



# MICHAEL SUKKAR MP

Federal Member for Deakin



## DEAKIN COMMUNITY NEWS AUTUMN 2019

### MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

Welcome to this special 2019 election edition of the Deakin Community News.

In this edition, I have mapped out across the electorate some of the things that we, as a community, have achieved over the past few years. And importantly, some of the important local projects I plan to deliver in the future.

As you have seen, improving our local infrastructure has been my priority. From upgraded local roads to train station car parking, I have worked to make your daily commute just a little bit easier.

Our \$3 billion commitment to the East West Link – the most important transport project for Eastern suburbs residents – is something I will also keep fighting for.

I have also worked to ensure that we invest in our grassroots community and sporting groups, as well as local health services, education, community safety and our natural environment.

Our local area is a wonderful place to live, but there is still much more to do.

We need to continue working to build a strong economy that enables us to provide a secure future for you and your family.

I want to thank you all for the support you have shown me, this support has enabled us to achieve so much together.

I am now asking for your support once again at the upcoming election, so that we can continue to work together to deliver for our community.

As always, if there is ever anything I can do to help you or your family, do not hesitate getting in touch.

*Michael Sukkar*

**Michael Sukkar MP**  
Federal Member for Deakin



### EAST WEST LINK

With traffic getting worse by the day, the Eastern Freeway has become a carpark.

That is why I have continued our fight to build the East West Link. With \$3 billion of funding on the table for the project, it's only the Labor Party and Bill Shorten who stand in the way of this crucial infrastructure for the Eastern Suburbs.

Sadly, if Labor had not recklessly cancelled the East West Link at a cost of \$1.3 billion, by now, the project would be nearing completion.

This comes on top of the State Labor Government's announcement that they will increase tolls on motorists from the Eastern Suburbs to pay for a road in the West.

I have fought hard to keep \$3 billion on the table to build the link, and you can be assured I will keep up the fight for the Eastern Suburbs.



## NEW CARPARKS COMING TO A STATION NEAR YOU!

Your day gets off to a pretty ordinary start when you arrive at the station before 7am – but the car park's already full.

That's what I have repeatedly heard from commuters in the East.

So I recently announced \$45 million in Federal Government funding for work to immediately commence on three new multi-level car parks at Croydon, Ringwood and Mitcham Stations.

These multi-level car parks will improve commuter access and safety at our local train stations and ease congestion on our local suburban streets.



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Ringwood Station	Croydon Station	Mitcham Station
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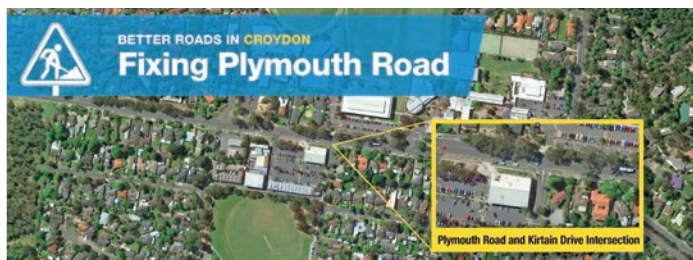
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# MY PLAN TO KEEP DEAKIN MOVING

## TRANSPORT PROJECTS



### PLYMOUTH RD UPGRADE IN CROYDON

The Federal Government is investing \$2.5 million to upgrade Plymouth Rd to improve safety and reduce congestion. These works will improve accessibility for local residents by making school drop-off and pick-up times easier for everyone.



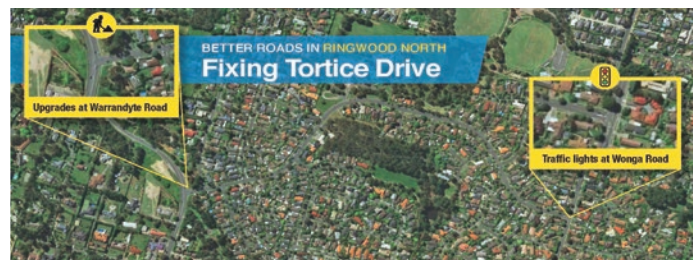
### REILLY ST & WANTIRNA RD UPGRADE IN RINGWOOD

With \$3 million of funding we are upgrading the Wantirna Rd / Reilly St intersection in Ringwood. With the installation of traffic lights, a widening of Wantirna Rd with a dedicated right turn lane into Reilly St, and better pedestrian crossings, traffic flow and safety will be significantly improved at this very busy intersection



### MAROONDAH HWY AT DORSET RD UPGRADE

Works are now well underway on a \$8 million overhaul of this notorious intersection, as I promised at the last election. The upgrade will dramatically improve traffic flow at the intersection, reducing peak-hour delays from four light cycles to just one.



