



Peter Dutton's Dickson Report



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"Working hard for an even better Dickson."

DICKSON SENIORS' EXPO 2011

On behalf of myself and the Dickson Seniors' Council, a voluntary non-profit organisation representing seniors in the Federal Electorate of Dickson, I would like to invite you to a celebratory and informative expo of activities for seniors and their families in conjunction with Seniors Week.

As part of Seniors Week, celebrating the diversity of older people and promoting positive ageing in the broader Queensland community, the seventh annual Dickson Seniors' Expo will be held over two days again this August.

It is very important that we work towards providing more services for seniors and that is why I started this event in 2004. The Expo provides seniors with the opportunity to access important information, products and knowledge on topics of interest and relevance at the one location. I encourage both younger and more mature members of our community to come along and learn something new – perhaps for themselves or for a friend or relative.

When: Monday, 29 August (from 9.00am - 2.30pm)
Tuesday, 30 August (from 8.30am - 2.00pm)

Where: Strathpine Community Centre,
Mecklem Street, STRATHPINE

Entry is free with interesting and informative speakers on a variety of subjects and a fashion parade from *Fashions on the Go* and *Lowe's Menswear* on both days.

Guest speakers include Shadow Minister for Ageing, Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells and Police Fraud Squad Head Superintendent Brian Hay.

There will be entertainment by Chris Doyle, complimentary sample bags, lucky door prizes and much more!

Off street parking is available and a free Shuttle Bus will be running to and from the Expo every half hour from Westfield Strathpine bus stop area. Refreshments can also be purchased at the Expo.

Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members of the Dickson Seniors' Council for their tireless work in organising what I'm sure will be another wonderful Expo.

For further information, please contact my office on 3205 9977.



Peter and Shadow Treasurer Joe Hockey with members of the Dickson Seniors' Council at last year's expo



Dickson Seniors' Council members take lucky door prize entries and hand out sample bags.

LOCAL COUPLE ESTABLISH CHARITY

Local couple Paul and Sue Fyfe have established a registered charity called "Uganda Kids" to try and break the poverty cycle in Uganda. By getting kids to finish school, the couple believe education will achieve a brighter future for generations to come. When Paul and Sue first visited Uganda they found many orphans who are cared for by their extended families and struggle to pay school fees and get a basic education. Five dollars per fortnight is enough to give a primary school child an education including fees, lunch and a uniform. Donations are tax deductible and Paul and Sue are happy to talk to groups or individuals. If you would like to become involved go to www.ugandakids.org.au or call 3285 7230.



Sue in class with grade 2 students at St Bruno's Primary in Masaka, Uganda.

DICKSON SENIORS' EXPO PROGRAM 2011

Monday – 29 August 2011

9.30am

Official Opening by Hon Peter Dutton MP, Federal Member for Dickson and Cr Allan Sutherland, Mayor of Moreton Bay Regional Council. Keynote speaker, Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Federal Shadow Minister for Ageing.

10.45am

Presentation by Detective Superintendent Brian Hay from the Fraud and Corporate Crime Group.

11.45am

Fashion Parade by *Fashions on the Go* and *Lowe's Menswear*.

Tuesday – 30 August 2011

9.30am

Tina Cooper from DonatLife Queensland about Organ Donation.

10.00am

Presentation by Russell Young from Theo's Nursery.

10.30am

David Terry from RACQ Traffic and Safety Department will provide driving tips for the more mature driver.

11.30am

Fashion Parade by *Fashions on the Go* and *Lowe's Menswear*.

DICKSON SENIORS' EXPO 2011 STALLHOLDERS

- RACQ
- Petrie Village Pharmacy (blood pressure and cholesterol screening)
- Telstra
- Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre
- Railway Modellers Club of Queensland
- Shay Green Podiatry
- CareAlert
- Moreton Bay Regional Council
- Metropolitan Funerals
- Association of Independent Retirees
- Australian Hearing
- Wesley Mission Community Care
- Old Bowel Cancer Screening Program
- Breastscreen Old Brisbane North
- North Pine Historical Society
- Strathpine Library Services
- Commonwealth Respite & Carelink
- Old Aged & Disability Advocacy
- Australian Electoral Commission
- LifeTec Queensland
- Blue Care – Redcliffe & Sandgate
- Samford District Historical Museum
- RSL Care - Murrumba Downs
- Cross Country Tours
- Find my Retirement Home
- Queensland Rail Travel
- U3A Pine Rivers
- Fashions on the Go
- Judy Jones – Cooking for One
- Nova Care
- Brisbane North Public Health Unit
- Walk on Wheels
- Carolyn Male MP & Senator Mark Furner
- Kallangur Over 50s Social Club
- Synergy Physical Culture Academy
- Just Dentures
- Care Connect
- KM Smith Funerals
- Pine Rivers Koala Care
- National Seniors - Aspley & Albany Creek
- Brisbane North Amputees
- Hon Peter Dutton MP
- Safety House Association of Old
- Prescare
- Pine Rivers Home Assist Secure
- Brisbane Knitters
- Pine Rivers Community Groups- CATS: PRISM: WOFFEL & Mens' Shed
- The Pines Garden Club
- Suncorp Bank
- Green Apple Wellness Centre

