



## A Family Man

Don and his wife Morag have four children and live on a small beef and macadamia nut farm at Newrybar in the heart of the electorate. He has experienced the needs and challenges of pre-schoolers through to young adults every day. He knows the demands placed on the elderly, their need for better health care and increased personal safety.

He believes in the work ethic, family values and reward for effort. He is respected by the community because he listens, is honest and tolerant, a man of integrity who gets on with the job.

Don plays tennis and has played cricket and rugby union at representative level.



## Wants to Create More Jobs....

Don says small business is the key to employment opportunities in this area. He wants clean sustainable jobs and says authorities must not place unreasonable burdens on small business's capacity to employ people.

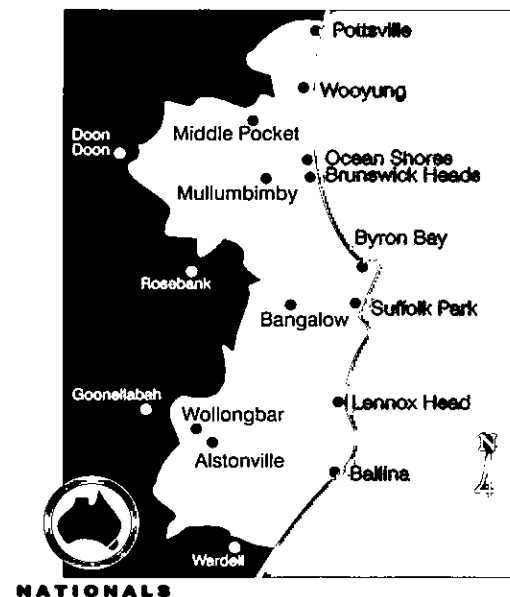


## Who Cares for the Environment....

This is a special place, a wonderful environment to pursue our dreams and raise our families. Don knows that the protection of our environment is a top priority. He is committed to coastal protection, clean waterways, safeguarding prime agricultural land and the preservation of areas of special environmental significance.

## and sees the big picture.

The issues of water and salinity are the biggest issues confronting Australians today. As Shadow Minister for Land and Water Conservation Don has an impressive knowledge of water and resource management and will implement policies to manage water and other resources sustainably.



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Like These....  
We Look To A Proven  
Representative



Don Page



## An Experienced Member

Don Page holds both Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Economics. Prior to his election to Parliament Don held senior management positions with Dalgety Australia and subsequently owned and operated his own small businesses.

Don has been Assistant Minister for Roads and Transport, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and to the Minister for Transport and Tourism, Planning and Housing and is currently Shadow Minister for Land and Water Conservation and Shadow Minister for Forestry.

He is highly regarded as a senior member of the Coalition and is one of their policy strategists. He has a most active record in the Parliamentary chamber and is constantly on his feet to champion the cause of the Ballina Electorate.

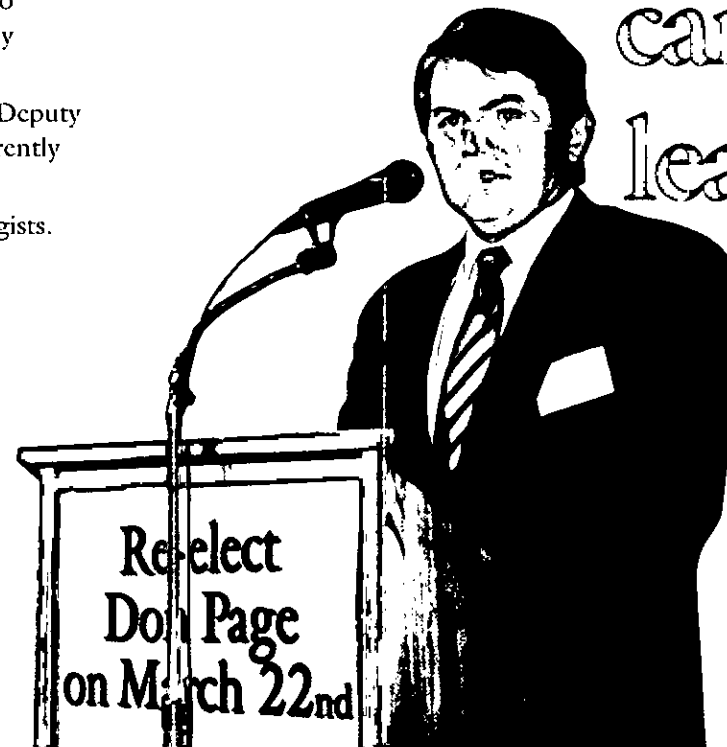
## Someone Close to the Community

Don believes the Ballina electorate to be a special place with a unique quality of life and a strong sense of community.

