



BATES BULLETIN

OUR MUDGEERABA

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Dear Residents

It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner and another year is nearly over. I continue to travel around the electorate with my mobile office, and as I do I am often reminded of how much more needs to be done in our local area.

Those of you who visit my website will know that I regularly speak in Parliament, and have given over 100 speeches since being elected in March 2009. You asked that I be a strong, vocal voice for you on our local issues and I will continue to do this on your behalf. Together we have achieved a lot over the past year, however there is still much more to be done.

I continue to hold regular meetings with Main Roads, ENERGEX, the police and local councillors and as a result, we have been able to achieve a great deal by working together. Upgrades of Springbrook and Beechmont Roads, the completion of Exit 79 at Mudgeeraba, planning for ENERGEX upgrades in Mudgeeraba, the overdue

opening of the new Fire Station at Nerang, and a reduction in hooning and graffiti in our area and many other significant local issues raised by you are in the process of resolution or have been resolved.



Official opening of the Nerang Fire Station with petitioner Gloria Jones.

High School Petition

The petition for a feasibility study for a new State High School west of the M1 is available to sign at my office or online. Over 1000 residents have already signed this petition. You will remember that had the Liberal National Party won Government in 2009 we promised a new \$18M State High School. I will continue to work closely with Education Queensland to ensure we get our fair share of services in the Mudgeeraba electorate.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

I am always pleased to support local clubs and organisations in their applications for funding, and I am delighted to say that over \$1.8M has been distributed to local applicants this year alone.

Listed below are just a few groups I assisted this year: -

- Hinterland Community Band
- Gold Coast Hinterland Heritage Museum
- Mudgeeraba Bowls Club
- Robina/Reedy Creek Junior Rugby League Football Club

Residents who have utilised our Hoon Watch and Graffiti Watch forms can now fill these in electronically on the website with the facility to upload videos and photos of hooning or graffiti tags.

Residents should be aware of the new 24 hour **Policelink number, 131 444** to report non-urgent incidents including: willful property damage, stealing offences, break and enters, stolen vehicles and lost property.

And finally....

I will again donate my used Christmas cards to our local child care centres, and encourage residents to recycle their cards too.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful and safe festive season.

Yours sincerely

Ros Bates MP
Member for Mudgeeraba



Joan and Ron Graham, Gold Coast Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club - Winner Volunteer Qld Award 2010

New website

Last month we launched our new look, interactive website.

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M1 Upgrade

Widening between 73 and 77

Recent speed counts have shown that the majority of traffic travelling along this stretch of road is exceeding the 80km roadwork speed limit. Following meetings between Main Roads, the QFRS and police it was unanimously endorsed a mobile speed camera be used in this area for the duration of the road works. I realise how frustrating it is with the different speed limits but this stretch of road is RACQ third worst road in QLD, with a history of over

164 major hospitalizations and 10 deaths. There have already been 8 accidents since work commenced and with lanes narrowed and concrete barriers on either side, there is no margin for error, particularly whilst speeding. Please observe the speed limits, they are there for YOUR safety.

Towards the end of 2010 the road works will switch to the outside lanes and the centre lanes will be opened to traffic. Please check my website for updates or ring 13 19 40 for Main Roads updates.



▲ Wendy Flett from the Mudgeeraba Action Group and Ros.

Worongary Road

Main Roads have announced works of \$2M will commence at the end of 2010 on Worongary Road. Unfortunately the Minister for Main Roads prematurely claimed \$1M of these works as being completed when no actual work had commenced. The proposed works to be undertaken will include shifting the section of road between Brixton Court and Uplands Court to the east, and cutting in 2 metres to change the dangerous profile of the road. Plans for a service road on the western side of Worongary Road for residents to access their property are included in the upgrade and a further \$100,000 will be used to reseal sections of the road from Eyrie Street to Brixton Court, and from Woodvale Road to Mudgeeraba Road which is due to commence in 2011.

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Exit 82

Local residents will recall receiving a postcard from me during the State election highlighting the fact that the northbound on-ramp from Exit 82 was going to be removed as part of the M1 upgrade. Over 85% of residents returned a postcard in support of keeping the on-ramp given the rat running through Glenwood Park and Somerset Drive had already dramatically increased and would be further exacerbated if this on-ramp was to be removed.

