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E-NEWSLETTER

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Ahoy there all you boaties!

I'm celebrating progress on the Nojoor Road Boat Ramp with its new floating pontoons which will make fishing and recreational boating in the Maroochy River even more accessible and fun.

Work has now started on this \$620,000 project which was funded by the LNP while in Government and Council provided \$700,000 to build the carpark. The dual-lane boat ramp and floating walkways is due for completion in late September

This funding was in addition to the floating pontoon and boat ramp upgrades I had put into Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba, and the upgrade to the dredging facility with permanent pipeline under the Mooloolah River we also delivered.

It's surprising just how many people own a boat on the Sunshine Coast, from the well-loved tinny upwards, with figures showing about 137,000 registered recreational boat owners in South-East Queensland.



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A bit of history - Maroochy River explored

Just a bit of history, Andrew Petrie was the first white explorer who visited the area in 1842, with his son Tom, returning for a perilous crossing of the Maroochy River bar in 1862 with some indigenous friends with whom he travelled.

Constance Campbell Petrie records her father Tom's experiences in "Tom Petrie's Reminiscences". It's a fascinating read and is available through local libraries or on line.

Another good read is by local historian, Dr Berenis (Bennie) Alcorn in "The Maroochy River and it's People" (1994).

Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project Update

The State Co-ordinator General has given a tick of approval on Sunshine Coast Council's Environmental Impact Statement on its plans to build a new runway and upgrade the airport facilities.

The new runway will be fully compliant with regulatory and safety standards and will ensure our key regional asset continues to operate. When in Government, the LNP provided state-owned land to help facilitate the expansion of the airport, which is expected to generate a \$140 million boost to our regional economy during construction and 1500 more new jobs by 2040.

To read the Co-ordinator General's report click here:

<http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/resources/project/sunshine-coast-airport/scae-cger-final-may-2016.pdf>

Surf Life Saving Season wraps up

As the summer Surf Life Saving Season draws to an end it's a good time to acknowledge the fantastic public safety service provided by our volunteer Surf Life Savers.

I look forward to celebrating the end of the season and attending upcoming presentation nights with local Surf Life Saving Clubs over the coming weeks.

Interim figures provided by Surf Life Saving Queensland for the 2015/16 patrol season show that these teams of dedicated volunteers:

- Directly saved the lives of 3,396 beachgoers through in-water rescues;
- Treated 18,692 first aid patients;
- Performed 718,926 preventative actions to keep people safe on our beaches;
- Watched over and protected more than 15.2 million beachgoers.



I would like to honour all our Surf Life Savers for this astonishing contribution.

Work to start soon on Bruce Highway upgrade

Did you hear the news? More than a billion dollars in funding has been provided for a major upgrade on the Bruce Highway project to fix two bottlenecks on the Sunshine Coast.

The third biggest national roads project in Queensland is about to start on the Bruce Highway between Caloundra Interchange and the Sunshine Motorway. This \$1.134 billion funded project was approved in last year's Federal budget - in addition to what is already being spent on the Cooroy-Curra upgrade.

It will include fixing the notorious Sunshine Motorway interchange and Caloundra interchange and will improve congestion by providing better local service roads connections to take one-third of the traffic movements off the highway.

Of course we all want to see more done to improve this critical road link to the Sunshine Coast and I will work with my State and Federal colleagues to lobby for this to happen. But this huge project is taking place over the next four years and it will make a huge difference to our region.

Check out the plans for the design and information online here:

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/brucehwy-caloundra2sunshinemwy>

Out and about in the Maroochydore Electorate



Pictured above: Working together with Local MP's to delvier for the Sunshine Coast



Pictured above: Allora Gardens Queensland Flag presentation



Pictured above: Maroochydore Meals on Wheels celebrate National Volunteering Week



Pictured above: Acknowledging Lynn Rostirolla's 25 years of service as a JP

Your Voice Matters

Follow Labor's sneaky introduction of compulsory preferential voting in April, The LNP Opposition has launched an on-line petition to tell the Government that 'Your Voice Matters'.

A recent poll of Queenslanders showed that over 60% were opposed to compulsory preferential voting. Voters prefer the option of just voting 1 for the candidate of their choice, rather than having to number every box. Labor's forced return of compulsory preferential voting will result in more informal votes.

Respected election analyst Antony Green has been highly critical of the dumping of optional preferential voting by Labor, without consultation or due process. He identified the move would have given Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk an extra 9 seats if it was in place at the last election.

Help us to bring back choice at the ballot box and scrap Labor's plan to rig the next State Election. You can sign the 'My Voice Matters' petition at www.myvoicematters.org.au.

Let's celebrate Queensland

Queensland Week (4-12 June) is an annual celebration of what we love about Queensland. It's about loving where we live, our people, our heritage and our culture.

Queensland Day on 6 June marks our great state's official separation from New South Wales to become an independent colony in 1859.

I love that it coincides with the start of our annual State of Origin contest between the Blues and the Maroons. Go the Maroons!

I look forward to the announcement of the winners of the prestigious Queensland Greats Awards which recognise and honour extraordinary individuals and organisations who have made significant achievements and shown a lifelong dedication to our state.

You can get involved with Queensland Week celebrations by decorating your homes, gardens, workplaces and businesses to show your pride for our great state. More information about Queensland Week events is available at www.qld.gov.au/queenslandweek.

Have your say on the Taxi Review

Whether you're an avid supporter of Uber or you believe our traditional taxi industry needs to be supported, I would encourage you to have your say on the independent review into taxi, limousine and rideshare services in Queensland.

The Opportunities for Personalised Transport (OPT) Review Taskforce has released a Green Paper for consultation and all interested parties, business and community members are encouraged to provide feedback on the scenarios presented on the future of our personalised transport industry.

Submissions are welcome until 5pm on 12 June 2016.

For more information go to www.optreviewqld.gcom.au or call 1800 639 884.

Queensland Father of the Year Awards

Dads play a significant role fathers play in their children's well-being and development and Scripture Union Queensland is seeking to raise awareness of the value of fathers in the family and the community.

Nominate a deserving dad or father-figure you know for the 2016 Queensland Father of the Year award via the website www.qldfatheroftheyear.org.au. Nominations close on 15 July 2016.

The winner will be announced in the lead up to Father's Day on 4th September and will win a Sea World Resort Holiday Package for all the family.

Nominations open for Women and Girls Sporting Achievement Awards

The *Start Playing Stay Playing* program is an initiative to get more women and girls active for life. The initiative includes grant funding, excellence awards programs and a social media campaign to help more women get healthy and active.

The *Start Playing Stay Playing Excellence Awards* aim to acknowledge the achievements of individual women and girls in the sport and active recreation industry as well as groups or organisations which go above and beyond to increase and enhance sport and active recreation opportunities for women and girls in Queensland.

Nominations open on 6 June and close on 12 August. Find out more at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/health/women-girls.

Nominations open for Telstra Business Women's Awards

Women in business play an important role in our local economy. This is a great opportunity to champion our local business women and ensure they are recognised for their achievements.

Nominations are open until 20 June. For more information go to www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com or call 1800 817 536.

Housing for Life Forum

Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network are presenting a free community forum for people with disabilities and their families.

Finding a home for life and accessible finance can be particularly challenging for people with disabilities and special needs. These forums are an opportunity to meet with legal and financial experts as well as builders and like-minded families to investigate proactive options and alternatives.

When: Friday 15 July from 10am to 3pm
Where: Millwell Road Community Centre, Maroochydore
RSVP: By Tuesday 12th July by calling Kay Maclean on 0408 018767
or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/LKII>.



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