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MINISTER FOR HEALTH



FLINDERS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Turning the first sod of soil for the Rosebud Aquatic Centre

\$5 Million investment into Rosebud Aquatic Centre

For the past 15 years, I have been supportive of the genuine need for improved aquatic facilities in the southern part of the Mornington Peninsula and that is why I was thrilled to see the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will be building a new aquatic centre at Besgrove Street in **Rosebud**.

The Federal Government will do its part to support the council with a \$5 million

investment to help with development and construction costs. Once complete, the centre will have state of-the-art facilities, including a 50 metre indoor pool, gymnasium, water play area, learn to swim pool and café.

Congratulations to the local community and Mornington Peninsula Shire, I cannot wait to keep you updated on the progress of this vital project.

My office moves to Somerville

After seventeen years in **Hastings**, my office has moved to Somerville Central Shopping Centre in **Somerville**.

If you live in the local area or need to chat about any electorate issues, please feel free to pop in for a chat to find out how I can help.

There is a new phone number and address. If you wish to contact me, you may now do so by any of the following methods and don't forget to follow me on Facebook Twitter and Instagram.

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Phillip Island Health Hub open for the community

After ten years of campaigning, \$2.5 million in Australian Government investment, community engagement and the tireless work of local organisations like the **Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG)** (pictured), I was thrilled to officially open the Phillip Island Health Hub.

This state of the art facility is built for not just the present, but future needs of Phillip Island residents and visitors. It is a facility the whole community can be proud of. Services such as cardiology, urology, oncology, haematology and ophthalmology have already been secured, with plenty of room for more services to follow.



▲ With members of PIMHAG at the **Phillip Island Health Hub**



Honouring our fallen heroes

For more than a century, Australian servicemen and women have become renowned for their bravery, sacrifice and skill.

From the Boer War, to the present day, Australians have continued to answer the call of democracy and freedom in the defence of our nation.

I had the tremendous honour of attending Anzac Day services in **Koo Wee Rup, Hastings, Dromana, Rosebud** and **Rye**, to pay tribute to these brave men and women who serve our country with distinction and honour.

◀ *Commemorating Anzac Day at **Rosebud***

Bass Recreation Reserve upgraded through Stronger Communities

It was great to catch up with the Kilcunda Bass Football & Netball Club to watch a game and inspect the brand new fence at Bass Recreation Reserve.

The club received \$12,800 from the Stronger Communities Programme to construct the fence, which was completed 24 hours before the first bounce.

This new fence to the oval will dramatically enhance the aesthetics of the ground, provide a major safety improvement compared to the previous 60-year-old fence and provides a great ground for seniors and Auskick kids alike.



▲ *Speaking with Luke and John from the Kilcunda Bass Football & Netball Club at **Bass Recreation Reserve***

Securing the future of the Mornington Peninsula Green Wedge

It was a pleasure to join my council and state colleagues and local residents in **Main Ridge** for the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Green Wedge Summit.

The Green Wedge zones are not just a policy for me, they are a family legacy.

My late father was instrumental in implementing Green Wedge zones across Melbourne whilst he was a Minister in the State Government and I want to ensure that these are maintained.

Community consultation is now open for the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Green Wedge Management Plan and I urge all interested locals to put their ideas forward.

▼ *Speaking at the Green Wedge Summit, Main Ridge*



Local Craft Brewers and Distillers to benefit from tax reform

In great news for local brewers and distillers like Karen & David Golding from the **Red Hill Brewery**, measures in the 2018 Budget will mean craft brewers and distillers will increase the amount beverage companies can claim back on their excise and extend the concessional draught beer excise rate to smaller kegs.

This extra help to craft brewers and distillers will drive competition in a sector currently dominated by large brewers and I'm fortunate to have amazing craft breweries in my electorate which will benefit from these changes.

