

# Deakin Community News



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Assistant Treasurer  
Minister for Housing  
Minister for Homelessness, Social & Community Housing





# Michael's Message



## Dear Local Resident

Welcome to this special 2022 election edition of the Deakin Community News.

As your representative in Canberra, I believe it's my job to deliver the investments our community needs. In this edition, I have mapped out across the electorate some of the things that we - as a community - have achieved over the last few years. And importantly, some of the critical 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 \$4 billion commitment to the East West Link – the most important transport project for Eastern suburbs residents – is something I will always keep fighting for.

I have also worked to ensure that we invest in sporting and community infrastructure improvements, and upgrades to schools, kindergartens, and scout halls.

Our local area is a wonderful place to live and 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. Your 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 to get in touch.

### The Hon Michael Sukkar MP

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Michael, Anna, Leo & Nathan.



# Our Local Community



## Pinchapoo

Kate Austin and her amazing team of volunteers at Pinchapoo provide personal hygiene products to the disadvantaged. It was great to hear how Pinchapoo would be using some recent funding I secured to assist with their work.



## Cameron Group Visit

Transport workers around the country have been critical to keeping Australia moving and ensuring families can access the supplies they need. It was great to meet with local workers in Bayswater North to thank them for their efforts.



## Daisy Homes

The newly opened Daisy Homes aged care facility in Heathmont, which had spent some years closed and abandoned, has been refurbished and now houses dozens of in-need residents. It was great to visit and celebrate their opening.



## 74th Chin National Day

The celebration of the 74th Chin National Day took place on Main St in Croydon. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to put on the event, including the Australia Chin Community – EM, Chin Community Victoria Inc., Melbourne Mizo Association Inc., Croydon Main Street and Maroondah City Council.



## The Base visit

It was great to catch up with Carissa from youth organisation 4TK Australia at their new community space – called "The Base". A place for 13- to 18-year-olds from all backgrounds and life experiences to have a home away from home.



## CNC visit

I had the pleasure of touring the headquarters of CNC Design in Nunawading. CNC is a locally based business, but with an impressive international presence in the engineering field.

## Tintern Grammar Visit



Tintern Grammar and I cheered on Scotty James in the Olympic snowboard half-pipe. Tintern are understandably proud of Scotty, a former student and local, who's doing Australia proud on the world stage.

## Mitcham Cricket Club



I was honoured to receive my Mitcham Cricket Club polo to mark the outstanding new facilities at Walker Park, which will also be enjoyed by the Mitcham Football Club.

## Maroondah Volleyball



Recently I joined the VolleyAll team down at Maroondah Nets Stadium for their official launch to help children of all-abilities to get access to community sport.





# Our Local Community

The annual Clean Up Australia event at the Heatherdale Parklands was well attended again this year. The Heatherdale Creek Parkland Advisory Committee have made significant efforts in preserving this important space for our community.

## Deakin Challenge Trophy



The annual Deakin Challenge Trophy is an event I sponsor each year between Bowls Clubs in the Deakin electorate. Thanks to Mitcham Bowling Club for hosting and all the local clubs participating again this year: Croydon Bowling Club, Heatherdale Bowling Club, Eastwood Golf and Bowls Club, Heathmont Bowls Club, Ringwood Bowls Club and Vermont South Bowling Club.

## Yarra Valley Grammar

The Year 10 Politics class had lots of excellent questions and thoughtful discussions, particularly considering the instability we're seeing throughout the world.



## Italian Senior Citizens Club



It is always great to catch up with the Maroondah Italian Senior Citizens Club.



## Maroondah Community Assist

Maroondah Community Assist offers emergency relief to those who need help in our local community, and I was very pleased to secure additional funding for their important work.

## Ringwood Little Athletics



It was a brilliant day to get along to the Ringwood Little Athletics Centre for the final day of competition this season!

## Croydon Ranges Cricket Club

The Croydon Ranges Cricket Club Ladies Day is a great use of the Club's new pavilion, which I was very pleased to support with a \$500,000 grant. Investments like these really do bring our community together.

## Whitehorse Citizenship

### Ceremony



Our newest Australians were proudly welcomed at the Whitehorse Citizenship Ceremony.

