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## FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

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▲ with community members turning the first sod on the *Phillip Island Health and Medical Hub*.

## Construction begins on Phillip Island Health and Medical Hub

Construction has commenced on the new Health and Medical Hub in **Cowes**.

The Coalition Government has provided \$2.5 million for this vital health project, which delivers on our commitment to develop public health facilities on Phillip Island.

Local company TS Constructions won the tender to build the health hub, which is expected to open in 2018.

The Hub will provide a range of health and medical services in a state-of-the-art building.

It will become part of the Wonthaggi Hospital network and will expand as the demand for health services on Phillip Island increases.

I congratulate the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group for its dedication to ensure this project came to fruition.

## New round of \$150,000 Stronger Communities Program soon to open

I am delighted to announce that there will be a third round of the **Stronger Communities Program**, which funds small capital projects.

This has been an enormously successful program, which has benefitted several community groups in the electorate.

The minimum grant amount has been lowered to \$2500 to accommodate small

groups seeking one-off grants for items they would struggle to fund themselves.

The grants are offered up to a maximum of \$20,000. Funding must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the organisation, either in cash or in kind.

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

### What's Inside...

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## Balnarring Bowls Club goes solar

**Balnarring Bowls Club** has used its \$9,950 grant received under Round Two of the Stronger Communities Program to install solar panels and battery storage.

These solar panels allow the club to generate its own power while the battery storage will allow the club to store electricity, which will significantly reduce its power bills.

The Stronger Communities Program allows groups to complete projects that deliver social benefits to improve the vibrancy of our local communities.



▲ observing the new solar panels with members of the **Balnarring Bowls Club**.



▲ with Barb Fox, Erica McDonagh and Veronica Whittaker at **Clothes4U** in **Rosebud**

## Clothes4U receives \$4,747

I am pleased that volunteer organisation **Clothes4U** in **Rosebud** has received \$4,747 in Federal funding to continue its work in the community.

**Clothes4U** provides free clothes, accessories and basics such as toothpaste and shampoo to women so they can attend job interviews, court dates and other important appointments.

It is one of 20 volunteer organisations in the Flinders electorate that have received grants totalling \$63,329.

If you would like to make a donation to **Clothes4U** visit [www.clothes4urosebud.org](http://www.clothes4urosebud.org)

## Main Ridge Pony Club benefits from \$8,000

I was thrilled to see the completed arena at the **Main Ridge Pony Club**.

The arena was able to be re-surfaced with the assistance of an \$8,000 Stronger Communities Program grant.

This has made an enormous difference to the club, which has more than 75 members and hosts various competitions.



▲ at the newly refurbished arena of the **Main Ridge Pony Club**



## New unisex change rooms for Dromana FC

It was fantastic to see the new unisex change rooms completed at the **Dromana Tigers Football-Netball Club** to boost women's participation in sport.

The development of the change rooms delivers on the Turnbull Government's \$150,000 election commitment.

I hope this funding injection encourages more women to take part in Football and Netball with the Dromana Tigers.

The demand for local sports has grown significantly in recent years, especially for women and girls, which is why the Turnbull Government is committed to supporting their participation.



▲ with **Dromana Tigers** players and Mornington Peninsula Shire Mayor Bev Colomb in their new change rooms

## Local intersection made safer with \$1.48 million

The intersection of Graydens Road and Boes Road in **Hastings** has been made safer with the installation of a new roundabout.

This delivers on our plan to make roads safer, with \$1.48 million provided to upgrade the intersection under the Federal Government's road Black Spot Program.

Residents have long been concerned with the state of this intersection, which provides a crucial link for residents in the Hastings area so it is fantastic to see it completed.



▲ with members of the Mornington Peninsula Shire at the intersection of Graydens and Boes Road in **Hastings**



▲ discussing results of the NOD with John Gemmill from the Clean Ocean Foundation at **Gunnamatta Beach**

## Monitoring marine pollution through the National Outfall Database

For the first time, Australia now has a publicly accessible National Outfall Database.

Developed by the Clean Ocean Foundation, in collaboration with the States and Northern Territory as well as the water authorities, the National Outfall Database will facilitate data sharing between all parties.

Funded with \$400,000 from the Australian Government, this project forms the basis for national collaboration between communities, scientists, water authorities and government agencies with the aim of working together to reduce the pollution to our marine environment.

This will allow for better infrastructure planning and decision making that will benefit community members and the marine environment.



## New headspace centre for Bass Coast and South Gippsland region

A new *headspace* will be established in the **Bass Coast** and South Gippsland region to provide mental health services to local young people.