He is part of the community, abseiling for charity, a member and supporter of service clubs, he's a member of an Iron Stockman Team at the Bangalow Show, plays cricket when he can, and is patron of numerous community organisations.

*He is an unusual and versatile MP easily approachable and accessible.*

We look to  
**strong,**  
capable,  
caring  
leadership



## With a vision for the future

### *Don*

- ▶ has a commitment from the State Coalition to build, wholly fund and start this year the Alstonville Bypass
- ▶ has a commitment to build the Byron Bypass
- ▶ will accelerate progress on the Ballina bypass
- ▶ supports smaller class sizes, with average of 21 students only in K, Y1 and Y2
- ▶ supports construction of a new central hospital for Byron Shire and an upgrade of surgical facilities at Ballina Hospital
- ▶ supports substantial rebates for installation of water tanks for all residents
- ▶ has developed an attractive assistance package for independent retirees
- ▶ believes in promoting worlds best practice in sewerage systems, water re-use and water quality
- ▶ supports planning policies which protect the amenity and beauty of the area as population increases
- ▶ wants to develop new sustainable industries and jobs eg. mobile mills to process camphor laurel timber harvested on site
- ▶ supports a commuter train service to connect towns on the North Coast branch line
- ▶ supports increased Police presence especially Alstonville, Lennox Head and Pottsville and more crime prevention strategies
- ▶ supports multipurpose centres for Ballina & Lennox Head Primary Schools.



Australia Day at Brunswick Heads

Don supporting small business at Byron Bay

Better health care for everyone

A visit to Mullumbimby Primary School

Anzac Park in Pottsville

John Brogden confirms funding for the Alstonville By-pass

Tree planting at Lennox Head

Parliament House

Pre-schoolers at Ballina

Launch of Ballina's Seabird Rescue Zodiac

**Don understands the community he represents and knows how to get results.**

**Re-elect Don Page**

# More nurses, better hospitals



**Around the world governments face the same problem, health costs keep**

**going up and nurses are in short supply.**

That's why the Carr Government has developed innovative programs like Nursing Re-Connect to attract more nurses to work in our hospitals.

To date more than 860 experienced nurses have returned to work in hospitals around NSW. We want to keep nurses in our hospitals. That's why the Carr Government is delivering a 16% pay rise, plus an extra 6% from the Industrial Commission by 30 June 2003.

The Government has also:

- Provided over \$20 million each year for refresher and new skills training courses;
- Introduced educational scholarships – 325 nurses are benefiting this year alone; and
- Nearly tripled childcare places for nurses.

Since 1995, more than \$5 billion has been committed to building or improving our hospitals and health facilities across NSW, to provide nurses with the resources to care for patients.

## IMPROVING LOCAL HOSPITALS

The Carr Government is committed to maintaining a high standard of health care in our community. Recent improvements include:

<b>Ballina Hospital</b>	\$3.9 million upgrade
	\$295,000 for the expansion of the Renal Unit
	\$500,000 for Emergency Department refurbishment.
<b>Mullumbimby</b>	\$225,000 for a new Dental Clinic
	\$350,000 boost for mental health services.



The Carr Government has recruited 860 more nurses to work in our hospitals.

## More police on the beat



**In the last 12 months 53 extra police joined our Local Area Commands.**

That brings the total number of police working in our Commands to 368. NSW now has record numbers of police. A strong, well-equipped police force means safer streets and communities. In 1999, the Carr Government promised 1000 extra officers by December 2003. The target was reached 12 months early, thanks to a record 685 new recruits entering the force in December.

## NEED HELP?

If you need help on any State matter please phone Janelle Saffin's Office on

 **(02) 9230 3306**



# Community News

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## Tough new regulations protect our coastline



Wategos Beach, Byron Bay.



**The Carr Government's tough new coastal development plan – SEPP 71 – will help protect our beautiful coastline by stopping Gold Coast-style development in the region.**

Under the new policy the NSW Minister for Planning has become the consent authority for all high-risk coastal developments, including buildings over 13 metres in height. The plan is the centrepiece of the Government's new \$11.7 million Coastal Protection Policy.

