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## DEAKIN COMMUNITY NEWS WINTER 2018

### Dear fellow resident

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Deakin Community News.

It has been a busy and productive first half of the year, with significant progress being made on a range of local community projects.

Whether it's improved roads, upgraded sporting and community facilities or further safety initiatives, the Government is investing significantly to make our area a better place to live, work and raise a family.

In May this year the Government delivered its budget, where a quicker than expected return to surplus and strengthening economy have vindicated the careful economic and budget management of the Government.

Most importantly, the Government announced significant **tax relief for all** Deakin workers and **local businesses**.

The budget also saw the Government recommit **\$3bn to build the East West Link** which Infrastructure Australia rates as Victoria's Highest Priority Initiative. As traffic congestion gets worse by the day, it still angers many residents that \$1.3bn of taxpayers money was wasted by Labor to cancel the East West Link. Rest assured, we will continue to fight for the East West Link until it is built.

As always if you have any feedback or questions, please contact me via email at Michael.Sukkar.MP@aph.gov.au or call my office on 03 9874 1711.

Yours sincerely

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### 500 NEW CAR SPACES AT MAROONDAH HOSPITAL

We're delivering on our promise to improve parking at Maroondah Hospital with 500 new car spaces being built in a new multi-level carpark.

These new parking spaces will make life easier for staff and patients and ease congestion in the surrounding streets, improving safety and allowing a better flow of traffic.



### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT H.E. PARKER RESERVE

Construction has started on the new Multi-Sports Complex and netball stadium at H.E. Parker Reserve in Heathmont. I was proud to help launch the build and I'm excited for the clubs that will soon have access to new world-class facilities.

\$10.5 million of Federal funding has been provided for the project which should be completed by mid-2019.



### CROYDON CCTV GO LIVE

New and improved CCTV cameras for Croydon Town Centre have been installed and are up and running.

This much needed crime prevention infrastructure was installed as a part of the Government's Safer Streets programme and is located in priority areas along Main Street and Croydon Station.



### NORWOOD STADIUM

Construction is underway on the new stadium at Norwood Secondary College.

The facilities will benefit both the school and Ringwood Hawks Basketball Association.

\$1.6m has been provided by the Federal Government to deliver this project.

The stadium will be ready to use later this year.

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# What's happening in Deakin

## LOCAL PROJECTS

### TENNIS COURTS RESURFACED

Works are complete on the newly resurfaced tennis courts at Heatherdale Tennis Club.

The club received \$20,000 from the Federal Government to assist with funding the project. Club members must also be congratulated for raising a significant amount of the funds themselves.



### QUAMBEE RESERVE

The change rooms at Quambee Reserve in Ringwood North are getting a \$270,000 upgrade.

Quambee Reserve is home to North Ringwood Football Club and Warranwood Cricket Club who will both put these facilities to good use, particularly with their future development of women's footy, netball and cricket.

### BOWLING AHEAD

The members at Croydon Bowling Club are in high spirits after an extension and improved social area jointly funded by the Federal Government and Maroondah City Council were announced in early April. I caught up with members ahead of their regular social bowls morning to make the announcement and tour the club prior to works commencing.



### WALKER PARK REDEVELOPMENT

The long-awaited redevelopment of Walker Park pavilion, which is home to Mitcham Senior and Junior Football Clubs and Mitcham Cricket Club, is about to begin.

Two years ago I secured \$400,000 to kick-start the project which has recently been given the green light by Council.

The new facilities will include fully refurbished change rooms and social rooms, a new gym, canteen, kitchen, toilets and offices. It will also include a new viewing pavilion, so supporters can finally watch matches from indoors!



### NEW SCOREBOARD

The Forest Hill Cricket and Football Club's new electronic scoreboard is up and running.

The clubs should be congratulated for their efforts in funding half the costs of the scoreboard in conjunction with the Federal Government.



### LIGHTS ON

It was wonderful to meet the senior women's team at Ringwood City Soccer Club for this season's jersey presentation.

I also had an opportunity to see the new lights installed at Jubilee Park, which were partly funded through a grant.



### EASTFIELD PARK UPGRADE

Club rooms at Bensons Oval in Eastfield Park, Croydon, are being overhauled.

With a growing number of junior and female teams the current club rooms and facilities are in desperate need of an upgrade.

The Federal Government, alongside Maroondah City Council, is investing \$150,000 to create female and family friendly change rooms and bathrooms as well as better accessibility.



