



## FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING 2019

### \$75 million road infrastructure boost for Mornington Peninsula Freeway

Whether its locals travelling to and from work on weekdays or visitors to the Peninsula on the weekend, the intersection of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and Jetty Road has been a traffic nightmare for locals for far too long.

Years of advocacy from the community to the Victorian Government has seen increasing noise levels and traffic numbers, without the appropriate improvements to state controlled roads.

As part of major infrastructure upgrade works in the 2019/20 Budget, I was able to secure \$75 million for major infrastructure upgrades to the southern end of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway, including:

- \$10 million for immediate roundabout metering and pedestrian operated signal upgrades at the intersection of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and Jetty Road to improve pedestrian accessibility
- \$5 million to install noise reduction barriers on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and;
- \$60 million in Federal Government funds to construct a full freeway overpass at Jetty Road.

Thanks to strong economic management, we are in the position to provide a real partnership with the Victorian Government on this issue I hope they will accept this funding to get to work on urgent upgrades as soon as possible for the community.



### The Bays Hospital Mornington receives first round of \$10 million Comprehensive Cancer Centre funding

Every day, doctors and nurses at The Bays Hospital are striving to improve community health on the Peninsula.

Recently, I joined with patients and staff of The Bays **Mornington** to formally sign off on \$10 million in Federal funding for the Hospital's new Comprehensive Cancer Centre.



This funding will go towards new radiation oncology, clinical trials laboratories, consulting suites and meeting, education, and support areas for patients affected by cancer, to help The Bays continue to save lives and protect lives.

Our Government's strong economic management ensures the continued record investment of funding into ground-breaking medical research, Medicare, mental health, life-saving medicines, and hospitals.

◀ *With patient Sandra at The Bays Hospital in Mornington*

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## Stage 1 of \$300,000 upgrades delivered for Tyabb Reserve

The Australian Government has prioritised investment in local grassroots sport because we recognise the wider health, social and community benefits that come from greater activity and participating in sport.

That is why I was pleased to visit **Tyabb** to celebrate the completion of Stage 1 upgrades to Tyabb Reserve.

As part of upgrades, funded in part by \$150,000 from the Morrison Government, the Reserve now has improved infrastructure, including two female-friendly change rooms, two unisex ambulant toilets, six shower cubicles and new playground facilities.

The long term vision here at the reserve is to build on this Stage 1 investment and I am proud that the Morrison Government has committed a further \$150,000 for Stage 2 of redevelopment works.



▲ With Councillor Julie Morris and the team from Tyabb Football Netball Club at Bungayan Reserve

## Ground breaking begins for Rosebud Aquatic Centre

The **Rosebud** Aquatic Centre will ensure the southern Peninsula has industry leading facilities for locals from all walks of life to stay active and I am proud that the Morrison Government has provided \$5 million towards construction.

Recently, I met with members of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to turn the first sod at the site of the Rosebud Aquatic Centre.

This project is the culmination of years of work by locals on the Peninsula, including the Shire, State and Federal Governments and I congratulate all those who worked so hard, for so long, to make this project a reality.

In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the work of Councillor Antonella Celi, the former Member for Nepean, Martin Dixon and the irrepressible work of the Southern Peninsula Aquatic Centre Action Group, all of whom worked tirelessly to ensure a state-of-the-art facility for the Southern Peninsula.

The Shire has set a target of late 2020 for completion of construction and I look forward to following the project's progress.

## New \$32 million National Centre for Healthy Ageing for Frankston and the Peninsula

It was fantastic to visit Monash University's Peninsula Campus in **Frankston** to announce the delivery of the first round of Morrison Government's \$32 million in funding for Monash University and Peninsula Health's combined National Centre for Healthy Ageing.

The National Centre, the first of its kind in Australia, will deliver new research and treatment programs for older people and those with addiction and mental health issues, backed by new state of the art physical testing environments and data infrastructure.

This project will bring together the major health training, education and research activities at Monash's Peninsula campus and Peninsula Health at Frankston Hospital. The National Centre for Healthy Ageing will fast track and improve the health care of some of the nation's most vulnerable people.



