



Greg Hunt MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Flinders Community News

*Working for
our Community*

Winter 2015

Join my 500km Walk for Autism

On July 20 I will begin a 500km walk around the electorate to increase awareness about autism and raise money for Abacus Learning Centre and Amaze (Autism Victoria).

I invite you to walk with me for 1km, a day, or any part of the walk to help me support this cause or to meet me along the way for a coffee and a chat. You may also like to assist by making a donation.

I have seen firsthand the enormous difference that Abacus' therapy and early intervention can make in a child's life and to the lives of their families, which is why I am committed to supporting them.

Abacus Learning Centre is a not-for-profit organisation based in **Hastings** that works with children who have autism and provides much-needed therapy to help these children reach their goals.

Abacus is looking to secure new premises in **Hastings** and funds raised during the walk will assist in ensuring the building meets the necessary building standards.



▲ playing with two-year-old Luke who has autism

To join my 500km *Walk for Autism*, please phone my office on (03) 5979 3188

\$150,000 in grants for local community projects

Communities in the Flinders electorate will benefit from a significant boost in funding announced in the 2015 Budget.

The Government's new Stronger Communities Program will provide \$150,000 per year over two years to support small projects in the electorate that deliver social benefits.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$20,000 will be made available to not-for-profit organisations for local projects.

I encourage local groups to contact my office on 5979 3188 to express their interest in the program.

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▲ enjoying a coffee at Jaque's Cafe in Hastings with Jacqueline Allison

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▲ with Pat Farmer and Doreen at the Flinders Aging Well Forum



Flinders Seniors Awards

It was wonderful to see so many seniors at the *Flinders Ageing Well Forum* held in **Rosebud**.

Pat Farmer inspired the audience with tales of his adventures from the North to the South Pole and showed what can be achieved through sheer determination.

I am now calling for nominations for the Flinders Seniors Awards.

The Seniors Awards are an opportunity for us to recognise residents who have made an outstanding contribution to our community.

Nomination forms can be obtained from my office on 5979 3188 or by emailing me at greg.hunt.mp@aph.gov.au

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony later this year.

▼ with Pat Farmer and Doreen at the *Flinders Ageing Well Forum*



▲ with volunteer Julian Conlon and Peninsula Health CEO Nancy Hogan

Volunteers honoured at Peninsula Health

It was terrific to be part of the annual Peninsula Health volunteers' luncheon in May.

The event is a highlight on the volunteers' calendars and it is a lovely way to thank them for the fantastic work they do in the community.

It was terrific to meet all the volunteers who do a tremendous job in our community.

\$10 million for Casey Cultural Precinct



▲ architect's impression of the Casey Cultural Precinct, Bunjil Place

I am delighted that the Australian Government is providing \$10 million to develop the Casey Cultural Precinct, now known as Bunjil Place.

This is a terrific outcome for the community and I look forward to seeing Bunjil Place completed.

The \$1 billion National Stronger Regions Fund is helping to enhance economic growth in our regional areas.

I have been working with the City of Casey to develop a regional arm of a national gallery or museum to entice people to the centre.

Bunjil Place will provide a community gathering place where all members of the community can participate in the arts, attend events and engage in other social activities.

It will have a flow-on effect to employment, tourism and provide a major economic injection to the region, both during the construction phase and upon completion of the facility.

WALK FOR AUTISM ITINERARY

WHERE YOU CAN MEET OR WALK WITH GREG:

Times may vary on the road. To confirm progress on any day please contact Samantha Robin 0400 175 355 or Christian Lee 0421 770 312.

Monday 20th July – Day 1

Today 32.5km – Total 32.5km

8.00am	Walk starts at Arthurs Seat
9.00 – 9.20	Main Ridge Estate
9.45 – 10.25	Red Hill Consolidated Primary School
11.20 – 11.35	Red Hill shops, Shoreham Rd
1.40 – 2.00	Peninsula Specialist College
2.00 – 2.20	Lunch
2.30 – 2.50	Dromana Secondary College
4.00 – 4.15	Hickinbotham Winery
7.00pm	Moorooduc Hall
	(cnr Derril & Bentons Rds)

Tuesday 21st July – Day 2

Today 20.7km – Total 53.2km

8.15am	Moorooduc Hall
	(cnr Derril & Bentons Rds)
9.00 – 9.25	Moorooduc Primary School
9.45 – 10.25	Penbank Primary School
12.00 – 12.15	Lunch
12.25 – 1.00	Osborne Primary School
1.40 – 1.55	Mount Martha village shops
2.15 – 2.45	Balcombe Grammar School
3.00pm	Mount Martha Eco Park
	(opposite Mount Martha Primary)

