1996)
8. Kirtsen Livermore (1998 – 2013)

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Dr Doug Everingham (Minister for Health) Helped Establish Universal Health Care

He was also an effective health minister - or "helth", as the spelling reform crusader preferred - throughout the Whitlam years. Douglas Nixon Everingham was born in Wauchope, northern NSW, on June 25 1923. His ancestry included English nobility and convicts. As a youth he was an evangelical Christian, with his parents seeing little difference between Labor and communism. The young Everingham was first interested in left-wing politics by Lionel Murphy while studying medicine at Sydney University. In 1948 he married Beverley Withers, with whom he had two daughters and a son. He spent most of his early years as a doctor grappling with the problems of alcoholics in NSW psychiatric hospitals before moving north to Rockhampton, where he'd done his internship.

Everingham ran unsuccessfully in the neighbouring seat of Dawson in 1963 and won the Rockhampton-based Capricornia in a by-election in 1967. When Whitlam led Labor back to power in 1972, Everingham became health minister. To a degree, Everingham was overshadowed by Bill Hayden, the social security minister, in his epic battle to set up Medibank, the precursor of Medicare. But his achievements were substantial. He set up the Hospitals and Health Services Commission as the government's chief adviser on Australia's health services needs.

Its recommendations led Everingham to a five-year program, never completed, to build, expand and modernise public hospitals, particularly in the outer suburbs of the big cities. He launched an ambitious program of community health centres and funded community-based services for alcohol, drug and

mental problems. His enthusiasm for de-institutionalising mental health wasn't shared by all his bureaucrats.

Everingham, by now an agnostic, personally railed against smoking, alcohol and other drugs with religious fervour. Another hatred was boxing. But, as a columnist said at the time, he did it with disarming cheerfulness. His language reform fervour was such that, while a minister, he listed his recreations in Who's Who as semantics, interlinguistics, pasigraphies, symbol systems and spelling reform. Whitlam sent him up with notes to "Dug" from "Gof". Everingham, together with every other Queensland Labor MP except Hayden, lost his seat in the electoral slaughter that followed the 1975 dismissal. However, he won it back in 1977 and remained in parliament until quitting politics in 1984 and returning to medicine.

His enthusiasms continued. They included peace education, how doctors could help stop war, and the Simultaneous Policy Organisation (Simpol), which advocates co-ordinated global action on matters like environmental destruction and the power of international capital. He became Simpol's Queensland co-ordinator. A decades-long project was to draft a simplified "interlingual" English, partly based on the Melanesian pidgin of Papua New Guinea. Until his death, Everingham was one of four living original Whitlam government ministers along with Moss Cass, Bill Hayden and Doug McClelland. Two others - Paul Keating and Joe Berinson - were appointed in 1975.



History of Mt Isa:

Local:

1. Bob Katter Snr (1946 – 1957) (Mayor: 1948 – 1951) (Cloncurry)
2. Bill Price (1978 – 1983)
3. Betty Kiernan (1981 – 1990)
4. Rob Hulls (1988 – 1990)
5. Tony McGrady (Cr 1973 – 1985, Mayor: 1985 – 1989, 2012 – 2016)
6. Danielle Dee Slade (Mayor: 2020 – Present)

State: (including former Flinders)

1. John Hoolan (1890 – 1894, 1896 – 1899)
2. Charles McDonald (1893 – 1901)
3. Thomas Glassey (1894 – 1896)
4. William Maxwell (1899 – 1909)
5. Peter Airey (1901 – 1907)
6. John May (1907 – 1917)
7. Charles Collins (1909 – 1912)
8. Darby Riordan (1918 – 1929)
9. Arthur Jones (1929 – 1932)
10. John Mullan (Flinders: 1907 – 1917) (1932 – 1941)
11. Norm Smith (1941 – 1960)
12. Ernest Riordan (1950 – 1954)
13. Frank Forde (1955 – 1957)
14. Alec Inch (1960 – 1974)
15. Bill Price (1983 – 1986)
16. Tony McGrady (1989 – 2006)
17. Betty Kiernan (2006 – 2012)

Federal:

1. Charles McDonald (1901 – 1925)
2. Darby Riordan (1929 – 1936)
3. Bill Riordan (1936 – 1966)
4. Rob Hulls (1990 – 1993)



*Charles McDonald was the first Federal Labor Speaker (1910 – 1913, 1914 – 1917: 5 years) (top picture)
Anthony McGrady was the Minister for Mines and Energy and Regional Development (1998 – 2001) (bottom picture)
Minister for Police, Corrective Services (2001 – 2004) Minister for State Development and Innovation (2004 – 2005)
Speaker of Qld Parliament (2005 – 2006)*

Bob Katter Snr left the ALP during the Great Cold War split, he later joined the Country Party in 1966, he later won back the Mayoralty but was later the army minister in the McMahon Coalition government.