▲ Meeting local seniors at Monash University's Peninsula Campus in Frankston



# Delivering for the Mornington Peninsula

This list of current and recent Federal funding commitments sets out our joint priorities. These include:

- ✓ \$225 million for the duplication and electrification of rail lines from **Frankston** to **Baxter**
- ✓ \$5 million for the construction of the **Rosebud** Aquatic Centre
- ✓ \$10 million for immediate roundabout metering and pedestrian operated signal upgrades at the intersection of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and Jetty Road to improve pedestrian accessibility
- ✓ \$5 million to install noise reduction barriers on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway
- ✓ \$60 million in Federal Government funds to construct a full freeway overpass at Jetty Road.
- ✓ \$10 million to upgrade the intersections of Forest Drive and Uralla Road with the Nepean Highway in **Mount Martha**
- ✓ \$1.5 million for the construction of the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Youth Services Hub in **Rosebud**
- ✓ \$1.5 million for Headspace satellite services in **Hastings** and **Rosebud**
- ✓ \$300,000 for the **Rosebud** Secondary College Wellness Pavilion
- ✓ \$300,000 for the Western Port Secondary College Wellness Pavilion in **Hastings**
- ✓ \$1.2 million for the YMCA Southern Peninsula Youth Services Hub in **Rosebud**
- ✓ \$1 million for Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) to assist suicide prevention community workers in South East Melbourne
- ✓ \$10 million for the construction of a Comprehensive Cancer Centre at The Bays Hospital in **Mornington**
- ✓ \$2.6 million for the redevelopment of the Main Street Oval/Alexandra Park Pavilion in **Mornington**
- ✓ \$10 million for the development of a Paediatric Emergency Department at Frankston Hospital
- ✓ \$25 million for the construction of a National Centre for National Centre for Coasts, Environment and Climate at **Point Nepean**
- ✓ \$5 million for Stage One redevelopment of **Rosebud** Hospital
- ✓ Creating a regional cancer and rare diseases trial hub at **Rosebud** Hospital as part of a \$24.7 million regional cancer and rare diseases trial hub program
- ✓ \$32 million for a new National Centre for Healthy Ageing for Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula
- ✓ \$150,000 for Stage Two redevelopment at **Tyabb** Reserve
- ✓ \$100,000 towards redevelopment and new equipment for the **Portsea** Surf Lifesaving Club
- ✓ \$100,000 to upgrade lighting at the **Somerville, Rosebud, Mornington** Civic and **Sorrento** Bowls Clubs
- ✓ \$25,000 to upgrade greens at the **Mount Martha** Bowls Club
- ✓ \$1.2 million for the redevelopment and construction of a new facility for Abacus Learning Centre in **Hastings**
- ✓ \$968,000 to 39+ in **Rosebud** to upgrade respite care services
- ✓ \$2 million for the missing link bike path between **Baxter** and **Somerville**
- ✓ \$1.5 million for restoration works at **Mount Martha North** Beach
- ✓ \$1 million for the installation of pedestrian crossings in **Balnarring**
- ✓ \$300,000 for redevelopment works at **Point Leo** Surf Lifesaving Club
- ✓ \$250,000 for upgrades at the RM Hooper Pavilion in **Tuerong**
- ✓ \$100,000 to replace the damaged **Rye** Primary School basketball courts
- ✓ \$200,000 to improve sporting facilities at Barber Reserve in **Somerville**
- ✓ \$300,000 to support **Western Port** Biosphere's continuing operation
- ✓ \$172,606 for redevelopment works at the **Somers** Yacht Club
- ✓ \$30,000 to **Main Ridge** Pony Club to assist their facility upgrade plan
- ✓ \$125,000 for RJ Rowley Reserve in **Rye** for lighting upgrades
- ✓ \$50,000 for **Bittern** Tennis Club for court redevelopment
- ✓ \$300,000 for the business case of the **Hinterland** Environmental Water Scheme for **Red Hill** and **Main Ridge**
- ✓ \$42,468 for lighting upgrades at **Boneo** Tennis Club
- ✓ \$147,000 for renovation and disability access upgrades for **McCrae** Yacht Club
- ✓ \$982,000 for the redevelopment of **Merricks** Station Reserve
- ✓ \$145,728 for Fusion **Mount Martha** for a Program and Youth Support Worker to assist local youth
- ✓ \$281,897 for Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association in **Hastings**

We have a fantastic list of projects to work on and many of these have already begun. I look forward to continuing to work with the Mornington Peninsula Shire and Victorian Government to deliver each of these projects for the community.

