



Stirling's Sandgate Stories

Community Newsletter | July 2017



A Look at the 2017-18 State Budget, GUN Project, Shorncliffe Station Upgrade & More!

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Stirling Hinchliffe MP | State Member for Sandgate

\$5.3 Billion in Cost of Living Relief

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering around \$5.3 billion in cost of living relief for Queenslanders who need it most as part of the 2017-18 Budget.

Vehicle and boat registration, school transport, health, electricity bills and training concessions are available for eligible Queenslanders.

"I want to help locals know what is available and how to apply," Stirling said.

As a proud member of the Palaszczuk Government, Stirling Hinchliffe said these measures were about helping Queenslanders save money on everyday living expenses so they have more money in their pocket, through a wide range of concessions.

Please visit the Palaszczuk Government's 'Smart Savings' website for more information: www.qld.gov.au/smartsavings

How Will You Benefit?



Household Relief for life's Essentials

Delivered by the Palaszczuk Labor Government



Fairer Fares

New & Lower Public Transport Fares for 2017



Oral Health Scheme



Something to smile about

More than \$149 million to provide free dental care to eligible Qlders



Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme



The scheme provides up to \$120/yr to eligible pensioner property owners in South East Queensland.



Electricity Rebate Scheme



\$341/yr towards electricity costs for eligible pensioners or seniors extended to Commonwealth Health Care Card Holders from 1 January, 2017.



Powering QLD Plan



\$771 million to remove the cost of the Solar Bonus Scheme from electricity prices, saving \$51 for households & \$90 for small businesses



Pensioner Rebate Scheme



\$54 million to help pensioners remain in their own homes with a 20% subsidy for Local Government rates & charges.

2017-18 QLD State Budget

Delivering for our local community & State



Economic Management



A Word from Stirling

Dear Resident,

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. Over the past year, the Palaszczuk Government has been hard at work, delivering on its commitments to benefit our local community. The 2017-18 Queensland Budget continues to support investments in education, skills and training and the vital infrastructure our growing community needs to support jobs now and into the future. These investments are coupled with initiatives which support our families and households who are struggling with cost-of-living pressures.

Many locals will benefit from the Palaszczuk Government's \$1.16 billion 'Powering Queensland Plan' which will ensure we have secure and affordable electricity. Many residents will also be eligible for cost of living support through the Electricity Rebate Scheme, Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme and Pensioner Water Subsidy Scheme. Commuters across the Northside will benefit from frozen public transport fares throughout 2017 as part of the 'Fairer Fares' package. Freezing public transport fares for the remainder of 2017 will mean commuters will have real cash back in their pockets.

Our community is growing, so I am working hard to ensure we build the infrastructure to meet this demand. The Queensland Government's commitment to fully fund 'Cross River Rail' will allow trains every 6 minutes during peak hour on the Shorncliffe Line. Meanwhile, the continued funding for the Gateway North Upgrade Project will mean less travel time for all users of the Gateway Motorway.

We are a unique community and I'm passionate about working to make it better for all.

Kind Regards,

Stirling



Transport

\$236.3M to continue to widen road lanes from 4 to 6 as part of the Gateway Upgrade North Project.

\$3.4M to complete permanent speed enforcement and a heavy vehicle stopping lane on the Gateway Motorway

\$3.4M for the heritage restoration at Shorncliffe Railway Station at a total cost of \$4.8M



Employment & Business



\$643,725 in grant funding in 2017-18 for innovative start-ups in the local community as part of the Advance Queensland Initiative

\$27.5M to introduce support payments in the SEQ region for employers who take on long term or young unemployed job seekers, benefitting locals



Education & Training

Every State School across the Electorate will benefit from a new teacher aide in every prep class from next year, as part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$24.8 million investment over four years to provide an extra 4000 teacher aide hours per week.

School Infrastructure Enhancement Program

\$200,000 to refurbish Block A at Nashville State School

\$150,000 to refurbish Block B at Shorncliffe State School

\$100,000 to resurface Multi Purpose Courts at Nashville State School

\$28M as part of the \$500M Building Schools Fund to address enrolment growth & pressure in State Schools

\$314.8M in programmes to provide our kids with access to quality early childhood education & care

\$60M as part of the \$240M Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program, an initiative which has seen locals gain qualifications for employment

Health

\$200M to enhance public hospital capacity & services in SEQ, including \$131.8M for proposed development works. This also includes \$68.9M for a new adolescent mental health facility at the Prince Charles Hospital

\$126.5M to reduce specialist outpatient waiting lists

Since the Palaszczuk Government was elected, there have been 3,300 nursing & midwifery graduates, 16 nurse educators & 121 nurse navigators employed.



Housing

\$293,000 to provide Home Assist Secure Services locally

\$30M to extend the First Home Owners Grant from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a further 6 months

\$420M for a housing construction programme to boost the supply of social & affordable housing

\$100M to reform the housing & homelessness service system to help those in need in our State



Environment

\$175M over the next 5 years to deliver the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Programme

\$1.16B to put downward pressure on electricity prices while moving towards a 50% renewable energy target

\$771M to provide relief for household solar costs

\$19.7M to provide incentives to local and statewide landowners to conserve highly valued habitat



Disability Care

\$6.8M to assist Sandgate Electorate locals with a disability and their families to access the support and services they need to live a fulfilled life in our community

A record \$1.887B for state wide disability services, including \$548.9M for the NDIS



"A Budget for Builders & Battlers"

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk



Communities



292 new front line safety officers, support officers, team leaders & admin officers

\$685,794 in 17-18, as part of a \$2.7 million commitment over 4 years, to provide out-of-home care placement services for youth in the Sandgate Electorate

\$186,066 in 17-18, as part of a \$744,264 commitment over 4 years, to provide domestic and family violence services to locals in the Sandgate Electorate.

