Handy links for Party IR policies:


Information from Australian Unions:

Protect Penalty Rates: http://www.australianunions.org.au/penaltyrates

Jobs, rights, fairness at stake for working people this election: http://www.actu.org.au/Media/Mediareleases/Jobsrightsfairnessatstakeforworkingpeoplethiselection.aspx
Dear Member,

In each state or federal election, the ASU C&SQ Branch invites members who are running for political office to submit information for a special election edition, in order to let our members know that they are running for office.

The information contained in this bulletin is merely provided to advise you of your fellow ASU members who want to make a difference through their political involvement, and is not necessarily to advocate for any particular support.

However, if you want to learn more about the policies or help one of the ASU members listed here, we have provided their contact details.

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Neil Cotter, Greens candidate for Rankin, has lived in the electorate for 37 years. Neil has a Bachelor of Behavioural Science and a Graduate Diploma of Library and Information Studies and has worked in the library at Griffith University for 9 years.

Neil was Secretary of the Queensland Greens for four terms and is now in his third term as Secretary of the Australian Greens. Before that he was Secretary of the Queensland Conservation Council for five terms and Secretary of the Australian Democrats (Qld Division) for one term.

**Local Issues**

- **Addressing increasing electricity bills** – Deal with price gouging in network charges, protect solar rebates, invest in renewable energy generation programs.
- **Bringing down transport costs** – Extend Southeast Busway and other investment in public transport to get more people out of traffic.
- **Housing development and infrastructure** – Increase supply of housing. Facilitate sustainable housing with lower ongoing costs for infrastructure and maintenance. Support constitutional recognition of councils to allow federal funding of local infrastructure.
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Leanne moved to QLD to pursue higher education as a mature age student in 1992. She graduated from USQ in 1995, with a Bachelor of Applied Science, majoring in Applied Psychology. She has spent her career working tirelessly in the area of child protection and foster care for the QLD government, leaving in 2011, as a senior public servant, to pursue further work in the non-government sector and assist organisations to solve their people problems.

Leanne and her family moved to Bundaberg in 2003 after she fell in love with the lifestyle area during a working holiday.

People are Leanne’s passion which is why she has chosen to run as the Labor Candidate for Hinkler in the upcoming election. She has seen the difference good government policy and commitment to the community can make in people's lives.

Leanne wants to work even harder to make sure Hinkler gets its fair share of funding and programs to kickstart investment in the area which has higher than average unemployment and an aging population. Ensuring that Bundaberg isn’t forgotten after the floods is high on her list of important issues for the region, as are supporting the fishing and tourism industries, ensuring aged care support meets the needs of the electorate and employment and job creation are high on government agenda for the area.

She wants to continue to fight for the Better Schools reform and Disability Care, as these are vital reforms for our community which has the highest population of any electorate of people with disabilities, and large pockets of disadvantage that will benefit greatly from these great Labor initiatives.

“We live in an area that is the envy of Australia and the people, industry and community are worth fighting for, and that’s what I’m doing. I’m fighting to ensure we aren’t left behind and our voice is heard loud and clear in Canberra.”

**Local Issues**

- **Flood repair and mitigation** – making sure the LNP implement flood repair and mitigation projects in the Bundaberg area.

- **Fishing and tourism** - ensuring ongoing support for these important local industries.

- **Aged care** – ensuring support for existing facilities and investment and development for new aged care facilities in the Hinkler region.

- **Employment** – maximising investment in the Hinkler region to ensure employment opportunities for all Hinkler constituents across all age groups.
Laura Fraser Hardy is a working Mum who wants a better life for her family. Laura has decided to take a very public stance and stand as Labor’s candidate for Bonner in the Federal election.

It was Laura’s experience leading the campaign by local residents against the closure of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit and downgrade of Wynnum Hospital that reaffirmed her decision to stand.

“Almost twelve thousand locals signed the petition against these cuts to our local health services, but still the Newman Government went ahead, it was so frustrating that our voices weren’t heard“ she said.

“I am again seeking the support of local residents. I’ve had great support from my neighbouring politician – the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd - and he is well aware of the issues we’re facing here.”

Along with electrician husband Mitch and two year old daughter Piper, the Fraser Hardy household at Manly West is adjusting quickly to the demands of a busy election campaign.

Laura is no stranger to a hectic lifestyle - since finishing her law degree at QUT, she has married, had a baby daughter and been working with a Brisbane law firm.

“I’m focused on employment and industrial law and understand how important it is to have a secure job where workers are valued for their contributions and for their commitment,” Ms Fraser Hardy said.

“And I appreciate local services - I have been lucky enough to find the care that I want for my daughter at a local childcare centre.

