



Greg Hunt MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS

Working for our Community



Flinders Community News

MORE DOCTORS & AGED CARE BEDS FOR FLINDERS

Greg Hunt MP was delighted to announce that following representations from local residents, Rosebud, Rye, Dromana, Sorrento, Mt Martha and all of the Peninsula have now been included in the Outer Metropolitan Doctors scheme.

Mr Hunt said, "I am especially pleased that after making the case to the Prime Minister and Health Minister, the whole of the electorate is now covered by either the Rural or Outer Metro Doctor's incentive schemes."

These programs have already delivered doctors to Somerville, Sorrento, Cowes, Koo Wee Rup and most recently Pearcedale.

This comes in addition to the massive increase in aged care funding for Flinders that has included the recent opening of:

- ✓ 140 new aged care beds at Sir James by the Bay in **Mt Martha**
- ✓ 65 new aged care beds at Mt Martha Valley Lodge in **Safety Beach**
- ✓ 100 new aged care beds at SomerCare Resort in **Somerville**

And soon to be opened:

- ✓ 40 new beds at Warley Hospital on **Phillip Island**
- ✓ 30 new beds at Regis Grange in **Rosebud**

- ✓ 45 new beds in **Hastings and**
- ✓ 140 new beds in and around **Cranbourne**

HELPING LOCAL PRIMARY CHILDREN AND WORK FOR THE DOLE PARTICIPANTS CLEAN-UP GRAFFITI IN CRIB POINT

Greg was delighted to help students from Crib Point Primary clean-up graffiti and improve the streetscape in Disney Street, Crib Point.



Mr Hunt said, "This is a great community project, which has involved Crib Point Primary students in the:

- Design and painting of new graffiti resistant murals, and
- Re-planting and rejuvenation of planter boxes in Disney Street."

"I congratulate all the students of Crib Point Primary who worked so hard to design and paint the murals, and also the Work for the Dole participants from Your Employment Solutions who helped prepare the murals."

Greg and Kahleah helping clean-up the Crib Point Shops



BUDGET DELIVERS ON LOCAL ROADS

With road safety a number one concern, Greg was delighted to announce that the Federal Government will upgrade:

- ✓ The dangerous intersections of Seven Mile Road and Bunyip River Road in **Koo Wee Rup North** at a cost of \$ 67,000; and
- ✓ Jetty Road and Inglewood Crescent intersection in **Rosebud South** at a cost of \$105,000.

This builds on existing projects to:

- ✓ Upgrade the Westernport Highway in **Tyabb** (\$485,000) between Frankston-Flinders Road and Thornells Road; and
- ✓ Upgrade Bass Highway, between **Anderson, Kilcunda** and **Dalyston**.



Greg with construction workers at the now completed roundabout on Frankston-Flinders and Hastings Dandenong Road intersection

A HELPING HAND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN DROMANA & SOMERVILLE

Greg was delighted to announce that both **Dromana** based Cartar Industries and **Somerville** based Sealite have received Commonwealth small business grants.

Cartar Industries, which has invented a mobile car hoist with great export potential, has received a Commonwealth Government COMET grant.

“Greg’s help was indispensable in getting this grant and without the grant I was almost ready to give-up,” said company founder Bill Carter.

A second local company, **Somerville** based Sealite, has won an Export Market Development Grant to help expand sales of its



Greg Hunt examining a Sealite beacon with Chris Proctor, Jeff Proctor and Peter Bird

solar powered navigation beacons. The beacons have already been sold to over 110 countries and the grant will help Sealite build upon that success and create more local jobs.

“Greg really helped our business and I would encourage others to give his office a call,” said Mr Peter Bird from Sealite.

AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS ASSIST LOCAL FARMERS

Greg recently held agricultural information sessions with Ministerial officials who came from Canberra to meet with local farmers, in particular:

- ❖ Chicken growers;
- ❖ Livestock Producers and
- ❖ Fruit Growers.

This was a great opportunity for local producers to have input into government policy. Details of a further meeting with local vigneron will be announced shortly.