## ***\$200,000 in Grants available for Mornington Peninsula Schools***

New equipment, building projects or additional targeted support could soon be on the way for schools across the Mornington Peninsula through the Australian Government's Local Schools Community Fund.

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for small-scale extensions or classroom refurbishments, new computer facilities, mental health and counselling services, playground equipment, library resources, or sports facilities.

Applications will close on 30 September 2019 and projects must be completed by the end of 2020. More information is available at [www.education.gov.au/local-schools-community-fund](http://www.education.gov.au/local-schools-community-fund)

I encourage all schools on the Peninsula to apply.

## \$25 million secured for National Centre for Coasts, Environment and Climate

The Morrison Government will invest \$25 million to establish a marine research centre in the heritage Quarantine Station buildings at **Point Nepean**.

The Centre, a partnership between Monash University and the University of Melbourne, will be a world leading interdisciplinary research facility on marine and coastal ecosystems, climate science and environmental management.

For more than a decade now, I have fought passionately, alongside many members of the local community, to see marine research as a cornerstone use of the old quarantine buildings in Point Nepean National Park.

It is my vision and my deeply held belief that in decades to come the National Centre for Coasts, Environment and Climate will become one of the world's great marine and oceanographic research centres.



▲ Quarantine Buildings at Point Nepean

## \$1.2 million for Abacus Learning Centre expansion in Hastings

The Abacus Learning Centre in **Hastings** holds a special place in the heart of the Western Port community.

On their small site at Western Port Secondary College, they have provided a safe, nurturing environment for children living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

To further support the educational experience for children with ASD, the Morrison Government is investing \$1.2 million to improve Abacus' home, including renovations to the existing classrooms and construction of a new, purpose built facility.

This will allow Abacus to expand their program, to provide more assistance to more young children living with ASD.



▲ With students from Our Lady of Fatima Primary School following the Youth Mental Health Hub announcement

## \$1.5 million delivered for Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services Hub in Rosebud

Mental health is an issue that is very close to my heart. It has profoundly affected my own family, and I know it has had a devastating impact on many families around Australia.

That is why I was proud to join with local schoolchildren, health groups and the Mornington Peninsula Shire to sign off on the Morrison Government's \$1.5 million in funding for the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Youth Services Hub.

The Hub, scheduled for completion in 2021, will unite multiple groups under one roof, providing young locals with combined health, wellbeing, recreational, education, training and employment services.

In addition to this funding, we have provided \$1.5 million for headspace satellite services in **Hastings** and **Rosebud**.

This combined funding will help the Shire complete construction and it is my hope that the Victorian Government joins with us to provide a whole of government approach to youth mental health on the Peninsula.



▲ With Luke at Abacus Learning Centre



## \$300,000 delivered for Rosebud Secondary College Wellness Pavilion

I was delighted at the recent news from **Rosebud** Secondary College that the Victorian Government has joined with the Morrison Government to match Federal funding of \$300,000 for the construction of the School's Wellness Pavilion.

I have been working with students, teachers and supporters of Rosebud Secondary College for a considerable time to make this project a reality and it was great to chat to Principal Lisa Holt and Assistant Principal Geoff Seletto at the school to celebrate their success.

This facility will have the ability to help students facing mental health challenges and ensure an on campus home for mental health outreach to improve wellbeing

The school has done the hard yards, raising \$480,000 towards the building of the pavilion. It has been supported by the Morrison Government and after community advocacy, I am glad the Victorian Government has joined to match our Government's commitment.



▲ With Principal Lisa Holt and Assistant Principal Geoff Seletto at **Rosebud** Secondary College

## \$100,000 to fix Rye Primary School Basketball Courts

For the past three years, the school's sporting captains at **Rye** Primary School have been holding community events to raise funds to fix the basketball courts, which have significant slope, large divots in the bitumen and only one drain, which constantly leads to flooding of the courts.

I wrote to the Victorian Education Minister in relation to the courts last year, who advised that the school should apply for emergency funding. The Morrison Government is stepping up to help the school, by delivering \$100,000 to fix the two courts.

