

DELIVERING FOR Deakin



Welcome to my new year update on some of the projects that are delivering real benefits to our local community.

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Dear fellow resident

With a new year upon us, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a range of important local projects that are improving our community.

Australia has been through a remarkably challenging and difficult time, and while COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions have caused some delays, we've continued to progress a range of important local projects. These include **road upgrades, construction of multi-level train station carparks, sporting and community infrastructure improvements, and upgrades to schools, kindergartens, and scout halls.**

As a husband and father, and having grown up and been part of our local community my whole life, I know how important it is to ensure our local services and community infrastructure are the best they can be.

As your representative in Canberra, it is my job to deliver the projects that Deakin needs.

Working together we have achieved so much to improve our local community in recent years, and I'm excited about the opportunities for further improvement in the years ahead.

I wish you and your family the best for the year ahead in 2022.

Best regards

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Delivering Improved Local Roads



Dorset Rd Upgrade

Traffic and safety will soon be much improved along Dorset Rd in Croydon.

With \$50 million of Federal Government funding, Dorset Rd will be receiving significant upgrades between Hull Rd and Maroondah Hwy, including road widening (single to double lanes in each direction), reconfigured turning lanes, the removal of open drains, and reconstruction of the footpaths.

This project will complement the \$8 million upgrade to the Maroondah Hwy and Dorset Rd intersection that we have already delivered and is all part of my plan to get you home sooner.

“We’re investing in major infrastructure improvements in Deakin to ensure that you spend less time in traffic and more time with your family.”

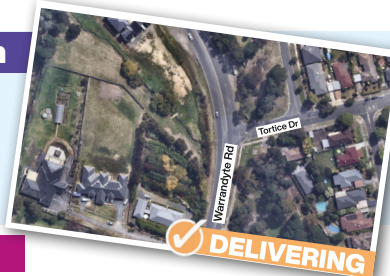


Tortice Dr/Wonga Rd Intersection, Ringwood North

We completed the installation of new traffic signalling on the upgrade to the intersection of Tortice Dr and Wonga Rd in Ringwood North with funding from the Federal Government.

Tortice Dr/Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood North

Federal Government funding has been committed to the upgrade of the Tortice Dr and Warrandyte Rd intersection, with construction now set to be completed by June 2022.



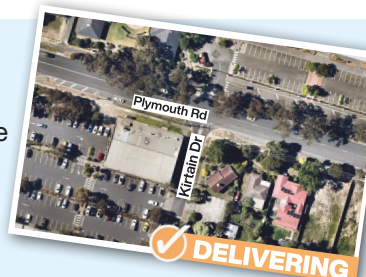
Reilly St/Wantirna Rd Upgrade, Ringwood



\$3 million in Federal Government funding has been committed to upgrade the Reilly St and Wantirna Rd intersection. The intersection will be made safer by installing new traffic lights, providing a dedicated right turn lane into Reilly St, and installing two signalised pedestrian crossings to help the community cross safely at the busy intersection.

Plymouth Rd Upgrade, Croydon

The Federal Government is committing \$4.4 million to upgrade the intersection of Plymouth Rd and Kirtain Dr in Croydon. The upgrades will include the signalisation of the intersection, formalising two lanes in each direction along Plymouth Rd, and delivering targeted primary school access improvements. The project is commencing later this year and expected to be completed in early 2023.



Canterbury Rd Upgrade, Bayswater North



The Federal Government has committed \$44.5 million for a major upgrade to Canterbury Rd, including a third outbound lane along Canterbury Rd to Montrose Rd, and a third inbound lane between Liverpool Rd and Dorset Rd. The State Government is responsible for the scoping, planning, and timing, and we are urging them to stop delaying this project and commence construction.

Fighting for the East West Link



Labor wasted \$1.3 billion to cancel this vital project. The Federal Government has \$4 billion available to ease traffic congestion on the Eastern Freeway. I will continue to fight for the East West Link which is an essential piece of infrastructure for residents in the East.

