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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS

Working for our Community



Flinders Community News Special Budget Edition

Budget delivers over \$13.7 million for local roads

The Roads to Recovery program will be extended, delivering over \$13.7 million in funding for local roads projects.

Over the next four years local councils will receive the following under the Auslink Roads to Recovery Program:

- ✓ Mornington Peninsula Shire Council - \$4,180,049
- ✓ City of Casey - \$3,406,571
- ✓ Cardinia Shire Council - \$3,890,293; and
- ✓ Bass Coast Shire Council - \$2,241,846.

Funding for local Environment Projects

The future looks greener for the electorate of Flinders with 16 groups sharing \$244,348 thanks to the Australian Government Envirofund to protect and restore the local environment.

Recipients of the Envirofund grants in Flinders were:

- ✓ **Port Phillip Heads**, Bay City Divers, \$26,023.
- ✓ **Dromana**, Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management, \$9,039.
- ✓ **Flinders**, Friends of Flinders Coastline, \$4,800.
- ✓ **San Remo**, San Remo Foreshore Committee of Management, \$5,973.
- ✓ **Cape Woolamai**, Cape Woolamai Coast Action, \$5,375.
- ✓ **Westernport Bay**, Cardinia Environment Coalition, \$18,455.
- ✓ **Mud Island**, Friends of Mud Island, \$4,400.
- ✓ **French Island**, French Island Research on Muttonbirds – Chisholm Institute, \$16,596.
- ✓ **Mt Martha**, Friends of Harrap Creek, \$5,100.
- ✓ **Somers, Shoreham, Balnarring, Pt Leo**, Balnarring Foreshore and Parks Reserve Committee of Management, \$15,000.

- ✓ **Rosebud**, Rosebud Park and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, \$7,529.
- ✓ **Phillip Island**, Phillip Island Landcare Group, \$44,037.
- ✓ **French Island**, French Island Landcare Group, \$48,030.
- ✓ **Mt Martha**, Sunshine Reserve Conservation and Fireguard Group, \$7,318.
- ✓ **Phillip Island**, Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management, \$19,173.
- ✓ **Bittern**, Friends of Warrigine Park, \$7,500.

Work Starts on Somerville Secondary

I am delighted that the construction of Somerville Secondary has begun. This is a fantastic outcome for the local community who have worked so hard to make this a reality and classes will commence in 2006. Construction includes \$2 million in Commonwealth funding.



Greg with Olivia from Dromana Secondary launching the Schools at Sea program which is the forerunner to the Australian Maritime College's National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation at Point Nepean.

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Local Projects

Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Merricks Beach, Somers and St Andrews Beach to be connected to mains gas

I am delighted at the success of our community campaign to convince the State to connect gas to Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Merricks Beach, Somers and St Andrews Beach. Local residents are set to save up to \$1,200 a year on their energy bills by converting from LPG, while medium sized businesses could save up to \$30,000. Work is due to start later this year and completion is expected by mid 2007.

Working to deliver the Bittern to Balnarring Bike Path

Riding a bike on a busy highway can be dangerous so I am working with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to help deliver more bike paths such as the Balnarring to Bittern (via Somers) Bike Path.

Litter Prevention Award to Capel Sound Foreshore

I would like to congratulate the local community and especially the Capel Sound Foreshore Committee of Management in Rosebud and Tootgarook for winning the Keep Australia Beautiful Victorian Litter Prevention Award in recognition of their marvellous efforts in litter prevention, management and education.



Planting at Jam Jerrup with the Lang Lang Foreshore Committee.

Helping local families establish a low-fee Anglican School in Mt Martha

Several hundred local residents demonstrated their support for the establishment of a low-fee Anglican School in Mt Martha by attending a community meeting in May. A low fee Anglican School would offer parents greater choice and assist in meeting the education needs of what is a rapidly growing community. If you would like to support this wonderful project please feel free to contact my office on 5979 3188 or Fay Weston, representative of the interim committee, on 5974 1961.



Balnarring Beach Named Victoria's Cleanest Beach

Keep Australia Beautiful has named Balnarring Beach the State's cleanest which is a wonderful outcome for the local community and especially for the Balnarring Foreshore Committee of Management who have worked so hard to care for the local environment.

