

Health and Sport

Frankston Private Hospital opens its doors

It was terrific to officially open Frankston Private Hospital.

Developed by Healthscope, this facility will provide better access to private patients across Frankston and the **Mornington Peninsula**.

With 101 overnight and day patient-beds as well as five operating theatres and a state-of-the-art day infusion and oncology centre, the hospital is well-placed to provide an exceptional health service to meet the healthcare needs of local residents.



▲ inside one of the operating theatres at the new Frankston Private Hospital



▲ at Sydney Children's Hospital announcing the Zero Childhood Cancer initiative

World-leading children's cancer initiative kicks off

I was delighted to launch our \$20 million Zero Childhood Cancer initiative.

This brings together a national network of hospitals, research centres and clinicians across Australia.

The focus will be on improving survival rates and quality of life for children whose cancer currently has no prospect of cure.

New app helps keep kids safe in the water

It was a pleasure to join legendary swim coach and water safety expert Laurie Lawrence to launch the new 'Kids Alive - Do the Five' water safety app at Pelican Park in **Hastings**.

Children need constant and active supervision when they're in, on or around the water. With the summer months approaching, vigilance is the key to keeping young children safe around water.

Kids Alive is a great program and the new app provides useful and practical tips to help us keep our kids safe around any body of water - with music, cartoons and ebooks focussed on home, pool, beach and farm water safety. Download it now from the app store.



▲ launching the Kids Alive water safety app with Laurie Lawrence at Pelican Park in Hastings

Out and About

- ✓ Turned the first sod on the new Samkay Health Aged Care Facility in **Tyabb**
- ✓ Met with members of **Somerville** Bowls Club
- ✓ Visited **Somerville** CFA
- ✓ Met with Peter Aldenhoven from Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association in **Hastings**
- ✓ Helped officially open The Bays Hospital's new Margaret Goding Maternity Unit
- ✓ Met with members of the **Tooradin** Business Association
- ✓ Supported people with rare cancers through the Unicorn Foundation in **Blairgowrie**
- ✓ Helped to officially re-open the **Lang Lang** Scout Hall after its renovations
- ✓ Met with 39+ in **Rosebud** to discuss aged care needs for the Southern Peninsula
- ✓ Helped launch The Australian Book of Records at **Sorrento** Primary School



▲ feeding an Orange-bellied Parrot at Moonlit Sanctuary in Pearcedale

▼ officially opening the Margaret Goding Maternity Unit at The Bays Hospital



- ✓ Tossed the coin for the Mornington Peninsula Junior Football League Under 17 Grand Final in **Hastings**
- ✓ Met with construction workers at the site of the new Ti-Tree retirement village in Mornington to raise awareness for mental health for construction workers on R U OK? Day
- ✓ Visited Moonlit Sanctuary in **Pearcedale** to discuss native wildlife protection
- ✓ Officially opened **Safety Beach-Dromana** Men's Shed
- ✓ Attended the Police Remembrance Day commemorative ceremony in **Rosebud**

▼ launching the start of the bowls season at **Dromana** Bowls Club

- ✓ Announced funding for the new **Lang Lang** Pavilion through the Building Better Regions Fund
- ✓ Met with Peninsula Health about the redevelopment of Frankston Hospital
- ✓ Attended Abacus Learning Centre in **Hastings'** annual fundraising event
- ✓ Officially opened the new Frankston Private Hospital
- ✓ Launched the Kids Alive water safety app at Pelican Park in **Hastings**
- ✓ Hosted mobile office in **Somerville**





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▲ at site of the Lang Lang pavillion

Lang Lang benefits from \$1.5 million Building Better Regions funding

Lang Lang residents will benefit from the development of a new pavillion within the Recreation Precinct, thanks to \$1.5 million in funding through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

This project is a significant investment into the local area that will provide a state-of-the-art multipurpose community and recreation facility, complete with unisex change facilities and a large event space.

Its design will be both environmentally sustainable, aesthetically pleasing and will boost jobs in the area both during construction and upon completion.

The pavillion will form part of a broader development of the reserve, which will include football, cricket, netball, tennis facilities and wetlands. It will also become a venue for many regional events.

Lang Lang Scout Hall re-opens

It was a pleasure to attend the dedication of the recently renovated **Lang Lang** Scout Hall.

The Federal Government contributed \$8,000 through Round One of the Stronger Communities Program for the refurbishment of the hall.

The local community has strongly supported this redevelopment, which has resulted in a complete transformation that will be enjoyed not only by the Scouts but also by the wider community.

What's Inside...

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▲ opening the new **Safety Beach-Dromana Men's Shed**

New premises for Safety Beach - Dromana Men's Shed

It was a pleasure to officially open the new **Safety Beach - Dromana Men's Shed** that was built with the assistance of \$20,000 from Round Two of the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

This grant has supported the construction of the new shed, including toilet and kitchen.

Men's Sheds play an important role in our community, keeping men active and providing an outlet where they can use their skills while socialising with other like-minded people.

Samkay Health turns the first sod on new \$30 million aged care facility in Tyabb

I was thrilled to help turn the first sod on construction of Samkay Health's new state-of-the-art, 94 bed aged care facility in **Tyabb**.

The \$30 million aged care centre will provide employment opportunities during construction as well as 100 ongoing positions for local residents once the facility is opened in early 2018.

