

# Greg Hunt MP – Advice for the Flinders Community

## COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS		COVID-19	COLD	FLU
		Symptoms range from mild to severe	Gradual onset of symptoms	Abrupt onset of symptoms
<b>Fever</b>		Common	Rare	Common
<b>Cough</b>		Common	Common	Common
<b>Sore Throat</b>		Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Shortness of Breath</b>		Sometimes	No	No
<b>Fatigue</b>		Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
<b>Aches &amp; Pains</b>		Sometimes	No	Common
<b>Headaches</b>		Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Runny or Stuffy Nose</b>		Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Diarrhea</b>		Rare	No	Sometimes, especially for children
<b>Sneezing</b>		No	Common	No

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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**FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS**

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## Civic Reserve opens for the community



Four years ago, the 'Where is our Track' campaign made the case for the need for a state of the art athletics facility here in **Mornington**, while the **Mount Martha** Soccer Club continued their search for a more permanent home.

Following three years of planning and construction, I was delighted to join with the community and Australian athletics legend Debbie Flintoff-King to officially open state-of-the-art athletics and soccer facilities for our community.

This opening would not have happened without the hard work of many in our community and I would like to acknowledge the work of the **Mount Martha** Soccer Club, **Mornington** Little Athletics, the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and my friend and former colleague, Chris Crewther.

It has been an honour to work alongside the community and to help deliver \$3 million in Commonwealth funds for this project. Now the important work begins for both clubs to help develop the next generation of athletic stars on the Peninsula.

▲ *With Debbie Flintoff-King and members of the local community at the opening of Civic Reserve*

## Support for Australian bushfire victims

I would like to thank our magnificent CFA volunteers for their hard work during this summer's bushfires. This fire season has been devastating in its scale, coverage and duration. It has caused immense physical damage and tragic loss of life.

During times of crisis, Australians work together. Our own community was on the front line in combating these fires in both New South Wales and Victoria. Members of the **Dromana**, **Flinders**, **Rosebud** and **Rye** CFA's, as well as other brigades, played an active role in firefighting across the summer. Having met with families in bushfire ravaged communities, local admiration and gratitude for our firefighters is incalculable.

Alongside this direct action on the fire fronts, The **Mornington Peninsula** Shire and

**HMAS Cerberus** assisted in the evacuation of residents and tourists from Mallacoota aboard HMAS Choules and MV Sycamore to **Western Port**. On behalf of those evacuees, I want to acknowledge and thank the Shire, **Somerville** Recreation Centre staff and naval personnel in assisting evacuees.

Recognising the critical need to support those affected, the Australian Government has provided \$76 million for additional mental health services. Part of the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Initiative, this funding will ensure that emergency services workers and their families have access to extensive and ongoing mental health care. All of Australia stands with our firefighters and communities as they rebuild and recover.

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▲ With Mornington Golf Club President Roger Crossland

## Improving recycled water infrastructure on the Peninsula

One of my proudest endeavours as an MP was working with the local community to clean up the Gunnamatta outflow. Now, this much improved recycled water will be put to good use on the **Mornington Peninsula**.

The Morrison Government is helping to improve community water supply by delivering \$300,000 for improved recycled water infrastructure on the **Mornington Peninsula**.

The project will deliver Grade-A recycled water from Melbourne Water's South Eastern

Outfall at Emil Madsen Reserve on Wooralla Drive in **Mt Eliza**, to a storage dam on **Mornington** Golf Course.

The water will be used to improve ecological outcomes for the course, the community surrounding the golf club, as well as provide consistent water supply in case of emergency. This funding is in addition to the \$300,000 we secured to support the development of a business case for the Hinterland Environmental Water Scheme.

