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Housing support for people with a disability in Rosebud

I am thrilled that the Federal Government is providing \$1 million for the development of specialist accommodation for people with a disability in **Rosebud**.

The funds will be provided to the Uniting Church, under the guidance of the Community Lifestyle Accommodation group, for the development of a two-storey, four unit building in Rosebud that will provide specialist accommodation for up to eight people with moderate to high support needs.

It has been a long hard road for Marie Hell, Kevin Turner and the proactive group of carers who have been lobbying for this project for many years.

I am delighted that the Federal Government has been able to contribute to making this project a reality and I look forward to seeing the units when they are completed.

▲ at the Southern Peninsula Uniting Church in Rosebud with community members involved in the disabled housing project

Thank you for your support

I am honoured to have been re-elected as the Federal Member for Flinders and thank everyone who supported me.

Representing a wonderful electorate such as ours is an absolute privilege and I will continue to champion the interests of all local residents, regardless of how they voted.

The task now is to deliver on the commitments we have made and to continue to fight for other important projects in the electorate, such as the development of **Rosebud**

Hospital, upgrades to the Jetty Road intersection in Rosebud, a State Secondary College and aquatic centre for **Phillip Island** and **San Remo** and the completion of **Bass Valley** Children's Centre.

We are delivering the health and medical hub for Phillip Island and road safety upgrades for the region.

I look forward to continuing to work with everyone throughout the electorate.

What's Inside...

3 \$200,000 for Forest Drive intersection



5 \$2 million for a new athletics track



\$150,000 for local community groups

Community groups across the electorate are benefitting from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

These grants, of \$150,000 for the electorate per year over two years, fund small capital projects that deliver social benefits to a variety of groups by supporting participation and contributing to the vibrancy of our local communities.

Congratulations to these organisations for their dedication and hard work in securing these grants. I look forward to seeing the completed projects.



▲ dancing up a storm at the **Dalyston Hall**



▲ with members of the **Italian Seniors Social Club** in **Dromana**, which received a Round One grant through the Stronger Communities Program

▼ with members of **Main Creek Catchment Landcare Group** at Meakins Road in **Flinders**



Nine local groups received funding in Round Two, including:

- **Rye Football Club** \$6,000 – upgrade of furniture
- **Seawinds Community Hub** \$6,891 – upgrade and fit-out of kitchen and Early Learning Centre in **Rosebud**
- **Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League** \$9,519 – infield irrigation at BlueScope Reserve in **Hastings**
- **Main Creek Catchment Landcare Group** \$9,966 – removal of invasive species and re-planting of natives in **Flinders**
- **Dalyston Hall Committee of Management** \$7,727 – four reverse cycle air conditioning units
- **Safety Beach-Dromana Men's Shed** \$20,000 – to go towards the construction of a new shed, toilet and kitchen amenities
- **Frankston Peninsula Carers** \$20,000 – kitchen equipment, televisions and air conditioning units for six bedrooms in the **Balnarring** housing development for people with disabilities
- **Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church** in **Rosebud** \$18,500 – furnishings and fit-out of kitchen
- **Mount Martha Bowls Club** \$18,500 – decking and shelter on east green



▲ at Forest Drive in Mount Martha with resident John Goodman

Forest Drive and Nepean Highway intersection upgrade

Safety will be improved at a notoriously dangerous **Mount Martha** intersection with the assistance of \$200,000 in funding from the Federal Government.

This funding is to enable stage one of the upgrade, including immediate safety measures.

Upgrades will be carried out by VicRoads, in close consultation with the community and the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

This commitment is part of the Federal Government's record \$50 billion Infrastructure Investment Program, which includes \$500 million towards the Monash Freeway – conditional on the Victorian Government matching this funding dollar for dollar.

Monkey bike barriers for Wallaroo

The Federal Government is helping to reduce anti-social behaviour in **Hastings** by providing \$50,000 for public safety barriers at Wallaroo Reserve to inhibit illegal monkey bike activity.

This has been a major safety concern for nearby residents for many years and has had a negative impact on the local community as well as posing a safety concern for children at Wallaroo Primary School.

The new safety barriers will allow more community members to make use of this public reserve without fearing for their safety.



