



# Greg Hunt MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS

*Working for our Community*



## Flinders Community News

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### DELIVERING BETTER EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN

As a former literacy volunteer, I am passionate about the importance of teaching children how to read and write.

I am therefore delighted that we have been able to successfully secure funding for school projects including:

- \$1.85 million for Dromana Secondary College
- \$150,000 for Cranbourne Christian College
- \$250,000 for Hillcrest Christian College
- \$600,000 for the Peninsula Special School

I am also pleased that we have achieved many other educational outcomes including:

- Working with Neale Burgess to establish a literacy support program at West Park Primary in Hastings.
- Helping in the successful campaign for a Secondary College in Somerville.
- Assisting at Chisholm Institute in Rosebud with long term planning for students from Rosebud, Dromana and Rye.
- Working with local State Member, Ken Smith MLC, towards the establishment of an IT skills centre for Phillip Island, San Remo, Corinella and Grantville.



*Greg with Lloyd Collings working on the revegetation of parkland opposite Mt Martha Primary.*

### CAN WE HELP YOU?

Working with our local community is our focus, so whatever the issue, if you need some help, please don't hesitate to call my office. Here are some of the more recent success stories.

- Assisted local residents with family members affected by the Bali tragedy.
- Assisted the Village Bakery in Koo Wee Rup overcome a barrier to expanding its business.
- Arranged a meeting for San Remo fishermen with the Federal Minister responsible for fisheries.
- Helped Hastings wheelchair bowlers, Wayne and Wendy Odgers obtain funding to participate in an international competition.
- Approached the Federal Treasurer on behalf of a Rosebud resident concerning the treatment of widows by banks.

### WORKING TO REVEGETATE PARKLAND IN MT MARTHA

Greg recently worked with participants across all age groups to help revegetate parkland in Mt Martha opposite the Mt Martha Primary School.

Congratulations to the Mt Martha Lions Club and all those who helped.

## BUILDING A BETTER LOCAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

Improving safety on our local roads is a top priority for local residents. That is why Greg has been working closely with his state colleagues Ken Smith MLC, Neale Burgess, and Martin Dixon MLA, to successfully upgrade our community's busiest and most important highways and public transport systems:

### Bass Coast Highway Upgrade

- ✓ Secured \$350,000 to improve road safety on Bass Highway from Anderson Road to Wonthaggi, through the installation of guideposts, signs and line markings.

Ken Smith has fought for many years for this upgrade which will greatly improve safety on an unnecessarily dangerous stretch of road.

### Hastings-Dandenong Road Upgrade

- ✓ Secured \$500,000 for a road safety project to improve Hastings-Dandenong Road through re-surfacing and the sealing of shoulders.

This upgrade is an addition to Greg's successful fight along with Neale Burgess, Robin Cooper MLA, John Antoine and local residents, for the soon to be completed roundabout at the Hastings-Dandenong Road and Frankston-Flinders Road intersection.

### Peninsula bus system Upgrade

- ✓ Worked with Martin Dixon to help win \$500,000 upgrade of the bus service to Dromana, Rosebud, McCrae, Tootgarook, Rye, Blairgowrie and Sorrento.



*Greg Hunt and Neale Burgess keen to start work on the upgrade of Hastings-Dandenong Road*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



*Greg Hunt with Rosebud Secondary College Band members Steve Laughton (bass) & Michael Jarman (drums)*

During recent visits to local secondary schools, I have been struck by the energy, creativity and passion of our local students.

I wish all our school graduates a bright and rewarding future as they move onto a new stage of their lives.

**To assist school leavers, a practical School Leavers Kit is available from my office on 5979 3188**

### Kits Available from Greg's Office:

- School leavers kit
- Sporting Club assistance
- Public Liability Insurance
- Seniors Guides
- Deeming Guides



### The Salvation Army Christmas Toy & Food Appeal

Toys & food for the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal can be dropped off at the office of Greg Hunt MP

*located at:*  
Shop 4, 184 Salmon Street, Hastings.





