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## Flinders Community News

### GUNNAMATTA HELPS CREATE A NATIONAL PROGRAM TO CLEAN-UP OUR BEACHES AND WATERWAYS

If Australia is to grow and prosper then it is critical that we efficiently manage our scarce water resources and I am delighted that the Commonwealth has accepted our local proposal for a \$2 billion Australian Water Fund. This proposal was driven by the plan to clean-up Gunnamatta Beach.

The \$2 billion fund will be divided amongst three programs:

- ✓ \$1.6 billion will be dedicated towards water infrastructure across Australia
- ✓ \$200 million towards the Raising National Water Standards program and
- ✓ \$200 million towards a Water Wise Communities program.

The Water Wise Communities program will allocate grants of up to \$50,000 to community organisations to protect water resources and educate local communities. I strongly encourage local community groups to take advantage of this scheme by visiting the Department of Environment and Heritage website at [www.deh.gov.au](http://www.deh.gov.au) or contacting my office on 5979 3188.



*At the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre which will benefit from over half a million dollars in Commonwealth funding.*

### DELIVERING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- ✓ National Water Fund established to clean-up Gunnamatta & other waters around Australia
- ✓ Banking services for Somers Post Office
- ✓ Pharmacy outlet for Flinders
- ✓ Upgrades to many local roads such as:
  - Melbourne Road in Sorrento and Rye
  - Jetty Road
  - Baxter-Tooradin Road and South Gippsland Highway slipway
  - Red Hill Road
  - The Bass Highway

- ✓ New buildings for Cowes & Pearcedale Primaries
- ✓ Medicare Centre for Cranbourne & Rosebud
- ✓ \$2 million for Somerville Secondary
- ✓ Revitalising the Hastings Railway Station
- ✓ \$750,000 for Rosebud Secondary
- ✓ \$11,170 for Balcombe Estuary in Mt Martha
- ✓ \$108,101 funding boost under the home

and community care programme for Bass Coast and Koo Wee Rup

- ✓ \$22,933 to the Western Port Swamp Network to re-green the Koo Wee Rup Swamp
- ✓ A Work For the Dole Garden Project for Crib Point Pre-school

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# FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

## LOCAL PROJECTS



*With the Bass Coast Landcare Network which has received \$228,500 in Commonwealth funding to help provide knowledge and skills to local landholders.*

### FUNDING FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

I am delighted to announce Commonwealth funding of \$105,972 to help with the conservation of our local environment under the Envirofund scheme and \$228,500 for the Bass Coast Landcare Network.

Seven local landcare groups will benefit from the latest round of funding which is a fantastic result for the local community. New projects include:

- ✓ **Koo Wee Rup**, Western Port Swamp Network, \$22,933, Regreening the Koo Wee Rup Swamp
- ✓ **Somers**, Somers Foreshore Committee of Management, \$15,150, Re-establish Bio-diverse Habitat Corridor on the Eastern Cliffs, **Somers**
- ✓ **Rosebud**, Capel Sound Foreshores Committee of Management, \$5,000, Pine Tree Removal and Revegetation
- ✓ **Flinders**, Friends of Flinders Coastline Inc, \$16,110, Coastal Foreshore Habitat Restoration
- ✓ **Phillip Island**, Phillip Island Landcare Group Inc, \$23,208, No Weeds Just Wildlife Protecting an Island Habitat
- ✓ **Bittern**, Friends of Warringine Park Inc, \$12,400, Rehabilitation of Bittern Coastal Wetlands
- ✓ **Mt Martha**, Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group Inc, \$11,170, Silt Management and Riparian Vegetation Restoration

### FLINDERS PHARMACY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The recent opening of a new pharmacy outlet in the township of Flinders was a fantastic outcome for the local community and I would like to thank and congratulate all those involved in this wonderful project, particularly the Flinders General Store.

The new pharmacy will operate as a depot until April this year at which time it will become a fully operational pharmacy. Now that we have a pharmacy in Flinders we are working with the local community to attract a doctor to the area.

### NEW BANKING SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM SOMERS POST OFFICE

The Somers Post Office will soon provide access to new banking services for the local community under the *Federal Bank@Post Programme*.

The new services will allow people to use the credit or debit cards of many participating banks and financial institutions and to undertake a variety of transactions.

Local residents will no longer have to travel out of town to do their banking which is a fantastic result, not only for local residents but also for local businesses.



*Finger painting with 2 year old Holly at Biala Peninsula*

### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR BOYS IN YEARS 7 AND 8 HAVING DIFFICULTY COPING WITH MAINSTREAM SCHOOLING

Toogoolawa School in Hastings runs a not for profit community based program to assist boys having trouble with mainstream schooling.

Information on this program is available at [www.toogoolawa.com.au](http://www.toogoolawa.com.au) or by calling 5979 2259.