\$111,853 in 17-18, as part of a \$447,413 commitment over 4 years, to provide family support services to work with vulnerable families in our local community.

\$213,717 in 17-18, as part of a \$854,867 commitment over four years, to provide support for young people in the Sandgate Electorate by building connections to their families and to the community.

An additional \$141.8M over 4 years for Queensland's Child Protection System.



Community Safety

\$43.7M to deliver 30 Counter Terrorism Officers, & other police officers for priority areas in the State

\$18M to tackle the effects of "ice" usage across our communities

\$32.6M to re-establish a drug court in Brisbane with support & referral services

\$265M to enable tougher supervision of parolees with more access to rehab & mental health services

\$108M for new & updated force & emergency facilities & communication equipment across the State



Sport

\$44,144 as part of a \$88,287 commitment to upgrade the surface of the main playing field to support rugby league in Brighton

\$50,000 as part of a \$100,000 commitment to upgrade lighting to support football at Wakefield Park

Local Students Gain Industry Experience



Gemma McCrossin and Stirling

In May, Sandgate District State High School students in years 11 and 12 took part in a work experience programme on the Gateway Upgrade North Project.

Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, said that nine students in total participated in the work experience programme and were exposed to a variety of roles across the project.

"This project is not only delivering vital transport infrastructure for our community, but is also giving local students real hands on experience."

"Through the Gateway Upgrade North project, students have participated in areas of construction, engineering, environment, traffic, commercial and community relations," said Mr Hinchliffe.

This placement programme has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the students who participated. Sandgate District State High School participant, Gemma McCrossin, said that she appreciated this opportunity, which has helped her gain insight into a career as an environmental scientist.

"This programme gave me an excellent insight into a career in environmental science, while giving me real experience in the field", said Miss McCrossin.

Mr Hinchliffe commended the Gateway Upgrade North project team for offering students, like Gemma, a real opportunity to see first-hand how a major infrastructure project works.

"The students who participated in this programme, like Gemma, have enjoyed first-hand experience alongside a variety of professionals and tradies on a major worksite," said Mr Hinchliffe.

The programme is set to benefit more local students throughout the year, with students from St John Fisher College commencing in September.

For more information on the Gateway Upgrade North project, visit the project website at www.gatewayupgradenorth.com.au

Grants Help Kick Goals Shorncliffe Restoration



Stirling visiting Brighton Roosters with Deslie Staines

Local clubs are kicking goals thanks to a recent round of the State Government's 'Get Playing Places and Spaces' grant initiative.

Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, recently visited the Brighton Roosters Junior Rugby League Club and the Brighton Bulldogs Soccer Club to see first-hand how their clubs would benefit from these grants.

"It was great to catch up with Brighton Bulldogs President, Sally Faux, at one of their girls' clinics and learn how a grant of \$100,000 will help support their club upgrading the lighting at Wakefield Park."

"I also had the opportunity to visit Brighton Roosters Club President, Deslie Staines, and discuss the grant of \$88,287 to help improve their main playing field," said Mr Hinchliffe.

The Brighton Roosters Junior Rugby League Club has also benefited from a grant of \$31,818 to re-surface their carpark under Round 90 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.



Concept Design for the Restored Shorncliffe Station

Following a comprehensive community feedback period led by Stirling Hinchliffe, Queensland Rail has finalised its proposed restoration of Shorncliffe Station. These works will enhance the historic character of the station, preserving the station and its place in Shorncliffe's history for future generations.

Additionally, in line with modern safety and security requirements, further works undertaken at the station will include raising the platform, the replacement of lighting and security cameras and the installation of new fencing.

After the further round of community consultation, proposed design changes also include:

- Constructing a "Kiss 'n' Ride" on the Parkside and establish one-way traffic flow.
- Providing a dedicated crossing from Hutchison Park to the station building.
- Constructing additional parking spaces opposite the "Kiss 'n' Ride".
- Changing the roof style of the train crew facility to a pitched roof.
- New proposed location of the train crew facility to the eastern side of the station building.
- A new colour scheme for the train crew facility.
- Provision of two unisex toilets.
- Reviewing the historic air raid shelter for viewing purposes.
- Re-using the lamp room to house equipment.
- Removal of the timber footbridge.

For more information, please visit www.queenslandrail.com.au

- Share your Eventide Memories -

Member for Sandgate, Stirling Hinchliffe, is calling on the community to share their stories of the Brighton Health Campus at the Eventide Bowls Club between 1-4pm today (12 July), as part of their 70th Anniversary celebrations.

Mr Hinchliffe said that over the past 70 years, Eventide and other services at the Brighton Health Campus has played a vital role in the lives of many members from the 4017 and surrounding community.

"The Palaszczuk Government knows that time has not changed the Eventide tradition of compassion and care for some of the most vulnerable people within our community, and what better way to recognise this than by sharing your stories," said Mr Hinchliffe.

Mr Hinchliffe also said that the Queensland Government's commitment to keeping the Campus in public hands has meant it will continue to operate in the Eventide tradition while becoming a community hub of healthy ageing for generations to come.

If you are unable to attend the story sharing session but still want to share your story, you can email your story to vision4brighton@health.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3631 7569 for more information.



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