Wednesday 22nd July – Day 3

Today 19 km – Total 72km

8.50am	Mount Martha Eco Park
	(opposite Mount Martha Primary)
9.00 – 9.40	Mount Martha Primary School
11.15 – 11.30	Safety Beach – Provincia Cafe
12.50 – 1.30	Dromana Primary School
2.45 – 3.15	Rosebud Primary School
3.30 – 3.45	Rosebud – Safeway Central

Sunday 26th July – Day 7

Today 17km – Total 169km

9.00am	Shoreham Post Office
10.20 – 10.35	Point Leo shops
12.40 – 12.55	Merricks Beach Yacht Club
2.00 – 2.15pm	Balnarring Community Hall

Monday 27th July – Day 8

Today 28.5 km – Total 197.5km

9.30am	Balnarring Community Hall
10.25 – 10.55	Somers Camp
11.35 – 12.05	Somers Primary School
2.25 – 2.35	Crib Point
3.10 – 3.40	HMAS Cerberus
4.30	Stony Point Ferry to French Island
5 – 5.15	French Island
6.15pm	Perseverance Primary School

Tuesday 28th July – Day 9

Today 27km – Total 224.5km

8.30am – 9.00	Breakfast at Perseverance Primary
9.30	Ferry to Stony Point
10.45 – 11.10	Crib Point Primary School
11.15 – 11.45	St Joseph's Primary School
1.05 – 1.25	Bittern Primary School, via shops
2.30 – 2.50	Western Port Secondary College
3.25 – 3.40	Greg Hunt's Electorate Office, via Hastings shops
4:15	Wallaroo shops
6.00pm	Community Meeting on Autism at Abacus Learning Centre, 74 Victoria Street, Hastings

Wednesday 29th July – Day 10

Today 14km – Total 238.5km

9.00 – 9.25am	Wallaroo Primary School
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Saturday 1st August – Day 13

Today 33.5km – Total 324.5km

9.00am	Cannons Creek General Store
	(26 Cannons Creek Rd)
10.10 – 10.25	Boat to Warneet
11.25 – 11.45	Sanjo's at Blind Bright
12.50 – 1.10	Tooradin Primary School
3.15 – 3.30	Cardinia Primary School
4.25 – 4.45	Dalmore (cnr Dalmore & Marks Rds)
6.30pm	St Johns Primary School, Koo Wee Rup

Sunday 2nd August – Day 14

Today 28.5km – Total 353km

9.00 – 9.30am	St Johns Primary School, Koo Wee Rup
9.45 – 10.15	Koo Wee Rup Primary School
10.35 – 11.05	Koo Wee Rup Secondary College, via shops
12.45 – 1.15	Bayles Primary School
3.05 – 3.20	Catani
4.35 – 4.50	Yannathan Hall
6.40pm	Lang Lang Primary School

Monday 3rd August – Day 15

Today 35.5km – Total 388.5km

9.00 – 9.20am	Lang Lang Primary School
9.20	Lang Lang shops
1.15 – 1.30	Nyora Primary School
4.10 – 4.25	St Helliers Rd
6.10	The Curdies
6.30 – 7.15	BBQ at Daisy Avenue Reserve (11 Daisy Ave, Pioneer Bay)
8.05pm	Grantville Rural Transaction Centre

Tuesday 4th August – Day 16

Today 43km – Total 431.5km

8.00 – 8.10am	Grantville Rural Transaction Centre
10.00 – 10.15	Grantville Rural Transaction Centre



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July 20 - August 7, 2015

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to raise funds for children
with autism.*





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All money raised will go to Abacus Learning Centre and Amaze (Autism Victoria) to support children with autism.

How You Can Get Involved...

Walk With Greg

To join Greg on his walk, contact his office on 5979 3188.

