



# Greg Hunt MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS



*Working for our Community*

## Flinders Community News

Special focus on Families and Children

### MORE FUNDING FOR LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Our children are our future so it is essential that we provide schools that are vibrant and can draw out their full potential.

I am pleased therefore that the Commonwealth has delivered on its commitment to local secondary education through:

- ✓ An additional \$1.7 million to help build the **Somerville Secondary College** making a total of \$3.7 million
- ✓ \$2 million to **Dromana Secondary** for new buildings
- ✓ \$1.2 million for new buildings at **Koo Wee Rup Secondary College**
- ✓ \$2.45 million to help build new facilities at **Rosebud Secondary College**
- ✓ \$2.85 million to help **Newhaven College**
- ✓ \$950,000 to **Westernport Secondary College** for new facilities.



*Helping students from Mt Martha Primary revegetate the local environment*

### \$827,059 FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN FLINDERS ELECTORATE

Students and staff from local primary schools will receive \$827,059 to help deliver much needed projects thanks to the first round of the Federal Government's Investing in Our Schools Program. Successful schools include:

- ✓ \$47,470, Balnarring Primary School
- ✓ \$50,000, Bass Valley Primary School
- ✓ \$6,500, Bayles Regional Primary School
- ✓ \$10,800, Boneo Primary School
- ✓ \$78,185, Cranbourne South Primary School
- ✓ \$50,000, Crib Point Primary School
- ✓ \$40,000, Devon Meadows Primary School
- ✓ \$47,253, Dromana Primary School
- ✓ \$23,689, Hastings Primary School
- ✓ \$67,185, Hastings West Park Primary School
- ✓ \$18,380, Mt Martha Primary School
- ✓ \$50,000, Pearcedale Primary School
- ✓ \$20,000, Powlett River Primary School
- ✓ \$50,000, Red Hill Consolidated School
- ✓ \$50,000, Somers Primary School
- ✓ \$30,000, Somerville Primary School
- ✓ \$18,198, Tooradin Primary School
- ✓ \$48,090, Tyabb Primary School
- ✓ \$10,000, Tyabb Railway Station Primary School
- ✓ \$111,309, Somerville Rise Primary School

### \$600,000 FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COWES PRIMARY

The fire at Cowes Primary was devastating but thanks to assistance from the Federal Government the re-construction of damaged school buildings has been completed.

### LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ \$1 million to help clean-up Gunnamatta Beach
- ✓ \$3.3 million for Childcare in Cranbourne
- ✓ \$54,570 to help local Veterans claim benefits
- ✓ Local apprenticeships at historic highs
- ✓ Local unemployment falls to long-term lows
- ✓ \$31 million total for Point Nepean (\$21 million Commonwealth, \$10 million philanthropic funding), including a new National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation to be run by the Australian Maritime College, recently ranked as Australia's 2nd best university.



# FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

## RECOGNISING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



*With recipients of the Victory in the Pacific Commemorative medallion at the Phillip Island RSL*

### RECOGNITION FOR OUR WWII VETERANS

A special commemorative medallion has been made available to all our local surviving World War II veterans and widows to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the War.

I have been honoured to personally present this medallion to many of our World War II veterans and widows in recognition of their incredible service and sacrifice in keeping our nation free.

So far medallion presentations have taken place at:

- ✓ Lotus Lodge & Jean Turner Nursing Home
- ✓ Koorootang Retirement Village
- ✓ Phillip Island RSL
- ✓ Sorrento/Portsea RSL
- ✓ Crib Point RSL
- ✓ Rosebud RSL
- ✓ Rye RSL
- ✓ Hastings RSL
- ✓ Dromana RSL



*Presenting John Clark with a Victory in the Pacific Commemorative Medallion at Dromana RSL*

### FUNDING TO ASSIST VETERANS ON THE PENINSULA AND BASS COAST

The Southern Peninsula Veterans' Centre in Rosebud will receive \$46,770 and the Bass Coast Veterans' Centre in San Remo \$7,800 from the Australian Government to assist veterans making claims for pensions and other benefits to which they are entitled.

These two centres play a vital role in supporting veterans, war widows and widowers, current and former defence members and their dependants. I commend them on their dedication, hard work and tireless service to the local community.

### STUDENT PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING VCE RESULTS



*Presenting local student Alex MacKinnon with the National Student Prize for 2004 on behalf of the Federal Government for his outstanding VCE results.*

### \$80,000 FOR GOOD SHEPHERD TO HELP COMBAT YOUTH SUICIDE AND GIVE HOPE

Having personally experienced the loss of two childhood friends I am deeply aware of the tragedy of youth suicide.

Therefore I was delighted to announce that the Good Shepherd's Youth and Family Services Kaleidoscope program has benefited from \$80,000 in Federal funding.

Suicide is a significant public health problem in Australia with more than 2300 people dying each year. I am pleased that locally, we have the support of the Good Shepherd in working to assist people in need and to help reduce the risk of suicide.





