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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS



Working for our Community

Flinders Community News Seniors, Schools and Roads Edition

17 LOCAL SCHOOLS IN FLINDERS ELECTORATE TO RECEIVE A TOTAL OF \$1,863,056

Greg recently announced that the Australian Government's *Investing in our Schools* Initiative will deliver over \$1.8 million to 17 local schools within the electorate of Flinders. This comes on top of an additional 20 grants which have previously been announced for local schools.

Local schools that will benefit include:

- ✓ \$142,494 **Baxter** Primary School
- ✓ \$144,091 **Bayles** Regional Primary School
- ✓ \$82,245 **Bittern** Primary School
- ✓ \$149,090 **Cowes** Primary School
- ✓ \$150,000 **Dromana** Secondary College
- ✓ \$150,000 Eastbourne Primary School,
Rosebud
- ✓ \$142,935 **Lang Lang** Primary School
- ✓ \$85,747 **Mount Martha** Primary School
- ✓ \$32,106 Osborne Primary School,
Mount Martha
- ✓ \$100,000 **Pearcedale** Primary School
- ✓ \$79,528 Peninsula Special Development School,
Dromana
- ✓ \$122,574 **Rosebud** Primary School
- ✓ \$150,000 **Rosebud** Secondary College
- ✓ \$69,394 **San Remo** Primary School
- ✓ \$61,050 **Somers** School Camp
- ✓ \$106,175 **Tooradin** Primary School
- ✓ \$95,627 **Tyabb** Railway Station Primary

NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTER

Greg was delighted to announce that residents and small businesses in the Flinders electorate will be protected from nuisance telemarketing phone calls with the creation of a national, legislated Do Not Call Register, by the Federal Government.

Individuals and small businesses will not be required to pay a fee for registering their telephone numbers. The register is expected to commence operating in 2007.

GREG WORKING TO CLEAN UP WESTERN PORT BAY



Greg gets knee-deep in mud to help with Coastal revegetation at Blind Bight and Lang Lang. For more information see page 2.

The Coalition Government Flinders



06 BUDGET

FAMILIES



Reading with local student
Wayne Galante at the Hastings
West Park Literacy Program

ROADS



With Neale Burgess celebrating the
announcement of more funding for
local roads

SENIORS



With Lillian Rowe celebrating her
95th birthday at Southern
Peninsula Community Centre

SENIORS

Over 20,000 Seniors in Flinders will benefit from the following:

- ✓ A one-off payment of **\$102.80** will be provided by 30 June 2006 to each household eligible for the Utilities Allowance and to each self-funded retiree eligible for the Seniors Concession Allowance.
- ✓ Eligibility for the Utilities Allowance and the one-off payment is being **extended** to Mature Age Allowance, Partner Allowance and Widow Allowance recipients.
- ✓ Exclusion of the family farm from pension tests for around 100 retired farmers and rural landholders.
- ✓ The Government has announced a plan to dramatically simplify and streamline superannuation, including **tax free superannuation benefits for people aged 60 and over** who are paid from a taxed fund from 1 July 2007.

LOCAL ROADS

On 30 June 2006, local Councils within the Electorate of Flinders will receive further funding:

- ✓ **\$560,462** Bass Coast Shire Council
- ✓ **\$972,573** Cardinia Shire Council
- ✓ **\$851,643** City of Casey Council
- ✓ **\$1,045,012** Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

FAMILIES

Over 2,000 families in the Flinders electorate will benefit from items including the following:

- ✓ Eligibility for the maximum rate of **Family Tax Benefit Part A is being extended to families with an annual income of up to \$40,000** (currently \$33,361) from 1 July 2006. Around 2,500 families are expected to benefit with an average increase of \$9.60 per fortnight.
- ✓ Around **3,000 families with three children will also benefit by \$248 a year** when the number of children required to get the Large Family Supplement is reduced from four to three children from 1 July 2006.
- ✓ **Grade 3 students** who have not met the 2006 national minimum reading benchmark **will be eligible for \$700 worth of reading tuition** and support. Individual one-on-one tuition will be arranged by working with schools in partnership with parents and the programme will operate during 2007.
- ✓ **99% of Childcare places will now be uncapped**, so that demand can be met where and when it occurs. This is a great opportunity for local schools.

CARERS

Payment of one-off carer bonus:

- ✓ Around **700 recipients of the Carer Payment will receive a \$1,000 one-off bonus** by 30 June 2006.
- ✓ Around **2,600 recipients of the Carer Allowance will receive a \$600 one-off bonus** by 30 June 2006.

Budget delivers results for the Electorate ...

TAX RELIEF

Tax Relief from the 1 July 2006 for 100% of taxpayers in the Flinders electorate:

The budget will provide taxpayers with personal tax cuts worth \$36.7 billion over four years from 1 July 2006.

- ✓ The 30 per cent threshold will rise to \$25,001.
- ✓ The 42 percent marginal tax rate will be cut to 40 percent and the threshold will rise to \$75,001.
- ✓ The 47 percent marginal tax rate will be cut to 45 per cent and the threshold will rise to \$150,001.
- ✓ The low income tax offset will increase from \$235 to \$600 per year and will begin to phase out from \$25,000, up from \$21,600. **There will now be no net tax for low income earners earning under \$10,000.**

SMALL BUSINESS

- ✓ The Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) rebate will now apply to sales of up to \$1.7m, up from \$1.0 m previously, helping over 15 local small businesses.
- ✓ The Budget encourages business to play their part in building for Australia's future. By increasing the diminishing value rate for depreciation from 150% to 200% for eligible assets, businesses, will be able to write off the cost of new plant and equipment more rapidly and therefore, have more incentive to invest.