The Turnbull Government is providing \$450,000 to establish the centre and \$1 million a year in ongoing funding for much-needed mental health services.

Young people in the local area face many challenges and this new service will provide tremendous support for them and their families.



▲ with **Bass Coast** Mayor Cr Pam Rothfield, Leongatha GP Dr Sinead de Gooyer, centre, and **Bass** MP Brian Paynter, along with Wonthaggi Secondary College students



▲ at **Newhaven** College with Year 9 students

## History exhibition opens at Veterans Museum

It was a pleasure to launch the National Vietnam Veterans Museum's history exhibition.

The exhibition uses images, videos and displays to tell the story of how the museum came into being in 1996 and grew from humble beginnings in a garage to its present location in an aircraft hanger.

I would encourage anyone on **Phillip Island** to visit the exhibition and learn about the museum's rich history. The Exhibition runs until November 5.



▲ Launching the National Vietnam Veterans Museum's history exhibition at **Newhaven**



## Delivering \$200,000 for CCTV cameras in Rye

I am delighted that the Turnbull Government has provided \$200,000 for the installation of six CCTV cameras on the **Rye** foreshore and shopping precinct.

This delivers on the Turnbull Government's election commitment to help keep communities safe and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through the \$40 million Safer Communities Fund.

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.



▲ announcing funding for CCTV cameras at Rye

## Funding boost for local mental health nurses

Local mental health nursing services will be boosted with an additional \$2 million in Commonwealth funding delivered to the South East Melbourne Primary Health Network.

Australia's mental health nurses are on the frontline of our health care system, which is why I am determined to support this vital service.

Mental health services require a sensitive, tailored approach based on individual needs and that is exactly what these mental health nurses are delivering.



▲ with mental health nurses and representatives from the Primary Health Network at the **Rye Family Clinic**

## Solar boost for Community Centre

The Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre in **Rosebud** has received \$5,800 to install rooftop solar panels.

This delivers on the Turnbull Government's election commitment to provide \$100,000 through the Solar Communities Program to 17 groups across the electorate.

I am thrilled that this grant will allow Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre to help the environment while reducing its power bills.



▲ at the Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre in **Rosebud**



## ***\$160,000 to make French Island feral cat free by 2020***

**French Island** is one step closer to eliminating feral cats through a community-driven plan to make the island a safe haven for wildlife by 2020.

The Turnbull Government has committed \$160,000 to rid the island of feral cats and protect native wildlife.

The French Island community is passionate about its wildlife and is championing the cause of native species. The Island has already reduced feral cat numbers to a point where eradication is now possible.



▲ Threatened Species Commissioner Gregory Andrews with community members on **French Island** discussing feral cat eradication

## ***Spectrum Imaging opens new clinic in Somerville***

Spectrum Imaging is providing radiology services in Somerville with the opening of its new clinic.

The company is growing, with more than 100 employees around the country at various imaging clinics.

The Somerville centre has fully digital imaging with CT, ultrasound and general x-ray services.



▲ visiting Spectrum Imaging's new x-ray facility in **Somerville** with owner Andrew Konowalows

## **Balnarring CWA raises vital funds for cancer**

It was a pleasure to join members of the **Balnarring CWA** for their Biggest Morning Tea event.

The group managed to raise more than \$700 for the Cancer Council for vital research, prevention and support services.

Attendees feasted on home-made scones and were entertained by the Semi Quavers string group. A thoroughly enjoyable event for a worthy cause, with more than \$2million raised Australia-wide.



▲ at the **Balnarring** Country Women's Association's Biggest Morning Tea event



# Out and About

- ✓ Took part in St Joseph's Primary School's 90th Birthday Celebrations in **Crib Point**
- ✓ Visited **Balnarring** Bowls Club to see their new solar panels and battery storage
- ✓ Helped unveil Willum Warrain's new Bunjil sculpture in **Hastings**
- ✓ Visited Spectrum Imaging in **Somerville**
- ✓ Attended the **Rosebud** Football Netball Club luncheon
- ✓ Met with mental health nurses in **Rye**
- ✓ Inspected the progress on **Newhaven** College's new buildings
- ✓ Met with members of the Mornington Peninsula Post-Polio Support Group and Polio Australia in **Hastings** to discuss their support needs
- ✓ Commemorated Anzac Day at services in **Hastings**, **Dromana**, **Sorrento** and **Rye**
- ✓ Took a tour of the pathology lab at Frankston Hospital
- ✓ Announced funding for new CCTV cameras at **Rye**
- ✓ Visited the Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre in **Rosebud** to announce funding for solar panels



