

Maroochydore Electorate 2013 Report Card

Delivering Locally:

- ✓ Sunshine Coast University Public Hospital (\$1.8 billion) – **IN PROGRESS**
- ✓ Maroochydore Bus Station (\$7.1 million) – **IN PROGRESS**
- ✓ Maroochydore Road Resurfacing Works (\$3.2 million) – **DELIVERED** (plus \$5 million works **IN PROGRESS**)
- ✓ Sunshine Motorway Safety Upgrades (\$510,000) – **DELIVERED**
- ✓ Sunshine Motorway Maroochydore Interchange Revegetation Works (\$400,000) – **DELIVERED**
- ✓ Permanent dredging pipeline for safer Mooloolaba Harbour entrance (\$750,000) – **DELIVERED**
- ✓ Two new floating walkways for Mooloolaba boaties and anglers – **IN PROGRESS**
- ✓ More dedicated cycle lanes on David Low Way – **IN PROGRESS**
- ✓ New marine safety system to keep Maroochy River waterways safe – **DELIVERED**
- ✓ School zone flashing warning signs at Maroochydore State High School – **DELIVERED**
- ✓ Signalised pedestrian crossing on Aerodrome Road – **IN PROGRESS**
- ✓ 19 more police officers in Sunshine Coast region (since April 2012) – **DELIVERED**
- ✓ 5 extra intensive care paramedics – **DELIVERED**

Sunshine Motorway Safety Upgrades:

The audible tactile line markings, wider painted chevrons and lower speed limit have greatly improved road safety on the Sunshine Motorway, between Mooloolaba and Coolum.

I successfully appealed to the Transport Minister to fast-track this project to help save lives in this accident black spot.



Delivering State-wide:

- ✓ Lowering the cost of living by freezing car registration on the family car, restoring the \$7,000 principal place of residence stamp duty exemption and scrapping the commercial waste levy.
- ✓ Supporting small businesses and creating local jobs by cutting red tape and reducing the payroll tax burden by \$40 million.
- ✓ Improving health outcomes by reducing emergency department wait times, doubling the patient travel subsidy scheme and reducing the public dental waiting list by almost 50,000 patients.
- ✓ Supporting Queensland children with more Prep teacher aides, E-learning for Special Schools and helping 12,000 kids get into sport.
- ✓ Making our streets safer with tougher laws and penalties to crack down on crime and more than 300 extra police on the beat.

Congratulations to Maroochydore electorate 2013 State Government Funding Recipients

- \$620,000 for the Sunshine Coast Cooloolaba Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Program each year over the next three years to protect and support young people who are at risk.
- \$357,048 for two local Community Legal Centres for the 2013/14 financial year (Centacare - \$146,910 & Suncoast Community Legal Service Inc - \$210,138).
- \$535,820 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund grants in 2013:
 - Apex Queensland Youth Camps Limited \$25,807
 - Association of Guide Dogs for the Blind \$1,486
 - Association of Vietnam Veterans \$32,000
 - Coolum Beach & District State Emergency Auxiliary \$2,121
 - Coolum Beach Creche & Kindergarten Assoc. \$31,818
 - Coolum Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc \$27,232
 - Coolum-Peregian RSL Sub Branch \$16,800
 - Cotton Tree Childcare Centre \$31,760
 - Friends of Maroochydore Library Inc \$31,600
 - Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre Inc \$26,293
 - Maroochy Sailing Club \$24,043
 - Maroochydore Hockey Club Inc \$3,215
 - Maroochydore Rugby Union Football Club Inc \$51,485
 - Maroochydore Scout Group \$31,681
 - Mooloolaba Childcare Centre \$30,610
 - Mooloolaba Coast Guard \$19,332
 - Mudjimba Beach Boardriders Club Inc \$2,824
 - North Shore Community Centre Inc \$7,960
 - Smartpups Assistance Dogs \$40,704
 - Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service \$31,818
 - Sunshine Coast Rowing Club \$17,400
 - Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership Inc \$33,882
 - Support at Home Maroochydore \$8,944
 - The Wildlife Preservation Society \$4,995

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I'm interested in your feedback on State Government issues. You can subscribe to my e-newsletter for regular updates on local and State issues.