Thankfully this funding means the school doesn't have to wait for emergency funding and can upgrade their courts to be safe not just for the school, but for the whole community.



▼ Inspecting the Basketball Court to be repaired with students from **Rye** Primary School

## \$5 million secured for redevelopment of Rosebud Hospital

Residents and visitors alike to the Mornington Peninsula know how much of a community asset **Rosebud** Hospital is.

An upgrade to the hospital is vital to meet the needs of our local community. The Southern Peninsula is home to an ageing population with limited public transport options. This makes it difficult for residents to travel to obtain the medical services they require.

That is why the Morrison Government is investing \$5 million into stage one of the redevelopment of Rosebud Hospital on the Mornington Peninsula as part of a comprehensive plan to improve local health and mental health.

This funding will allow the hospital to continue to function on site as they expand; and builds on our investment for a Regional Cancer and Rare Diseases Trial Hub at the Hospital.

## *\$2 million for Baxter to Somerville bike path project*

The Morrison Government is investing \$2 million to deliver the 'missing link' shared pedestrian and bike path between **Somerville** and **Baxter**.

At present, the Western Port trail ends abruptly in Somerville, creating safety hazards for cyclists and pedestrians on some of our busiest roads.

This infrastructure will enable cyclists from the Peninsula to join up with existing path networks through to Melbourne and for Baxter residents to have an uninterrupted path to the Western Port Trail and I am continuing to work constructively with the Mornington Peninsula Shire to deliver this project for the community.

## *\$300,000 to support Western Port Biosphere*

Recently, I met with the team from the **Western Port** Biosphere to confirm that the Australian Government would commit \$300,000 over the next three years to support their continuing operations.

The \$100,000 per annum funding will allow the Biosphere to expand their conservation efforts, including continued on-ground work on monitoring native Southern Brown Bandicoot populations, the UNESCO Ramsar wetlands and local water quality.

This funding commitment gives the Biosphere long term certainty in funding so that they can get on with the important job of conservationism in Western Port.



▲ The corner of Forest Drive and the Nepean Highway

## Forest Drive and Uralla Road in Mount Martha to receive \$10 million for vital safety upgrades

The notorious intersections of Forest Drive and Uralla Road with the Nepean Highway in **Mount Martha** will receive vital safety upgrades thanks to a \$10 million investment by the Morrison Government.

In 2016, after months of negotiation with the Victorian Government, \$200,000 in Federal Government funds were secured for temporary upgrades to the Forest Drive intersection. I've spoken to countless locals on this issue over the years and recently received hundreds of signatures on my petition this year to get this issue fixed.

The Liberal National Government is acting to improve road safety at these two notorious black spots and I call on the Victorian Government to come to the table and work with VicRoads to deliver these much needed upgrades for the local community. With this funding delivered, it is the time for them to get on with the job.

## Local photographers shine in 100 Days, 100 Photos Competition

For those who live here and those who visit, the Mornington Peninsula is one of the most beautiful parts of Australia.

To show our amazing community to more Australians, this year saw the launch of the inaugural 100 Days, 100 Photos Competition. Over 100 days, I posted 100 photos from around our community online, to show off the unique landscapes of the Peninsula and the photographic skills of locals.

After 100 days, hundreds of photos submitted and community voting, Corrine from **Hastings** took out the grand prize of a canvased copy of her photo from Balnarring Beach. A copy of her photo will also now hang proudly in my office in Somerville.

Congratulations to Corrine and all those who submitted a photo in the Competition. All 100 photos are available to view at [www.greghunt.com.au/flinders-100-days-100-photos-competition/](http://www.greghunt.com.au/flinders-100-days-100-photos-competition/)

