



July 2014

More good news for Sunshine Coast Health Service

Four Sunshine Coast heart attack patients are alive today thanks to the work of seven local Advanced Care Paramedics who have been trained to administer clot-busting drugs before they reach hospital.

The Sunshine Coast trial has been so successful that Health Minister Lawrence Springborg has decided to expand the potentially lifesaving program to Mount Isa and Bundaberg.

Heart attack is one of the highest causes of death in Queensland and Australia with approximately 8,000 heart attack patients every year. Almost 2,000 Queenslanders die of heart attacks every year with the majority of deaths occurring before a person reaches hospital, so rapid access to lifesaving treatments for heart attack patients is essential.

This is just one of a number of good news stories for the Sunshine Coast and particularly for our fantastic health service. We have also seen improvements in health service delivery and waiting times resulting from the State Government's commitment to revitalize frontline services and create the best free public health system in Australia.

In ground-breaking news, for the first time since the 1990s no Queenslanders have been waiting more than two years for public dental treatment, thanks to a state-wide blitz on dental waiting lists by the LNP Government. The waiting list has been slashed from 4,204 in February 2013 to zero in June 2014. This is such a great achievement!

Local waiting times for public hospital appointments have also been reduced with many public patients being referred to the Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital to receive free treatment. This will continue until our new Public University Hospital opens in 2016.

If you would like to catch up with me for a chat, why don't you come and say G'day at one of my upcoming community corners. I'll be out and about at the following places on Saturday 26th July and would love to see you.

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9.00 - 9.45 am Banjo's, Woolworth's Shopping Complex, Plaza Parade, Maroochydore
10.00 - 10.45 am Outside Cotton Tree News, Cotton Tree
11.00 - 11.45 am BBQ area north of Alex Surf Club, Alexandra Headland
12.00 - 12.45 pm BBQ area near Loo with a View, Mooloolaba

Regards

Fiona

Fiona Simpson MP
Member for Maroochydore

Invitation to dinner with Hon Ian Macfarlane - Wednesday 30th July

The Fairfax FDC invites you to join the Hon Ian Macfarlane, Federal Minister for Industry and myself for dinner on Wednesday 30th July at the Edge Mooloolaba, The Wharf Complex, Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba.

Tickets for a two-course dinner cost \$60 and are available by contacting the Fairfax FDC Secretary Sarah Jones at sarahjljones@hotmail.com by 25th July. For information contact Ben Beckton on 0409 454 955.

Date claimer - LNP Breakfast with Hon David Crisafulli - Wednesday 20th August

Maroochydore LNP Branch have invited State Minister for Local Government to speak at their August breakfast.

Venue: Maroochy Surf Club, 34-36 Alexandra Parade, Maroochydore
Time: 6.30am for 7am start
Cost: \$40.00

Contact: Lauris Bryant at Top Spot Motel on 5443 1245
Email: admin@topspotmotel.com.au

[Click here](#) to download booking form

Crime Statistics down for Sunshine Coast region

The latest Queensland Police Service data shows that burglaries on the Sunshine Coast are down by 54% in the past six months, while break-and-enters on homes and businesses have fallen by 17%.

The Sunshine Coast is one of the safest places to live and work in Queensland thanks to strong reforms implemented last October by the State Government under Police Operation Resolute to target criminal gangs and provide a greater police presence in local communities.

The Sunshine Coast has received 27 new police officers since the LNP Government took office and we have also revitalised local Neighbourhood Watch services. Raising public awareness about crime and being willing to report incidents is imperative to keeping our local communities safe. For information on Neighbourhood Watch groups near you, please contact my office on 5443 7995.

Have your say on developing Queensland's future for Education

The Queensland Government is undertaking extensive consultation with parents, schools, unions and education sectors to map out the future of education and create Queensland's first Education Accord.

All Queenslanders are encouraged to share their ideas that will determine priorities for our schools and ensure

students are given the best possible education and job opportunities.