### FIXING TORTICE DVE IN NORTH RINGWOOD

The intersections at both ends of Tortice Dve in Ringwood North will be upgraded. The works will include the installation of traffic lights at the intersection with Wonga Rd, while a roundabout will be built at Warrandyte Rd. Tortice Dve has long been a traffic nightmare at both ends during peak times and these changes will finally see traffic flowing more freely and safely through the area.



### LINCOLN ROAD

Thanks to \$1.9 million in federal funding, Lincoln Rd is getting a long overdue upgrade. This will include road/bike lane widening, the completion of missing footpaths as well as parking and safety improvements.

### CANTERBURY RD UPGRADE IN BAYSWATER NORTH

I know that traffic on Canterbury Rd during peak hour is a nightmare. That's why work has commenced on a \$20 million upgrade to Canterbury Rd, which will include the addition of a third lane along Canterbury Rd in the outbound direction between Dorset Rd and Liverpool Rd.



### TRAIN STATION CAR PARKS

\$45 million is being provided to build multi-level car parks at each of Croydon, Ringwood and Mitcham Stations, creating an additional 1,400+ new car-parking spaces at these three stations. It is my hope that these new car parks will help make the morning commute that little bit smoother, as well as improving our suburban streets by getting parked cars off our local roads.



### EAST WEST LINK

Traffic on the Eastern Freeway just gets worse by the day. As the most important infrastructure project for the Eastern Suburbs, I will keep fighting to build this crucial road link. And with \$3 billion on the table, only Bill Shorten and Labor stands in the way of this vital project.



### AIRPORT RAIL LINK

Finally, Melbourne will have a rail link to the airport, thanks to our \$5 billion investment in this city-changing project.



# DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



## LOCAL SPORTING & COMMUNITY PROJECTS



### HE PARKER RESERVE NETBALL UPDATE

One year ago we started work on the HE Parker Netball Centre, and now it's just a few weeks away from completion. With \$10.5m of funding from the Federal Government, this state-of-the-art stadium will be home to the Melbourne East Netball Association and Maroondah Volleyball, and provide some of the best facilities in Melbourne.



### HE PARKER RESERVE FOOTBALL AND CRICKET PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

Work will commence shortly on the redevelopment of the HE Parker Reserve pavilion for the Heathmont Jets Football Club and Heatherdale Cricket Club! This will be an outstanding facility that will serve these clubs and our community for years to come.



### NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL STADIUM COMPLETION

An exciting day for Norwood Secondary College as we formally opened the school's new basketball stadium. Having committed \$1.6m towards the project, I am genuinely amazed at how great this facility has turned out to be. And it won't just benefit the school, but also the local community through the Ringwood Hawks Basketball Association, who will utilise these courts as well.



### CHEONG PARK UPGRADE IN SOUTH CROYDON

A \$500,000 funding commitment from the Federal Government will mean that we are able to upgrade the facilities for the South Croydon Football and Cricket Clubs at Cheong Park. The redevelopment will include an additional level added to the pavilion, meaning newer and bigger club facilities benefiting all players, spectators and supporters of the Clubs. It will also include an upgrade to the change rooms and bathroom facilities, ensuring improved facilities for the growing number of female teams.



### HEATHERDALE RESERVE PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

Improving our local community and sport facilities has been a major focus of mine over many years. For that reason I was thrilled to announce \$2 million of funding to upgrade the Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion in Mitcham. This facility is home to the Heatherdale Cricket Club, Heatherdale Junior Cricket Club and Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club, and is used by other clubs and community groups throughout the year.



### WALKER PARK UPGRADE IN MITCHAM

In partnership with the City of Whitehorse, we are completing a \$3 million redevelopment of the pavilion at Walker Park. With work due to commence shortly, the redevelopment will be complete by February next year.

