

The **NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY** News

Wayne Swan – Your Federal Member for Lilley

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Welcome to 2010 and a Happy New Year to all my readers. I was fortunate enough to get away to the Sunshine Coast over the break – spending time with the family, talking to locals and hitting the water for a surf in-between reading a stack of briefs. I hope you all had a well earned break and chance to recharge the batteries.

2009 was an extraordinary year for the world and for Australia. We saw the world grapple with the most serious financial and economic crisis since the Great Depression. A combination of economic stimulus and community resilience has seen Australia avoid recession and the destruction to jobs, businesses, skills, confidence and families that go with it. But now is not the time to be complacent – now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get on with building the modern economy we need for the future. This year we will be tackling some big challenges – like acting on dangerous climate change, boosting our productivity for the future, and responding to the ageing of the population.

Wayne Swan

Local Heroes: Australia Day 2010



This year's Lilley Australia Day Awards were a great success with 31 northside individuals and a number of community and business organisations recognised for outstanding service to the community.

It is always a pleasure to honour local people and groups who make it their duty to improve our community and I really enjoyed meeting everyone on our national day. Guest speaker this year was Greg Goebel, Executive Director Qld Branch of Australia Red Cross and he spoke of the importance of volunteering in our community. I congratulate this year's recipients and hope they can continue their outstanding work in the future. Nominations for 2011 awards are now being taken. Forms are available from my office in Nundah.

Executive Director Qld Branch Australia Red Cross Greg Goebel and I present Kedron resident Margaret Fox with her Lilley Australia Day Award.

In 2000 Margaret and her husband John established Group 61. Group 61 now has more than 70 volunteers who build friendships and assist people with mental illness living alone in Brisbane's Northern Suburbs.

Besides organising the volunteers and co-ordinating their activities, Margaret is heavily involved with advocacy for mental health issues and fundraising for Group 61.



Lilley Australia Day Awards at Kedron-Wavell RSL

Individual Winners:

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| Alfred & Liz Boden | Margaret Lukey |
| Marion Bryant | Lesley Malcolm |
| Denise Busk | Maria Nespoli |
| Ron Carroll | Mike Peters |
| Irina Carruthers | Arch Pitty |
| Jim Comerford | Christine Platz |
| Brenda Dimmock | Michael & Maureen Potts |
| Margaret Fox | Greg Rodgers |
| Harry Gaskell | Brenda Shearer |
| Angela Greathead | Ted Slater |
| Paul Hannah | Barry & Barbara Thomas |
| Rev Ian Hussey | Patricia Ticknell |
| Jan Irons | James Watson |
| Val Lewis | Tony Wheate |

Literary and Poetry Competition Winners:

- Geebung Writer Group Prize:** Rosie McCrossin
The Bayside & Northern Suburbs Star Newspaper Prize: Jessica Barbaro
Quest Newspaper Prize: Rebecca Stewart
The English Speaking Union Prize: Jessica Winsen

Group Winners:

- Brisbane Airport Corporation Business Award:**
 Fast Track Home Loans, Aspley
Ted Tremayne Memorial Trophy:
 Kedron-Wavell Sub-branch RSL Women's Auxiliary

Pricewatch

In this issue the Pricewatch team compares online shopping with in-store shopping at Coles and Woolworths. Details on page 2.

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Pricewatch Survey: Online vs In-store Shopping

This edition the Pricewatch team bring you a special Pricewatch feature which compares online shopping with in-store shopping. The surveys were conducted over the 18th, 19th and 20th of January across 21 grocery retail outlets around Lilley and Coles and Woolworths online. The standard basket of 44 items was reduced to 39 for this comparison due to product availability.

NB. As with all Pricewatch surveys, prices relate to the survey period only.

	ON LINE	IN STORE	\$ DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE
COLES EVERY DAY PRICE	\$231.74	\$218.76	\$12.98	5.6%
COLES CHECKOUT (INCLUDES SPECIALS)	\$229.99	\$214.25	\$15.74	6.8%
WOOLWORTHS EVERY DAY PRICE	\$233.33	\$218.30	\$15.03	6.9%
WOOLWORTHS CHECKOUT (INCLUDES SPECIALS)	\$229.69	\$210.45	\$19.24	8.4%

ONLINE SHOPPING

- ✓ Convenience - customers don't have to leave home
- ✗ Cost - it is more expensive to shop online
- ✓ Reduced chance of impulse buying
- ✗ Less product choice
- ✓ Time saving
- ✗ Reduced amount of specials

