



Rankin community update

Building Australia's future

The Rudd Labor Government is building a modern Australia to meet the challenges of the 21st century and to improve the lives of working families.

A modern, fair industrial relations system

The Rudd Government has begun the process of replacing WorkChoices with a modern, fair industrial relations system. Deputy



Prime Minister Julia Gillard has introduced a bill into Parliament to stop new Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs).

The previous Government used AWAs to strip away the safety net for vulnerable workers – especially young people.

The Rudd Government will restore a proper safety net to protect working conditions. At the same time, the new system will enable small businesses and employees to negotiate working arrangements that suit their own special circumstances.



Health News

■ The Rudd Government has announced that Queensland will receive \$27.6 million of the \$150 million health package promised during the federal election. The funding is expected to allow for an additional 25,000 procedures to be undertaken across the country in 2008 to reduce waiting times for patients.

■ A guide for school teachers, children, parents and all sports people on how to play sport and exercise safely in hot weather will be distributed to all Australian schools this month. "Most of the advice in the *Beat the Heat: Playing and exercising safely in hot weather* fact sheet involves simple rules of common sense and following this advice should enable Australians of all ages to enjoy the exercise they want and need," Minister for Sport, Kate Ellis, has said.

Logan has a family relationship centre at last



Lifeline Community Care Queensland has been selected to commence negotiations to operate a Family Relationship Centre in Logan City.

The establishment of a Family Relationship Centre will be a big win for the people of Logan. I am sure that the Centre will quickly become an important service for families in crisis in our local community.

I would like to congratulate Lifeline Community Care Queensland for its successful application to provide this valuable service.

Family Relationship Centres are a first point

of contact for people wanting information, advice and assistance with strengthening family relationships, preventing separation or resolving relationship difficulties after separation.

The Centres offer three hours of free family dispute resolution for families who are undergoing separation. The Centres can also refer family members to other services and programs that can help to improve family relationships, whether they are together or separated.

The Family Relationship Centre in Logan is expected to open to the public in July 2008.

Rankin Australia Day Awards 2008

Twenty-nine local community volunteers were recognised for their ongoing service to our local community at a special presentation at the Greenbank RSL Club on Friday 25 January.

The Rankin Citizen of the Year 2008 is **Noeline Clamp** for her commitment to the Logan community in the areas of health, ageing and migration settlement.

I started the Rankin Australia Day Awards in the year 2000 to honour the valuable contribution

volunteers make to our local community.

This is the eighth year of the Rankin Australia Day Awards and we are still receiving numerous nominations for people who have lived and worked unrecognised in our community for many years.

Volunteers are the backbone of the community and this year the range of services delivered by our award winners was especially broad. From woodworking in local chapels, the care

of injured wildlife, service to the elderly, youth and education – all of our volunteers have contributed to the success of Logan City

The volunteers recognised were **Kelly Burgess** (service to education), **Edward Byne** (service to church restoration), **Barbara Coolwell** (service to Indigenous community), **Allan Churchward** (service to disabled), **Sybil Dwyer** (service to community), **Wayne Ernst** (service to community), **Faye Fanning** (service



News in brief

■ **Three days after being re-elected**, I was sent back to school. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd ordered all Labor MP's to attend their local schools to make an assessment of the needs of both public and private schools in their local area.

Labor is committed to addressing the educational needs of our children and we are moving fast to make sure these changes happen.



Craig with St Francis College students

■ **The Logan Central PCYC** was the setting of a special event where I participated in a welcoming ceremony for the growing Burmese community.

With 108 refugees arriving from Burma in the last year and 36 coming next month, I hope the Burmese community will embrace Logan's lifestyle and share their culture, in particular their great tasting food.



Craig with traditional Burmese dancers

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme applications open for 2008

I am calling on young people aged 16-23 to apply to be a part of the ballot to board the Young Endeavour sailing ship. Ballot nominations for 2008 will soon close.

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is funded by the Commonwealth Government and seeks to give young people an opportunity to face real challenges, learn how to work in a team, figure out what makes a good leader and

how to work together with people from all walks of life.

Previous Young Endeavour sailors include Taryn Mann from Forestdale who said: 'It was truly a unique experience. It gave me the opportunity to meet people from all parts of Australia and learn amazing skills on this iconic tall ship'.

