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▲ at Frankston headspace

## Funding for youth mental health services

I am delighted that we have been able to deliver on our election commitment of \$240,000 in funding for Frankston headspace, ensuring vital mental health services are available to young people on the **Mornington Peninsula** on an ongoing basis.

A total of \$750,000 will fund youth mental health services from St Kilda to the Mornington Peninsula, through the South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network – delivering on a key election commitment.

Mental health is a key priority for me and deep personal priority. This funding will help improve the lives of many young people and their families, across the Mornington Peninsula.

Frankston headspace is now developing and trialing new initiatives to tackle severe youth mental health issues, including hiring trained youth workers to engage with young people and connect them with the right service.

## \$6 million for access to MRI for the Mornington Peninsula

For the first time, patients on the **Mornington Peninsula** have full access to bulk billing for Frankston Hospital's MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) service.

This service will benefit 2,000 patients every year, who are now able to access the MRI service as bulk-billed Medicare patients.

MRI is a diagnostic tool that is best practice for the diagnosis of many cancers, neurological

disorders and orthopaedic soft tissue injuries and is regarded as the 'front line' tool in the diagnosis of breast cancer and cardiac anomalies.

This \$6 million investment over the forward Budget will make an enormous difference to patients on the Mornington Peninsula by reducing waiting periods to access this vital service.

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## Great Peninsula Paddle raises vital funds for disadvantaged youth in Hastings

I was delighted that my first event as Minister for Sport was participating in the Reclink Great Peninsula Paddle at **Sorrento** Sailing Club Boat Club on Australia Day.

Reclink is a fantastic organisation and the \$5,600 raised through this year's Peninsula Paddle will support the re-establishment of the Western Port Warriors Football Team, which assists disadvantaged youth in the **Hastings** and **Somerville** areas to participate and enjoy the benefits of sport.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and participants who took part in the Great Peninsula Paddle. I look forward to seeing you all again next year.



▲ with paddling partner and Reclink CEO John Ballis at the finish line of the Great Peninsula Paddle

## Federal Government backing our local wine industry

**Mornington Peninsula** winemakers, particularly Crittenden's, Paringa, Foxey's and Port Phillip Estate, have been influential in the development of enhanced changes to the Federal Government's Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) Rebate.

The changes will better assist grape growing, winemaking, associated tourism and local jobs in regional Australia, including here on the Peninsula.

The Government has also announced a new Wine Tourism and Cellar Door grant scheme to provide up to \$100,000 per annum to producers who exceed the \$350,000 Rebate cap.

We have listened carefully to Mornington Peninsula winemakers and tailored a national package so that the wine producers who build brands, invest in regional communities and create local jobs are the beneficiaries of the Rebate.



▲ chatting with Garry Crittenden about changes to the Wine Equalisation Tax

## nbn construction gathers momentum

I am pleased to announce that construction is underway to connect a further 57,230 homes and businesses to the nbn in the electorate.

Construction is underway in the following suburbs:

- Cape Woolamai
- Newhaven
- San Remo
- Smiths Beach
- Sunset Strip
- Surf Beach
- Rye
- St Andrews Beach
- Tootgarook
- Arthurs Seat
- Dromana
- Safety Beach
- Balnarring
- Balnarring Beach
- Flinders
- Point Leo
- Red Hill South
- Shoreham
- Somers
- Cowes
- Rhyll
- Silverleaves
- Ventnor
- Wimbledon Heights
- Corinella
- Coronet Bay
- Grantville
- Pioneer Bay
- Tenby Point
- Mount Martha
- Blairgowrie
- Portsea
- Sorrento
- Blind Bight
- Cannons Creek
- Koo Wee Rup
- Tooradin
- Warneet

More than 35,000 homes and businesses in the electorate are now ready for service. I hope residents will take advantage of Australia's new digital era and connect to the nbn as it is rolled out locally.





▲ with Mount Martha resident John Goodman at the Forest Drive intersection

## Interim safety measures accelerated for Forest Drive

After months of negotiations, I am pleased VicRoads has confirmed its commitment to improving safety at the dangerous Forest Drive intersection in **Mount Martha** thanks to \$200,000 in Federal Government funding.

At the last election, I assured residents that we would make this intersection safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Victorian Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan has now confirmed the Federal funds will be used to install interim safety measures at this horrendous intersection.