Potential for Savings In-store



For the normal in-store Pricewatch survey for January the team used the standard survey basket of 44 items to compare the 21 stores. The results for consumers looking for savings were interesting. The Every Day Price (EDP)

for Pricewatch's basket of groceries at Coles during the survey period was \$247.48 while the checkout price (including specials) was \$242.97. In comparison

the EDP at Woolworths was \$247.06 and the checkout price (including specials) was \$232.54. These checkout prices indicate the potential for substantial savings. However the Pricewatch team has observed an increasing proportion of specials occurring in the form of multi item (Multi Buys or Multi Saves) purchases.

The following table shows that about half of all savings that can be made in-store are through the form of multi item specials. For those on a tight budget who can't afford to purchase more items to make a saving, this kind of special isn't ideal.

		ALL SPECIALS (INCLUDES MULTI BUYS)	SINGLE ITEM SPECIALS ONLY
COLES	NUMBER OF SPECIALS	5	3
	\$ SAVED	\$4.51	\$1.78
WOOLWORTHS	NUMBER OF SPECIALS	13	6
	\$ SAVED	\$14.52	\$8.03

Rudd Government Action on Grocery Prices

- ✓ The introduction of compulsory unit pricing in large supermarkets to help consumers to identify the items representing the best value for money
- ✓ The removal of restrictive clauses in tenancy agreements which have prevented rival supermarkets from opening within shopping centres
- ✓ The announcement of amendments to the competition laws to address the issue of creeping acquisitions

News Flash

In recent weeks both Coles and Woolworths have made major announcements about changes in their pricing policies.

Coles has announced that uniform prices will be applied to 8000 items across all of its stores from February 1 while Woolworths has announced that 3,500 items have had their prices reduced to less than they were a year ago.

SHORNCLIFFE



Beautiful weather and sea breezes off Moreton Bay combined to attract hundreds of locals to the Australia Day concert and Citizenship ceremony at Shorncliffe. Daniel Lau from Taigum (right) pictured here with his mother Pui was among 18 northsiders who chose our National Day to pledge their allegiance to our great country. Congratulations to Cr Victoria Newton who always does a fantastic job organising this great event.

Why I help Wayne out

Amanda Addison, Volunteer for Wayne Swan

Describe your role: I am a volunteer for the Lilley Pricewatch team. This means I survey my local supermarket every few months as part of the Pricewatch team's regular surveys. I simply check and record the standard basket of items that the team survey and send it in to the organiser.

What do you enjoy about volunteering? I've been volunteering on and off since 2000 and I love it as it gives me great satisfaction because I feel like I'm doing a service for the community. Also, now that I have a new baby it gives me a chance to get out of the house.

If you are interested in helping Wayne out, please contact the office on 3266 8244.



New Facilities for Schools at Taigum & Everton Park



TAIGUM
Taigum State School principal Mark Fisher and Year 7 students Rojeal Coloyan, Manul Kottagodage, Katelyn Graham and Taleah Carson show me their new hall.



EVERTON PARK
Everton Park Primary School Year 5 class perform in their new hall. I was so impressed the class learnt a new song especially for my visit after being at school only three days!

It was fantastic to visit Taigum and Everton Park State Schools recently to see their major building projects under the Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER).

The economic impact the Building the Education Revolution (BER) is having on our local community is huge. Taigum State School for example has had more than 30 tradies working at the school since the hall and library started in September last year. This is a fantastic shot in the arm for the local economy. The benefits extend to local suppliers, small businesses, contractors and truck drivers. These types of projects are having a ripple effect through the community and when I'm on sites visiting workers they tell me that many of their friends in the industry are also at schools working on a major Commonwealth project.

Never before have we seen this sort of investment in schools and it's long over due. Everton Park State School's new hall is completely finished; while Taigum, Shorncliffe, Nashville and Kedron State Schools aren't far off.

Lilley Fact:

In our local community we have more than 36 major primary school building projects being undertaken. We also have improvements and upgrades being undertaken in all 41 schools across Lilley. All up, we have close to 150 building projects happening across the community.

Kids Alive Do The Five!



TOOMBUL
Sinead Rowe and her mother Catherine picked up a copy of *Living with Water* from Laurie.

Toombul Bowls Club was the place to be on Australia Day as hundreds of locals were treated to a big brekkie, an entertaining poem by Rupert McCall and a surprise visit by swimming legend Laurie Lawrence.