▲ with members of the **Hastings** community at Wallaroo Reserve where public safety barriers will be installed



▼ with Caterina Politi (mother of David Cassai) in Rye where CCTV cameras will be installed

CCTV cameras for Rye

The Federal Government is providing \$200,000 for the installation of CCTV cameras in the **Rye** shopping precinct and on the foreshore.

This is an issue the community has been lobbying for since the tragic death of David Cassai in Rye on New Year's Eve 2012.

This fatal one-punch hit took the life of an innocent young man and sent a ripple-effect through an entire community.

CCTV cameras play a vital role in deterring crime and also assist police in apprehending offenders. Everyone has the right to feel safe in their community and these cameras will send a clear message to any would-be offenders that they will be caught.

The funding has been committed under the Federal Government's \$40 million Safer Communities Fund.

nbn rollout gathers momentum

I am pleased that 27,490 premises in **Rye, St Andrews Beach, Tootgarook, Dromana, Arthurs Seat, Safety Beach, Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Flinders, Point Leo, Red Hill, Red Hill South, Shoreham, Somers, Nyora** and **Nyora North** are a step closer to getting access to the National Broadband Network, with construction of the fixed line network now underway.

The nbn will open up a range of new opportunities for businesses, students and residents, allowing people to carry out their daily activities and stay in touch with family and friends.

In coming weeks local residents will see nbn subcontractors connecting the area with the new high-speed broadband technology.

We are rolling out the nbn across the country in the fastest and most affordable way, with every home and business in Australia able to connect by 2020.



▲ at the Woolamai Beach Road and Phillip Island Tourist Road intersection on Phillip Island

Upgrade to dangerous Phillip Island intersection

I am pleased that residents and visitors will be able to enjoy safer trips to and from **Phillip Island** with \$275,000 provided for the upgrade of the Woolamai Beach Road and Phillip Island Tourist Road intersection at **Cape Woolamai**.

This Federal Government funding will go towards the construction of a new roundabout to improve safety and reduce congestion at this busy intersection.

Residents have long been concerned with the state of this intersection, which provides a crucial link for residents and tourists to Cape Woolamai.

These upgrades will allow motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy safer trips on our roads.

This commitment is part of the Federal Government's record \$50 billion Infrastructure Investment Program, which is generating tens of thousands of jobs, easing congestion, increasing capacity and improving safety for all road users.

nbn goes live in Cowes

Superfast broadband has been switched-on in **Cowes, Sunset Strip, Surf Beach, Smiths Beach, Cape Woolamai, Newhaven** and **San Remo** with nbn services now available to 5,400 homes and businesses.

Construction is now underway to connect a further 9,000 homes and businesses on the Island by early next year.

Work has also started to connect 2500 properties to the fixed line service in **Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Pioneer Bay** and **Tenby Point**. This service is expected to be ready mid-2017.

I encourage residents and businesses to take advantage of the new digital era by connecting to the nbn.

Find out more about what's involved in getting connected on the nbn's website at www.nbnco.com.au

Funds begin to flow for Health and Medical Hub at Cowes

The first instalment of \$500,000 in federal funding has been transferred to Victoria for the development of the Phillip Island Health and Medical Hub at **Cowes**.

This allows for the preparation of detailed plans for the new health facility, with construction due to begin early next year.

A further \$2 million will be transferred to the Victorian Government once the design of the new facility has been finalised and approved.

The Hub will provide a range of health and medical services in a state-of-the-art building and will become part of the Wonthaggi Hospital network.



▲ at Phillip Island Village School

Funding for schools on Phillip Island opens horizons for students

It was fantastic to be able to visit **Phillip Island** Village School recently to see the progress they have made since opening at the start of the year.

I am pleased that the Federal Government has committed \$25,000 to the school for the development of a masterplan to guide its future expansion.

Newhaven College is also receiving funding of \$1.4 million for new senior school facilities for years 10-12.

This funding, provided through the Capital Grants Programme, will allow these schools to plan for future expansion and build new facilities in line with their respective needs.

We are committed to improving the quality of education in schools and ensuring students have access to the resources they need to succeed in a competitive world.

Coalition to deliver solar boost for community groups

Community groups in the electorate will be able to lower their power bills thanks to \$100,000 in Federal funding.

