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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.

Over the past few months as I've travelled around our community, it's clear that ongoing cost-of-living pressures are making life harder for many.

Before the last election, Labor promised to cut power prices by \$275 and deliver 'cheaper mortgages'. Instead, with higher interest rates, increasing energy bills and grocery prices, these broken promises mean the pressure on households and families continues to worsen.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, here in Deakin, our community has been as active as ever and I've continued to spend as much time as possible getting around our community and catching up with as many local community groups as possible.

A particular highlight for me was the annual Deakin Community Awards, held each year to recognise the local individuals and groups who selflessly serve our community. As always, the range of volunteer award winners was both impressive and inspiring.

Congratulations also to the Deakin locals who were acknowledged in the 2024 King's Birthday Honours.

I've also continued to work on delivering the local projects commenced by the former Coalition Government, while also advocating for the range of local projects that have unfortunately been cancelled by Labor.

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

Anzac Day Football



The annual Anzac Day match between **Blackburn** and **South Croydon** football clubs has become a highlight of the EFNL fixture. It made the day even more memorable to hear from guest speaker Major Brandon Coghill, a local boy who joined the Australian Army at 17.

Croydon City Soccer Club



It was wonderful to visit the **Croydon City Soccer Club** for their women's soccer celebration.

Norwood Junior Football Club



Congratulations to Brad who recently became the newest Life Member of the **Norwood Junior Football Club**. It was great to join the club for this well-deserved recognition.



U3A Ringwood

It was a pleasure catching up with members of **U3A Ringwood**, including its very hard-working committee.

Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable

Another session of the **Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable** recently took place with our impressive school leaders where SALT - Sport and Life Training presented on the ways students can display strong leadership in their school roles and community.



Local Footy

I caught up with Anthony and Robyn, the extremely dedicated President and Secretary of the **Croydon Football and Netball Club**.



National Volunteer Week

This National Volunteer Week I dropped into **Vinnies** in **Croydon** to thank the staff and volunteers for all their hard work.



Sharing Hope

Thanks to the team at **Sharing Hope** in **Croydon Hills** for another wonderful business breakfast, raising funds for their important work supporting Karen refugees internally displaced in Burma.



Croydon RSL

I was honoured to recently attend **Croydon RSL's** 100-year anniversary. Here I am with current President John Baade along with some of its other former leaders who have all served as outstanding stewards of this incredible community organisation.



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Local Football

I enjoyed attending a great local football game between **South Croydon** and **East Ringwood** football clubs.



Maroondah Volleyball

Congratulations to **Maroondah Volleyball** on hosting their Anzac round which was a great atmosphere for all players and spectators.



2024 Red Shield Appeal

I attended the **Salvation Army** 2024 Red Shield Appeal Launch, where we heard that every 17 seconds, the Salvos in Australia help someone in need.



Anzac March and Service

On the Sunday before Anzac Day, **Ringwood RSL** hosted their annual Anzac March and Service. It was good to be able to attend and bring Nathan along for the first time.



Rotary Club of Forest Hill

I was honoured to be a guest speaker at the **Rotary Club of Forest Hill** where I thanked them for the huge contribution they have made to our local community.



East Ringwood Football Club

It was great to catch up with the **East Ringwood Football Club** at their recent match against **Blackburn**.



North Ringwood Football Club

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community, so it was great to drop into the **North Ringwood Football Club** where I got to catch up with some of their dedicated committee.



Rotary Club of Nunawading

Thanks to the **Rotary Club of Nunawading**, who meet in **Mitcham**, for having me along as their guest speaker.

Anzac Day

On Anzac Day, I joined the Dawn Service held by the **Ringwood RSL** to recognise and commemorate the men and women who have served in our Army, Navy, and Air Force.



Deakin Community Awards

The 2024 Deakin Community Awards was a very special occasion, where more than 500 members of our community came together to recognise individuals and community groups who selflessly serve others.

In all, we acknowledged 71 individuals and 13 community groups who were richly deserving of this recognition.

A very special congratulations goes to our overall category winners:

- **Jake Keogh** from the **Ringwood Football and Netball Club** in the Under 30's category;
- **Gabby Knaepple** from the **Rotary Club of Nunawading** and **Eastern Emergency Relief Network** in the Open category;
- **Valerie Penn** from the **Heathmont Baptist Church** in the Seniors category; and
- **Life's Little Treasures Foundation** in the Group category.

