Celebrate Seniors Week 2009: In Dickson

Welcome to Seniors Week

Together with the Dickson Seniors’ Council, a voluntary non-profit organisation representing seniors in the Federal Electorate of Dickson, we invite you to a celebratory and informative expo of activities for older people 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 sixth 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. Last year almost 1000 people visited the Expo. 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, 24 August (from 9.30am - 3.00pm)  
Tuesday, 25 August (from 9.00am - 2.00pm)  

Where: Strathpine Community Centre, Mecklem Street, Strathpine.

Entry is free with random lucky door prizes, including 6 double passes for Brisbane Star river cruises. A fashion Parade sponsored by Millers and Lowes Menswear from Westfield Strathpine will take place on both days this year due to its popularity. Of particular interest will be the presentation by Detective Superintendent Brian Hay from the Fraud and Corporate Crime Group on Tuesday who will talk on Identity and Cyber crime.

Refreshments will also be available for purchase and a shuttle bus will run to and from the Expo every half hour from Westfield Strathpine bus stop.

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.

Dickson Seniors’ Expo: 2009 Stallholders

- Home Assist Secure  
- Breastscreen Queensland  
- Qld Bowel Cancer Screening Program  
- Association of Independent Retirees  
- Prostate Cancer Foundation  
- Albany Creek National Seniors  
- Pine Rivers Koala Care  
- Bay Audio Hearing  
- Samford Museum  
- Sleepy’s Carseldine  
- U3A-Pine Rivers  
- KM Smith  
- Australian Electoral Commission  
- Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Qld)  
- Green Apple Wellness Centre  
- Kallangur Over 50s Club  
- Strathpine Senior Citizens  
- Hon Peter Dutton MP  
- Safety House Qld  
- Pine Rivers Seniors  
- Walk on Wheels  
- Pine Rivers Library  
- Australian Academy Funerals  
- Cross Country Tours  
- Synergy/Steady Steps  
- Carolyn Male MP  
- Anti Slip Flooring  
- Kedron Wavell Alarm Alert  
- Pine Rivers Private Hospital  
- Railway Modellers Club of Qld  
- Pine Rivers Croquet Club  
- Care Alert  
- Shay Green Podiatry  
- Moreton Bay Regional Council  
- PRISM and WOFFELL  
- Wesley Mission Community Care  
- RACQ  
- Active 50’s fitness  
- Splitbacks  
- Conessa Gourmet Meals  
- Stocklands Retirement Village – Fig Tree Village  
- Blue Care  
- Care Connect  
- Home Instead Senior Care  
- Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre  
- Pine Rivers Community Health  
- Farrington Grove Retirement Estate  
- Creative Memories  
- RSPCA  
- Qld Police Service-Pine Rivers District  
- ZZipit Bedding

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.
Club Pine Rivers played host again this year to the Pine Rivers Area Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Launch on Friday 8 May 2009. The Official Launch Breakfast was kindly provided by the Club and brought together local businesses and community leaders, including local high school students to raise funds towards the 2009 Red Shield Appeal.

As Pine Rivers Area Red Shield Appeal Chairman I would like to thank the Club and other local businesses who generously donated items towards the auction that kicked off this year’s Appeal. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the local residents who have contributed by volunteering or donating towards this excellent cause.

The Salvation Army relies on donations to provide community service programs from aged care, youth homelessness, counselling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and employment services just to name a few.

When Victoria was ravaged by bush fires this year we saw first hand the crucial work the Salvation Army provides from the vital physical needs of shelter, food and clothing to the emotional and mental support of not only victims but emergency service workers and volunteers.

Over 100,000 volunteers helped with this year’s Appeal including many of our local high school students who gave up their weekend to provide the many teams who do a tremendous job door-knocking.

The breakfast raised a total of $11,085 and the final tally for the appeal exceeded the goal of $62,800.

It is not too late to donate to the Red Shield Appeal and people can donate by:

**Calling:** 13 72 58

**Online:** www.salvos.org.au/rsatogether or at any Westpac Branch.

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**ANZAC Day 2009**

Once again this year I had the pleasure of attending several community and school ANZAC Day services where I joined with members of the community to pay homage to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of freedom and democracy.

This year marked 94 years since Australian and New Zealand troops landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, where the ANZAC legend was forged. The proud tradition began at Gallipoli has been continued through the service of Australian men and women from World War II through to the present, with this year marking the 10th Anniversary of INTERFET. INTERFET was the international task force, led by Australians who were called upon to assist in stabilising East Timor in 1999.