Greg Hunt with the Balnarring Foreshore Committee of Management who won the Keep Australia Beautiful Award for Victoria's Cleanest Beach.



On the road with Greg Hunt



A few of the places Greg has visited and people he has met with over the last few months



At Baxter Pre-School which was recognised as a Sun Smart Centre by the Cancer Council of Victoria.

- Attended the Peninsula Legacy Widows' Clubs luncheon.
- Spoke at the opening of the Rosebud Primary School Community Multicultural Festival.
- Met with the Balnarring Foreshore Committee to witness their wonderful efforts to restore native habitat.



With the Mayor Cr Reade Smith, and Cr Jarman at the intersection of Stanley's Road and Red Hill Road which is being upgraded thanks to Commonwealth Roads to Recovery Funding and the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

- Attended the Country Women's Association, Mornington Peninsula Group's craft exhibition.

- Participated in the Pier to Pier Bike Ride from Rosebud to Rye.
- Presented flags to Our Lady of Fatima Primary in Rosebud, Penbank School in Moorooduc, West Park Primary in Hastings, Somers Primary and Hastings Primary among others.



Welcoming two new doctors to Somerville who were encouraged to relocate to the area thanks to the Commonwealth's Outer Metropolitan Doctors Scheme

- Attended the Rosebud Swimming Club AGM and presented trophies.
- Participated in the Somerville Safety House Committee Annual Community Meeting



With Cr Colin Butler welcoming Tooradin's potential new doctor, Dr Michael Galak to the area.



Working with local State MP Martin Dixon and local residents such as Mr George Parsons to upgrade the intersection of Boneo and Eastbourne Road in Rosebud.

- Attended ANZAC Day ceremonies at the Village Glen, HMAS Cerberus, Rosebud RSL Sub Branch and Rye RSL Sub Branch.



Greg with Essendon Ruckman David Hille and Rob McCarthy from Your Employment Solutions working to deliver the John Coleman Statue for Hastings.

- Met with staff at Peninsula Community Health Service in Rosebud.
- Helped open the new running track at Somers Primary.
- Met with VCAL students at Westernport Secondary in Hastings.



At Main Ridge with Nicole Gallace at Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm.

- Spoke at the Mornington Baptist Church, Mt Martha.
- Opened the Grantville Rural Transaction Centre.



At Balnarring with Neil Bayne & John Smith of the Balnarring Foreshore Committee of Management.

- Attended the Koo Wee Rup Swimming Pool 30th Anniversary Celebrations.
- Presented a Flag at the Lang Lang Newsagency.



Helping out at the 1st Hastings Scouts with their Sausage Sizzle.

Budget Help for Families, Seniors & Carers in Flinders

- Extra Tax Cuts
- Welfare to Work
- Work Skills Training

Extra Payments

Increase in Family Assistance (2,000 local families better off)

- Family income allowed before affecting Family Tax Benefit Part (A) will be increased to \$37,500 a year from 1 July 2006.

Enhanced Newstart

- Changes to the income test so people can keep more income after finding work.

Extra Carer Payment (Over 1,500 local carers to benefit)

- \$1,000 payment to recipients of Carer Payment and \$600 bonus for Carer Allowance recipients for each person they care for.
- The bonus is tax free.

Seniors & Aged Care

(Over 19,000 Seniors in Flinders to benefit)

- New utilities allowance of \$100 per each single and \$50 for each eligible member of a couple to senior Australians of Age Pension age on income support.
- New Senior Concession Allowances of \$200 a year, to Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Holders, to be extended to Veterans & War Widows with a Gold Care Card.
- \$79 million for improved health care access for Veterans.
- Senior Australians eligible for the Senior Australians Tax Offset threshold will now pay no tax on their annual income up to \$21,968 for singles, and \$36,494 for couples.
- Increasing the Medicare Levy Threshold for senior Australians to ensure they don't pay the Medicare Levy until they incur an income tax liability.

Stronger Future

Welfare to Work Programme

- \$3.6 billion package changing the welfare system, providing more incentives for people to work and increase participation.

Rebuilding Our Trades

- Additional 7,000 School Based New Apprenticeships.
- 4,500 pre-vocational places will be made available for people seeking a trade career.