### CROYDON U3A

Lifelong learning is something I value greatly. That's why I announced \$2 million of funding towards a new home for U3A Croydon, as part of Maroondah City Council's exciting plans for a new Croydon Community Precinct. U3A Croydon with 1000 members, 100 courses and 80 tutors, will finally have a home fit for its further expansion. Not to mention the other countless community groups who will greatly benefit from these new facilities.



### VERMONT SOUTH CLUB

Recently I announced \$300,000 in Federal Government funding for the Vermont South Club to extend and improve their facilities. Home to a Bowls Club and Tennis Club an upgrade to this facility will encourage people in our community of all ages to keep active.



### AINSLIE PARK PAVILION UPGRADE IN CROYDON

I was happy to recently announce a \$500,000 grant to kick-start a major redevelopment of the Ainslie Park Pavilion. The current facilities are in desperate need of an upgrade and when completed will provide the Ainslie Park Cricket Club and East Ringwood Junior Football Club with a home that meets the needs of these outstanding clubs.



# Delivering electorate

## H.E Parker Reserve Netball Centre

New Netball Stadium at H.E Parker Reserve

## Heathmont Football & Cricket Club Pavilion

New Pavilion at HE Parker Reserve

## Maroondah Hospital Carpark

500 Space Maroondah Hospital Carpark

## Norwood Pavilion

Redevelopment of Norwood Sporting Club Pavilion

## Norwood Basketball Centre

New Basketball Centre at Norwood Secondary College

## Maroondah Hwy/Dorset Road

Major Upgrade to the Intersection of Maroondah Highway and Dorset Road

## East Ringwood Reserve

Redevelopment of Pavilion

## Walker Park

Redevelopment of Walker Park Pavilion

## Ainslie Park

New Pavilion

## Canterbury Road

Upgrade of Canterbury Rd, Bayswater North

## Plymouth Road

Upgrade at Plymouth and Kirtain Drive

## Realm at Ringwood Town Square

Cultural, Knowledge & Innovation Centre and Library

## Kevin Pratt Pavilion CCTV

CCTV

## 14. Oban Road / Wonga Road

Safety Upgrade at Wonga Rd