I share the concerns of local residents following a fatality and several near misses at this site and am relieved that this funding will ensure the community's safety.

## New buildings for Somerville, Mount Martha and Crib Point Schools

The Federal Government is investing in local independent schools to provide students with top-class facilities to ensure they succeed in a competitive world.

Balcombe Grammar School in **Mount Martha** has received \$2 million for a new VCE centre, while St Joseph's Primary School in **Crib Point** and St Brendan's Primary School in **Somerville** have received more than \$1.2 million each for new classrooms.

▼ with the Year 12 leadership team from Balcombe Grammar School, Mount Martha



## Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League kicking goals

I was thrilled to visit BlueScope Reserve in **Hastings** to see upgrades completed through the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League (MPJFL) received \$9,519 to install infield irrigation, which has improved the playing surface and made it safer for all users.

The oval is used by a number of local sporting groups and schools in Hastings and the surrounding area.

MPJFL was one of nine local groups that received funding under Round Two of the Stronger Communities Program.

▼ at BlueScope Oval with Craig Neil and Andrew Souter from the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League



## Infrastructure package improves road safety

We are making roads safer and reducing congestion for all road users. Projects include:

- \$500 million Commonwealth Government contribution towards the Monash Freeway widening
- \$275,000 upgrade to the intersection of Woolamai Beach Road and Phillip Island Tourist Road at Cape Woolamai

These vital upgrades will improve road safety as we work towards a more efficient and safer transport network for all users.



## Men's Sheds support for Cranbourne and Mount Martha

Local Men's Sheds are receiving a Federal funding boost to assist with the cost of new equipment and training.

**Cranbourne** Casey Men's Shed will receive \$4500 and the New Peninsula Men's Shed in **Mount Martha** will receive \$5000 to promote and support men's health and wellbeing.

Men's Sheds are a popular way for men to connect with their community, whether it's through a building project, a first aid workshop or a transition to retirement seminar.

The grants support the purchase of tools, equipment, community projects, training, building maintenance and health improvement activities.



▲ admiring the new facilities with members of the Cranbourne Casey Men's Shed



▲ admiring the new solar panels at the Hastings Hub with CEO Steve Wright and installer Geoff Eaton from Tenergy Australia.

## Hastings Hub gets solar panels

It was fantastic to see the solar panels installed at Advance Community College in **Hastings** through the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

Advance Community College received \$9,000 under Round One of the program and is now reaping the rewards as the panels off-set electricity costs.

The College has already noticed a drop in electricity prices and is feeding back to the grid.

This project has broad community benefit as the solar panels support not only the College but all of the community groups that use the Hastings Hub.

## Koo Wee Rup business provides hope for people suffering from mental health problems

Recently I visited Bass Coast Cleaning and Property Management in Koo Wee Rup – an innovative local business supporting those with living with mental health challenges.

Founded by Lanie Muir, the business employs people suffering from a range of mental health issues. By assisting these people into employment it provides a sense of hope for their future by reducing some of the usual barriers they may come up against.

The business has gone from strength to strength since starting 12 months ago and is an outstanding example of a local business with a social conscience. I look forward to watching this business grow and hope to see more businesses following in its footsteps.

▼ with Lanie Muir from Bass Coast Cleaning and Property Management in Koo Wee Rup





## Seniors honoured for outstanding contribution

I was thrilled to present eight members of the **Phillip Island** community with Flinders Seniors Awards.

The awards recognised the significant contribution these residents have made, whether it is through helping with the Philip Island Kindergarten, improving healthcare on the Island or providing support to the underprivileged.

These volunteers are the backbone of our community, the unsung heroes who dedicate countless hours of their own time to helping others without expecting anything in return.

I offer my sincere congratulations and appreciation to all of the recipients. Flinders Seniors Awards were presented to:

- John Batty
- Raymond Dickie
- Gwen McRae
- Kate Biggs
- Jude Donahoo
- Roger Clark (absent from presentation)
- Anne Davie
- Jock McKechnie



▲ with recipients of Flinders Seniors Awards on Phillip Island

## Construction to commence on Phillip Island Health and Medical Hub

I am delighted to announce that the tender process for the new **Phillip Island** Health and Medical Hub is currently underway.

