

Hello Friends

Bringing you up to date with a few of the things I have been up to since the last E-News.

Inaugural Nicklin Sundale Community Service Awards

In early July I had the pleasure of hosting the inaugural Nicklin Sundale Community Service Awards.

In the past I have recognised volunteers at a single awards day in May but this year I wanted to build on that by taking the ceremonies out into our community.

The first of these community events allowed the residents of Sundale to join with me in thanking their wonderful volunteers.

On behalf of the residents, their families and staff it was a pleasure to be able to host a special morning tea and present certificates of appreciation to over 50 dedicated Sundale community volunteers. I look forward to this becoming an annual event.



Among the award recipients were over 40 James Grimes Gare Centre volunteers (photo below) and Sundale Bowder Lodge volunteer Constance Crump, who was recognised for over 10 years of service to the Bowder Lodge residents. (Pictured)

Creekside Nambour Tour

Later that week I joined Minister Coralee O'Rourke and representatives from On Track Co Op for a tour of Creekside Nambour, prior to the commencement of renovations.

Creekside which is operated by the On Track Co-Operative out of the Old Namtec Building in Mathew Street Nambour. and brings together SCILS (Sunshine Coast Independent Living Service), SPIRAL (Supporting People in Respite and Lifestyle), Equity Works, Parent to Parent and Inclusion Plus who are working together to breathe life back into the old site through projects aimed at assisting the clients of the Not-for-profit Member Groups in a variety of ways.



Pictured L to R with Jodi Wolthers, Minister O'Rourke, Peter Farnham, Robbie Murray and Paul Martin

Moorhouse Road Home Opening

I then joined Minister Coralee O'Rourke and representatives from SCOPE (Support Community Opportunity Partnership Empowerment) for the Official opening of the new Moorhouse Road disability housing project. The home is designed to accommodate 4 people in their own self-contained units. The residents and their families are in the process of furnishing and adding personal touches to their new homes and we should see the first resident move in within the month.



Each of the individual units has its own court yard and one of the photos below shows the Minister, SCOPE representatives Barry Maxfield and Tracey Lloyd, Departmental representative Julie Smith and myself looking out over the courtyard of one of the units.

Parliament A 'Buzz' With Bees

I am delighted that my idea of introducing native bees into the Parliament grounds came to fruition with the signing of a memorandum of understanding yesterday between myself and Queensland University Technology and Sugar Bag Bees.

My intention is that the bees will serve two purposes, first to help QUT with their research into our native bees and, second to constantly remind us to consider the potential impact of our decisions on our environment.

During Estimates hearings yesterday in response to a question on the bees, I said the state of our environment is important to me and I hope the presence of the bees in our Parliament's gardens will become a symbol to inspire other to always consider the potential impact of their decisions on our environment. I also said the bees will remain for as long as I am Speaker.

People who may be interested in finding out more about the research being undertaken can contact Dr Tim Heard on

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Minister Supports Nambour TAFE's Future

On 26 July 2016, at my invitation, the Hon Yvette D'Ath Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Training and Skills visited Nambour TAFE. During the visit she assured me the Nambour TAFE has a bright future, as the Nambour Campus is the largest trades training facility in the TAFE Queensland East Coast region and is an important site for TAFE training in Queensland.

During the hour and a half visit we inspected most of the facilities. The Minister stressed the Labor



Government's investment of more than \$1million over the past two years in the Nambour TAFE should allay any fears the Labor Government has any plans to wind back or walk away from Nambour TAFE.

I also discussed with the Minister the concerns I have with the credibility of some private training operators running courses, which are not properly training their graduates. For further information on courses available at Nambour TAFE go to www.tafeeastcoast.edu.au

(Pic Inspecting the Nambour TAFE with the Attorney-General D'Ath)

Thank you Nambour College

I had the pleasure of attending the senior and junior school assemblies at Nambour State College to say thank you to the students who volunteered at the Sunshine Coast Show.

I presented each student with a community service award in recognition of their work and for being role models for other to follow.

On behalf of our community, thank you.



Nambour set to Rock and Roll

Put this date into your calendar 1 October 2016 as Nambour Retro Rocks Event is on at the Nambour Town Centre and later at the Hungerford Hall. Last year I had the privilege of attending and I urge everyone to turn up for this fabulous event. For further information go to: <http://kashworth9.wixsite.com/retrorocks>



Pictured: Organisers of Nambour Retro Rocks Kevin Bryant and Kath Ashworth alongside Peter accepting a donation.

Nambour Special School and Brook Street Kindy

This week I visited Nambour Special School to see the students putting one of my recent donation to good use.



I then visited the Brook Street Kindy for a catch up and to say thank you for the recent gift of mandarins from the tree I had given them a few years back. The garden is a credit to the Kindy. It was great to also see our kids learning about the environment & benefit of Australian Native Bees at our own Brook Street Kindy.



Pictured: Kindy Manager Sandy and Peter inspecting the Native Bee Hive at Brook Street Kindy.

Feedback sought on fishing reform

Fish management is an issue that is of interest to many of us and I wanted to let you know that the Government is calling for comment on Fisheries Management Reform in Queensland through their recently released Green Paper.

The Green Paper is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to have a say in relation to:

- Managing target stocks
- Managing impacts on the ecosystem including non-target species
- Resource sharing between the commercial and recreational sectors
- Access to resources
- Decision making framework
- Harvest strategies
- Data and information
- Consultation and engagement
- Fisheries compliance
- Contributions to the costs of management.

The Green Paper is available for public comment from 21 July to 30 September and can be viewed at www.daf.qld.gov.au

There is a survey form online at www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au

2016 My Home Awards

A number of residents in our community live in Social Housing, whether that be in Seniors accommodation, unit complexes or standalone housing.

Over the years I have met many proud tenants who go to a lot of work in looking after their homes and gardens.

The Government has reintroduced the My Home Awards to recognise the effort that some Government Tenants go to in looking after their homes, gardens and local area.

If you would like more information, entry forms are available from my office or go to: <https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/public-community-housing/my-home-awards/>

Yandina Street Fair

Another date for the calendar is Sunday 21 August 11am to 7pm for the Yandina Street Fair. This is the 39th annual event with the town centre turned over to pedestrian traffic only for the day. There will be plenty of live entertainment and music, as well as plenty of activities for the kids, finishing off with a laser light show.

For further information go to www.yandinastreetfair.org.au



Pictured with Yandina Street Fair representatives David Tidey and Robyn Anns

Until next time.

Regards

Peter Wellington