Aged care centres like this allow residents to remain living in their home towns for longer where they can continue to play an active role in the community.

▼ turning the first sod on the new **Samkay Health aged care facility in Tyabb**



Delivering \$50,000 for public safety barriers at Wallaroo Reserve

Hastings residents will be able to make the most of Wallaroo Reserve without fearing for their safety with the installation of new barriers to inhibit illegal monkey bike activity.

This delivers on the Turnbull Government's election commitment of \$50,000 for the installation of these barriers to help keep communities safe and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Every resident has the right to feel safe in their community and to enjoy public spaces and these barriers will allow all residents to share and enjoy the reserve.

▼ inspecting the new public safety barriers at Wallaroo Reserve in **Hastings**



\$680,000 to improve road safety in Crib Point

The Esplanade from Disney Street to Woolleys Road in **Crib Point** will be made safer with \$680,000 in funding provided through the Commonwealth Government's Black Spot Program.

Works to improve The Esplanade include road widening, shoulder sealing and safety barrier installation.

Construction is expected to commence on the project in early 2018 and be completed by mid-2018.

Anyone can suggest an intersection or stretch of road they believe should be considered for a safety upgrade, and we strongly encourage councils and individuals to submit their nominations. to <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/index.aspx>

Australia Post set to introduce roadside delivery to new estates in Cowes

I am delighted that Australia Post has decided to introduce a roadside postal delivery service to residents in the Seagrove, Whytesands, Justice Road Farm and Shearwater estates in **Cowes**.

Following correspondence I had with several residents on this issue, I have been liaising with Australia Post to ensure roadside delivery is introduced to these new estates.

An additional 800 residents are expected to benefit from the expanded roadside delivery service, which commence on December 4.

New \$7 million roundabout for Phillip Island

The Australian Government's \$3.5 million contribution to build a dual-lane roundabout in **Cape Woolamai** has now been matched by the Victorian Government, bringing total funding to \$7 million.

This is a fast-growing area and Phillip Island Road has long been problematic for both locals and visitors, with 121 recorded casualty crashes in the 10-year period to March 2016.

Collisions have resulted in serious injuries and delays of several hours for motorists travelling on and off the Island.

Detailed design and preliminary works are expected throughout 2017, with the roundabout due to be complete by mid-2019.

▼ *at the site of the new roundabout at the intersection of Woolamai Beach Road and Phillip Island Tourist Road on Phillip Island*



20 Million Trees boost for Bass Coast

The **Bass Coast** Landcare Network has received \$50,000 in Federal Government funding to continue its work protecting the Powlett River Catchment and threatened species such as the growling grass frog.

The Bass Coast Biolinks project, funded under the 20 Million Trees Program, will establish 25,000 trees and 5,500 understorey plants - creating two large-scale biolinks within the Bass Coast Region.

A Green Army team will also be working on the project to help restore and protect habitat and carry out weeding and planting in the region.



▲ *with members of the Bass Coast Landcare Network*

Supporting the next generation of athletes at Newhaven College

Newhaven College students are set to benefit from the construction of a new double-court gymnasium thanks to \$1.75million in federal funding.

These funds will ensure students at Newhaven College have the infrastructure necessary to help them get the most out of their time at school.

This builds on the progress being made on the construction of the new Specialist Art, Science and Technology wing and Senior School building that received \$1.4 million Federal funding last year.

The Capital Grants Program provides funding for non-government schools to improve capital infrastructure where they may not otherwise have access to sufficient resources.



▲ with members of the Unicorn Foundation in Blairgowrie

Support for patients battling rare cancer

The **Blairgowrie**-based Unicorn Foundation will receive \$280,000 in funding to help patients diagnosed with neuroendocrine tumours – a rare and often misdiagnosed cancer.

This will assist people across Australia access information, either by phone or online, helping them understand the challenges and treatment options available.

As a Government, we are determined to continue to provide support for fighting horrible cancers – both common and rare.

An additional \$10.8 million has been provided for medical research and clinical trials, specifically for those childhood cancers where survival rates are low.

Australians reach for the stars in The Australian Book of Records

It's fantastic that we now have our very own book of records to set and achieve goals, thanks to the dedication of Helen and John Taylor.

They have recently published The Australian Book of Records, which holds some remarkable and jaw-dropping feats including Jessica Watson, who at 16 years old became the youngest person to sail solo around the world and Catherine Fenech, who managed to consume 50 smarties with chopsticks in 26 seconds.

The **Mornington Peninsula** holds some records in the book, including the Sorrento Nippers, who covered 80.9km in an indoor pool relay marathon.

I am in awe of some of the records that have been broken in this book and I commend all of the record holders on their discipline and willpower in reaching their goals.

▼ launching The Australian Book of Records at Sorrento Primary School



Rosebud enters superfast broadband era with nbn

Superfast broadband has hit **Rosebud**, with the first nbn services now available to more than 4,000 homes and businesses.

The remaining premises in Rosebud are due to come online within the next 2-3 months.

The fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) services will deliver maximum wholesale speeds to retail service providers of up to 100Mbps (download) and up to 40Mbps (upload).

I hope residents and businesses in Rosebud will take advantage of Australia's new digital era and connect to the nbn.