

KAWANA TODAY

COVERING NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE KAWANA ELECTORATE

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Kawana Today is designed to keep residents up to date on issues affecting our community. It also outlines the work I am doing as your representative in the Queensland Parliament.

2018 is proving to be another busy year in Kawana with community projects, local developments, road upgrades and new shopping precincts due to open by year's end.

Like you, I live here in the Kawana electorate with my wife, Sally, and our three children, Taylor, Madison and Jasper. I take very seriously the job you have entrusted me with – representing our region's interest at a state level.

I remain absolutely focused on holding the Labor Government to account to deliver the jobs, services and infrastructure that we need and deserve in Kawana.

I encourage you to contact my office on (07) 5406 3100 should you wish to discuss any matter.



LOCAL CHAMPIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Brighter Future 4 Kids was founded five years ago by local resident Pauline Preston when she saw a young boy walking to school with shoes held together by tape.

The foundation has since donated 13,000 pairs of brand new school shoes to children in need, along with 39,000 pairs of socks.

Two years ago another community leader, Yvonne Pattinson OAM joined the foundation with her Uniforms 4



Kids program. Clothing for primary school children is made by volunteer sewers re-working donated uniforms from Australia Zoo, Australian Border Force, Queensland Police and Queensland Fire & Emergency Services.

The Foundation is always looking for sponsorship and volunteer sewers. If you can lend a hand visit www.brighterfuture4kids.org.au.

Living with an eating disorder can be an overwhelming and confusing time for both the sufferer and their family. Co-founded by Buddina locals, Mark and Gayle Forbes, endED charity provides tools and support for those whose lives have been affected by eating disorders. Now in an Australian first, Mark and Gayle have teamed up with The Butterfly Foundation to build the nation's first residential treatment facility here on the Sunshine Coast, to be called endED House. Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie, is calling on the community, business groups and local philanthropists to support the project and help deliver the

eight-bedroom, eight-bathroom live-in intensive treatment facility. For more information visit www.ended.org.au.



Render image of endED House



Swimming lessons in schools

Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie, said he believes swimming to be an essential life skill for Sunshine Coast kids after the LNP promised to fund compulsory swimming lessons in schools across the state.

"Tragically, child drownings in backyard swimming pools, local waterways and at our unpatrolled beaches are becoming more frequent," he said.

The Royal Life Saving Society drowning report indicated that for 2016/17, 73 people of all ages in Queensland drowned, an increase on the previous year.

"That's why the LNP has committed to providing universal access to swimming and water safety lessons to all Queensland primary schools," Mr Bleijie said.

"We owe it to our kids to give them an important life skill that delivers health and lifestyle benefits as well."



Community awards recognise volunteers

More than 50 community champions were recently recognised for their volunteer contribution to the Kawana community.

The eighth annual Kawana Electorate Community Awards, hosted by Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie, celebrated the hard-working volunteers whose efforts brighten the lives of others.

Recipients included community event organisers, lifesavers, environmentalists, as well as many other local community champions. Some nominees were nominated multiple times, testament to their dedication and commitment to helping others.

Mr Bleijie said he was delighted to pay tribute to local volunteers.

"Year on year we have an overwhelming response to the call for nominations which just shows how alive and well our community spirit is in Kawana," he said.

"This year we had a very diverse group of volunteers that were recognised. It's important we thank our community champions and recognise the hard work and dedication they contribute to community life," he said.

It is the eighth year Mr Bleijie has hosted the event as a way of rewarding those who do so much for others.



Kawana Community Award Recipients

Local Intersection Upgrades

Upgrades to intersections along Nicklin Way including Piringa/Anuna Street intersection, Regatta Boulevard intersection and Erang Street intersection have now been completed.

Works included installing turn arrows at selected approaches, modification of traffic signals and phasing, line marking and additional capacity to perform dual right-turns onto Nicklin Way.

In addition to benefits for traffic and motorists, these upgrades improve safety for pedestrians by limiting conflicts with vehicles, and providing them with a head start on crossings to ensure they are visible to turning motorists.

Mr Bleijie said he was pleased to be able to advocate for the upgrades on behalf of the Wurtulla West Neighbourhood Watch group.

Community Snapshot



Kawana Community Awards



Rural Fire Brigades Association QLD



Kawana Island Retirement Village Celebration



Kawana Forest Residents Association

Jarrod's say

After three-and-a-half years in government, Labor's legacy for Queensland is no less than five new taxes, an \$83 billion debt bomb and the worst unemployment in Australia.