Greg with local farmer Jeff Tulley at his beef farm in Cannons Creek



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



Greg Hunt presenting a Flinders Community Award to Richard Stubbs, head of Rural & Peninsula Disability Support, for his enormous contribution to people with disabilities

- Held meetings in Lang Lang with local dairy producers
- Met with chicken and fruit growers from Red Hill, Tyabb, Moorooduc, Hastings and Somerville.
- Participated in a Work For the Dole screen printing project at Cowes on Phillip Island
- Helped the Mt Martha Lions Club at its Saturday morning BBQ for charity
- Spoke at the Corinella and Mt Martha Probuc Clubs



A former welder, Greg shows Tony Abbott MP, Minister for Employment & Workplace Relations around the BHP Steel Plant

- Met with Residents of the Bays Hospital in Hastings

- Helped secure a new doctor for Pearcedale
- Met with children at primary schools including, Cranbourne South, Dromana, Sorrento, Crib Point, New Haven, San Remo, Powlett River, Bass, Lang Lang, Somers, Tyabb and Rosebud
- Spoke at the Koo Wee Rup Pre-School extension and at the Koo Wee Rup Township Committee meeting
- Visited the SomerCare Aged Hostel Resort in Somerville
- Opened the 140 bed Sir James By the Bay aged care facility in Mt Martha



Greg with builder Russell Joseph assisting volunteers at the Mt Martha bowls club with the construction of ramps for disabled and wheelchair-bound bowlers

- Helped the Mt Martha Lions Club plant trees at the Mt Martha Reserve for National Tree Day
- Presented Centenary medals to local residents at ceremonies in Rosebud, Hastings, Pearcedale and Phillip Island
- Recently held community meetings in Tooradin, Clyde, Somerville, Baxter, Rosebud, Blairgowrie, Rye, Portsea, Sorrento, Tootgarook, Flinders, Hastings, Crib Point, Cowes, Rhyll and Corinella



Greg examining the Rosebud Chisholm Vineyard Program

- Inspected the foreshore works undertaken by the Kilcunda and Powlett River Foreshore Committee
- Met with business owners in the Rosebud and Dromana Industrial Estates
- Helped a junior athletics champion from Somerville obtain sponsorship to compete in the National Track Championships
- Presented a \$2,000 grant to Red Hill Consolidated Primary to assist in the construction of a memorial garden in the grounds of the school



Greg with a class of very enthusiastic children from the Tyabb Railway Primary School.



Senator Richard Alston

Report on Communications Funding in Flinders



SENATOR ALSTON ANNOUNCES IMPROVED TV RECEPTION FOR ROSEBUD

“The Federal Minister for Communications, Senator Richard Alston, has announced: “I am delighted that work has already commenced at the site of the new transmission tower to improve TV reception for **Rosebud**.”

“This project clearly demonstrates that the Federal Government is dedicated to acting on the concerns of local residents.”

“Greg was a forceful advocate for this project and funding by the Commonwealth has already been made available to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council which is leading the actual construction.”

All Federal and Council funding and approvals have been in place for some time. The only delay has been with the manufacturer but that has now been solved and Council has set a revised completion date of late October.



Greg with local residents Peter Barnett and Mark Pendlebury working to improve local television reception

with many towns receiving coverage before then,” said Minister Alston.

“This is an exciting opportunity for the people of **San Remo, Tooradin, Tyabb and Warneet** to access mobile phone technology and use the technology to add value to their businesses and lifestyle,” Mr Hunt said.

IMPROVED MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE FOR PHILLIP ISLAND & TOORADIN

Senator Richard Alston, Federal Minister for Communications said he was delighted to join local Federal Member, Greg Hunt MP to announce that Phillip Island and Tooradin will gain improved mobile phone coverage thanks to a Commonwealth Government program targeted at towns with populations of 500 or more.

“The rollout of services will be completed by December 2003

TELSTRA COUNTRY WIDE

Following representations by Greg Hunt and local residents, Telstra has agreed to establish a dedicated Telstra Countrywide office and region for the Peninsula and Cranbourne. This adds to the existing service for Bass Coast residents.

Details on special calling plans and assistance with telephone difficulties can now be obtained locally by dialling **1800 687 829**