“But I am really worried that secure jobs and local services are under threat through Campbell Newman’s cuts – and that Tony Abbott will go even further.

Ms Fraser Hardy said her Mum and Dad had always encouraged her to take every opportunity to get involved in issues close to her heart.

“My Mum was a migrant who came to Australia in the 1960s with her parents who were looking for a better life and future for their family,” Ms Fraser Hardy said.

“They taught me to never take for granted the services in our local community and the efforts of our workers – like nurses and teachers.

“One thing is for sure - if elected, I will be working hard to make sure there are better services for our local area.”
He's a strong advocate for equal pay and ensuring workers receive the rates and conditions the Labour Movement has fought hard for. This is the very reason Queensland Senator Mark Furner decided to run for the Australian Senate in 2007. To get rid of the insidious legislation the Howard Government introduced, which allowed employers to put their workers on individual contracts, take away penalty rates for overtime and public holidays and made it easier to terminate employees. This was Work Choices.

As branch secretary for the National Union of Workers and a trade union official for many years before that, Senator Furner knew he had to fight for the thousands of workers he represented and in 2007 became the first Labor candidate to win the ‘unwinnable’ third Senate spot in Queensland in 29 years.

Since taking office in July 2008, the father of three and grandfather of one has become involved in various committees including chairing the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances and the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Defence Sub-Committee and participating in the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs; Legal and Constitutional Affairs; Publications; Economics; the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement; and the Senate Select Committees on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities; Fuel and Energy and Climate Policy. Senator Furner is also a member of the Human Rights and Trade sub-committees.

These committees have taken Senator Furner all around the country listening to people from all walks of life on issues which are most important to them.

Mark is a proud member of The Services Union. Continuing his interests in industrial relations, Senator Furner was a huge supporter of the Pay Equity case which centred on the wage increase of community service workers in Queensland.

“Australians who need community services deserve the assistance of appropriately qualified and skilled staff. It should not be contentious that any employee, regardless of gender or industry, should be fairly paid. Australians deserve and expect high-quality community services and community services workers deserve and should rightly expect fair and equitable wages,” Senator Furner told the Senate in 2011.

Senator Furner believes in protecting pay equity rates and will continue to fight for workers’ rights. Mark has also advocated on behalf of members in industries that are under threat from privatisation. It’s your choice on 7 September 2013.
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Bill Gissane is standing as a candidate for Fisher in the 2013 Federal election. When asked why he is standing, he was unequivocal – “I am driven by the need to be of service to my fellow citizens. Public service has always been an essential part of my life and was inculcated in me from an early age”.

Bill has been a member of the ALP for nearly thirty years and has served as a volunteer in many forums whilst continuing with his own career. Bill’s professional life was marked by a successful rise through BHP from the furnace floor at Port Kembla through to Works Manager at Newcastle’s refractory manufacturing plant. Stints in timber processing factories and a construction company completed his engineering and management life. Bill continued on as a partner in a global consulting company specialising in high risk industries and centred on leadership and safety. His last appointment was as the Vice President of the Americas division. He now operates as a freelance consultant. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Metallurgy.

Bill’s public service activities have ranged from cooking the barbecue at Little Athletics through to sitting on boards of not for profits dedicated to training and employment.

Bill and his wife Anna have chosen to live on the Sunshine Coast like so many others and he sees his candidacy as one way to contribute to the future of this special place. “I want to represent the interests of the people of the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland first and foremost. My values demand that I do this through Labor values – working together and protecting the welfare of our fellow citizens who are most in need.”

When not working, Bill enjoys nothing more than having his children and friends join him in sailing in the magnificent waters off the Sunshine coast.

Local Issues

- **Hospital Privatisation** – LNP planning to privatise Sunshine Coast University Hospital then moving on to privatise the entire Sunshine Coast and Hinterland public health system.
- **Transport** - upgrading the Bruce Highway from Caboolture to Mooloolaba and duplicating the rail line.
- **Employment** – ensuring the incoming international fibre optic link to enter Australia at Kawana and create an environment for high tech jobs.
- **Veterans** – establish a model care centre for veterans at Caloundra.
- **Environment** – ensure all development, including Caloundra South is on world best sustainable environmental practices.
- **Energy** – Enable renewable energy sources to flourish in this solar rich part of the world and beyond.
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Raised in Brisbane, Damien attended Marist College Ashgrove and has lived in Fig Tree Pocket since 1997. Damien and his wife Deana have two daughters, Lauren and Anya. He has a black belt in Bai Rui taekwon-do, a Diploma in Information Technology, and is a Microsoft Certified Professional.

