

Deakin Community News



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Michael's Message



Dear Local Resident

With a new year, comes new hope for better times ahead – and there is cause for optimism despite the ongoing affect COVID-19 has on our lives. We have recently witnessed the first group of Australians receive COVID-19 vaccinations, a vital first step down the path out of the pandemic in 2021 and a remarkable achievement in such a short time frame.

Australia and Australians have approached the pandemic uniquely and we have achieved considerable success compared with so many other countries around the world.

In my role as Assistant Treasurer, I am pleased to report that 94% of the 1.3 million people who lost their job at the start of the pandemic are now back at work. The economy is clearly strengthening and our economic recovery plan is working.

As Minister for Housing, I have been working to deliver the HomeBuilder Program that is helping so many Australians into a new home and protecting the jobs of our tradies across the nation.

Isolation, due to the protracted Melbourne lockdowns, has affected us all in many and varied ways. So I'm looking forward to our community reconnecting face to face and enjoying our public spaces, sporting facilities and community groups.

Many of our local projects have continued to progress even with COVID-19 lockdowns, including the construction of multi-level train station car parking and upgrades to numerous community facilities such as sporting pavilions, scout halls, schools and kindergartens. Many Deakin residents have faced difficult times over the past year but we have come through stronger, with better days ahead.

As always, if I can be of help to you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office.

Hon Michael Sukkar MP
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Remote swearing in with the Governor - General & Prime Minister

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Our Local Community



Deakin Giving Tree

At the end of last year I had the honour of delivering donations from the Deakin Christmas Giving Tree to Glen Park Community Centre. After a very challenging 2020 for many locals, I was amazed at the generosity of our local community in donating food, clothing, toys, and over \$2000 in cash and vouchers to those in need. I also want to particularly thank 1st Croydon Hills Scout Group for donating the Deakin Christmas Giving Tree!

Deakin Shield



2020 was an extraordinarily challenging year, especially for our local students! I was very happy to be able to continue the tradition of acknowledging achievement through the Deakin Shield. All our local presentations were modified to be presented in a COVID safe format. I would like to extend a big thank you to Eastland for once again generously sponsoring the Deakin Shield.

Vietnam Veterans Association



The Outer Eastern Vietnam Veterans Association perform outstanding work in our community to support local veterans. I was very happy to catch up with them and present them with a Deakin Community Award to recognise the invaluable contribution they make to our local area.

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremonies



Welcoming our newest Australian citizens at ceremonies in Whitehorse and Maroondah was a great way to celebrate Australia Day!

Deakin Challenge Trophy



Bowling is back!! It was exciting to launch the annual Deakin Trophy Challenge after the difficulties of last year. All local bowling clubs in the Deakin electorate are invited to participate, including Eastwood Golf, Heathmont, Heatherdale, Mitcham, Ringwood, Vermont South and Croydon bowling clubs.



Community Projects

Heatherdale Scouts Mitcham



✓ DELIVERED

Recently I visited the 1st Heatherdale Scout Group to mark the completion of the renovation to their scout hall, jointly funded by the Morrison Government and Whitehorse City Council. Scouts Victoria offers so many great opportunities to our local young people and I am always pleased to support the great work they do in our local area.

Local Schools Community Fund



✓ DELIVERED

Schools across Deakin are benefiting from the Federal Government's Local Schools Community Fund. Following a tough year for schools, it is great to see these new projects being put to good use!

Croydon Primary	→	Playground upgrade
Aquinas College	→	New outdoor shade sails
Croydon Hills Primary	→	Prep courtyard update
Ringwood North Primary	→	Outdoor court refurbishment
Vermont Primary	→	Installation of hearing augmentation equipment

Salvation Army Bus Ringwood



✓ DELIVERED

I was very pleased to support the Salvation Army and their Just Brass programme, which provides free brass music lessons to children from disadvantaged schools, with a \$20,000 grant from the Federal Government, towards the purchase of reliable bus.