Have you made an insurance claim related to a natural disaster in the past 5 years?

We want to hear from you!

We know that many of you have concerns about the responsiveness of insurance companies to disaster-related claims. Tell us about your experiences through our anonymous online survey at www.apf.gov.au/insurance. The survey results will help inform our inquiry into the operation of the insurance industry during disaster events and how it can be improved in the future.

For more information about the inquiry, please visit the website or contact the Committee Secretariat for the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs.

Phone: (02) 6277 2358

Email: spla.reps@aph.gov.au

Lucky Door Prize

Name

Phone number

Be in the draw to win a lucky door prize by entering your details and dropping this slip into the marked box at the Expo.

Peter Dutton MP Federal Member for Dickson

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Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing



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2011 has certainly been one of challenges for Dickson residents with local flooding and disruptions to many aspects of our lives. In some areas residents have suffered personal loss with storm water inundating their homes and for many the recovery is still ongoing. For others the damage to our local infrastructure has created not only delays in travel times in their daily commute but also drastically impacted upon local businesses due to the diversion of traffic. I would like to acknowledge the people in our community who have been motivated to organise events and opportunities for us to contribute to the relief effort and thank all those people who have donated money, time or energy. Any residents who are still having ongoing issues with insurance claims are welcome to contact my office to seek assistance and I urge anyone who has made a disaster related insurance claim to take part in the anonymous online survey at www.aph.gov.au/insurance.

The pressure on family budgets across Dickson continues to get worse at a time of increasing costs. We all notice day-by-day how we're paying more for our everyday essentials such as electricity, water, petrol, rents and mortgages and the weekly grocery bill. The recent Federal and State Labor budgets will only continue to add to these costs rather than alleviate them while endangering jobs and creating even more debt and deficit.

The Carbon Tax will only increase our everyday cost of living and damage Australia's economy without any environmental impact as a result. After promising "no carbon tax under a government I lead", Julia Gillard has betrayed voters by giving in to The Greens so that she would have the parliamentary numbers required to stay in the Lodge. A back flip on policy should be taken to the people as the Labor Government does not have a mandate. You can download a petition against the carbon tax and the call for a plebiscite from my website at www.peterdutton.com.au

The Coalition stands for strong economic management, lower taxes, smaller government and a fair go for families. We will tackle the waste and mismanagement that has become the hallmark of Labor.

In November 2009, I wrote in the Dickson Report that due to the Rudd Government's softening of Australia's border protection policy, there had been an increase in the people smuggling business with the arrival of 46 boats and 2017 people in just over a year. The total number of boats since August 2008 when the policy was softened is now 233 with 11,724 people. The amount for 2009 more than doubled in 2010. Since Julia Gillard became Prime Minister, there have been 92 illegal boats carrying more than 5,172 people. In opposition Julia Gillard criticised the Coalition's Pacific Solution as being too tough and inhumane. In Government, the Prime Minister says that our policies were too weak, basically saying that her Malaysia people swap would be more effective than Nauru because it would treat asylum seekers more harshly, and send a stronger message.

Nauru is willing and able to take asylum seekers and has taken the steps to sign the United Nations Convention on refugees. Children will go to school, people will receive hospital treatment and they will be protected from potential abuse in Nauru as they were under the Howard Government. Unlike Malaysia, we would know where they were every hour of every day, until they either went back home or were resettled in another country, or if necessary, in Australia. Labor needs to admit the Coalition had it right and adopt the policy that will stop smugglers and put an end to this evil trade.

I look forward to catching up with people as I travel through the electorate in my mobile office to discuss the issues that concern them. You can also follow me on twitter and facebook and access media releases and community information on my website.

If I can ever be of any assistance on any Federal Government issue please do not hesitate to contact me.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER 2011

I often talk about the community spirit within Dickson and the great wealth of volunteers we have. The floods within our region and those throughout Queensland saw huge numbers of Dickson residents and community groups reaching out to help those in need. Campbell Newman was able to organise the mud army and help volunteers get to areas and people affected by flood. The SES, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Lifeline, Rotary, Lions, Apex – too many to name - provided the resources and support so desperately needed. My office was overwhelmed with phone calls from people wanting to help in some way and we were able to channel their talents or donations to the appropriate body.