At the completion of this process, the final \$2 million Federal Government contribution will be transferred to Victoria for the completion of the Hub at Cowes.

Construction is expected to commence soon and is due for completion in March 2018.

The Hub will provide a range of new health and medical services in a state-of-the-art building. More importantly, it will become part of the Wonthaggi Hospital network and will expand as the demand for health services increases.

I will continue to work with the community and the Victorian Government to deliver additional services.



▲ at the starting line of the San Remo Channel Challenge

## San Remo Channel Challenge

It was fantastic to compete in the 32nd annual **San Remo** Channel Challenge.

The community spirit of this event is incredible and keeps competitors coming back year after year.

Once again, I failed to win either the run or the swim leg of the race but it's the participation that counts.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the event and thank you to the organisers and volunteers for putting on another fabulous race.

▲ artist's impression of the new Health and Medical Hub for Phillip Island



## Local Sporting Champions take on the world

It was a pleasure to meet and congratulate several local athletes from the electorate who have been recipients of Local Sporting Champions grants over the past year at an official ceremony.

It was inspiring to hear about their achievements and future aspirations. Some may go on to become future Olympians, Commonwealth Games participants or elite athletes.

Local Sporting Champions grants of \$500 are awarded three times a year in the electorate to young athletes who are competing in events across the country and internationally. To apply for a grant visit [www.ausport.gov.au](http://www.ausport.gov.au)

Local Sporting Champions grant recipients:

- Lucy Richards, **Moorooduc**
- Caitlyn Porter, **Bayles**
- Ella Pusterla, **Moorooduc**
- Elton Taylor, **Rye**
- Tate Ascott, **Hastings**
- Gavin O'Reilly, **Mount Martha**
- Niamh McLure, **HMAS Cerberus**
- Aidan McLure, **HMAS Cerberus**
- Liam McLure, **HMAS Cerberus**
- Ned Middlehurst, **Bittern**
- Matthew Graves, **Mount Martha**
- Mackenzie Gardner, **Krowera**
- Josh Mulder, **Mount Martha**
- Bronte Hutchison, **Pearcedale**
- Lily Robinson, **Cowes**
- Damon Parolin, **Blind Bight**
- Olivia Bailey, **Moorooduc**
- Abbie King, **Red Hill**



▲ with Local Sporting Champions grant recipients

## Trades Skills Centre opens for Western Port students

It was a pleasure to officially open the Trades Skills Centre at Western Port Secondary College.

The \$1.1million facility will assist in up-skilling young people in the trades sector so they are able to take up local employment opportunities in **Hastings** and the surrounding area.

The state-of-the-art facility will have an engineering workshop with all the latest equipment to deliver qualifications in automotive and engineering.

The Trade Skills Centre will also be used in partnership with local primary schools to deliver the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program.

It is brilliant to see these young people thriving in a hands-on environment and learning trades that may become their future careers.



▲ at the new Trades Skills Centre at Western Port Secondary College with students from Western Port Secondary College and Tyabb Railway Station Primary School

## Hastings RSL and Hastings Day Club support veterans

Two local organisations in **Hastings** have received funding through the Veteran and Community Grants program.

The Hastings RSL Sub-branch was awarded \$42,031 to purchase new equipment to deliver programs for veterans and the broader community.

The 1066 Hastings Day Club has received a grant of \$6,285 to allow members to take part in a series of bus trips and activities in order to help reduce social isolation.

By providing funding to local organisations through the Veteran and Community Grants program, the Turnbull Government is helping improve the lives of veterans, their families and local communities.



# Out and About

- ✓ Officially opened the **Blairgowrie** Yacht Squadron sailing season
- ✓ Discussed opportunities for improved mental health facilities for **Rosebud** and the Southern Peninsula
- ✓ Attended the opening of **Safety Beach** Sailing Club season
- ✓ Met with representatives from **Southern Peninsula** Community Support and Information Centre to address the needs of disadvantaged people in the area
- ✓ Spoke with **Dromana** Primary School students for a Parliament on Tour visit
- ✓ Attended the opening of the **Hastings** Yacht Club sailing season
- ✓ Spoke at **Moorooduc** Fire Brigade's annual presentation dinner

▼ at **Rye's** annual *Greek Blessing of the Waters* celebration with Father Elefterios Tatsis and Nick Bantounas.



