



KAWANA TODAY

JARROD BLEIJIE MP | Member for Kawana

Covering news and views from the Kawana Electorate

WELCOME



SUPPORTING LOCAL VETERANS

Jarrold Bleijie, Member for Kawana, has been a strong supporter of local veterans and RSL sub-branches on the Sunshine Coast for many years and was proud recently to support the Caloundra RSL sub-branch at their 'Victory in the Pacific' Gala.

Following emcee Rosanna Natoli's unfortunate fall which led to her breaking her wrist, Jarrod was called upon to fill in. Luckily, he had his trusty Elvis costume in the boot of his car and promptly took to the stage, singing classic tunes with the band late into the evening.

Jarrold also recognised Caloundra RSL sub-branch President Heather Christie, and Gary Phillips for their continued contributions to our local community and for the important work they, and the sub-branch, do.

The Caloundra RSL sub-branch also hosted a moving ceremony recognising the contributions of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II following the monarch's passing last year.

Jarrold also attended Remembrance Day services last year, both at Kawana Waters RSL sub-branch and at Buddina State School. He stated that he was very impressed with poetry which had been written by students of the school, as well as artwork they had done honouring the sacrifice of the heroic men and women who fought and died defending our freedom.

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.

I am so proud to represent you and all the residents of the Kawana electorate. Like you, I live here 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 encourage you to contact my office on (07) 5406 3100 should you wish to discuss any matter.

Jarrold Bleijie MP



OPPOSITION LEADER DAVID CRISAFULLI ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

Kawana MP Jarrod Bleijie was joined by Queensland LNP Leader David Crisafulli MP who arrived on the Sunshine Coast recently to talk with local doctors, nurses and practice owners about Labor's plan to force GPs across the state to retrospectively pay payroll tax from which they had previously been exempt.

The government's initial plan meant that GPs would have to pay payroll tax for the previous five years, with one doctor stating that this would have cost their business over a million dollars. The state government then changed their mind and made the retrospectivity extend to only the previous year, but as Jarrod and David were told by local practice owners, their businesses would still be liable to pay thousands of dollars in tax that they had not previously accounted for.

After the LNP called this out, Treasurer Cameron Dick backflipped and has pushed this decision out until 2025, giving temporary relief to GPs who would have had no choice but to increase the price of consultations for patients, or close their doors for good.

Additionally during his visit, David joined Jarrod in inspecting the Pumicestone Passage which has recently had sections closed due to traces of asbestos being detected on the beach. They both called for more transparency surrounding the issue.



Talking with doctors about Labor's Patient Tax



Checking out the Pumicestone Passage



FUNDING SECURED

\$200,000 UPGRADE FOR CURRIMUNDI STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP



Currimundi State School has received a new tuckshop as part of direct Department of Education funding championed by Jarrod Bleijie MP, Member for Kawana. The school received \$200,000 in direct funding to renovate their old tuckshop and upgrade its equipment.

After the Currimundi State School P&C reached out to Jarrod about their need for renovations to the school tuckshop, he worked with the Department of Education to source direct funding for the renovations.

"Currimundi State School has a strong school community and has offered a great choice of education to families in the local area for 45 years. This is why it is important that their school facilities are safe, modern and properly maintained to ensure that students and staff have the best possible environment to thrive in," Jarrod said.

"I congratulate Currimundi State School and their P&C on receiving the funding and look forward to seeing the positive impact the new tuckshop will have on the school community."

JARROD'S SAY

Since the last issue of Kawana Today, a lot has happened on the Sunshine Coast and around Queensland.

Our region has faced a number of challenges over the last few years which have tested our resolve and endurance as a community. Now that the pandemic has largely receded and the state of emergency is no more, Queenslanders can finally see clearly the cracks that are quickly emerging in the Palaszczuk Labor Government and their ability to govern in the best interests of Queenslanders.

Integrity scandals have plagued the government for months - something which the Premier has failed to front up about or take responsibility for. The findings from the Coldrake Review into public sector accountability are yet to be implemented after more than 200 days since the report was presented. Anastacia Palaszczuk has allowed a culture of intimidation to brew in the Queensland Government and it is time that she was held accountable for her government's lack of integrity.

Another critical issue that has affected our community is the youth crime crisis which has resulted from Labor's weakening of the Youth Justice Act when they came to government in 2015 after the LNP had cracked down on juvenile offen-

ders and made our community safer as a result. The consequences of Labor's inaction are being felt right across Queensland and in our community where homes are being broken into and cars are being stolen by juveniles who face no consequences for their actions. Last year 2133 cars were stolen across Queensland in the month of December alone. The LNP have put some sensible amendments on the table such as making breach of bail an offence and removing detention as a last resort. The government must act so our community can stop living in fear.

