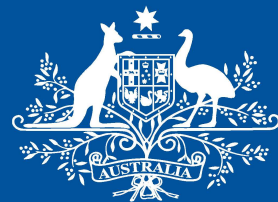


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AUTUMN 2024

# Deakin Community News



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# Michael's Message



## Dear Local Resident

With 2024 now well underway, the last few months have been a busy time in our community, with children back at school and so much happening at our local community groups and sporting clubs.

There have also been celebrations for important occasions including Australia Day celebrations in Whitehorse and Maroondah, where I was honoured to welcome our newest citizens and congratulate local Australia Day award winners. Celebrations have also taken place for Lunar New Year, Chin New Year and the holy week of Easter.

I know for many in our community this year will continue to be a challenging time, with cost-of-living pressures still being felt with higher interest rates and rents, as well as ever-increasing gas and electricity prices. In Parliament, I have continued to draw attention to these important issues as well as the Albanese Government's growing list of broken promises, bad decisions and wrong priorities.

As a shadow minister, I have also been working to highlight Labor's worsening housing crisis – driven by record levels of migration. With a record 900,000 immigrants in 18 months and record low numbers of new homes being built, the Albanese Government is just making it harder for Australians renting or trying to buy a home.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or my office.

**The Hon Michael Sukkar MP**  
**Federal Member for Deakin**  
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# Our Local Community



## Australia Day Ceremonies

I enjoyed meeting this year's Australia Day award winners as well as our newest citizens in **Whitehorse** and **Maroondah** on this important day of celebration.

## Deakin Christmas Giving Tree 2023

I had the honour of delivering last year's donations from the Deakin Christmas Giving Tree to the **Eastern Emergency Relief Network**. I want to thank everyone in our local community who generously donated to the appeal. The **Eastern Emergency Relief Network** made very good use of all the donations, brightening the Christmas of many families in our local community.



## Deakin Shield Awards

Congratulations to all of our **2023 Deakin Shield Award** recipients! With nearly 50 local schools participating in the Deakin Shield again last year, it's always a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students. I want to particularly thank **Eastland** for generously sponsoring the Deakin Shield again this year and demonstrating their support for our local school students.







# Our Local Community



**Pink Stumps Day**

It was wonderful to be at the **Heatherdale Cricket Club** Pink Stumps Day fundraiser. It's always a huge event on the club's calendar and we were all grateful to hear a very powerful and personal message from Lauren on the importance of Breast Care Nurses.



**Ringwood Golf Club**

I recently visited the **Ringwood Golf Club** and enjoyed spending time with its members.



**Ringwood Central Tennis Club**

Thanks to the team at **Ringwood Central Tennis Club** for having me and the boys at their recent Open Day.



**Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association**

Thank you to the **Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association** for another great season of cricket. I enjoyed catching up with some of the leaders from our local Whitehorse based clubs at the Kookaburra Ray McIntosh Top-Grade Grand Final.



**Vermont Lions Club**

Congratulations to the **Vermont Lions Club** on celebrating their 50th Charter Anniversary. The club has contributed an enormous amount to our local community over that period and continue to do so.



**Ringwood East Community Market**

The **Ringwood East Community Market** is back and better than ever! On a recent visit I also got a chance to catch up with **Ringwood East Ladies Probus Club** at their stall.



**Chin National Day**

Our community held a number of celebrations for this year's **Chin National Day**, including a wonderful festival in Croydon which I attended.

**Queen's Guide Award**

Congratulations to Mimi and Abby on their **Queen's Guide Award** Presentation. I was really honoured to join them in celebrating this impressive milestone.



A big thank you to the **Kilsyth South Baptist Church** for hosting a wonderful community carols event last December.



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## St James Netball Club



I was pleased to provide a grant to the **St James Netball Club** for new training equipment, including new training balls for the club.

## Ringwood Ballet Group



I met with some of the performers from the **Ringwood Ballet Group** for their recent community matinee performance of Divertimento and the Enchanted Tapestry.

## Vermont South Special School 50th Anniversary



**Vermont South Special School** recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Many thanks to the dedicated teachers and parents, both past and present, for creating such an outstanding school.



## Norwood Cricket Club

I caught up with some of the team at the **Norwood Cricket Club** at their recent sponsor's function.

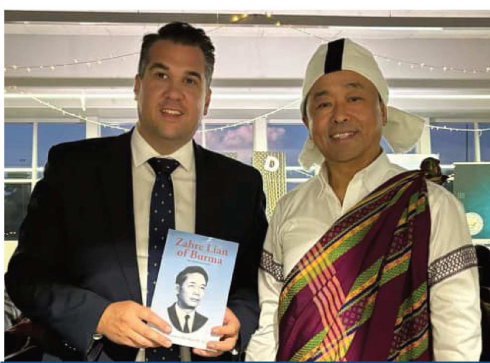


## East Ringwood Cricket Club

It's been a big season of cricket and I recently dropped into the **East Ringwood Cricket Club**.