## Road upgrades across the Mornington Peninsula

As part of the 2019 Federal Budget, I was proud to secure \$86 million for road projects across the Mornington Peninsula, including:

- The Jetty Road/Mornington Peninsula Freeway intersection at **Rosebud**
- The intersections of Forest Drive and Uralla Road with the Nepean Highway in **Mount Martha**
- Sound barriers installation at levels of high volume between **Dromana** and **Rosebud**
- Frankston-Flinders Road in **Balnarring**

In December, I met with the Federal Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, the Hon Alan Tudge MP, to discuss all of these projects and can confirm that these projects will all be delivered in partnership with the Victorian government, with exact start dates to be announced as planning works progress.

I welcome the Victorian Government in joining the Australian



▲ With Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure, Alan Tudge MP

Government to improve these vital roads across the Mornington Peninsula.

In addition to this delivered funding, with the support of over 100 locals, I have written to the Victorian Roads Minister advocating for improved infrastructure at the **Nepean Highway/Country Club Drive** intersection in **Safety Beach**. I ask all concerned locals to contact me to add their voice to this cause.

## Helen Powell's legacy lives on through Wonder Woman Walk

We here on the Mornington Peninsula know how strong our community spirit is. Nowhere was this more evident than during the Wonder Woman Walk to support the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF).

Started by Peninsula local Helen Powell, who sadly recently lost her own battle with ovarian cancer, this event has raised over \$26,000 for the OCRF, with 2018 alone raising nearly \$15,000.

Last year, two hundred Mornington Peninsula women walked the beautiful coastline of the Mornington Peninsula from the **Safety Beach** Sailing Club to Hotel **Sorrento**, a distance of close to 30 kilometres.

Events like this show the true spirit of the Mornington Peninsula and I'm delighted that Helen's friends will continue the annual event as a fitting tribute to her dedication to her community, her work raising awareness of the warning signs of ovarian cancer and to raise funds for such a worthy cause.



▲ With the walkers for the 2019 Wonder Woman Walk

# New Crib Point Fire Station opens

Locals in **Western Port** will be even better protected for the next fire season following the opening of the **Crib Point** CFA's new fire station.

The new station gives the CFA two new truck bays, increased height in the motor pool to allow for more modern tankers, a breathing apparatus repair room, as well as increased space for our fire fighters.

It was a privilege to work alongside the CFA during this process, to secure a peppercorn lease from HMAS Cerberus and the Department of Defence for the land for this new station and I'm thrilled to see how far this Brigade has come.

We worked closely and tirelessly with the CFA and the Department of Defence on this project and the finished station is a testament not only to the fire fighters themselves, but the immense community spirit surrounding the Crib Point CFA.



▲ Speaking at the opening of the Crib Point Fire Station



▲ The Crib Point CFA marching to their new home

## Taking responsible action on climate change

As a father with a young family on the Peninsula, I understand the concern and the distress for many this bushfire season, although having met the families evacuated from Mallacoota, I am aware that we have been thankfully spared the direct fear and devastation of the bushfires in our own region.

The science on man-made climate change is clear: climate change is playing a role in driving increasing temperatures, more severe droughts and longer fire seasons.

It has undoubtedly been a factor and behind this season's unprecedented fires – along with the drought, how land is managed, the way hazard reduction burns are planned and carried out as well as sadly, in some cases, arson.

While climate change is driven by global emissions, we have a critical role to play.

In that respect, Australia's total emissions have fallen from 610 million tonnes in 2005 to 532 million tonnes in 2019.

Australia needs to play its part, and we are successfully doing exactly that through meaningful action:

- We expect to overachieve our 2020 Kyoto target by 411 million tonnes or more.
- We are world leaders in renewable energy investment
- In 2019, we set new records for renewable capacity installation and total electricity generated from renewables.
- The Clean Energy Regulator estimates that a record 6.3 gigawatts (GW) of new renewable capacity was installed in 2019, 24 per cent above the previous record set in 2018.

**Our policy is to meet and beat our targets – and to reduce our emissions. We aim to continuously do better and better.**

That also means building our nation's resilience and adaptation to the impacts of changes on our climate. It also means getting our emissions down without putting a tax on Australians; without increasing electricity prices; petrol prices or imposing a farm tax.