The Solar Communities program provides funding for organisations to install rooftop solar, solar hot water and battery storage systems.

Sixteen groups in the electorate will benefit from this fantastic program.

The Federal Government is committed to tackling climate change without putting Australian jobs at risk or hiking up power bills for community groups, families and businesses.



▲ with recipients of Solar Communities grants at the Hastings Bowls Club



▲ with Mornington Peninsula Little Athletics

\$3.3 million peninsula sporting package

I'm delighted that athletes on the Mornington Peninsula will benefit from a \$3.3 million sports package committed by the Federal Government.

Included in the package is \$1.3 million for Peninsula playing fields within the electorate, including \$1 million to help establish soccer fields and a hockey pitch to support junior soccer and hockey for **Mount Martha** and the **Southern Peninsula**.

We have allocated \$150,000 each to **Tyabb** Junior Football/Netball Club and **Dromana** Football/Netball Club to improve women's participation in sport.

There is also \$2 million to support the development of a new purpose-built facility for Mornington Little Athletics, servicing the Southern Peninsula.

This funding will enable our local clubs to cater for the growing number of athletes on the Peninsula.

Supporting our CFA volunteers

The Federal Government has introduced amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009 into Parliament to protect the Victorian Country Fire Authority (CFA) and other similar volunteer organisations from union takeovers.

At the last election we made a commitment to ensure CFA volunteers were supported and I am proud that on the first sitting day of the 45th Parliament we were able to introduce the bill and follow through with this commitment.

The Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers Bill) 2016 will invalidate terms in enterprise agreements that undermine the capacity of firefighting or state emergency service bodies to properly manage their volunteer operations.

The Federal Government is sticking up for the CFA and other emergency service volunteers who donate their own time to keep our communities safe.



▲ with members of Lang Lang CFA

Work for the Dole projects provide community benefit

Two valuable projects are providing benefit to the community thanks to the government's Work for the Dole program.

Participants in the program restored two caravans, with one going to Western Port Community Centre and the other going to Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association.

Both of the caravans will be used to provide support to disadvantaged communities.

The program provides participants with the skills they need to transition into the workforce.



▲ handing over the keys of the refurbished caravan to Westernport Community Centre in Hastings

New mobile base stations for Shoreham and Red Hill

Shoreham, Red Hill and surrounding areas will receive improved mobile phone coverage as part of a \$60 million commitment to extend the successful Mobile Black Spot Program.

Many residents from these areas have approached me about inadequate mobile reception and this commitment will provide enhanced coverage for these townships.

Improved coverage means benefits for emergency service operators, businesses, and local residents.

The Federal Government's \$220 million plan to address mobile black spots will ensure regional and remote communities have access to wider and more reliable mobile phone coverage.

▼ inspecting the refurbished caravan at Willum Warrain in Hastings with members of the community



Volunteers receive grants for their community work

I was thrilled to be able to congratulate 33 volunteers across the electorate who shared in \$113,000 of Federal funding to assist them in the incredibly important work they do in the community.

These grants were awarded in recognition of the valuable role volunteers play in building more resilient and cohesive communities and supporting individual participation in community life.

The grants will be used for items such as first aid equipment, fuel cost reimbursements, kitchen items and computer equipment to allow these volunteers to continue their good work.

My deep appreciation goes to these and all of the volunteers in our community for the incredible service they provide.



▲ with Hastings CFA members Kerri Ann Simpson and Jim Atkinson

Out and About

- ✓ Took part in the Million Paws Walk at **Hastings** with our dog Charlie
- ✓ Cheered on the **Dromana** Football Club in their match against Frankston
- ✓ Assisted with an all abilities soccer session at **Mount Martha**
- ✓ Visited **Crib Point** Primary School to see the Anzac remembrance path they were able to create through a Federal Government Anzac Centenary grant
- ✓ Attended **Dromana** Pre-School's Open Day
- ✓ Met with local wine producers at the **Red Hill** Wine Show
- ✓ Announced a Green Army project for the **Bass Valley** Landcare group
- ✓ Cheered on the **Dromana** and **Tyabb** Football and Netball clubs when they went head to head