Some people who had taken the opportunity to volunteer for the first time have expressed to me the great satisfaction and sense of community they experienced in doing so and the desire to continue this assistance. There are many avenues you can take to volunteer regularly. You can help fight crime by joining groups like CrimeStoppers Qld or Neighbourhood Watch; Protect and care for animals through Koala Care or the RSPCA; Assist people with disability through Riding for the Disabled or Aged with Meals on Wheels. The list is extensive and to assist with your search the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre has compiled a directory for the Moreton Bay Region called "Jump In". Copies are available at the centre, Moreton Bay Regional Council or my Strathpine office. You can also download a copy from www.pnrc.org.au. The Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre is now on Facebook at www.facebook.com so that you can stay in touch with the latest news, events, courses and opportunities on offer.

Every year I recognise volunteers along with other community achievers through my Dickson Community Awards. In this Year of the Volunteer and particularly after the extraordinary natural events of 2011 I urge you to

nominate any deserving groups or people who have contributed to the Dickson community. Achievements in academics, sport, community service are all worth recognising and further details and nomination forms can be found at www.peterdutton.com.au or by calling my office on 3205 9977. Nominations close on Friday 13 January 2012 and people nominated must live in the Dickson electorate.



Dickson Citizen of the Year 2011 Olwyn Connolly with Dickson Citizen of the Year 2010, Peter Campbell OAM at the Dickson Community Awards on Australia Day.

DICKSON SURPASSES FUNDRAISING EXPECTATIONS

For the 8th year running Club Pine Rivers generously played host to the Official Launch of the Pine Rivers District Red Shield Appeal. As Chairman of the Pine Rivers Red Shield Appeal I thank the Club for their generosity in welcoming local businesses, community leaders, school students and Salvation Army members to the breakfast which raised over \$9,000.

It is with great pleasure that I can report the ensuing Doorknock, and other events and donations helped to increase the total funds raised in Pine Rivers to \$83,000.

These funds are vital to meet the budget needs for the Salvation Army's many community service programs from aged care, youth homelessness, counselling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, employment services just to name a few. The Salvation Army helps more than one million disadvantaged Australian's each year without discrimination.

I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers in Dickson, including local high school students and army personnel for their invaluable contribution and effort during the Doorknock on the weekend of May 28 and 29. A very big thank you to Dickson residents, who on many occasions in 2011, have dug deep to help those in need. Without your help we would not have been able to exceed our Pine Rivers District goal.

If you were unable to donate during the Doorknock and wish to make a credit card donation, please call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or visit www.salvos.org.au.



Pine Rivers Red Shield Appeal Chairman Peter Dutton with Salvation Army Major Bryce Davies and special guest speaker, Sarah Ridulfi at the Breakfast Launch of the 2011 Pine Rivers District Red Shield Appeal.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Australian honours system celebrates the outstanding achievements and contributions of extraordinary Australians in a diverse range of fields and areas of endeavour. Any individual, community organisation, professional body or similar group can nominate an Australian citizen for an award. You can find more information on how to nominate and apply for awards at www.itsanhonour.gov.au or by calling 1800 552 275

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL

The ADM has been established to recognize serving and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) Regular and Reserve personnel who have demonstrated their commitment and contribution to the nation by serving for at least four years, or, completion of their initial term of engagement, whichever is the lesser. The application forms for the ADM can be obtained by calling the DHA on 1800 111 0321 or can be downloaded from www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dep_site/honours_awards/resources/forms/forms/htm



Peter presents former members of the Royal Australian Air Force, Glynnis MacDonald and Carol Gudgeon with the Australian Defence Medal

SUPER SPECIAL SATURDAY

The first Super Special Saturday was held in May to encourage locals back to businesses that are suffering due to the closure of the A J Wyllie Bridge. The State government estimates the rebuilding of the bridge will take 2 years after it was damaged beyond repair during the January floods.

With the organisation of LNP candidate for Pine Rivers, Seath Holswich and LNP candidate for Kallangur Trevor Ruthenberg, local businesses around Petrie and Lawnton offered Super Specials on Saturday May 28. Lawnton State School provided a sausage sizzle with locals responding well and showing their support.

The day proved so successful that many more businesses have expressed a desire to get involved in the next Super Special Saturday. Please continue to support our local businesses so they survive until the A J Wyllie Bridge work is complete.