# On the road with Greg Hunt



*Just some of the recent highlights from Greg's Diary*



*Presenting Rosebud resident Graham Miller with a National Service Medal in recognition of his service to Australia.*

- Presented Centenarian Medal to Arthur Marshall of Hastings.
- Presented local veterans with the National Service Medal at the Rye RSL and Peninsula Men's National Servicemens Association in Baxter.
- Participated in outdoor education with children and staff at the Lord Somers Camp and Somers Primary School Camp.



*Neale Burgess & Greg Hunt (who was a former volunteer literacy teacher) helping West Park Primary students in Hastings with their reading.*

- Convened a community strategy to deal with graffiti at the Crib Point shops.
- Launched a new \$500,000 health program in Corinella for San Remo, Phillip Island, Corinella, Grantville and Coronet Bay.
- Spoke at the Country Womens' Association of Balnarring during their 70th anniversary.
- Visited Dromana, Bittern, Wallaroo and Corinella Pre-Schools.



*Greg rock climbing with Harley of Moorooduc PS & Emily of Tootgarook PS at Somers Camp*

- Spoke with students and staff at Somerville Primary, Cowes Primary, Dromana Secondary College, Peninsula Special School, Tooradin Primary, Red Hill Consolidated Primary & Crib Point Primary amongst others.
- Discussed strategies for fire prevention with the Baxter CFA & Crib Point Fire Brigades.



*At Dromana Pre-School with Tayla, Harry, Darrielle, Eden.*

- Met with members of the Mornington Peninsula & San Remo Vietnam Veterans Associations.
- Opened the new Cranbourne Specialist School.
- Discussed aged care issues at the Shoreham Aged Care facility and the Baptist Village Baxter.
- Spoke to members of the Mt Martha, Rye, Rosebud & Somerville Bowls Clubs and Main Ridge Cricket Club.
- Helped establish a literacy support group for West Park Primary.
- Opened the Flinders Fine Art Gallery and BEAST Glass Creations in the township of Flinders.
- Ran in the Arthurs Seat Challenge.



*Greg and Local State Member Ken Smith MLC presenting Phillip Island resident Jean Herkes with a Community Service Medal for her wartime service.*



# Senator Kay Patterson's

## Report on Health in Flinders



### A HELPING HAND

Recently we have seen terrible sadness and great generosity in Bali.

Immediately after the tragedy in Bali, Somers resident Tamara McKernin spent 20 hours taking care of the injured in one of Bali's hospitals. She bought bandages and disinfectant from local pharmacies to ensure that the hospital had as many emergency supplies as possible before tending to and translating for many of the most desperately injured.

Tamara was one of many Australians who showed great generosity. She reminds us how lucky we are to live in such a stable and caring community and how we can never take these blessings for granted.



*At the Rye RSL visiting the Never Alone on Mondays Widows Club with Mai Atkinson, Emily Dunn & Daisy Kendall. The group which meets on Mondays is a fine example of community members lending a helping hand*

### DELIVERING NEW REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR SAN REMO & DISTRICT

A range of new health services will now be provided by the San Remo and District Community Health Centre to San Remo, Phillip Island, Grantville, Corinella and Coronet Bay thanks to the Federal Government's Regional Health Services Program.

Delivering up to \$529,129 over the next three years, the Federal program will help fund a broad range of services including physiotherapy, podiatry, health promotion, nursing advice, home visits (including medication supervision and administration) and health counselling.

### WORKING TO BUILD A SECOND PHARMACY IN SOMERVILLE



*Greg Hunt with James Tan, Pharmacist and owner of the Lang Lang Pharmacy.*

The Somerville Pharmacy does an excellent job. However local residents, particularly senior citizens and the disabled, find it hard to get to the Somerville pharmacy because of the need to travel long distances by foot to cross the train line.

That is why Greg is working with his state colleagues, Neale Burgess and Ron Bowden MLC to win approval for a pharmacy in Somerville East.