## 15. Heathmont Baseball Lighting Upgrade

New Lighting at Heathmont Reserve

## 16. Ringwood City Soccer

Club field lighting upgrade

## 17. Quambee Reserve

Upgrade to change rooms at Quambee Reserve

## 18. Barngoon Reserve

New Scoreboard for Barngoon Reserve

## 19. Bedford Road Lights

Signalisation of Bedford Rd / Great Ryrie St intersection

## 20. Jubilee Park Scoreboard

New Scoreboard at Jubilee Park

## 21. Proclamation Park

New Throwing Cages

## 22. CCTV Croydon

New CCTV cameras on Main Street

## 23. Heatherdale Reserve Scoreboard

New Scoreboard

## 24. 3rd Croydon Scouts

Renovations to Scout Hall

## 25. Donwood Community Care Extension

New Outdoor Area

## 26. Ringwood Bowls

New Outdoor Area

## 27. CCTV Ringwood East

CCTV cameras

## 28. North Ringwood Seniors

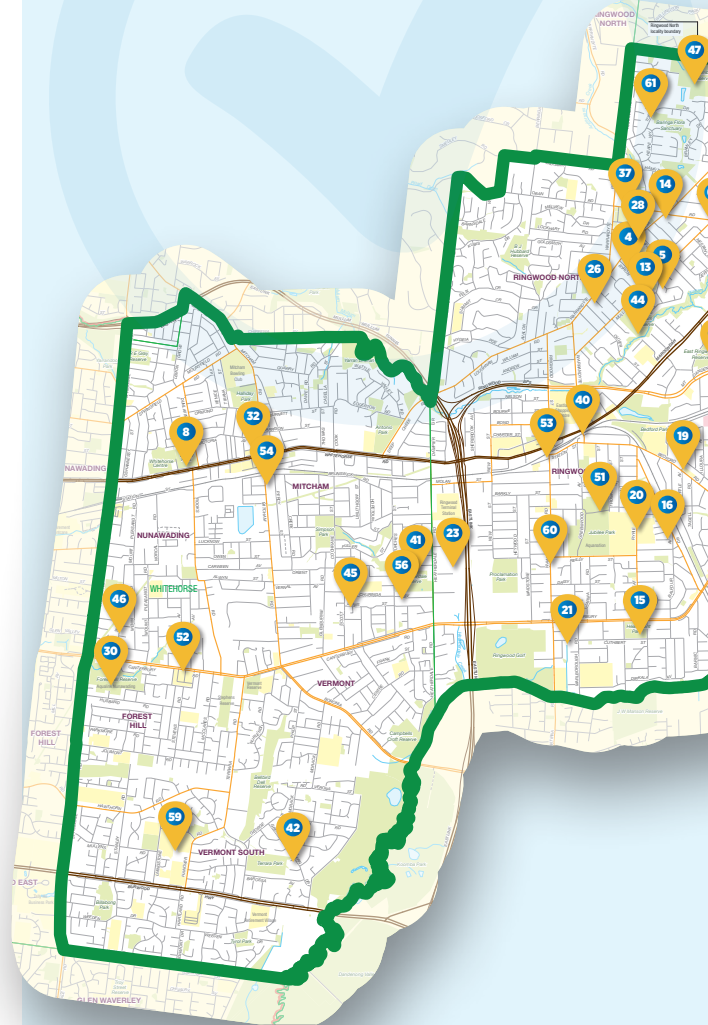
Hall Extension

## 29. CCTV Cheong Park

New CCTV cameras

## 30. Forest Hill Reserve

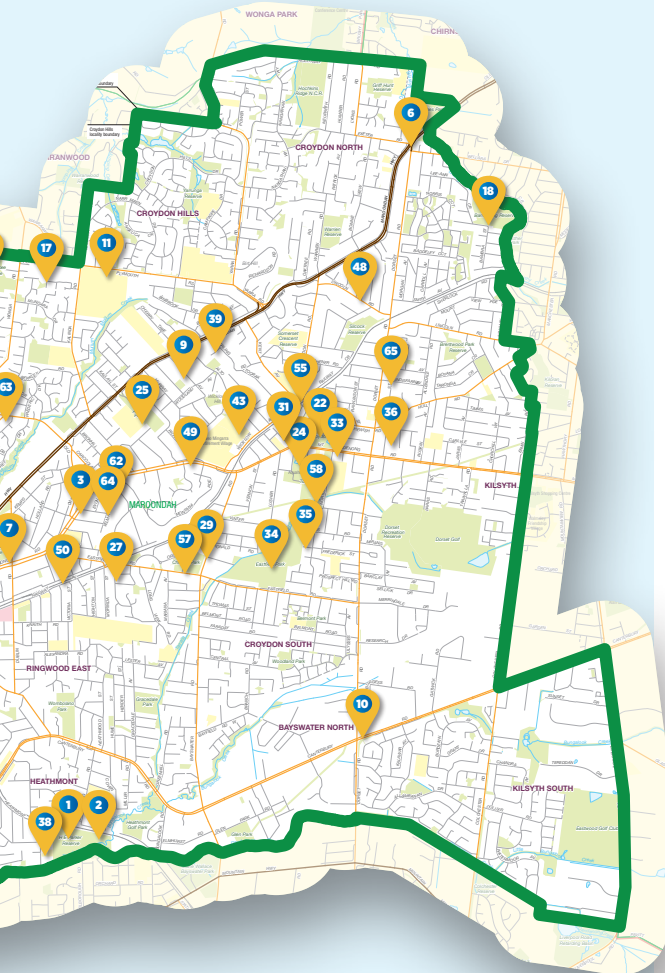
New scoreboard



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- 31. Croydon Bowls**  
Outdoor area redevelopment
- 32. Dunlavin Road**  
Intersection Upgrade
- 33. Croydon Tennis Club**  
New Outdoor Spectator Area
- 34. Benson Oval**  
Pavilion redevelopment
- 35. Benson Oval**  
New scoreboard
- 36. Croydon Men's Shed**  
Redevelopment
- 37. 1st Maroondah Scout Hall**  
Upgrade to hall
- 38. H.E Parker Reserve Tennis Club**  
Tennis Club upgrade
- 39. Ainslie Park Scoreboard**  
New Scoreboard at Ainslie Park
- 40. Central Ringwood Community**  
New Community Garden
- 41. Heatherdale Tennis Club**  
Court resurfacing
- 42. Livingstone Oval**  
New scoreboard
- 43. Croydon West Girl Guides**  
Facilities upgrade
- 44. Mullum Mullum Reserve**  
New scoreboard
- 45. 1st Heatherdale Scouts**  
Facilities upgrade
- 46. Whitehorse Men's Shed**  
Shed upgrade
- 47. Quambee Reserve**  
New scoreboard
- 48. Croydon Ranges**  
New cricket nets
- 49. Donwood Aged Care**  
Redevelopment
- 50. Ringwood Ballet**  
Ballet Studio redevelopment
- 51. Ringwood Central Tennis Club**  
Court lighting
- 52. Brentford Square Traders Association**  
New CCTV and safety lighting