Train Station Carpark Croydon



✓ DELIVERING



Croydon Train Station Carpark Artist Impression

Work has recently commenced on the new Croydon Station multi-level car park, fully funded by the Morrison Government. Site preparation started in October with the project expected to be completed by October 2021. Planning is also well underway for the following multi-level carparks at Ringwood, Heathmont, Heatherdale and Mitcham Train Stations.

Walker Park Redevelopment Mitcham



✓ DELIVERED

With the easing of Covid restrictions local grassroots sport is making a comeback. Having kicked off the redevelopment of Walker Park with a \$400,000 grant. It is great to finally see the new home of the Mitcham Football Club, Mitcham Cricket Club and Mitcham Junior Football club in action.

Tortice Drive Ringwood



✓ DELIVERING

The upgrade of Tortice Dr/Wonga Rd is now complete with the Tortice Dr/Warryndyte intersection upgrade scheduled to commence later this year. These changes will finally see traffic flowing more freely and safely through the area.

Vermont South Club



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

Whitehorse Netball Association

Vermont South



Recently I attended the Whitehorse Netball Association market day to meet with the officials, umpires, coaches and players who make the competition happen. It was also a great opportunity to discuss the redevelopment of outdoor courts to be funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the Morrison Government.

Cheong Park Upgrade Croydon



A \$500,000 funding commitment from the Federal Government will see the redevelopment of the Cheong Park Pavilion. In conjunction with Maroondah City Council work is progressing on the scope, planning and timing of the project.

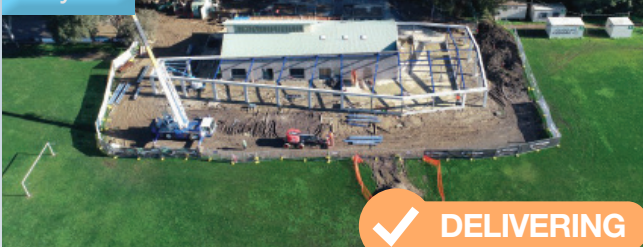
HE Parker Pavilion Heathmont



They say a picture paints a thousand words! The before and after shots of HE Parker Pavilion certainly do. Having kicked off this project in 2016 with a \$500,000 Federal Government Grant, it is amazing to see the facility that is the new home for the Heathmont Jets Football Club, Heathmont Cricket Club and SALT – Sport and Life Training.

Silcock Reserve Pavilion Upgrade

Croydon



The new Silcock Pavilion is almost complete! This first-class local facility is for the Croydon Ranges Cricket Club, Croydon Ranges Football Club, Croydon Ranges All Abilities and the Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club. I was very pleased to support this project with a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government.

Vermont Reserve Vermont



Work is well underway on the upgrade of the club rooms at Vermont Reserve, which I was pleased to support with a \$250,000 grant. The Vermont Football Club, Vermont Junior Football Club, Vermont Cricket Club and Vermont Junior Cricket Club will benefit from the refurbishment of the toilets and change rooms, upgrade of the kitchen and bar, and installation of a new air-conditioner and audio sound system.

Community Projects

Dorset Recreation Reserve Croydon

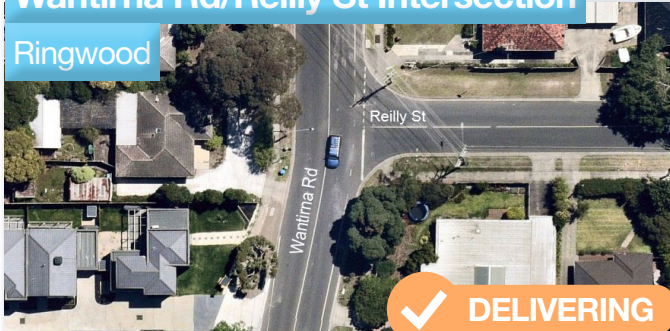


✓ DELIVERING

Work has commenced on the upgrade of Dorset Recreation Reserve. Supported by a \$2 million investment from the Federal Government, this new facility will provide a new community hub for the Victorian Burmese Community and will also provide upgraded facilities for the Croydon City Arrows, one of the largest senior soccer clubs in the Eastern Region.