## Croydon Men's Shed

It was nice to catch up with some of the guys from the Croydon Men's Shed. It is always great to see the positive impact these groups have on their members and the wonderful work they do keeping our community connected.





# Upgraded Local Transport Infrastructure

## Croydon Station Carpark



The Croydon Station Carpark is officially open with over 400 free car spaces, including electric vehicle charging spaces, ready to go and open to our local community. This crucial local project was fully funded by the Federal Government with construction excellently managed by Maroondah City Council.



## Heatherdale Station Carpark



The new carpark at Heatherdale Station will include 300 new free spaces and will be located at the corner of Molan St and Yallourn Pde. Construction is set to commence in June 2022.



## Ringwood Station Carpark



The new Ringwood Station carpark will be constructed at 1 and 1A Bedford Rd, which is on the corner of Maroondah Hwy and runs along the railway line, adjacent to Ringwood Station and bus interchange. Construction is planned to commence in October 2022.



## Heathmont Station Carpark



The new Heathmont Station carpark will service the Heathmont Village shopping precinct, the bus interchange, and Heathmont Station. The carpark at 127B Canterbury Rd will provide additional parking spaces for commuters, residents, and visitors; and will consider Heathmont's natural values and local character.



# Local Roads Projects



With \$50 million of Federal Government funding, Dorset Rd will be receiving significant upgrades between Hull Rd and Maroondah Hwy. This project will complement the \$8 million upgrade to the Maroondah Hwy and Dorset Rd intersection that we have already delivered.

## Tortice Dve/Warrandyte Rd,

Ringwood North

\$4.5 million has been secured to upgrade the Tortice Dve and Warrandyte Rd intersection. This increased funding was required due to a detailed assessment by VicRoads which determined that traffic lights were a superior option to a roundabout. I agreed with this assessment and worked to ensure we obtained the additional funding required. This upgrade specifically now includes:

- ✓ Installation of traffic signals at Tortice Dve and Warrandyte Rd.
- ✓ Extending the right turning lane onto Tortice Dve from Warrandyte Rd.
- ✓ Safety improvements such as a bus stop, footpath connections and dedicated bicycle stopping bays at the intersection.

Having secured this additional funding we will ensure the upgrade improves safety for local residents, commuters and pedestrians.



INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT  
TORTICE DR AND WARRANDYTE RD

## Local Road Community Infrastructure

Over \$1 million is also being provided through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. These works will:

- ✓ Support sealing and drainage upgrades on Bungalook Road in Bayswater North.
- ✓ Reseal road surface and upgrade drainage, bike paths and walking tracks along Laurence Grove in Ringwood East.
- ✓ Reconstruct Eastfield Road, Ringwood East – between Millar Grove and Dunn St.
- ✓ Rehabilitate Nangathan Way in Croydon North.

## Tortice Dr/Wonga Rd Intersection,

Ringwood North



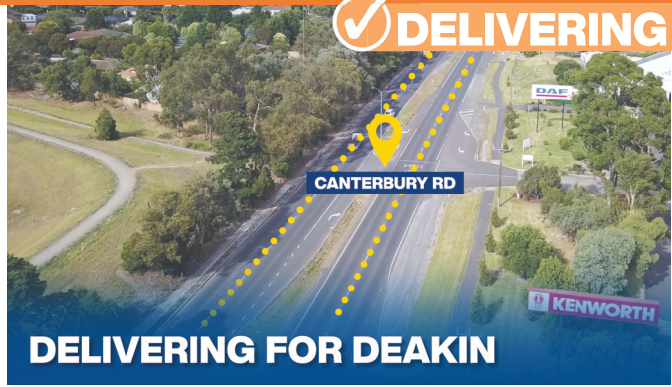
We completed the installation of new traffic signalling on the upgrade to the intersection of Tortice Dr and Wonga Rd in Ringwood North with funding from the Federal Government.



