




Speech By
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Kawana Electorate

 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (2.58 pm): Today it is my absolute pleasure to talk about three worthy community champions of Kawana: Lieutenant Stuart Glover of the Salvation Army Caloundra Corps; Karen McCord, the senior school principal of Meridan State College; and Luke Wyatt, the rugby manager of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union. I was pleased they were able to accompany me to the Queensland Plan summit in Mackay. Stuart, Karen and Luke have strong ties to the community and, as expected, they had much to contribute to discussion surrounding state-wide issues. The Queensland Plan is a unique opportunity for all Queenslanders to have a say on our future. I salute the Premier for this initiative, which is helping to ensure that Queensland remains a great state with great opportunity.

Karen, Luke and Stuart will join a larger group of community minded Kawana locals on my new advisory group called Advance Kawana, which I am delighted to announce today. Advance Kawana will meet for the first time next week and will assist me, as the local member, to identify and address the issues that matter most to local residents, community groups and the business sector.

The 12 members represent a broad array of interests, and they bring a wide range of topics, skills and perspectives to the table. The members are: young member Jordyn Archer; Bob Clements; Marion Costin; John Edds; Stuart Glover; Jo Hall; Karen McCord; John Pearson; Glenys Powell; Bruce Warrell; Josh Williams; and Luke Wyatt. I am pleased to have representation across a range of issues including: the environment; seniors; business; Indigenous affairs; sport; education; and community safety.

The formation of this group will tie in well with the Queensland Plan. It will serve as an interface for the wider Kawana community to have a say on the future of our great state and our great electorate. I look forward to the inaugural meeting of Advance Kawana next week. I thank all of the participants for accepting my invitation to join.

On another note, I pay tribute to the honourable Minister for Transport, who is in the chamber, for a couple of safety initiatives in Kawana. One is at the Meridan State College where we had the situation where the private sector pulled out of funding school crossing supervisors. I am glad to say that the Minister for Transport came to the rescue and has provided funding in perpetuity for them so the safety of the kids at Meridan State College is maintained.

The other government safety initiative provided by the Minister for Transport is flashing school zone lights. Kawana State College had their flashing school zone lights and the 40 kilometre an hour reduced speed limit signs installed a few weeks ago. It is going down a treat. The principal loves them and the P&C loves them.

Again, thank you to the Minister for Transport—it is all praise for the Minister for Transport today—for approving the funding for traffic lights at Thunderbird Chase on Nicklin Way. Again that is

about making sure kids can travel safely across Nicklin Way, which is a fairly major road in the Kawana electorate. This is all about improving safety for the community.

I wish all participants in the Kawana Relay for Life this Saturday every success. I will be there. I have been doing it for five years now because my mother is a survivor of melanoma and cancer. We will be there supporting the cause. I will be doing the candlelight ceremony. I thank all participants in the Kawana Relay for Life this Saturday evening.