Delivering Our Commitments

- \$1 billion (from 2004-05) additional funding for school infrastructure.
- \$1 billion (from 2004-05) 30 per cent Child Care Tax Rebate.
- \$2 billion for an Australian Water Fund to manage our water systems better.

Extra Child Care Places (Over 400 for local families)

- 84,300 extra outside school hours child care places nationally.

Income Tax Cuts

Current tax thresholds Income range (\$)	Tax rate %	New tax thresholds from 1 July 2005 Income range (\$)	Tax rate %	New tax thresholds from 1 July 2006 Income range (\$)	Tax rate %
0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0	0 - 6,000	0
6,001 - 21,600	17	6,001 - 21,600	15	6,001 - 21,600	15
21,601 - 58,000	30	21,601 - 63,000	30	21,601 - 70,000	30
58,001 - 70,000	42	63,001 - 95,000	42	70,001 - 125,000	42
70,001 +	47	95,001 +	47	125,001 +	47

- Increase Retirement Savings

The superannuation surcharge will be completely abolished for contributions made from 1 July 2005.



Community Meeting Dates



I try to spend as much time as possible getting out and about in the local community to listen to the concerns of locals and I will be holding community meetings in the following towns over the coming months and would be delighted to meet with you. Please come along to a local meeting near you.

Town	Date	Time	Place
Rosebud Central	19 April 2005		
Rosebud (Boneo Rd)	19 April 2005		
Rosebud Library	19 April 2005		
Waterfall Gully	19 April 2005		
Rosebud West & Boneo	19 April 2005		
Tootgarook	19 April 2005		
Rye	20 April 2005		
St Andrews Beach	20 April 2005		
Blairgowrie	20 April 2005		
Sorrento	20 April 2005		
Portsea	20 April 2005		
Rosebud	20 April 2005		
Cranbourne South & Devon Meadows	21 April 2005		
Five Ways	21 April 2005		
Clyde	21 April 2005		
Cardinia	21 April 2005		
Tooradin	21 April 2005		
Blind Bight	22 April 2005		
Warneet	22 April 2005		
Cannons Creek	22 April 2005		
Koo Wee Rup & Dalmore	26 April 2005		
Bayles	26 April 2005		
Catani	26 April 2005		
Lang Lang	26 April 2005		
Grantville & The Gurdies	26 April 2005		
Kernot	26 April 2005		
Pearcedale & Junction Village	27 June 2005	9:00 - 10:00am	Outside Ron Whitney's Pharmacy in Pearcedale
Baxter	27 June 2005	10:15 - 11:15am	Outside the Baxter Post Office
Somerville	27 June 2005	11:30 - 12:30pm	Outside the Somerville Safeway
Somerville	27 June 2005	12:40 - 1:40pm	Outside the Somerville Fruit & Vegetable Shop on Eramosa Road East
Tyabb	27 June 2005	1:55 - 2:55pm	Outside the Tyabb Post Office
Hastings	27 June 2005	3:15 - 4:15pm	Outside the Hastings Post Office
Hastings Westpark	27 June 2005	4:25 - 5:25pm	Outside the Hastings Westpark General Store
Bittern	28 June 2005	9:00 - 10:00am	Outside the Bittern General Store
Crib Point	28 June 2005	10:10 - 11:10am	Outside the Crib Point Milk Bar in Disney Street
Balnarring	28 June 2005	11:20 - 12:20pm	Outside the new Balnarring IGA Supermarket
Somers	28 June 2005	12:30 - 1:30pm	Outside the Somers Post Office/General Store
Merricks	28 June 2005	1:40 - 2:40pm	Outside the Merricks General Store
Shoreham & Point Leo	28 June 2005	2:50 - 3:50pm	Outside the Shoreham Post Office
Flinders	28 June 2005	4:10 - 5:10pm	Outside the Flinders General Store
Mount Martha	29 June 2005	9:00 - 10:00am	Outside the Post Office at Bentons Square
Mount Martha	29 June 2005	10:10 - 11:10am	Outside Foodworks Mt Martha
Safety Beach	29 June 2005	11:30 - 12:30pm	Outside La Marina Plaza General Store/Service Station
Dromana	29 June 2005	12:40 - 1:40pm	Outside the entrance to the Dromana Hub
McCrae	29 June 2005	2:00 - 3:00pm	Outside the McCrae General Store/Newsagent
Smiths Beach	29 August 2005	9:30 - 10:30am	Outside the Smiths Beach General Store
Sunderland Bay	29 August 2005	11:00 - 12:00pm	Outside the Sunderland Bay General Store
Kilcunda	29 August 2005	12:30 - 1:30pm	Outside the Kilcunda General Store
Moorooduc	29 August 2005	3:00 - 4:00pm	Outside the Moorooduc CFA
Red Hill & Main Ridge	29 August 2005	4:15 - 5:15pm	Outside the Red Hill South Post Office
Glen Forbes	30 August 2005	9:30 - 10:30am	Outside the Glen Forbes General Store
Corinella & Tenby Point	30 August 2005	10:50 - 11:50am	Outside the Corinella General Store
Coronet Bay	30 August 2005	12:00 - 1:00pm	Outside the Coronet Bay General Store
Bass	30 August 2005	1:20 - 1:40pm	Outside the George Bass Hotel
Archies Creek	30 August 2005	2:00 - 3:00pm	Outside the Archies Creek Hotel
Dalyston	30 August 2005	3:30 - 4:30pm	Outside the Dalyston General Store
San Remo	31 August 2005	10:00 - 11:00am	Outside the Food-Rite Supermarket San Remo
Newhaven & Cape Woolamai	31 August 2005	11:10 - 12:10pm	Outside the New Haven General Store
Rhyll	31 August 2005	12:30 - 1:30pm	Outside the Rhyll General Store
Cowes	31 August 2005	1:50 - 3:20pm	Outside the Cowes Post Office
Ventnor	31 August 2005	3:50 - 4:20pm	Outside the Ventnor General Store