▼ With Corrine and her family handing over her winning photo





# Out and About

- ✓ Attended Fusion Sleep in Your Car 2019 in **Mornington**
- ✓ Met with the Southern Peninsula Basketball Association in **Dromana** to discuss future facilities
- ✓ Visited the **Mornington** Special Development School to discuss upgrades and participate in the School's Open Day
- ✓ Handed out the Westernport Warriors' new season jumpers as part of the Reclink Cup in **Hastings**
- ✓ Met with the **Mornington & District** Basketball Association to discuss facility upgrades
- ✓ Officially opened The Bays **Mornington's** new intensive care unit
- ✓ Met with the Western Port Steelers Basketball Association in **Somerville** to discuss their proposed wheelchair basketball program
- ✓ Met with **Rosebud** Primary School to discuss overcrowding and building upgrades
- ✓ Visited the Mornington Railway Preservation Society in **Moorooduc** to discuss their plans to improve regional tourism on the Peninsula
- ✓ Discussed the future of mountain biking on the Peninsula with the Red Hill Riders at **Arthurs Seat**
- ✓ Met with the Peninsula Carers Council in **Hastings** to discuss future funding
- ✓ Attended the **Somerville** Junior Football Club's Pink Day fundraiser
- ✓ Visited Presentation Family Centre in **Balnarring** for their Community Open Day
- ✓ Participated in the 2019 Peninsula Home Hospice Conquer the Course run at **Mornington** Race Course
- ✓ Discussed child care benefits with the staff at the **Sorrento** Community Centre
- ✓ Toured the soon to be completed Cloverleaf facility with the Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church in **Rosebud**
- ✓ Attended the Order of Australia Association Presentation of the Roy Ward Leadership Prize in **Safety Beach**.
- ✓ Participated in the Willum Warrain Mabo Day Reconciliation Walk in **Hastings**
- ✓ Visited Devilbend Golf Club in **Moorooduc** to discuss water saving strategies
- ✓ Attended the unveiling of the restored **Rye** Sea Scouts and Guides hall stained glass window
- ✓ Presented awards at the 2019 International Cool Climate Wine Show in **Mornington**
- ✓ Attended the **Mornington** and **Crib Point** Biggest Morning Teas to support Cancer Council Australia



▲ At the Reconciliation Week Walk in Hastings



▲ Chatting to Students at Mornington Special Development School



▲ Chatting with the Red Hill Riders at Arthurs Seat



▲ On the front of Engine 163 with Rob from the Mornington Railway Preservation Society



▲ Grabbing a bite as part of the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea



▲ Meeting with Harry and Robert from Captains of Rye



▶ Meeting with junior doctors to support Crazy Socks 4 Docs Day



# Focus on Health

## Revolutionary cancer therapy delivered for Victoria

The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments have worked together to bring the revolutionary, life-saving new treatment for fighting blood cancers, Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy to Victoria.

CAR T-cell therapy will help save the lives of many children and young adults with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia when there is no other treatment as an option. Our governments have worked together to make this life saving treatment available as soon as possible.

As a result, the first patients have already received free treatment with medication such as Kymriah, giving them new hope of beating their cancer.

CAR T-cell therapy is now available at the Royal Children's Hospital and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre for Victorian patients – and for interstate patients who travel here to receive Victoria's world-class care.



▲ With Violet, her family and the Victorian Health Minister



▲ Getting a hug from Scarlett after our Government's listing of Kalydeco for Cystic Fibrosis

▼ With the team at Atticus Health, Hastings



## Funding for life saving and life changing medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

The Morrison Government's commitment to the PBS is rock solid. Together with Medicare, it is a foundation of our world-class health care system.

That is why I was proud over the last few months to announce that several new medications would be listed on the PBS, saving patients thousands of dollars.

These listings include Kalydeco for Cystic Fibrosis, Avastin for refractory glioblastoma, Actemra for giant cell

arteritis and Sprycel for Philadelphia positive acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

Without these listings, medications such as these would cost Australian families upwards of \$380,000 per year.

Since coming to office in 2013, our Government has subsidised all drugs recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. This means more than 2,100 new or amended items, or one each day at an overall cost of around \$10.6 billion.

## Improved chronic disease care on the Peninsula

Three practices in **Hastings, Somerville** and **Rosebud** have been chosen to help deliver care coordination for patients with a chronic condition on the Mornington Peninsula.

The funding, provided by the Morrison Government through the South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network, will see GP's across south east Melbourne receive funding between \$125,000 and \$250,000 to

help coordinate care for local patients.

The funding means that general practices will be able to recruit care coordinators to assist practices and patients in coordinating care and treatment.

It was fantastic to meet with the team from Atticus Health in Hastings to discuss this funding and their forward plans to help improve community health in Western Port.