I am pleased to announce the Bligh Government has done a monumental back flip on this matter. I received a letter from the Premier advising the Department of Main Roads did not intend to close the ramp. Unfortunately it seems that this information was not passed on to Main Roads, who to avoid further embarrassment to the Premier, confirmed the on-ramp was safe. I would like to thank all of the residents who returned postcards, and those who have continued to lobby the Government on this issue and who fought side by side with me to ensure their views were heard loud and clear in Brisbane.

Exit 85

The overpass from east to west was closed in late October to remove the existing roundabout on the western side of the M1 and replace it with traffic lights, and to raise the level of the road to the same level as the overpass. The temporary northbound on-ramp will be substantially extended for motorists using both the Reedy Creek Rd flyover and the Gemvale Rd entrance for obvious safety reasons.

Road signs and name changes for Exits 85A and 85B will come into effect shortly. Exit 85A (Scottsdale Dve to Robina and Reedy Creek) will be renamed Exit 84, and Exit 85B (Reedy Creek Rd to Varsity Lakes and Burleigh Heads) will be renamed Exit 85.

Exit 87

Residents in Reedy Creek would know I have been fighting for the continuation of Old Coach Rd through to Exit 87 at the Bermuda St interchange to allow connection with the M1. This would significantly reduce the number of cars



▲ Ros in traffic at Exit 85.

utilising Exit 85, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. A recent road count showed 4000 cars use Exit 85 daily, of which half of these wish to travel south bound. I too, understand your concerns about having to negotiate 5 sets of traffic lights to go south from Reedy Creek. Main Roads are actively working with Council in a joint planning exercise to acquire the land that will join Old Coach Rd to Oyster Creek Rd through either a negotiated treaty or a resumption process. Community consultation will commence when the process reaches the planning phase. As this area is in the Burleigh electorate, held by Labor's Christine Smith MP, I would encourage residents to write to her to ensure the State Labor Government provide funding in the 2011-12 budget for planning and construction of this much needed alternative route for local motorists.



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Victory for Worongary Road

Residents are aware that I have continued the fight to have this dangerous road handed over to the GCCC in an asset swap to demand the road so that Council can fix this dangerous road once and for all. I am very pleased to announce that negotiations have finally commenced and it is a testament to the many residents who would not be silenced on this issue. The \$2M upgrade already announced will be completed regardless of the ongoing discussions with the Council.

Sound Barrier Wins

Through our efforts Main Roads have revised M1 upgrade plans and will now install sound barriers at the following locations: Encamp Street, parts of Highfield Drive, a further section of Hinkler Drive northbound, and barriers for residents behind Queen Charlotte Court due to future works required by ENERGEX.

Thank you to for all those who have campaigned with me to achieve these results.

Discussions are currently being held with the residents of The Glades, who have a petition running to lobby for further noise testing and barrier installation. I have requested Main Roads undergo further noise testing following the completion of the Exit 79 upgrade.

I would like to thank the many residents who have contacted my office on the increased noise from the M1 affecting their everyday lives. Together we can achieve results with 'people power'

Beechmont Road

A geotechnical report has been completed and work is due to commence in April/May 2011 on the \$2M upgrade of Beechmont Road between Tarlington Road and Mirani Street. Main Roads have applied to the Federal Government to sign off on the removal of macadamia trees in order to commence the upgrade. Advice is expected shortly.

Nurses in Crisis

Bullying and Intimidation



▲ Sue Dale and Ros.

In the past months I have been inundated with complaints from nurses concerning the systemic culture of QLD Health's intimidation, belittling and misuse of internal hospital protocols towards nurses. They are fed up, frustrated in tears and previously too frightened to speak out publicly in case they lost their jobs.

As a current registered nurse, I am acutely aware of the issues our valuable nurses are dealing with on a day-to-day basis. Everyone knows a nurse, or has a nurse in their family and we as a community need to stand up for our hard working, dedicated nurses.

