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MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE



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ANZAC Day services - 25 April

ANZAC Day for me is a special time to remember and be thankful for the many ordinary people who bravely took on extraordinary challenges to serve our nation, and of course, to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice of the thousands who never returned.

Remembrance is about learning from the past to inform our future. Thankfulness is about respecting and honouring these men and women of valour and dignity.

As the crowds grow every year, I am also filled with pride that together as a community we take the time to remember them and say thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at some of the services held across the Sunshine Coast on April 25.

For a list of local services in my electorate [CLICK HERE](#):

Regards

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Students urged to enter 2015 Premier's Anzac Prize

Entries are now open to secondary students for the 2015 Premier's Anzac Prize for their chance to experience the historic Anzac Day centenary commemoration at Gallipoli next year.

This presents a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students to attend the centenary commemorations and learn a little more about our ANZAC history and their ongoing legacy.

Students from Year 8 to Year 11 are eligible to enter the competition and must submit an original two to five minute multimedia presentation on how the Anzac tradition has shaped the nation, why it is still important and how future generations can keep the spirit alive.

Entries close on 19 September 2014. Information is available on line at

<http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/index.html>

National Volunteer Week Community Celebration - 16

May

In celebration of National Volunteers Week 2014, I am delighted to join with Volunteering Sunshine Coast to host our annual community event to recognise the valuable work of volunteers in our not for profit groups on the Sunshine Coast.

I will be presenting our volunteers with a certificate of recognition and a commemorative pin to thank them for their contribution to the community. If you are a volunteer on the Sunshine Coast, you are very welcome to join us.

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New pedestrian refuge planned for David Low Way at Yaroomba In response to requests from local residents, I have asked the Department of Transport and Main Roads to bring forward plans for a new pedestrian refuge at Yaroomba.

TMR is in the process of finalising the design for the pedestrian refuge to be located between Yerrangya Row and Goongilla Street. To ensure motorists have sufficient sight distance and visibility of pedestrians crossing at the refuge, approximately 50 metres of on-street parking on David Low Way will need to be removed.

I will be meeting with local residents on site on Saturday 3rd May and I look forward to your feedback on the proposed design.

Meet your MP - Community Corner dates I look forward to catching up with you at my upcoming mobile electorate offices:

Saturday 3rd May

- 8.30am - 9.30am Cnr of Yerrangya Row and David Low Way, Yaroomba
- 9.45am - 10.45am Nr Coolum Beach Surf Club, Tickle Park, Coolum Beach
- 11.00am - 11.45am Coolum Football Club, 1936-1944 David Low Way, Coolum Beach
- 12.00pm - 1.00pm Coolum Beach Bowls Club, Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach

Saturday 17th May

- 8.30am - 9.30am Opposite Bulli's, Cnr Lorraine Ave & Marcoola Esplanade, Marcoola
- 9.45am - 10.45am Northshore Community Centre (Central Foyer), 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba
- 11.00am - 11.45am North Shore Shopping Centre, Pacific Paradise
- 12.00pm - 1.00pm Pacific Paradise Bowls Club, 13 Menzies Drive, Pacific Paradise

Strong Choices Campaign to Tackle Unprecedented Debt Problem

Treasurer Tim Nicholls has invited all Queenslanders to contribute to a "People's Budget" to tell the State Government how they would tackle the once-in-a-generation threat of an \$80 billion State debt. This excessive debt level is what destroyed the State's AAA credit rating.

The Strong Choices Campaign is an unprecedented solution to an unprecedented challenge.

[Read More:](#)



State funding boost for local community groups I welcome news of just over \$70,000 in grants to five local community groups under the latest State Government funding rounds from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund.

This much needed funding boost will help our local to provide invaluable frontline services to the local Sunshine Coast community

The funding recipients in the Maroochydore electorate are:

Community Focus Association Inc - To refurbish kitchen \$31,650.00

Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club Inc - To purchase double surf ski -\$4,181.82

Memorial Park Community Preschooling Centre Assoc Inc - To install blinds and security door - \$6,986.91

Coolum Croquet Club Inc - To upgrade lawns - \$19,960.00

Sports Federation of the Sunshine Coast- To purchase marquees for regional events -\$7,797.73

Total: \$70,576.46

For more information or to see a full-list of recipients please visit www.olgr.qld.gov.au and click on 'grants'

Maroochydore Bus Station Taxi Trial

I am pleased that Transport Minister Scott Emerson has agreed to my proposal to use the new bus station as a safe late-night taxi pick-up zone.

The 12 month trial on Friday and Saturday nights will start 30 May to provide a safer place to wait for a cab for those leaving Maroochydore's growing entertainment precinct.

Under the trial, pre-booked taxis will be able to pick up passengers between 10pm and 4am on Friday and Saturday nights from the new Maroochydore Bus Station. This new taxi zone on the northbound platform in front of Sunshine Plaza will ensure people can wait in an area with plenty of lighting and CCTV cameras. Those enjoying a night out at local venues will need only walk a short distance to the bus station and then have the choice to either catch one of the hourly late-night buses on route 600 or catch a taxi home.



As part of the trial, taxis will no longer service the taxi stop area outside the TAFE campus after 10pm over the weekend. The existing rank on Ocean Street will also continue to operate.

Marquees available for community groups

I have a couple of pop up 3m x 3m marquees (see photo) which I am happy to lend out to local schools and community groups in my electorate. Please contact my office for further information.