Go to www.youngendeavour.gov.au

to community), **Laurence Fletcher** (service to youth), **Heather Forman** (service to elderly), **Sue Green** (service to children), **Pam Hambleton** (service to elderly), **Tony Hamers** (service to elderly), **Ann Hawkins** (service to community), **James Kelly** (service to youth), **Lorraine Knight** (service to community), **Len Maple** (service to elderly), **Ann McCallum** (service to community), **Dorothy Murphy** (service to elderly), **Jenny Nightingale** (service to community), **Greg Nothling** (service to education), **Marcelle**

Pollington (service to education), **Bert Purcell** (service to welfare of animals), **Tony Roberts** (service to wildlife), **Betty Schultz** (service to disabled), **Marjorie Siddorn** (service to elderly), **Glen Stiles** (service to community), **Audrey Stuart** (service to elderly), and **Joy (Tilly) Tillgren** (service to education and community).

Volunteers are the life-blood of our local community. Thanks to their selfless contribution, Logan is a better place for all of us to enjoy.



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Emergency Services

Police, Ambulance and Fire..... 000
From a mobile..... 112
State Emergency Service3209 5522

Police & Crime Prevention

Police (non-emergency)..... 3364 6464
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000
National Security Hotline..... 1800 123 400
Crestmead Police Beat.....34516855
4 Whiteman St, Crestmead
Logan Central Police Station..... 38261888
11 Civic Pde, Logan Central
Rochedale South Police Beat 3219 7850
890 Underwood Rd, Rochedale South
Slacks Creek Police Station3387 8333
62 Winnetts Rd, Slacks Creek
Springwood Police Beat..... 3208 2394
364 Springwood Rd, Springwood
Woodridge-Kingston Police Beat.....3808 3744
52 Ellen St, Kingston

Hospitals & Health

Logan Hospital..... 3299 8899
Cnr Armstrong & Loganlea Rds Meadowbrook
Poisons Information Centre 131 126
Brisbane South Community Health Service
.....3275 5411
Child Protection Services (emergencies only)
..... 3235 9999
Quitline..... 131848
BreastScreen QLD..... 3817 2530

Electricity

Energex (fallen powerlines)..... 131962
Dial Before You Dig 1100

Community Support Services

Commonwealth Carelink Centre - Community Care &
Aged Care Services 1800 052 222
Kids Help Line..... 1800 551 800
Lifeline..... 131114
Salvation Army..... 3831 9016

Public Transport

TransInfo..... 131230

Animal Rescue & Control

Animal Emergency Service..... 3290 4477
(Animal Referral Centre - Underwood)
Logan City Animal Control..... 3412 3412

Libraries

Logan Central Library..... 3412 4100
150 Wembley Road, Logan Central
Logan North..... 3412 4140
Cnr Pannikin St & Springwood Rd, Rochedale South
Logan West 3412 4160
69 Grand Plaza Drive, Browns Plains
Marsden..... 3412 4180
35 Chambers Flat Rd, Marsden

Legal Support

Legal Aid QLD 1300 651 188
Justices of the Peace 1300 301 147

Weather

Weather (Forecasts & Warnings)..... 1196

Other useful nos.

CentreLink..... 131 021
Medicare 132 011
Family Assistance Office 136 150

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Regulation under the previous Government has proven to be a major impediment to the success of small business in Australia.

In an effort to cut red tape and unravel the tangle that is choking small business we have established a working group to take on a bold new agenda of regulatory reforms. In addition, Federal Labor will provide ongoing funding of between \$100,000 and \$350,000 a year to 36 existing Business Enterprise Centres (BECs) around Australia. This massive \$31.5 million commitment will enhance the capacity of BECs to provide much needed advisory services to small business.

Out 'n' about in the community

Left to right: Craig with Henry Chen who was just sworn in as a Commissioner for Declarations • Craig Emerson with Cath Bartolo and Camila Aldred at YFS Logan Central. Soaring rents and housing shortages are a big problem in Logan City. Craig has held discussions with Youth and Family Services on ideas for easing the housing crisis • Ladies from Mission Possible sewing team watch one of their own receive an award from Craig • Craig discusses the change of community aid for newly arrived migrants from Burma • On 'Inside Canberra': ABC 612 every Wednesday morning 9am • Craig meets with elders of the Burundi community group to discuss issues.