▲ officially opened Tyabb-Somerville Rotary Club's BBQ Shelter in Tyabb

- ✓ Announced a Stronger Communities grant and Green Army project for the **San Remo** Foreshore Committee of Management
- ✓ Announced road funding for Tyabb-Tooradin Road in **Somerville**
- ✓ Joined the **Tyabb** Aero Club for their annual charity giving program
- ✓ Joined in **Crib Point** Football Club's sponsorship day
- ✓ Visited NGroup's **Dromana** headquarters to see the fantastic progress they are making with solar panels, battery storage and energy innovation
- ✓ Met with members of the **Southern Peninsula** U3A to see some of the fantastic programs they are running in Dromana, **Rosebud**, **Tootgarook**, **Rye** and **Sorrento**
- ✓ Visited **San Remo** and **Rye** Primary Schools to see their science programs
- ✓ Attended the opening of the Jill Healey Senior School Building at Flinders Christian Community College in **Tyabb**
- ✓ Visited BlueScope Steel's **Hastings** plant to see their innovation in manufacturing



▲ with James O'Brien at Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm in Corinella

- ✓ Attended the launch of Peninsula Transport Assist
- ✓ Congratulated local Tidy Town finalists at **Hastings** during Keep Australia Beautiful Week
- ✓ Took a tour of the **Phillip Island** Community Adult Learning Centre to see the great work they are doing
- ✓ Spoke on Leadership to the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association training session at **San Remo**
- ✓ Officially opened the start of the bowls season at **Dromana** and **Sorrento** Bowls Clubs
- ✓ Took a tour of Oasis Horticulture in **Devon Meadows** to see the work they are doing with seedlings and plants
- ✓ Dropped in to **Cranbourne** Casey Men's Shed to meet members and congratulate them on receiving a volunteers grant
- ✓ Visited shop owners in **Rye** and **San Remo**
- ✓ Attended the **Bittern** Market
- ✓ Visited **Red Hill** Truffles to discuss new technology and innovative truffle farming
- ✓ Took a tour of the award-winning Bass and Flinders Distillery in **Red Hill**
- ✓ Met with Dr Grant Richards from Allfarm animal health in **Hastings**, which is developing new ways to address harmful antimicrobial resistance in livestock
- ✓ Took part in the Great Peninsula Paddle at **Sorrento**
- ✓ Met with Di Falconer from **Southern Peninsula** Food For All to inspect their new food delivery van in **Rosebud**
- ✓ Toured Schreurs and Sons' facility in **Clyde** to see their use of new cutting-edge technology

▼ at Coolart Homestead in Somers



Industry, Innovation & Science



▲ with Jeff and Chris Procter at Sealite's manufacturing facility in **Somerville**

Sealite receives \$1 million for next generation manufacturing

Somerville-based manufacturer Sealite will receive \$1 million in Federal Government funding towards establishing a \$10.5 million Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Centre for specialist marine navigation aids and aviation ground lighting systems.

Sealite was ranked 1 out of 78 organisations that applied for funding under the Government's \$90 million Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Program.

This is a great opportunity for Sealite to invest in its future by boosting its advanced manufacturing capability, which in turn creates jobs and increases its ability to compete on the global stage.



▲ at Osborne Primary School in **Mount Martha** during National Science Week

National science week

It was a pleasure to join students at Osborne Primary School in **Mount Martha** for their Science Week activities.

Schools throughout the electorate put on some fantastic events to showcase the work they are doing in science, technology, engineering and maths.

It was an opportunity for students and parents to get involved in a variety of hands-on experiments and learn about the technology behind drones, droids and robots.

The Federal Government recognises the importance of science to Australia's economy and our future, which is why we are investing \$10.1 billion in science, research and innovation this year.

▼ at the Synchrotron with science ambassador and Olympic swimmer Cameron McEvoy



Securing the future of the Synchrotron

I am pleased to have taken responsibility for the Australian Synchrotron, following the Federal Government's recent commitment of \$520 million to the project.

The Synchrotron is used for cancer research, work on diabetes and improving the nutritional quality of food such as rice.

It is not only improving our quality of life, it is creating local jobs.

The Australian Synchrotron is a nationally significant piece of science infrastructure that has supported Australian research, industry and innovation for a decade and has advanced research in biosciences, medical research and minerals exploration.