



# BATES BULLETIN

OUR MUDGEERABA

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## Dear Residents

Well what a year it has been for politics! I would like to thank you for re-electing me at the State Election held in March this year. It was obvious the people of QLD wanted a change and that it was time for an LNP Government to get our State back on track. The swing in Mudgeeraba was a record 22% and I thank you all for your continued belief and support in me as your local Member; I will not let you down.



▲ Ros at the Mudgeeraba Special School Booth

## Swearing In Ceremony

On the 3rd April 2012, it was an honour to be sworn in as a member of the Newman Government Cabinet by Her Excellency Governor Penelope Wensley as Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts. Since then I have hit the ground running and have been astounded by the incredible waste, mismanagement and recklessness with which the Labor Government treated QLD'ers money. I will continue to fight hard to ensure that not only residents in the



▲ Ros with the Governor and Premier Newman

Mudgeeraba electorate receive their fair share of services, but that we work to lower the cost of living for **ALL** Queenslanders.

## Gold Coast City Council Elections

The Gold Coast City Council elections were held in April and we now have a new councillor for Division 9, Glenn Tozer, whom I look forward to working with in our local area. In addition I will continue my close working relationship with Councillors La Castra, Grew and McDonald.



▲ Pictured with Councillor Glenn Tozer

## The Mudgeeraba Show



▲ Ros pictured with President Helen Ripper and Minister McVeigh

On the 23rd and 24th of June the Annual Mudgeeraba Agricultural Show was held at the Showgrounds with record attendances. The Show keeps getting better and better each year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring President Helen Ripper for the incredibly hard work she puts in year after year to make our local Show the best on the Gold Coast. I had the pleasure of hosting the new Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon John McVeigh MP and his family at the event and look forward to the Show's continued success.

Yours sincerely

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## ISSUES UPDATE

### M1 Upgrade

#### Widening between Exit 73 (Nerang) and Exit 77 (Worongary):

On the 25 of May 2012 I was privileged to officially commission the opening of the \$158M joint State and Federally funded widening of the Pacific Motorway on the Gold Coast between Nerang South and Worongary, from four to six lanes. The widening was undertaken between Pappas Way, just north of Exit 73 and Gooding Drive, and Worongary at Exit 77. Residents will remember that I have campaigned for the widening of the M1 since 2005 and whilst this upgrade has alleviated the bottleneck at Nielsens Road more work is required to complete further sections of the M1 to Coolangatta.



▲ Pictured with Dr Alex Douglas, Member for Gaven

#### Widening between Exit 77 (Worongary) and Exit 79 (Mudgeeraba)

In March 2012 the Federal Government committed to the widening of the M1 between Exit 77 and Exit 79. The project will be opened to tender in September of this year by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and work is expected to commence soon after.

#### Exit 82 at Robina Parkway

After 12 months of construction, the new Robina Interchange traffic signals have been turned on, and the realigned ramps on and off the Pacific Motorway have been opened. The new traffic signals will improve safety and traffic flow for motorists and replace the roundabouts on Somerset Drive and Robina Parkway and will be an improvement to a previously congested and inefficient interchange. Motorists will now be able to experience an interchange that flows with synchronised traffic controls in place. The realigned Pacific Motorway on and off-ramps at Exit 82 will improve efficiency

#### Old Coach Road Connector Corridor Preservation Study

– Reedy Creek TMR in partnership with the GCCC have undertaken a study on road improvements, which will assist traffic flow west of the Pacific Motorway at Reedy Creek. The Old Coach Road Connector Study is located between the Burleigh Interchange (Exit 87) and Old Coach Road, west of the Pacific Motorway (M1) and west of Old Burleigh Town. Old Coach Road is controlled by GCCC and this link has been identified in

the council's Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP). The proposed link will consist of a four-lane road and signalised intersection. Modifications will need to be made to the existing interchange roundabout to incorporate this road connection. The new link will promote greater connectivity between Reedy Creek, Old Burleigh Town and the surrounding areas.

For further information please visit:  
<http://tinyurl.com/6n8jypc>



▲ Pictured with Councillor Daphne McDonald at Old Coach Road, Reedy Creek

and safety by providing greater distances and clearer merging points for motorists entering and exiting the motorway. The Robina Interchange upgrade project is progressing well and is on target to be completed later this year. Some of the major works yet to occur include finishing the road surface on the ramps and at the intersection, installing guardrails and fencing, completing traffic islands and landscaping.

#### Worongary Road

The Department of Main Roads and the Gold Coast City Council are looking to enter into negotiations to ensure transfer of ownership of Worongary Road from the State to the GCCC and I look forward to seeing this occur. In the meantime I will be working closely with Councillor Tozer to ensure that planning commences for the upgrade of Worongary Road.

#### Springbrook Road

I recently wrote to the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection (EPH) in regards to Springbrook Road. I am advised that the Department has been

working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the GCCC regarding much needed maintenance to the road. TMR has prepared a draft heritage conservation management plan for a section of Springbrook Road under the Queensland Heritage Act. The plan is being prepared so TMR can apply for a single exemption certificate to undertake routine maintenance activities on the heritage listed sections of Gold Coast Springbrook Road.