'The Reporter' 13 February 2008

It was great to read positive feedback from a resident who was assisted by my office. If you have an issue with a Federal Department, contact us.



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Australia 2020 - the future is in your hands

Kevin Rudd has announced a summit is to be held at Parliament House in late April and is calling it Australia 2020.

The summit will bring together some of the best and brightest brains from across the country to tackle the long-term challenges confronting Australia's future.

We want people to be selected on the basis of individual merit instead of being representative of large organisations.

Melbourne University vice-chancellor Glyn Davis is to co-chair the summit along with Mr Rudd.

The 1000 people chosen to take part in the summit will be broken into 10 groups of 100.

Each of those groups will tackle a specific challenge outlined by the Government.

The challenges include areas such as productivity, the digital economy, water, health, Indigenous people and services and the arts.

The ideas created at the summit would not immediately become government policy and will not change already announced Labor policy.

The Government's policy direction is clear cut. What we want is for this gathering of the nation's brightest and best to put forward options for the nation's future and to produce summary documents which we will then consider in the second half of the year. The Government will

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then provide a considered response to those options papers by the year's end.

Those options that the Government accept will form part of the long-term planning for 2009 and beyond.

"Today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

We reflect on their past mistreatment.

We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who were Stolen Generations - this blemished chapter in our nation's history.

The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and so moving forward with confidence to the future.

We apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians.

We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.

For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.

To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry.

And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry.

We the Parliament of Australia respectfully request that this apology be received in the

spirit in which it is offered as part of the healing of the nation.

For the future we take heart; resolving that this new page in the history of our great continent can now be written.

We today take this first step by acknowledging the past and laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians.

A future where this Parliament resolves that the injustices of the past must never, never happen again.

A future where we harness the determination of all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to close the gap that lies between us in life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity.

A future where we embrace the possibility of new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches have failed.

A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility.

A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia."

*The Hon Prime Minister of Australia
Kevin Rudd MP
on behalf of the Australian Parliament
13 February 2008*

Saying Sorry

Transcript of speech given to the Australian Parliament on 13 February 2008 by the Hon Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd MP.

Rudd Government keeping its election commitments



The **signing of the Kyoto Protocol**, putting Australia on the map in the international fight against climate change.



Establishment of the **National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission** to work on fundamental health and hospital reforms.



Introduction of legislation into the Federal Parliament to **replace unfair Workchoices laws with a new workplace relations system** that delivers fairness for employees and long term growth for our economy.



The **formal apology to the Stolen Generations** – a step forward to deliver practical improvements to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.



New powers for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to ensure working families get a fair deal at the petrol pump.



Establishment of a Grocery Prices Inquiry to identify unnecessary cost increases between the farm gate and supermarket checkout.



A **major review of Australia's quarantine and biosecurity systems**, which is critical to protecting Australia's pest and disease status.



More Australians can now have their voices heard through regular community cabinet meetings around the country. Meetings have already been held in Perth and Narangba Valley Queensland.



Initiation of a White Paper on homelessness to provide options on how we address the reality that more than 100,000 Australians are homeless.



First steps towards making housing more affordable through a range of policies, including new First Home Owner Save Accounts.

This is only the beginning. There is much, much more to be done.

A message from Craig Emerson Becoming a Minister a huge privilege

Being sworn into the Ministry after the November 2007 election was an enormous privilege, but it carries with it big responsibilities.

It is also a credit to the people of Logan City, who now have their very own Minister!

My children attended the swearing-in ceremony at Government House, making it a wonderful occasion.

As the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy and the Minister Assisting on Deregulation, I have the job of cutting business red tape and ensuring our small businesses have the incentive to get ahead.

As a former small business owner, I understand that small businesspeople don't get any protections like sick pay, holiday pay and overtime allowances. They work hard and take risks.

They should be able to keep the majority of their earnings, instead of having to pay high taxes.

And our small businesses should not be tied up in government red tape.

I am chairing a working group of Federal and State governments to reduce unnecessary business regulation.

Small businesses need incentive. They deserve reward for effort, risk-taking and entrepreneurship.



Ministerial swearing in ceremony...Craig Emerson, Kevin Rudd and Governor-General, Major General Michael Jeffery AC, CVO, MC