## Aquinas College Awards

Congratulations to all the students from **Aquinas College** who were recognised at their recent awards evening. It's always wonderful to get back to my old school to celebrate student excellence.



## Chin Community of Victoria

Thanks to the **Chin Community Victoria** for inviting me to join their Chin National Day celebrations.



## Croydon Men's Shed

Here I am with the **Croydon Men's Shed** for their Christmas celebrations.



## North Ringwood Cricket Club

I enjoyed catching up with the **North Ringwood Cricket Club** who have enjoyed another successful season.





# Our Local Community



## MENA Deakin Junior Club Twilight Tournament

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's **Melbourne East Netball Association Deakin Junior Club Twilight Tournament**. The day was a huge success, with more than 600 junior netballers from over 60 teams all having a wonderful time.



## McHappy Day

Thanks to the energetic team at **McDonald's Vermont South** for having me down to do a shift for McHappy Day where we were raising funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities.



## Warranwood Cricket Club



I caught up with the life members of the **Warranwood Cricket Club** who recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the merger between the **Sth Ringwood** and **Parkwood Cricket Clubs**.



## International Women's Day

It was wonderful to join the 2024 **Maroondah City Council** International Women's Day breakfast.



## Vermont Football Club

It was great to join the **Vermont Football Club** for their 2024 Season Launch, where I also got a chance to catch up with some of the **Vermont Netball Club** leaders for the year ahead.

## Deakin Challenge Cup



It was great to kick off the annual **Deakin Challenge Cup**, a competition between the bowls clubs in the Deakin electorate. After initiating this competition a few years ago it's turned into a much-loved annual event. Thanks to the **Heatherdale Bowls Club** for hosting this year and to all clubs participating.

## 2024 Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable Series

The 2024 **Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable** series commenced recently with student leaders from secondary schools throughout the electorate. As always it was great for me to connect with our local school leaders and to hear their perspectives.







# Our Local Community



Just For Kicks Football Clinics

It was great to drop into **Ringwood City Soccer Club** to catch up with my good friend Yiannis from **Just For Kicks Football Clinics**, who runs a phenomenal soccer program for local 5-12 year olds.



Asian Business Association of Whitehorse

It was wonderful to join the **Asian Business Association of Whitehorse** for their annual gala dinner.



St John's Parish Community Fete

The boys joined me at the **St John's Parish Mitcham Community Fete** where we enjoyed the wonderful performances from the students at **St John's Primary School** and **St James Primary School**.



Mitcham Cricket Club

The **Mitcham Cricket Club** recently hosted a thrilling and entertaining T20 match which I was fortunate to attend.



Ringwood Bowls Club

It was great to join the hard-working team at the **Ringwood Bowls Club** at their 'Give Bowls a Go' day.



Clean Up Australia Day

It was great to see another huge turnout to the annual **Heatherdale Creek Parklands Clean Up Australia Day** event. I want to thank the **Heatherdale Creek Parklands Advisory Committee**, **1st Heatherdale Scout Group** and **Heatherdale Tennis Club** for helping make it such a success. I also want to thank everybody who helped out at any of the Clean Up Australia Day events throughout our local area.



Our Newest Australian Citizens

I am always honoured to welcome our newest Australians at local citizenship ceremonies.





# Our Local Community



## Women of Whitehorse Business and Social Network

Thank you to Jennifer Brosnan and members of the **Women of Whitehorse Business and Social Network** for joining my colleague and Deputy Liberal Leader, Sussan Ley, and I for breakfast in Forest Hill. We are grateful to have received so much feedback on the common challenges for women and some practical ideas for policy.

## Croydon City Soccer Club

It was great to drop into the **Croydon City Soccer Club** and to see the huge number of young soccer players utilising the **Dorset Recreation Reserve**. I am proud to have kick-started this first class facility for our community.



## Ringwood Little Athletics Centre

I recently visited the **Ringwood Little Athletics Centre** for their Centre Games, where I assisted with handing out medals to our junior athletes.



## Melbourne East Netball Association



I enjoyed seeing some of the great matches at the **Melbourne East Netball Association** Grand Final day. Congratulations to all of the finalists and premiers, including the **Park Orchards Netball Club** under 15 section 1 winners, who I presented medals to.

## Lunar New Year 2024

I attended a number of Lunar New Year celebrations, including with the **Asian Business Association of Whitehorse** at their outstanding festival in Box Hill.







# Community Projects



**Ringwood Station Carpark, Ringwood**

Work has commenced on the new multi-level carpark for **Ringwood Station**. I am proud to have kick-started and fought for this much needed infrastructure for our community. While Labor has repeatedly tried to cancel the project, your community support and persistence has paid off. As we all know, it's virtually impossible to get a car park at Ringwood in the morning, so these 340 new spaces will triple the overall carparks at the station.