We look forward to embracing new clean technologies to achieve even more effective emissions reduction – while continuing to strengthen our economy and protect Australian jobs.



## Building stronger communities on the Mornington Peninsula

The Mornington Peninsula has so many incredible local community groups that play such a vital role in our lives. That is why I am proud that twenty community projects across the Mornington Peninsula will share a total of \$150,000 of Federal grant funding thanks to the Morrison Government's Stronger Communities Programme.

The Programme delivers \$150,000 to each of the 151 electorates across Australia to fund projects that will improve local community participation and contribute to more vibrant and viable communities.

Successful projects include:

- \$8,000 to the Beleura Hill Pre School **Mornington** for playground upgrades
- \$10,000 to the Beleura Junior Football Club **Mornington** for facility upgrades
- \$4,000 to the **Balnarring** Bowls and Social Club for seating upgrades
- \$5,000 to Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group **Mount Martha** for Community signage upgrades
- \$10,000 to Frankston/Peninsula Carers for bathroom upgrades at **McCrae** House
- \$5,000 to **Flinders** Golf Club for inclusive access upgrades
- \$3,500 to the Light Up Autism Foundation **Rye** for equipment upgrades
- \$9,000 to the **Merricks Beach** Residents' Association for Tennis court upgrades and landscaping works
- \$20,000 to the **Moorooduc** Cricket Club for refurbishment works at the Moorooduc Recreation Reserve
- \$6,000 to the **Mornington** Men's Shed for equipment upgrades
- \$3,000 to the **Point Nepean** Men's Shed for the construction of a Community Computer Café
- \$13,500 for Presentation Family Centre **Balnarring** for respite care upgrades
- \$10,000 to **Rosebud** Sea Scouts for floor construction
- \$8,000 to the **Rye** Bowls Club for facility upgrades
- \$5,000 for the Seawinds Community Hub **Capel Sound** for Security and cooling system upgrades

▼ Basketballers try out the wheelchairs at Westernport Basketball Association



▼ Members of the Somerville Football Club



- \$7,500 to the **Somerville** Cricket and Football clubs for kitchen and flooring upgrades
- \$8,000 to **Rye** Community House for fencing upgrades at the St Andrews Recreation Club
- \$3,500 to **Sorrento** Community House for Early Childhood Centre upgrades
- \$6,000 to the Westernport Basketball Association **Somerville** for multi-sport wheelchairs
- \$10,000 to the Western Port Men's Shed **Hastings** for a dust extraction system

## New facilities at St Brendan's Somerville

▼ With Students at St Brendan's Somerville

It was an honour to visit St Brendan's Primary School in **Somerville** to officially open four new, upgraded classrooms, funded in part by \$1.2 million from the Morrison Government.

St Brendan's has a wonderful school community, and these new learning areas will further enhance the learning environment for students and staff.

The Morrison Government is funding improved facilities at schools, like here at St Brendan's, as part of our ongoing commitment to improve the education standards of kids Australia wide.

We are ensuring that every child gets a quality education, no matter where they go to school by providing record funding for government schools, for Catholic schools and for Independent schools.



## Saluting service on the Mornington Peninsula

For over 100 years, the Australian Defence Forces have been a proud part of the Mornington Peninsula story. Our community has a proud military history, with many veterans now calling the Peninsula home and the next generation of Australian defence personnel currently being trained at **HMAS Cerberus**.

Commemorative projects on the Peninsula may benefit from a funding boost and increased eligibility thanks to the Morrison Government's Saluting Their Service (STS) Commemorative Grants Program.

The STS program aims to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and involve people around the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

I encourage eligible groups here on the Peninsula to apply for a grant to carry on Australia's legacy of commemoration, ensuring our veterans are never forgotten.

The current STS Grant round will close on the 31st of March 2020, for more information, visit <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-their-service-cgp>

With Anzac Day on the horizon, I encourage all locals to visit services across the Peninsula to reflect and remember those we have lost in service to our nation.