▼ *Inspecting the brewing facilities at Red Hill Brewery*



Full steam ahead for Frankston to Baxter rail electrification

It was a pleasure to join Federal Member for Dunkley, Chris Crewther MP and Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities, the Hon. Paul Fletcher MP at **Kananook** station to chat about the Coalition Government's \$225 million investment into the duplication and electrification of the Frankston rail line to **Baxter**.

The electrification project is expected to create almost 4,000 jobs and provide much needed relief for the thousands of locals who must travel to Frankston station each day to commute to work.



▲ *With Minister Paul Fletcher and Chris Crewther MP at Kananook Station*



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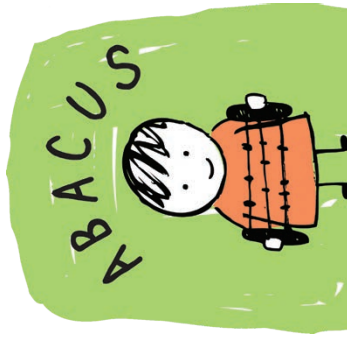
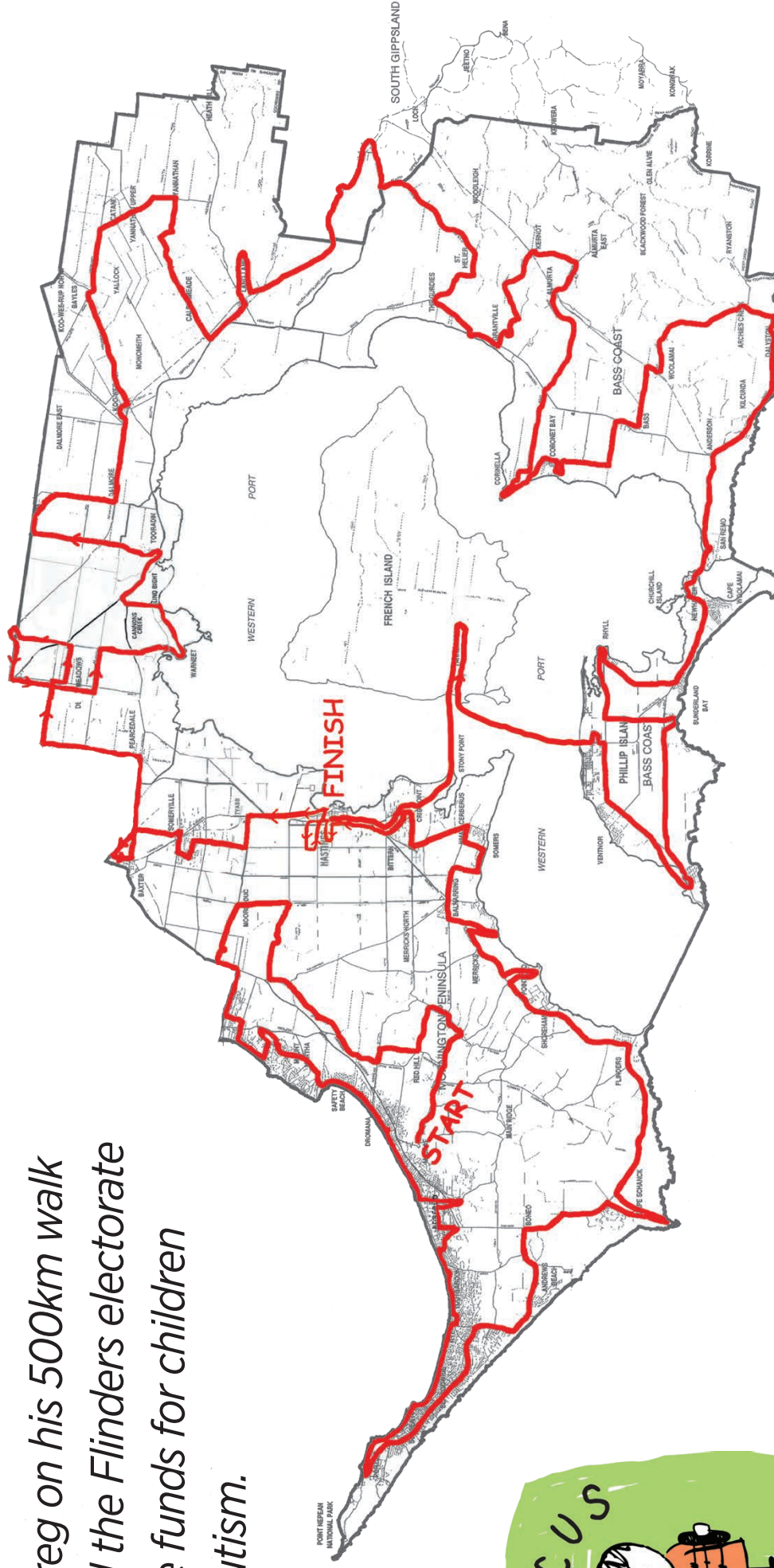


