



## Dear Residents,

Earlier this year I decided to step aside from my responsibilities as Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts to concentrate on my electorate.

I am grateful for all the well wishes, support and concern for my health and my family. I am pleased to tell you, my health is great, and I have a renewed vigor to make our area an even better place to live, work and raise our children.

Inside this month's Bulletin you will see the tangible evidence of what we have been able to achieve together.



▲ Ros with Desiree Sutherland from Trojan Pool Centre

## Think Mudgeeraba Buy Locally

The Newman Government, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry QLD is promoting a 'Think QLD, Buy Locally' campaign. In the past three months I have knocked on the doors of almost 400 local businesses. You may already have seen stickers in the window of some of your local favourites.

Businesses are struggling and we need to support our locals. Without your support you may find you can't just pop into your local corner store when you run out of milk or drop your car off just around the corner when you need a service.

I encourage you all to strengthen our local community by buying locally.

## Stop The Gold Coast Quarry

Boral's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has recently been made available for public comment. The report was 4700 pages long. Residents had a narrow window of opportunity to respond with their concerns.

I am happy to report over 1200 Reedy Creek and Tallebudgera Valley residents living in the electorate of Mudgeeraba sent a very strong NO to the quarry in response to my direct mail campaign.



▲ Ros with local Reedy Creek residents

Together with the great work being done by the STOP the Quarry Group, over 3300 submissions against the quarry arrived on the Coordinator-General's doorstep.

The Coordinator-General is the independent statutory body that will advise Government of their recommendations in response to public consultation.

I will continue to be in constant contact with my local residents to advise you of any further action we may need to take on this issue, but rest assured I do NOT support this quarry.

Yours sincerely

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# LOCAL ROAD UPDATES



◀ Ros with Cr Daphne McDonald at the Old Coach Rd roundabout

We have had some big wins on local road issues over the last six months

## Old Coach Rd Roundabout at Reedy Creek

Great news for the 6500 motorists stuck in the traffic jam each morning at the Old Coach Rd roundabout in Reedy Creek. Main Roads have allocated \$400,000 to fix this problem. Construction is set to commence in July and be completed before December 2013.

Designated left and right hand turning lanes will be constructed from Kingsmore Boulevard to enable motorists to use both lanes. Those wishing to go southbound can use the right hand lane and those wishing to go northbound can use the left hand turning lane.

Lights will be installed at the Tallebudgera southern section of Old Coach Road to ensure motorists from the Observatory get a fair go on the roundabout. Sensors on Kingsmore Boulevard will be triggered by volumes of traffic and will stop traffic banking back to the top of the Observatory.

## Beechmont Road

Residents in Lower Beechmont are finally getting the attention they deserve with \$11.2M funded for much needed road improvements. After years of fighting the Labor Government we now have a magnificent, safe stretch of road between Tarlington Rd and Mirani



▲ Beechmont Rd has been reopened after significant roadworks

St. My thanks go to the Better Roads for Beechmont Group and their persistence, which has paid off, in spades. The landslip near Nerang-Murwillumbah Road has been completed and Main Roads are about to commence the reconstruction work below Bottletree Lane.

The design includes cleaning the slip face of debris before installing over 100 self-drilling rock anchors in the upper sections. Site and weather conditions permitting, these works will start shortly and will be completed by late 2013

## M1 Upgrade



▲ Sod turning ceremony for the M1 upgrade with Karen Andrews MP, Federal Member for McPherson

Construction has commenced on the upgrade of the M1 from Worongary (Exit 77) to Mudgeeraba (Exit 79) and will be completed by the end of 2014, weather permitting. A further \$40M was allocated to this upgrade in the Budget. Please be patient whilst construction continues.

## Road Safety a Priority

Main Roads will soon commence the installation of fixed road hazard signage

on Beechmont Rd and Gold Coast-Springbrook Rd to improve safety during road closure events such as landslips, rockslides and flooding.

The signs will be 3m wide and panel hinged to allow the messages to change i.e. from 'rock fall area' to road closed ahead. Signs will be fitted with flashing lights to warn motorists of road closures. Motorists can expect minimal disruption during installation.

## School Safety a Priority

After years of complaints and multiple accidents, including fatalities we finally have flashing lights at the school zone on Somerset Drive. Cr Glenn Tozer has also approved the installation of fencing on the median strips. Together these measures will ensure our school crossings are safer for our students attending Somerset College and Clover Hill State School.

Flashing lights will also be installed at Mudgeeraba State School on Milky Way shortly. I have submitted requests for the next round of funding for flashing lights at Mudgeeraba Creek, Springbrook and Numinbah Valley State Schools.



▲ Ros with local resident Robert Hitchon at the recently erected Somerset Drive flashing lights





# THE QUEENSLAND PLAN

Queensland is a *great* state and our future is full of *great* opportunities.

The *Queensland Plan* will outline our shared vision for the next 30 years and identify local and state-wide priorities. All Queenslanders are invited to provide their thoughts and ideas to help make sure Queensland remains a

great place for generations to come.