▲ Remembrance Day services from across the Mornington Peninsula

## Peninsula Schools benefit from Local Schools Community Fund

Sixteen schools on the Mornington Peninsula will receive a share of \$200,000 for improvement works thanks to the Morrison Government's Local Schools Community Fund

Announced in the 2019 Budget, the \$30.2 million Fund delivers \$200,000 to each electorate around Australia to benefit and support local kids' learning experience.

This will see schools like **Mornington** Special Development School improve learning outcomes for local students and **Flinders** Christian College assist students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Successful projects include:

- \$8,000 to St Joseph's School **Sorrento** for an outdoor sensory and education area
- \$20,000 to Flinders Christian Community College **Tyabb** for The Joshua Centre, a special purpose unit for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- \$10,000 to Our Lady of Fatima Primary School **Rosebud** for their STEM Room project
- \$7,000 to Eastbourne Primary School **Capel Sound** for outdoor upgrades
- \$20,000 to **Mornington** Primary School for Year 7 locker bay upgrades
- \$7,000 to Peninsula Specialist College in **Dromana** for their Indigenous Raingarden and Drain Restoration Project
- \$7,000 to **Baxter** Primary School for air-conditioning upgrades
- \$15,000 to **Tyabb** Railway Station Primary School for refurbishment of their school library
- \$6,000 to **Crib Point** Primary School for new junior school laptops
- \$8,000 for **Sorrento** Primary School for a new Outdoor Learning and Environmental Play space
- \$20,000 for **Somerville** Rise Primary School for shade sails installation
- \$15,500 to **Mornington** Special Development School for Social and community based improvements
- \$20,000 for Wallaroo Primary School **Hastings** for their Healthy Eats Program
- \$15,000 for Benton Junior College **Mornington** for shade sails installation
- \$12,500 to **Mornington** Park Primary School for Sensory Playground & Kitchen Garden installation
- \$9,000 to Advance College **Rosebud** to assist their Head In The Right Direction Program



## Celebrating the Mornington Peninsula's Local Sporting Champions

We know the **Mornington Peninsula** has a terrific track record at producing Australia's sporting stars. It was great to meet some of our next generation of sporting talent to congratulate them on receiving funding through the Australian Government's Local Sporting Champions program.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

*With Darcy Jones, one of the 2019 Local Sporting Champions*

Applications for the latest round of Local Sporting Champions will close on the 31st of March and I urge all our young athletes to visit [www.sportaus.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions) for more information on how to apply.



▲ *with Bianca following my most recent Walk for Autism*

## Light Up Autism receives \$20,000 in NDIS Transition Assistance Funding

Over the past few years, I have seen first-hand the dedication Bianca Appleford and her team at Light Up Autism provide to those living with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

I commend them for their ongoing commitment in providing support to children with ASD and I am proud that the Foundation will receive \$20,000 in Australian Government Funds to help them transition to the NDIS.

This grant has been provided through the second round of the Transition Assistance Funding Initiative under the Boosting the Local Care Workforce program. This will help providers across Australia transition to the NDIS while also creating more jobs in the disability sector.

## Balcombe Grammar's new VCE Centre opens

Balcombe Grammar School is a key pillar of our local community and it is fantastic to join with the school to officially open their new VCE Centre.

Funded in part by a \$2 million contribution by the Morrison Government, this new building will provide students with a state-of-the-art space to complete their secondary education and assist them to access diverse pathways to further study or training at university or TAFE, and to employment.