Finally, the LNP have continued to take the fight to the government on the health crisis. Ambulance ramping remains the highest in the country at 41% around the state, and close to 70% in some regional areas. The LNP want to empower doctors and nurses on the front line to make decisions to improve patient care, with increased ownership and ability to make decisions tailored to local health needs. I will continue to stand up for Queenslanders and advocate for the services they need and deserve.

Jarrold



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



SAVE Nicklin Way Parking



Day for Daniel



Diwali Festival

YOUTH CRIME

Juvenile crime has become an increasing problem around Queensland and the Kawana electorate is the latest victim of a string of offences which are occurring around the state. On Australia Day 2023, a number of homes around Bokarina Beach, Warana and Wurtulla were hit by criminals from Ipswich, driving three stolen cars - a white VW Polo, a red Skoda and a black BMW. One resident, who was in her home at the time of the break-in at 4:15pm,

reported that she thought she heard her husband and child arrive home, but when she investigated, found two masked criminals in her front bedroom. Jarrod Bleijie MP recently held a well-attended community crime prevention meeting with Senior Sergeant Mark Cordwell from the Kawana Waters Police Station, as well as Crime Stoppers and the Neighbourhood Watch, to advise residents about safety strategies and the role the community can play in keeping each other safe.



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CRIMESTOPPERS: 1800 333 000
POLICE LINK: 131 444

BUDDINA COMMUNITY GARDEN SPONSORSHIP

Jarrod Bleijie was joined by Sunshine Coast Councillor Joe Natoli to celebrate the Buddina Community Garden last year and to acknowledge local resident Kevin Asmus for all the hard work he put into getting the garden started, and for his continued support of the garden over many years. Jarrod spoke about how proud he was to be a key sponsor of the wonderful group and the

many benefits that the garden provides to Buddina residents. To top the celebrations off, a lovely morning tea was enjoyed by all attendees. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Buddina Community Garden, please visit their Facebook page, *Buddina Community Garden Inc.* or get in touch at: buddinacommunitygarden@gmail.com.



Coast Guard Visit



Marquee Sponsorship



Citizenship Ceremony

SUNSHINE COAST TO BRISBANE **HEAVY PASSENGER RAIL**

FUNDING SECURED

For many years the Sunshine Coast community has been calling for Heavy Passenger Rail to be brought to the Sunshine Coast. State MP for Kawana Jarrod Bleijie has called on the Queensland State Government to commit to the rail which would run from Beewah to Caloundra to Kawana and to Maroochydore.

The former Morrison Liberal National Government committed \$1.6 billion to the project following lobbying from local federal MPs Ted O'Brien and Andrew Wallace. Fortunately, the new Federal Government has retained the funding allocated by the former government and awaits action from the state government which has failed to confirm whether it will proceed with this vital infrastructure project.

The Sunshine Coast will play an important role in the upcoming 2032 Olympics and Paralympics, hosting events such as the marathon, cycling, basketball and football. Our region will also require new infrastructure projects to facilitate these activities and accommodate athletes and spectators alike.

The LNP have committed to funding the state's share of Heavy Passenger Rail and will continue to advocate for this long-awaited project for the Sunshine Coast.



MARQUEES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Applications are now open for the next round of Jarrod Bleijie's sponsored marquees!

If you are involved in a local not-for-profit club or organisation in the Kawana Electorate and would like to apply for a free sponsored marquee, simply email kawana@parliament.qld.gov.au with your club or organisation's details along with your contact information to register.



INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Caloundra Road / Kawana Way Link / Bells Creek Arterial Road Upgrade

After many years of strongly campaigning for better roads and less congestion by Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie MP, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recently announced the movement of the project into Stage 2. Community consultation on the project has now closed.

Jarrold said that with growing population pressures across the Sunshine Coast region, an upgrade to the Caloundra Road / Kawana Way Link Road intersection will help boost the capacity of the local road network and reduce congestion. One of the proposals

by the state government included the addition of traffic lights to the project. In response to this suggestion, Jarrod stated "I am not convinced adding more traffic lights on Caloundra Road would ease congestion," adding that "I think we should advocate that TMR go straight to the long-term solution and forget the traffic lights."

Jarrold has encouraged locals to have their say by emailing him at: kawana@parliament.qld.gov.au.

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