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Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer



### DEAKIN COMMUNITY NEWS SUMMER 2020

#### MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

2020 has been an extraordinarily difficult year for our nation, the most challenging Australia has faced outside of wartime.

I have been working closely with the Prime Minister and Treasurer throughout the year to cushion the economic blow of the pandemic and to help save lives and livelihoods in my capacity as the Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer.

From the JobKeeper wage subsidy, support for small business and significant additional household support, we have put in place an unprecedented \$507 billion in overall economic support, putting Australia on the road to recovery.

Our Economic Recovery Plan sets out the roadmap to rebuild our economy and create jobs, while guaranteeing the essential services that Australians rely on. This plan will also stabilise national debt and then reduce it over time, ensuring we are in a strong position to manage future economic shocks.

At a local level, we have proceeded with our ambitious infrastructure plan with the commencement of the new multi-level train station carpark at Croydon, as well as various new sporting and community facilities.

My office has remained open throughout the pandemic and lockdowns, and it has been our pleasure to assist so many Deakin residents who have been facing difficult times. So as always, if I can be of help to you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Sukkar MP**  
Federal Member For Deakin  
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#### CROYDON STATION CARPARK

At the last election I secured funding from the Federal Government to provide a new multi-level carpark at Croydon train station. With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it is very exciting to see site works commencing! The carpark will be constructed on Council owned land at Devon Street, Croydon and is expected to be completed by October 2021. Maroondah City Council will provide alternative carparking arrangements in Croydon, as required, during construction.



Preparing for Budget 2020 with Treasurer Josh Frydenberg and Finance Minister Mathias Cormann

#### ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN FOR AUSTRALIA

COVID-19 has resulted in the most severe global economic crisis since the Great Depression. Across the world, the equivalent of 600 million people have lost their jobs.

In response to this crisis, the Morrison Government has committed unprecedented support to save lives, cushion the blow and help Australians remain in jobs. JobKeeper is a \$101 billion lifeline that is supporting around 3.5 million jobs. JobSeeker doubled the safety net.

Together, our actions saved 700,000 jobs. We could do this because we entered this crisis in a position of strength, brought the Budget back to balance for the first time in 11 years and maintained our AAA credit rating.

Australia's economy is fighting back. More than half of those who lost their jobs are back at work. However, there remains a monumental task ahead.

This Budget sets out the next phase of our Economic Recovery Plan.

#### GUARANTEEING HEALTH CARE



The Budget delivers record funding for health in 2020-21 of \$938 billion, an increase of almost 43% since 2014-15. Extending Medicare subsidised telehealth services has enabled over 30 million consultations since the crisis began.

This Budget includes funding for new lifesaving medicines on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – to treat leukaemia, melanoma and Parkinson's disease and help women with ovarian cancer.

This year, \$5.7 billion is being provided to support mental health, including funding for critical front line services, suicide prevention, and doubling the number of Medicare funded psychological services through the Better Access Initiative, from 10 to 20.

#### PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

This Budget includes \$1.9 billion in new funding as part of the Government's energy plan to support low emissions and renewable technologies. It includes a further \$1.8 billion in funding for the environment. This will help our wildlife recover from bushfires and protect and enhance our natural environment.

This Budget is investing \$250 million to modernise our recycling infrastructure, stop more than 600,000 tonnes of waste ending up in landfill and create a further 10,000 jobs.



#### Community Noticeboard

##### Congratulatory messages

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

##### Australian flags

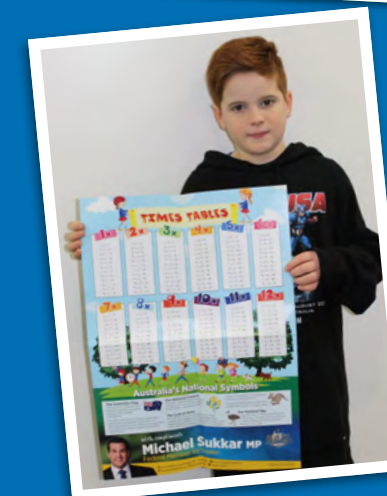
Community groups and students can request flags and flag packs from my office.

##### Fundraising hampers

I would be delighted to personally donate a hamper to assist your community group or school with fundraising in 2021. Please contact my office.

##### Times tables charts

My office has times tables wall charts available for local primary school students.



#### MY CONTACT DETAILS

My office is still open. If I can help you during this time, please send me an email or call **9874 1711**. I also provide regular updates via email which you can sign up to by sending me an email with your details.

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#### \$1.1 BILLION FOR SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS IN VICTORIA

Rebuilding our economy includes building more roads, rail and bridges. This Budget is expanding its 10 year infrastructure pipeline which is already supporting 100,000 jobs on worksites across Australia today.

As part of our Economic Recovery Plan, the Morrison Government has committed an additional \$7.5 billion in new investments in national transport infrastructure, including \$1.1 billion right here in Victoria.