You can have your say by visiting the website www.deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord and providing your feedback on the **seven key questions** which are designed to facilitate discussion and capture a wide range of opinions.

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Funding for Sports and Recreation Clubs

The third round of funding under the State Government's Get in the Game program is now open and I want to make sure clubs in my electorate get the best chance of receiving their share of a \$21.5 million the funding pool for 2014-15.

Over the last two years, sports and recreation clubs in the Maroochydore electorate have benefitted from almost \$247,040 in Get in the Game funding to purchase equipment, provide better facilities and boost club membership numbers.

Many families who might not otherwise be able to afford it, have received vouchers worth up to \$150 to help pay club fees to get their kids into sport.

Further details on Get in the Game are available at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame or by calling 1300 656 191.

State funding boost for not-for-profit groups

Congratulations to four local community groups in my electorate on their success in the latest round of State Government Community Grants delivered through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund:

- Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast, \$24,454 to upgrade facilities;
- North Shore Community Centre, \$11,567 to purchase furniture and equipment;
- Coolum District Coast Care Group, \$9,727 to replace nesting boxes
- Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, \$5,000 to purchase a tandem bicycle and \$1,381 to purchase other equipment.

I encourage all local groups to apply for the next round of funding before the end of August 2014. For more information, please visit www.olgr.qld.gov.au and click on 'Grants'.

Grants Information Forum

I will be holding information forums with State Government grants officers on hand to provide advice and assistance for local community groups.

When: Wednesday 30th July
Session Times: 1pm - 2pm Sports and Recreation funding
2pm - 3pm Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants
Where: First Floor Meeting Room, Mike Ahern Centre,
12 First Avenue, Maroochydore

To register, please contact my office on 5443 7995 or email Maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Have your say on Queensland's Strong Choices Investment Program

Having involved everyday Queenslanders in discussion about choices we share to reduce the \$80 billion State debt,

the Government has now launched the Strong Choices Investment Program. This is about gaining your feedback on what infrastructure projects that funds of \$8.6 billion should be spent. These funds would be released as part of possible sale or lease of 11% of state assets such as ports and would also pay down debt. The fund will help build more schools, hospitals and other vital infrastructure to support and stimulate economic growth around Queensland.

Queenslanders are encouraged to have their say on the important infrastructure projects they would like to see funded in their community at www.StrongChoices.qld.gov.au.

Submissions will close on August 15 and all feedback will be considered as the Government prepares its Final Plan, to be released in September

Pacific Paradise School wins road safety grant

Congratulations to the Pacific Paradise State School P & C Association for their success in winning a grant of \$5,109 to deliver a cycle skills and bike safety course for all Year 4 students to help keep our kids safe on the roads.

This is thanks to the Queensland Government's Community Road Safety Grants program which has provided \$2 million worth of grants to community groups across the State.

I would like to encourage non-profit organizations, schools and local government groups to apply for funds to deliver local road safety projects. Applications for the third funding round are now open and will close on the 22 August.

More information is available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/roadsafetygrants.

Grants of up to \$100,000 available for community-based environmental projects

Local organizations who are passionate about our beautiful Sunshine Coast environment are invited to apply for a share of \$5 million in funding through the State Government's Everyone's Environment grants program.

Applications are now open for round three of the Everyone's Environment grants program for local projects that focus on conservation, environmental research or heritage protection. Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for environmental and research projects and up to \$40,000 for heritage projects.

This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference to our beautiful natural environment and conserve Queensland's cultural heritage.

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Above: Minister Tim Mander at Allora Gardens Retirement Village Forum



Above: Premier and school leaders at Community Cabinet held at Maroochydore State High School



Above: Sunshine Coast Business Breakfast with new President Vicki Magic and outgoing President Michalle Faulkner



Above: Mrs Lisa Newman at Maroochydore War Widows Guild