Airport Rail Link



The Federal Government has committed \$5 billion to jump-start this city changing project.

Delivering Upgraded Local Transport

Over the years I have been committed to improving commuter access and safety by securing funding for multi-level carparks across Deakin.

Croydon Train Station Carpark

The Croydon Station Carpark is officially open with over 400 free car spaces, including electric vehicle charging spaces, ready to go and open to our local community. This crucial local project was fully funded by the Federal Government with construction excellently managed by Maroondah City Council.



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Construction is set to commence this year.



Ringwood Station Carpark

The new Ringwood Station carpark will be constructed at 1 and 1A Bedford Rd, which is on the corner of Maroondah Hwy and runs along the railway line, adjacent to Ringwood Station and bus interchange.

Heathmont Station Carpark



Construction is set to commence this year



The new Heathmont Station carpark will service the Heathmont Village shopping precinct, the bus interchange, and Heathmont Station. The carpark at 127B Canterbury Rd will provide additional parking spaces for commuters, residents, and visitors; and will consider Heathmont's natural values and local character.

Heatherdale Station Carpark



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The new Heatherdale Station multi-level carpark will be located on the corner of Molan St and Yallourn Pde.

Maroondah Hospital Carpark



Supported by a \$2 million contribution from the Federal Government, Maroondah Hospital's new 542 space multi-level car park has significantly boosted capacity for patients, staff, volunteers, and visitors. The opening of the new multi-deck increased capacity across the hospital precinct to just over 1,100 car spaces. This includes 302 dedicated spaces for patients and visitors located in the hospital's existing multi-level carpark.

Backing Local Sport and Recreation

Active communities are healthy communities

Investing in sport and recreation in Deakin encourages community connections and healthy lifestyle choices for people of all ages.

Benson Oval, Eastfield Park

Work has commenced on the redevelopment of Benson Oval at Eastfield Park in Croydon South. With \$1 million in Federal funding, these new facilities will be utilised by the **Eastfield Cricket Club**, **South Croydon Junior Football Club**, and the **Ringwood Highland Games**.



Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion

The upgrade of Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion is underway, with the project being kick-started by a \$2 million commitment from the Federal Government. This is exciting news for the **Heatherdale Cricket Club** and **Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club**.

Vermont Reserve

With a \$250,000 grant from the Federal Government, upgrades to Vermont Reserve have been completed, including new kitchen and bar facilities, upgraded air-conditioning, and new covered spectator viewing.



Dorset Recreation Reserve

Construction of the new pavilion at Dorset Recreation Reserve has begun. This will be a first-class facility and new home for the **Croydon City Soccer Club** and for our local **Burmese Australian community**.



Ainslie Park Pavilion

Ainslie Park is finally getting an upgrade to its pavilion. Having kicked off this project with a \$500,000 commitment to the **Ainslie Park Cricket Club** and **East Ringwood Junior Football Club**, the redevelopment will include upgrades to the change rooms with female friendly facilities, an improved outdoor viewing area, and upgraded kitchen, canteen, and social space.



HE Parker Pavilion

Kicked off by a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government, this is a first-class facility and the new home for the **Heathmont Jets Football Netball Club**, **Heathmont Cricket Club**, and **SALT – Sport and Life Training**.



Maroondah Nets



This outstanding stadium is still one of our best local projects. Having kicked-off this project with \$10.5 million from the Federal Government, it's an honour to have worked with so many local individuals and community groups to deliver this important project. This state-of-the-art stadium is an example of what we can achieve together as a community.