**Stopping overdevelopment**  
SEPP 71 will act as a safety net for places like Byron Bay — should a future local council ever be taken over by a pro-development majority. The Government will have the power to say no to ugly

developments, developments that pollute the local environment, destroy native vegetation and spoil the natural landscape.

'When it comes to our sensitive coastline and coastal lakes, the Government is determined to stop a Gold Coast here,' Premier Carr said in Byron Bay.

'Our tough new laws will stop ugly developments that tower over the beach from going ahead.'

Public access to beaches and foreshores will be protected.

SEPP 71 will remain in place until the NSW Government completes its world-first assessment of the land along our 1300km coastline from Queensland to Victoria. This will be completed over the next three years.

## STANDARD MINIMUM SENTENCING LAWS START

On 1 February, our new Standard Minimum Sentencing laws began.

They will put criminals in jail longer and make judges more accountable.

From now on, anyone who commits one of these crimes will be dealt with under these new laws.

Crime	Jail sentence in years	
	Old	New
Murder of police	*	25
Murder	14	20
Gang rape	*	15
Sexual assault	3	10
Supplying drugs	7	15
Serious wounding	3	7
Armed robbery	3	7
Aggravated break, enter & steal	2	5

\* New offence

These sentences are part of the Government's plan to make our streets safer:

- We have already met our election commitment of 1000 extra police; and
- We have given police new powers to search for handguns and knives, break up gangs and fight terrorism.

There are no simple solutions to crime. We have had to make tough decisions, and we will keep making them.



**BOB CARR,  
PREMIER OF NSW.**



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# Getting results for our community

The Carr Government is working hard for our community.

## COMMITMENTS

## STATUS

### 11 Ballina Hospital

- \$3.9 million redevelopment.
- \$295,000 renal unit expansion.
- \$500,000 emergency department upgrade.

✓ COMPLETED

✓ DELIVERED

✓ COMPLETED

### 12 Mullumbimby

\$225,000 new dental clinic.

✓ COMPLETED

### 13 Mullumbimby High School

\$8.9 million upgrade.

UNDERWAY

### 4 Byron Bay High School

\$80,000 for performance arts space.

✓ COMPLETED

### 5 The Pocket Public School

\$63,167 for air conditioning.

✓ DELIVERED

### 6 Southern Cross School

\$51,058 for air conditioning.

✓ DELIVERED

### 17 Bangalow, Alstonville, Mullumbimby, Ballina, Byron Bay

\$1.2 million for new fire engines.

✓ DELIVERED

### 8 Pacific Highway

- \$348 million Yelgun to Chinderah.
- \$60 million Tandy's Lane.

✓ DELIVERED

### 9 Lismore to Bangalow Road

\$1.3 million for realignment.

✓ DELIVERED

### 10 Alstonville Soccer Club

\$13,000 for upgraded facilities.

✓ DELIVERED

### 11 Ballina South Breakwater

\$1.3 million for repairs.

✓ DELIVERED

### 12 Mullumbimby Community Technology Centre

\$185,000 centre provides email access, video-conferencing.