# Local Roads Projects

## Canterbury Rd Upgrade, Bayswater North

✓ **DELIVERING**



**DELIVERING FOR DEAKIN**

Additional funding has been secured for the upgrade of Canterbury Rd, with funding now committed totalling \$47.5 million to complete this much needed project. The upgrade will widen Canterbury Rd from two lanes to three lanes in each direction from Dorset Rd to Liverpool Rd. This project is expected to commence construction in mid-2023 and be completed by early 2025.

## Airport Rail Link



The Federal Government has committed \$5 billion to jump-start this city changing project.

## Plymouth Rd Upgrade, Croydon



The Federal Government has committed \$4.4 million to upgrade the intersection of Plymouth Rd and Kirtain Dr in Croydon. The upgrades will include the signalisation of the intersection, formalising two lanes in each direction along Plymouth Rd, and delivering targeted primary school access improvements. The project is commencing later this year and expected to be completed in early 2023.

## Reilly St/Wantirna Rd Upgrade, Ringwood



\$3 million in funding has been committed to the upgrade to the Reilly St/Wantirna Rd intersection. This project was set to commence in November last year, but due to the construction lock down it was unable to proceed. I am urging the State Government to stop delaying this project and commence construction as soon as possible.

## Fighting for the East West Link



✓ **FIGHTING FOR**

Labor wasted \$1.3 billion to cancel this vital project. The Federal Government has \$4 billion available to ease traffic congestion on the Eastern Freeway. I will continue to fight for the East West Link which is an essential piece of infrastructure for residents in the East.