He has worked as an information technology professional with several large private sector companies and currently works in a technical support role with Queensland’s Education Department.

Through this role, Damien has seen first-hand the devastating effect of Campbell Newman’s cuts, wrecking Queensland’s economy and trashing vital community services. He is determined to fight for to protect jobs and growth for Queenslanders.

Damien is a strong advocate for ensuring fair working conditions for all Australians and stands for a fairer environment in his own workplace as a Delegate for the Together Queensland union.

The issues Damien is most concerned about in Ryan are increased funding for schools and universities, access to high speed broadband, and better transport solutions.

Local Issues

- **Education Funding** – is a priority for the seat of Ryan.
- **High Speed Broadband** - is essential to local jobs growth and improved service delivery.
- **Transport** – ensuring better transport services for the residents of Ryan.
"Its time for a new type of Government"

I am a 5th Generation Australian who believes that all Australians deserve a better deal. We have been poorly represented whilst the major parties have been squabbling and fighting amongst themselves for their own political gain, and not working to solve the issues and problems that we face as a nation.

I joined the KAP because I believe the party has a passion for Australia and Australians. I have spent 26 years working in Government and I have served in the Australian Army, Department of Public works (SGPSS), Department of Justice & Attorney General as a “Compliance Officer”, and the Department of Community Safety as a “Custodial Correctional Officer”.

Since the LNP government came into power I have witnessed 14,000 public servants being made redundant, some in front line services, whom were told their jobs would be safe by the Queensland Premier.

This has caused a ripple affect across the state, with small businesses closing in the city and surrounding suburbs and office space reduced. This could happen federally as well if the Liberal Party gets elected with a majority, as has happened in Queensland.

Local Issues

- People extorting their fellow countrymen for financial gain in accommodation and employment. The electorate of Moreton is the most culturally diverse.
- Power of the “Large Supermarket Corporations” monopolising small businesses and forcing small businesses to close. Stocking far too many imported goods and monopolising bottle shops and petrol stations.
- Reduced employment opportunities for university graduates and school leavers and many older Australians have been forced to come back into the work force because their super money has been used up due the higher cost of living to pay for services.
- Rising cost of living due to privatisation and privatisation of services with government assets being sold off.
- Closure of local schools.
Shayne Neumann was born and raised in Ipswich and lives at Flinders View with his wife Carolyn, and their daughters Alex and Jacqui. He is a proud member of The Services Union and always advocates for members across all Industries.

Shayne heavily advocated for members in the SACS Industry particularly for pay equity. He also continues to support members whose industries are under threat from privatisation. He has spoken against Workchoices and has advocated for improved Industrial Relations laws.

Shayne commenced his working life at the Dinmore meatworks. He completed his education at the University of Queensland with a Law Degree and an Arts Degree majoring in government and economics.

Shayne was a Partner in a successful law firm before becoming elected to the Federal seat of Blair in November 2007 and again in August 2010. He was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General and Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing in March 2013.

Shayne has a deep commitment and understanding of health and infrastructure issues. He is committed to an industrial relations system that gives working families in Blair fair workplaces.

Shayne has served on various committees, the House of Representatives Standing: Legal and Constitutional Affairs from 19.2.08 to 19.7.10; Petitions from 19.2.08 to 17.6.09; Employment and Workplace Relations from 17.6.09 to 11.2.10; Health and Ageing from 11.2.10 to 19.7.10; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs from 25.10.10 to 14.5.13; Social Policy and Legal Affairs from 25.10.10 to 14.5.13. Joint Statutory: Public Accounts and Audit from 18.2.08 to 19.7.10 and from 6.2.13 to 14.5.13 and the Joint Select: Gambling Reform from 21.10.10 to 13.2.13.

Shayne is a voracious reader and enjoys keeping fit by running and going to the gym.
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Bernie Ripoll was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1998 and re-elected for a fifth term at the 2010 Federal Election.

Bernie is passionate about working for his local community and has a keen interest in creating local jobs, helping community groups and pursuing more infrastructure for the fast growing Western Corridor.

Bernie is a local who grew up in Inala. Before being elected to Parliament, Bernie completed an electrical trade qualification, was a member of the Royal Australian Air Force, received a marketing degree through the Queensland University of Technology and worked for the Queensland Public Sector Union as an Organiser.