### DELIVERING ON HEALTH IN FLINDERS

- ✓ \$529,129 for the San Remo and District Community Health Centre
- ✓ \$500,000 upgrade to the Rosebud Hospital Emergency Services Ward
- ✓ A new Doctor for Koo Wee Rup
- ✓ 40 New Aged Care places for Warley Hospital
- ✓ 27 new Home and Community Care places for the San Remo and District Health Centre
- ✓ A GP locum service for Mt Martha
- ✓ Medicare Easyclaim facility for Coronet Bay, Lang Lang & Flinders townships



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## Peninsula Region Highlights

### A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO END ALL OCEAN OUTFALLS



As part of the fight to clean up Gunnamatta Beach Greg has taken the issue of Ocean Outfalls to Canberra. In a recent letter to the Prime Minister Greg secured the support of Federal Parliamentarians from every state and territory for a 20 year plan to end ocean outfall not just at Gunnamatta beach but throughout all of Australia.

Water is far too precious a resource to waste, especially with Australia facing one of the worst droughts on record.

Greg is working with State MP Martin Dixon and the Clean Ocean Foundation to protect our environment so that local children can enjoy our beaches whilst also saving water for drought ravaged farmers.

A copy of Greg's letter to the Prime Minister is available from his office.

### IMPROVED SERVICES AT ROSEBUD HOSPITAL

Greg is delighted that the community has been successful in securing additional medical support to keep Rosebud Emergency Services open 24 hours a day.

A major \$500,000 upgrade to the Hospital's emergency services ward is also being undertaken, thanks in no small part to the hard work of local State Member Martin Dixon MLA.

The upgrade will include a new state of the art patient monitoring system and it is expected that the upgrade will be completed by Christmas.

Greg was particularly pleased at the result as this was one of the core issues that he promised to fight for during the last election.

### FIGHTING TO HAVE THE PENINSULA INCLUDED IN THE METROPOLITAN LOCAL CALL ZONE

In response to calls from local residents, Greg Hunt and neighbouring Federal MP Bruce Billson recently launched an Outer Metropolitan initiative aimed at convincing Telstra to extend the metropolitan call zone to the entire Mornington Peninsula.

In addition, Greg and Bruce are pushing to have Broadband access extended throughout the Peninsula.

As a local resident Greg understands the cost and importance of affordable communications with the city for both small business and local retirees.





*Greg Hunt and Martin Dixon at Point Nepean working to protect the land from housing*

## KEEPING HOUSING OFF PT NEPEAN

Greg is delighted at the progress that is being made on the fight to save Point Nepean from housing. Along with state colleague Martin Dixon, Greg remains resolutely opposed to housing on Point Nepean.

In order to achieve that outcome the Community Reference Group is currently examining viable non-housing options based on the principle of:

- No housing
- Preservation of the bush land
- Retention of public ownership whether by trust or Government
- Constructive use of the Norris Barracks area for publicly beneficial outcomes such as heritage, conferencing and accommodation, and education

The Community Reference Group led by David Stewart, Peter MacNamara and Ian Haskins should be congratulated on the extraordinary energy they are investing to keep housing off Point Nepean. My hope is that the State Government will reverse its position and agree to be an active part of the process.

## LOCAL SQUASH CHAMPIONS HONOURED

Greg recently visited the Rosebud International Squash Centre to congratulate Rosebud squash stars Margaret Doueal, Philip Mangle and Tom Steward.

Mrs Doueal, who lives in Rosebud took up squash comparatively late in life, at 33 and has just won the World Masters Squash Championships in the 65 - 70 age group.

In honour of her achievements, Mr Hunt presented Mrs Doueal with a Flinders Community Contribution Award.

Similarly, Philip Mangle of Rosebud, recently won the prestigious Plate Event, in the Mens 45-50 year age group at the World Masters Tournament and is affectionately known as 'The Mangler' for his hard hitting ability.

Tom Steward is currently the Rosebud and Victorian Under 15 State Champion and is one of Australia's most promising juniors.



## RYE PIER SNORKELLING TRAIL OPENS

Greg recently attended the opening of the Rye Pier Snorkelling Trail. The trail, was conceived and designed by Young Victorian of the Year Sheree Maris and is the first underwater marine trail of its kind in Victoria. A passionate diver himself, Greg joined Sheree and others on the inaugural snorkel tour of the trail (see below).