I particularly commend our local schools for the superb way in which they commemorate ANZAC Day each year and the dedication of staff, local defence families, RSL members and community groups who ensure that the we shall not forget.

**Australian Defence Medal recipients recognised**

I recently had the pleasure of joining with Wing Commander Bruce Hudson from the Australian Defence Force in presenting four Dickson recipients with the Australian Defence Medal (ADM).

Anthony Dibbs, John Courts, Kerri Ann McStravick and Don Moore attended a ceremony in their honour at my Strathpine office with their family and friends.

The ADM has been established to recognize serving and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) Regular and Reservist 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/dpe_site/honours_awards/resources/forms/forms.htm

**548 and 549 Spitfire Squadrons**

On 18 April 2009, the RAAF Association Queensland division, Pine Rivers Branch held a memorial service for members of 548 and 549 Spitfire Squadrons. The squadrons were based in Pine Rivers from December 1943 to June 1944 for aerial exercises prior to being posted to Darwin in the defence of Australia.

The squadrons had a mix of Australian and British personnel with approximately 180 men in each at the Strathpine A1 and A2 airstrips. Local residents would be familiar with Spitfire Avenue that marks the site of the A2 airstrip. Pine Rivers State High School’s eastern boundary follows the line of the former airstrip with Spitfire Avenue running the length of the site.

While camped at Strathpine, 548 Squadron lost two men, Squadron Leader Henry Wright and Sergeant Alan Chandler who were killed when their planes were involved in a mid air collision near Youngs Crossing. A granite rock with bronze plaque memorial can be found at Merv Ewart Reserve at Dayboro and Youngs Crossing Road. As patron of the RAAF Association Queensland division, Pine Rivers Branch Peter asks all residents to support the wonderful fundraising efforts and pastoral care provided to many veterans and senior residents in our local community.

**New Prostate Cancer DVD**

Recently I attended the launch in Canberra of the St Vincent’s prostate cancer DVD, Prostate Cancer Treatments. The DVD is a comprehensive review of treatment options for men diagnosed with prostate cancer and is particularly useful for patients making difficult therapy decisions. The DVD can be purchased for $15 plus postage and handling online at www.menshealthmatters.com.au or call St Vincent’s on (02) 8382 6530.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men after skin cancer and the second highest cause of male cancer deaths.

Prostate cancer is potentially curable if detected and treated while still confined to the prostate gland. Early detection can be achieved via the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test and the digital rectal examination.

For more information you can call the:

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia on 1800 220 699 or visit www.prostate.org.au

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**Divisional Commander Major Wayne Maxwell, Guest Speaker Bruce Redman, Pine Rivers Red Shield Appeal Chairman Peter Dutton MP, MC Cr Mike Charlton and Corps Officer of Pine Rivers Major Andrew McKown.**
Breakfast celebrates the expansion and development of Chaplaincy Programme

The Moreton Bay Regional Council held the inaugural Chaplaincy Support Breakfast for Pine Rivers at Norths Leagues and Services Club on Friday 5 June, 2009.

This saw the gathering of community members to support what I believe has been a vital project providing pastoral care in our schools since its establishment by the Coalition Government through the National School Chaplaincy Programme.

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

Peter lends a hand at the Pine Rivers Meals on Wheels.

Requests for Congratulatory Certificates

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Telecross

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Volunteering Have you thought about volunteering?

The value of volunteering is immeasurable and it is a wonderful way to keep active in your local community.

Australian Red Cross Pine Rivers Branch operates a Medical Equipment Hire Service at the Community Development Building (next door to my office), 199 Gympie Road Strathpine on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. If you can volunteer for three hours per week to assist in the operation of this service contact the office on 3889 7076 or email pinerrerc@bigpond.com.

Meals on Wheels can always use an extra volunteer or two. Please call Lynn Bailey at Meals on Wheels Pine Rivers and District on 3285 2532 if you are able to assist.

Peter with former NRL Referee and current CEO of Scripture Union Queensland, Tim Mander and Cr Brian Butterly at the Inaugural Chaplaincy Support Breakfast for Pine Rivers on 5 June 2009.

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. A volunteer tax assistant will help 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 $40,000. The income threshold to access this service is higher for people with children, with an additional $2,500 of income allowed for each child.

To make an appointment please contact my office on 3205 9977.

All tax returns must be lodged by October 31.