- ✓ Joined Neale Daniher on **Phillip Island** for Daniher's Drive for the Cure MND foundation
- ✓ Hosted a Facebook event in **Safety Beach** for small businesses in the electorate
- ✓ Met with members of the Nepean Conservation Group to discuss environmental protection at **Sorrento**
- ✓ Officially opened the **McCrae** Yacht Club sailing season
- ✓ Attended Abacus Learning Centre's annual gala fundraising dinner for their **Hastings** centre for children with autism
- ✓ Spoke at the **Somerville-Tyabb** Rotary business breakfast
- ✓ Visited Sapphire Care in **Cowes** to congratulate them on their award winning model railway
- ✓ Helped launch **Tyabb** Aero Club's Christmas Toy Run for the Food For All Appeal
- ✓ Visited **Somers** Primary School to see their science and technology activities
- ✓ Officially opened Martha Point Village's new bowling green in **Mount Martha**



▲ with new Australian citizens Fua Viliamu and Ioasa Saemo on Australia Day in **Rosebud**.

- ✓ Opened the Christmas market at the Seawinds Community Hub in **Rosebud**
- ✓ Helped launch the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council's first wheelchair accessible beach at **Mount Martha** Life Saving Club
- ✓ Attended the opening of the **Arthurs Seat** Eagle gondola
- ✓ Visited the Southern Peninsula Wood Workers for their Toy Run distribution in **Rosebud**
- ✓ Met with students from Flinders Christian Community College in **Tyabb** to hear about their involvement in the Foundation for Young Australians \$20 Boss business program
- ✓ Officially opened the new Cattery in **Bittern**
- ✓ Attended the **Mount Martha** Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony
- ✓ Met with the Pharmacy Guild in **Hastings** to discuss local pharmaceutical needs
- ✓ Met with councillors and representatives of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in **Rosebud** to discuss healthcare, sporting facilities and road infrastructure
- ✓ Supported the women's Pink Patrol at the **Mount Martha** Life Saving Club
- ✓ Visited local business Australian Fresh Leaf Herbs in **Clyde** to see their set-up and learn about their future plans for expansion

▼ Marching with community members in **Hastings** on White Ribbon Day to take a stand against family violence



# Health and Sport

## Appointment as Minister for Health and Sport

I am deeply honoured to take on the role as Minister for Health and Sport.

I was thrilled to make my first visit as Health Minister to Frankston Hospital, where I was born and where my mother and my wife both worked as nurses.

Health touches the lives of every Australian, which is why we have a rock solid commitment to Medicare and the fundamental role it plays in our health system.

I look forward to working with our excellent nurses, doctors, researchers and healthcare professionals to improve health outcomes for all Australians.

As a sports fan and sports Dad, I am also thrilled to be working towards getting more Australians, including indigenous Australians, involved in sport at all levels.



▲ discussing healthcare with Peninsula Health CEO Sue Williams at Frankston Hospital

## Inspiring girls to get active

We are taking action to inspire more Australian women and young girls to get active with the Girls Make Your Move campaign.

The \$7 million second phase of the campaign includes advertising across social media, television and cinema with the aim of getting more girls aged 12 to 19 involved in sport.

The Girls Make Your Move Instagram and Facebook pages have daily tips and motivational messages to inspire young women to keep active.

I hope this encourages girls to get out and participate in a sport or activity of their own.



▲ Joining in Fitbit Cardio Tennis with two-time Grand Slam champion Pat Rafter as part of the Girls Make Your Move campaign during the Australian Open

## Making more cancer drugs affordable for all Australians

During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in February, I was pleased to announce subsidised access to new ovarian and lung cancer drugs.

These drugs, which would otherwise cost more than \$100,000 per course of treatment, are now available for just \$6.30 for concessional patients and \$38.80 for general patients.

Olaparib is used in the treatment of high grade serous ovarian, fallopian, and peritoneal cancers and works by programming the destruction of cancerous cells. Ceritinib, is used in the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer and has been shown to inhibit cell proliferation, leading to a regression of tumours.

Listing these two cancer drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is expected to benefit more than 357 Australians per year, over six years, improving quality of life and significantly extending life expectancy.



▲ Marking Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month at Parliament House