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Deakin Community News



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Michael's Message



Dear Local Resident

Welcome to the latest edition of the Deakin Community News.

With Christmas fast approaching, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for this special time of year. After another busy year I hope that you get an opportunity to unwind and spend some time with friends and family.

Sadly, for many Australians this will be a very challenging time as the cost of living and financial pressure on household budgets keeps getting worse.

12 interest rate rises combined with higher fuel prices, more expensive groceries and higher gas and electricity prices are making things tough for many Australians. This is despite promises from the government before the election to deliver 'cheaper mortgages' and to reduce power prices by \$275 a year.

Here in Deakin, I've continued to devote as much time as possible getting around our community, enjoying time together but most importantly, to hear directly from you on the important issues and challenges locals face each day.

I've also continued to deliver the local projects for our community that were commenced by the former Coalition government. Projects that were near completion at the last election have been progressively completed. But a range of other local projects have either been cancelled by Labor or are still being threatened with cancellation. I am continuing to fight Labor to deliver these projects that were promised for our community, and which are much needed.

I hope you find the enclosed newsletter informative. And 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.

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Our Local Community



Whitehorse Community Dinner



It was great to catch up with so many of our local community leaders at this year's **City of Whitehorse** community dinner.

Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club

It was wonderful to join the **Heathmont Jets Football Club** Family Night to recognise some of the brilliant club volunteers and junior footballers.



Melba College

It's been an honour to have worked closely with **Melba College** since its creation, so it was wonderful to join in the 10-year celebrations with students and staff.

Glen Park Community Centre



I recently visited the **Glen Park Community Centre** to check out the new kitchen equipment for Glen Park's emergency relief and cooking programme, which was purchased through a grant I was very pleased to support.

Maroondah Festival

It was great to catch up with some fantastic community volunteers and other locals at this year's **Maroondah Festival**.



Local Manufacturing



I had the opportunity to show my colleague and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party Sussan Ley MP, some of the manufacturing taking place right here in our local area. **PACCAR** manufacture over 20 Kenworth and DAF trucks a day, rolling off the factory floor right here in Bayswater North.



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North Ringwood Football Club

I was thrilled to visit the **North Ringwood Football Club** with our new local **State Member for Warrandyte, Nicole Werner** for a great match day event.



Chin Community of Victoria and Zomi Community

It was great to be with the **Chin Community Victoria** and **Zomi Community** for their cultural exchange event.



Croydon Ranges Hockey Club

I caught up with the hard-working committee from the **Croydon Ranges Hockey Club** for one of their teams' recent matches.

Our Newest Australian Citizens

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



Burmese Community Fundraiser



I was pleased to be able to support our local Burmese community in raising funds for the displaced people of Myanmar.

Heatherdale Scout Group



It was great to catch up with some of the dedicated leaders from the **1st Heatherdale Scout Group**.

Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse



It was wonderful to hear from **Katy Evans**, President of **Neighbourhood Watch Whitehorse**, about their work in our local community and the need for more volunteers.

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Ringwood Spiders All-Abilities Sports Club



Congratulations to Paul House, President of the **Ringwood Spiders All-Abilities Sports Club**, on receiving a Life Membership at their recent Presentation Night.

Local Footy Finals



I really enjoyed working on the BBQ with some of the hardworking volunteers of the **Ringwood Football & Netball Club** who hosted this year's Division 3 EFNL Grand Final at Jubilee Park.

Ringwood Croquet Club



I joined the team from the **Ringwood Croquet Club** for their season opener.

Tintern Grammar Presentation Ball



Congratulations to **Tintern Grammar** on a very successful Presentation Ball again this year. All of the Presentees danced superbly and made their families proud.

Chin Championship Cup

It was an honour to open the annual **Australia Chin Community Chin Championship Cup** at Dorset Recreation Reserve.



Ringwood City Soccer Club

I visited the **Ringwood City Soccer Club** to join in with some of the Mini-Roos presentations following a very successful season.



Mitcham Football Club



It was great to get along to see **Mitcham Football Club** defeat Sth Belgrave in the Division 1 Grand Final.



Vermont South Bowling Club

Here I am with the **Vermont South Bowling Club** who kindly invited Leo to have the official first bowl of the season!

Planetshakers Church

Thanks to all the team at **Planetshakers Church East** for having me visit and a special thank you to Vonnie Hughes and Pastor Neil Smith for all the work they do for our community including through the **Empower Food Relief Centre**.