- 53. Ringwood Station Car Park**  
New multi-level car park  
482 spaces
- 54. Mitcham Station Car Park**  
New multi-level car park  
500 spaces
- 55. Croydon Station Car Park**  
New multi-level car park  
487 spaces
- 56. Heatherdale Reserve**  
Redevelopment
- 57. Cheong Park Pavilion**  
Facility Upgrade
- 58. Croydon USA**  
Redevelopment
- 59. Vermont South Club**  
Facility upgrade
- 60. Reilly Street and Wantirna Road**  
Road safety upgrades
- 61. Tortice Drive**  
Upgraded intersection at Warryndyte Road & Wonga Road
- 62. Maroondah Hospital MRI**  
New MRI machine
- 63. Oban Road/Mullum Mullum Road**  
Safety Upgrade at Mullum Mullum Road
- 64. Maroondah Hospital**  
New Children's Emergency Ward
- 65. Lincoln Road**  
Resurfacing, widening and better pedestrian access



# OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



## MAROONDAH HOSPITAL MRI

A \$7.3 million investment in a new Medicare license for the new MRI machine at the Maroondah Hospital, is ensuring locals can get the diagnosis and treatment they need sooner, easier and without having to travel long distances. Over 10,000 people have been provided with affordable access to the MRI since this investment was made.



## MAROONDAH HOSPITAL CARPARK

Construction is 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 space. With a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government I am pleased to see that the parking chaos at Maroondah Hospital will be improved shortly.



## BILL WILKINS LODGE OPENING

Wonderful to formally open the renovated Bill Wilkins Lodge home to a number of outstanding local community groups. Special congratulations to President Kelly Burns and the Committee of the Maroondah Calisthenics Club for working so hard to make this a reality. As well as the Ringwood Highland Pipe Band who do so much for our community.



## CCTV SAFETY CAMERAS AND IMPROVED LIGHTING FOR BRENTFORD SQUARE

With multiple break-ins and examples of violent and anti-social behaviour causing many local traders and customers to feel unsafe, I'm pleased to have secured funding of \$160,000 for safety improvements at Brentford Square in Forest Hill.

## CCTV SAFETY CAMERAS

Although there's never any substitute for more police, CCTV cameras and better lighting are a practical way to help reduce anti-social and criminal activity in our community. That's why we have funded over \$1 million of anti-crime infrastructure locally. Some of these investments include \$435,000 to upgrade and installing additional CCTV cameras in and around central Croydon, which complements a \$466,000 investment into CCTV in a range of other local crime hot-spots in Ringwood, Ringwood East, Ringwood North and Croydon South.



## MAROONDAH HOSPITAL NEW DEDICATED CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

I was very pleased to recently announce funding for a dedicated Children's Emergency Department at Maroondah Hospital. A separate emergency department for children will better enable the needs of sick and injured children to be met quickly, and ensures they are protected from the stressful and sometimes confronting situations that occur in emergency departments (particularly late at night). While no parent ever wants to be forced to take their child to an emergency department, this investment will ensure that children in our community receive the best care, in the right place and at the right time, if they ever need it.



## RINGWOOD RSL NEW MINI-BUS

Enjoying a Friday afternoon drink at the Ringwood RSL, where I also announced that the federal government would fund a new community mini-bus for the RSL. The current mini-bus is on its last legs and services the War Widows, Women's Auxilliary and general club membership.



## TINTERVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Great to visit Tinternvale Primary School this morning to announce that the school will get a \$20,000 stronger communities grant to help build a new playground! With funds raised by the school community also going towards the project, work on the new playground should start very soon!



## RINGWOOD CENTRAL TENNIS CLUB

With a \$105,000 grant from the Federal Government, the Ringwood Central Tennis Club will be able to install light towers on its remaining courts. This lighting will ensure more courts are available for use at peak times in the evening, encouraging even more participation in tennis.



