



Jann Stuckey MP

State Member for Currumbin

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EYE ON THE ELECTORATE

On 21st March I was re-elected to be your representative in the 53rd Queensland Parliament.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of the Currumbin electorate for once again placing their trust in me to fight for a fair deal and maintain the quality of life that we treasure. Over the past twenty-two years of living

in this magnificent location I have developed a deep attachment to Currumbin and I remain committed to maintaining high levels of community consultation so that the best decisions can be made for our suburbs, beaches and valleys.

Recent storms have caused damage costing over a million dollars and threatened the safety

of homes. On a brighter note Currumbin played host to the Wintersun Rock'n'Roll Festival and Green Day Out celebrating World Environment Day with bumper crowds at both.



ELECTION PROMISES

I am very pleased a number of election promises were made by the Government to Currumbin residents. Now we want to see these promises delivered in a timely manner.

UNDERGROUND POWERLINES

An issue that enraged residents into a prolonged protest was Energex's proposal to install overhead 110kv powerlines through suburban Palm Beach and Currumbin via a route between Mudgeeraba and Tugun.

Enormous public unrest led to the formation of S.T.O.P. (Stop the Overhead Powerlines Group) headed by John and Pam Cooper, Norm and Laurelle Jefferson, Vaughan and Molly Moran, Neville Richardson and GECKO members, Rose Adams and Lois Levy, who lobbied loud and hard

for undergrounding of powerlines through their suburbs.

Following the LNP's announcement during the campaign to underground powerlines through Reedy Creek, Palm Beach and Currumbin, Labor promised to do the same. To date no progress has been made and I shall continue to lobby the Government to fulfill this promise.

S.T.O.P. is to be congratulated for its herculean efforts in advocating for people who felt their homes would be resumed or devalued, their health affected and vegetation lost.

KIRRA

Since the Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypass Project (TRESBP project) commenced over 8 years ago,

southern Gold Coast beaches have been over-supplied with sand, surf breaks including world famous Kirra have been lost, and the Government has done nothing. For years I have been calling for better management, flexibility and thorough monitoring.

During the campaign the Government pledged \$1.5 million for beach excavation works at Kirra. This amount will not offer a long-term solution which is why I have called for the contract between NSW and Queensland to be made public. My request has been denied and I am now awaiting the decision of an independent External Review. In the meantime the GCCC have appointed a consultant to determine how to best utilise this funding.

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DESALINATION WOES

Residents Want Their Properties Restored

In May I tabled a petition with 435 signatures seeking assurance from the state government that properties damaged during the construction phase will be restored. Numerous residents believe they have been directly affected by vibrations during laying of massive water pipes through suburban streets, reporting roads not properly restored, cracks appearing in walls, ceilings, driveways, and doors and windows dropping.

People with legitimate cases of damage to their homes and driveways deserve to be compensated and the Government has a responsibility to provide assistance to people's properties and our playing fields.

So many unanswered questions remain whilst the plant is not fully operational. If you have problems resulting from this project contact **1300 366 190**.

BLAIR ATHOL FACES INCREASING PRESSURES

Congratulations to Blair Athol emergency accommodation at Bilinga for providing 30 years of service to homeless people. In more than 20 years Blair Athol's accommodation and support services have operated without an increase in funding which places huge demands upon the staff and volunteers to make ends meet with current resources.

Blair Athol expects to turn away more than 6000 people this financial year. Centre director Liz Fritz says the demand for services and the complexity of need among the client group has increased at an alarming rate.

More volunteers are welcome and invited to call Ms Fritz on **55362173**.



Jann, Liz Fritz and Federal Member for McPherson, Margaret May MP

ROAD SAFETY AWARDS

Nominations are being sought for the Queensland Road Safety Awards which will recognise groups or individuals working for improved safety on the State's roads.

Awards will be presented in the following categories: Community, Industry and Business, Local Government, Schools, Innovation and State Government. Entries close on August 14

Information is at: http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au/documents/QRSA_brochure.pdf

Police Beat for The Pines

Concerns about anti-social youth behaviour at the family-oriented Pines Shopping Centre led to a petition calling for a police beat.

I tabled this petition containing 1214 signatures on 23 May. It reflected our community's desire to adopt a zero tolerance approach to disruptive actions within their shopping precinct.

Our local shopping centre provides a vital service in a friendly, social atmosphere and many in our midst wish to keep it that way.

I am pleased to see a police beat has opened inside our shopping centre. It will be manned with Volunteers in Police along with officers during busy times.



