

# Deakin Community News



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# Michael's Message



## Dear Local Resident

Having endured a fourth state-wide lockdown, I know times have been tough for so many people in our local area including families, local businesses, and community organisations. Once again, we have shown that by supporting our friends and family and doing what's required of us, we know how to get through these difficult times. The Morrison Government will continue to stand by Victorians and has provided temporary disaster payments for those most effected by the recent lockdowns.

Importantly, the Government's vaccine program continues to gather pace with more than 10 million doses administered. Getting vaccinated is critical - it represents the best opportunity we have to help bring an end to this pandemic. To find out if you're eligible, please visit [australia.gov.au](https://australia.gov.au).

As Assistant Treasurer I am pleased to report that our economy is continuing to strengthen and recover; with more Australians in work now than prior to COVID-19, with the unemployment rate remarkably falling to 5.1%. Ahead of any major advanced economy, Australia's economy has now grown larger than it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, confirming our economic plan is working.

As Minister for Housing I am continuing to lead the Morrison Government's support for first home buyers and Australians looking to get back into home ownership. Building on the success of the HomeBuilder Program, we have extended the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme and also established the Family Home Guarantee for single parents, helping first home buyers and single parents into a home with deposits of as little as 5% and 2% respectively.

At a local level, our projects have continued to progress even with the Covid-19 lockdowns, including the construction of multi-level train station carparks and upgrades to numerous community facilities such as sporting pavilions, scout halls, schools, and kindergartens.

As we continue to look to better days ahead, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office if I can be of help to you or your family in any way.

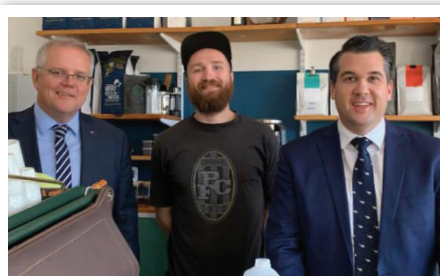
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Prime Minister visits Never Regular Cafe



Maroondah Citizenship



The Treasury Ministers Team preparing for the Federal Budget

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# Our Local Community

## Maroondah Cobras



The Maroondah Cobras held their official launch as part of Maroondah Volleyball's participation in the state league competition.

## Maroondah United Football Club



Congratulations to Maroondah United FC on a great season launch. With a huge number of teams this year, this achievement is a testament to the many contributors and volunteer spirit of the Club.

## PACCAR



The Prime Minister and I visited PACCAR, who manufacture the iconic Kenworth Australia trucks. It was great to see first-hand how the Morrison Government is supporting businesses to create jobs, and to meet the workers whose efforts are helping to secure our economic recovery.

## 100th Birthday



Betty Morley moved to East Ringwood in 1949 with her husband and has remained a local ever since. It was an honour to wish Betty a happy birthday on behalf of our whole community.

## Deakin Shield - Vermont Secondary College



Vermont Secondary College students, Alison, John, Kara and Spencer, were presented with their Deakin Shield leadership awards. Covid-19 delayed the presentation, so it was wonderful to have the alumni return to the College to receive their awards.

## New Citizens



Maroondah City Council hosted a citizenship ceremony where I proudly welcomed our newest Australian citizens.





# Community Projects



## Dorset Recreation Reserve, Croydon

Artist Impression



✓ DELIVERING

The official turning of the sod took place at Dorset Recreation Reserve. Supported by a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government, the new pavilion will be a first class facility and the new home for the Croydon City Soccer Club and the local Burmese Australian Community, including: the Australia Chin Community, Chin Community Victoria, ZO Community Australia, Zomi Association Australia, Eastern Karen Community Association of Victoria and the Melbourne Mizo Association.

## Hughes Park, Croydon North



✓ DELIVERED

The Australian Chin Community is making good use of the resurfaced courts at Hughes Park. These courts are used for both volleyball and futsal.

## Eastmont Pre-School, Vermont



✓ DELIVERED

Eastmont Pre-School in Vermont has recently completed upgrades that were funded by an \$80,000 grant from the Morrison Government. The project included repairs to the roof, new LED lights inside the kinder, new outdoor security lights and bollards, new acoustic panels in the kinder room, and new outdoor play equipment.

## 3rd Croydon Scout Hall



✓ 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 re-development of the toilet facilities.





### Croydon Station Carpark



✓ DELIVERING

Works are well underway on the Croydon Station multi-level carpark. Thanks to a \$15 million commitment from the Federal Government, this new facility will provide additional and much needed commuter carparking, improved pedestrian access, and amenity to the area. Construction is set to be completed in October this year.



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### Gracedale Park Tennis, Ringwood East



✓ DELIVERED

The newly upgraded lights at Gracedale Park Tennis Club are officially installed and operational.

### HE Parker Pavilion, Heathmont



✓ DELIVERED

HE Parker Pavilion is officially open. The state-of-the-art pavilion is an amazing new home for the Heathmont Jets Football Netball Club, Heathmont Cricket Club, and SALT (Sport and Life Training).