Make a Donation

Donations can be made at www.greghunt.com.au or by calling Amaze (Autism Victoria) 1300 308 699 and quote GHWALK

Attend the Community Meeting on Autism

Community Meeting on Autism at Abacus Learning Centre, 74 Victoria Street, Hastings
When: Tuesday 28th July
Time: 6.00pm

(cnr of Jetty Rd)
Rosebud
(cnr Jetty Rd & Inglewood Cres)

Thursday 23rd July – Day 4

Today 25km – Total 97km

8.40am Rosebud
(cnr Jetty Rd and Inglewood Cres)
8.45 – 9.05 Padua College
9.30 – 9.50 Our Lady of Fatima Primary School
10.10 – 10.30 Rosebud Secondary College
11.20 – 11.40 Eastbourne Primary School
12.30 – 1.00 Tootgarook Primary School
1.50 – 2.20 Lunch - Rye
2.20 – 2.50 Rye Primary School
3.50 – 4.10 Blairgowrie shops
5.10 – 5.30 Sorrento shops
5.45 – 6.00 Portsea
6.15pm Point Nepean (main gate)

Friday 24th July – Day 5

Today 34km – Total 131km

8.00am Point Nepean (main gate)
9.00 – 9.20 St Joseph's Primary School
9.20 – 9.50 Sorrento Primary School
10.30 – 10.45 Koonya General Store, Sorrento
2.55 – 3.15 Boneo Primary School
via St Andrews shops
3.45 – 4.00 Ace-Hi Riding Ranch
(cnr of Boneo Rd)
5.35pm Cape Schanck Lighthouse car park

Saturday 25th July – Day 6

Today 21km – Total 152km

8.30am Cape Schanck Lighthouse car park
11.45 – 12.15 Flinders
1.35 – 1.50pm Shoreham Post Office

9.45 – 10.10 Hastings Primary School
10.20 – 10.50 St Mary's Primary School, Hastings
12.00 – 12.25 Padua College, Tyabb
12.35 – 1.10 Tyabb Railway Primary School
1.50 – 2.25 Flinders Christian College
2.30 – 2.55 Tyabb Primary School
3.50 – 4.10pm Somerville West
(cnr Blacks Camp Rd & Graf Rd)

Thursday 30th July – Day 11

Today 19km – Total 257.5km

8.40am Somerville West
(cnr Blacks Camp Rd & Graf Rd)
8.50 – 9.20 St Brendan's Primary School
9.30 – 9.50 Somerville Rise Primary School
10.00 – 10.20 Somerville Secondary College
10.45 – 11.05 Somerville Primary School
11.35 – 11.55 Ingham's, via Somerville East shops
12.10 – 12.30 Baxter Primary School
12.45 – 1.20 Lunch
1.35 – 1.55 Woodleigh
2.30 – 2.50 Bayside Christian College
3.20 – 3.35 Baxter shops
5.00 – 5.15 Pearceedale shops
5.20pm Pearceedale Primary School

Friday 31st July – Day 12

Today 33.5km – Total 291km

9.00 – 9.30am Pearceedale Primary School
11.10 – 11.40 Cranbourne South Primary school
12.50 – 1.20 Devon Meadows Primary School
2.10 – 2.20 Five Ways General Store
(2040 South Gippsland Hwy)
2.50 – 3.20 Clyde Primary School
3.25 – 3.40 Clyde General Store
4.40 – 4.55 Junction Village shops
6.55 – 7.10pm Cannons Creek General Store
(26 Cannons Creek Rd)

10.00 – 10.15 Kერთო General Store, via the snuntott
11.40 – 11.55 Almurta
12.50 – 1.05 Glen Forbes
2.35 – 3.05 Bass Valley Primary School
4.35 – 4.50 Corinella General Store
6.05 – 6.20 Coronet Bay General Store
8.35pm Bass Hotel

Wednesday 5th August – Day 17

Today 35.5km – Total 467km

8am Bass Hotel
9.15 – 9.30 Woolamai Racecourse
11.55 – 12.10 Archies Creek
12.55 – 1.20 Lunch at Dalyston General Store
1.25 – 1.55 Powlett River Primary School
2.35 – 2.50 Kilcunda shops
3.50 – 4.05 Anderson Hill
5.50 – 6.05 San Remo Co-op

Thursday 6th August – Day 18

Today 37km – Total 504km

8.50am San Remo Co-op
9.00 – 9.20 San Remo Primary School
9.45 – 10.05 Newhaven Primary School
11.25 Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay
12.40 – 12.55 Rhyll General Store
2.25 – 2.55 Newhaven College, Phillip Island Rd
2.55 – 3.10 A Maze 'N' Things
3.45 – 4.00 Smiths Beach shops
(221 Smiths Beach Rd)

Friday 7th August – Day 19

Today 12.5km – Total 516.5km

8.50am Phillip Island Nature Park
9.50 – 10.05 Anchorage General Store, Ventnor
11.20 – 11.40 Cowes Primary School
11.45 – 12.00 Cowes shops
12.10pm Finish Cowes Jetty

PLEASE CALL (03) 5979 3188 TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN JOINING THE WALK

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Marking the Anzac Centenary

It was an honour to attend Anzac Day services in Hastings, Dromana, Rosebud, Rye and Sorrento.