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Police (Non-urgent)	131 444
SES	132 500
Travel and Roads Advice Line	131 940
13 HEALTH Energex	1343 2584
- Emergencies	131 962
- Loss of Supply	136 262
Telstra	132 203
Optus	1300 307 937

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Maroochy Voice

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State Government supports Sunshine Coast Airport expansion

Fiona Simpson with Sunshine Coast Airport Manager Peter Pallot



Building a better Sunshine Coast Airport and more local jobs has won State Government support with a significant grant of land to help Council fast track plans.

This transfer of Crown Land to Council at no cost will help move forward the proposed \$418.6 million project which is crucial to the economic growth of the Sunshine Coast.

The proposed new east-west runway (which is expected to be operational by 2020 subject to approvals and financing)

will enable larger, longer-haul planes to land here on the Sunshine Coast. The existing runway has limits to its operational capacity and in poor weather flights have to be re-routed to Brisbane. Having all the land under one tenure will help Council to raise the capital to build this vital piece of infrastructure.

This will be a major boost for the Sunshine Coast economy and will help grow higher-value jobs. The airport expansion is expected to generate over 5,000 new jobs in construction, tourism, ancillary services and aviation-related business and will help to deepen and strengthen the economic base of the Sunshine Coast region.

Giving kids a sporting chance

Local clubs have benefited from almost \$116,000 in funds for new equipment, activities and membership promotions to get more people active.

Get in the Game funding also helps low income families with club fees to help more kids get involved in sport.

For more information phone 1300 656 191 or go to www.nprsr.qld.gov.au.

Fiona presenting a cheque for \$26,295 to the Coolum District Netball Association



Welcome

Reporting for Business!



I'm delighted to deliver a report card on some great wins in our local community.

New infrastructure is happening as well as important upgrades to our roads.

Maroochydore Road has benefitted from a \$3.2 million makeover, with a further \$5 million commitment for work on further sections to take place this year. The Bruce Highway upgrade will now be delivered, thanks to a funding partnership with the new Federal Government.

Business confidence is returning, boosted by the \$1.8 billion investment in our local public hospital and \$7 million spent on our new bus station. Private investment is starting to follow suit with the upcoming Sunshine Plaza upgrade.

The future is looking bright for the Sunshine Coast region.

Best wishes

Fiona

Fiona Simpson MP
Member for Maroochydore

Bright future for Sunshine Coast jobs

It's good to see some major private investment on the horizon which will mean new construction and jobs for the Sunshine Coast.

Council has approved Lend Lease's \$350 million expansion of Sunshine Plaza to include 120 additional specialty stores, a further 1,500 car spaces, a bigger Myer and the region's first David Jones Department Store. The 37,000sqm expansion is expected to create about 6900 full-time construction and operational jobs.

Work is starting soon on a \$20 million upgrade of Reed's Big Top Shopping Centre. The refurbished centre is due to open mid 2014 with speciality shops and more than 100 stalls selling fresh local produce on designated market days.

I believe it is possible to protect the Coast's natural beauty and grow local jobs. That's why it is important that community and business have their say through Council's approval processes.

Support for small business

Motor vehicle workshops are just some of the businesses \$1500 better off after cuts to red tape. The red tape reduction project under the State Government is focused on reducing unnecessary regulations which strangle the growth of small businesses and jobs.

Buy local and create jobs

Christmas is around the corner and it's a great reminder to buy local and support local jobs wherever possible.

Whether it's gift certificates or goods, for every dollar spent at a local business, five times that amount is returned to the local economy through employees' wages, rates, supplies and support for local schools, sports, charities and community projects.

Congratulations to Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership on winning \$33,882 in State Government funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to run youth engagement projects.



