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E-NEWSLETTER

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MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE



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Maroochydore Hosts Community Cabinet

I'm delighted that Maroochydore will host the next Community Cabinet on June 22.

This is a great chance to residents of the region to raise issues affecting our area - as well as their vision for creating an even better Coast future.

Meetings with ministers will take place on Sunday, June 22 by appointment. Contact my office for details on arranging a meeting.

Regards

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Great feedback received from Community Corners

It has been great to catch up with local residents at my recent community corners and to get their feedback on local issues.

Thanks those who have taken the time to have a chat and to those who have returned completed 30 second surveys.

If you would like to let me know what you think about key issues, please [click here](#) to complete my 30 second survey.

Breakfast with Hon Tim Mander, Minister for Housing and Public Works

You are invited to join Minister Tim Mander and myself for breakfast at a lovely new venue in Mooloolaba.

When: **Tuesday 17th June at 6.30am (for 7am start)**

Where: **The Edge Mooloolaba (formerly See Plus Function Centre),
Mooloolaba Wharf Complex, Cnr Parkyn Parade & The River Esplanade**

Cost: \$40

RSVP: By 10th June

[Click here](#) to download booking form

NB: This event is organised by the LNP Maroochydore Branch.
Please contact Lauris Bryant (Event Co-ordinator) at Top Spot Motel on 54433371 or email admin@topspotmotel.com.au

Retirement Village Information Forum

I am holding an information forum with Minister Tim Mander to discuss the Government's review into the Retirement Villages Act 1999 and the Manufactures Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003.

Please contact my office for further details if you are interested in attending.
Tel: 5443 7995 Email: Maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au

When: **Tuesday 17th June from 9.00 am - 10.00 am**
Where: **Allora Gardens Retirement Village (to be confirmed)**

Celebrating local funding wins

I always welcome news of funding wins in my electorate and I love seeing how those funds are put to great use in building our community.

I was delighted to meet some of the students who have benefitted from training opportunities provided at the Coolum Community Centre through state government funding to help get our young people into the workforce.



Integrated Family and Youth Services (IFYS) was successful in securing \$270,000 of funding for their "Core" Community Learning program in 2013-14 to train 60 young people from the Sunshine Coast region in hospitality and retail.

The kids at the **Coolum Beach Football Club** are enjoying their fantastic new inflatable soccer pitch, purchased with part of an \$8800 grant from the "Get in the Game" program to help get more kids into sport.

Mooloolaba Outrigger Canoe Club also benefitted from a "Get in the Game" grant of \$65,758 towards the cost of a new shade structure and storage shed. These were put to great use last weekend at the national outrigger marathon titles which were being hosted by the club.



Congratulations also to the **Coolum Croquet Club** for winning \$19,960 in state government funding in the latest round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for upgrading their lawns.

Caring for our Community Grants

Six local community groups will share in funding totalling \$37,457 to help purchase essential items and equipment like computers, camping gear, white goods, musical instruments or furniture.

Community and volunteer organisations play an important role in growing our local communities, so it's important that we support them with funding for vital equipment.

The 2013-14 Caring for our Community Grant recipients in the Maroochydore electorate are:

Marcoola Surf Life Saving Club - \$4,750
Integrated Family and Youth Services (IFYS) - \$4,975
ASD Care - \$19,482
Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Assoc - \$5,000
Special Olympics Australia - \$3250

Please contact me if your club is interested in applying for any state government funding so that I can provide advice and add my support to your application.

Funding boost for local community legal services

I welcome news of a three year funding commitment for the delivery of free or low-cost legal services to vulnerable and disadvantaged Queenslanders.

For the 2014-15 financial year, Centacare Family and Relationship Services in Maroochydore will receive \$151,729 in funding and Suncoast Community Legal Service Inc will receive \$210,138, with funding amounts continuing with indexation, for the next three years.