### Silcock Reserve, Croydon



✓ DELIVERED

The new Silcock Reserve Pavilion is officially open. A first class facility and new home for the Croydon Ranges Cricket Club, Croydon Ranges Football Club, Maroondah United FC, and Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club.

### Ringwood Saints Baseball Club



✓ DELIVERED

Ringwood Saints Baseball Club now has new fencing that will improve player safety. With the support of the Federal Government, in conjunction with Maroondah City Council, the fence has been realigned, improving safety and keeping the baseballs from leaving play.

### Sacred Heart Primary School, Croydon



✓ DELIVERED

Year 3 & 4 students are benefiting from new Chrome Books thanks to a Federal Government Grant, which has given students increased access to devices to enhance their learning experience.



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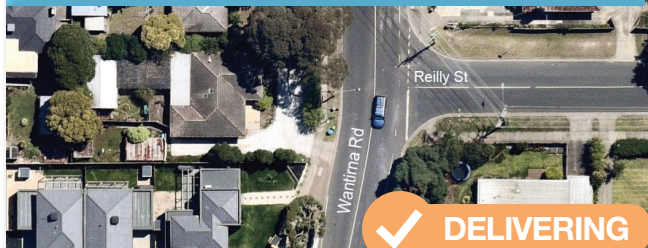
## Melba College Climbing Equipment, Croydon



✓ DELIVERED

The Year 7 climbing equipment project at Melba College is now complete. Supported by a Federal Government Grant, this project will encourage more students to be active during break times.

## Reilly / Wantirna Intersection, Ringwood



✓ DELIVERING

\$3 million of Federal funding has been allocated to the upgrade of the Wantirna Rd / Reilly St intersection in Ringwood. With the installation of traffic lights, a widening of Wantirna Rd, a dedicated right turn lane into Reilly St and better pedestrian crossings, traffic flow and safety will be significantly improved at this very busy intersection. The project is set to be completed by November this year.

## Eastfield Park, Croydon



✓ DELIVERED

Maroondah City Council's Bushland Team have eradicated blackberries, honey suckle, bridle creeper and other weeds from Eastfield Park. This project was supported by the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program.

## HE Parker Reserve - Weed control, Heathmont



✓ DELIVERED

Goats are taking care of weed control at HE Parker Reserve. As part of the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program, Heathmont Bushcare have undertaken an environmental weed control project along Heathmont Railway line.

## Heatherdale Pavilion, Mitcham



✓ DELIVERING

Supported by a \$2 million grant from the Morrison Government, it's great to hear that this project has been given the green light and included in the 2021/22 Whitehorse City Council draft budget. The pavilion will make a great home for the Heatherdale Cricket Club, Heatherdale Juniors Cricket Club and Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club, who have all worked so hard to make this happen.



# Canberra Update



## Securing Australia's Recovery

Thanks to the Morrison Government's decisive early action, our economic recovery has been the envy of the world. Already, Australia has over 74,000 more people in jobs than we had before the pandemic. The 2021 Budget is about locking in these gains through creating more jobs and guaranteeing the essential services we rely on. Under our plan, the unemployment rate is forecast to fall below 5 per cent by next year.

## Extended Tax Cuts



Personal income tax relief will provide further support for individuals and households. 10 million low and middle-income earners will receive tax relief worth up to \$1,080 for individuals or \$2,160 for couples.

## Business Tax Incentives



The Morrison Government has extended the instant asset write-off for a further year, boosting investment and raising the productive capacity of the economy. This measure is expected to create approximately 60,000 jobs by the end of 2022-23 by encouraging Australian businesses to invest in the assets and equipment they need, helping to spur growth.



## Encouraging Home Ownership

As the Minister for Housing, I've put forward several initiatives in the Budget to help support and boost home ownership. This includes extending the New Home Guarantee, which provides support for first home buyers seeking to build a new home

by enabling them to do so with a deposit of as little as 5 per cent. I've also established the Family Home Guarantee, which will provide 10,000 guarantees for single parents with dependent children to help them purchase a home sooner, with a deposit of as little as 2 per cent.

## Reducing the cost of childcare



A \$1.7 billion investment in child care to cut the cost of living for around 250,000 families who will be better off by an average of \$2,200 per year.

## Seniors - Aged Care

The Morrison Government is providing record funding for aged care; \$17.7 billion will deliver generational change with improved quality care and increased viability in the sector, with services respecting the needs and choices of the senior Australians, who built our nation. They are our parents and grandparents, our founders and protectors, and they have contributed so much to Australian communities. It is our duty and responsibility to give every Australian the care they need in their later years.







# Out and about in Deakin



Eastwood Primary



Dorset Golf Club



Burma Democracy Support Group



Mullum Primary School



Ringwood Football and  
Netball Club



Ringwood RSL ANZAC DAY



Mitcham Football Club  
President's Lunch

## 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 2021.

### 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.

