

## Maroochydore | Electorate News

E-NEWSLETTER

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### **Sekisui House Proposal for Yaroomba**

People are attracted to the Sunshine Coast because of its natural beauty. Twin Waters Resort is an example of an international resort which we should be proud of. That's the kind of development I would welcome on the Coast north of the Maroochy River which brings jobs and is appropriate to the local area.

While Sekisui House's plans have not been released publicly for Yaroomba, I have called on them to do so. It's time there was proper engagement with the local community as well as Council about what is suitable for their site.

In regard to the State's role, I am not in favour of any proposal at Yaroomba being called in and the Premier has given me an assurance that this won't occur. High rise is appropriate in the town plan for Mooloolaba but not Yaroomba.

This is a matter for Council's town planning processes and I hope that any proponents work hard to come up with something that is suitable.

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## Roadmap to Coast Jobs

I was delighted to welcome the Premier to the Sunshine Coast to announce a \$440 million congestion-busting road plan to fix the Sunshine Motorway and provide better access to the new Sunshine Coast Public Hospital.



The Sunshine Coast MPs are working together to put forward a plan for the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway into Mooloolaba, a redesigned Mooloolah River interchange and new access flyover to Kawana Way to be funded out of the proposed Strong Choices Investment fund.

This plan would create 2,500 jobs during construction and unlock a Sunshine Coast bottleneck if the people of Queensland decide they want to recycle some state assets to release funds to build these roads and fund new infrastructure.

This is a more cost-effective and simpler design than the previous government's unfunded \$1.5 billion design which was like L.A. on steroids.

The Sunshine Coast is one of the fastest growing regions in Queensland and it needs proper investment in roads and more job opportunities.

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## Strong reforms ensure a Safe Night Out on the Sunshine Coast

Sunshine Coast residents and visitors will be able to enjoy a safe night thanks to the nation's most comprehensive package of reforms designed to help end alcohol and drug-related violence.

The Sunshine Coast community has had enough of this senseless violence and the Government has heard their concerns and taken action to ensure that bad behaviour is no longer tolerated. The Safe Night Out Strategy includes stronger penalties, targeted action by police, new measures to ensure responsible service of alcohol and initiatives to educate and prevent drug and alcohol-related violence.

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## More State Funding available for sporting facilities

Sunshine Coast sporting clubs are urged to apply for State Government funding for large projects that provide new sport and recreation facilities or improve on existing facilities.

Local clubs are invited to apply for funding for larger scale infrastructure projects ranging from \$400,000 to \$1.5 million such as change rooms, new or upgraded fields, grandstands,

etc that are not currently funded through current Get Playing program.

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## **Queenslanders encouraged to have their say on Domestic and Family Violence**

Domestic and family violence affects not just those subjected to the violence and their families, but the whole community.

The Queensland Government has established a Special Taskforce, to be chaired by the Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO, former Governor-General of Australia, to take a lead role in preventing domestic and family violence in Queensland.

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## **Funding announced for flashing school zone lights at Coolum State School**

Coolum State School students will look forward to safer journeys to and from class each day with the announcement of funding to be provided for flashing school zone signs.

Flashing school lights will be installed on the Coolum-Yandina Road near the Coolum State School early next year as part of the LNP Government's \$10 million school flashing lights program.

These flashing school lights will help motorists to remember to slow down and improve road safety around our schools.

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## **New Signage win for Town of Seaside**

Motorists on the David Low Way will soon notice new street signage for Seaside Boulevard at the Town of Seaside.

I was pleased to advocate on behalf of the Seaside Shore Community Association and gain approval from the Department of Transport and Main Roads for improved signage to clearly identify this area and that advertise the location of local shopping facilities.

Residents and businesses were concerned that emergency services and passing traffic could easily miss the turning into Seaside Boulevard and bypass this growing local community. They are now looking forward to the installation of the new signs.



## Maroochydore Cricket Club opening

I was delighted to cut the ribbon to officially open Maroochydore Cricket Club's new turf wicket training centre which was funded by a \$100,000 State Government grant under the Get Playing program.

These new high standard facilities will help the club to attract inter-state and international visitors to train here on the Sunshine Coast.



**Photo:** Fiona with Cr Christian Dickson, SCCA President Ritchie McGuinness and Club Life Member Kerry Emery.

## School Maintenance funding wins

Five schools in the Maroochydore electorate are set to receive their share of a \$650,000 Fixing Our Schools funding boost this year, thanks to the third round of the State Government's \$300 million commitment to clear the maintenance backlog and revitalise Queensland state schools.

Once again, schools will be able to get better value for money by engaging local tradespeople to fix up outstanding jobs like repairing footpaths, replacing carpets and repainting.



**Photo:** Fiona with Maroochydore State School Principal Stuart Maish at the new soft-fall surface in the special needs playground which was completed with last year's funding.

## Buy Locally Saturday

Thank you to the staff and owners of Cotton Tree News who put me to work selling newspapers and magazines as part of Queensland Small Business Week and Buy Locally Saturday campaign.



Small business is the backbone of the Sunshine Coast economy and Buy Local Saturday is a good reminder for us to focus our attention on supporting our local business heroes who often work long hours and provide great services and goods to our local community.

Small businesses employ local people, support our schools, sports and community groups and drive our local economies so it's up to us to make sure our dollars are put to good use to keep our local communities thriving.

**Photo:** Fiona at Cotton Tree News with Nikaylah Hoskin and Lauren Checchin

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## Invitation to “A Morning in Spring” Morning Tea and Fashion Parade - Friday 10th October

I am delighted to extend an invitation to you to join me for morning tea at the North Shore Community Centre on Friday 10th October at 10.30am.

This event is being organised by the Maroochydore LNP Branch. Tickets cost \$25 and are available from Lauris Bryant c/o Top Spot Motel by emailing [admin@topspotmotel.com.au](mailto:admin@topspotmotel.com.au) or telephone 5443 1245.

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## Coolum School leaders attend Speaker's lunch at Parliament House

As Speaker of the Queensland Parliament I was delighted to welcome Coolum's Year 12 student leaders to the recent Future Leaders Lunch held at Parliament House.



The lunch was a very special opportunity for Members of Parliament to invite their local student leaders to Parliament House and to inspire them to help create a stronger state and more caring community and to make the most of the freedoms we enjoy in a parliamentary democracy.

**Photo:** Fiona with students Zoe Buckley-Howard, Rebecca Elsley, Zain Thorpe, Tepaki Pourea and teacher Emma Curnow.

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## Coolum Beach Quilters

I was delighted to join with some ladies from the Coolum Beach Quilters to hand over 30 tiny rainbow quilts for premature babies at the Nambour Hospital Special Care Nursery.

This group of hard working ladies put their skills to great use and make a very special personal contribution to our local community by making quilts and other products in support many local charities and causes. They would be happy to receive donations to help keep their creative work helping others.



## IFYS Coolum Community Fun Day at Coolum

I was delighted to support the fantastic work of Integrated Family and Youth Service (IFYS) and join in the Community Fun Day held at the Coolum Community Centre as part of child protection week.

Protecting our children is everyone's business and it was great to catch up with some of the groups who work hard to help keep our kids and young people safe.



Fiona with Ranger Pat and Youth Restoration Project



Fiona with IFYS reps, police and Cr Robinson



IFYS Rappers



Fiona with Kuwnakan Palan family support services