



SUSAN LAMB MP

Federal Member for Longman

Community News

Christmas and New Year Issue



A MESSAGE FROM SUSAN

It's almost the holiday season, which means the barbecues at Centenary Lakes will be running hot, people will be seeking refuge from the summer heat at the new Burpengary Shopping Centre and families will be flocking to Bribie's shores for a swim.

With temperatures rising, the increased threat of extreme weather and more traffic on our roads, it's important to look out for ourselves, our neighbours, family and friends. I encourage you to start preparing for the break by taking some simple steps, including:

- Checking if your medical alert system or priority assistance line is working properly before the warmer weather is upon us.
- If you or someone you are caring for is receiving income support, making yourself aware of the changes to Centrelink's reporting dates for earnings and employment.
- Auditing your supplies, clearing the yard and gutters of any debris and reviewing your home emergency plan to assess whether you're prepared for the storm and bush fire season.

We've also got the State Election coming up on November 25! Our committed Labor representatives will be seeking your support to continue improving our local health services, roads and emergency services to keep our community safe, healthy, happy and productive. It's important to make sure you know where your closest polling booth is to vote on Election Day, so that your voice is heard.

I have provided some useful resources and contacts inside to help you get ready and assist you while my office is closed for the standard Christmas and New Year break.

Please stay safe, enjoy the break from work, uni or school and make the most of this special time of the year with your friends and loved ones. For all of our nurses, doctors, paramedics, retail, and hospitality workers - all workers giving up their precious time over the holidays for that fact - thank you for serving our community. Your penalty rates are well deserved and should be protected!

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YOUR ELECTORATE OFFICE IS HERE TO HELP

Your local electorate office is a resource which can help you find answers and resolve local issues. My staff and I work hard to defend the rights and interests of your community, our community. If you have a question about anything you've read in this newsletter, please get in touch.

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Family Contacts:

Emergencies

In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 000 immediately.



Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)

Weather monitoring service providing access to forecasts and extreme weather warnings.



Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ)

RFSQ can provide advice on producing bushfire survival plans and updates on local fires.



MoretonAlert - Disaster communication system

Register to receive free emergency alerts via SMS, voice and email.



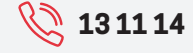
State Emergency Services (SES)

Advice on storm season preparation. Victims of extreme weather events can also contact the SES for assistance.



Lifeline

Lifeline operators are available 24 hours and can assist with crisis support, counselling and suicide prevention over the phone.



Police Link

Members of our community can use Police Link to report non-urgent incidents.



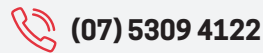
Centrelink

Over the holiday period, reporting dates for income and employment may change; it is recommended that you contact Centrelink for clarification.



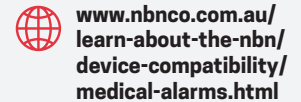
Caboolture Community Action (CCA)

CCA may be able to provide support and advice in the event of a crisis.



NBN Co - Medical alert system registration

If you have any questions or need to register your alert system, you can contact NBN Co.



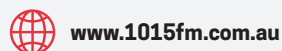
Health advice and support

This telephone service provides general advice on health-related issues and where to seek further diagnosis, treatment and information.



101.5FM - Moreton Bay's community broadcaster

Our local community broadcaster provides regular and reliable local traffic and disaster updates and information.



SmartTraveller

If you plan on going overseas, review the current travel advisories and register your plans so that friends and family can keep track of you in case of an emergency.



Electoral Commission Queensland

For information on postal voting, booth locations and general election enquiries.



Looking Back –

Some of this Year's Major Community Wins

2017 has been an extremely productive year – with your support, I've been working with our community, State Labor Members and Councillors to make sure that the Turnbull Government is held to account, and listens to our community's feedback when it comes to important policy decisions that affects our lives.



Labor steps in for our local Community Legal Service

I visited the Moreton Bay Community Legal Service with Mark Ryan MP to welcome the Palaszczuk Government's announcement of a funding injection of over \$392,000 to help offset the Turnbull Government's proposed cuts to these vital services.

The Caboolture Hospital gets an upgrade

Our State Member for Morayfield, Mark Ryan MP, managed to secure \$19.6 million over two years to expand Caboolture Hospital emergency department. Construction of a \$5 million car park and a \$7.25 million Specialist Outpatient Services building has already begun.



Residents band together to tell Turnbull "My NBN Sucks"

NBN complaints have been flooding through my office this year - I couldn't stand by while our community's lives and livelihoods are jeopardised by this Government's second-rate telecommunications system. Residents joined our local representatives from all levels of government to collectively voice their dissatisfaction and condemn the Government's mismanagement of the rollout.



Congratulations to all successful applicants who applied for the Stronger Communities funding!



Months ago I established the Longman Community Consultation Committee (LCCC), a committee of eight respected community leaders. I worked with the LCCC to lobby on behalf of 17 local organisations who applied for federal funding to get their projects off-the-ground. More applicants are still to be announced - I'll keep you updated on those who were successful in the next issue of Community News.

**Bribie Island
Respite Centre**
\$19,999 to fit out the
Centre's new Cottage
Respite Facility

**Bribie Island Soccer
Football Club
Incorporated**
\$2,700 for the Miniroos
to purchase portable
goals.

**The Caboolture
Historical Society Inc**
\$2,500 for a new
ride-on lawn mower
and maintenance
equipment.

**Dragons Abreast
Bribie Island**
\$5,750 to replace their
boat.

**Caboolture Warplane
and Flight Heritage
Museum**
\$2,500 computer system
upgrade to assist
with the museum's
operations.

**Burpengary Junior
Rugby League
Football Club Inc**
\$2,500 for a stand-
alone storage facility
to store sporting
equipment.

Community Highlights



'My NBN Sucks' mobile offices

The My NBN Sucks campaign has been making its way around the electorate visiting Wamuran, Woodford, Dakabin, Bribie, Caboolture and Morayfield to provide our community with an outlet to place pressure on the Government to deliver decent internet and telephone access.



Annual Emergency Services Expo

Minister for Emergency Services, Mark Ryan MP, joined me in celebrating the extraordinary efforts of our local emergency services team in keeping our community safe and protected against crime and natural disasters.



Jobseekers Forum

Shadow Minister for Employment Services, Workforce Participation and the Future of Work Ed Husic met with jobseekers in Caboolture to listen to their experiences with the Turnbull Government's failing jobs programs, including the PaTH internship program. Participants provided valuable feedback on policies to actually assist people with searching for and landing good, decent jobs.



Medicare Taskforce

Labor's Medicare Taskforce held consultations with the Caboolture Hospital and Morayfield Family Doctors to better understand the impact of rising healthcare costs on people and families in our area. Our local GPs and medical practitioners put forward solutions to ease the pressures on local families that will be fed back in to Labor's health policy development forum.



IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NOTICE **Electorate Office Christmas and New Year Shutdown**

Each year, MP and Senators' electorate offices close for a mandatory Christmas and New Year break. Your Electorate Office will be closed from
21 December 2017 – 08 January 2018.

If you need assistance during the closure, please use the list of community contacts provided. My staff will return in the New Year, ready to help you with resolving your individual issues.



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