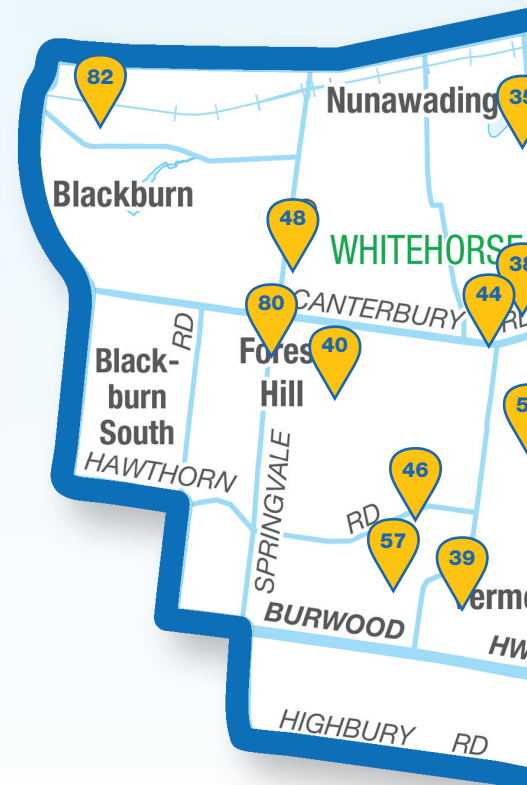


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| 07 | <b>Communities of Well Being</b><br>Building fit out          | 32 | <b>Gracedale Park Tennis Club</b><br>Lighting upgrade           |
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| 09 | <b>Maroondah Hospital</b><br>New MRI facility                 | 34 | <b>Heatherdale Tennis Club</b><br>New viewing deck              |
| 10 | <b>Benson Oval</b><br>Pavilion upgrade                        | 35 | <b>Walker Avenue</b><br>Road upgrade                            |
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| 12 | <b>Heatherdale Train Station</b><br>New multi-level carpark   | 37 | <b>Tarralla Kinder</b><br>Redevelopment                         |
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| 14 | <b>Vermont Girl Guides</b><br>New kitchen facilities          | 39 | <b>Sportlink</b><br>New undercover netball courts               |
| 15 | <b>1st Heatherdale Scouts</b><br>Renovated hall               | 40 | <b>Brentford Square</b><br>New security lighting and CCTV       |
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| 19 | <b>Pinchapoo</b><br>New work benches                          | 44 | <b>Vermont Cricket Club</b><br>New honour boards                |
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| 21 | <b>Brentwood Park Kinder</b><br>New outdoor play space        | 46 | <b>Vermont South Club</b><br>Clubroom upgrade                   |
| 22 | <b>Croydon North Kinder</b><br>New storage facilities         | 47 | <b>Glen Park Community Centre</b><br>New uniforms and furniture |
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| 24 | <b>Dorset Road</b><br>Major upgrade                           | 49 | <b>Ringwood Bowls Club</b><br>Updated equipment                 |
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| 52 | <b>Vermont Primary School</b><br>Hearing augmentation equipment      |
| 53 | <b>St John's Primary School</b><br>New furniture                     |
| 54 | <b>Sacred Heart Primary School</b><br>New IT equipment               |
| 55 | <b>Ringwood Heights Primary School</b><br>Refurbished netball courts |
| 56 | <b>Melba College</b><br>New outdoor equipment                        |
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| 58 | <b>Heathmont College</b><br>STEAM classroom                          |
| 59 | <b>Dorset Primary School</b><br>New air conditioning                 |
| 60 | <b>Croydon Hills Primary School</b><br>Upgraded Prep courtyard       |
| 61 | <b>Tinternvale Primary School</b><br>New playground                  |
| 62 | <b>Heathwood Cricket Club</b><br>Portable rollout cricket pitch      |
| 63 | <b>Rapid Relief Team</b><br>New refrigerator and equipment           |
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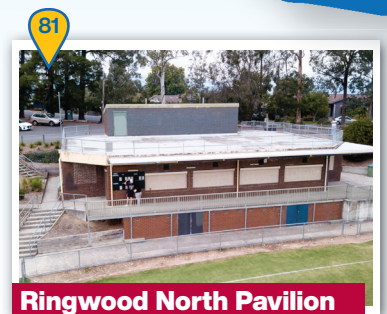
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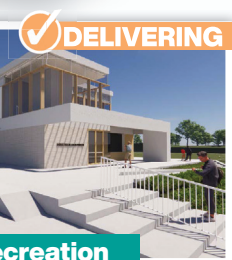
**Ringwood City Soccer**  
New Soccer Pitch



**Forest Hill FC Pavilion**  
Pavilion upgrade



**Ringwood North Pavilion**  
Pavilion upgrade



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New pavilion



**Heatherdale Reserve**  
New pavilion



**Ainslie Park**  
Pavilion upgrade



**Cheong Park**  
Pavilion upgrade



# Community Projects

## Ringwood City Soccer, Ringwood



I am proud to have committed \$2 million for the construction of a second pitch for the **Ringwood City Soccer Club**. The pitch will be located at Aquinas College, right next to the existing pitch and clubrooms. This will unite the club at one location and benefit students at Aquinas College.

## Cheong Park Pavilion, Croydon South



The Cheong Park redevelopment has commenced with upgraded change rooms, social spaces and outdoor covered viewing, this will provide **South Croydon Football Club** and **South Croydon Cricket Club** with the improved facilities that they deserve.

## Ainslie Park Pavilion, Croydon



The redevelopment of Ainslie Park Pavilion in Croydon is off to a great start. With \$500,000 of Federal Government support, this will be a new home for **Ainslie Park Cricket Club** and **East Ringwood Junior Football Club Inc.**

## Dorset Recreation Reserve, Croydon



The new pavilion at Dorset Recreation Reserve is progressing. This will be a first-class facility for our local community, particularly the **Croydon City Soccer Club**, and a number of local **Burmese community groups**.

## Eastfield Park, Croydon



The upgrade of Benson Oval at Eastfield Park in Croydon South is now complete. With \$1 million in Federal funding, these new facilities will be utilised by the **Eastfield Cricket Club**, **South Croydon Junior Football Club**, and the **Ringwood Highland Games**.

## Sportlink, Vermont South



Sportlink is set to undergo an \$8.07 million redevelopment that will include a new roof over the outdoor courts, upgraded court surfaces, LED lighting, and improved drainage. Works are expected to start mid-2022 and finish late 2022.



# Community Projects

## Ringwood North Reserve Pavilion

The **North Ringwood Cricket Club** and the **North Ringwood Junior Football Club** are set to benefit from a \$1 million commitment to kickstart an upgrade to the Ringwood North Pavilion. The old pavilion currently has no female friendly facilities, and this upgrade will prioritise remedying this issue.



