



Greg Hunt MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS



Working for our Community

Flinders Community News Special Seniors and Students Edition

FUNDING FOR ROSEBUD AND KOO WEE RUP RESPITE



With Lillian Rowe at her 90th Birthday Celebrations at Southern Peninsula Community Care Social Day, Rosebud

\$38,400 FOR RESPITE CENTRE AT ROSEBUD

Under the Australian Government's *National Respite for Carers program*, the Federal Government has given \$38,400 to Southern Peninsula Community Care at Rosebud to open a 'Respite Bank'. This will give working carers the opportunity to 'withdraw' respite hours to assist with the care of their loved ones.

\$146,800 FOR RESPITE ACCOMMODATION AT KOO WEE RUP

\$146,800 will go to the Koo Wee Rup Hospital to help provide respite for older relatives and friends in the Koo Wee Rup region for overnight respite service under the Federal Government's *National Respite for Carers Program*.

\$64,350 FIT OUT FOR THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS' MUSEUM

I was recently pleased to announce federal government funding of \$64,350 for the Victorian Vietnam Veterans' Association to cover the costs of building contractors and materials to fit out the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum in Newhaven, **Phillip Island**.

RECOGNITION FOR OUR WWII VETERANS

Greg recently presided over ceremonies at **Rosebud RSL**, **Hastings RSL** and **Phillip Island RSL**, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War and to recognise the efforts of over 117 surviving World War II veterans and widows. Greg thanked them for their service and invaluable contribution to this great Nation.

HUNT ANNOUNCES NATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS AWARDS

I congratulate and commend each winner of the 2005 Commonwealth Government's *National Day for Older Australians Awards*. Recipients are:

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| ✓ Mr Ian Sharkie , Rosebud | ✓ Lions Club of Dromana |
| ✓ Mrs Val Boyd , Shoreham | ✓ Alan McDonald ,
Mornington Peninsula |
| ✓ Mr Henry Brewer ,
Rosebud | ✓ Mr Tony McKenzie ,
Dromana |
| ✓ Heather Coleman , Bass | ✓ Mrs Joan Pullen ,
Mt Martha |
| ✓ Cranbourne Arthritis
Support Group | ✓ Mrs Cynthia Rigg ,
Mt Martha |
| ✓ Mr Philip Heath ,
Somerville | ✓ Mrs Lyn Hosking ,
Mt Martha |
| ✓ Mrs Judy Kefford ,
Red Hill South | ✓ Ms Glenn Barber ,
Mt Martha |
| ✓ Lionesses Club of
Dromana | |



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EDUCATION & TRAINING



GREENCORPS PROJECT HELPS UPGRADE HASTINGS RAILWAY STATION

Ten young people aged 17-20 years have now completed a valuable Green Corps project, which has greatly improved the **Hastings** railway site. The project was delivered by the Brotherhood of St Laurence (Job Futures) and Peninsula Training and Employment.



With participants of the Hastings Green Corp Project at their graduation ceremony

NEW BUILDINGS OPEN AT PENINSULA SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL



With Alyssa (Student) and Sharon at the opening of the new buildings at the Peninsula Special Development School

AFTER A LONG BATTLE SOMERVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE BEGINS

Somerville Secondary College welcomed its first students at the commencement of the 2006 school year recently.

Somerville residents have been determined to achieve a Somerville Secondary College for some time and this start will be the beginning of many more achievements to come. I am delighted that the Federal Government was able to contribute \$3.2 million towards the school's buildings and I congratulate all of the parents and local campaigners.

Greg recently participated in the opening of the new buildings at Peninsula Special Development School, **Dromana**. PSDS received \$800,000 in Federal Government funding to assist with the development, which will help local students with learning disabilities.

POINT NEPEAN: FIRST STUDENTS COMMENCE STUDIES AT AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE

I was delighted to join the first students at the National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation on site at **Point Nepean** for a tour of the future location of the Centre. 23 Students have already commenced studies at the temporary location of Rosebud TAFE with full time courses expected to commence at Point Nepean in 2007.

75% of students enrolled and attending the course at the National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation are from the Mornington Peninsula

This is a wonderful opportunity for local students to be part of the beginning of a small but world-class marine research institution.

I congratulate both the Australian Maritime College and the Point Nepean Community Trust on the tremendous progress they are making in opening the old barracks up to the public and as a site for marine research.