There are many disgraceful examples of the Bligh Government's toxic culture of bullying and intimidation, which permeate the Queensland public hospital system, particularly in relation to victims being blamed and whistleblowers being bullied. It's time to stop the rot, and it needs to start from the top.

Payroll

The recent payroll debacle has left many nurses in an untenable situation. Many still have to fight every fortnight for their pay, have lost their sick leave, long service leave and superannuation entitlements in the labyrinth of the Qld Health payroll system. Nurses have told me that they have been evicted from their homes because they can't pay the rent, have defaulted on their mortgage repayments and yet still come to work everyday, unsure if they will be paid, all because of their devotion to their patients.

Violence in the Workplace

Following a recent Question to the Minister for Health on violence in the Emergency Departments at Robina and Gold Coast Hospitals, the answer revealed there had been a 33% increase in violence against nursing staff in the past 12 months. Nurses

Health worker 'bullied'

- Gold Coast Bulletin, 24/10/10

Problems ramp up at public hospitals

- Sunday Mail, 13/06/2010

"Female health worker 'bullied' after rape claim"

- Sunday Mail, 24/10/10

Bullying case won

- Gold Coast Bulletin, 19/08/2010

'Let it go'

Bullied nurse told to forget about it - and find another job

- Gold Coast Bulletin, 16/11/2010



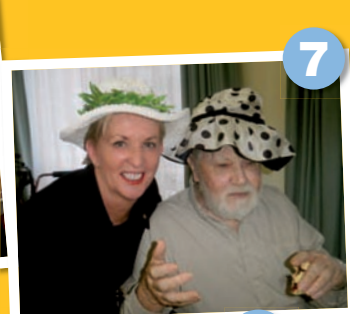
all over the State are raising the same issues with me, and in a recent survey, over 75% of nurses did not report violence as they either thought it was 'part of the job' or that no one would do anything about it!

Health Tours

Over the past 12 months I have visited many hospital sites within Queensland, particularly far north and west of the State. I have travelled from Charters Towers to Mt Isa, Longreach to Emerald, Mackay to Cairns, Mareeba to Innisfail, Hervey Bay to Bundaberg and the stories are the same wherever I travel. As a member of the LNP's Health Committee it has been a genuine eye-opener to see, first hand, the waste of resources, the watering down of services and in many cases the closing down of local hospitals in order to centralise services many kilometres away. This has been an important process and has enabled us to put together plans for a better future for the health of all Queenslanders.

I encourage Gold Coast nurses to contact me with their concerns so I can be your vocal public voice. Phone on 07 5569 0482 or email mudgeeraba@parliament.qld.gov.au

Community Snapshot



1. Supporting local Neighbourhood Watches in Mudgeeraba
2. Kick-off for the 2010 Mudgeeraba Redbacks Season
3. Ros' monthly Mobile Office at the Mudgeeraba Markets

4. Ros at the Hinterland Netball Association Finals
5. Attending Mudgeeraba Show with Leader of the Opposition, John-Paul Langbroek

6. Ros at the re-opening of the Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum
7. Mad Hatters Tea Party at Bupa Care in Merrimac
8. Ros at Mudgeeraba Day

Pyjama Drive Update

In the last 'Bates Bulletin' I dedicated a section to the Pyjama Drive, calling on residents to donate pyjamas to assist children in foster care who require warm pyjamas as the children often arrive with nothing at all following a crisis situation. We were overwhelmed with the response from local families. The Mudgeeraba RSL also took up the challenge and conducted a community collection drive. It was a close call with only 2 pairs of pyjamas being the difference. Congratulations to everyone for working together for such a worthy cause!



▲ Ros and Peter Franklin OAM

Prick a Pollie

Recently my Liberal National Party colleagues and I donated blood at the Robina Red Cross Centre. As a former Emergency/Theatre nurse I understand the importance with the Christmas and New Year holiday season rapidly approaching how imperative it is that bloodstocks are at a maximum. One in three people will need blood or a blood product at some time in their lives, yet currently only one in thirty people donate. If you would like to make a donation or become a regular donor, call the Robina Blood Donor Centre on 13 14 95, or drop in and see them at 86-104 Robina Town Centre Drive.



▲ Ros donating blood.