Our Local Community

Student Leadership Roundtable

Many thanks to Dave Burt from **SALT - Sport and Life Training** for being our guest speaker at the latest **Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable**. I know his insights into leadership and purpose were highly valued by our student leaders.



Yarra Valley Grammar



It was wonderful to join **Yarra Valley Grammar** for their new junior school building opening.

Women's Cricket



It was fantastic to be able to host the Women's BBL Cricket at Jubilee Park in Ringwood, with the **Melbourne Stars** taking on the **Sydney Sixers**.

Chinese Christian Church of Victoria

I enjoyed visiting the **Chinese Christian Church of Victoria** for a Sunday service.

Future Problem Solvers

It was great to meet Emily, Seb and Jake from **Parkmore Primary School**, who have founded an initiative to reduce soft plastics in our community. In recognition of this, they were invited by Future Problem Solving Australia to the National Finals in Brisbane, the youngest team ever invited.

Ringwood Football & Netball Club



Congratulations to all of the award winners and volunteers recognised at the **Ringwood Football & Netball Club** Presentation Night.

Winter Shelter



I enjoyed attending a thank you dinner for all the dedicated volunteers from **Winter Shelter**, who generously support and give their time to make this brilliant local program happen.

Holy Spirit Community Fete



Here with some of the hardest working volunteers you'll ever find at the **Holy Spirit Community Fete**.

Maroondah District Scouts

I attended the **Maroondah District Scouts** 2023 Annual Report & Presentation Meeting, covering another successful year with many worthy volunteers recognised for their efforts.





Our Local Community

Holy Name Anglican Church



It's always great visiting the **Holy Name Anglican Church** in Vermont South for their annual fete.

Ringwood Swimming Club



I recently visited Aquanation to catch up with some of the brilliant swimmers from the **Ringwood Swimming Club**. I'm proud to have sponsored their Long Course Meet which is a very important occasion for the club.

Whitehorse Spring Festival



I enjoyed catching up with so many local community groups and volunteers at this year's **Whitehorse Spring Festival**.

Maroondah Business Excellence Awards

It was wonderful to celebrate our local businesses at the **2023 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards**. Congratulations to all the award winners.



Chin Harvest Festival

It was great to celebrate this year's **Chin Harvest Festival** with the **Chin Community Victoria**.



3133 Playgroup

It was wonderful to join the **3133 Playgroup** for their **Spring Bazaar** at the **Vermont South Neighbourhood House**.



Asian Business Association



It was wonderful to join the **Asian Business Association of Whitehorse** for their Mid-Autumn Festival.

Whitehorse Business Group Excellence in Business Awards

Congratulations to all of the local businesses in Whitehorse who were recognised at this year's Excellence in Business Awards.



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2024 Lunar New Year Media Launch

I was pleased to join the **Asian Business Association of Whitehorse** for its 2024 Lunar New Year Media Launch. Next year's festival proves to be even bigger and better than ever.



ANCA & Total Precision



I recently visited two great local manufacturing success stories, **ANCA** and **Total Precision**, in Bayswater North.

Italian Senior Citizens' Club of Croydon



I enjoyed having morning tea and catching up with members of the **Croydon Italian Senior Citizens' Club**.



Rotary Club of Nunawading

I enjoyed helping out with the **Rotary Club of Nunawading's** fundraising efforts for local projects at a recent Bunnings BBQ.



Discovery Childcare and Education Croydon

Thanks to Tamarra and Tegan from **Discovery Childcare and Education Croydon** for inviting me to their wonderful centre for Early Learning Matters week.



Remembrance Day

Many thanks to the **Ringwood RSL** for hosting a very fitting Remembrance Day service, where we commemorated the remarkable sacrifices made by everyday people who serve our nation.

As always, it was great to see some of our local schools represented, including leaders from **Aquinas College**, **Ringwood Secondary College** and **Kalinda Primary School**.



North Ringwood Tennis Club

It was great to spend some time at the **North Ringwood Tennis Club** at their recent State Grade Super round.



1st Tally Ho Scout Group

It was great to visit the team from the **1st Tally Ho Scout Group** in Forest Hill for one of their recent meetings.

Blackburn Dad's Footy Match

While many were focused on this year's AFL Finals Series, all of Blackburn stopped for the inaugural **St Thomas The Apostle v Blackburn Lake Primary School Dad's** game. St Thomas came away with the win and we're already looking forward to next year's rematch.



Community Projects

Scout Hall Upgrades



A few years ago, I initiated a local program, funded by the former Coalition Government, to upgrade our scout and guides halls, to enable parents and leaders to focus more time on the kids and less time on costly maintenance.

