



POWER: Mike Holt is looking for more residents to join Sunshine Coast Savers.
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More need to say it's 'enough'

IT'S all about power in numbers. Buderim resident Mike Holt is ready to tell utility providers "enough is enough" on skyrocketing power bills.

Since Mr Holt put the call out for residents to join him, the responses have started to flow in. But he said more households were needed to make an impact. Mr Holt floated the idea of a block buyers group in June, through the Buderim Chronicle, and about 50 members have since joined in his crusade.

"I'd love to have around 5000 members. In the scheme of things, 500 people really isn't enough across the Coast to take our message to renewable energy and electricity suppliers," he said.

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Jeannie's a global lifesaver

By MEGAN MACKANDER

FROM poolside to the pyramids of Egypt, a lifetime love of lifesaving has sent Jeannie Baxter-Reid across the world.

The Buderim resident touched down in South Africa this week for the 2011 Commonwealth Pool Lifesaving Championships.

The event is held every two years and sees the finest Royal Life Saving competitors from across the Commonwealth compete in a number of events. Australia will defend its title this year and Mrs Baxter-Reid hoped to bring home the gold for the country again.

Mrs Baxter-Reid threw her support behind the Australian athletes ahead of the meet and will take on the role of Australian team manager.

"Pool lifesaving is all about speed, strength, making decisions and problem solving," Mrs Baxter-Reid said.

Among the team of 10 young royal lifesavers are four Sunshine Coast competitors: Maroochy Surf Club's members Sam Bell, Pamela Hendry and Alisha Ellwood will head over to Africa for event, along with Alexandra

Headland Surf Club member Alicia Kirk.

Events include staged emergency rescue scenarios, team events, individual and pair events, relays and towing.

"They are all dedicated athletes. The highlight for me, throughout all the years I've been doing this, is watching young people come through and achieve internationally," Mrs Baxter-Reid said.

"They all do swimming training and lifesaving training with Sam starts, 10 sessions a week.

"I am sure they will do fantastic this year. The Australian team has a great combination of young

competitors together with more experienced lifesavers."

Mrs Baxter-Reid is a member of the Coast's only club affiliated with Royal Lifesaving Society of Queensland, Ithica-Caloundra Surf Lifesaving Club.

She often trains for masters events at the Buderim pool.

Mrs Baxter-Reid first slipped into the pool for lifesaving in high school, with towing her favourite event. She also specialised in water polo.

She was named in the Australian team when she was 17. The 2011 Commonwealth Pool Lifesaving Championships will run until October 2.



CHAMPION: Jeannie Baxter-Reid is headed to South Africa to compete in the Commonwealth Royal Lifesaving Championships.

Fast facts

Jeannie Baxter-Reid's Australian team manager:
 2007 Commonwealth Championships Bath, England
 2008 Lifesaving World Championships, Germany
 2009 Commonwealth Championships, Canada
 2009 World Games, Chinese Taipei
 2010 Lifesaving World Championships, Egypt
 2011 Commonwealth Championships Durban, South Africa

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