Jake Keogh received the overall Deakin Community Award for his dedicated service to our community.

A special thanks also to the **Australian Children's Choir** and **East City Sound Chorus** for their wonderful performances and to **Nicole Werner MP**, for her outstanding efforts as Master of Ceremonies.

Congratulations again to all of our award winners and those who nominated and supported such a wonderful group of people for recognition this year.

For a full list of this year's recipients, please visit www.michaelsukkar.com.au/for-constituents/2024-deakin-community-awards-recipients/





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Emmaus College

I presented **Deakin Shield Awards** to three deserving recipients at **Emmaus College** in **Vermont South** and also attended their remarkable and respectful Anzac Day service.



Chin Culture Night

It was wonderful to be with the **Chin Community Victoria** for their Chin Culture Night.



Noel Jones Cup

I enjoyed getting along to see **Vermont Football Club** and **East Ringwood Football Club** – two outstanding local clubs – play in this year's Noel Jones Cup.

Holy Spirit Morning Tea

Thanks to the hardworking parents and parish community from **Holy Spirit Ringwood North** for inviting me to join in their Biggest Morning Tea in support of the Cancer Council.



Croydon North Football Club

I enjoyed getting along to the **Croydon North Football Club** for their match against the **Nunawading Lions**.



Ringwood Central Tennis Club

It was great to join the **Ringwood Central Tennis Club** for the opening of their new courts. Congratulations to the club and Maroondah City Council for this important upgrade.

Ringwood Eisteddfod 70th Anniversary



I was honoured to attend the formal opening of the **70th Ringwood Eisteddfod**. This event continues to offer young local musicians an opportunity to perform and gain recognition for their talents.



Nunawading Basketball Junior Tournament

This year's **Nunawading Basketball Junior Tournament** went to another level, with 1,031 teams on 74 courts playing a total of 2,504 games. I enjoyed catching a few games and was honoured to present awards to some of the winners and runners-up.



Aquinas Old Collegians

Here I am with the **Aquinas Old Collegians Football Club** at their recent match against **Whitefriars Football Club**.



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Melbourne East Netball Association



It was great to be with the **Melbourne East Netball Association** for their under 9's Autumn Season Round Robin tournament. Congratulations to all the teams, coaches and umpires on this great event for our junior netballers.

Ringwood Football Club



A big congratulations to Aaron 'Booney' Boone for reaching the major milestone of 200 games for the **Ringwood Football & Netball Club**, making Aaron just the 73rd life member of the club since its establishment in 1897.

Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club



The recent **Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club** family night included a special "Ice Bucket" challenge raising funds for MND. Well done to all the coaches who sacrificed themselves for charity.



Croydon Men's Shed

A big thank you to the **Croydon Men's Shed** for presenting me with this expertly refurbished garden bench, an unexpected gift that will take pride of place in my backyard.



Recognising Local Volunteers

It was great to join the **Croydon Football and Netball Club** for their President's Lunch, where we recognised one of the club's stalwart volunteers, Fred, who has given over 30 years of service.



Parliament House School Visit

It was wonderful to welcome Year 6 students and teachers from **Tintern Grammar** to Parliament House in Canberra.



Our Newest Australian Citizens

I am always honoured to welcome our newest Australians at local citizenship ceremonies in Whitehorse and Maroondah.



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Forest Hill Football Club



It was great to get down to the **Forest Hill Football Club** for the start of the football season.

Maroondah Calisthenics Club



It's always great to catch up with the dedicated volunteers at the **Maroondah Calisthenics Club** who work hard to ensure every team member has the opportunity to reach their full potential and confidence.

HealthAbility Repair Café



I attended the opening of the **HealthAbility Repair Café** at Strathdon House in **Forest Hill**. Household items including electronics can be brought for repair by volunteers on the second Saturday each month from 10am-2pm.



Ringwood RSL

I always enjoy catching up with the outstanding volunteers and staff at the **Ringwood RSL**.



Karen Grocery Store

Small businesses in Victoria are doing it tough and things are just getting harder, so it was wonderful to visit **Karen Grocery** in **Croydon South** to speak with the owner about her efforts in establishing a local small business.