Jann is pictured with Senior Constable Kurt Foessel at the police beat opening.

Cross Border Taxes

Cross-border taxi wrangles at the Gold Coast Airport are a thing of the past, thanks to the introduction of two dedicated ranks for passengers heading south of the border.

Most passengers flying into the airport have no idea that New South Wales and Queensland taxi companies are governed by different regulations. For longer trips down to Kingscliff, passengers did not realise that Queensland taxis are entitled to charge for their return drive back to the border, so there can be quite a difference in fares in a Queensland taxi.

Youth Parliament



Vice-captain of Palm Beach Currumbin State High School, Carley McNeil has been selected to represent Currumbin Electorate in the Queensland Youth Parliament. She is following in the footsteps of her elder sister Elyse who also represented Currumbin two years ago.

Carley, pictured with Jann, takes an active role in school, community and sporting activities and has displayed exceptional leadership qualities.



Jann is pictured with Rose Adams and Lois Levy from GECKO.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR LIONESSE CLUB

The Lioness Club of Palm Beach-Currumbin which formed just five years ago has been named top club in Australia. It was awarded the Fannie Tresise Premier project award at the Lions National Convention in Melbourne for its work with the Buck Family of Tugun. Members were instrumental in a big community project to construct a new home for the family of which four members suffer from Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy.

The club also raised \$661 at Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for Queensland Cancer Council on May 26. Jann is pictured with members and friends at the morning tea.



PBNC COMMUNITY/BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre offers a range of counselling and family support programs at its Third Avenue premises. It is currently seeking local businesses who are prepared to sponsor or assist in other forms to help run these programs including a youth gardening project, money management workshops, resources for self development projects or playgroup.

Email info@palmbeachnc.org.au for further information.

GREEN DAY OUT

The Gold Coast's biggest environmental festival "Green Day Out" celebrated its 10th anniversary with sunshine and bumper crowds on the banks of Currumbin Creek with plenty of family activities, live music, indigenous dancers and educational workshops. A highlight each year is the presentation of environmental awards to individuals and groups who are making a difference.

ANZAC ESSAY WINNERS

Students from three schools in the Currumbin Electorate have taken out awards in the 2009 ANZAC Day Essay Competition.

The winners were Zoe Murray of Palm Beach Currumbin State High School who won the senior division, and Rebecca Bidner of Elanora State Primary School and Grace Simpson of Ingleside State Primary School were joint winners of the junior division.

In keeping with the tradition of previous years the winners read their essay at Anzac Day services and did us proud.



WINTERSUN ROCKS ON

All roads on the June long weekend led to Coolangatta for the final days of the 22nd Wintersun festival. Our border town overflowed with cars, Rock'n'roll and nostalgia. The annual Rock'n'roll church service at St Peter's Anglican church had people packed to the rafters in an upbeat service that closed with the congregation singing Johnny O'Keefe's famous song 'Shout'.

Congratulations to Barry McNamara and the Wintersun team for their terrific efforts. Let's hope we can keep Wintersun where it belongs in years to come.



Father Ken Spreadborough, right, with rockers, from left, Ron Kitchin, Alan Dale and Ian MacLeod.

“Meet me at The Pines Shopping Centre”

From 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Saturday 11 July, Saturday 8 August, Saturday 12 September

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IN BRIEF

Tugun Bypass

More than 14 million vehicles have used the Tugun Bypass since it opened in June last year. This equates to about 40,000 vehicles a day which is expected to continue to increase to 60,000 by 2017.

It has resulted in a huge reduction in traffic on the Gold Coast Highway through Tugun. Traffic decreased by about 50 percent to 35,000 vehicles a day, of which 3.6 percent were heavy vehicles. For heavy vehicles, the drop of almost 70 percent has been even more dramatic with the daily average travelling Tugun now down to 1263.

Queensland Transport

Queensland Transport's customer service centre at Currumbin Waters has served 27,691 people since it opened last November.

These included 873 practical driving tests, 804 dealers and industry transactions and 26,014 general business concerns including licensing and registrations.

Jann in Parliament

Via the internet you can either watch or listen to Parliamentary proceedings.

Go to www.parliament.qld.gov.au and click on chamber broadcast.

To read what Jann has to say in the State Parliament, go to <http://parlinfo.parliament.qld.gov.au/ISYSSpkSimp.htm> and follow the links.



Jann and Timothy Gear of Elanora at the opening of the 53rd Parliament. Timothy represented Currumbin in the 2008 YMCA Youth Parliament.