These local centres will share in \$30.1 million worth of State Government funding over the 2014-15 financial years to provide legal assistance services to vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community. In addition to this, Legal Aid Queensland will receive \$64.4 million in the 2014-15 financial year.

Based in Maroochydore, Suncoast Community Legal Service Inc offers quality legal advice, referral information and education completely free of charge to the greater Sunshine Coast Community. Services are delivered by volunteer lawyers from the local profession working in conjunction with volunteer receptionists and a minimal paid staff.

I'm pleased that both Centacare and Suncoast Community Legal Service Inc will be receiving guaranteed funding over the next three years so that both centres can continue providing vital legal support to the people of the Sunshine Coast.

Suncoast Community Legal Service at 7 Ocean Street, Maroochydore can be contacted on 5443 7827

<http://suncoastcommunitylegal.org/>

Thank you to our local volunteers

More than 100 amazing local volunteers joined in the National Volunteers Week celebrations I hosted with Volunteering Sunshine Coast recently.

Many of our not-for-profit organisations provide essential services to our local community and they would struggle to survive without the support of their volunteers.

Special thanks to Cr Steve Robinson and Cheryl Harris (pictured).

For more information on how you can get involved as a volunteer, contact Volunteering Sunshine Coast on 5443 8256 or www.volunteeringsunshinecoast.com.au.



Queensland Week

31 May begins our state's annual celebration to mark our official separation from New South Wales. On 6 June 1859, Queen Victoria signed the Letters Patent, authorising Queensland's separation and confirming its status as an independent colony. This day, 6 June, is known as Queensland Day, and each year, the Queensland Government hosts and supports initiatives around this day to build state pride and encourage Queenslanders to celebrate through a range of activities. This year, Queensland Week will be celebrated from Saturday 31 May to Sunday 8 June, with the tagline of get your Queensland on! Visit qld.gov.au/queenslandweek for more information.

Strong Choices

The Government is currently collating the feedback received - more than 57,000 submissions - and will deliver a methodical, disciplined and constructive plan about how we intend to secure this State's future prosperity through paying down debt. The Government's draft plan will be delivered as part of the State Budget handed down on 3 June 2014.

Sunshine Coast Youth Parliament

As Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, I am pleased to be able to open the proceedings of the Sunshine Coast Youth Parliament held this week at the Surf Club, Mooloolaba and to welcome nearly 100 students participating from 16 schools across the Sunshine Coast.

Youth Parliament Members gave speeches and debated motions on the confiscation of mobile phones in schools and uniforms in schools.

Youth Parliament is a great opportunity for students to gain valuable experience about citizenship and democratic processes and to learn about the procedures and processes of the Queensland Parliament.

Get involved

Queensland Education Accord

The Government is creating Queensland's first ever Education Accord that will constructively bring together ideas that will map a 30-year vision for school education.

If you want our students to have the best possible education and job opportunities, then we want to hear from you. The Queensland Education Accord is your chance to be involved in shaping the future of education in our great state.

I will also be selecting a teacher, a parent and a principal to join me in representing the Maroochydore electorate at a one-day summit to be held in Brisbane in September (further details to be announced).

Go to www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord for more information and to complete an on-line survey.

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.

Entries close on 19 September 2014. Information is available on line at <http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/index.html>

Want to become a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) or a Commissioner for Declarations?

Queensland Justices Association is holding JP (Qual) and C.Dec training courses in June and September. If you wish to become a Justice of the Peace, book online at www.qja.com.au or call the Registrar on (07) 3392 2455 for course information.

JP (Qual) Course dates are:

Saturdays 14,21,28 June (enrol by 10 June 2014)

Saturdays 13,20,27 September (enrol by 9 September 2014)

(C.Dec training is the first two days only)

Time: 9am to 4.30pm

Venue: The Family Relationship Centre, 43-45 Primary School Court, Maroochydore

Cost: JP(Qual) - \$350, C.Dec - \$240

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