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Working for our Community



Western Port Region Highlights



Greg Hunt with local Green Corps volunteers working to re-vitalise the Hastings Railway Station

WORK COMMENCES ON REVITALISATION OF THE HASTINGS RAILWAY STATION AREA

The Hastings Train Station area is being cleaned-up thanks to a local Green Corps project sponsored by the Commonwealth Government and delivered by the Brotherhood of St Lawrence Job Futures.

Work on the site began in early September and includes revegetation, weed eradication and litter removal, along with the possible establishment of park benches and improvements to paths and roads.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the revitalisation of the Hastings Railway Station should contact my office on 5979 3188.

OVER \$199,000 FOR LOCAL SOMERVILLE AND TYABB PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Local schools are a vital part of the local community and I am delighted to announce that the Commonwealth will deliver more than \$199,000 to help Somerville Primary, Tyabb Primary, Tyabb Railway Station Primary and Somerville Rise Primary.

The funding will be used to help deliver a range of fantastic projects such as new play equipment, library and IT enhancements and the provision of new class room furniture.

These improvements will help provide a better environment in which our children can learn and grow and I congratulate all those involved for their wonderful hard work and efforts.

COMPLETION OF BIKE TRACK FROM SOMERVILLE TO BAXTER

I am pleased to report that the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has responded to a petition calling for completion of the bike track from Somerville to Golf Links Road in Baxter with an assurance that the path will be included in their \$10 million Path Links Program. Work is expected to commence on the path in March 2006.

HASTINGS STATUE RECOGNISES THE GREAT JOHN COLEMAN

I congratulate Peter McCullough and all those involved on the committee who helped erect a statue dedicated to the Great John Coleman. I especially thank Don and Hilda Hodgins for their wonderful and continual generosity to the community.

This was a fantastic event that recognised the achievements of a local who became one of the finest footy players of all time.



Helping to unveil a statue of the great John Coleman in High Street Hastings.



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At Devilbend with local resident Neale Burgess, working to save this valuable piece of public land from commercial exploitation

DEVILBEND NOT FOR SALE MR BRACKS

Despite the best efforts of the local community, the Bracks Government has ignored calls to abandon their reckless plans to sell off parts of the Devilbend Reserve.

Devilbend has outstanding potential as both a wildlife habitat and passive recreation reserve and it would be a great shame if this wonderful piece of public land were sold off and squandered to make way for yet another revenue raising housing development.

All of Devilbend should be preserved as public land for everyone to enjoy, just as the former Defence land at Point Nepean has been gifted by the Commonwealth to the people of Victoria.

Anyone interested in protecting this important piece of public land should contact my office on 5979 3188 to obtain a copy of a petition calling on the State Government to keep all of Devilbend in public hands for the community to enjoy for all time.

HELPING LOCAL SCHOOLS TO FLY THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

As Australians we should feel proud of our great history and fly the Australian flag high. I am delighted that federal funding has already been delivered to fund new flag poles at:

- ✓ Hastings Primary School
- ✓ Bittern Primary
- ✓ Flinders Christian College

\$555,941 BOOST FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS IN WESTERN PORT FROM BALNARRING TO SOMERVILLE

Schools in Western Port will receive over half a million dollars in additional funding thanks to the Investing in Our Schools Program

Local schools to receive funding under the Investing in Our Schools Program include:

- ✓ \$47,470, Balnarring Primary School, Multipurpose Basketball court
- ✓ \$50,000, Crib Point Primary School, Playground upgrade
- ✓ \$23,689, Hastings Primary School, Enhancement of outdoor learning environments
- ✓ \$67,185, Hastings West Park Primary School, Air-conditioning (\$29,447) Student Undercover area (\$37,738)
- ✓ \$50,000, Pearcedale Primary School, Playground Equipment Upgrade
- ✓ \$50,000, Red Hill Consolidated School, Music and Senior School Upgrade
- ✓ \$50,000, Somers Primary School, Classroom and Grounds Improvements
- ✓ \$30,000, Somerville Primary School, Replacement of Treated Pine Junior Playground Equipment
- ✓ \$18,198, Tooradin Primary School, Accessing School Safely (\$7,962) Musical Instruments/Resources to Start Music Program (\$10,236)
- ✓ \$48,090, Tyabb Primary School, Library/IT Alterations and Upgrade
- ✓ \$10,000, Tyabb Railway Station Primary School, Classroom Furniture Chairs
- ✓ \$111,309, Somerville Rise Primary School, School Play Equipment and Shade Provision

WORKING TO UPGRADE DANGEROUS LOCAL INTERSECTIONS IN PEARCEDALE AND BAXTER

Safety has to be number one priority and that is why I am working hard to convince the Victorian Government to upgrade both the dangerous intersections of Queens Road and Western Port Highway, Pearcedale and Baxter-Tooradin, Fultons and Hawkins Road, Baxter.

Petitions calling for urgent action on these two intersections are available from my office or on the web at www.greghunt.org/petitions.

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