### BETTER FACILITIES FOR NORWOOD

Norwood Junior Football and Maroondah Cricket Club will receive a new electronic scoreboard as a part of a range of improvements at the bottom oval of Mullum Mullum Reserve in Ringwood. The current scoreboard has been well used and is long overdue for an upgrade.





## ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN HEATHMONT

Works are well underway on the federally funded \$1.2m upgrade to Canterbury Rd in Heathmont. New traffic signals have already been installed, providing a safer place for pedestrians to cross.

Further upgrades include the construction of a slip lane to the Heathmont Village Shopping Centre, the installation of bollards and improvements to parking in the area.

The project is expected to be completed in the next few months.

## NEW THROWING CAGES AT PROCLAMATION PARK

Throwing cages at AC Robertson Field at Proclamation Park in Ringwood are getting upgraded.

The old throwing cages no longer meet the International Association of Athletics Federation's standards and the upgrade will ensure this problem is fixed.

The new throwing cages complete the \$2.86m overhaul to the athletic park, which will soon make it the premier athletics track in the Eastern suburbs.



## SCOUT'S HONOUR

The troops of 3rd Croydon Scout Group are getting an upgrade to their hall.

New flooring and a kitchen will be installed to improve the overall functionality of the hall and provide a better space for the scouts. I'm pleased to be able to support this initiative with a \$20,000 contribution from the Federal Government.



## EAST WEST LINK

It's sad to say, but Victoria officially has the most congested roads in Australia; with the Eastern Freeway and Hoddle St / Alexandra Pde bottleneck being assessed as the worst.

Infrastructure Australia confirms what Victorians knew all along – that the East West Link is Victoria's most critical infrastructure project that must be built.

The good news is that the Federal Government has recommitted **\$3bn in the Federal Budget to build the East West Link.**

Because the less time you spend in traffic, the more time you can spend with your family.

**#JustBuildIt!**



## MEN'S SHED IMPROVEMENTS

It's full steam ahead for Whitehorse Men's Shed.

The Shed received \$20,000 from the Federal Government to extend its outdoor workspace and purchase new equipment.

I'm pleased to be able to support local Men's Sheds, which promote health and wellbeing and assist numerous other community groups.

Funds were also generously contributed by the Rotary Club of Nunawading.

## OUR COMMUNITY



## ANZAC SPIRIT

It's a privilege to be amongst many of our local servicemen and women on ANZAC Day and at other commemorative services.

A special mention must go to each of the Croydon, Blackburn and Ringwood RSL's for hosting thoughtful and moving dawn services, as well as members of the former Mitcham RSL who hosted a well-attended service at Halliday Park.

While it was encouraging to see record crowds commemorating ANZAC day again this year, it was especially pleasing to see so many of our young people participating in services.

Many of our local schools conducted ANZAC Day services, with many also participating in the Maroondah Schools ANZAC service at Ringwood Lake, organised by the Maroondah Rotary Club.

I'm always humbled to be amongst our servicemen and women, veterans and their families while remembering those who paid the ultimate price for our country and the freedoms we all enjoy.

**Lest We Forget.**





## SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to all local students who have taken up leadership roles at their school this year. I've enjoyed meeting many of these leaders at a number of school presentations during the school term. I wish all of our student leaders in Deakin the very best for the remainder of the year.



## LAUNCHING NEW HOPE MEDICAL

It was a privilege to help formally open New Hope Baptist Church's new Medical Centre in Blackburn North. I took the opportunity to thank all those who worked tirelessly to make the new centre a reality which will help improve the medical services available in our community.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

The annual Box Hill Chinese New Year festival was a resounding success as always. It was fantastic to meet so many locals at my stall as well as at many other Chinese New Year celebrations during the month of February, including the Melbourne Eastern Residents Association's celebration at Box Hill Gardens.

## STUDENT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

My annual Student Leadership Roundtables have started for 2018.

Students from Blackburn High School, Aquinas College, Melba College, Tintern Schools, Emmaus College, Vermont Secondary College, Luther College, Mullauna Secondary College, Yarra Valley Grammar, Ringwood Secondary College, Norwood Secondary College, Nunawading Christian College and Heathmont College have all contributed fantastically to the Student Roundtable series.



## A NEW LOCAL CLUB

The Maroondah Football Club has officially launched in Deakin. I joined players and their families to welcome the club to the Deakin sporting community.



## ORCHARD PLANTING FESTIVAL

It was a beautiful morning in Ringwood for the Central Ringwood Community Centre's Sustainability Hub Planting Festival. The event marked the official beginning of the Community Garden and Sustainability Hub in Bedford Park.