Yarrunga Community Centre

Congratulations to the volunteers and staff at the **Yarrunga Community Centre** in **Croydon Hills**, who held their AGM recently. After another successful year, it was good to hear about their exciting plans for the year ahead.



Local Manufacturing

Dentalife Australia is a well-respected local manufacturer of dental and medical supplies. I enjoyed visiting their factory in **Croydon South** to hear from Tom and his team about challenges and opportunities for local manufacturers.

Anzac Round Parker Cup



The Anzac Round match between **Ringwood Football Club** and **Heathmont Jets Football Club** has become a great local tradition, with the teams playing for the **Parker Cup**. Congratulations to both clubs on all their hard work in putting on this special match, as well as the **Ringwood RSL** for their involvement.



Community Projects



Pavilions Blackburn Lake

It was a great honour to be able to formally open Stage Two of the **Pavilions Blackburn Lake** project. I have really enjoyed seeing this project from inception many years ago, to Stage One completion and now Stage Two being complete. Congratulations to the **Victorian Adventists** for their foresight and commitment in making this such a success for residents and the broader Blackburn community.



Vermont South Club



It was an honour to attend the **Vermont South Club** for the formal opening of their new home and club rooms. I was proud to kickstart this redevelopment with funding and to partner with Whitehorse City Council in delivering this brilliant new facility. With bowls, tennis and darts, many locals will enjoy this new community facility for many years to come.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School



It was great to join **Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School** in **Croydon Hills** for the formal opening of their new **Middle Primary Centre**, which was funded by the former Coalition government.





Canberra Update



YOUR bills

Average annual price rise comparison.

| | Labor Dec 2007 - Sep 2013 | LIBERAL Sept 2013 - Mar 2022 | Labor Mar 2022 - Mar 2024 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Electricity | ▲ 12.9% | ▼ 0.3% | ▲ 20% |
| Food & Beverages | ▲ 2.1% | ▼ 2% | ▲ 9% |
| Housing | ▲ 5.1% | ▼ 2.1% | ▲ 12% |

Labor's mismanagement of the Australian economy.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Reality

"Life will be cheaper under me."

Anthony Albanese's promise to Australian's before the last election.



Your Bills Under Labor

Before the last election, Anthony Albanese said that life would be cheaper under him. This included a commitment to cut power bills by \$275 per year and to deliver 'cheaper mortgages'. Instead Australians are worse off because of this government's inability to manage the cost of living crisis and deliver on their promises, leading to higher interest rates, higher rents and higher energy bills.

Labor's Cuts



Dorset Road, Croydon

Since coming to government, Labor has refused to support, and cancelled, a range of local community projects in our area. This includes:

- ✗ \$50 million upgrade of **Dorset Road** in **Croydon**
- ✗ \$4.75 million upgrade of the **Tortice Drive** and **Warrandyte Road** intersection in **Ringwood North**
- ✗ \$15 million for the **Heatherdale Train Station** Carpark

Previously committed funding has also not been delivered for other important community infrastructure upgrades including local tennis, football and netball clubs as well as school facilities.

Labor has a history of cancelling projects in the eastern suburbs, and I can assure you I will keep fighting for the upgrades we so desperately need.



Tortice Drive, Ringwood North

Labor's broken promises hurt you

- ✗ They promised cheaper mortgages...
- ✗ They promised no changes to your super...
- ✗ They promised that your taxes wouldn't increase but that your real wages would...
- ✗ They promised a nurse in aged care homes 24/7...
- ✗ They promised a \$275 dollar cut to your power bill on 97 occasions...
- ✗ Labor will take the axe to the Coalition's \$120 billion dollar infrastructure pipeline which was designed to bust congestion...

Photo: Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister (Labor Party).



under Labor you pay more.

What I'm Fighting For



Cost of Living

After two years of Labor, households are bearing the brunt of a cost-of-living crisis, with the typical household \$35,000 a year worse off due to inflation and rising interest rates. Their big-spending budgets are making life harder for Australian families.



Housing

As the Shadow Minister for Housing, I'm dedicated to making home ownership a reality for all Australians. Labor's housing crisis is getting worse by the day thanks to record levels of migration and declining rates of new home approvals.



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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



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.