Wantirna Rd/Reilly St 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, and widening of Wantirna Rd. Traffic flow and safety will be significantly improved at this very busy intersection. The project is set to commence mid - late 2021.

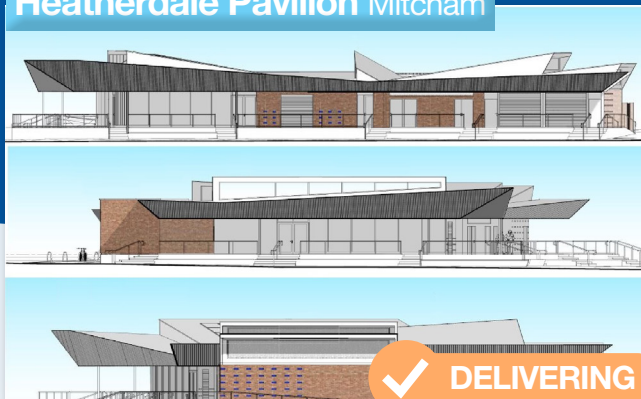
Plymouth Road Croydon



✓ DELIVERING

The \$2.5 million upgrade to the intersection of Plymouth Rd + Kirtain Drive will reduce congestion and improve safety for all road users. Construction is expected to commence in mid 2021.

Heatherdale Pavilion Mitcham



✓ DELIVERING

\$2 million in Federal Funding has been secured for the redevelopment of Heatherdale Pavilion. This will finally provide the Heatherdale Cricket Club, Heatherdale Juniors Cricket Club, Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club, Donvale Crusaders JFC and Mitcham Eagles Junior Football Club a first-rate facility. Work is progressing with Whitehorse City Council on the planning and timing of the project.

Eastfield Park Croydon



✓ DELIVERING

Work is commencing on the redevelopment of Eastfield Park in Croydon South. I was very pleased to support this project with \$1 million in federal funding. These new facilities will be utilised by the Eastfield Cricket Club and South Croydon Junior Football Club.

Ainslie Park Croydon



✓ DELIVERING

Ainslie Park Cricket Club and East Ringwood Junior Football Club will have an upgraded facility thanks to a \$500,000 investment from the Federal Government, with Maroondah City Council working hard on the planning and timing of the project.

Canberra Update

First vaccine doses arrive in Australia



The first COVID-19 vaccine doses touched down in Australia in February. The first shipment brought 142,000 doses, and with the agreements that the Morrison Government has secured, up to 150 million more are well on the way.

93% of jobs have now returned



Australia's comeback from COVID-19 continues with more good news on the jobs front. 29,100 new jobs were created last month. That means 94% of jobs lost to COVID have now come back. Our Government continues to focus on driving our economic recovery from this pandemic.

Building our economic recovery



In my role as Housing Minister, I have been working closely with the Prime Minister and Treasurer to deliver the HomeBuilder Program which is providing record support to first home buyers and also protecting over a million jobs in the construction industry now and into the future.



Mandatory improvement to button battery safety to save lives



The Morrison Government is delivering on its commitment to improve the safety of button batteries with the introduction of new mandatory safety and information standards to help protect Australian children.

Australian motorists should be able to decide who services and repairs their car



The Morrison Government is introducing a mandatory scheme for the sharing of motor vehicle service and repair information. Ultimately, these changes will establish a level playing field for small business and give motorists much better consumer choice.

Boosting Recycling

The Australian and Victorian governments will co-invest \$46 million in new plastic, paper, glass and tyre recycling infrastructure for Victoria. This will help Victoria to process the 260,000 tonnes of waste plastic, paper, glass and tyres impacted by the export ban, and more.





Out and about in Deakin



Croydon Hills Primary Leadership Badges



Deakin Shield Melba College



Chinese Womens Association



Delivering Donations



Tinternvale Grammar



Mitcham Cricket and Football Club



Vermont South Bowling club

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.