Laurie was on hand with copies of his new DVD, *Kids Alive Do The Five, Living with Water*. The DVD is funded by the Australian Government and in his speech Laurie recounted how the DVD came to be. "I was here at the club a couple of years ago and I remember looking around and seeing the Australian Treasurer eating brekkie on a rubbish bin," Laurie said. "I thought: geez, in what other country in the world would you see this? So I went up to Wayne and introduced myself and I said Wayne, we've got to do something about these kids drowning- let's make a free water safety DVD. I am very proud to stand here today and thank Wayne and the Government for helping me to put together this free DVD and on this our national day let's all work together to eliminate drowning in this great country of ours." *Living with Water: A Comprehensive Guide to Water Safety for Under Fives* will be given to every new mother in the hospital Bounty bags around the country. You can pick up your free copy of the DVD from my office at 1162 Sandgate Rd, Nundah.

Volunteers of the Month

Banyo resident Marjorie Bowers and her team of 20 Sewsmart volunteers are our Lilley Volunteers of the Month.

Marjorie and her team dedicate their time, money and sewing skills to making quilts, knit wear and knitted toys for the Premmie babies at the RBH and the Royal Children's Hospitals. The group also donate rugs to the RSPCA for their animals. The team rely solely on donations to complete their work and Marjorie would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming involved or in donating some materials or money. If you can help the team accomplish their goal of 500 quilts for 2010 please contact Marjorie on 3267 5995 or email mormor1@iprimus.com.au

The team are holding a Quilt Display on Friday April 30th and Saturday 1st May at the Banyo Baptist Church hall in Banyo from 8.30 - 4.00pm. There will be



lots of craft items for sale and some quilts. All money raised from the event will go towards buying materials for the quilts.

Search for Centaur a Success

News that the Australian Hospital Ship the *Centaur* was found off Moreton Island just days before Christmas was a great present for those families seeking closure on this war-time tragedy.

In the weeks that have followed we have watched with interest as Search Director David Mearns and his crew have sent a remote-control submersible camera down to the wreck and captured amazing photos of the ship and placed a memorial plaque on its bow. It was a pleasure to meet David on the search ship the *Seahorse Spirit* in early December as it prepared to embark on this journey. I congratulate David and his crew on their dedicated work on this mission.

This discovery will ensure all Australians know about, and commemorate the 268 people who died in the disaster. I hope by locating the final resting place of the *Centaur*, the family and friends of those men and women who were tragically lost can find some resolution and peace. This is truly a historic event in our nation's story and it was great that the Queensland and Federal Governments could fund this venture together.



Search Director David Mearns and I at the launch of the search with the search ship *Seahorse Spirit* in the background.

Defence Medals Presentation at Geebung RSL



Late last year I joined Federal Member for Petrie Yvette D'Ath to hold a Defence Medal Presentation at Geebung RSL.

Congratulations to Dorothy Banks, Erica Lee, Lenard Monk (Certificates of Appreciation WWII); Simon Brooks, Thomas Chadwick, Keith Gardener,

Paul Gehan, James Horan, Shane Granger, Janice Lawrence, Tina McMillan, Mary Styles, Brian Sullivan and Charles Woodcraft (Australian Defence Medals).

Tax Education Refund

A reminder to parents to keep their receipts for education expenses as they prepare for the new school year.

I urge people to make the most of the benefits available under the Government's \$4.4 billion Education Tax Refund. The Refund will apply to some of the most common back-to-school items.

For more information on how to claim and your eligibility visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au



SANDGATE

It was great to attend the Sandgate State School Year 7 graduation ceremony last year. Pictured here are the Sandgate State School Choir with Music teacher Mrs O'Shea.

Christmas in Lilley



Our annual Carols on the Green event moved to Everton Park Bowls Club last year and our new part of the community really got behind the event. We had more than 100 locals turn out for the free sausage sizzle, carols by the Wavell Singers and a special visit by Santa. Thanks to the Everton Park Bowls Club for their hospitality and we look forward to doing it again this year. Enjoying the festivities here are the MacMinn family from Aspley.



The dedicated volunteers at the Golden Years Seniors' Centre who were busy hosting the centre's Christmas party for clients and members.



It was a pleasure to get to the Somerset Hills State School Christmas concert and sausage sizzle. The students were fantastic singers and pictured here are the 2/3 class performing.

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