

## **Mayor Tom Gilmore, Mareeba Shire Council**

Tom was born in Mareeba to a farming family and has lived in Mareeba all of his life, except for short periods overseas.

In his early life he grew tobacco for a number of years and then transferred to other industries such as maize, peanuts and cattle. He later undertook a number of small subdivision developments in the Mareeba area.

Tom was elected to the Mareeba Shire in March, 1982 and served in that position until May of 1987, when he retired, having been elected to the Queensland Parliament as Member for Tablelands on 1 November, 1986 and served in that position until July, 1998. In Government Tom spent two periods in the Ministry; the last being as Minister for Mines and Energy.

He was re-elected to the Mareeba Shire Council in 2000 and in 2008 he was elected Mayor of Tablelands Regional Council following amalgamation. In 2013 he was elected as Mayor of the newly de-amalgamated Mareeba Shire Council and in 2016 he was returned as Mayor of Mareeba Shire Council.

Tom is currently the Chairman of FNQROC and has acted in that role for the past three (3) years.