BUDGET DELIVERS A FURTHER \$27 MILLION FOR HERITAGE AND A NATIONAL CENTRE FOR MARINE AND COASTAL CONSERVATION ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Greg is delighted to announce that the Mornington Peninsula will receive an extra **\$27 Million from the 2006-07 Budget to help** the Point Nepean Community Trust and the Australian Maritime College **establish the National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation** and to refurbish the Heritage Buildings at Point Nepean.

This takes the total Australian Government funding for heritage and the creation of the Southern Peninsula's first tertiary institution to offer degrees — the Australian Maritime College's National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation — to almost \$48m.

Greg worked directly with the Prime Minister and Treasurer to secure this funding and is pleased that the local community will now have an opportunity to study and participate in a world-class educational facility, heritage and community precinct and National Park. Primary, secondary and tertiary students will all be able to, and have begun, to study marine education on the Mornington Peninsula.

For information about studying at the National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation please contact the Freecall number on **1800 199 879 or visit www.amc.edu.au/ncmcc**.



With Olivia participating in the Schools @ Sea Program at Pt Nepean

For more information on the budget, please visit www.budget.gov.au or contact my office on (03) 5979 3188.



FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

ROADS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



\$2,333,100 IN BLACKSPOT FUNDING IN FLINDERS

\$2,333,100 in Commonwealth Government funding will go to Black Spot projects in Flinders:

- \$534,000** **Graydens Road from Stumpy Gully Road to Loders Road, Moorooduc:** Seal shoulders and provide skid resistance asphalt on curve
- \$401,000** **Eramosa Road East (from Almond Bush Street to Western Port Highway), Somerville:** Seal shoulders, delineation and upgrade guardrail
- \$389,000** **Eramosa Road East and Lower Somerville Road, Somerville:** Installation of a roundabout
- \$381,100** **Craigie Road and Racecourse Road, Mt Martha:** Installation of a roundabout
- \$350,000** **Grant Road (Speedwell Street to Baxter-Tooradin Road), Somerville:** Seal shoulders, delineation and upgrade guardrail
- \$201,000** **Field & Marshall Streets, Rye:** Installation of a roundabout
- \$77,000** **Elizabeth and King Streets, Hastings:** Installation of splitter islands

BALNARRING PRIMARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT



With students of Balnarring Primary School

Greg recently helped launch **Balnarring** Primary School's Community Water Grant Project which aims to save 4,000,000 litres of water each year. This was funded by the Federal Government with a \$44,465 grant.

HELPING CLEAN UP WESTERN PORT BAY



*With Dr Ealey and the Seagrass Partnership Volunteers planting the seagrass at Lang Lang. Greg previously visited **Blind Bight** to take sample Mangroves for the Lang Lang research site.*

Greg was recently up to his knees in mud with Dr Tim Ealey and volunteers from the Westernport Seagrass Partnership and the **Lang Lang** Foreshore Committee planting mangroves at the Lang Lang Foreshore.

The mangroves are being planted because the bare mudflats, which were once covered with flourishing seagrass, are now covered with a sticky mud from the eroding low cliffs preventing the seagrass from growing.

During Greg's visit the **thousandth** seedling was planted. Greg commended Dr Ealey and the volunteers on the fantastic work they're doing for the local community, the future of Western Port Bay and the local environment.



2006 Flinders Seniors' Forum and Expo



Dear Seniors,

As a service to Seniors in my electorate, I am holding a 2006 Flinders Seniors' Forum & Expo during Seniors' Week.

The Forum & Expo will be a great opportunity for people aged 55 years and over to come along and hear about services available for seniors through organisations and to learn more about their community.

There's no charge to attend the Forum but to book your seat please contact my office on 5979 3188 for a great morning.

Greg Hunt
GREG HUNT MP

FREE

**Friday 6 October 2006
9:00 until 12:30 pm**

with the opportunity of catching up with your friends during morning tea.



Rosebud RSL

117 Eastbourne Road, Rosebud

Forum Speakers include:

- ✓ **Greg Hunt**, Federal Member for Flinders
- ✓ **Kevin Bailey** of Money Managers & ABC Radio fame. Mr Bailey is recognised as a leader in the **financial planning** Industry. He is a popular talkback guest on radio, and has a widely read weekly column in the Herald Sun. Mr Bailey has also published his own book 'Your Money Guide'. He will outline financial strategies and answer questions from Seniors
- ✓ **Karen Bull**, Manager of the **Ageing Well** Centre for Peninsula Health will talk about how physical activity and exercise options help to maintain health and independence
- ✓ **Glen Smith-Cameron**, Centrelink
- ✓ **Martin Dixon MLA**, Member for Nepean
- ✓ **Alzheimer's Association** will talk about **healthy lifestyle to prevent Dementia**
- ✓ **Peter Smith** of the **Clean Ocean Foundation**
- ✓ **Lavinia Jenkins**, Extended Families Australia – **Be a Volunteer Grandparent program**
- ✓ **Andrew Foran** - **Pets for Therapy**
- ✓ **Mr Peter Osborne**, **Australian Federal Police** will provide an overview of the Federal Police, its overseas commitments and counter terrorism