As part of this, I was recently able to visit the **7th Ringwood Scout Group** in Ringwood North and the **1st Croydon Hills Scout Group** in Croydon North to check out the progress on their major hall upgrades including new kitchens, bathrooms, roofing and drainage. Thanks again to **Maroondah City Council** for partnering on these important initiatives for our community.

Marlborough Primary School, Heathmont



It was great visiting **Marlborough Primary School** to check out the new junior playground, which I was pleased to support with a community grant. Congratulations to the school council and parents of Marlborough for bringing this idea to me and making it happen. Many thanks also to the **Rotary Club of Maroondah** for facilitating the project and in particular, Andrew Brownlie from Rotary for assisting so significantly in making this a reality.

Croydon Park Lighting



The new lights have been officially turned on at **Croydon Park**. I'm proud to have worked with **Croydon Football and Netball Club**, **Croydon Cricket Club** and **Maroondah City Council** to make this a reality. With the lights being 200 Lux it's exciting to have the opportunity for night matches next footy season.

Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct, Croydon

It was fantastic to formally open the first stage of the **Croydon Community Wellbeing precinct**, called 'Hub B'. I'm proud to have supported this worthy project with a \$2 million grant from the former Coalition Government. It was also great to catch up with some of the local community groups who are putting this new facility to good use including, **Croydon U3A**, **Croydon Senior Citizens' Centre**, **Maroondah Community Assist** and **Meals on Wheels**.





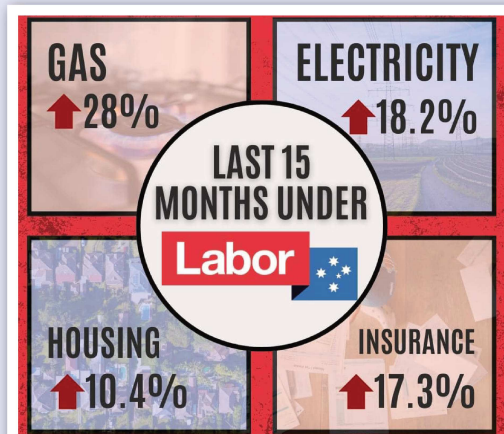
Canberra Update

Cost Of Living

After a year and a half of the Albanese government, Australian households continue to bear the brunt of a cost of living crisis that continues to get worse and worse, not better.

Despite promises before the election to deliver 'cheaper mortgages', 12 interest rate rises now mean a family with a \$750,000 mortgage is paying \$22,000 a year more on their mortgage.

And despite the promise of a \$275 annual reduction on power bills, gas and electricity prices continue to grow, making life harder not only for households but also for small businesses, leading to higher inflation across the economy.



While the government has been focussed on other issues - like the Voice referendum - life has been getting harder for Australian families, with new OECD data showing Australia experiencing the worst collapse of real household income in the developed world.

In Parliament, I have continued to speak out about Labor's broken promises in these areas and will continue to hold them to account on your behalf.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Australia records biggest income decline in the developed world

Australian households have suffered the largest fall in living standards of any advanced economy over the past year as high inflation, a rapid increase in mortgage repayments and rising income taxes ravage household budgets.

First Home Buyers

As the Shadow Minister for Housing, I have recommitted that the Coalition will allow first home buyers to access a portion of their own superannuation to help with the deposit hurdle when purchasing a new home.

It will mean Australians can buy their first home sooner by slashing the time taken to save a deposit by three years, on average.

Invest \$50,000 or up to 40% of your super for a first home deposit



Local Infrastructure Cuts

The Albanese government continues to threaten to cut funding for important local road projects, including the upgrade of additional lanes on Canterbury Road and the Tortice Drive and Warrandyte Road intersection upgrade.

This is in addition to Labor's cancellation of the \$50 million Dorset Road upgrade and the Heatherdale Station Carpark.

Petitions are available on my website at michaelsukkar.com.au where you can add your voice in support of these and other important projects.





MICHAEL SUKKAR MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR DEAKIN



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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



Christmas Giving Tree

I am again asking local residents, community groups and businesses to support the **Deakin Christmas Giving Tree** by donating non-perishable food items including Christmas puddings and cakes, along with vouchers, children's toys and other essentials such as new clothing, blankets and toiletries. This year the Deakin Christmas Giving Tree will provide much-needed support to local families through the **Eastern Emergency Relief Network**. Donations can be dropped off at my office in Mitcham or the **Bendigo Bank Ringwood East** until Thursday, 21 December 2023.



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.