#### Beechmont Road

Following yet another recent fatality on Beechmont Road there continues to be inaccurate speculation and misinformation on the \$11.2M fully committed and funded roadwork, which includes widening work, 300 metres from the Nerang-Murwillumbah intersection, the landslip site near Bottletree Lane, the landslip site near Mirani Street and between Tarlington Road and Mirani Street.

The work 300 metres from the Nerang–Murwillumbah Road intersection includes, improving curve visibility on a sharp bend 300 metres



▲ Ros onsite at Beechmont Road

west of the Nerang–Murwillumbah Road intersection, installing guardrails, and revegetating an area about 130 metres north of the site. The detailed design for this work is now 85 per cent complete. Traditional rock excavation methods will be used and, as this is a major component of the works, is expected to take about two months to complete. Vegetation clearing at this site is currently underway with full construction expected to start in the coming weeks. This project is expected to be completed by the end of this month, weather and site conditions permitting.

#### The landslip site near Bottletree Lane

These works will provide permanent slope stabilisation (above the road) at the landslip site between North Road and Nerang–Murwillumbah Road. Geotechnical engineers are preparing options for a permanent design to stabilise the slope and reduce the likelihood of future landslips at this site. Shipping containers are in place as a barrier between the slip face and the road. Until a detailed design is complete and a contractor awarded for this work, start and finish dates cannot be determined.

#### The landslip site near Mirani Street

These works will permanently stabilise the road foundation (below the road) at the landslip site near Mirani Street. These works will be carried out during the upgrade below.

The section between Tarlington Road and Mirani Street includes excavating the hillside and installing rock protection fencing, reconstructing and strengthening the road, widening a 561 metre narrow section to provide two 3.23 metre traffic lanes plus shoulders, installing guardrail and line marking, upgrading the existing drainage facilities. Clearing works will continue until the end of the year, weather and site conditions permitting.



## Community Snapshot



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Ros with soldiers from 6RAR at Springbrook for ANZAC Day.

Ros with Captain Kate Rose at the NASHOS Day in Broadbeach

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Sign on day with Matt Kenworthy - Mudgeeraba Redbacks



Presenting Miriam Marsden with her 25 Year Justice of the Peace Certificate

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Ros at her usual spot at the Mudgeeraba Farmers Markets





# Labor's Failed Legacy Costs Mudgeeraba Dearly

The full extent of Labor's economic mismanagement has emerged with the release of the Independent Commission of Audit. The report reveals a starting point of a \$9.5 billion deficit for the 2012/13 Budget and predicts State debt will hit \$100 billion in 2018-19 unless the Newman Government takes urgent action.

According to the interim report, interest payments on Labor's debt will total \$3.5 billion in 2011-12 and is set to climb to \$5.3 billion in 2015-16.

This is money that could otherwise be invested in vital state infrastructure like roads, hospitals and schools and delivering frontline services for the people of Mudgeeraba and Queensland.

These facts make the Newman Government's job that much harder but we owe it to the people of Queensland and I owe it to the people of Mudgeeraba to commit to fixing this mess caused by Labor's recklessness, mismanagement and economic vandalism.



▲ Ros pictured with Premier Newman

As a Member of the LNP Government, I – like all my colleagues – signed a pledge to the people of QLD prior to the election and we are working hard on this pledge to get QLD back on track.



## 1 Grow a Four Pillar Economy

Focusing on tourism, agriculture, resources and construction and by cutting red tape and regulation.

## 2 Lower the Cost of Living for Families by Cutting Waste

Especially by freezing family car rego in our first term, by reducing water prices and reforming electricity tariffs.

## 3 Deliver Better Infrastructure and Better Planning

And we will share the proceeds of the mining boom to build roads and provide critical local infrastructure - we will protect strategic cropping land and we will open up National Parks, so that all Queenslanders can enjoy them.

## 4 Revitalise Front Line services for Families

By getting back to basics and delivering more doctors, nurses, paramedics, teachers, police and other important front-line staff.

## 5 Restore Accountability in Government

By making sure that Ministers are accountable for their Department and our decisions are open and transparent.



## VOTE WITH YOUR FEET AND SAVE MONEY

Your electricity retailer should not be increasing costs beyond that of the Gillard Government's Carbon Tax (around 10%) but **Origin Energy has announced that its cost increases are well beyond that level, and they're also increasing their fixed service fee by up to 125%.** If you're unhappy about your bill going up too much, you can switch to another retailer offering a better deal. Just make sure you check what termination fees might apply to your contract, and follow the steps below.

### Three steps to switching electricity retailers

**1** Contact your new retailer and tell them that you'd like to switch. They will contact your old retailer to arrange the transfer.

**2** To be certain, you should contact your old retailer and tell them you'd like to terminate your contract. Some retailers will require a notice period, but your new retailer will make sure the customer transfer happens.

**3** Confirm with your new retailer the date that the new contract will start.

*For more info call 13 43 87*