#### TAX RELIEF FOR 11 MILLION AUSTRALIANS

More than 11 million taxpayers will get a tax cut backdated to 1 July this year. Lower and middle-income earners will, this year, receive tax relief of up to \$2,745 compared with 2017-18.

We will also retain the Low and Middle Income Tax Offset for an additional year. The changes mean more than 7 million Australians will receive tax relief of \$2,000 or more this year.

This rewards hard work. It means Australians will have more of their own money to spend on what matters to them, which will help local businesses and create more jobs.



#### SUPPORTING SENIOR AUSTRALIANS

To support Age Pensioners, the Government provided \$750 payments in April and July. Age Pensioners will now receive an additional \$250 payment in December and another \$250 payment in March.

To support senior Australians who want to keep living at home, an additional 23,000 home care packages will be provided. This brings the total to more than 180,000 places, three times the number of home care packages than when this Government was elected in 2013.

#### INVESTING IN SKILLS AND TRAINING

100,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships will be supported with a 50% wage subsidy for businesses who employ them. This is in addition to the 180,000 existing apprenticeships and traineeships that are being protected.

The new JobTrainer fund will create up to 340,000 free or low-cost training places for school leavers and job seekers. 50,000 new higher education short courses will be available, including in health, IT, agriculture, science and teaching. New cadetships and apprenticeships are being provided for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



#### Sharri GOVT PREPARES TO HAND DOWN 2020 BUDGET

#### MODERN MANUFACTURING AND RESEARCH

Australia's manufacturing sector employs around 860,000 Australians. The Modern Manufacturing plan will target six national manufacturing priorities, to build on our strengths and ensure manufacturing plays a greater role in our recovery:

- medical products;
- food and beverage manufacturing;
- recycling and clean energy;
- resources technology;
- critical minerals processing;
- defence industry; and
- space industry.

This Budget also provides \$2 billion in additional Research and Development incentives.

The Morrison Government is also providing \$1 billion for new research funding for our universities, backing our best and brightest minds.





# Celebrating our Local Community

## Congratulations to the 2020 Deakin Community Award winners.

The Deakin Community Awards celebrate and honour the contribution of our local community's unsung heroes, who generously serve others without expectation of reward.

**Jonathon Duck - Croydon RSL**  
Open Category Winner



**Tayla Parsons - Dorset Primary**  
Youth Category Winner

**David Moncur - Ringwood Men's Shed**  
Seniors Category Winner

**2020 Deakin Community Awards**  
Celebrating Service to Our Community

**Ariels VCNA**  
Group Category Winner

### Honour Roll

#### OPEN CATEGORY

**Brett Cairns**  
**Teagan Cairns**  
**Moir Doolan**  
**Mathew Eccles**  
**Suzanne Eddy**  
**Cheryl Emerson**  
**Karen Gabel**  
**Christopher Harvey**  
**Paul Henderson**  
**Peter Jarvis**  
**Andrew Johnstone**  
**Lloyd Iaccarino**  
**Cassie Morris**  
**Zoe Price**  
**Seamus Ryan**  
**Emma Sceberas**  
**James Storey**  
**Sally Theofanides**  
**Matthew Williams**

Ringwood Football & Netball Club  
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Eastmont Pre-School  
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Eastmont Pre-School  
Biala Ringwood  
Eastwood Primary School  
St James Primary School Vermont  
South Croydon Cricket Club  
Heatherdale Community Action Group  
Blackburn Cycling Club  
Vermont South Bowling Club  
Eastmont Pre-School  
Ringwood Football & Netball Club  
Ringwood Football & Netball Club  
Pinjarra Kindergarten  
Ringwood Football & Netball Club  
Blackburn Lake Netball Club  
Vermont South Cricket Club

#### SENIORS CATEGORY

**Trevor Bellinger**  
**Ken Briscoe**  
**Thelma Brown**  
**Valerie Cadman**  
**Philip Daw**  
**Peter Feeney**  
**Ron Fry**  
**Jack Gadd**  
**Jeff Garrioch**  
**Beryl Grooby**  
**Keith Horlock**  
**Margaret King**  
**Gus Koedyk**  
**Lyn Lynch**  
**Richard Tregear**  
**Frank Virgona**

U3A Croydon  
U3A Nunawading  
Ringwood RSL Women's Auxiliary  
Croydon Stroke Support Group  
Heatherdale Community Action Group  
Yarrunga Community Centre  
Ringwood Movie Makers Club  
LinC Whitehorse  
Glen Park Community Centre Inc.  
Bellbird Dell Advisory Committee  
Vermont South Bowling Club  
St Timothy's Catholic Church  
Nadrasca  
Croydon Historical Society  
Rotary Club of Nunawading  
Holy Name Anglican Church

#### YOUTH CATEGORY

**Lani DeJong**  
Nunawading Gymnastics

Antonio Park Advisory Committee  
Eastern Volunteers - Community Transport  
Eastern Volunteers - Volunteer Resource Services  
Holy Name Anglican Church - ESL Class  
Maroondah Winter Shelter  
VVAA, Outer Eastern Melbourne Sub-branch - Support Group  
Whitehorse Square Dance Club

## COVIDSAFE COMMUNICATION

### STAYING CONNECTED

During the Covid-19 pandemic I was fortunate to catch up with many local community groups, schools and businesses, including the Chinese Women's Association of Victoria, Whitehorse Business Group, Rotary Club of Nunawading, Ringwood Cricket Club, Ringwood Secondary College, Aquinas Old Collegians Football Club, Yarra Valley Grammar, Vermont South Club and many Travel agencies in the Deakin electorate. The use of modern technologies such as Zoom and Skype made it possible during this difficult and unprecedented time to stay connected with so many locals.