# 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*



*Celebrating the announcement that the Baxter-Tooradin Rd and South Gippsland Hwy Intersection will be upgraded*

- Principal for a Day at Dromana Secondary College
- Presented a flag to the Balnarring Fire Brigade
- Met with the Hastings Mens' Focus Group



*With local State Member Martin Dixon MLA working to upgrade the dangerous Truemans Rd and Nepean Hwy Intersection*

- Joined members of the Rye Beach Community Centre for their 20 years' celebration
- Spoke at the Rosebud Ladies Probud Club
- Met with teachers and pupils at Hastings West



*Greg with Holly at Biala Early Childhood Intervention Centre*

Park Primary School, Rye Primary, Cranbourne South Primary and Crib Point Primary

- Visited members of the Dromana Senior Citizens Centre



*At Gunnamatta with Senator Ian Campbell, Minister for Environment and Heritage, working on a strategy to clean up the Beach.*

- Opened a new wheel-chair ramp at Mt Martha Bowls Club
- Opened the greens and presented a flag at the Main Ridge Bowls Club
- Attended the Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup Uniting Church Parish Art Exhibition and Sale



*Meeting with Volunteers working to rejuvenate the Capel Sound foreshore.*

- Attended the season opening at the Hastings Bowling Club
- Presented a Hands on for Habitat Award to Boneo Primary School



*Delivering a grant to the Bass Coast Veterans' and Dependants Welfare Centre to help veterans and war widows*

- Helped co-ordinate a community meeting in Somerville to call for a Somerville police station
- Attended the Mt Martha Uniting Church 25th anniversary celebration



*Helping our local kids with apprenticeships. Information on apprenticeships is available on [www.newapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.newapprenticeships.gov.au) or 1800 639 629*

- Presented a Small Equipment Grant of \$1,110 to Vinnies Kitchen Rosebud to purchase much needed equipment for volunteers

- Participated in the Phillip Island Landcare Spring Planting Festival
- Attended the Red Cross Monster Family Show in Ventnor
- Visited the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service and Koo Wee Rup Pool anniversary



*At Gunnamatta Beach working on a strategy to close the outfall.*

- Attended induction of new Reverend at the Flinders congregation of St John the Evangelist Anglican Church
- Attended a San Remo Fishermen's Co-operative meeting in San Remo
- Turned the first sod at the Grantville Rural Transaction Centre and opened the new Lang Lang Medical Centre



*With local resident Rob Nolan at the dangerous Queens Rd and Western Port Highway intersection in Pearcedale working on a strategy to convince the Bracks Government to upgrade the intersection.*



# FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

## SPECIAL ROADS REPORT



### HELPING TO BUILD BETTER LOCAL ROADS



*Greg Hunt with local resident Neale Burgess working to deliver on the now completed upgrade of the Western Port Highway slipway.*

As a local who regularly drives throughout the Peninsula, Western Port, Bass Coast and Phillip Island region, I know first hand just how dangerous some of our local roads can be.

And I am working hard with all levels of government – local, state and federal – to build safer roads in our community. In particular I am pleased to announce that thanks to the hard work of many in our local community the following projects have been either announced or delivered through Federal funding:

- ✓ Reconstruction and resurfacing of Eramosa Rd West, between Coolart Road and Station Street, **Somerville**
- ✓ Re-surface Red Hill Road, **Red Hill**
- ✓ Replacement of Tuerong Road bridge, **Moorooduc**
- ✓ Resurfacing the whole length of Hotham Road in **Sorrento** and **Portsea**
- ✓ Resurfacing of Dromana Parade from Woodlands Grove to Balmoral Avenue, **Safety Beach/Dromana**
- ✓ Tree removal to improve safety on Dominion Road, **Mt Martha**
- ✓ Resurfacing of Bay Road from Dominion Road to Uralla Road and then Uralla Road, to Nepean Highway, **Mt Martha**
- ✓ Resurfacing Tubbarubba Road from Myers Road to Balnarring Road in **Merricks North**
- ✓ Repairing and resurfacing Merricks Road from Frankston-Flinders Road to Bittern-Dromana Road
- ✓ Reconstruction and resurfacing of Bass, Wood, Esplanade and Cook Streets in **Flinders**.
- ✓ Resurfacing of Melbourne Road in **Rye** and **Blairgowrie** from Dundas Street to Hughes Road and stabilising and

sealing sections of shoulders.

- ✓ Hardening of shoulders and roundabout on the Hastings-Dandenong and Frankston Flinders Road intersection
- ✓ Improvements to the Bass Highway between **Bass, Kilcunda** and **Dalyston**
- ✓ Upgrade of the dangerous intersections of Seven Mile Road and Bunyip River Road in **Koo Wee Rup North** and **Bayles**
- ✓ Upgrade of Jetty Road and Inglewood Crescent in **Rosebud South**
- ✓ Upgrade of Loders Road **Moorooduc** including the intersection of Derril, Loders and Bentons Roads
- ✓ Upgrading Bungower Road from Moorooduc Road to Coolart Road, **Moorooduc**
- ✓ Upgrading Barclay Crescent and Bayview Road, **Hastings**

But I realise that there is **still more to be done** and that is why I am working hard with local, state, and federal governments to fund road projects including:

- ✓ Upgrade the Point Nepean and Truemans Road intersection
- ✓ Upgrade the Queens Road and Western Port Highway intersection
- ✓ Seal both Manks Road Clyde and Finsbury Road in Devon Meadows
- ✓ Improve safety on the Clyde-Fiveways Road by widening the road, hardening its shoulders and reducing traffic on the road while upgrading the Koo Wee Rup Pakenham Road to four lanes
- ✓ Upgrade the Fultons Road intersection in Baxter

If any residents have any concerns about the safety of local roads in their area, please do not hesitate to contact my office.



*Greg with construction workers upgrading the Western Port Highway*