The School has built a wonderful school community, and this new VCE building will further enhance the learning environment



▲ *Balcombe Grammar's new VCE Centre*

▲ *Chatting with Balcombe Grammar students*



# Out and About

- ✓ Competed in the **Mount Martha** Australia Day Swim
- ✓ Hosted a community forum in **Sorrento**
- ✓ Raised the flag as part of Australia Day festivities in **Mount Martha**
- ✓ Participated in the **Arthurs Seat** Challenge
- ✓ Opened the Peninsula Eye Centre in **Mornington**
- ✓ Discussed mental health with the Point Nepean Men's Shed in **Sorrento**
- ✓ Spoke at the official opening of the **Crib Point** Fire Station
- ✓ Attended the 2019 **Hastings** Gift



▲ At the Mount Martha Flag Raising as part of Australia Day



▲ At the Mount Martha Australia Day Swim



▲ At the finish line of the 2019 Daniher's Drive



▲ Taking in the 2019 Hastings Gift

- ✓ Officially opened the new athletics track and soccer pitches at Civic Reserve, **Mornington**
- ✓ Attended the opening of the new Southern Peninsula Amateur Radio Club clubrooms at **Capel Sound**



▲ Having a bowl with the Mount Martha Bowls Club

- ✓ Visited headspace **Frankston** as part of National Headspace Day
- ✓ Attended the grand opening of the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula new shed in **Capel Sound**
- ✓ Opened the new hands on learning cooking facilities Western Port Secondary College in **Hastings**
- ✓ Visited the Pinking up **Somerville** breast cancer fundraiser



▲ Meeting with headspace ambassadors as part of National Headspace Day



▲ After taking a dunk for the Main Ridge Bowls & Petanque Club CFA Fundraiser

- ✓ Caught up with the **Arthurs Seat** Eagle to discuss pedestrian safety
- ✓ Attended the Shedders Big Day Out in **Dromana**
- ✓ Chatted to RPPFM at their studios in **Mornington**
- ✓ Met with the **Capel Sound** Foreshore Reserve Committee to discuss upgrades to the foreshore amenities
- ✓ Attended the **Hastings** U3A Community Art & Craft Show



▲ With our local SES for the Shedders Big Day Out

# Focus on Health

## Tackling heart disease and stroke

The Morrison Government is delivering \$12 million worth of research grants through its Cardiovascular Health Mission to tackle the nation's two biggest killers - heart disease and stroke.

Cardiovascular disease is an area in which Australia can boast strong recent success, with deaths falling by almost 70 per cent over the past three decades.

This investment will continue to support innovative, high quality, collaborative research that focuses on prevention, early-intervention, treatment and survivorship of heart disease and stroke.

This is in addition to \$1 million in funding from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Frontiers Initiative to develop, test and ultimately implement portable brain imaging tools in air and road ambulances.

Our Government is delivering a strong research agenda to find more effective methods for preventing, treating and managing heart conditions and stroke for all Australians.



▲ Announcing stroke funding at Essendon Fields

## \$437 million for ground-breaking health and medical research

The Morrison Government is investing in health and medical research projects across Australia, aimed at delivering better treatments, diagnosis and care.

A total of 495 projects will receive funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) which will include \$68 million for cancer research, \$58 million for cardiovascular research and \$27 million for genomics research, and comprise the outcomes of the first rounds of the new grant program schemes for Ideas Grants, Synergy Grants, and Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies Grants.

This investment in health and medical research will place Australia at the leading edge of research in areas like genomics and will support the search for cures and treatments including for rare cancers.

A full list of grant recipients is available on NHMRC's website: [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)



▲ With staff from Monash University's Biomedicine Discovery Institute

## New hope for breast cancer patients

Australians living with advanced breast cancer now have access to an important new treatment option, with the Morrison Government listing a life-changing new medicine on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

On January 1, Verzenio® (abemaciclib) was listed on the PBS for the first time. It treats non-premenopausal patients with advanced hormone receptor positive human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative breast cancer.

Without the subsidy, patients would pay up to \$55,500 a year to access this medicine. As a result of this listing on the PBS, they will now only pay \$41 per script, or, for concessional patients, just \$6.60 per script.

Since 2013, the Australian Government has listed more than 2,300 new or amended listings on the PBS. This represents an average of around 30 listings or amendments per month - or one each day - at an overall investment by the Government of \$10.9 billion.