New funding for job skills training

I support helping people up-skill to get jobs and break the unemployment cycle.

On the Sunshine Coast, the State Government has awarded \$387,400 to Solutions4Learning to deliver "Learn to Earn" programs under the Community Learning initiative.

These funds will help get more young and disadvantaged people into the workforce with training in language, literacy and numeracy as well as developing communication and workplace skills.

For information on courses contact Solutions4Learning on 5476 2511.

Health boost in 2013 State Budget

A \$45 million boost to health funding to tackle Sunshine Coast waiting lists was welcome news in the State Budget. The funding will improve access to general, orthopaedic surgery, medicine, ear, nose and throat, and gastroenterology services.

In news just in - the Health Minister has reported a halving of our public dental waiting lists through a partnership with the private sector.

Health was one of the big items to receive significantly more funds in this year's State Budget with a 4.5% increase, bringing the overall State budget for health to \$12.5 billion.

Altogether, the Sunshine Coast is receiving more than \$800 million in capital outlays in 2013-14, including \$115.6 million for the new Sunshine Coast University Public Hospital. Construction is fully under way and promises to provide a significant boost to the local economy.

Quick facts on Sunshine Coast University Public Hospital:

- Project cost \$1.8 billion.
- 11,250 new jobs during construction period plus 2500 hospital staff.
- Opens in 2016 with 450 beds.
- Will increase to 738 beds by 2021.
- Same size as the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital
- 10,000 patients each year will no longer have to travel to Brisbane for complex treatment.
- This will be a public tertiary teaching hospital providing free public hospital services.



The 20 hectare Kawana Health Campus includes a new private hospital (opening December 2013) and a new public hospital (opening 2016)

Out and about in the electorate

Construction of our new \$7.1 million **Maroochydore bus station** is well under way. This crucial piece of infrastructure on Horton Parade will provide a modern, high-quality transport hub with convenient access to Sunshine Plaza and other nearby shopping facilities. It will be equipped with 24-hour security cameras as well as secure bicycle storage, showers and public toilets. The new bus station will be operational by the end of the year (weather permitting).



Fiona Simpson with Mayor Jamieson and Coolum SES volunteers Phillip King, Jennifer Loats and Trevor Lahey.

Thanking 260 of our valued volunteers at a National Volunteers Week celebration in Cotton Tree Park with Volunteering Sunshine Coast. Volunteers are the backbone of our local clubs and organisations, many of whom provide essential services to our local community. Each one of them deserves to be recognised and thanked for all that they do.

Visiting Pacific Paradise State School during State Education Week with Principal Ian Miskin and School captains.

Our local schools have been able to clear a back-log of much-needed maintenance issues using local contractors thanks to \$1,043,397 in *Advancing our Schools Maintenance* funding allocated to schools in Maroochydore Electorate in 2012-13 by the State Government.



Pictured with Cr Chris Thompson and representatives from Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club.

The tower was restored to its location at Mooloolaba beach thanks to \$375,000 in natural disaster recovery assistance funding from the State and Federal Governments. Earlier this year the tower was removed for safety reasons due to severe coastal erosion resulting from ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald.

It was great to celebrate the \$100,000 grant to Maroochy Waterwatch to help keep the Maroochy River catchment and tributaries clean and protected from pollution. Pictured on right is CEO Cerryn Fawns.

Individual grants of between \$2,000 and \$100,000 are provided under the Everyone's Environment program for community projects like tree-planting, community and waterway clean-ups, threatened and priority species habitat restoration and rehabilitation and monitoring pollutants in streams.



Presenting the keys to the new patrol vehicle to Coolum Surf Life Saving Club President John Roderick, thanks to a \$19,090 grant from the State Government's Jupiter Casino Community Benefit Fund.

The Club also received \$8,141 to purchase new training equipment and improve storage facilities.

Surf Life Saving Australia smart phone Beachside App provides real time beach and water safety messages. Free for IOS and Android and can be downloaded from iTunes and Google Play.