Welcome to the third edition of Everton E-News.

This year’s Queensland State Budget is the most important in a generation. It builds a brighter future for Queensland. We inherited an unsustainable financial position which we have to correct. The Government is committed to lowering the cost of living for Queenslanders while at the same time investing in front line services.

Outlined below are the highlights of the budget that are directly relevant to the residents of Everton.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any assistance to you.

~Tim

Budget Highlights for Everton 2012/13

**Lowering the Cost of Living**
- $80 rebate for water connections, per household
- Car registration fees frozen
- Standard electricity tariff (tariff 11) frozen – savings of an average $120 on annual bills
- Reinstatement of the principal place of residence concessional rate for duty, saving Queenslanders up to $7175 when buying the family home
- Halving public transport fare increases due in 2013 and 2014

**Home Ownership**
- Increase of the First Home Owner Grant on new homes from $7000 to $15000, supporting housing construction.

**Schools**
- Flashing pedestrian lights installed at Albany Creek State High School
- Grants of up to $160,000 over 2 years to State School P&C’s to assist in school maintenance
- $500,000 to Bunyaville Forest Environmental Education Centre for improved facilities
- Increased funding for school chaplaincy

**Public Transport**
- Trains every 15 minutes on the Ferny Grove line during off peak on weekdays
- Free travel on the Translink network after nine journeys in a Monday to Sunday week

**Sports and Recreation**
- Grants of $150 per child to eligible families to assist in paying sporting club fees
- Grants to local sporting clubs of $10,000 for equipment
- Grants of $100,000 for sporting clubs to build appropriate infrastructure
- $160,000 for lights at Pine Hills Football Club

**Disability**
- Trial new program to provide greater security to older parent carers

Message from Tim

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SEQ Bus Network Review

In July this year, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads announced a review of TransLink’s South East Queensland bus network to improve service frequency, reliability and affordability.

Your first opportunity to participate will be to complete a Service Review Form online at translink.com.au or over the phone on 13 12 30, between Monday 10 September and midnight, Sunday 23 September 2012.

Translink are seeking your input about each of the individual bus routes you currently use. This information will then be provided to TransLink planners and our delivery partners as they review each of these routes.
National HPE Day in Everton

Earlier this month, Eatons Hill State School participated in the inaugural National Health & Physical Education day activities. Olympian Craig Mottram helped to open the day.

I was grateful to be included in this fantastic cause, and participated in the morning fun run.

There are more fun runs and walk-a-thon’s coming up in my electorate at Albany Creek SS, McDowall SS and Everton Park SHS. It’s great to see our schools taking the opportunity to promote physical activity for our children.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

The Queensland Government established the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) in 1994 to provide funding to community groups in Queensland.

One-off grants of up to $35,000 are allocated to approved not-for-profit organisations to help them provide community services or activities that benefit the community.

To find out more, or apply click here

Everton schools in Parliament

I was recently joined in Parliament by some of the Junior School leaders of Everton. I took them for a tour of Parliament House, and was incredibly impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm of the students.

Multicultural Queensland Partnerships annual grants round

The 2012-2013 Multicultural Queensland Partnerships program annual grants round has opened and offers funding for community events and projects to be undertaken in 2013.

Funding will be available under four categories, namely multicultural festivals, cultural heritage events, strengthening capacity projects, and week-long festivals.

For more information, and submission forms, visit www.multicultural.qld.gov.au/multicultural

The closing date for applications is 10 October

Did you know?

Tim can write your community group a letter of support for your grant application. Please email through any requests to everton@parliament.qld.gov.au
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Everton Seniors Morning Tea

In celebration of Seniors Week (19-16th August) I held a Seniors Morning Tea at the Everton Park Bowls Club. We were privileged to have Detective Superintendent Brian Hay, who spoke about cyber crime, fraud, and how to protect yourself. 

Det Supt Hay highlighted six Golden Rules for staying safe online:
1. Create strong passwords and change them regularly
2. Use an anti-virus program and turn on automatic updates
3. If you don’t know who sent the email, delete it
4. Think before you act online. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is
5. Your personal information is valuable, protect it
6. Know what your kids are doing online

To read more about cyber safety [here](#).

To read my speech in the House acknowledging our Seniors, [click here](#).

Mobile Office dates:

Come along and meet Tim at the next mobile office, dates below.

You can also catch up with Tim on the [first Sunday of every month](#) at the Mitchelton Markets.

**Saturday 15 September 2012**
9.00am - 11.00am MITCHELTON - Brookside Shopping Centre

**Saturday 13 October 2012**
9.00am - 11.00am ALBANY CREEK - Woolworths Marketplace, Old Northern Road

**Thursday 25 October 2012**
12.00pm - 1.30pm MITCHELTON - Blackwood Street, Mitchelton
4.00 - 6.00pm EATONS HILL - Queen Elizabeth Drive

**Saturday 10 November 2012**
9.00am - 11.00am MITCHELTON - Brookside Shopping Centre

**Thursday 22 November 2012**
4.00pm - 5.00pm ARANA HILLS - Boundary Park, Camelia Avenue
5.15pm -6.30pm EVERTON HILLS - Cnr Chinook St and Old Northern Road

QLD Police Service vs. QLD Fire and Rescue Service

Annual Rugby League game in commemoration of 9/11

I recently spoke in Parliament about the bravery of the Emergency Services in New York during the horrendous 9/11 attacks. Queensland’s own Police Service and Fire and Rescue Service show equal courage, bravery and camaraderie, and have decided to commemorate their fallen colleagues by staging an annual rugby league game to raise funds for charity.

I have had the honour of refereeing the game for the past two years, and am inspired by the passion and ferocity these teams presented. The 2012 game went to the police, and I look forward to next year’s game!

To read my speech, in the House, in acknowledgement of our firefighters and police, [click here](#).