

Community Highlights



Caboolture BMX Club Snakepit Open Day

Neil and the team at Caboolture BMX Club did a wonderful job of organising their Open Day. Families and riders set up around the Centenary Lakes BMX track where there were races, raffles, great food and coffee. It was also a good opportunity for me to catch up with Neil and hear about the Club's plans to expand.



Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day Remembrance House, Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park

It's an honour and a privilege to be invited to pay my respects to the veterans who live in our electorate, and those who have served before them. As always, Darryl and Glenn put together beautiful services, which brought our community together to remember the sacrifices that were made for us all.



Bribie Island Respite Centre Seniors' Expo

What a great way to spend the first weekend back after sitting in Canberra! There were a range of organisations that came out to showcase their services that support our local seniors. Thank you to the Respite Centre's Services Manager, Jo, for inviting my office to hold a stall at the event.



Zonta Club of Caboolture Trivia Night

If you're into trivia, you should try and get down to an event organised by the ladies at Zonta - I don't think I have ever laughed so hard! It's great to be able to support this wonderful organisation, all while enjoying a great night out.



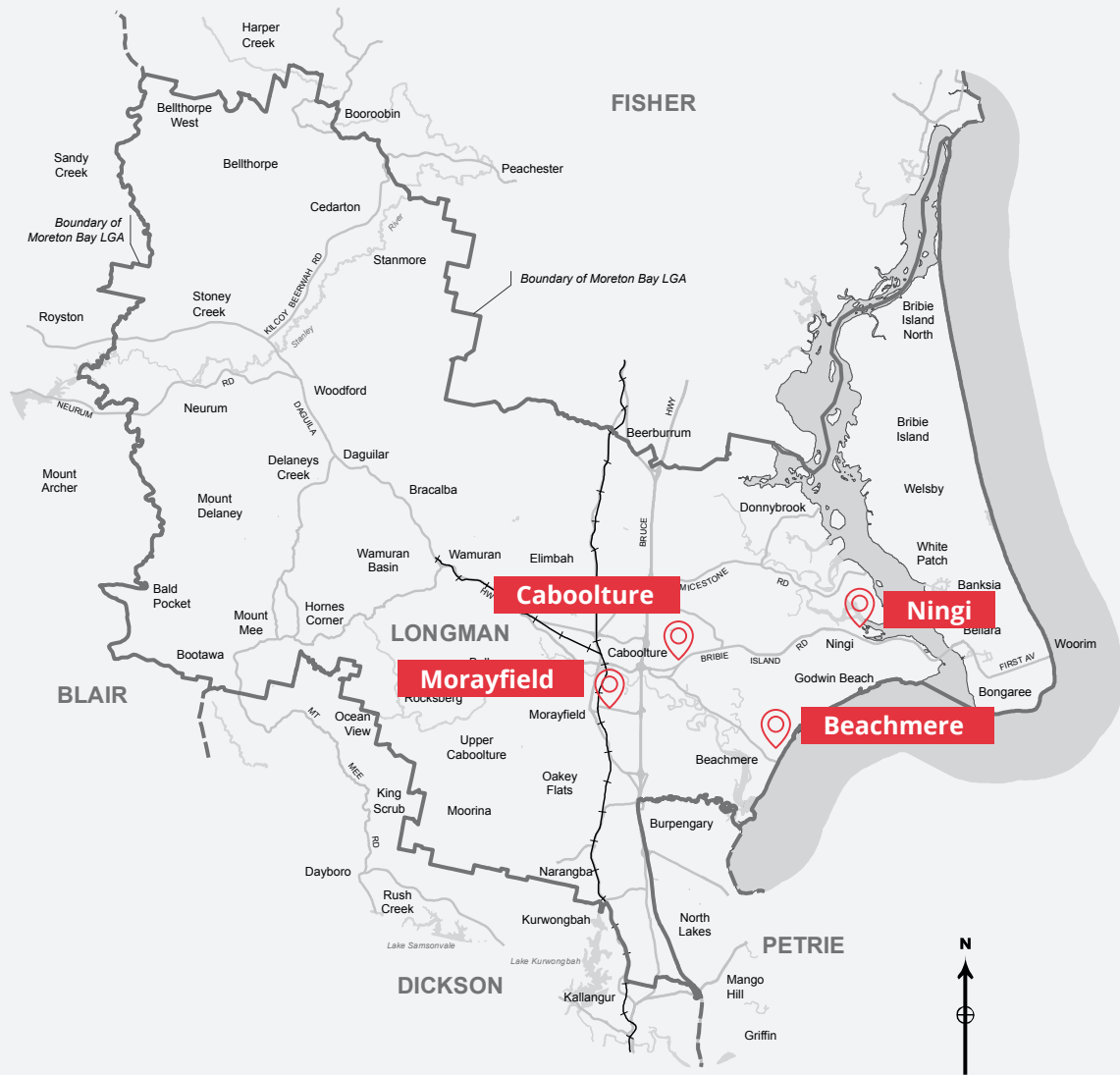
Meals on Wheels Caboolture

It was so exciting to be a part of National Meals on Wheels Day. I joined Rhondi from Meals on Wheels Caboolture and gave her a hand delivering some delicious roast chicken meals to the Morayfield Community Craft Group. I take my hat off to all of the volunteers who put in a huge effort on the day.



University of the Sunshine Coast, Caboolture campus

Tanya Plibersek joined me at University of the Sunshine Coast's Caboolture campus for a major funding announcement that will help locals follow their education pathways. We spoke to students and staff about Labor's \$174 million commitment to specialised programs that will boost participation in Universities and TAFE, ensuring that everyone in our community has access to a great education.



