

July 2010



Business Breakfast

To begin this July issue I would like to thank the many local business people and community reps who attended the recent business breakfast.

The breakfast was a joint initiative of the Hills Chamber of Commerce along with State Member for Everton Murray Watt MP and myself. The keynote speaker was Deputy Premier Paul Lucas, who was able to outline the benefits of the Queensland State Budget to local businesses.

In total over one hundred guests attended the breakfast, and together we were able to raise funds for the Hills PCYC's Saturday night After Dark Basketball



Program. The Basketball Program plays a vital role in engaging the youth in the area and provides a venue for them to spend their Saturday nights safely.

So, good on the Hills Chamber of Commerce for making the breakfast such a success. Once again they have demonstrated their community spirit!

Time to Prepare for Bushfire Season



The *Prepare. Act. Survive* campaign (www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au) is about to be rolled out across the state and will introduce a range of new concepts that have arisen from interim recommendations of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. The campaign will include community education, a new Fire Danger Rating system and the introduction of standardised community warnings that advise of the critical factors of a bushfire.

Now is the time for everyone to start preparing their homes and family for the fire season ahead.

Please don't leave it until it is too late.

The 2010 State Budget & the Ferny Grove Electorate

The Queensland Government has committed over \$210 million to be spent directly in the Ferny Grove electorate. The bulk of these funds will be spent on major infrastructure such as:

- Public transport
- Schools
- Energy supply (particularly in the non-urban areas of Mt Nebo, Mt Glorious and the Samford Valley)

I am very pleased about this outcome as I have been working hard to deliver this major boost for the local community. The targeted spending will benefit our region for years to come.

Ferny Grove Railway Precinct



Queensland Rail is currently on target to deliver this project by 2012.

The redevelopment of the land around the Ferny Grove Station is now open to public comment through a formal community consultation process from Monday 12 July to Monday 9 August. Residents will now have the opportunity to have their say on two options for the development of the land around the Ferny Grove Station. Both options provide for about 400 extra car parks, taking the total car parking offered to a target of approximately 1000.

The first option for the Ferny Grove Station Precinct could involve a mixed-use precinct with a blend of facilities, including retail, office space *and a new tavern*. The second option focuses on residential development, providing opportunities for a greater proportion of medium-density dwellings with some supporting retail and commercial space.

The Department of Transport and the owners of the Ferny Grove Tavern have reached an agreement on an interim lease so the Tavern can continue trading on the site until 30 January 2011. The property was formally resumed on the 11th of June.

The Department of Transport's latest newsletter is available on my website www.geoffwilsonmp.com with links to the Queensland Rail and Department of Transport Consultation pages.

Now & Then – An Evening of One Act Plays

The Hills Players are presenting an evening of one act plays on the 30th and 31st of July and the 6th and 7th of August at St Matthews Church Hall, Church Rd Mitchelton. The evenings commence at 7:30 for a 7:45 start. Tickets are reasonably priced and range from \$2 for kids to \$7 for concession card holders and \$12 for adults. For bookings please phone 3351-4496 or 3351-2329.

The Hills Players are also hosting an Improvisation Workshop. It will be held at the Hall on Church Road in Everton park, Monday the 16th of August from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. The price is \$10 per person. RSVP is the 30th of July. Please email Veronica Witham at veronica.witham@suncorp.com.au.

Willmore Kindy Has Turned 40!

To celebrate Willmore Kindergarten and Preschool is planning an open day on Saturday the 9th of October from 10:00am at 14 Irruka Crescent, Ferny Hills. If you would like more information please contact the President, Fiona Preston on 3351-2022.

Paint the Town Red

Paint the Town Red is a joint campaign by The Australian Red Cross Blood Service and the Mummy's Wish organisation which helps mums with cancer. The Barefoot Bowls event hosted by the Ferny Grove Bowls Club is designed to raise money and awareness for the need to increase blood donations. The event is on **Sunday the 25th of July** beginning at 9:30am The barefoot bowls will be followed by a BBQ and is included in the \$20 per person cost.



When: **Sunday 25 July**
Where: Ferny Grove Bowls, Sports and Community Club
20 Tramaway Street Ferny Grove.
Contact: Mark Landsberg 3851 1889 or admin@fernygrovebowls.com.au

Have Your Say

The Queensland Government currently has a number of consultations open to the public from Children and Young People to Infrastructure. To find out what consultations are currently open and to have your say on these matters head to www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au.

Make your voice heard!

Back to School

Samford Valley Steiner School is hosting its first school fair in six years. The new fair, named *festiValley*, will take place over the weekend of 27 and 28 August. All are welcome! For more information check out the *festiValley* Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/festiValley/119991484684495



Ferny Grove State School is doing its part to support a greener future with energy efficiency steps and the installation of solar panels. This will reduce the drain on electricity sourced from the grid.

Congratulations to **Patricks Road State School** for the great work they are doing with its music program. Earlier this year Patricks Road State School received four first places (two at the Queensland Youth Music Awards and two at State Festival of Bands and Orchestras, known as Fanfare).



Ferny Grove State High School will be upgrading its bus set-down and pickup facility. The Queensland Government and the BCC have each set aside \$45,000 to address safety concerns near the Arbor Rd Intersection. Presently the school has had to employ two police officers to direct cars and pedestrians in order to keep students safe. Thanks also are due to Ferny Grove State High School P&C for their support and advocacy in this important matter.

Grovely State School hosted the successful launch of its GPAC (Grovely Performing Arts Complex) facility earlier in the year. GPAC was part of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program. I was very happy to support Grovely in their application for a further \$30,000 through the State Government's Gaming Commission Grant. I am pleased to announce that Grovely was successful in their application for the purchase of seating for GPAC. If you have any funding application questions or need letters of support, please head to my website www.geoffwilsonmp.com or call my electorate office on 3851-1570.

Mt Nebo State School is having its Mountain Festival on Sunday the 5th of September in the school grounds. As the Festival falls on Father's Day there will be many Father's Day related activities. Questions about the markets can be directed to Vanessa Andre on 3289-0277 Also there will be a working bee for all who wish to pitch in before the Festival on Sunday the 22nd of August. Starting time is 8:00am.

Education Forum

On Friday the 6th of August at the Ferny Grove Bowls Club in Tramway Street Ferny Grove, Murray Watt MP, Member for Everton, and I will be hosting a forum to discuss recent changes in the education system – with emphasis on the establishment of the national curriculum. These changes will bring Queensland into line with most other states and will therefore be of interest to Defence Force families in particular. Please RSVP by Wednesday August 4 on 3876-9995.