✓ COMPLETED

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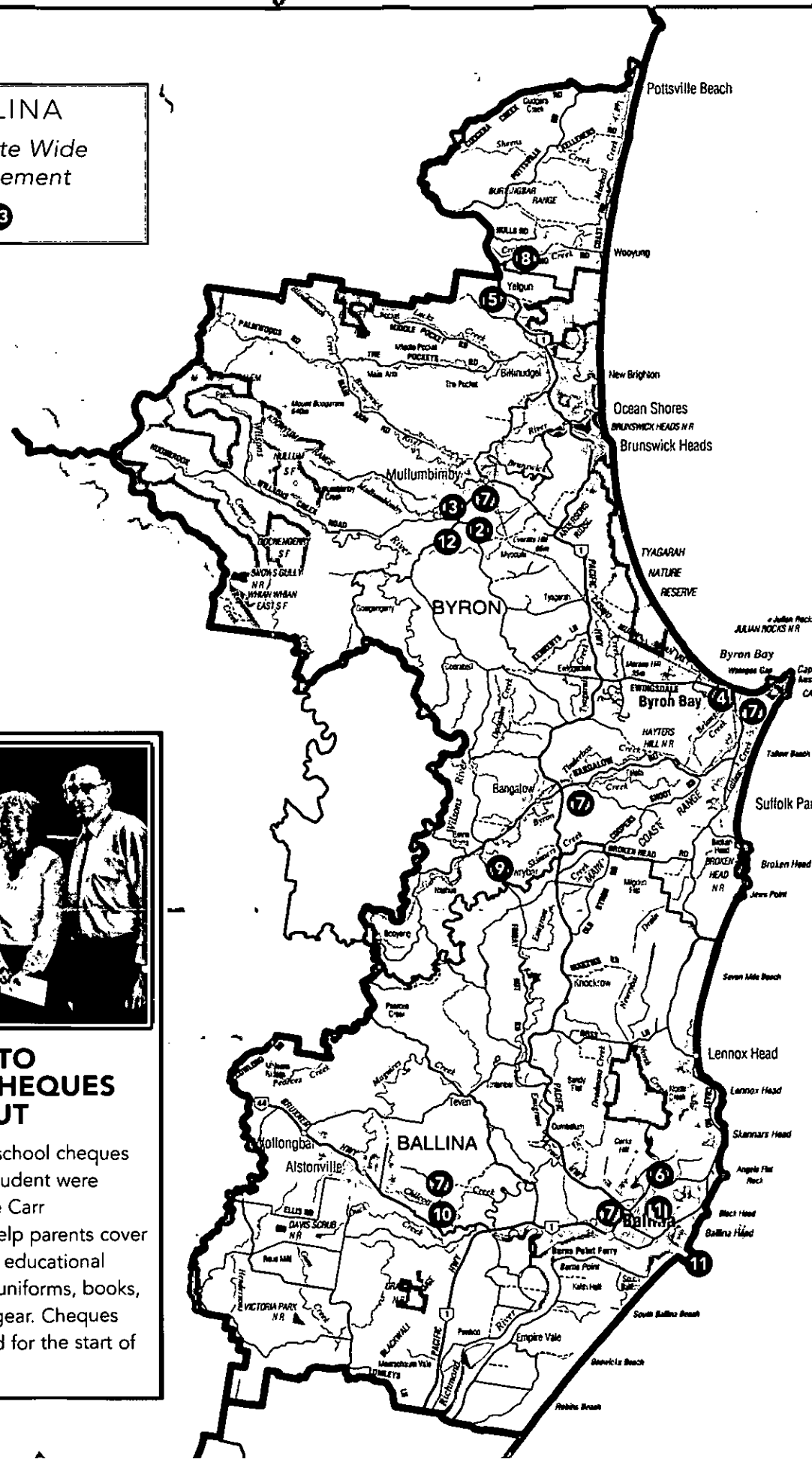
BALLINA  
Electorate Wide  
Achievement

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## \$50 BACK TO SCHOOL CHEQUES MAILED OUT

The \$50 back to school cheques for each school student were introduced by the Carr Government to help parents cover the costs of basic educational items like shoes, uniforms, books, bags and sports gear. Cheques have been posted for the start of the school year.



## PROTECTING OUR HOMES FROM FIRE

Premier Bob Carr was in Byron Bay recently to inspect the community's new \$250,000 fire engine and the \$150,000 improvements made to the local fire station. The Premier also visited Ballina to inspect another state-of-the-art fire engine. Crews from Byron Bay and Ballina fire stations responded to about 400 fire and hazardous material emergencies in the past year alone.

'Local families can rest easy knowing they have fast and effective fire crews with the latest equipment ready for any emergency,' Bob Carr said.

These new engines for Byron Bay and Ballina join another delivered earlier this year to Bangalow.

The Carr Government is spending \$72 million over four years to upgrade the NSW Fire Brigades' fire engine fleet. In addition 13 new or refurbished tankers have been delivered to local rural fire brigades in the past four years.



## BOOST FOR SURF CLUBS

Carr Government funding will enable three North Coast Surf Life Saving Clubs to carry out refurbishments and replace vital rescue, training and competition equipment.

- Byron Bay: \$5000 refurbishment;
- Alstonville/Lennox Head: \$5200 for a replacement outboard kit for their rubber dinghy; and
- Ballina/Lismore: \$4,400 for two rescue boards and four competition boards.

Speaking to a group of Nippers at Alstonville/Lennox Head Surf Club, Bob Carr praised local surf clubs saying they played an essential role in protecting the Australian way of life.

'It's the hard work and dedication of thousands of skilled volunteers that allow families to enjoy our beaches every summer,' Bob Carr said.

'And it's the Nippers who are lifesavers of the future.'