## Forest Hill Reserve Pavilion



\$1 million has been committed to kick start the upgrade of the Forest Hill Reserve Pavilion. This much needed redevelopment will benefit the **Forest Hill Football Club** and **Forest Hill Cricket Club**.

## Ringwood East Reserve



The **Ringwood East Football Club** and the **Ringwood East Cricket Club** will benefit from a \$500,000 commitment to upgrade lighting at Ringwood East Reserve.



Work on the new Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion is underway. Having kick-started the project with a \$2 million commitment, I am pleased that this new facility will provide a new home for the **Heatherdale Cricket Club** and **Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club**.

## Vermont South Club



\$300,000 in Federal Government funding has been provided to **Vermont South Club** to extend and improve their facilities. Work is progressing with Whitehorse City Council on the scope, planning, and timing of the project.

## Croydon Park



\$500,000 has been committed to upgrade the lighting at Croydon Park which will benefit the **Croydon Football Club** and the **Croydon Cricket Club**.

## Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion, Mitcham







# Community Projects

## Silcock Reserve Pavilion, Croydon

The new home for the **Croydon Ranges Cricket Club**, **Croydon Ranges Football Club**, **Maroondah United FC**, **Croydon Ranges All Abilities**, and the **Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club** is complete.



✓ DELIVERED

## HE Parker Pavilion, Heathmont



✓ DELIVERED

After initiating this project in 2016 with a \$500,000 Federal Government grant, it is amazing to now see the new and unrivalled home of the **Heathmont Jets Football Club**, **Heathmont Cricket Club** and **SALT – Sport and Life Training**.

## Walker Park Pavilion, Mitcham



✓ DELIVERED

The new pavilion at Walker Park is complete. Supported by a \$400,000 Federal Government grant, this is an exciting new facility for the **Mitcham Cricket Club** and **Mitcham Football Club**.

## Morton Park, Blackburn



✓ DELIVERED

The new pavilion at Morton Park is now complete. I was proud to kick-off this project in 2016 with a \$500,000 Federal Government grant.

## Croydon Community Precinct



✓ DELIVERING

The Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct will be a new home for many local community groups, including **U3A Croydon** and **Maroondah Senior Citizens**. I was proud to support this project with a \$2 million investment from the Federal Government.

## Maroondah Nets, Heathmont



✓ DELIVERED

Having kicked-off this project with a \$10.5 million grant, this state-of-the-art stadium is an example of what we can achieve together as a community.

## Ringwood Hawks Basketball Scoreboard



✓ DELIVERED

The **Ringwood Hawks Basketball Association** has a new scoreboard which I supported with a grant from the Stronger Communities Programme. I checked out the scoreboard and had a chat with the Hawks about their preparations for the upcoming NBL1 season.



# Community Projects

## Scouts and Girl Guides

The Scouting movement has done a brilliant job for many years, fundraising to upkeep its own facilities. With ageing facilities, the Federal Government has supported Girl Guide and Scout groups with over \$1 million in funding to upgrade ten local Scout and Girl Guide halls.

### 3rd Heathmont Scouts



✓ DELIVERED

The 3rd Heathmont Scout Group hall at HE Parker Reserve has completed a full refurbishment that will further support Scouts in our local community. The hall is also home to Jamie's Academy of Dance who will have a much-improved space.

### 1st Maroondah Scouts



✓ DELIVERED

1st Maroondah Scouts in Ringwood North have completed renovations to their hall, which include a new accessible ramp, a major hall upgrade and new bathroom facilities.

### Mooroolbark Scout Hall



✓ DELIVERED

The improvements at 1st Mooroolbark Scout Hall are now complete and include disability amenity and access, as well as new bathrooms for all the groups that use the facility.

### 1st Heatherdale Scouts



✓ DELIVERED

### 3rd Croydon Scouts



✓ DELIVERED

Extensive works have been completed at the 3rd Croydon Scout Hall, including the addition of an access ramp, an accessible carpark, and a full redevelopment of the kitchen facilities.

### Vermont Girl Guides



✓ DELIVERED

The Vermont Girl Guide Hall upgrade is complete and the Guides are benefiting from an updated kitchen space, new bathroom flooring and a much improved storage space.