▲ celebrating the unveiling of the Bunjil sculpture at Willum Warrain in **Hastings** with a smoking ceremony

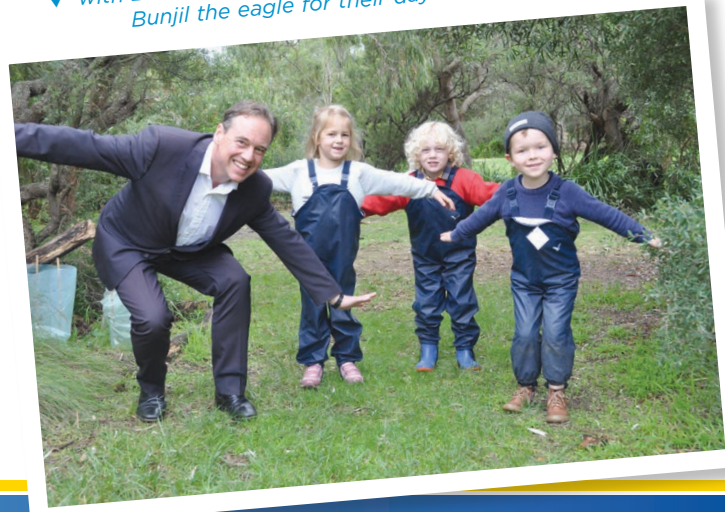
- ✓ Met with local doctors at Peninsula and Southeast Oncology
- ✓ Attended the **Mount Martha** Rotary Club's Shine On Recognition Awards at Balcombe Grammar School
- ✓ Took part in **Balnarring** CWA's Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the cancer council
- ✓ Met with domestic violence campaigner Rosie Batty in **Hastings** regarding funding for Community Legal Centres
- ✓ Attended Peninsula Health's Community Forum
- ✓ Met with **Flinders** Christian College students in Canberra
- ✓ Took part in the Wellways NDIS forum



▲ commemorating Anzac day at **Sorrento**

- ✓ Welcomed the new Reverend Tim Anderson of Holy Trinity Anglican Church to **Hastings**
- ✓ Officially opened the **Dromana** Football-Netball Club's new unisex change rooms
- ✓ Met with members of the Village Glen in **Rosebud** with Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health Ken Wyatt
- ✓ Officially opened the new arena at **Main Ridge** Pony Club
- ✓ Launched the Clean Ocean Foundation's National Outfall Database at **Gunnamatta**
- ✓ Visited the new **Dromana Safety Beach** Men's Shed
- ✓ Attended the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League match joined by AFL New Zealand in **Hastings**
- ✓ Opened the Eastern Victorian GP Training event in **San Remo**
- ✓ Met with GPs from the **Hastings** Clinic to discuss the medical needs of the Western Port region
- ✓ Launched the Tackling Illegal Drugs and Good Sports Program in **Hastings**

▼ with **Balnarring** pre-school students making the wings of Bunjil the eagle for their day of indigenous activities





# Health and Sport

## Supporting Motor Neurone Disease

The Turnbull Government is supporting clinical trials into new life-changing treatments for Motor Neurone Disease and to help find a cure.

For every dollar donated to the Cure for MND Foundation, the Turnbull Government will match donations, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$2 million.

Research and clinical trials offer the best hope of a medical breakthrough that will change or save their lives. To donate visit [www.fightmnd.org.au](http://www.fightmnd.org.au)

with Neale Daniher  
at the MCG



## \$19.2 million for Local Drug Action Teams to tackle drugs

The Turnbull Government is joining forces with community groups and providing \$19.2 million to deliver targeted local action to tackle drug use and addiction.

Over the next three years, 220 Local Drug Action Teams, including one led by Peninsula Health, will be established to develop locally focused and responsive action plans to reduce the impact of drugs, with a particular focus on the scourge of ice.

These teams will be focused on delivering local health promotion, community-led education and mentoring programs for vulnerable people to minimise their risk of drug related harms.



▲ with members of the Local Drug Action Team at Peninsula Health

## Continuous Glucose Monitoring devices for young Australians

The Turnbull Government is providing free continuous glucose monitoring devices to eligible children under 21 years with type 1 diabetes.

This lifesaving technology will reduce the hassle of the daily finger-prick for people with diabetes who use this new product.

Eligible young Australians will now be able to access these devices for free through the National Diabetes Services Scheme – saving families around \$4,000 per year and reducing the stress of regular finger prick tests. Visit [www.ndss.com.au](http://www.ndss.com.au)



▲ announcing the Government's support for free continuous glucose monitoring devices for young Australians with members of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation