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Our Mudgeeraba

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Dear Residents

We've well and truly kicked off 2014, with the first half of the year a busy time for local communities, businesses and families.

The best part about being your local Member is being able to achieve great results for local residents in our area on issues such as roads, law and order, health and education, and in this Bulletin you'll see what we've been able to achieve together so far this year.

Doorknocking in the Local Area

Over the last few months, I've really enjoyed being out and about and knocking on doors of local residents to hear about the issues that concern you most.

I visit 500 homes and walk about 25km every week! If I haven't yet knocked on your door, I will be coming to your neighbourhood soon.



▲ Ros chatting with a local resident while doorknocking

My door is always open and I regularly bring my office to you through both doorknocking and my local Community Corners. I continue to be your voice on local issues that need to be addressed, which is the most important part of my role as your elected representative.

30 Second Local Survey

Another way for you to let me know what needs to be fixed in our local area is by filling in my 30 Second Local Survey and returning it Reply Paid to my Electorate Office. Surveys can be found on my website or in your letterbox when I have visited your street. Alternatively, you can ring our office and we will send one out to you.

Yours sincerely

Ros Bates

Ros Bates MP
Member for Mudgeeraba

COMMUNITY CORNERS

Catch up with me at one of my Community Corners from 9am to 11am on the:

2nd Saturday of each month

Mudgeeraba Farmers Markets
Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba

2nd Sunday of each month

Coles, Worongary Shopping Village
Mudgeeraba Road, Worongary

4th Saturday of each month

Mudgeeraba Market Shopping Centre
Swan Lane, Mudgeeraba

4th Sunday of each month

Woolworths Reedy Creek
Old Coach Road, Reedy Creek



▲ Community Corner with Ros at Woolies in Reedy Creek

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LOCAL ROAD UPDATES

► Ros inspecting widening works between Exit 77 and Exit 79



M1 upgrade between Worongary (Exit 77) and Mudgeeraba (Exit 79)

Almost \$100 million in widening works between Exits 77 and 79 of the M1 will soon be complete and together with the planned upgrade of the M1 from Robina Town Centre Drive to Robina Parkway, we will finally see the 'Mudgeeraba car park' become a thing of the past.

M1 Upgrade between Mudgeeraba (Exit 79) and Robina (Exit 82)

I recently announced road works of \$9 million with my Federal colleague, Karen Andrew MP, which will see the M1 widened with three lanes southbound from the Mudgeeraba interchange at Exit 79 to the Robina interchange at Exit 82. Motorists would have already noticed the realignment of the northbound and southbound lanes and the installation of safety barriers to allow work to continue further south. Please keep to the 60km/h speed limit for the safety of workers and other motorists.

Work has also been completed on the sound barriers at Exit 82 with a terrific tribute to honour the Australian Lighthorse Brigade. In addition, Main Roads is working with students at Robina State High School to design historic themed artwork for the remainder of the sound barriers in the larger southwest section.

Upgrade of Exit 84 and Bridgeman Drive, Reedy Creek

Over \$2 million is currently being spent on upgrades in Reedy Creek, including completion of widening the southbound off ramp at Exit 84 to provide an additional right hand turning lane and modifications to the traffic signals and median island.

Works began last month at Reedy Creek to install a dual right turn lane from Old Coach Road into Bridgeman Drive, relocating the existing Energex pole and bus stop facilities, realigning the footpath, and other minor alterations on Bridgeman Drive to accommodate minor road widening works.

Work in Reedy Creek has also including a beautiful mural on the new sound barriers at Encamp Street, which is a great addition and will stop future graffiti attacks in our local area.



▲ Ros at the Encamp Street mural at Reedy Creek

Installation of CCTV cameras on the M1 between Exit 85 and 89

Works have begun to install an additional three closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras on the M1 between Exit 85 and Exit 89. The three new cameras will provide the Traffic Management Centre with increased coverage between Reedy Creek and Tallegbudgera. To report traffic problems please call 131 940.

Beechmont Road

Work to stabilise the large landslip site on Beechmont Road near Bottletree Lane is now complete.

Work to repair the damage caused in January 2013 to the southern slope of the slip site has also been completed.

Work will soon start on a \$200,000 project to improve safety on two sections of Beechmont Road, at the Clagiraba end. This project involves the installation of chevron alignment markers mounted on motorcycle friendly polysafe cushion posts and polysafe frangible guide posts about 300m from the intersection of Nerang–Murwillumbah Road.

Lower Beechmont residents have seen over \$11.4 million dollars in upgrades to this road which is a vital connection to the Gold Coast for the many motorists who use it on a daily basis.

Springbrook Historic Bridges Named



▲ Ros at the newly named Mary Leu Bridge on Springbrook Road

Bridges on Gold Coast-Springbrook Road have officially been named. The three bridges are Mary Leu Bridge, Pte Frederick Anderson Bridge and George Gentry Bridge. Signage for all three bridges has now been installed.

\$2 million worth of landslip repair works were also recently completed on Gold Coast-Springbrook Road.

\$3.4 million of works on Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge will also commence in mid-2014 to rectify two further landslips in the area.

FINALLY

\$2.2 million in roadworks to fix the Worongary Road Floodway

Over \$2 million worth of works are set to begin on Worongary Road to improve the flood immunity of Worongary Creek. The project is expected to start in July and be finished by the end of 2014, site and weather conditions permitting. We have now seen almost \$7 million in upgrades for Worongary Road since 2009 which is in addition to the general road maintenance undertaken yearly by TMR.

Visit www.rosbates.com.au regularly to ensure you're up to date with what's happening on our local roads.

► Ros on site announcing the long awaited upgrade to Worongary Road



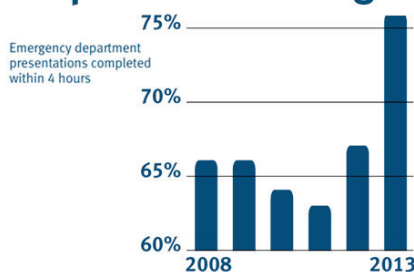
The 2014-15 State Budget delivered a strong plan for a brighter future for the Mudgeeraba electorate.

The Budget sees continued investment into education, health, disability services, homelessness and road infrastructure.

Frontline services have been given a boost with funding targeted to where it is needed most:

- \$755,000 to fund non-government organisations to deliver specialist homelessness services.
- \$690,000 for child safety services funding dedicated to protecting children and young people from harm or who are at risk of harm, and whose parents cannot provide adequate care or protection for them.
- \$4.89 million in funding for disability services committed to assisting people with a disability and their families to access the support and services they need as they move through the different stages of their life.

Reduced emergency department waiting



Safe Night Out Strategy \$44.5 million

to address alcohol and drug-related violence



- \$1.8 million in funding to further expand the Numinbah Correctional Centre with the provision of an extra 30 low security beds for women prisoners.

Health

UP 6% to \$13.6 billion



This Budget is another step forward in the Government's positive plan for the electorate of Mudgeeraba by revitalising frontline services and funding infrastructure projects.



STRENGTHENING *Our Community*

Schools Visits to Parliament

In 2014, I have continued my tradition of inviting local School Captains and Principals to attend Parliament House as my guests and experience firsthand the way in which our State is governed. As our future leaders, it is always a great privilege to meet these bright young people and hear about their plans for the future. Already in the first half of this year, I have hosted visits by Clover Hill State School, Gold Coast Christian College, Mudgeeraba Creek State School and Mudgeeraba State School.

I thank the students for taking the time to visit our Parliament and I look forward to seeing how they contribute to our local community in the future and to maintaining my strong support of our local schools.



▲ Ros with Principal Gary Lacey and students from Mudgeeraba State School at Parliament House

More Funding for our State Schools

The *Great Results Guarantee* has seen local schools allocated over \$2.6 million aimed at boosting student outcomes and the *Advancing our Schools Maintenance Initiative* has also provided schools with additional funding of almost \$1.5 million since 2012 to fix the backlog of maintenance issues in each area.

Earlier this year, I also attended P&C meetings for all of our local schools and provided them with a further \$1,000 in recognition of the great work that they do to support our kids and help them get the best education possible.

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY AND SPORTING ORGANISATIONS



▲ Ros presenting The Hon Rob Borbidge AO, board member of Careflight, a \$31,300 cheque

Throughout 2014, we have provided funding boosts to numerous community groups, sporting organisations and non-profit groups who contribute enormously to our local community and provide invaluable services to many.

We have seen a total of almost \$170,000 of funding to our local sporting and community associations.

The Gambling Community Benefits Fund has seen funding of \$13,750 to the Gold Coast Model Flying Club; \$13,520 to the Mudgeeraba Little Athletics Club; and \$31,300 to Careflight to continue their great work.

The Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund has provided funding of \$35,000 to the Gold Coast Dolphins Cricket Club and \$10,774 to the Lions Club of Carrara.

Successful applicants in our Get Going program have seen the Mudgeeraba Tennis Club receive \$8,868; the Robina Raptors Junior Rugby League Club receive \$5,423; the Mudgeeraba Baseball Club receive \$9,763; and the Gold Coast and Hinterland Axemen Club receive \$8,200.

Our Caring for Communities grants has seen funding awarded to the Gold Coast Junior Rugby League Club for \$4,400; the Trinity Anglican Mission for \$3,766; and Careflight for \$4,057.

MUDGEERABA STREET PARTY

The Mudgeeraba Street Party organised by Cr Glenn Tozer was a resounding success with some 3,000 residents in our local precinct. It was a great opportunity to chat with Mudgeeraba locals.

I look forward to next year's Street Party and commend Cr Tozer on this fantastic event.

► Ros with locals at the Mudgeeraba Street Party

