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State Member for Currumbin

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EYE ON THE ELECTORATE

This year had not long started when natural disasters hit in the north and south of our great country leaving behind a trail of misery, heartache and despair.

Many of us watched in disbelief as the horror of the carnage and damage unfolded in northern Queensland with the floods and Victoria with the deadly bushfires.

As our nation begins to recover in the middle of uncertain

economic times it is important to note that the amazing spirit that lies within Australians has come to the fore as we give each other a hand through this horrific episode in so many people's lives. Community organisations, businesses and individuals have given generously and willingly so that those who suffered knew how much people cared.

Here in picturesque and leafy Currumbin we should all be thankful we can still go about our daily lives as usual.

Let's make a pledge this year to protect our lifestyle and our neighbourhoods and show our communities greater attention than before.

Queenslanders have been ordered to go to the polls early on March 21, and I hope you will once again place your trust in me to be your representative in Currumbin.

People Power to Bring Back Kirra

It took a protest from almost 1500 surfers on Australia Day for the Labor Government to even take any notice of the degradation of our foreshores since the start of the Tweed Sand Bypass.

After years of raising the alarm over poor management of the Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypass (TRESBP) the Labor Government have realised an election is upon them and they had better do something.

I and other concerned locals, have warned of the environmental damage caused by the smothering of Kirra Reef, the loss of surf breaks and an over-supply of sand for several years.

But the Government sat on their hands and ignored cries for an audit and a review, more flexibility in the grid and better project management.

Now it appears key recommendations of early

environmental reports have either been breached or were never included, so I have sought information under the Freedom of Information Act and a commitment from the LNP to call for an immediate audit.

Both the NSW and Qld Governments have allowed this project to dramatically affect our beaches and they have a responsibility to fix it.



Jann and former world surfing champion Mick Fanning after the paddle out.



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Billion \$\$\$ Desalination Plant Causes Woes

Despite costing more than one billion dollars and with much publicity, bells and whistles from the Premier who was a frequent visitor, this huge piece of infrastructure at Tugun is still not fully operational.

In October when water pressure was tested, pipes in Kitchener Street burst. An Open day in November was scheduled to see 40MGL flow through the pipes followed by the full 125 MGL on January 15th. All sorts of excuses were given before we were told that faulty parts were holding up the job.

Now the Tugun Football Club is sinking quickly, dressing rooms have been demolished,

holes opened up over the ground, concrete footings are separating from foundations and streets are being dug up due to faulty parts. Tugun residents have had enough, dirt, noise and disruption, and now other suburbs are complaining how the project is affecting their day to day lives.

Queensland Parliament Public Works Committee is examining the project's purpose, financial aspects and the constructing authority's performance. Unfortunately this process has come to a halt now that an early election has been called.

People deserve a guarantee their neighbourhoods will be

returned to the state they were in prior to construction and that the desalination plant will run efficiently.



Jann and Club Tugun Rugby League Football Club president Scott Swain inspect damage.

Plan to Move Trail Bikes

The Liberal National Party have listened and responded to the numerous safety and noise concerns of local residents.

An election commitment has been given to work with local councils to identify sites appropriate for establishing dedicated Trail Bike Riding Parks.

This proactive step should put an end to trail bikes in our back yards and allow riders a place to go to enjoy their recreational pursuits.

This is all about working with local communities to get the best outcomes for all.

Stop The Overhead Powerlines in Palm Beach and Currumbin

Spare a thought for people whose homes have been resumed by the Government. Whilst they agreed to sell almost a year ago they are in limbo while negotiations drag on.

Then there was the Christmas Eve response from the Minister which was a slap in the face to thousands of residents who took time to write letters and fill in petitions.

The current protest involves a postcard addressed to the Premier and demands all

new powerlines be placed underground in established residential areas. In recent weeks my office has forwarded more than 400 postcards from residents to Premier Bligh, saying they do not want the value of their property reduced by the powerlines above ground.

I shall continue to fight together with STOP (Stop Overhead Powerlines) group to prevent these 110kv lines going above ground.

I NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP THE OVERHEAD POWERLINES IN PALM BEACH & CURRUMBIN

The average median **REDUCTION** in your property value if your home is close to power lines is \$17,000*.

This State Labor Government **DOES NOT CARE** about your homes being devalued.


Send a Protest Message **NOW!**

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*Source: @Data 2008
A. O'Dwyer, 37 Marwick St,
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When it comes to public safety, there is a BIG difference...

