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DEAKIN COMMUNITY NEWS AUTUMN 2019

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Deakin Community News.

We have another big year ahead and with an election approaching, it's a good time to reflect on our local achievements in recent years as well as the exciting projects ahead.

Recently I announced that the Federal Government has commenced work on three multi-level car parks at Croydon, Ringwood and Mitcham stations.

The lack of parking at our local stations has been a source of frustration for many in our community, and with more than 1,400 new carparks at these three stations, it will make the lives of commuters just a little bit easier. As well as getting cars off our roads.

This complements other congestion busting projects like the upgrade to the Maroondah Hwy/Dorset Rd intersection, improvements to Plymouth Rd and Lincoln Rd in Croydon and a much needed upgrade to Tortice Dve in North Ringwood.

We are also continuing to invest in new local community infrastructure projects including, an upgrade to the Cheong Park sporting pavilion Clubs as well as the Ainslie Park pavilion.

This is in addition to a new state-of-the-art netball stadium at HE Parker Reserve which is nearing completion and a new two-court stadium which has just been completed at Norwood Secondary College.

Of course, these investments into our community are only possible with a strong economy and budget.

I will be asking you to continue backing my plan for our local community to keep this important work going.

Yours sincerely

Michael Sukkar MP
Federal Member for Deakin



THE BABES PROJECT

It was great to join the team from **The Babes Project** to announce \$240,000 of funding to support their work with women who are seeking additional support during pregnancy.



After catching up with the Babes Project team late last year, and hearing about the increasingly long wait-list for their services, I am thrilled to hear that this funding will help even more expectant mothers.

CHEONG PARK UPGRADE

Great news for South Croydon Football and South Croydon Cricket Clubs! A \$500,000 funding commitment from the Federal Government will mean that we are able to upgrade the facilities at Cheong Park.

This will include an upgrade to the women's change rooms, ensuring improved facilities for the growing number of female club players. It will also include an additional level to be added to the pavilion.



NEW CARPARKS COMING TO A TRAIN STATION NEAR YOU!

I am excited to announce that \$45 million in federal funding will be provided to build an additional 1,400+ new car-parking spaces at stations across the Deakin electorate.

Given the proximity of these stations to key local amenities, commuters, shoppers and traders frequently have to compete for the limited number of parking spaces that are currently available. These new facilities will mean an end to the parking wars once and for all!

Over the last few years, dozens of local residents have relayed to me the frustration they've felt arriving at the station bright and early, only to find that there are no spaces left.

These new facilities will finally fix this problem and help make the morning commute that little bit smoother and more bearable.

Work has commenced on more than 1400+ train station car parks:

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Ringwood Station

482 Free Carparks Are Coming

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Croydon Station

487 Free Carparks Are Coming

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Mitcham Station

500 Free Carparks Are Coming

These car parks will improve commuter access and safety at our local train stations.

Car parking will remain free!

These projects complement my commitment to improve local infrastructure in Deakin.



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What's happening in Deakin



LOCAL PROJECTS



AINSLIE PARK PAVILION

Big news for the Ainslie Park Cricket Club and East Ringwood Junior Football Club Inc! I was happy to announce that the Federal Government would kick-start a major redevelopment of the Ainslie Park Pavilion with a \$500,000 grant. With the support of Maroondah City Council it'll be exciting to see this facility meet the needs of these outstanding local clubs.



HEATHMONT BASEBALL

Great to catch up with the Heathmont Baseball Club on the completion of a \$230,000 upgrade to the lights at Heathmont Reserve. With joint funding from the Federal Government and Maroondah City Council the improved lighting will allow training and junior matches to be played much later into the evening.



BILL WILKINS LODGE REDEVELOPMENT

It was great to officially launch the \$550,000 redevelopment of Bill Wilkins Lodge at Bedford Park in Ringwood! The new building, jointly funded with the Maroondah City Council, will continue to be home to the Maroondah Calisthenics Club, Ringwood Highland Pipe Band and Kevin Hawthorne Ninja Schools.

H.E. PARKER RESERVE NETBALL UPDATE

Construction work on our new netball and sports complex at H.E. Parker Reserve in Heathmont is progressing quickly. This stadium is set to become one of the premier sporting facilities for our local area, and is on track to be completed within the next few months.



NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL STADIUM

Fabulous to see the new Basketball Court at Norwood Secondary College finally completed. Thanks to \$1.6 million invested by the Federal Government. The stadium will be able to facilitate school assemblies, along with a range of other uses; and will be utilised by the Ringwood Hawks Basketball Association.



MAROONDAH HOSPITAL CAR PARK

Construction is now underway for the new multi-storey carpark that will see 500 new spaces at Maroondah hospital so that staff, patients and their loved ones can be sure to find a space.