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Eastern Suburbs are receiving \$1.3 million in increased mental health services. I joined Eastern Melbourne PHN to announce the funding for Mentis Assist in Ringwood which will provide a new Mental Health Stepped Care Model for those in our community that need it.

## OUR NEWEST CITIZENS

As your local Federal Member, one of the responsibilities delegated to me is the privilege of acknowledging and welcoming our newest Australian citizens. Over the past couple of months I've attended a number of ceremonies at Whitehorse and Maroondah City Councils and met hundreds of new Australians. I'd like to once again express a warm welcome to all of our new citizens here in Deakin.



## YOUR VOICE IN CANBERRA

**I will continue to stand up in the Parliament for the issues that matter to the Deakin community. Issues I've spoken on recently include:**

- ✓ Tax relief to encourage and reward working Australians;
- ✓ New and improved infrastructure, including better roads, health services and upgraded facilities for community groups and sporting clubs;
- ✓ The need to tackle traffic congestion, and to build the East West Link;
- ✓ Guaranteeing the essential services Australians rely on;
- ✓ Keeping Australians safe; and
- ✓ Ensuring the Government continues to live within its means.





# Out and About in the electorate of Deakin



Supporting Taralye with the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association



South Croydon Football Club - 2017 Premiership Flag Unfurling



Pollie Pedal raises funds for Soldier On



Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser hosted by Intrepid Fitness and Nutrition at Vermont Football Club



Maroondah Business Group



Mitcham Football Club's ANZAC commemoration



Greek Elderly Citizens of Nunawading



The 'Great Protein Challenge' to support the Metabolic Dietary Disorders Association



South Croydon Cricket Club's Pink Stumps Day



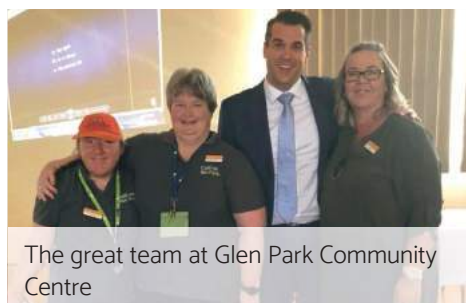
Multicultural Festival at TJ's on Main St in Croydon



Emmaus College visit Parliament House in Canberra



Ringwood Saints Baseball Club's 50th Anniversary Celebrations



The great team at Glen Park Community Centre



St Mark's Forest Hill's monthly community meal



Maroondah Handicrafts re-opens



Visiting The Babes Project in Croydon



# Out and About in the electorate of Deakin

- ✓ Visited Benetas Aged Care in **Mitcham**
- ✓ Dropped into NewHope Baptist Church's PlaySpace in **Blackburn North**
- ✓ Caught up with residents at Café Zingers in **Croydon** for a coffee and chat
- ✓ Presented medals at Melbourne East Netball Association's NetSetGo award presentation in **Heathmont**
- ✓ Enjoyed Friday night happy hour at Victoria Grange Residential Community in **Vermont South**
- ✓ Supported Brady Cochrane's Clubfoot fundraiser at the **Ringwood** Hawks basketball game
- ✓ Visited Little Things Coffee café and coffee roaster in **Blackburn**
- ✓ Chatted with locals at **Heathmont** Shops
- ✓ Attended **Ringwood** Secondary College's annual Auto Show
- ✓ Attended **Nunawading** Swimming Club's Presentation Night
- ✓ Dropped into **Blackburn** Junior Football Club's Super Auskick Clinic
- ✓ Attended the H.E. Parker Tennis Club Finals in **Heathmont**
- ✓ Attended the **Ringwood** Eisteddfod 2018 Opening Night
- ✓ Spoke at the Association of Independent Retirees meeting in **Nunawading**
- ✓ Visited non-for-profit organisation, Elishacare, in **Croydon**
- ✓ Participated in Clean Up Australia Day with the Simpson Park/Sommers Trail Advisory Committee in **Mitcham**
- ✓ Caught up with the Outer Eastern Vietnam Veterans at Bunnings in **Bayswater**
- ✓ Celebrated, long-time local resident, Jess Brown's 100th birthday in **Forest Hill**



## Community Noticeboard

### Australian flags

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

### Fundraising hampers

I would be delighted to personally donate a hamper to assist your community group or school with fundraising in 2018. Please contact my office.

## 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 represent the electorate of Deakin in the Federal Parliament and serve as the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer.

My wife, Anna, and I recently celebrated our son Leo's first birthday and look forward to continue raising him 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.

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