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After one day shadowing city leader, Troy rules out any career change

Mayor of Ipswich? I'd rather stick with prison

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AS GENERAL manager of the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre, Troy Ittensohn knows how to run a prison.

But when it comes to running a city, the father of four admits he's a little out of his depth.

Mr Ittensohn assumed the role of mayor of Ipswich yesterday, after winning the opportunity to be 'mayor for a day'.

The Brookwater resident bid \$3500 at an auction at the Brookwater Ball earlier this year.

Proceeds benefited Goodna Special School through Variety Queensland.

"Our correctional centre has enjoyed a close relationship with the school for more than two years now," Mr Ittensohn said.

"Prisoners in our industries' facilities make various furniture items, like desks and library book trolleys, to donate to the school.

"So we wanted to make a

contribution to continue that tradition of support."

Mr Ittensohn, who used to run the Borallon Correctional Centre, spent yesterday with Mayor Paul Pisasale and helped him carry out his mayoral responsibilities.

They included laying wreaths at a Remembrance Day ceremony, conducting business in council chambers as well as attending other appointments.

A highlight for Mr Ittensohn was visiting Goodna Special School to present them with money for art supplies.

He said shadowing the mayor had been an eye-opening experience and left him with a new-found respect for what Cr Pisasale did each day.

"The amount of time and energy Paul devotes to his position as mayor is tremendous," he said.

"It was a real pleasure and an honour to be able to work closely

with him."

If ever given the opportunity to be the mayor for real, Mr Ittensohn said he would continue to support local businesses and community groups, and push to introduce daylight saving.

But after a day in Cr Pisasale's shoes, Mr Ittensohn said he wasn't considering a career change.

"I'm quite content running jails," he said. "The role of mayor is just too demanding. I'd rather stay in prison than take on that job."

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AUCTION PRIZE: Arthur Gorrie Correctional Facility manager Troy Ittensohn walks in Paul Pisasale's shoes as mayor of Ipswich, just for one day