These are some of the LNP's proposed tough new crime laws.
Each and every one was voted AGAINST by Labor in Queensland.

 LNP'S TOUGH ON CRIME INITIATIVE	LABOR'S SOFT ON CRIME RESPONSE
✓ Criminal Code (Truth in Parliament) Bill 2008. To repeal legislation brought in by the Labor Government that allowed politicians the 'freedom to lie' in Parliament.	✗ Voted AGAINST 3/12/08
✓ Criminal Code (Protecting School Students and Members of Staff from Assaults) Amendment Bill 2007. To ensure that any assault on students and members of staff on school grounds be dealt with by police.	✗ Voted AGAINST 12/3/08
✓ Criminal Code (Assault Against Police and Others) Amendment Bill 2007. Three month jail term for offenders found guilty of assaulting police, prison officers, ambulance officers or fireman in the course of their duty.	✗ Voted AGAINST 27/2/08
✓ Criminal Code and Other Acts (Graffiti Clean-up) Bill 2008. To make community service clean-up orders compulsory for all graffiti offenders in addition to any fines imposed by the Courts.	✗ Voted AGAINST 13/2/08
✓ Criminal Code (Assault Causing Death) Amendment Bill 2007. Introduce a new offence for unlawful assault causing death and to increase the sentencing for crimes committed as accessories after the fact.	✗ Voted AGAINST 13/2/08
✓ Criminal Code (Gate crashing) Amendment Bill 2007. Introduce a new offence for 'gatecrashing' and provide the police with additional powers to deal with this specific offence.	✗ Voted AGAINST 13/2/08
✓ Criminal Code (Organised Criminal Groups) Amendment Bill 2007. Introduce legislation that it is an offence to be a member of an organised criminal group and to give police increased powers	✗ Voted AGAINST 31/10/07
✓ Civil Liability (Good Samaritan) Amendment Bill 2007. Afford legal protection to community members who assisting others in emergency situations.	✗ Voted AGAINST 4/9/07

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary has received a \$25,000 donation of new equipment for its wildlife hospital which has experienced a 40 percent increase in admissions during the past 12 months.

The new equipment including x-ray machine, general anaesthetic unit, microscope and orthopaedics' equipment has been donated by Worldtourism, based at Nerang. This will make an important difference to the level of care offered to wildlife.

The hospital's dedicated and skilful group of vets, nurses and volunteers provide an excellent level of care for sick and injured wildlife



From left, Worldtourism general manager, Mr Bruce Greenaway, Jann and CWS vet, Michael Pyne, with one of the hospital's patients.

SLSC CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF RESCUES



Residents celebrated the centenary of Queensland's first recorded surf rescue with a re-enactment at Coolangatta. More than 1000 people headed to the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club for a family fun day, march past and re-enactment. Jann is pictured with members of the Tugun SLSC.

NEW TRANSPORT OFFICE

A new Queensland Transport customer service centre in Currumbin Waters served about 800 customers in its first week.

The modern-stream-lined facility is one of five customer service centres on the Gold Coast. It is expected to service up to 500 customers each day. It will certainly make it easier for southern Gold Coast residents to access a service closer to their home, rather than travelling to Burleigh Waters or Bundall, the closest service centres.

IN BRIEF

Anzac Day Essays

Our annual essay competition for Anzac Day closes on April 7. The competition is open to students who live or attend school in the Currumbin Electorate. The winning writers will read their essay at Anzac Day services in Currumbin.

Hoon Watch

Hoon Watch, started by Jann last September, continues to be well received and has now been launched statewide by the LNP. Forms are available from the Electorate Office or our website.

Q150 grants

Three groups in the Currumbin electorate have received Q150 funding grants.

Tallebudgera State School's P and C Association received \$5000 for the restoration of the historic Man on the Bike structure.

Currumbin Palm Beach RSL received \$6500 for a cultural event, Carnivale Mystique.

St Augustine's Primary School P and F Association received \$10,000 towards a mural and garden space near the entrance of the school.

Congratulatory messages

Our office will help you apply for a congratulatory message to be sent to yourself or someone you know who is about to celebrate a significant birthday or wedding anniversary. Forms are available from our office. Please make sure you bring along a copy of the birth certificate or wedding certificate, whichever is applicable. If you can't get a copy of these, you will need to obtain a statutory declaration. Please ensure a month's notice for these messages.



“Meet me at The Pines Shopping Centre”

Saturday, March 14 10am to 2pm
Thursday, March 19 11am to 1pm
Friday, March 20 12.30pm to 4pm

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