For further information and updates contact Seath Holswich on 0428 077 497 or Trevor Ruthenberg on 0447 326 646.



State candidate for Pine Rivers, Seath Holswich, Peter and State candidate for Kallangur, Trevor Ruthenberg at the Super Special Saturday event in Lawnton.



Lawnton State School P&C members Elaine Parker and Nicole Coady with candidate for Pine Rivers, Seath Holswich, Lawnton Australia Post's Gary Evans, Peter and candidate for Kallangur Trevor Ruthenberg.



Our Plan will get Australia back on track.

Tony Abbott and the Coalition will build a stronger Australia to help Australians get ahead.

The Coalition's commitment to the forgotten families of Australia is to ease cost of living pressures. Stopping wasteful and unnecessary Government spending will help keep interest rates down. Stopping or removing unnecessary new taxes will help make it easier for you to pay your bills.

Reducing cost of living pressures

The Coalition will:

- ✓ **STOP LABOR'S NEW TAXES** like the Carbon Tax and the Mining Tax. These taxes will damage our national economy, increase prices, make cost of living pressures worse and destroy jobs.
- ✓ **HELP TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF INTEREST RATES** by returning the Budget to surplus. Labor's record \$107 billion debt and their wasteful borrowing of \$135 million every day is putting unnecessary upward pressure on interest rates.
- ✓ **PROTECT THE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REBATE**, which Labor and the Greens have committed to cut back.
- ✓ **SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH EDUCATION COSTS**, by increasing the education tax rebate to \$1,000 a year for a child in secondary school and \$500 for a child in primary school and make it available for all education expenses.

It's only by returning to responsible economic management and reducing debt and deficit that practical support for families can again be provided by the Government.



Supporting families



Creating jobs



Reducing debt

The Coalition's plan to help families and protect jobs

1. Reducing cost of living pressures.
2. Ending Labor's waste.
3. Stopping the Labor-Greens' Carbon Tax.

Tony Abbott MP
Federal Coalition Leader

REQUESTS FOR CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATES

I send out special messages to Dickson residents to honour significant birthdays and anniversaries.

I can also arrange for the Prime Minister, the Governor General and the Queen to send messages to individuals celebrating milestone birthdays and couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries.

To arrange a special message please call my office on 3205 9977 or download the form from my website at www.peterdutton.com.au

TAX SCAMS

A current telephone scam is operating where a person claiming to be from the ATO or "Taxation Department" calls offering you a grant of \$7000 if you pay \$200. Anyone who receives these types of calls should not provide any personal details or money. The ATO will never ask you to pay money to receive your refund. If you need to confirm someone is calling from the ATO call 13 28 61.

With increasing pressures on family budgets I would like to urge constituents to take every precaution when investing. Promoters of dodgy tax schemes may increase their targeting of investors in the current tough financial climate and you could be risking your money as well as having to pay back any missing tax with interest and penalties long after the promoter and your money are gone.

Before investing seek independent advice from a professional advisor or the Australian Taxation Office. Check information and warnings about investment schemes and scams on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Competition website at <http://www.moneysmart.gov.au/scams> and Consumer Commission SCAMwatch website at <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>. The Taxation Offices website at www.ato.gov.au/investing has the fact sheet *Tax planning – investigate before investing and a new guide called Understanding tax-effective investments*.

FREE TAX HELP FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS

With tax time upon us, local low income earners will again be able to access free help with their tax returns at my office. An ATO volunteer tax helper will assist residents to work through the process of preparing and lodging their tax return. Tax Help is available to anyone who is classified as a low income earner, which for individuals, is a person who earns less than \$50,000. To make an appointment please contact my office on 3205 9977. All tax returns must be lodged by October 31.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND JOBS THREATENED BY CARBON TAX

Local businesses in Dickson are concerned that the Government's carbon tax will increase costs and force them to cut back on staff or close their doors. The carbon tax will not only increase production costs but will also reduce competition as a result and hurt the Australian economy.

I am hearing the same message from many local business owners who are not only concerned for their own company and family, but for the local people they employ and the impact this will have on their families.

Increased costs such as electricity, production and supply chain costs will have a flow on effect. If goods manufactured in Brendale cost more to produce than those made in China, our companies will be priced out of the market.

Local small businesses and family enterprises have been ignored as the Gillard government provides carbon tax carve outs and compensation for some

sectors and has forgotten the small businesses that are the engine room of the economy.

Dickson families are already worried about cost of living increases, and are in no mood for further price rises from local small businesses that are already trying to cope with falling consumer confidence and only just beginning to recover from the global financial crisis.