WALKER PARK UPGRADE

Walker Park is finally being upgraded after 61 years. In partnership with the City of Whitehorse, a \$3 million redevelopment of the pavilion is to commence early this year and will be complete by February 2020.



NORTH RINGWOOD RESERVE SCOREBOARD

It was great to catch up with some of the players from the North Ringwood Cricket Club and the North Ringwood Junior Football Club to check out their new electronic scoreboard, partly funded by the Federal Government.



DONWOOD COMMUNITY CARE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Donwood Community Aged Care Facility will be receiving funding from the Federal Government to build an outdoor BBQ area, gazebo, children's playground and accessible pathways for non-ambulant people.



LOCAL PROJECTS



MAROONDAH HOSPITAL MRI

Since being granted a Medicare license for the new MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) service, made possible by a \$7.3 million investment by the Federal Government, we're pleased to announce that over 9000 locals have been provided with affordable access to the MRI. The health and wellbeing of our community is always a priority so it's fantastic to see this service being put to good use.



CROYDON TENNIS CLUB

It was great to visit the Croydon Tennis Club to announce funding for a new parent spectator area and shelter. Parents can now be more involved in their child's sport, by having an area close to their court where they can see their children compete.



BURNT BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

The Burntbridge Tennis Club were excited to hear the news that they were receiving a \$10,000 grant to extend their 'Hot Shots' court for junior players!

BEDFORD PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

I recently attended the Bedford Park Community Garden sustainability fair where I announced that the Federal Government and Maroondah City Council would fund the \$250,000 required for their new Community Garden. The new garden will focus on growing fruit and vegetables free for the local community and will allow the Central Ringwood Community Centre at Bedford Park to continue to run permaculture courses.



H.E. PARKER RESERVE PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

I was proud to kick off a redevelopment of the HE Parker Reserve pavilion for the Heathmont Jets Football Netball Club and Heathmont Cricket Club with a \$500,000 grant. Thanks to the outstanding support of Maroondah City Council, we've been able to progress the redevelopment into a major upgrade for these brilliant local clubs. With work commencing shortly, this will be an outstanding facility that will serve these clubs and our community for years to come.



OUR COMMUNITY



DEAKIN SHIELD

It was my great pleasure to recognise more than 120 talented students, from 44 schools, at the end of last year for their musical, sporting, artistic, community service and academic achievements. Congratulations once again to all award recipients and I wish you all the very best for the 2019 school year.



3RD CROYDON SCOUTS

Catching up with the 3rd Croydon Scout Group Rovers in their new and improved Den. Definitely the tidiest I've ever seen!



AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Congratulations to all of our newest Australian citizens. It is always a privilege to recognise and welcome Deakin's newest citizens on behalf of the Federal Government, and the Australia Day ceremonies in Whitehorse and Maroondah are a particularly special occasion! I'd like to once again express a warm welcome to all our new citizens here in Deakin.



DEAKIN COMMUNITY CUP

Congratulations to the team from Ringwood on taking out the fifth annual Deakin Community Cup! Now in its fifth year, the junior cricketers from Ringwood and Box Hill Cricket Associations once again delivered a nail-biting competition. I'm extremely proud to sponsor the cup as a part of my commitment to support local summer sport in our area.



EASTERN VOLUNTEERS DELIVERING FOOD

I joined the outstanding team from Eastern Volunteers in delivering Christmas care packages to some of their transport clients. With over 120 volunteer drivers, we are so fortunate to have Eastern Volunteers supporting the frail and people with disabilities.



MAROONDAAH TOY LIBRARY

I was really happy to visit the Maroondah Toy Library to announce that they had received a grant to purchase new toys. The Maroondah Toy Library has grown dramatically over the last year, so I'm really pleased to be able to support their great work with families in our community.



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

A big thank you to all the local residents that joined me to celebrate the new year in Ringwood. The night was full of exciting entertainment and enjoyed by all.



2019 SCHOOL YEAR

It was a pleasure to attend a number of opening school assemblies and to catch up with so many friends and teachers, and to see the students excited at the opportunities that await them in 2019!



JOG FOR JOEY

Recently I joined Vermont local Sean Bell for a run in support of Jog for Joey, where Sean will complete an unbelievable 50 marathons in 50 days to raise funds and awareness for The Compassionate Friends, a charity that supports parents, siblings and grandparents after the death of a child.



CROYDON BOWLS (OPENING)

I was pleased to attend the opening of the new outdoor social area at the Croydon Bowling Club, another great project jointly funded with the Maroondah City Council. Congratulations to all those involved in bringing the project together.



INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



MAROONDAAH HWY / DORSET RD UPGRADE

Having secured funding for the \$8m upgrade to Maroondah Hwy / Dorset Rd intersection, it's pleasing to see that work is still progressing on schedule. Phase 1 and 2 works are now nearing completion with works on Phase 3 now well underway. The upgrade will dramatically improve traffic flow through the intersection. During peak hour, delays will be reduced from 4 cycles of lights to just 1 cycle.