Queenslanders, just like you will create *The Queensland Plan*. The feedback you provide will directly shape the development of the plan. It will be a genuine reflection of our collective aspirations and priorities for the future.

▲ Cr Jan Grew, Matt Kenworthy, Ros Bates and Earle Hinschen representing Mudgeeraba at the Queensland Plan Mackay Summit.

*To have your say*

GO ONLINE TO:

<http://queenslandplan.qld.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say/>

## CRIME Update

I want to congratulate all of our Neighbourhood Watch groups, the Mudgeeraba Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC) and our hard working local police for their extraordinary contribution to reducing crime in our local area.

Graffiti is down by 70% year on year over the past two years.

Sometimes, the simplest initiatives are those which deliver the best results. You may have seen the new murals painted on electricity and Telstra boxes around the area. These murals have a dramatic effect on reducing graffiti and are protected by an anti-graffiti coating.

Hooning is down and 32 cars have been impounded since January 2013. This stops irresponsible drivers from carving up our streets, or worse, causing a fatality due to their reckless disregard for the safety of not only themselves, but also other innocent motorists.



▲ Ros with Mudgeeraba PCCC Secretary Barb Malcolm at the Robina Interchange

We need to become part of the solution and I urge you to get involved in your local Neighbourhood Watch or attend the PCCC meetings at 5.30pm on the first Monday of each month at the Mudgeeraba Police Station.

**“Graffiti is down 70%, year on year over the past two years.”**

You can report graffiti and hooning on my website at [www.rosbates.com.au](http://www.rosbates.com.au)







# LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS SNAPSHOT

## *What's going on in your area?*



### Advancetown

- Resurfacing of parts of Nerang-Murwillumbah Road
- Police stings to curb hooning at Beechmont Rd and Pine Creek Rd intersections

### Austinville & Neranwood

- Hydraulic testing currently underway by Main Roads to find a solution to prevent flooding of the causeway
- Installation of flood signage when road is closed

### Bonogin

- Please support your local rural fire brigade and consider joining as a volunteer in your local area

### Carrara

- Planning options by Main Roads to find a solution to the traffic gridlock at the Gooding Drive roundabout
- 'Get in the Game' funding of \$9985 to the Carrara Saints AFL Club

### Clagiraba

- Reduction in local hooning
- Please support your local rural fire brigade and consider joining as a volunteer in your local area



### Gilston

- \$77,600 'Get in the Game' Funding to the Gold Coast Mountain Bike Club

### Lower Beechmont

- Completion of upgrades at the Beechmont Rd/Nerang-Murwillumbah land slip
- Completion of upgrade from Tarlington Rd to Mirani St
- Work commencing on the landslip near Bottletree Lane will complete \$11.2M of road works to the local area

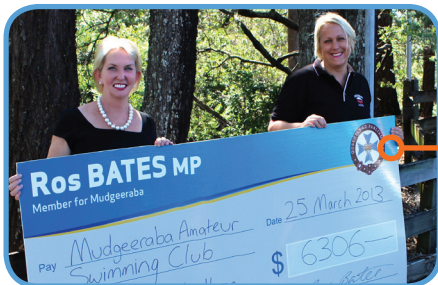


### Merrimac

- Completion of new footpaths from Mike's Kitchen to Worongary Shopping Village
- Working on further upgrades to footpaths to the Merridown Shops

### Mudgeeraba

- Construction has commenced on the 6 laning of the M1 from Exit 77 at Worongary Rd to Exit 79 at Robina Town Centre Drive
- \$6083 'Get in the Game' funding to the Mudgeeraba Redbacks Junior Rugby League Club, \$39,729 funding to the Mudgeeraba Soccer Club and \$6306 to the Mudgeeraba Amateur Swimming Club
- Resurfacing of Railway Street



### Natural Bridge

- Two grants worth \$71,220 in total delivered to the Bornhoffen PCYC
- Reconstruction work completed after landslip on Nerang-Murwillumbah Rd

### Reedy Creek

- \$400,000 to upgrade Old Coach Road Roundabout at Kingsmore Boulevard
- \$2M Sound barriers for residents at Encamp Street
- Continued pressure to stop the Gold Coast quarry



### Robina

- Secured further funding of \$7M in the Budget for continued expansion of Robina Hospital
- \$341,000 funding to upgrade facilities at Robina State High School

### Springbrook

- New signage to be erected in conjunction with the GCCC and Tourism QLD to encourage tourist visitation
- Rural fire brigade numbering of homes on Springbrook Rd
- Flood signage at Pine Creek Rd to be installed
- Naming of local historic bridges



### Tallai & Worongary

- Proposal currently with the GCCC from Main Roads to transfer Worongary Rd to the council with an allocation of \$4.2M to upgrade the flood-prone and dangerous causeway at Worongary Creek

### Tallebudgera Valley

- Lights to be installed at Old Coach Rd roundabout to alleviate traffic congestion
- Continued efforts to stop the Gold Coast quarry in conjunction with the GCCC and the STOP the Quarry group