



Greg Hunt MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS



Working for our Community

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.

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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