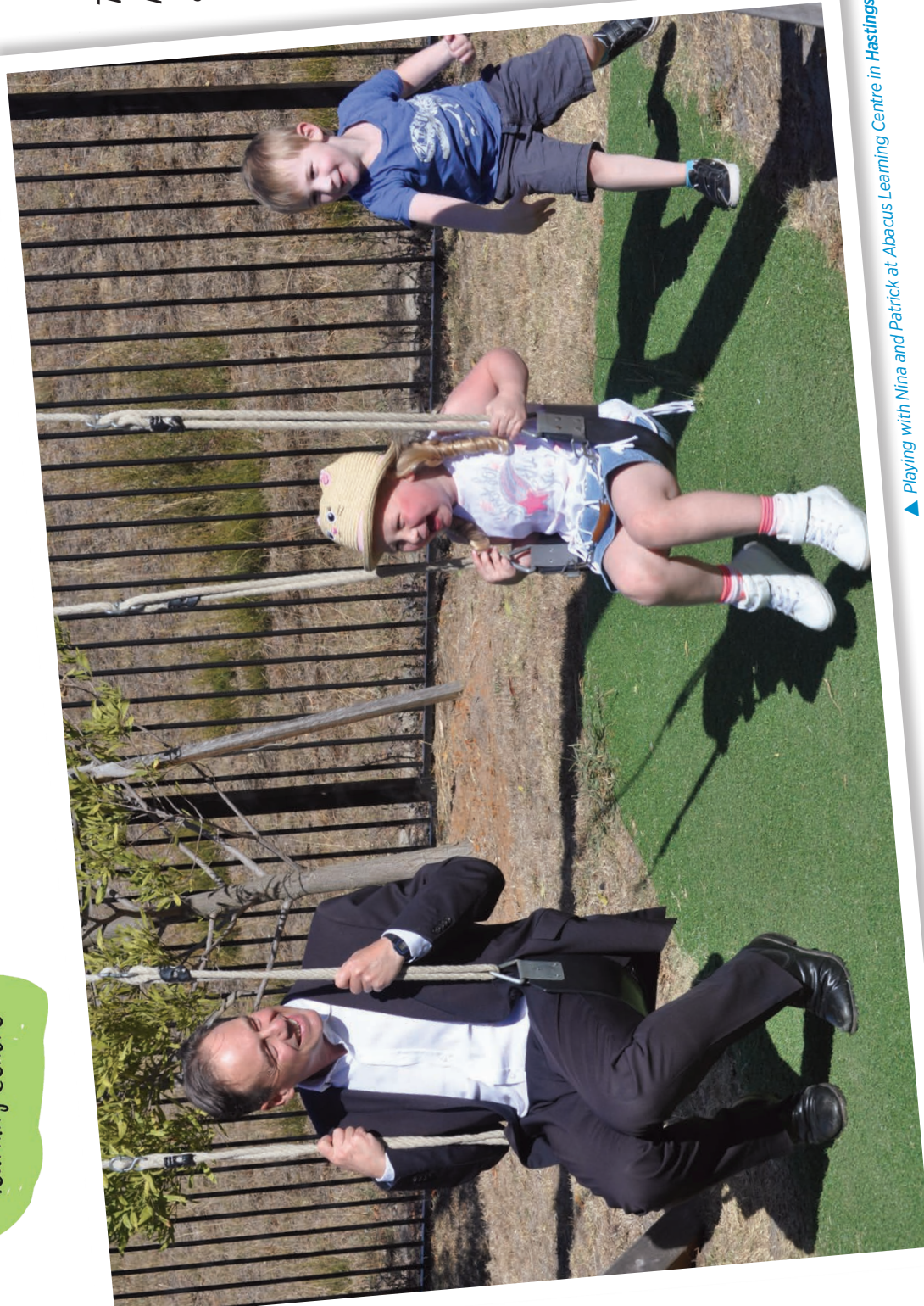
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500KM WALK FOR AUTISM