THE \$1.9M FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO UPGRADE LINCOLN ROAD

- Upgrading and widening the existing road surface;
- Including pedestrian operated lights (near Allendale Rd);
- Adding bicycle lanes;
- Surfacing missing lengths of footpaths; and
- Protecting and extending existing landscaped reserves.



FIXING TORTICE DRIVE

Upgrading Tortice Drive and Wonga Road to a fully signalled intersection. Building a roundabout at Tortice Drive and Warrandyte Road to reduce peak hour congestion and improve safety.

PLYMOUTH ROAD UPGRADE

Investing \$2.5 million to upgrade Plymouth Road to improve safety and reduce congestion. Making school drop-offs and pick-ups safer for students and parents at local schools.



OTHER MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- ✓ \$5 billion for **Melbourne Airport Rail**
- ✓ \$500 million to upgrade the **Monash Freeway**
- ✓ \$3 billion for the **East West Link**
- ✓ \$475 million for a **rail link to Monash University's** Clayton campus
- ✓ \$1.75 billion for the **North East Link**
- ✓ \$225 million to electrify the Frankston line to Baxter



Out and About in Deakin



1st Mitcham Scouts



Brentwood Park Kindergarten visit



Croydon Hills Community Crafts



MENA Netball



Whitehorse Netball Association Grand Final



Great Ryrie Primary School
20th Anniversary Fete



HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club



Emmaus College Remembrance Day



Heathmont Scout Groups 60th Anniversary



Maroondah Festival
with the Rotary Club of Maroondah



Lipscombe Park Kindergarten visit



Glen Park Community Centre



Maroondah Business Group AGM



Maroondah Handicrafts 1st Birthday



Maroondah Pre-school visit



Mullum Primary School Fete



Mooroolbark Scouts visit



Sacred Heart Parish School Fete BBQ



Ringwood Cricket Club
Women's Team season launch



St Johns Mitcham Fete

Out and About in Deakin

- ✓ Attended the **Heathmont** Scout Group's 60th anniversary
- ✓ Dropped into the Holy Spirit Parish 65th anniversary fete in **Vermont South**
- ✓ Congratulated 'Hungry 4 Success' graduates at the Glen Park Community Centre in **Bayswater North**
- ✓ Attended the **Ringwood and District** Cricket Association Season Launch
- ✓ Assisted with the opening of the SIA Medical Centre in **Croydon**
- ✓ Dropped into the St Johns **Mitcham** Parish Fete
- ✓ Caught up with the team at Tarralla Kindergarten in **Ringwood East**
- ✓ Met with local residents in **Kilsyth** for a 'coffee and chat'.
- ✓ Met with members of the **Heatherdale** Recreation and Bowls club
- ✓ Caught up with the Greek Elderly Citizens of **Forest Hill**
- ✓ Enjoyed the Probus Club of **Mitcham/Nunawading** Christmas Lunch celebration
- ✓ Participated in the Whitehorse Festival in **Nunawading**



DID YOU KNOW NUNAWADING

The Shire of Nunawading, contained the areas now known as Box Hill, Blackburn, Forest Hill, Mitcham, Vermont and part of Burwood/Burwood East. The name is thought to be derived from an Aboriginal word numphawading, meaning a ceremonial ground or battlefield. The area now known as Nunawading was Tunstall, and remained so until 1945.

By 1865, 1138 people lived in Nunawading between Warrigal Road and Ringwood. With the development of orcharding, floriculture and clay-based industries in the 1870s, the population increased and the 1881 census counted 1573 people in Nunawading Shire. The 2016 census shows 11,876 people now live in Nunawading.

Niall Brennan, The history of Nunawading, Hawthorn, 1972 Whitehorse Historical Society



Community Noticeboard

Australian flags

Community groups and exchange students travelling overseas can request flags and flag packs from my office.

Fund-raising hampers

I would be delighted to personally donate a hamper to assist your community group or school with fundraising in 2019. Please contact my office.

Congratulatory messages

My office can help organise congratulatory messages from the Queen, Governor General and the Prime Minister for milestone birthdays and wedding anniversaries.



About Michael

Born and raised in Ringwood, I grew up in a small business family.

I attended Aquinas College in Ringwood before earning a double degree in Commerce and Law from Deakin University and later, a Master of Laws at the University of Melbourne.

I am honoured to have represented the electorate of Deakin in the Federal Parliament since 2013.

My wife Anna also grew up in the local area, and we are fortunate to be raising our son, Leo, in our local community.

With the support of my family, I am committed to making a real difference to the lives of people living in Deakin.

www.michaelsukkar.com.au for more information and to fill out an online survey.