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PLACE THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE AS A REMINDER

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Senator the Hon Kay Patterson



SENATOR FOR VICTORIA, MINISTER FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report on Carers, Seniors and Volunteers in Flinders

I am working with Greg to meet the needs of our local community, especially when it comes to family and community services and health and aged care.

Carers

(Over 1,500 Carers in Flinders to benefit)

Carers are one of our greatest contributors and are a vital provider of services within the Australian Community.

In recognition of that work, the 2005/06 Federal Budget announced further funding for Carers:

- ✓ An additional one-off payment to all eligible carers, at a cost of \$317 million which comprises:
 - A bonus of \$1,000 to current eligible recipients of Carer Payment and a bonus of \$600 to current eligible recipients of a Carer Allowance for each person they care for, payable before 30 June 2005

Senior Australians

(Over 19,000 local Seniors to benefit)

Thanks to the Government's good economic management approximately 19,000 of our local seniors will benefit from:

- ✓ An annual Utilities Allowance of \$100 per single and \$50 for each member of an eligible couple of Age Pension age receiving income support.
- ✓ A new Seniors Concession Allowance of \$200 per year to each holder of the Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card, to be extended to Veterans and War Widows with a Gold Card
- ✓ As of July 2005, the refundable balance of all lump sum accommodation bonds will be exempt from the social security and veteran's entitlements and assets tests, regardless of when the bond was paid or when the resident entered aged care.

Senator the Hon Kay Patterson

New recipients of volunteer small equipment grants announced!

Funding of \$3 million has been allocated to help Australia's volunteers carry on with their vital work.



Greg at Gunnamatta where the Gunnamatta Beach Surf Life Saving Club will benefit from a \$1,136.36 Volunteer Small Equipment grant.

Successful applicants within the electorate of Flinders are:

- ✓ \$539.09 Pearcedale Netball Club
- ✓ \$863.64 Koo Wee Rup Peer Support Program
- ✓ \$452.73 Lang Lang Bowling Club
- ✓ \$2403.09 San Remo Newhaven Lions Club
- ✓ \$904.55 Nepean Equestrian Club
- ✓ \$2612.73 Art Red Hill
- ✓ \$2,718.00 Nepean Conservation Group
- ✓ \$2,136.36 Rye and Peninsula Greek Womens' Club
- ✓ \$1,136.36 Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club
- ✓ \$719.09 Probus Club of Main Ridge
- ✓ \$2,181.82 Peninsula Group of Fire Brigades