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Rockhampton, Keppel MPs fired up and firing

Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast will benefit from re-energised local members of Queensland Parliament driving an exciting range of projects to boost the economy and the community.

The Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga and the Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke yesterday celebrated the first of those with the announcement of several projects creating training and jobs through the Skilling Workers for Queensland – a Queensland Government scheme.

This creates and supports hundreds of jobs in the region and is an ideal way to kick off the New Year, said Mrs Lauga.

“Also exciting is the \$8 million renovation of the North Rockhampton Nursing Home due to be completed on January 25.

“This is a major project I have been working on for two years and it will lift the centre to substantially improve the quality of facilities for our elderly community.

“We’ve also just started the marine survey for the \$25 million power and water connection to Great Keppel Island – a major piece of tourism infrastructure,” said Mrs Lauga.

Mr O'Rourke said “Brittany and I are back at work and ready to get on with the job.

“In fact this year the State Labor Government will have 6 separate sitting weeks before the May election, however Scott Morrison and Michelle Landry have ordered the Federal Parliament to sit for just 10 days early this year before we head into a May Federal election.”

He said the people in Capricornia deserved better than lazy Federal members and Senators who fail to deliver vision or worthwhile projects.

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“Labor has a plan for the future, for jobs, for the economy, for health and education and we are primed and ready to deliver on hundreds of millions of dollars in Palaszczuk Government economic uplift in 2019,” said Mr O’Rourke.

Mrs Lauga said her role as a local Member of Parliament and as Assistant Education Minister meant she was incredibly busy each day with correspondence, community engagements, public speaking, and a mountain of phone calls.

She said the need to freshen over the Christmas/New Year break had been critical to her in achieving the right work/family/community balance.

“Over the Christmas break I had the chance to spend some time with my family, continued teaching my daughter Odette Auslan (sign language), played backyard cricket, maintained a healthy diet and, of course, exercised.

“I have even started using an activity tracker and it’s changed my perspective on exercise.”

“All of this has helped prepare me for a busy upcoming parliamentary schedule and it has revitalised my energy and passion to continue fighting for our community in 2019,” said Mrs Lauga.

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