Website for Mature Age Jobseekers

www.olderworkers.com.au is a national website to link mature age jobseekers with age-friendly employers. The site aims to provide older jobseekers with the confidence to apply for positions knowing that their age will not be a disadvantage. If you are a mature aged jobseeker and willing and able to work visit the website today – it also caters for grey nomads and seasonal workers.

Bikes and iPods for schools

It has been great to catch up with people at the recent school fetes and community shows and I am glad to see my bikes and iPod program contributing to fund raising.

In 2008, 29 schools participated in the Bikes for Schools program and so far the following schools have already joined the 2009 program:

- Holy Spirit School
- Pine Rivers Special School
- Fernvale State School
- Mt Samson State School
- Albalty Hills State School
- Petrie State School
- All Saints Parish School
- Kurwongbah State School
- Eatons Hill State School
- Patrick Estate State School
- Glamorgan Vale State School

This year I extended to secondary schools and their P&C’s the offer of an iPod to help with their fund raising efforts. Keep an eye on your local school for your chance to win an iPod or bike and do your bit to help them achieve their individual projects.

Australian Flags

I am a proud supporter of our National Flag. As your Federal Member, I am able to supply flags to local community organisations, schools, and individuals on exchange programs or who are representing Australia internationally.

I am also able to provide a limited number of flags to local constituents. If you are interested in obtaining a flag for your community group, school, or for yourself, please contact my office for more information.

Looking for Funding for your local Project?

GrantsLINK will help you find Australian Federal, State and Local Government grants and funding programs available for individuals, businesses and communities. Visit www.grantslink.gov.au or call 1800 026 222.

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Peter Dutton MP  Federal Member for Dickson

JULY 2009
Mobile Office

I have held over 1,000 mobile office visits and I am regularly available through my mobile caravan visits across the Dickson electorate.

MOBILE OFFICE TIMETABLE

MONDAY 20 JULY

7.00 – 8.30am Dawson Parade (near Leagues Club), Arana Hills
9.00 – 10.00am Arlington Shops, Cnr Arlington Drive & Bunya Road Arana Hills
10.30 – 11.30am Albany Creek Road, Cnr. Albany Creek & Leitchs Road Albany Creek
12.00 – 2.30pm Westfield Shopping Centre, Strathpine (inside Shopping Centre)
3.00 – 4.15pm Dayboro Road near Petrie Primary School, Petrie

TUESDAY 21 JULY

7.00 – 8.30am Cnr. Old Northern Road & Eatons Crossing Road Albany Creek
9.00 – 10.00am Warner Village Shopping Centre, Samsonvale Road Warner
11.00 – 12.00pm Bells Pocket Road (near Qld Transport), Strathpine
2.30 – 3.30pm Dohles Rocks Road & Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs
4.00 – 5.00pm Ironbark Gully, Samford Road, Samford

A representative from my office also visits the Esk Region on the first Friday of every month at the following times:
• Toogoolawah, Cressbrook Street: 9.30am-10.30am
• Esk, Bakery Car Park: 11am-12.00noon
• Fernvale, Park next to the Tourism office: 1pm-2pm

For more information about my Mobile and Esk Office please call 3205 9977 or 1300 853 640 (Esk local call)

Useful telephone numbers for Seniors

Peter Dutton MP 3205 9977
Morton Bay Regional Council 3480 6666
Local Police
Emergency 000
Albany Creek 3264 0599
Dayboro 3425 1200
Ferny Grove 3851 4499
Petrie 3897 7222

Community Assisted Transport (CATS) 3480 6463
Aged and Community Care Info Line 1800 500 853
Aged Complaints and Investigation Line 1800 550 552
Department of Veterans’ Affairs 13 32 54
Poisons Line 13 11 26
Transport Timetables 13 12 30
Vietnam Veterans’ Counselling Service 1800 011 046
Centrelink Retirement Line 13 23 00
Centrelink Customer Relations 1800 050 004
National Seniors Australia 1300 765 050

Useful websites
Centrelink www.centrelink.gov.au
Department of Veterans’ Affairs www.dva.gov.au
Aged Care Australia www.agedcareaustralia.gov.au
Seniors www.seniors.gov.au

Stroke Foundation Wallet Cards

FAST is a simple way of remembering the signs of stroke and what to do if you experience them or see the signs in another person. FAST stands for Facial weakness, Arm weakness, Speech difficulties, Time to act FAST – calling 000 immediately could prevent death or severe disability.

To obtain your free wallet cards contact my Strathpine office on 3205 9977.

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Just go to www.facebook.com and search for Peter Dutton.