Rob Hulls who was originally from Melbourne, Victoria relocated back to Melbourne and was elected as the MP for Niddrie and served as a Minister for various portfolios (Manufacturing, WorkCover, Planning, IR, Racing, AG) 1999 – 2010 and Deputy Premier 2007 – 2010 under the Brumby Labor Government.

History of Gladstone

Local:

1. Edward Matthew Breslin (1925 – 1929, 1933 – 1941) (Mayor)
2. Fred Paterson (1927 – 1928) (Deputy Mayor)
3. John Francis (Jack) O'Malley (1946 – 1961) (Mayor)
4. Bill Prest (1970 – 1976) (Mayor: 1975 – 1976)
5. Matt Burnett (2000 – Present) (Deputy Mayor: 2012 – 2016) (Mayor: 2016 – Present)
6. Chris Trevor (2004 – 2006) (2016 – Present) (Deputy Mayor: 2017 – 2020)

years of Labor local history

State:

1. Edward Breslin (1909 – 1912)
2. George Carter (1915 – 1920, 1923 – 1929)
3. Tommy Williams (1932 – 1947)
4. Jim Burrows (1947 – 1963)
5. Martin Hanson (1963 – 1976)
6. Bill Prest (1976 – 1992)
7. Neil Bennett (1992 – 1995) 63
8. Glenn Butcher (2015 – Present)

83 years of Labor state history

Federal:

1. David Thomson (1903 – 1906)
2. William Higgs (1910 – 1920)
3. Frank Forde (1922 – 1946)
4. George Gray (1961 – 1967)
5. Dr Dough Everingham (1967 – 1975) (1977 – 1984)
6. Brian Courtice (1987 – 1993)
7. Chris Trevor (2007 – 2010)

59 years of Labor history federally



*Tommy Williams was the Secretary for Agriculture (1942 – 1946)
& Secretary for Public Instruction (1946 – 1947)
Government Whip (1932 – 1947)*

History of Labor in Brisbane City Council

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Harry Randall (Wynnum) | 1916 – 1917 |
| 2. John Keogh (South Brisbane) | 1924 – 1925 |
| Maurice Barry (North Brisbane) | 1924 – 1925 |
| John Innes Brown (Coorparoo) | 1924 – 1925 |
| Thomas Wilson (North Brisbane) | 1925 |
| 3. Alfred James Jones | 1934 – 1940 |
| 4. Frank Edward Roberts | 1952 – 1955 |
| 5. Clem Jones | 1961 – 1975 |
| 6. Bryan Walsh | 1975 – 1976 |
| 7. Frank Sleeman | 1976 – 1982 |
| 8. Roy Harvey | 1982 – 1985 |
| 9. Jim Soorley | 1991 – 2003 |
| 10. Tim Quinn | 2003 – 2004 |
| 11. David Hinchliffe (Deputy Mayor) | 2004 – 2008 |





Top left (John Keogh), Top middle (Frank Roberts), Top right (Clem Jones), Bottom left (Frank Sleeman), and Bottom right (Jim Soorley).

Labor History of Wynnum Manly Local Government

Town of Wynnum

- Harry Randall (Alderman) 1915 – 1917, 1921 – 1925
- Harry Randall (Mayor of Wynnum) 1916 – 1917

Wynnum Manly Ward BCC

- George Clayton 1952 – 1967
- Eric Shaw 1967 – 1979
- Don Randall 1979 – 1993
- Peter Cumming 1993 – Present

75 Years of Labor History in Local Government, strong historical area for Labor
Wynnum Manly is one of the strongest seats for BCC Labor on 61.4% of the TPP vote



Cr Peter Cumming (current)



Left above (Cr Clayton), right above (Cr Shaw)
Below (Cr Randall)





Australian Labor Party

Federal:

Government

▪ Watson	1904 APR – AUG	3 Months
▪ Fisher/Hughes	1908 – 1909	-
	1910 – 1913	5 years 10 months
	1914 – 1916	-
▪ Scullin	1929 – 1932	2 years
▪ Curtin/Chifley	1941 – 1949	8 years
▪ Whitlam	1972 – 1975	3 years
▪ Hawke/Keating	1983 – 1996	13 years
▪ Rudd/Gillard/Rudd	2007 – 2013	6 years

38 total years in government

1/3 of 20th century in government

1/3 of federation in government

Balance of Power

▪ Watson/Fisher	1901 – 1908	7 years
Supported Protectionist Governments	1901 – 1904	6 years
	1905 – 1908	-

Dominated federal politics for 44 years.

