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OUR MUDGEERABA

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Dear Residents

Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who have contacted my office to pass on your well wishes following my major shoulder surgery for a severe infection. You may have seen me around the local area with my arm in a sling and a drip in my arm, but I'd like to let you know I am recovering, albeit more slowly than I would have hoped. While the past few months haven't been the best for my family and I, let me assure you I have not forgotten the faith placed in me by you, the people of Mudgeeraba, and the commitment I have made to our local area.



▲ Ros wounded in action but still out and about

New Public Holidays for 2013

With the introduction of new legislative changes the Queensland Public Holiday dates have now changed. Please take note of the new dates listed for you below:

Tue, January 1	New Year's Day
Mon, January 28	Australia Day Public Holiday
Fri, March 29	Good Friday
Sat, March 30	Easter Saturday
Mon, April 1	Easter Monday
Thu, April 25	ANZAC Day
Mon, June 10	Queen's Birthday
Fri, August 30	Gold Coast Show Day
Mon, October 7	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed, December 25	Christmas Day
Thu, December 26	Boxing Day

Introducing Team Mudgeeraba

When you are out and about as much as I am, whether it be meeting with local residents and groups or representing the area in Parliament, it helps to have a great team behind you. There have been some recent changes in my office and I would like to re-introduce my local team. Glenn, Jacquie and Alex are on hand in the heart of Mudgeeraba to help you with your local issues. My Electorate Office is located on Swan Lane, at Shop C7, Mudgeeraba Professional Centre opposite the Mudgeeraba Village and Market. If I can assist you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.



▲ Introducing Team Mudgeeraba - Alex, Jacquie & Glenn

Merry Christmas from Ros and her family

Christmas is approaching quickly and I wish you, your family and friends all the best for the festive season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



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Mudgeeraba Roads continue their transformation with Government support

Mudgeeraba roads, long neglected by the previous Labor Government featured prominently in the Newman Government's first Budget. The Newman Government will spend more than \$10m over the next year on widening the M1 from four to six lanes between Exits 77 and 79, with works to commence early 2013 for a total cost of more than \$100m. The Budget also included funding to complete the Robina interchange at Somerset Drive.

In addition significant works on Beechmont Road to the tune of \$11.2M are already underway and work on the Springbrook Road landslip commenced in November. It is evidence of the importance of Mudgeeraba and the Gold Coast to the Newman Government.

► Pictured with the Premier, Campbell Newman



LOCAL TRANSPORT UPDATES

Noise treatments at Kings Christian College and Encamp St

Department of Transport officers are progressing preparations for noise mitigation at Encamp Street with works set to commence in early 2013. In addition, in-house treatments will be implemented at Kings Christian College for the benefit of students and staff.

Worongary Road

There has been considerable progress towards the handing over of Worongary Road to the Gold Coast City Council and I will be sure to keep you informed of the latest updates. I thank Councillor Glenn Tozer for his active involvement in these discussions.

Bourton Road and Exit 77

Noise monitoring is underway near Bourton Road and Exit 77 on the Pacific Motorway in response to an enquiry I made on behalf of residents to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. I will let you know the results as they come to hand.

Exit 82 Upgrade

As the final touches are being made to the Exit 82 upgrade on the M1, I can advise that traffic engineers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads will monitor the performance of the intersections and signals for several weeks, and make adjustments as necessary. While we may not be seeing the full benefits of the upgrade just yet, I am advised that travel patterns always take at least a few weeks to settle down after a major upgrade, however please continue to call my office if there are any problems.

Beechmont Road

Local residents are well aware that Beechmont Road has many dangerous narrow, winding sections together with limited visibility on many corners. I have campaigned for improvements to Beechmont Road, in conjunction with local residents for years. Finally the improvements we have been fighting for are underway. The Newman Government is delivering on its promise to fund an \$11.2M upgrade to Beechmont Road which has seen widening work, 300 metres from the Nerang-Murwillumbah intersection including the installation of guardrails and revegetation of an area about 130 metres north of the site completed.

Geotechnical engineers are preparing options for a permanent design to stabilise the slope and reduce the likelihood of future landslips at the site near Bottletree Lane. Start and finish dates will be determined soon and I'll be sure to keep you up to date. Works has commenced to stabilise the slope above Beechmont Road, between Tarlington Road and Mirani Street. This work is part of the project to widen and strengthen Beechmont Road through this area. There is a temporary traffic detour from now until April 2013 via an access track connected to Mirani Street. Part of this track, near the northern intersection with Beechmont Road, is now single lane and controlled by traffic signals for approximately 130 metres before it becomes two lanes and joins Mirani Street. Speed has been reduced to 40km/h along the access track and Mirani Street.

Moving traffic onto the detour will improve safety for motorists and workers whilst construction work is carried out and will ensure the project is completed as quickly as possible.

► March 2009 – Greg McKenzie and Ros on Beechmont Road



▲ September 2012 - Progress finally on Beechmont R

Quarry Update

On-site environmental studies in preparation for the environmental impact assessment (EIS) have commenced. The Coordinator-General has stated that the EIS will be comprehensive and must address all the possible impacts of the project, including the concerns of residents regarding noise, dust, and traffic.

The EIS process will provide the Gold Coast community with an opportunity to give feedback to the Coordinator-General on any issues or concerns before he evaluates the project. Our community will have the opportunity for our concerns to form part of

the evaluation in 2013. At the completion of the EIS work, the CG will evaluate all the impacts on the local area and make a final decision, giving certainty to residents. When I mailed 1800 residents asking for their input, the response I received was overwhelming with 75% of those contacted keen to provide their input. All concerned residents should take the opportunity to again make their strong views known. My consultation with local residents demonstrated that local people do not want this quarry. I will continue to strongly support their position.