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



Participated in the *Drive to Safety* program with Kevin Fechner

- Attended opening night of the Western Port Secondary College Art Exhibition, **Hastings**
- Presented Australian Flags to **Cardinia** Primary School and **Cowes** Primary School
- Participated in the Greek Orthodox Church's 'Panagia Kmariani' ceremony, **Rye**
- Competed in and presented medals for the **Arthurs Seat** Challenge
- Opened the **Nyora** Vineyard and Winery at **The Gurdies**
- Attended the celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of St George's Anglican Church, **Red Hill**
- Spoke at the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Eastbourne Primary School, **Rosebud**
- Opened the new Administration Complex at Flinders Christian College, **Tyabb**
- Spoke at the 21st Anniversary opening of the St John's Presbyterian Retirement Centre, **Somerville**



Presenting National Medal for Emergency Services Awards to 8 life savers from Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club

- Attended Food For All Annual General Meeting, **Rosebud**
- Commended **Bass Valley** Primary students on Mangrove Plantation Program
- Participated in the opening of the **Somers** Fire Station
- Attended opening of the Western Port Open Fours Tournament, **Hastings** Bowls Club
- Spoke at the Balcombe Ladies Probuss Club meeting, **Mt Martha**
- Attended the **Coastal Villages** Community Christmas Party



Celebrating Victorian Beef Week at Shoreham

- Assisted Rotary at the 17th Coolart Jazz Festival, **Somers**
- Presented a Flag at Newhaven Secondary College's flag raising ceremony, **Phillip Island**
- Presented a Flinders Community Award to John Jolly for 22 years of service on the **Point Leo** Foreshore Committee



Presenting major prizes to the St Brendan's Catholic Primary School Art Show and Country Fair, Somerville

- Attended Rotary Club of **Sorrento** Annual Art Show



Guest speaker and runner at the Lord Somers Camp, Somers

- Presented prize for fastest ferret at the **Red Hill** Show
- Visited **Crib Point** RSL to announce funding for their memorial collection.
- Competed in **Dromana** Bay Pier 1.2km Swim
- Competed in the **Cowes** Classic – 500m swim & 4km run
- Presented awards to parade recipients at the Western Port Festival, **Hastings**
- Attended citizenship ceremony at **Rosebud** Council Chambers
- Launched Green Corps Project at Sage Cottage, **Baxter**
- Participated in the opening of the new club rooms at **Crib Point** Football and Cricket Club
- Attended the opening of the Montalto Sculpture Prize, **Red Hill South**
- 'Turned the soil' for the Bayview Close Aged Care Facility, **Rosebud**



Presenting Older Australian Awards

- Opened the new buildings at St John the Baptist Primary School, **Koo Wee Rup**
- Spoke at the Mornington Peninsula Chaplaincy Dinner
- Opened the 2006 Peninsula Aero Show, **Tyabb**
- Spoke at the Western Port Garden Club, **Bittern**
- Presented Vocational Student Prize to David Hauser, **Newhaven**



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COMMITMENT TO SPORT



2005 SPORT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

I am delighted to announce the successful winners of the Commonwealth Government's 2005 *Sport Achievement Awards* for the Flinders electorate. The recipients are:

- ✓ **Miss Jodie Barker**, HMAS Cerberus Triathlon Club
- ✓ **Mr Dylan Benwell**, Balnarring Bowls & Social Club Inc
- ✓ **Mr Anthony Blackwell**, Sorrento Cricket Club
- ✓ **Miss Kimberley Boyce**, Westernport Secondary College
- ✓ **Mr Tony Cistullo**, Phillip Island Soccer Club
- ✓ **Ms Alison Fitzgerald**, Phillip Island Tennis Club
- ✓ **Mr Rob Gadsby**, Rosebud Cricket Club
- ✓ **Mr Doug Hildebrand**, Dromana Bowls Club
- ✓ **Mr John Holden**, Southern Peninsula Basketball Association
- ✓ **Dr Adam Johnston**, Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society
- ✓ **Mrs Betty Malloy**, Phillip Island Tennis Club
- ✓ **Mrs Gaye Mosby**, Phillip Island Soccer Club
- ✓ **Mr Robert (Bob) Niven**, Phillip Island Tennis Club Inc.
- ✓ **Police Charity Golf Day Organisers**, Rosebud
- ✓ **Mr Toby Rayner**, Padua Secondary College
- ✓ **Mr Murray Sydenham**, Southern Peninsula Basketball Association
- ✓ **Mrs Betty Weir**, Flinders District Bowling Association Inc.
- ✓ **Mr Dan Wise**, Westernport Secondary College

GREG PRAISES LOCAL LIFE SAVERS



With Dromana Life Saving Club Members Julie Crea, Johanna Maidment, Peter Doyle and Ken Peters

In a recent speech to Parliament, Greg praised Life Saving Clubs from Bass Coast, the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port. In particular he praised:

- ✓ **Portsea Surf Life Saving Club;**
- ✓ **Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club;**
- ✓ **Gunnamatta Surf Life Saving Club;**
- ✓ **Dromana Life Saving Club;**
- ✓ **Mount Martha Life Saving Club;**
- ✓ **Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club;** and
- ✓ **Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club, Phillip Island.**

Greg congratulated all the organisers, officials and volunteers who help run our valuable life saving clubs.

GREG COMPETES IN THE MT MARTHA QUINN SWIM



With Andrew Felsinger, Jaz, Nelson, Tom, Kaitlyn, Brittany, Jess & Stephen Burt, preparing for the Mt Martha Quinn Swim. Greg competed in the 10th Annual Mt Martha Quinn Swim, which is organised by the Mt Martha Life Saving Club.



