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Working for our Community

Peninsula Region Highlights



Working to clean-up Gunnamatta Beach

- ✓ Remove dumped dirt, rocks and rubble from Rosebud Beach between Rosebud Pier and the Motor Boat Squadron.
- ✓ Adequately fund the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council so that it can properly manage the Rosebud Foreshore, in particular remove weeds, keep the foreshore clean of rubbish and improve views of the Bay by keeping vegetation under control.

WORKING TO DELIVER AN AQUATIC CENTRE FOR ROSEBUD AND THE PENINSULA

The response to the petition calling for an aquatic centre with hydrotherapy pool was overwhelming and clearly demonstrates the Community's support.

Martin Dixon and I will shortly present the petition to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

PROTECTING LOCAL SURFERS

Data recently released by Melbourne Water shows that the Gunnamatta outfall is contaminating the beach with dangerous levels of the enterococci bacteria and is placing the health of surfers at risk.

Unacceptable samples were found on 18 different days with a total of 75 samples found to be at unacceptably high levels since March 2000. Some samples exceeded acceptable standards by around 45 times the safe level.

I have persistently written to the Chairman of the EPA asking for an iron clad guarantee that the outfall is not placing public health at risk, a guarantee that he has so far been unwilling to give.

The Bracks State Government made a promise in 2001 to clean-up the outfall at Gunnamatta by investing in a \$170 million upgrade of the Eastern Treatment Plant.

In the interests of public health and safety I now call on Mr Bracks to keep his promise and start work on an upgrade of the Eastern Treatment Plant now.

A list of test results at Gunnamatta Beach can be found at:

www.melbournewater.com.au/content/sewageeastern-treatment-plant/recreational-water-quality-monitoring.asp

WORKING WITH MARTIN DIXON TO CLEAN-UP ROSEBUD BEACH

The Peninsula is one of Victoria's most popular tourist destinations but the Victorian Government's failure to responsibly manage the foreshore is limiting the area's potential.

I am working with Martin Dixon to convince the State Government to:

\$381,000 TO HELP TACKLE DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS ON THE PENINSULA



With Simon Ruth announcing that the Peninsula Drug and Alcohol Program will receive Federal Government funding of \$381,000, under the National Illicit Drug Strategy through the Department of Health and Ageing, to tackle drug and alcohol issues on the Peninsula.



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Working with local resident David Morris to protect Mt Martha Beach from dumping

WORKING HARD TO PROTECT OUR LOCAL BEACHES

As a local resident I share the community's concerns about the dumping of spoil off Mt Martha Beach.

I don't want to see our local beaches damaged through the dumping of around 28 million cubic metres of spoil. It is estimated that at the project's completion, over 700 hectares of the Bay's floor between Mt Martha and Mornington will be submerged beneath dumped spoil.

The dredging project is entirely a State responsibility and at present the Commonwealth has no direct power to become involved. However, as a local resident, I am working hard with local State Member Martin Dixon and concerned residents such as David Morris to convince the Bracks Government to take advantage of the latest available technology to minimise dredging and avoid dumping of spoil off Mt Martha Beach.

PROGRESS ON A LOW COST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR MT MARTHA

Plans for a low cost independent school for Mt Martha are rapidly nearing fruition with the School Committee in the final negotiation stages for a suitable block of land in the Mt Martha area.

The School Committee confidently expect to open the school in 2007 for primary students and the beginnings of secondary

schooling for years 7 to 8, with the school expected to grow over the next 5 years to encompass grades prep to 12.

Parents interested in enrolling their children at the new school should contact the Enrolment Officer, PO Box 422, Mt Martha 3934 or call Reverend John Leaver on (03) 5974 3210.

A low cost independent school will greatly assist in meeting the needs of what is a rapidly growing community whilst also providing parents with greater choice. It is a wonderful initiative.

ROSEBUD CHILDCARE CENTRE REACHES A MILESTONE

Greg and local State Member Martin Dixon recently visited Jeanette Ellis at Little Legends Childcare Centre to say farewell to Jeanette who has been operating the facility since she established it 8 years ago.

This is a fantastic centre. The kids are happy and people travel from as far away as Mt Martha to use the centre.

The establishment of this facility 8 years ago was a fantastic effort which has provided an invaluable service to the local community.

The centre will continue operating under new management and on behalf of the community Martin and Greg would like to thank Jeanette along with all the Centre's staff for taking such good care of our precious children.



Greg and local State Member Martin Dixon at Little Legends in Rosebud

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