▲ Ros with locals at Reedy Creek

Our Government has committed to review the State Planning Policy process used to determine the 2007 Reedy Creek Key Resource Area designation. We have also committed to review the availability of quarry material resources in

the Gold Coast region to determine the strategic importance of this particular resource for the future of the Gold Coast construction industry. In addition to these reviews, the CG has informed the Deputy Premier that Boral's EIS

will also be required to provide a review of current quarry material resources for the Gold Coast region and the estimated demand for a new quarry. Boral's review will form part of their EIS.

New Hooning Legislation Newman Gets Tough on Crime

Queensland is set to have the toughest anti hooning legislation in Australia. The proposed laws would see offenders' cars impounded for three months for their first serious hooning offence. A second serious hooning offence within five years would see the offender's car forfeited for sale or crushed. Queenslanders have had enough of hoons receiving a slap on the wrists for their dangerous and irresponsible behavior. The Newman Government is committed to being tough on crime in order to ensure the Gold Coast is a safe place to live, visit and work – and we're putting the brakes on hoons.

Over the past ten years, a staggering 92% of the 320,000 vehicles previously impounded ended up back on Queensland roads. The proposed legislation ensures these drivers are immediately off Queensland roads. Members of the public can call the Hoon Hotline and report any hooning activity they have seen in their local area. Contact the Hoon Hotline on 134 666 or use one of Ros's Hoon Watch Forms on the website at <http://www.rosbates.com.au/index.php/ros-bates-office/ros-bates-hoon-watch-form> to report offences.



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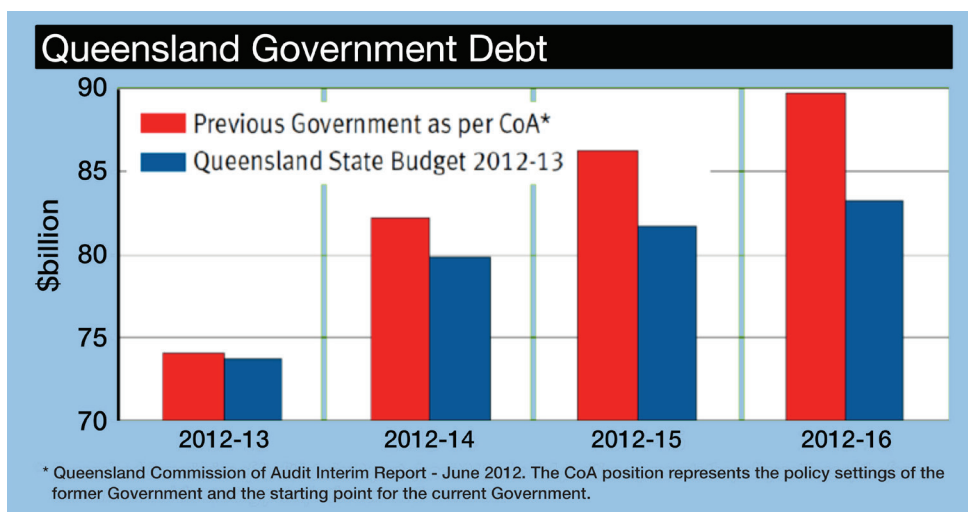


▲ Ros on Hinkler Drive

The Budget and what it means for you

This most recent Budget is the most important in a generation, building a brighter future for Queensland. This Budget breaks the addiction to years of debt and deficits created by the previous Labor Government, and starts Queensland on a path to regaining the AAA credit rating. This will save hundreds of millions in interest payments each year, which can be used to benefit local communities. Unlike the previous Labor Government, the Newman Government has done the heavy lifting finding \$7.8 billion worth of savings across the Budget. We want to fund essential frontline services and critical infrastructure across Queensland without racking up further debt. Our commitment to finding savings across government has sheltered Queensland families from having to pay down Queensland's deficits through increased taxes and charges. In fact, the Newman Government is committed to lowering the cost of living, as well as investing in frontlines services and improving critical infrastructure, and Queenslanders will see a range of initiatives being delivered to do just that.

- Saving average families up to \$120 on their annual electricity bill;



- Reinstating the stamp duty concession, saving Queensland families up to \$7,000 on the purchase of the family home;
- Allocating up to \$160,000 for every State school to fix existing priority maintenance issues;
- Rolling out the equivalent of a full-time teacher aide to an additional 150 Prep classes each year in areas of greatest need;
- Delivering 300 new police through

- Queensland as part of the Government's plan to deliver 1,100 new police on the beat;
 - An increased health budget, including \$1.3 billion to construct, expand and redevelop hospitals across Queensland.
 - Freezing family car registration for more than 2.5 million family vehicles;
- By making the hard decisions, we can lower the cost of living; deliver critical infrastructure and benefit Queensland's local communities.

Community Snapshot

1. Ros with Deinma Dede - Mudgeeraba Hockey Club.

2. Smoking Ceremony with Governor Wensley.

3. Ros getting 'blown up' at National Science Week.

4. Helen Ripper, Ros Bates and Kylie Holzinger following a \$20,000 grant received by the Mudgeeraba Show Society.

5. Ros at one of her Action Posts at Aldi in Mudgeeraba.