For years the Labor government has refused to deliver any significant infrastructure projects for our region, despite the fact that the Sunshine Coast is one of the largest regional economies in the country.

At the 2017 election, the LNP committed to deliver the new Hospital Link Road (Mooloolah River Interchange), Rail Duplication, Caloundra Road upgrade, Bruce Highway upgrade and Parklands Boulevard upgrade – over \$1B in local infrastructure projects. Unfortunately, we weren't elected to government.

In contrast, the Palaszczuk Labor government has again refused to provide any significant funding. Their 20% allocation for Rail Duplication leaves a \$230M shortfall, putting a question mark over the whole project. Our roads will continue to be congested, the Bruce Hwy will continue to be a car park, and all the while our cost of living is spiralling out of control with increases in car rego, water, electricity and an additional five new Labor taxes.

When compared to the LNP's last state budget, the Sunshine Coast is facing infrastructure funding cuts of \$234 million and job opportunity losses of some 725 jobs.

Annastacia Palaszczuk's obvious obsession with Cross River Rail in Brisbane has thwarted her ability to deliver little more than crumbs for our region.

Sadly, it's not just the Sunshine Coast that's missing out – right around the state Queenslanders are feeling the impact of cost of living increases and infrastructure cuts under this Labor government.



LNP wants cool kids

School students would no longer have to suffer through sweltering summer days in the classroom, with the LNP pledging to air-condition every state school classroom in Queensland.

Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie, said teachers and students had been suffering in hot classrooms for too long.

"Last year we had the hottest year on record across Queensland with many communities in Southeast Queensland recording their highest temperatures ever," Mr Bleijie said.

"How can children possibly learn and how can teachers teach in these conditions.

"This is why, as a part of our education plan, we will air-condition every state school classroom in Queensland so our children have the best possible chance at learning.

"Our plan will lead to better student results and a more comfortable working environment for our teachers, teacher aides and Principals."

Mr Bleijie said it was extremely disappointing that the Labor government would not match the LNP's commitment to keeping students cool.





Upgrade coming for meridan traffic congestion

Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie, has thanked the thousands of local residents who supported his campaign to upgrade a section of Parklands Boulevard in Meridan Plains.

Mr Bleijie said for too long Parklands Boulevard has been an unsafe, congested mess around school drop-off and pick-up times, and criticised Sunshine Coast Council for ignoring the problem.

"The Council has buried its head in the sand, consistently approving developments in the area with no onus on the developer to upgrade supporting road infrastructure," Mr Bleijie said.

At the 2017 state election, Mr Bleijie pledged \$5M to upgrade Parklands Boulevard and called on the Palaszczuk Labor government to match his commitment.

"Unsurprisingly, Annastacia Palaszczuk and her Labor government continues to refuse to provide any funding toward this critical upgrade," Mr Bleijie said.

"The good news is, thanks to the support of our community and the campaign to

fix Meridan traffic congestion, Council has now agreed to start preliminary works on the upgrade.

"Make no mistake, without the community support this upgrade would still have been years away - it's a big win for our local community."

"Despite this, it seems that even with our very public campaign, Council has not consulted with the local community or stakeholders when undertaking the new design layout for the upgrade."

Mr Bleijie said he will continue to work on the community's behalf to ensure the upgrade is delivered as quickly, safely and effectively as possible.

Over the coming months, residents may notice Energex crews working to relocate the overhead electricity poles and wires between Meridan Way and Sunset Drive on Parklands Boulevard. Once the preliminary works are completed, the major upgrade works will commence which is expected to be early next year.

Local Events

12 Sep YOUTH TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunshine Coast Stadium

28 Sep CALOUNDRA MUSIC FESTIVAL Kings Beach

12 Oct SUNSHINE COAST HOME SHOW Sunshine Coast Stadium

26 Oct 14th ANNUAL WALK FOR DANIEL Suncoast Christian College

04 Nov NOOSA TRIATHLON Noosa Heads

17 Nov McHAPPY DAY McDonalds Stores

17 Nov IGNITE CHILLI FESTIVAL Caloundra

09 Dec LIGHTS ON THE LAKE Currimundi Lake

Windansea Clubhouse a reality

After 48 years of not having an official clubhouse, Windansea Boardriders has unveiled exciting new plans to establish a clubhouse and facilities at Currimundi Beach.