*Greg Hunt and Sheree Maris and others at the snorkel trail opening*



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## Western Port Region Highlights

### BURGESS AND HUNT COMMIT TO HASTINGS SUBMARINE

Following a recent working visit to the Hastings submarine, Greg Hunt and State colleague Neale Burgess expressed their rock solid commitment to the Hastings submarine project.



*Neal Burgess, his daughter Emma and Greg Hunt during a working bee on Board the Hastings Sub*

Greg stated: "It is estimated that the project will bring over \$4.5 million to Hastings each year. I am delighted that my state colleague Neale Burgess has the same commitment to the project and to the self less work of the Oberon Association."

Neale Burgess described the submarine as: "A magnificent educational project, which will help complete the opening of the foreshore environment and which will build on the new aquatic centre.

The sub will be a source of real pride for the people of Hastings and Crib Point, particularly as it will bring jobs by focussing on education and environmentally friendly tourism. I hope we can have bi-partisan support for this great community project."

### DELIVERING A SOMERVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Thanks to the hard work of local members of the community, such as Phil Brake and Neale Burgess, the battle for a Somerville Secondary College has finally been won.

The Somerville College will:

- Provide first class education, in Somerville, for our children;
- Provide a safe and supervised environment for our children both during and after school;

- End long trips to school for Somerville and Tyabb families;
- Become a centre for community life; and
- Inject a \$9 million investment into the Somerville, Baxter and Tyabb communities

The college will open in January 2005, initially for year 7 and 8 students.



## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO HELP CLEAN UP GRAFFITI AT CRIB POINT SHOPS

Greg Hunt is working with Neale Burgess and other interested members of the local community to find a solution to the graffiti problem at the Disney Street shops in Crib Point.

Graffiti makes the area appear unsafe and discourages members of the community from visiting the area and supporting local businesses.

As a first step Greg is calling on volunteers to assist in the clean up. Anyone interested in helping should call Greg's office.

## LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR WESTPARK PRIMARY

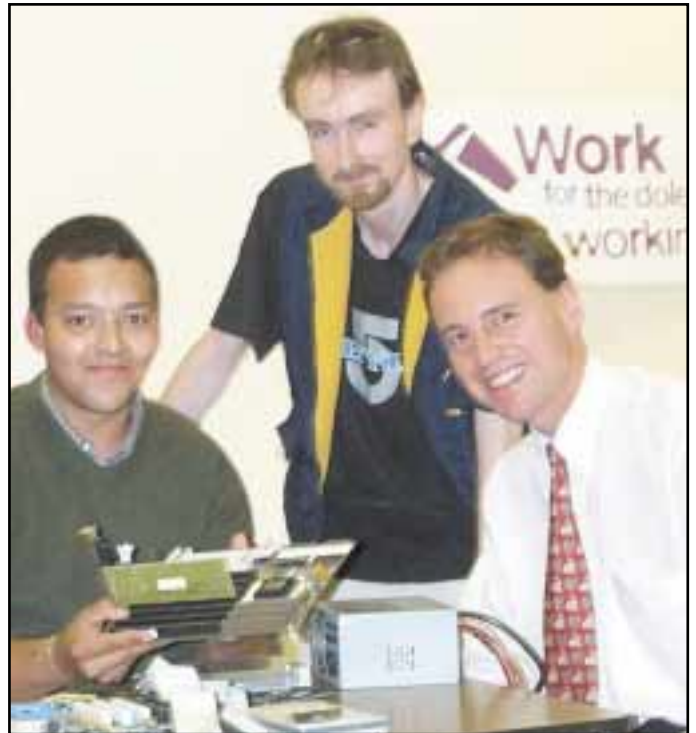
As a former volunteer literacy teacher Greg is supporting the Westpark Primary volunteer literacy program.

Anyone interested in contributing their time to help local children learn to read would be welcomed.

If you would like to help please call Margaret Cockerell on (03) 5983 2886.