*Join Greg on his 500km walk
around the Flinders electorate
to raise funds for children
with autism.*

29 October - 16 November 2018





▲ Playing with Nina and Patrick at Abacus Learning Centre in Hastings

*All money raised will go to Abacus Learning
Centre and Light up Autism Foundation
to support children with autism.*

This October and November, I will be lacing up my walking shoes once again and heading on a 500km trek around the electorate to raise funds for children with Autism.

Funds raised this year will go to the Abacus Learning Centre and Light up Autism Foundation to support their tireless work for children with autism and their families.

My last walk in 2015 raised over \$30,000 and I look forward to the community's help to make this year's walk the biggest and most successful yet.

If you would like to join me on any leg of my journey, please call my office on 03 5977 9082, or if you would like to donate to support these amazing organisations, please visit www.givenow.com.au/GHWALK

Rye CCTV switched on thanks to \$40 million Safer Communities Fund

On New Year's Eve 2012, Caterina Politi (centre) lost her son David to a coward punch attack on the **Rye** Foreshore. David's passing not only took the life of an innocent young man, but sent a ripple-effect through an entire community.

Since that tragic night, Caterina has been a tireless campaigner for CCTV cameras to be installed at the Rye foreshore and to educate the public on the effects of one punch attacks.

I was proud to play my part in securing \$200,000 worth of funding for the cameras to be installed as part of the Coalition's \$40 million Safer Communities Fund.

With Caterina Politi at one of the new CCTV cameras in Rye ►



▲ *With National Vietnam Veterans Museum Chairman, Kingsley Munday AM*

\$5 million for National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island

I was delighted to visit Newhaven to announce that the Turnbull Government has committed \$5 million to the construction of an upgraded National Vietnam Veterans Museum complex, to pay tribute to our returned veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The funding announcement comes after the recent 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Coral-Balmoral – the biggest and longest Australian battle of the Vietnam War.

This injection of funds will provide the Museum with the capital to undertake the necessary works to see their new museum site move from conception to reality.

Newhaven College's new Senior School opens

It was fantastic to visit **Newhaven** College recently to officially open the doors of the school's new Senior School and Science, Arts & Technology Wing.

These new facilities will have a tremendous impact on students' learning potential and take into account the latest in educational research, helping students learn more effectively.

This is the first time in Newhaven College's history that Prep to Year 12 will be together at the one campus and I'm proud to be part of a Federal Government which committed \$1.4 million in funding to help the school create these amazing facilities for their students.