# OUT AND ABOUT IN DEAKIN



Ainslie Park Cricket Club - Pink Stumps Day



ANCA site visit



Antonio Park Primary School Fete



Bayswater Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day



Deakin Challenge Cup - Local Bowls



EACH Ringwood



Glen Park Community Centre



Glen Park Community Centre



Heatherdale Bowling Club's Annual Sponsor Night



International Women's Day Breakfast



Mullum Primary School Visit



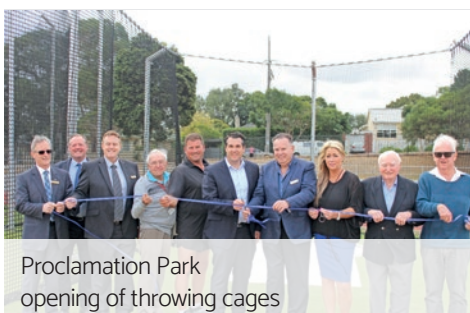
Oasis Community Meal - Ringwood Church



Ringwood Men's Shed



U3A Ringwood



Proclamation Park opening of throwing cages



Veterans T20 Grand Final



Whitehorse Citizenship Ceremony



# Why we're backing Michael



"I am proud of the work Michael Sukkar does to represent the Deakin electorate and in particular his passion and support for women in sport. He is working hard with local sporting clubs to ensure they have the facilities they need to keep our community fit and healthy, especially delivering more female-friendly changerooms."

**Dr Susan Alberti AC**  
AFLW Patron and Victorian of the Year.



"Michael continues to be a constant supporter of our sporting organisation. His ongoing commitment to our facilities and multiple upgrades clearly demonstrates his awareness of the wider community and the services we all provide."

**Mark Etherington**  
President - Norwood Sporting Club



"As a new father Michael has supported the fathers and families of Ringwood and beyond. Michael and his team have helped Dads group grow across Australia to support thousands of new families. The future of this nation requires politicians who are understanding and supportive of the next generation of families and Michael lives this."

**Thomas Docking**  
Founder & CEO - Dad's Group Inc



"Michael Sukkar has been a long term supporter of the East Ringwood Football Club. He played as a junior and has stayed loyal to the club. During his time as the Federal Member for Deakin he has thrown his support behind both the Senior and Junior clubs. His support has helped our club to provide best in class facilities to the local sporting community."

**Ian Wood**  
President - East Ringwood Football Club



"Michael continues to be a constant supporter of the Mitcham Football Club. His ongoing commitment to our facilities and multiple upgrades including the major development of our change rooms and social club, clearly demonstrates his awareness of the wider community and the services we all provide."

**Matt McCubbin**  
President - Mitcham Football Club



## 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 two sons, Leo and Nathan, 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](http://www.michaelsukkar.com.au) for more information and to fill out an online survey.



"Michael understands the issues facing local residents and families. He listens to people and is a very strong advocate for the needs of our community."

**Sarah Longmore**  
Local Resident - Mitcham



"Michael has always been very supportive of our family, and was extremely helpful when our son, Evan, needed a cochlear implant a few years ago. We visit Michael regularly as he likes to keep up to date on Evans progress."

**Margaret & Casey Koh**  
Mitcham



"Michael is a great supporter of our local sporting club and values how important it is to have facilities that meet the community groups requirements."

**Cathy White**  
President - South Croydon Football Club



"Michael's commitment and active support of the Melbourne East Netball Association has ensured much needed funding was secured for a new multipurpose sporting facility, in the electorate. This facility will provide all families in the local community with access to a first class venue and allow the Melbourne East Netball Association to grow our grassroots and inclusive competitions and programs."

**Sandra Makepeace**  
Secretary - Melbourne East Netball Association



"Michael has been a wonderful advocate for the Victorian Chin Community. We are very pleased to have a great Member of Parliament that understands the needs of our community and is always more than willing to assist and support our members."

**Rev. Japheth Lian**  
Lead Pastor - Victorian Chin Baptist Church



"Michael is a true community advocate who works hard to ensure the best for his electorate. The Babes Project has been fortunate to receive support from Michael over a number of years due to his passion for young families and belief in our work with vulnerable women facing crisis pregnancies. We are thankful that Michael believes in supporting grass roots organisations doing their best to support local communities."

**Helen Parker OAM**  
Founder & CEO - The Babes Project