### MAROONDH BUSINESS GROUP

Great to join the Maroondah Business Group via Zoom to discuss Australia's response to Covid-19 and its impact on Maroondah.



### TRADESWOMEN AUSTRALIA

It was wonderful to join my friend and the Patron of Tradeswomen Australia, Susan Alberti, as well as Fiona McDonald to discuss ways we can support more women into trades. Susan was a trailblazer in the construction industry and Fiona through her work with Tradeswomen Australia is carrying the torch!

### HUGHES PARK AUSTRALIAN CHIN COMMUNITY

With the assistance of a \$10,000 grant from the Federal Government a new synthetic surface for Futsal and Volleyball has been installed at Hughes Park. This project will provide the Australian Chin Community with regular playing courts and encourage a greater take up of physical activity amongst the community group once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

# Local Projects

In these difficult times, it's great to see that many of our local projects, supported by the Morrison Government, have continued.



### HE PARKER PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

The redevelopment of HE Parker Pavilion is now complete. Having kicked off this project about 4 years ago, I can't wait to see how much benefit Heathmont Jets Football Netball Club, Heathmont Cricket Club and SALT - Sport and Life Training get out of this new state of the art community facility!



### CROYDON HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Croydon Hills Primary School has put its \$15,000 Federal Government Grant to good use during the Covid-19 period by updating the Prep courtyard!



### SILCOCK RESERVE PAVILION UPGRADE

Work is progressing on the redevelopment of Silcock Reserve Pavilion in Croydon. I was very pleased to kick off this project with a \$5000,000 grant from the Federal Government. The upgraded facility will support the Croydon Rangers Cricket Club, Croydon Rangers Football Club, Croydon Rangers All Abilities and the Croydon & District Dog Obedience Club.

### RINGWOOD HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ringwood Heights Primary School has used this difficult time during COVID-19 to undertake some minor upgrades to their Netball and Basketball courts, funded through the Federal Government's Local Schools Community Fund. While the upgrade will be welcomed by students, it will also benefit Trinity Netball Club who use these courts for training.



### BRENTWOOD PARK KINDERGARTEN

Brentwood Park Kindergarten will be receiving \$40,509 in funding provided under the Community Development Grants Programme to create an Enchanted Garden playspace. The garden will be engaging and interactive for the children to play and explore.

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The Morrison Government's Economic Recovery Plan will create jobs, rebuild our economy and secure Australia's future.



Budget preparations with Treasurer Josh Frydenberg

### JOBMAKER

The centrepiece of the Budget, a \$74 billion JobMaker plan, forms a key part of our Economic Recovery Plan to create jobs, rebuild our economy and secure our future.

JobMaker includes a new \$4 billion hiring credit that will provide an incentive to businesses who take on additional employees aged between 16 and 35. It is estimated that the scheme will support around 450,000 jobs.

There will also be an additional \$1.2 billion to the Boosting Apprenticeships Wage Subsidy to support up to 100,000 new apprentices and trainees.



### EXPANDING THE INSTANT ASSET WRITE-OFF

We are expanding the successful Instant Asset Write-off scheme for businesses with a turnover of up to \$5 billion until 30 June 2022. This means that the scheme will now be available to 3.5 million businesses that employ 11.5 million people.

Together with our proposal to allow companies to offset tax losses against previous profits and tax paid, these measures are estimated to deliver \$31.6 billion in tax relief to businesses. This will support around \$200 billion of investment, creating 50,000 additional jobs.

### FIRST HOME LOAN DEPOSIT SCHEME EXTENDED

In my role as the Minister for Housing, I recently announced that an additional 10,000 places will be provided through the scheme this year for first home buyers who build a new home or purchase a newly built one.

The expanded scheme will provide more Australians with the chance to own their own home while generating more than \$1.5 billion of additional economic activity in the residential construction sector.

We're also simplifying lending laws to reduce the time it takes for consumers to apply for credit by reducing the regulatory burden on consumers and lenders.



Denita Wawn CEO of Master Builders Australia says "This is incredibly important as the industry rebounds from the pandemic."



### HOMEBUILDER

The Morrison Government's HomeBuilder program is supporting tradies' jobs and helping Australians build or rebuild a home with a \$25,000 grant.

Since HomeBuilder has been in place we have seen a 49.8% increase in new home sales which is providing an important pipeline of work to support jobs in the residential construction industry.