# 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*



Trying out the new Lang Lang Medical Centre which was established with the help of Federal funding

- Met with the Rosebud Community Garden Committee
- Presented \$8,500 in Federal funding to the Dolphin Research Institute in Hastings
- Helped launch the Australian Maritime College Schools at Sea Program at Point Nepean
- Lent a hand at the Mt Martha Lions Club sausage sizzle
- Worked with the Balcombe Creek Estuary Rehabilitation Group to plant trees



Training for the Arthurs Seat Challenge with local State Member Martin Dixon

- Presented \$10,000 to the Somers Foreshore Committee to help revegetate the foreshore
- Helped launch new broadband Internet services in Tooradin, Red Hill and Main Ridge



With local resident David Morris at the site of the new community child care centre at Benton's Square

- Met with the Mornington Peninsula Division of General Practice to discuss local health issues
- Visited Somerville Secondary College to announce \$3.7 million for construction



Presenting \$12,000 in Federal assistance to the Warringine Park Committee of Management to help preserve our unique natural environment

- Presented a flag to the Blairgowrie Chamber of Commerce
- Inspected the new performing arts centre at Rosebud Secondary College

- Participated in the launch of the new Phillip Island bike path
- Presented flags to Mt Martha Primary, Balnarring Primary, Cowes Primary, Osbourne Primary and Cranbourne Christian College and Cardinia Primary
- Conducted Victory in the Pacific Day Commemorative Medallion presentations at: Lotus Lodge & Jean Turner Nursing Home, Koorotang Retirement Village, Phillip Island RSL, Sorrento/Portsea RSL, Crib Point RSL, Rosebud RSL, Rye RSL, Hastings RSL, Dromana RSL



Helping the Lang Lang Foreshore Committee of Management to revegetate the Jam Jerrup Foreshore

- Participated in dedication of a new memorial to all national service men of the 1950s at HMAS Cerberus
- Helped at the opening of the Peninsula Special School in Dromana
- Officially opened the season at McCrae Yacht Club



At Rosebud Secondary College working as principal for a day

- Presented an Australian flag and helped open new premises at the Kaala Koori, Aboriginal Association in Hastings



Presenting a cheque for \$2,182 to the Peninsula Group of Fire Brigades

- Met with members of the Rosebud Bowls Club at the official opening of their bowling greens
- Launched a 10 point plan for Koo Wee Rup



With John Hulley and local school children planting trees on the Corninella foreshore as part of an Federally funded Envirofund project



# FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

## SPECIAL WATER REPORT



*Working with local State Member Martin Dixon and the Clean Ocean Foundation to both launch a water saver booklet and to convince the Bracks Government to honour its promise to clean-up Gunnamatta by upgrading the Eastern Treatment Plant*

### GUNNAMATTA BEACH

The Federal Government has committed \$1 million to a feasibility study on re-using waste water currently dumped at Gunnamatta Beach in industry and agriculture in the Latrobe Valley.

This is a highly innovative strategy aimed at cleaning-up Gunnamatta as well as reducing the demands placed on the strained Thomson River System and freeing up fresh water flow to help replenish the Gippsland Lakes.

With Melbourne expected to grow by 1 million people and our fresh water supplies under pressure, it is vital that water be recognised as the precious resource it is.

### WATER SAVER BOOKLET A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HELP CONSERVE WATER AND SAVE MONEY

A practical water conservation booklet is available from my office offering straight forward advice on everything from replacing a washer to fixing a leaking toilet.

Water is a precious resource that must be carefully managed if our community is to grow and prosper. If each household can reduce consumption of water by just a little then it will greatly benefit the local environment by reducing the amount of waste water flowing into our natural environment and easing the demands placed on our natural water sources.

A free water saver booklet is available through the office of Greg Hunt MP by calling 5979 3188 or alternatively it can be downloaded off the [www.greghunt.org](http://www.greghunt.org) web site.

### STRONG LOCAL INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY WATER GRANTS

The high number of Community Water Grant applications made by local organisations demonstrates just how committed the local community is to preserving our unique natural environment.

Applicants for the grants of up to \$50,000 include several local schools, service clubs and community organisations who are interested in not only helping to conserve water but also save money.

The Federal Government has committed \$200 million over five years through the Community Water Grants programme as part of the \$2 billion Australian Government Water Fund. Anyone interested in making an application as part of the next round of Community Water Grants should go to [www.communitywatergrants.gov.au](http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au).



*On site at the beautiful Devil Bend Reservoir working with the Clean Ocean Foundation to help clean-up our waterways through the Commonwealth's Community Water Grants program*





# FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

## HELPING TO BUILD A STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY



*Training for the Arthurs Seat Challenge with local State Member Martin Dixon to help raise funds to prevent teenage road deaths*

### LOCAL APPRENTICESHIP NUMBERS RISE

With the number of new apprenticeships in the electorate of Flinders growing by **216%** between 1996 and 2004, our local children are obtaining practical skills to equip them for the future.

In 1996 there were just **1,020** people undertaking a new apprenticeship within Flinders but in 2004 this figure had risen to **3,200**.