### 1st Vermont Scouts



✓ DELIVERED

1st Vermont Scouts have replaced flooring in their hall, upgraded external drainage that had caused damage to the original flooring, and updated the electrical switchboard thanks to funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant.





# Community Projects

## Supporting local Kinders

I am proud to have delivered over \$1 million in funding for a number of local kindergartens and preschools across the Deakin electorate.

### Brentwood Park Kinder, Croydon



The new Enchanted Garden at Brentwood Park Kinder is an inclusive play space, offering many different experiences that will be enjoyed by so many children for years to come.

### Pinemont Pre-School, Ringwood North



The Pinemont Pre-School has undergone an amazing transformation, with new playground areas including excavator equipment for the sand patch, a new boat, fairy and native bush play areas.

### Croydon North Kinder



Croydon North kinder now has new storage facilities that I supported with a grant from the Federal Government.

### Tarralla Kinder, Ringwood East



Tarralla Kindergarten has completed a major redevelopment. The upgraded kinder will now allow for 35 additional children, taking the total capacity to about 90 three and four-year-olds. This extra space, coupled with new storage areas, and a new external façade, is a wonderful and necessary improvement for our children.

### Lipscombe Park Kinder, Croydon



The Kitchen Garden project at Lipscombe Park is now open. The garden provides the opportunity for children to work with their hands, learning about growing food and encouraging sustainable practices.

### Eastmont Pre-School, Vermont



Eastmont Kinder are benefiting from new LED lights inside the kinder, new security lights and bollards outside, new acoustic panels in the kinder room, and new outdoor play equipment.





# Federal Budget 2022

## STRONG ECONOMY. STRONGER FUTURE.

The 2022 Budget delivers: cost of living relief now; a long-term economic plan that creates more jobs; record investments in essential services; stronger defence and national security. Our plan will deliver a strong economy and a stronger future.



### Supporting Home Ownership

In my role as Assistant Treasurer and Housing Minister I have supported home buyers with HomeBuilder, the First Home Super Saver Scheme and the Home Guarantee Scheme which have helped make the dream of home ownership a reality. Over the last year, 160,000 Australians purchased their first home. The Home Guarantee Scheme will now be more than doubled to 50,000 places per year. This helps:

- ✓ Single parents buy a home with a deposit as low as 2%.
- ✓ First home buyers buy a home with a deposit as low as 5%

### Cost of Living Relief



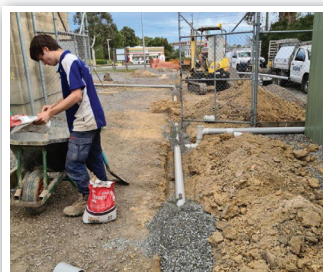
For six months, fuel excise will be cut in half, saving Australians 22 cents a litre. A one-off \$420 Cost of Living Tax Offset will help 10 million workers. A one-off \$250 Cost of Living Payment will be delivered to six million Australians, including pensioners, carers, veterans, job seekers, eligible self-funded retirees, and concession card holders.

### Supporting Small Business



Our Government has reduced tax rates from 30% to 25% and delivered record investment incentives like the expanded instant asset write-off. We are further encouraging small businesses that invest in skills and new technology.

### Investment in Skills and Education



Around 220,000 Australians are now in a trade apprenticeship – the highest number on record. To encourage more apprentices we are providing \$5,000 payments to new apprentices and up to \$15,000 in wage subsidies for employers.

### Better Health and Essential Services



Our Government has delivered record funding for schools, hospitals, Medicare, mental health, aged care, women's safety and disability support. Federal funding for hospitals has nearly doubled – from \$13.3 billion (in 2012-13) to \$25 billion (in 2021-22).

### Long Term Plan for Jobs



By backing small businesses, and investing in skills, manufacturing, infrastructure, energy and regional development, our plan will create more jobs.





# Out and About in Deakin



## 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.

### Fundraising hampers

I would be delighted to personally donate a hamper to assist your community group or school with fundraising in 2022.

### Australian flags

Students and Community Groups can request flags and flag packs from my office.

### Times tables charts

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

## 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 and now serve as the Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing.

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

