

# Craig Emerson MP

## FEDERAL MEMBER FOR RANKIN

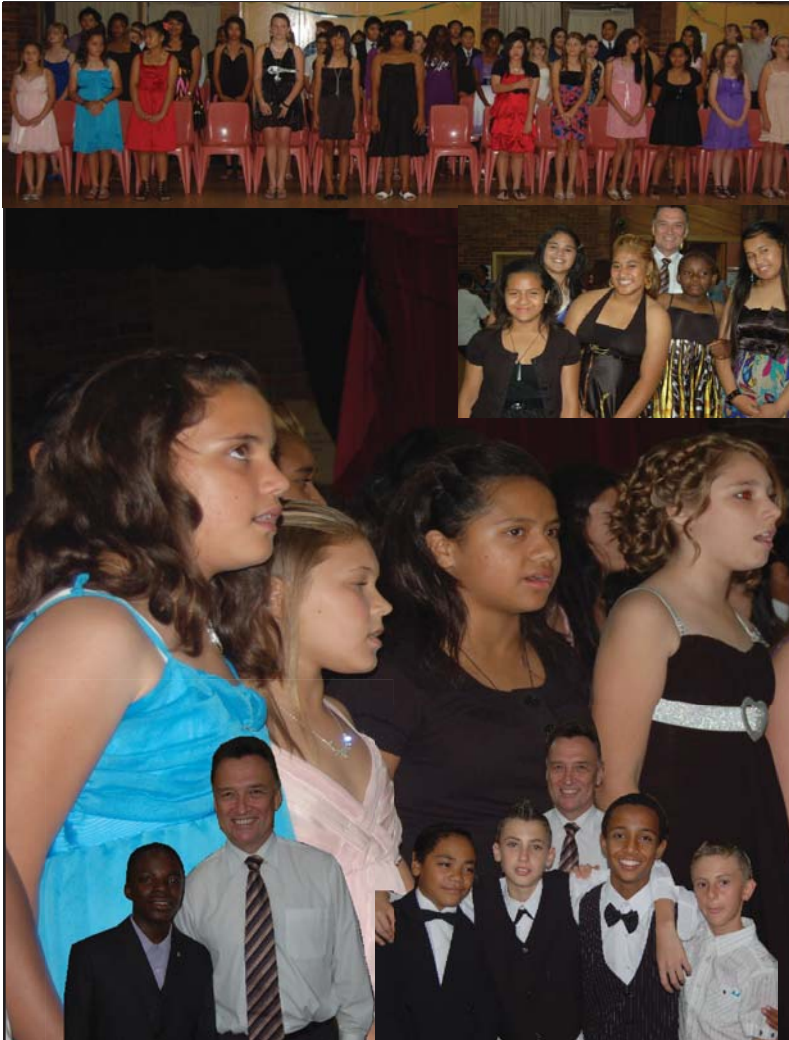


### Local and Proud

#### School graduations - the best ever!

I was pleased to be able to attend a large number of local state school year 7 graduations this year. At each of the functions, the schools encouraged students to reach for the stars and know there is always someone there to help them achieve their dreams.

Congratulations to the teachers, the school P & C's and administration staff for their efforts in making these nights so special and a special thank you to the students for believing in your school and yourself.



#### \$2.4 million towards

#### "Get Communities Working" initiatives for Logan City

The Wheelchair and Disabled Association of Australia will receive \$1.48 million from the Rudd Government to provide a range of training services to those in need.

Those eligible for free training will include the unemployed, people with a disability and socio-economically disadvantaged Australians.

Training will also be provided to those looking to upgrade or gain skills in the areas of disability work, aged care, children's services and mental health.

Acces Services Inc will receive funding of \$247,000 for the Work Placement Plus project to provide short-term jobs and skills to people in areas of critical skills shortages including aged care and construction.

In addition to generating an estimated 148 jobs and 80 work experience positions, the project will offer valuable people skills and accredited training.

Youth and Family Service will receive \$60,000 for a car park upgrade to cope with increased services and customers.

Funding of \$693,000, will be provided to the Kombumerri Aboriginal Corporation for Culture, Logan City Yugambah Indigenous Employment & Building Project Centre for the construction of an Exhibition and Training Centre alongside the existing museum.

*Wishing you peace and happiness for Christmas and the New Year*



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## \$204,462 FOR BIKE PATHS AT MARSDEN AND KINGSTON

The Rudd Government has announced funding of more than \$200,000 towards bike paths at Marsden and Kingston.

Bike paths will be constructed in JJ Smith Park at Marsden and Augustus Park on Queens Road at Kingston.

The bike paths are part of the Rudd Government's \$40 million National Bike Paths Projects fund and a key element of our Economic Stimulus Plan.

Fourteen jobs – both new and existing – are expected to be supported during construction of the project and into the future.

## Craig Emerson Prize winners

Each year I allocate a trophy and bursary for a graduating student from each of our local secondary schools in recognition their efforts to obtain a passing grade in spite of outside distractions.

**Mabel Park State High School**  
Rebecca Fulloon

**Springwood State High School**  
Kiah Adair

**Kingston College**  
Katherine Howard

**Marsden State High School**  
Katrina Firth

**Woodridge State High School**  
Filbert Ndayisimiye

**John Paul College**  
Sarah Wiles

**Browns Plains State High School**  
Pa Moua Yang

**Park Ridge State High School**  
Linda Vue

**St Francis College**  
Amanda Thaow

## Renewals for Do Not Call Register draws near

Residents who are currently registered on the Do Not Call Register have until May 2010 to renew their registration.

The three year expiration date applies to about 1 million numbers that were initially listed on the register when it first opened in May 2007.

Those people who fail to renew their numbers on the Register before May 2010 will again face the prospect of unsolicited marketing calls.

## School Chaplaincy Program extended

The Government has made a commitment to extend funding for the School Chaplaincy Program.

I am a strong supporter of the important contribution chaplains make to our school communities. In recognition of this work, the Australian Government has taken the decision to extend funding to the program.

This \$42.8 million commitment will mean that the chaplains currently providing services in around 2700 schools across Australia and including 26 in my electorate of Rankin will have their funding guaranteed until the end of the 2011 school year.

For more information on the School Chaplaincy Program please go to:  
<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NationalSchoolChaplaincyProgram/>



Mick Young Scholarships for 2009

Together with Barry Young, I was honoured to present ten Logan TAFE students with Mick Young Scholarship Trusts (MYST). These scholarships will assist the recipients with the cost of TAFE or university fees, computers, books, childcare, transport costs, tools or equipment required for courses.

The eligibility criteria for a recipient of a Mick Young Scholarship is financial disadvantage combined with motivation and commitment to furthering education and improving life circumstances. If you are attending Loganlea Campus, Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE please speak with your student support unit

## Browns Plains High Graduation