To find out more about the new apprenticeships, please visit [www.newapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.newapprenticeships.gov.au).

### LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS TO HISTORIC LOWS

Since coming to office in March 1996, the local unemployment rate in the Flinders electorate has almost halved.

Unemployment has fallen from 9.4% in March 1996 to 5.2% in June 2005 which is a fantastic outcome for the local community.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	
March 1996	9.4%
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### \$19,653 To Help Local Defence Personnel And Their Families

Membership of the defence forces is more than just a job, it is a way of life and as civilians we don't always appreciate the unique challenges defence personnel and their families face, such as frequent moves and a lack of stability in many aspects of daily life.

Therefore I was pleased to announce that **Cerberus Cottage Family and Friends Association** will receive **\$19,653** to assist with their support to families of Defence personnel in the Mornington Peninsula area.

### HASTINGS KIDS SHOW THEIR CHARACTER

I was privileged to give the pre-game address to the Western Port Warriors prior to their recent match against Blue Scope Steel in Hastings

The Western Port Warriors Football Team is an initiative of the Hastings Police Station to assist young people who have been socially disadvantaged by issues such as unemployment, isolation, drugs, alcohol or homelessness.

The Warriors played a spirited game and the community of Hastings - their community - can feel proud of them for their commitment to play for the area and the difference they are trying to make to their lives.



*Delivering a pre-game address to the Western Port Warriors*



# FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

## HEALTH AND FAMILIES



### PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN

Childhood illnesses can have devastating consequences and the safest and most effective way to protect our children from disease is through immunisation. If enough people are immunised, infection from person to person can be dramatically reduced and the disease eventually eliminated.

Thanks to the Commonwealth's National Immunisation Program immunisation levels have increased from 53% in 1996 to around 90% today.

Please contact the Immunisation Hotline on 1800 653 809 for more information.

### HELPING TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCIES

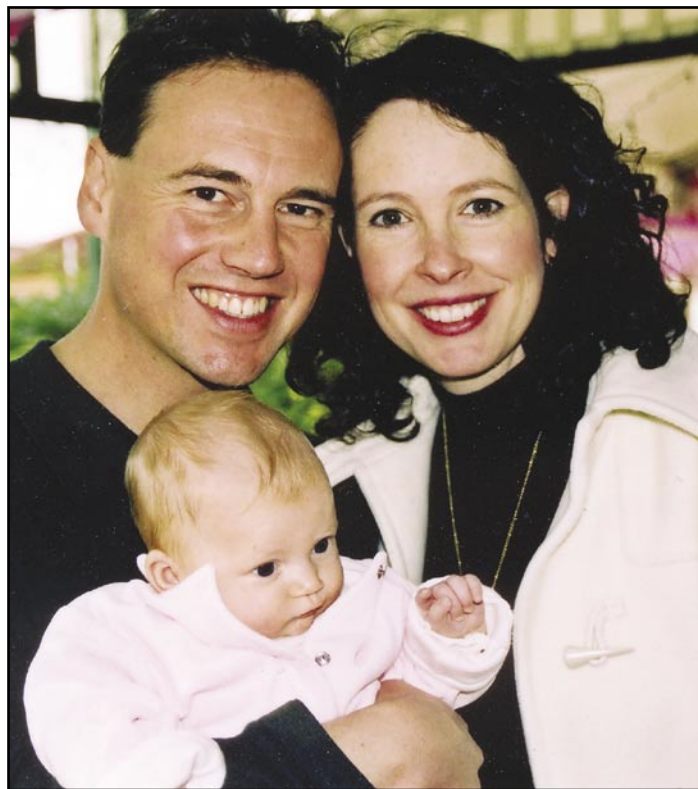
Having visited every school in the local area, I know that our children have amazing potential and I want to help them to fully realise their goals and aspirations.

Therefore I am delighted to announce that an early intervention teenage pregnancy program, Core of Life, will receive \$615,000 of federal funding.

This fantastic local program has provided teenagers with a comprehensive real world understanding of the short and long term consequences of pregnancy and parenthood.



*With Core of Life founders Tracy Smith and Debbie Patrick, the Minister for Community Services, Senator Kay Patterson and local students participating in this wonderful program*



*Greg and his wife Paula with their very brave daughter Poppy who has had all her immunisation shots to date*

Core of Life is a wonderful program that has helped educate both teenage males and females about the realities of pregnancy and has contributed to an amazing 50% drop in teenage pregnancy on the Mornington Peninsula.

### CRANBOURNE AND COASTAL VILLAGES RECEIVE \$3.3 MILLION FOR CHILDCARE

Windermere Child and Family Services will benefit from \$3.3 million in federal funding for early childhood support and assistance in Cranbourne and the Coastal Villages.

The funding will help to provide a wide range of services for children aged five years and under, which may include early learning and literacy programs, playgroups, parenting programs, child nutrition and early skills development.

This funding will increase services to children in and around Cranbourne, an area that has seen enormous growth, especially in families.