Local Issues
- Education is the number one issue people are talking to me about. They can see the benefits that Labor’s Better Schools Plan will deliver to their kid’s school but they are also very concerned that Campbell Newman won’t sign up for the extra funding just to suit Tony Abbott.
- People are also very concerned that just like Campbell Newman, Tony Abbott will cut jobs and services. They know that further cuts will have a big impact locally and hurt the people who can least afford it.
Nambour born, Kevin Rudd has been the Member for Griffith since 1998. Prior to that he worked as a hospital orderly, a diplomat and Chief of Staff to the Premier of Queensland. In 2007, Kevin became Australia’s 26th Prime Minister. He has served as Foreign Minister and is currently Australia’s 28th Prime Minister. Kevin continues to work hard for his local community here on Brisbane’s Southside.

A re-elected Rudd Labor Government will legislate to stop Campbell Newman being able to take away the conditions of hardworking Queenslanders. The legislation will enact the ILO Convention that protect’s public servants from this sort of behaviour in the future, legislation that I believe will help us get Queensland back on track, giving the people that deliver services the respect and recognition that they deserve for the work that they do.

Public Servants fulfil extremely important roles and the provision of quality public services to our community requires us to afford respect and cooperation with those who provide these services. State governments have abused their special position as both legislator and employer. This means that public servants across a range of states have seen their rights over-ridden because of what is essentially an abuse of power. State governments should not be able to simply legislate away hard-won benefits and agreements – they should have the same rules apply to them as workers in the private sector, who have a right to consultation about change, and can rely upon their collective agreements being honoured, and being able to do something about it if they are not. ILO conventions about workers’ rights to participate in Collective Bargaining (Convention No 154 and Recommendation No 163) are important benchmarks which were set in 1981 but not yet ratified by the Australian government. We think it is time to end the abuse of public sector workers by state governments and we will commit to fast tracking the ratification of these Conventions if re-elected. This will mean a restoration of legal entitlements to those workers who like other workers should be able to legally hold their employer to account when they break a deal that was negotiated in good faith. We will make this a priority in government because all workers deserve to be treated fairly and on the same basis when it comes to important principles such as this.

Local Issues
Since 1998, Kevin has worked hard to build up the Southside and to deliver the great Australian value of a fair go. As our local Federal Member, Kevin is proud to have:
- Delivered the biggest increase to the pension in 100 years.
- Modernised every local primary school with 25 new multipurpose halls, 17 new libraries, 30 new classrooms and 7,365 new computers.
- Delivered record federal funding for our public hospitals.
- Introduced our first national paid parental leave.

Kevin remains committed to delivering quality services for the Southside including superfast fibre broadband to 77,300 Southside homes, schools, hospitals, community groups and businesses; Cross River Rail to upgrade Brisbane’s urban rail network; and the Better Schools Plan to give our local kids the best possible future.
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Bronwyn has lived in the electorate of Dawson for the past 23 years. She is married with three children and lives in the small coastal town of Midge Point – one hour north of Mackay.

As a member of the local SES and a volunteer of the local Junior Rugby League Club, Bronwyn recognises the value of the community spirit. She is also a committee member of the Whitsunday Tenancy Advocacy Service and is currently the President of the Proserpine/Whitsunday ALP Branch. Bronwyn is very proud of how the Labor Party’s values assist working-class families, aged pensioners and individuals’ everyday lives.

Having previously worked for the former Member for Whitsunday and Bligh Government Minister, Jan Jarratt, Bronwyn has a strong connection to the Mackay Whitsunday community and is looking forward to fighting for Dawson.

Labor’s Disability Care is a significant initiative that Bronwyn is very proud of as well as the record amount of funding injected into the Bruce Highway.

As a working mother, Bronwyn realises the difficulties families face with the rising costs of living and is determined to see the National Plan for School Improvement introduced and how it will significantly benefit children’s education.

A former small business owner, Bronwyn understands how difficult it can be to own a small business and has a long history in the hospitality industry. From this experience, Bronwyn has developed as a dedicated and committed member of the community and will provide a genuine voice for everyone from all walks of life.

“I believe that Dawson deserves better representation. Our communities, families and work rights will be on the line in the upcoming Federal Election. Labor has a proud history of listening to regional areas and that’s what makes me a proud member of the Labor Party.”

Local Issues
Since I have been endorsed in November last year, the clear issues of the people of Dawson are as follows.

- **The Bruce Highway** – the Federal Labor Government is investing a record amount of $4.1 billion to begin the construction of the Mackay Ring Road. This funding also includes upgrades of the Haughton River Bridge, Sandy Gully, Sandy Corner and Yellow Gin Creek.

- **Abbot Point Coal Terminal Expansion** – Bowen residents and surrounding communities want this to be approved by the Minister for Environment, Mark Butler.

- **Community Services** – services providers have been severely affected by the Queensland LNP Government’s cuts to their funding. Dawson constituents want community services funded appropriately.