## CRANBOURNE WORK FOR THE DOLE PROJECT



*Greg Hunt MP and work for the dole participants Graham and Marion, examine a computer in need of repair*

Participants of Work for the Dole programs have found that they not only benefited personally by developing new skills but were also able to make a valuable contribution to the community.

In Cranbourne and with the assistance of 30 Work for the Dole students, Recruitnet has successfully converted 2000 broken down computers into 600 fully operational ones that were donated back to the community.



## COMMITMENT TO BUILD SOMERVILLE POLICE STATION

My state colleague Neale Burgess has made a rock solid commitment to build a police station in Somerville.

As a rapidly growing community, Somerville desperately needs greater police resources. This was recently demonstrated when between 130 and 170 youths violently disrupted a local party, severely damaging the Mechanics Hall in Somerville.

*Greg on the 11pm to 3am shift with Hastings Police*





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## Phillip Island & Bass region highlights

### Ken Smith & Greg Hunt Fighting to deliver natural gas to Phillip Island



*With local State Member Ken Smith and owner, Annie Hart, of the Big Flower Farm in Newhaven discussing the need for natural gas supply*

I am committed to working with my state colleague Ken Smith to fight to have natural gas piped to homes and businesses in Phillip Island and San Remo.

The availability of natural gas could lead to the creation of many new local jobs as existing businesses expand and new businesses are attracted to the region.

Natural gas would also save our local hospitals and aged care centres, such as Melaleuca Lodge Hostel, thousands of dollars from their energy bills.

The Federal Government will provide \$105,000 for a gas reticulation study for Bass Coast and Gippsland and the State Opposition has pledged a 5 year \$30 million gas reticulation program for rural Victoria.

### GRANTVILLE AND LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRES CLOSER TO OPENING

Along with the relevant shire councils, Greg Hunt recently made a strong push to win support for Rural Transaction Centre funding for both Lang Lang and Grantville. These transaction centres would double as community centres.

In Lang Lang this would add to progress already made on state funding for a community medical centre.

In Grantville, Greg has been working with local State MP Ken Smith to ensure that this is one of the first projects approved when the Federal Government announces its next round of funding.

### KOO WEE RUP SENIOR CITIZENS OBTAIN TAX EXEMPTION FOR BUILDING PROJECT

Greg recently helped the Koo Wee Rup Senior Citizens Club obtain a tax exemption for a building project that will greatly improve the local Senior Citizens Centre.

## FIGHTING FOR AUSTRALIAN JOBS ON PHILLIP ISLAND



*Greg Hunt with Dylan James and David Opitz at Sherlock Wheelbarrows in Cowes*

The Federal Member for Flinders Greg Hunt MP, recently met with staff and management of Sherlock Wheelbarrows at their manufacturing plant in Cowes. Sherlock makes high quality wheelbarrows but is facing a serious challenge from cheap imported products of lesser quality.

To protect local jobs, Greg Hunt has taken up Sherlock's case with major retailer Bunnings seeking a fair go for Sherlock.

## PLANS FOR COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE AND MARINE PRECINCT ON PHILLIP ISLAND

Greg Hunt and local State Member Ken Smith, recently met with the Phillip Island Arts and Cultural Committee to help deliver a possible Phillip Island Arts Centre.

Greg and Ken are now fighting for a feasibility grant for this exciting project which could potentially be part of a marine precinct in Cowes and include an upgrade of the Pier.

This is a tremendous project. While it will have to pass the feasibility test, Greg and Ken Smith are committed to helping the community drive it forwards.



*Caption: Greg Hunt with Peter Walker and Anne Davies examining possible plans for the new gallery and design centre.*

## FLAGS FOR CORINELLA PRE-SCHOOL, COWES PRIMARY AND NEW HAVEN PRIMARY

Greg recently presented Australian flags to Corinella pre-school, Cowes Primary and New Haven Primary.

If you would like an Australian flag for your school, club or society please call Greg's office.



*Greg Hunt and Ken Smith helping children at Cowes Primary School*