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Warren Entsch and Charlie McKillop.

Getting on with the job in Far North Queensland.



Charlie McKillop – Your Liberal for Leichhardt



Growing up in the Far North!

Far North Queensland has been my home all my life. I have lived and worked here for 28 of my 33 years! Growing up locally has made me passionate about preserving our unique way of life and representing the people who live here. I want future generations to enjoy the same freedom and the beauty of our natural environment I did when I was a kid.



Working to get an education

I attended primary school at Kuranda, Mena Creek and Karumba State Schools then went to boarding school because there was no high school where we lived. Later I went to Brisbane to go to uni. Having moved away from home to get an education, I understand why it is so important our young people have more opportunities to learn and train locally so they are more likely to stay in the region.



Learning the value of hard work

My mum worked in the prawn industry in the Gulf of Carpentaria for 30 years. One of my first jobs was on a barra boat, the FV Colonial Boy, where I learned the only way to earn respect is by working hard and looking out for your mates.



The importance of family

My grandparents, Dixie and Snow McKeen raised my sister & I for many years while mum was away at sea. We helped out before and after school in the grocery store they owned at Mena Creek. Their unconditional love and support showed me the importance of family and the sacrifices they make to ensure children get the best opportunities in life.



Starting out in my career

I finished my journalism cadetship in Emerald, Central Queensland, before returning home to work at the Cairns Sun writing about the people and the issues I cared about most. I earned several regional and Qld journalism awards for articles highlighting important local issues affecting our community.



Working for our local community

As a journalist I came into contact with people from all walks of life and worked closely with many community groups. When I started work in Warren Entsch's office in 1999, I finally had the opportunity to do something about the issues affecting us. Working with Warren Entsch showed me the difference an individual can make if they are prepared to fight for what they believe in.

BUILDING BETTER, SAFER ROADS

By working with local residents to identify and secure funding to fix dangerous accident 'black spots', we can make our roads safer. I will fight for a road system that will dramatically improve the flood immunity of the Bruce Highway between Cairns and Townsville and I will keep the pressure on Peter Beattie to deliver road projects – on time!

MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER

Local residents have a right to feel safe and secure in their communities. We shouldn't have to put up with hooning on our local streets, graffiti and other anti-social behaviour. I am committed to working together with Neighbourhood Watch and other groups to secure more funding from the Howard Government's Crime Prevention Programme.

PROTECTING OUR UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

We live in a great part of Queensland and protecting our local environment is essential to our quality of life. This means making sure we do everything we can to preserve our unique World Heritage values for future generations. I believe the best custodians of our natural assets are local residents. That's why I will continue to work to secure more funding for practical, local environmental projects through the Natural Heritage Trust.

MORE TRAINING AND LEARNING IN THE REGION

As someone who had to move away to pursue my education, I understand the need for more opportunities for professional skills and career pathways for people in the region. That's why I am fighting for a school of tropical dentistry here in Cairns. I will work hard so that locals are provided with more choice of quality degrees – which will help attract more students to study in Cairns. I will also work to expand the availability of apprenticeships and other training opportunities for school leavers and mature-aged workers.



Working with the community to crack down on 'hoons' and graffiti.



Working with local residents to make our roads safer.

Support for Charlie McKillop in our community



Les Lowe
Northern Prawn (Qld) Fishery Trawl Association

"I've known Charlie since she was a little girl. The thing I like about Charlie is she never forgot where she came from. As a journalist and later when she entered the political arena, she has been a passionate fighter for fishing families in the Far North."



Harald Falge
Founder & Coordinator of Street Level Youth Care

"I have known Charlie for just over a decade. Charlie's energy and enthusiasm has been a great asset as our committee strives towards building a non-government funded shelter for homeless youth in Cairns."



Geena Court
Cairns Business Woman of the Year 2006

"When I met Charlie McKillop I was delighted to find a person so passionate about the people and places she grew up with in Far North Queensland. Charlie has the right mix of local knowledge and political experience to represent us. It is good to see strong women being put forward not because of their gender, but because they are the best person for the job."

A note from the Prime Minister

Over the past 11 years, local residents have been strongly represented by Warren Entsch MP. With Warren retiring at the coming election, it is important we have someone who will work hard to continue Warren's track-record of real results for local residents.

Charlie McKillop knows what hard work is all about - she has worked hard for everything she has today. And as a long-time local, I know she has the local knowledge and life-experience to be a valuable member of my team.

I am pleased to support Charlie McKillop - that's why I ask for your support.

Yours sincerely

John Howard



A Note from Charlie McKillop

Dear fellow Far North Queenslander,

Australia is a wonderful country – built on the hard work of our seniors, strengthened by the values of our families, and rich with the future promise of our young people.

While we've achieved a great deal together in recent years – low unemployment, strong economic growth and prosperity, and record investment in health and education – there is more to be done.

To invest in important things like building a safer community, better, safer roads and protecting our unique environment - so local residents can plan for the future with confidence.

Having lived locally for 28 years, I know our region is unique and that we must plan now for the future. I'd welcome your thoughts on how we can work together to further improve our lifestyle.

I will be out doorknocking and visiting local shopping centres over the coming months and hope to have the opportunity to catch up with you. In the meantime please feel free to call or email me.

With regards,

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*P.S Please complete my community survey at
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so that together we can work to get more done locally.*

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