It was particularly offensive to the hard working Dickson small businesses that the Government has produced household examples to help Labor MPs sell the toxic carbon tax they promised the nation wouldn't face, but couldn't be bothered assessing the impact of this new tax on Australia's small businesses and family enterprises.



Brendale business owner Sergio Esteves of Medical Design Innovation discusses the impact of the carbon tax and his concerns for his 24 employees with Shadow Treasurer Joe Hockey and Peter.



2011 School Leader Induction at Eatons Hill State School. Peter with Principal Clyde Campbell and Emma Carpendale, Hayley Hinze, Isabella Hind and Tom Gurnett.



Raising the new school flag at Living Faith Lutheran Primary School with year 5 teacher Natasha Konners and Lauren Thomas, Candice Troeger and Summer Casswell.



ANZAC Day ceremony at Ferny Hills State School



Flag presentation at Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School. (L to R) Courtney, David, Rebecca, Samantha, Olivia, Tom and Matthew



On a visit to Mt Nebo State School to talk about federal government. (Back row) Peter, Mrs Davidson, Mr Lawrance (Principal). (Front row) Rose, Breeannah, Rowan, Phoebe and Jessie.



The parliament came to Dickson with the Parliamentary Education Office visit at Undurba State School.

PETER OUT AND ABOUT WORKING HARD IN DICKSON



As Federal Shadow Health Minister speaking in King George Square at a rally to fight for support to maintain Federal funding for medical research.



With Jenny and Greg Easlea during a visit to their Lacey's Creek dairy farm with Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, John Cobb to discuss the concerns over milk price wars with local producers.



Peter with the 2011 Dickson Community Award recipients. (Back row) Alison Taylor, Carmel Bond, Dianne Bell, Edna Wruck, Joy Weston, Damien Stavely. (Front row) Emma Jackson, Debbie Travers, Stephanie Stokes and Olwyn Connolly.



ANZAC Day ceremony at Genesis Christian College. (Back Row) Rebecca Collins, Brendan Hart, Principal Brian Barker, Peter, Jackson Condon (College Captain), Matthew Herweynen (Vice-Captain). (Front Row) Hudson Pearse, Jessica Collins, Samantha Leane (Vice-Captain) and Michanne Furstenberg (College Captain)



Recipients of the Dayboro Day Special Community Award, Senior Constable Ken Robinson and Sergeant Troy Nowitzki with Peter and Cr Bob Millar.



Recipients of the Dayboro Day Business Recognition Award Glen and Karrie Lake of Bowlak Bobcat and Tipper Hire.



Peter catches up with Dickson students, Kate Fleming and Jack Yorston when St Pauls visited Parliament House in Canberra.



Dickson School Chaplains recognised at the 2011 Dickson Community Awards. (Back row) Matt Govan, Peter Earnshaw, David Hockey, Joshua Laack, Gregory Peirce, Peter and Peter Gavel. (Front row) Andrea Eadie, Jodie Anne Roberts, Glenn Weatherford and Rosie Thomas.



At the Samford Show with candidate for Everton Tim Mander and candidate for Ferny Grove, Dale Shuttleworth.



Peter and Peter Campbell OAM with 2011 Dickson Community Award recipient Ray Swenson.

OVER 1500 MOBILE OFFICE VISITS

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2011

7.00am – 8.00am **EATONS HILL**
Eatons Crossing Road (West of Shopping Centre)

8.30am – 9.30am **WARNER**
Old North Road (Shopping Centre Carpark)

10.00am – 11.00am **BRAY PARK**
Kensington Villlage

11.30am – 12.30pm **KALLANGUR**
Anzac Avenue near Duffield Road

1.30pm – 2.30pm **LAWNTON**
Gympie Road (Past Pine Rivers State High School)

MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2011

8.30am – 9.30am **STRATHPINE**
Gympie Road, Bald Hills Flats

1.00pm – 2.00pm **ALBANY CREEK**
Albany Creek Road, near Leitchs Road

2.30pm – 3.30pm **FERNY HILLS**
Samford Road, Ironbark Gully

TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2011

8.00am – 9.00am **ALBANY CREEK**
Old Northern Road, near Allamanda Crescent

9.30am – 10.30am **PETRIE**
Dayboro Road, near Petrie Primary School

11.30am – 12.30pm **BRAY PARK**
Francis Road, near Pine Woods Aged Care

2.30pm – 3.30pm **EVERTON HILLS**
Everton Hills Shops, Camelia Avenue

4.00pm – 5.00pm **SAMFORD VILLAGE**
Samford Road, near Junction Street



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