President of Windansea Boardriders, Mr Terry Landsberg, said the club had received exceptional support from the surfing community and State MP's to build the community surf facility.

"This clubhouse is recognition of the joint effort undertaken by a number of stakeholders as well as local and state levels of government to benefit the community," he said.

"The facility will also be used by Christian Surfers, the Disabled Surfers' Association, Caloundra Malibu Club, Windansea's Indigenous Surfing Chapter, and many more."

Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie said it was an exciting step forward for the local surfing community.

"Since 1970, Windansea have been active in their engagement with our community and thoroughly deserve a home base to display memorabilia and continue their fantastic work," Mr Bleijie said.

For further information visit www.windanseaboardriders.com.au

Render image of clubhouse design



Bokarina Beach Taking Shape

At Stockland's new Bokarina Beach community, work on the extension to Lake Kawana is underway and the construction of a second bridge along Nicklin Way will start soon, with the first bridge already completed and open to traffic. The construction of these two bridges will facilitate the lake connection under Nicklin Way as well as a pedestrian underpass which will connect Bokarina Beach to the future Birtinya Town Centre. The list of community facilities planned to be delivered includes a new public beach access and surf life-saving facility; village parks; lake; plaza; and the missing link of The Coastal Pathway. The community will eventually comprise approximately 160 home sites, 130 terrace homes and 800 beachside and north facing park-front apartments.



Aerial view of works at Bokarina Beach development



Bruce Highway Upgrade

Work on the Bruce Highway Upgrade – Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway (CR2SM) project is progressing with construction now well and truly underway. The project zone is currently undergoing significant changes with major earthworks, service relocations and drainage works being completed for the new southbound lanes of the Bruce Highway, and the new interchanges in the north and south of the project.

Kawana MP, Jarrod Bleijie said the project, which involves upgrading the stretch of Bruce Highway from four to six lanes as well as upgrading the Caloundra Road and Sunshine Motorway Interchanges, will increase safety and ease congestion for around 40,000 motorists who travel this section of highway daily.

“Our region is also benefiting from the hundreds of jobs this project has created and I thank local residents, motorists and nearby businesses for their patience during construction,” Mr Bleijie said.

The \$812 million project is expected to be completed in late 2020.

Jarrod's Mobile Office Locations

Have a local or state issue you'd like to discuss with Jarrod? Call, email, or visit his office in Minyama, or catch him at the following mobile office locations around the Kawana Electorate.

BUDERIM STREET,
Currimundi (beside Currimundi State School car park)
Tuesday, 11th September 2018
8am – 9am

TUMBLEDOWN PARK,
Bellara Drive, Currimundi (opposite Talara Primary College)
Friday, 13th September 2018
8am – 9am

SIMPSON PARK,
Piringa Street, Wurtulla
Friday, 14th September 2018
8am – 9am

SPORTSMAN PDE,
Bokarina (opposite Kawana Waters State College)
Friday, 21st September 2018
8am – 9am

JOHN HUTTON PARK,
Oceanic Drive, Warana
Thursday, 11th October 2018
8am – 9am





SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Kawana Cinemas One Step Closer

Construction at the Kawana Shoppingworld precinct is progressing well. The brand new carpark in the north (underneath the Cinema construction area) is now open for use by the public.

The remaining section of the northern carpark (the section of remaining carpark between the construction site and Point Cartwright Drive) is now closed in order to commence construction on the remainder of the multi-deck carpark.

The new centre is on track to open in December and will include the Event Cinema complex, including Gold Class and V-Max screens, as well as general admission theatres and new dining options, complimented by the new multi-deck carpark.



Aerial view of Kawana Shoppingworld expansion

New Shopping Centre for Birtinya

The new Birtinya Town Centre is rapidly taking shape with the first stage of the \$87 million Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre currently under construction. The centre's wall panels are up and it is expected to open late this year with Coles and Aldi supermarkets, around 40 specialty stores and an open-air late-night dining precinct. The Stockland Birtinya development is estimated to provide 600 jobs upon completion.

Expansion coming for Stockland Caloundra

A development application has been lodged with Sunshine Coast Council to increase the size of Stockland's Caloundra Shopping Centre. The planned expansion features a six-theatre cinema, tavern and range of new specialty stores. The shopping centre would remain fully operational during the redevelopment program.

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