Mobile offices and events

Our mobile offices will be making their way around the electorate to keep you up-to-date on Labor's plan to invest in our hospital, schools and vital community support services. They're also a great opportunity to raise any community or individual issues that your Electorate Office may be able to assist with. We look forward to seeing you!

Saturday, October 6

- Mobile Offices:
- 9:00am - 09:45am Dickson Park - 143 Morayfield Road, Morayfield Morayfield Road side
 - 10:00am - 10:45am Corner Bribie Island Road and Beachmere Road, Caboolture
 - 11:00am - 11:45am Lehman Park West, 3 Biggs Avenue, Beachmere
 - 1:00pm - 1:45pm Ningi District Hall, 1320 Bribie Island Road, Ningi



SUSAN LAMB MP
Federal Member for Longman

Community News



A message from Susan



THANK YOU LONGMAN!

Thank you for putting your faith in me again to continue advocating for our amazing community.

You have sent the new Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and his Government a strong message - **stop giving money to banks and start funding our local schools and Caboolture Hospital.**

While the Liberals' big bank tax cut has been shelved for the moment, it's hard to believe that the architect of this multinational giveaway, Scott Morrison, hasn't ruled out ever bringing them back.

Over the last few months, what you told me is that you want to see our local health services properly resourced.

You want to make sure Government is supportive of our local schools, giving our kids access to a great education and the very best opportunities in life.

You told me that you just want your Government to do the right thing and look after the people in our area. This is what you elected me to do, which is why I'll be working with our community to make sure we return Labor to Government.

In this issue of Community News, I want to take you through some of the commitments I've made to our area.

My team and I spend a lot of time out and about in our local community. If you see us, come and let us know what you want to see change in our area.

Susan Lamb

SUSAN LAMB MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LONGMAN

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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A new Urgent Care Clinic for Bribie



Those who know me well have probably heard me say “when you listen, you hear things” at least once. At the beginning of the last election campaign, I worked my way around Bribie with volunteers, knocking on doors in Woorim right over to Banksia Beach. We listened to people’s concerns and heard that many of you were worried about the time it takes to travel between the Island and Caboolture Hospital. We heard that people were concerned about the risk that this presents for their friends and family in the event of an emergency.

Because of your important community feedback, under a Shorten-Labor Government, I have committed to building an Urgent Care Clinic on Bribie where locals will be able to get urgent, non-life threatening treatment.

Not only will this create greater access to healthcare for people and families on Bribie, it will also ease the pressure on our Caboolture Hospital by reducing the number of presentations to its Emergency Department. This commitment to build an Urgent Care Clinic will collectively benefit the health needs of our entire community.

Caboolture Hospital: reversing the Liberals’ cuts and investing in a chemotherapy service



Although Scott Morrison is the new Prime Minister, he’s still sweeping through the cuts to our essential community services that he introduced as Malcolm Turnbull’s Treasurer. The Liberals have cut \$2.9 million from Caboolture Hospital, all while looking at ways to give the big banks a \$17 billion tax cut. Their priorities are just wrong – we don’t need to give the banks more money, I think they’re doing okay. What people in our area need is their hospital to be adequately resourced.

You told me that you don’t want the Morrison Government to continue making cuts to the Caboolture Hospital. With a Labor Government, I will reverse the \$2.9 million cut and pledge a further \$10 million for a new chemotherapy service. This investment will mean 360 patients will receive around 3700 chemotherapy treatments every year!

I raised my four boys here, so I know how important it is to make sure that families have access to good quality hospitals and healthcare. With the Moreton Bay Region being one of the fast growing regions in Queensland, I recognise that important local health facilities need to keep up with growth and demand.

Investing in our local schools



There is not one person in our community who has told me that they want to see cuts to our local schools, and tax cuts given to big banks. Families in our community want to see students at Burpengary State School, Woodford P-10, Minimbah State School, Narangba Valley High - students right throughout our electorate – be able to access a good quality education.

I am standing with our school community by promising to work with a Labor Government to restore the \$18.3 million being ripped away from our local schools by the Liberals.

As a former Teacher Aide at Dakabin State School, I know how bad the Government’s cuts to education will be for our kids. Right up until the next general election, I’ll be working with parents, teachers and staff to make sure that Labor is in a position to reverse these horrible cuts in Government.

Resourcing Centrelink and the Department of Human Services



Every week, your Electorate Office helps people who are facing troubles with the mess that the Government has made of the Centrelink system. I’ve heard some heartbreaking stories, and it’s through these stories that I’m driven to fight for change in Canberra. During the recent campaign, we spoke with a woman who had finished-up in her role as a carer, and had notified Centrelink of the change in her circumstances. The time it took to process her application had taken so long that she had no money to pay the electricity bill. It was heartbreaking to hear that her children had to return home from school, with no lights on to be able to do their homework.

People are concerned about the Government’s mismanagement of departments like Centrelink. In particular, the impact that their job cuts are having on the staff and their ability to provide vital support services to our community.

This is why I announced that 50 new, local Department of Human Services jobs will be created in our area under a Labor Government. I’m also concerned about the Government’s spending on private contractors for public services like Centrelink. I will work with Labor to abolish the staffing cap for federal government agencies if we’re successful at the next election.

While the Liberal Government chooses to ignore the long and unacceptable call centre and processing wait times, there are families who genuinely need the support and assistance of government. After hearing stories like these, it’s clear to me that we need to bring compassion back into Canberra, and the only way to do that is with a Labor Government.

Even more local commitments

It’s hard to try and fit all of the commitments we’ve made to our area in one issue of Community News. So, I’ve provided a comprehensive list of our most recent commitments for you to have a look at. If you have a question about one of these commitments or a specific area of Labor’s policies, please get in touch with my office. As we continue to consult with people, groups, businesses and organisations in our community, you can expect more positive policies and commitments to be released.