▲ *Officially opening Newhaven College's new Senior School*

Out and About

- ✓ Attended Anzac Day Services at **Koo Wee Rup, Rosebud, Hastings, Dromana** and **Rye**.
- ✓ Visited the Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye's new store and warehouse in **Rosebud**.
- ✓ Attended mobile offices in **Rosebud, Dromana, McCrae, Somerville** and **Rye**.
- ✓ Visited the site of the new Jimmy's Foundation mental health centre in **Rosebud**.
- ✓ Visited the new Lt George Ingram memorial in **Hastings** to learn his incredible story.
- ✓ Announced \$5 million for construction of a state-of-the-art aquatic Centre in **Rosebud**.
- ✓ Unveiled 13 new CCTV cameras for the **Rye** Foreshore.
- ✓ Caught up with local hero Youki Innes in **Cowes**.
- ✓ Opened the Terry Saxon DonateLife art exhibition in **Frankston**.
- ✓ Attended the Million Paws Walk in **Hastings**.
- ✓ Met staff at the **Phillip Island** Leisure Centre to discuss their Vacation Care Program.
- ✓ Visited Bass & Flinders Gin Distillery in **Red Hill** to discuss new tax reforms for local distillers.

▼ *Out and about at a mobile office in **Rye***



- ✓ Visited **Kilcunda Bass** Football Netball Club to inspect their new boundary fence, delivered in part by the Stronger Communities Program.
- ✓ Visited **Frankston** Hospital with Treasurer Scott Morrison and Chris Crewther MP.
- ✓ Attended the Green Wedge Summit in **Main Ridge**.
- ✓ Met with members of the Phillip Island Medical and Health Advisory Group in **Cowes**.
- ✓ Celebrated Mabel Blum's 100th birthday in **Somerville**.
- ✓ Attended **Somerville** Junior Football Club's Pink Day Fundraiser game against **Rosebud** Football Club.

▼ *Visiting **Bass & Flinders** Distillery in **Red Hill***



New round of \$150,000 Stronger Communities Program to open soon

I am delighted to announce that there will soon be a fourth round of the Turnbull Government's Stronger Communities Program to help fund local community projects.

Grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 will be available for organisations within the community to help them purchase items or fund projects they would struggle to afford themselves.

Nineteen projects received funding during round three of the program and I urge all interested organisations to contact my office on 5977 9082 to express their interest.

\$1.5 Million committed to Buruli Ulcer research

I was pleased to commit a further \$1.5 million in medical research funding to help better understand the flesh eating Buruli ulcer and reduce its spread in Australia.

This bacterial infection has been found to occur in parts of coastal Victoria, including East Gippsland, Phillip Island and the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas.

This will be one of the first investigations of its kind in the world to study the transmission of the Buruli ulcer and will be supported by the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Barwon Health and the Victorian Government's Department of Health and Human Services.

Focus on Health

\$2 million splash of support for FightMND

Fans packed the MCG on Queen's Birthday Monday to take part in Big Freeze 4 and raise funds for motor neurone disease.

All 18 AFL head coaches braved the freezing waters to support Neale Daniher and FightMND in their search for a cure.

The Australian Government is right behind Neale and the efforts of our great researchers and that is why we will contribute \$2 million for new clinical trials for Australians suffering from MND.



▲ With Neale Daniher for Channel Seven's Queen's Birthday coverage

Delivering record investment in health

The 2018-19 Budget is guaranteeing the essential health services that Australians rely on with a record \$414.5 billion investment in health, aged care and sport.

This year's Budget measures include fantastic new initiatives, such as \$338 million for improving mental health outcomes for all Australians, adding three-dimensional mammography to the Medicare Benefits Schedule, adding 14,000 new high-level home care packages for elderly Australians and investing \$500 million for the establishment of the Australian Genomics Health Futures Mission.

◀ Speaking at Bio2018 about Australia's record investment into health



Life-saving and life-changing medicines listed on the PBS

It was a pleasure to join Treasurer Scott Morrison and Chris Crewther MP at Frankston Hospital to meet some incredibly brave Australians whose lives have been drastically changed thanks to the Turnbull Government's listing of life-altering drugs on the PBS.

These listings include:

- A new medication for sufferers of spinal muscular atrophy (spinraza)
- Life-changing breast cancer medicine (Kisqali)
- A free whooping cough vaccine for expectant mothers
- Free meningococcal ACWY vaccines for every Australian infant at 12 months
- A new Medicare rebate for prostate MRI scans

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



▲ With Treasurer Scott Morrison, Chris Crewther MP and the Clarke Family