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A WINDOW INTO HMAS CERBERUS



ABOUT HMAS CERBERUS

HMAS Cerberus is the Royal Australian Navy's premier recruit training establishment. Training is provided for approximately 6000 personnel annually, averaging 800 trainees onboard at any one time.

The Navy Base covers an area of 1517 hectares and is located between Somers, Balnarring, Bittern and Crib Point, with the entrance for the base off Stony Point Road, Crib Point.

INVALUABLE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELECTORATE OF FLINDERS

HMAS Cerberus has an invaluable economic impact on our local community. The location and involvement of defence personnel in our community creates a market for local small businesses to provide food, housing and to service the day-to-day living costs for Navy personnel. In addition, cerberus employs a large number of contractors to service the Navy Base, providing jobs for our community.

CAREERS IN THE NAVY

For more information about careers in the Navy and serving in Australia's Defence Forces, please visit www.navy.gov.au or call the Navy Careers Information Line on 13 19 01.



With Commander John Goss at the launch of the new weather station at HMAS Cerberus in late 2005



HMAS CERBERUS SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Cinema

The Southern Cross Cinema is available to the public via the Crib Point entry gate on Stony Point Rd, Crib Point (Melways Ref 195 A3).

Cost for Adults is \$9.50, Children \$5.50, Family (2+2) \$22, and for Concessions (Service/Pensioner/Student) it is \$7.50 and for Family concessions it is \$17.50. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm Start on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, please call (03) 5950 7750.

Golf Course

Located in the married quarters area of Cerberus, the course is open to the general public daily, with the exception of Saturdays prior to 3pm and Tuesdays, prior to 1pm.

For information about the course, fees and opening hours, please contact the Club Manager on (03) 5983 6006.

Museum

The aims of the HMAS Cerberus Museum are to research, record, preserve and present the history of HMAS Cerberus and the Victorian Colonial Naval Forces.

The Museum is open to all members of the public. The opening hours are Monday to Friday 10.30am to 4pm. On Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, the opening hours are 9am to 5pm.

For Adults the cost is \$3 and for children under the age of 16 years it is free. For more information, please contact (03) 5650 7141.

*For more information about
HMAS Cerberus and Open Days,
please contact (03) 5950 7119.*



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ROLE AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE



PARLIAMENTARY RESPONSIBILITIES



*With the Minister for the Environment and Heritage,
Senator the Hon Ian Campbell*

As Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, I have a number of roles and responsibilities in addition to my representative role as the Member for Flinders.

I have responsibility for:

- ✓ The Australian National Parks Service including Uluru and Kakadu;
- ✓ The Bureau of Meteorology;
- ✓ Indigenous Land Issues;
- ✓ The Office of the Supervising Scientist; and
- ✓ The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

If you would like to know more about some of the projects we are working on nationally, please visit <http://www.deh.gov.au/minister/index.html>.



*With Abraham Kitson re-introducing the Mala or
Rock Wallaby at Uluru National Park*

COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY WATER GRANTS ANNOUNCED

I am delighted to announce that \$745,090 in Federal Government funding has been allocated to 23 projects in the Flinders Electorate under the *Community Water Grants* Initiative. The total water saving of these initiatives will be over 42 million litres of water per year and an area of approximately 18 hectares will be rehabilitated.

Successful 2006 Flinders recipients for water saving projects are:

✓ Balnarring Primary School	\$44,495
✓ Bass Coast Shire Council – Newhaven Community Re-use Project	\$50,000
✓ Bass Recreation Reserve	\$35,780
✓ Bass Valley Landcare Group Inc	\$47,400
✓ Candowie/Lance Creek Catchment Management Group	\$39,410
✓ Cranbourne Soccer Club	\$26,645
✓ Dromana Primary School	\$35,216
✓ Flinders Christian Community College, Tyabb	\$33,964
✓ Friends of Chinamans Creek, Rosebud	\$8,280
✓ Hastings Primary School	\$34,855
✓ Lord Somers Camp, Somers	\$24,382
✓ Phillip Island Homes for The Aged	\$37,169
✓ Phillip Island Nature Park	\$50,000
✓ Portsea Golf Club	\$49,953
✓ Powlett Project	\$34,706
✓ Powlett Project (Cowes Primary School, Newhaven Primary School, Newhaven College, Powlett River Primary School & San Remo Primary School)	\$43,350
✓ Rosebud Secondary College	\$50,000
✓ Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club	\$43,360
✓ Sunshine Reserve Conservation and Fireguard Group, Mt Martha	\$6,495
✓ Tooradin Primary School	\$32,924
✓ Tootgarook Primary School	\$21,251
✓ Tyabb Primary School	\$15,136
✓ Western Port Seagrass Partnership, Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang	\$19,729



*With Peter Collins from the Broome Bird Observatory
in Western Australia*