**Warranwood Primary School, Warranwood**

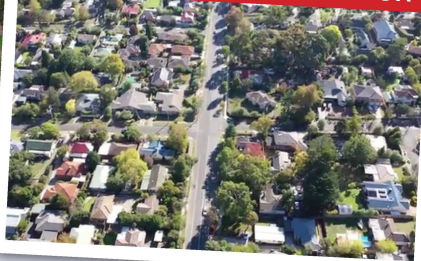
It was great to visit **Warranwood Primary School** to see how the installation of their new playground equipment is going. I'm really pleased to have worked with Principal Shane Harrop and the Warranwood school community to deliver funding for this project.

## Labor's Cuts

### TORTICE DRIVE - CUT BY LABOR



### DORSET ROAD - CUT BY LABOR



Labor have made the shocking decision to cancel funding for the **Tortice Drive** and **Warrandyte Road** intersection upgrade in Ringwood North, a project that I fought hard to secure \$4.5 million for. This decision was made in stealth, with no information provided to the local community.

This comes on top of their earlier decision to cut \$50 million for the much-needed upgrade of **Dorset Road in Croydon**.

Labor have chosen to ignore our community in favour of funnelling this money to their pet projects.





# Canberra Update

## Labor's Housing Crisis

As the Shadow Minister for Housing, I have continued to speak about the worsening situation for Australia's housing market in 2024.

First-home buyers are at their lowest levels in over a decade and new house approvals are at 20-year lows. Further analysis has recently revealed that the record low number of homes being built is dropping even further. At the same time, Labor still plans to bring 1.5 million migrants to Australia over the next five years.



## NDIS Leaders Conference

I was pleased to have the opportunity to address the National Disability Services Executive Leaders Conference at Parliament House in Canberra and to discuss their concerns with how the NDIS is currently operating.

Recent figures show that permanent and long-term overseas arrivals are outpacing the construction of new homes at a rate of almost four to one. Between July 2022 and December 2023, there were 902,200 net arrivals, with only 265,000 building completions.

This imbalance has led to a median rise in rental costs over that period of 26 per cent. This all means that Labor's housing crisis is going to keep getting worse, not better.

## Cost Of Living

After nearly two years of the Albanese Labor Government, households across Australia continue to bear the brunt of a cost of living crisis.

Before the last election, Anthony Albanese promised – on 97 occasions – to reduce electricity prices by \$275 per year. Since the election, he has refused to repeat that promise.

New data recently confirmed that this promise has been broken, with prices now having increased by \$830 since 2022, with Australians paying some of the most expensive electricity prices in the world.

This comes on top of Anthony Albanese's broken promise to deliver 'cheaper mortgages'.

I have continued to speak out in Parliament about Labor's broken promises in these areas and the impact this is having on our community.







# MICHAEL SUKKAR MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR DEAKIN



# 30 SECOND SURVEY

## The issues

Please number the four issues that concern you most.

- ☐ Keeping taxes low
- ☐ Keeping our borders strong and secure
- ☐ Better hospitals and health outcomes
- ☐ Investing in better education, skills, training opportunities
- ☐ Building better and safer roads
- ☐ More secure jobs with higher wages
- ☐ Tackling climate change
- ☐ Helping small businesses get ahead
- ☐ Reducing cost-of-living pressures for families
- ☐ Tackling local crime and drugs
- ☐ Affordable and reliable electricity
- ☐ Supporting older Australians and Aged Care
- ☐ More affordable housing

## The issues

If you could raise one issue in the Federal Parliament, what would it be?

## The issues

If you could fix one problem in our local area, what would it be?

## About Politics

Please select one of the following options: (optional)

I ALWAYS support the following party

- ☐ Liberal ☐ Labor ☐ Greens ☐ Independent/Other

OR I USUALLY support the following party

- ☐ Liberal ☐ Labor ☐ Greens ☐ Independent/Other

## Your details

Please complete the following details so that I can stay in touch and keep you informed.

Name

Address

Home phone

Mobile phone

Email

## Your work

Please select the option which best reflects your current situation:

- ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Self-employed  
☐ At home parent ☐ Unemployed ☐ Student  
☐ Age pensioner ☐ Disability pensioner ☐ Self-funded retiree

Your Occupation



**Thank you for completing this survey.**

Simply take a photo and email your completed survey to:  
**Michael.Sukkar.MP@aph.gov.au**

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code to complete the survey online.





# Out and about in Deakin



## Community Noticeboard

### Congratulatory messages

My office can help organise congratulatory messages from the King, 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 2024.

### Australian flags

Exchange 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, serving as a Minister in the former Coalition Government. I am now honoured to be the Shadow Minister for Social Services, NDIS, Housing and Homelessness.

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 continuing to make a real difference to the lives of people living in Deakin.