The commemorations were a tribute to our fallen heroes, the men and women who put their lives at risk so that we could enjoy the freedom we have today.

It was good to see the various monuments, plaques, memorials and tributes at various townships that were made possible through the Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

There were 24 local grants totalling more than \$125,000 provided to groups across the Flinders electorate and the memorials created will become permanent tributes to our local servicemen and women.



▲ at the Rye RSL

20,000 instant asset write-off for local small businesses

Small businesses with a turnover of less than \$2 million a year can now claim an immediate tax deduction for every asset they buy valued up to \$20,000 – a substantial increase from the previous \$1,000 threshold. There is no limit on the number of assets a small business can acquire.

From 1 July 2015, the government will cut the company tax rate by 1.5 percentage points to 28.5 per cent for incorporated businesses with annual turnover up to \$2 million.

The government will also provide a five per cent tax discount for sole traders, trusts and partnership structures that are unincorporated businesses with annual turnover up to \$2 million, capped at \$1,000, through their end of year tax return.

The new \$5.5 billion Growing Jobs and Small Business package will help small businesses invest more, grow more and employ more.



▲ enjoying a coffee at Jaque's Cafe in Hastings with owner Jacqueline Allison

Hastings café owner Jacqueline Allison plans to use the tax incentives to purchase new tables and chairs and a new ice cream refrigerator. These crucial items will help Jacqueline expand her business and attract new customers to enjoy her terrific coffee.



▲ at the opening of Peninsula North Men's Shed

Peninsula North Men's Shed starts a new chapter

I was delighted to take part in the official opening of the Peninsula North Men's Shed.

I know the group has fought hard for many years to make this dream a reality.

The group has coped under difficult circumstances, working for many years on the property of one of the group's members.

It is fantastic that the group now has their own facilities adjacent to the Baxter Hall.



▲ releasing Bella the Bettong at Mulligans Flat Sanctuary

The Environment

Protecting Australia's threatened species

I am committed to protecting Australia's threatened species and boosting their numbers. The Threatened Species Summit on 16 July at Melbourne Zoo will bring together both State and Territory Environment Ministers and experts from around the country to look at practical ways to reverse the decline of our precious and unique native species.

The summit will be webcast live online, so all members of the community can follow its progress. I will also be launching Australia's first ever Threatened Species Strategy which will define a new national approach to threatened species and how we can all take action to prevent extinction.

More information and the webcast is available at www.environment.gov.au/tssummit

Emissions Reduction Fund delivers significant results

The results of the first Emissions Reduction Fund auction clearly prove that the Coalition's climate change policy is delivering real and significant reductions in emissions.

The Clean Energy Regulator has awarded contracts for 47 million tonnes of emissions reduction at an average price per tonne of \$13.95.

In just the first auction alone, the Emissions Reduction Fund has contracted approximately four-times the amount of emissions reductions achieved during the entire two-year lifespan of the carbon tax.

We are well on track to achieve our target of reducing emissions by five per cent from 2000 levels by 2020.

We are cutting Australia's emissions and doing our part to combat global climate change – and we're doing it without a painful carbon tax that hurt businesses and pushed up the cost of living for Australian families.



UNESCO praises Australia's work to protect the Great Barrier Reef

The World Heritage Committee has acknowledged the significant and unprecedented work undertaken by the Commonwealth and Queensland governments and has recommended against the Great Barrier Reef being listed as "in danger".

The Committee acknowledged the strong measures Australia and Queensland have put in place through the development and implementation of the recently released Reef 2050 Long term Sustainability Plan.

This includes the recent announcements of more than \$200 million in additional funding (\$100 million from each government), bringing the projected investment by both governments to well over \$2 billion dollars over the next decade.

Our actions also include an unprecedented ban on the disposal of capital dredge material in the entire World Heritage Area and restrictions on port development.

We have listened and responded directly to concerns from the Australian community, the World Heritage Committee and technical advisors.