Former ALP (Non-Labor) leaders

- | | | |
|----------|-------------|------------------|
| ▪ Cook | 1913 – 1914 | 1 year 2 months |
| ▪ Hughes | 1916 – 1923 | 6 years 4 months |
| ▪ Lyons | 1932 – 1939 | 7 years 3 months |

Ex ALP (Non – Labor) governments in 14 years 9 months

Union leaders have dominated 58 years of Australian political history.

State(s):

- Qld = 69 years
- NSW = 63 years
- TAS = 69 years
- WA = 55 years
- SA = 53 years
- VIC = 55 years (1/3 colonial/state history)

It should be noted however that in more modern times that Victoria Labor and South Australia have dominated politics since the 1970s and 1980s. Victoria ½ since 1982 and South Australia 2/3 since 1970.

Territories:

- ACT = 56 years (2/3 ACT history) (includes administrator eras)
- NT = 25 years 9 months (1/3 ACT history) (includes administrator eras)

SEQ Local Government:

- 59 years in Toowoomba City Council
- 56 years in Ipswich City Council
- 55 years in Brisbane City Council (estimate)
- 50 years in Gympie City Council (estimate)
- 49 years in Moreton Shire Council (estimate)
- 10 years in Redland City Council governing & 28 years in government
- 50 years in Redland City Council (1/2 Redland history)
- 27 years in Gold Coast City Council (1/3 Gold Coast history)
- 24 years in Logan City Council (1/2 Logan history)

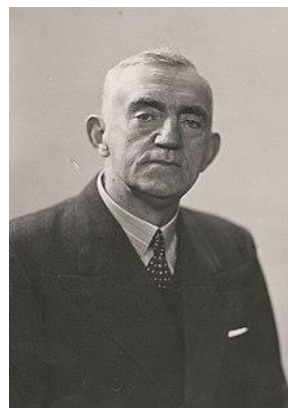
- 22 years in Sunshine Coast City Council (1/4 Sunnie Coast history)

Regional Local Government:

- 61 years in Mackay (estimate)
- 54 years in Townsville (estimate)
- 54 years in Cairns (estimate)
- 38 years in Rockhampton
- 35 years in Mt Isa (estimate)
- 25 years in Gladstone
- 24 years in Whitsundays

Qld State Government:

1. Dawson	1899 (1 – 7 Dec)	7 days
2. Kidston	1903 – 1907	4 years
(In Coalition with Liberals in 1903 – 1906 with Morgan)		
3. Ryan/Theodore Gillies/McCormack	1915 – 1929	14 years
4. Smith/Cooper Hanlon/Gair	1932 – 1957	25 years
5. Goss	1989 – 1996	6 years
6. Beattie/Bligh	1998 – 2012	14 years
7. Palaszczuk	2015 – Present	6 years



Fun Facts: Far left (TJ Ryan), middle left (Ted Theodore), middle right (William Forgan Smith), far right (Wayne Goss)

- Anderson Dawson led the first socialist government anywhere in the world.
- Kidston led the first state Labor split in coalition with Philp conservatives over private railways which the labour trade union movement was opposed too.
- Gair led the second state Labor split in line with the federal 3rd split over communist and catholic divisions at the height of the cold war.
- Labor has been in power for 7 decades, 70 years since 1899 making Qld the most progressive state historically in its voting pattern despite the conservative dominance of the Joh/Nicklin Nationals in 1957 – 1989, that was 32 years.
- The four Labor Premiers above were instrumental in changing Qld forever, TJ Ryan led the first majority Labor government in Qld and introduced state owned enterprise, Red Ted Theodore expanded it, and introduced labour market regulations, Smith led the depression recovery and works, and Goss led the charge to implement much of the recommendations from the Fitzgerald Inquiry.

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