



CHARTERS TOWERS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# SONIA BENNETTO

## COUNCILLOR



### Portfolio Information

#### Strategic Framework Focus Area

- Community Services
- Organisational Services

#### Community Links

- Audit & Risk Committee (proxy)
- CTRC Youth Council
- RAP Working Group
- NQ Sports Foundation
- CTRC Advocacy Committee

#### Portfolio Responsibility

- Governance
- ICT
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Corporate Planning & Performance
- Procurement
- Media & Comms
- Education

### Biography

Councillor Sonia Bennetto was born and raised in the farming regions of Mareeba, where her family grew tobacco and citrus. She moved to the Charters Towers region in 2013 to live and work with her husband, Matt, on the family cattle station, 'Virginia Park'.

Holding a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from QUT, and Degrees in Business and Marketing (Tourism Major) from James Cook University, Cr Bennetto is a qualified teacher and a freelance marketing consultant by profession.

Cr Bennetto plays an active role in many organisations including:

- Member of Charters Towers Isolated Children's Parents' Association (seven years) and Publicity Officer (since 2016)
- Board Member of the North Queensland Sports Foundation
- Graduate and Member of the Australia Institute of Company Directors
- Member of Charters Towers Chamber of Commerce & Mines
- Board Member of Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers

Cr Bennetto and her husband love raising their three small children in the wide open and diverse spaces of the Charters Towers region and feel there is freedom for families to grow and be adventurous in the beauty, safety and tranquillity of the country lifestyle on offer.

Cr Bennetto resumed her second term with council as Deputy Mayor in April 2020 and was first elected in March 2016.

Cr Bennetto stood down from her role as Deputy Mayor on 8 December 2021 to continue in the capacity as Councillor.

### The Councillor's Role

Each Councillor is allocated a priority focus area as their portfolio.

A councillor's primary role is to represent their region and the people who live in it, and can assist residents in signposting them to the right people at the council.

As such, Councillors are charged with staying abreast of their portfolios, and knowing and working with relevant representatives of community and business groups.

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