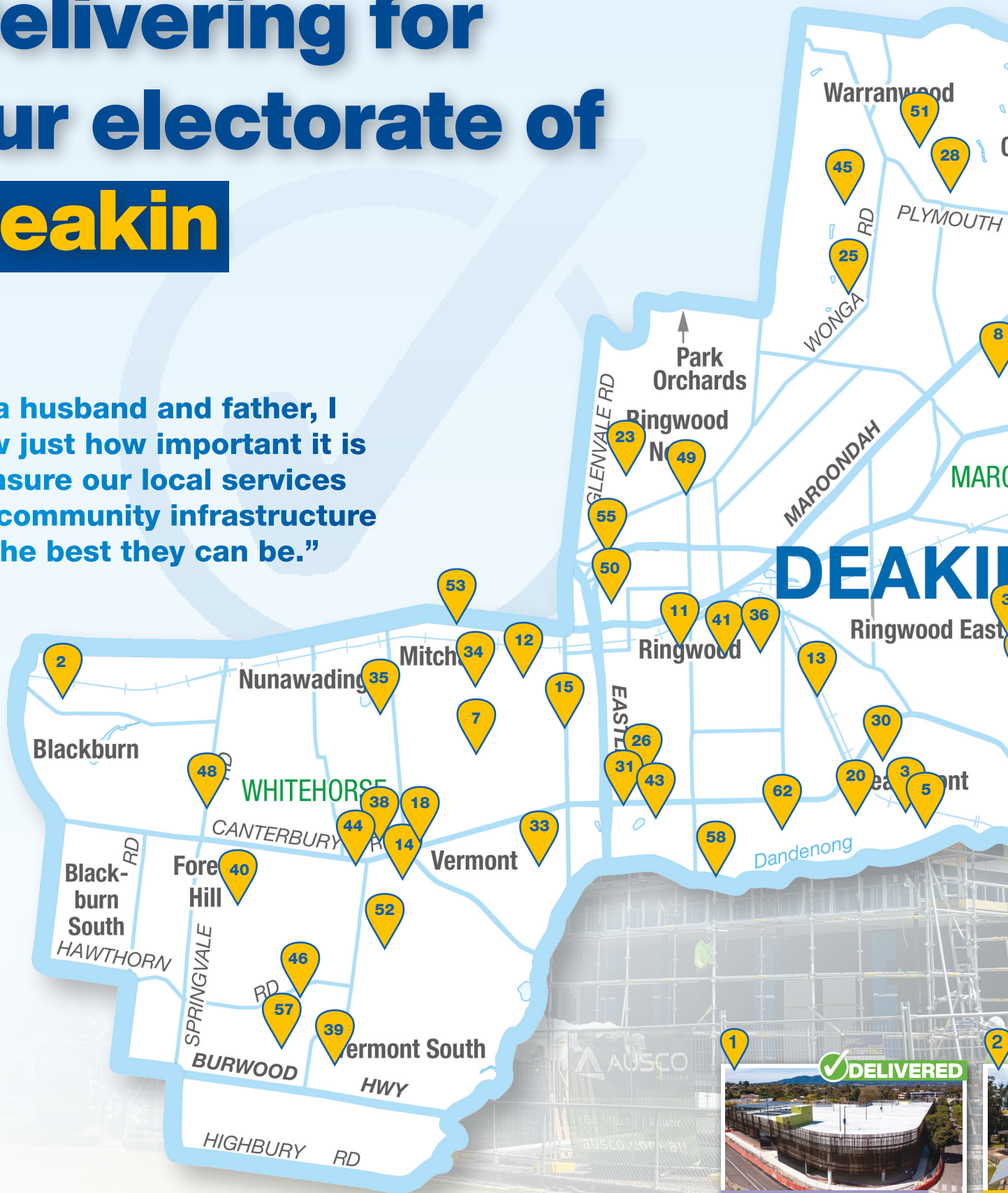
Silcock Reserve



The new home for the **Croydon Ranges Cricket Club**, **Croydon Ranges Football Club**, **Maroondah United FC**, **Croydon Ranges All Abilities**, and the **Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club** is complete.

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Pavilion upgrade



Maroondah Nets

New netball stadium



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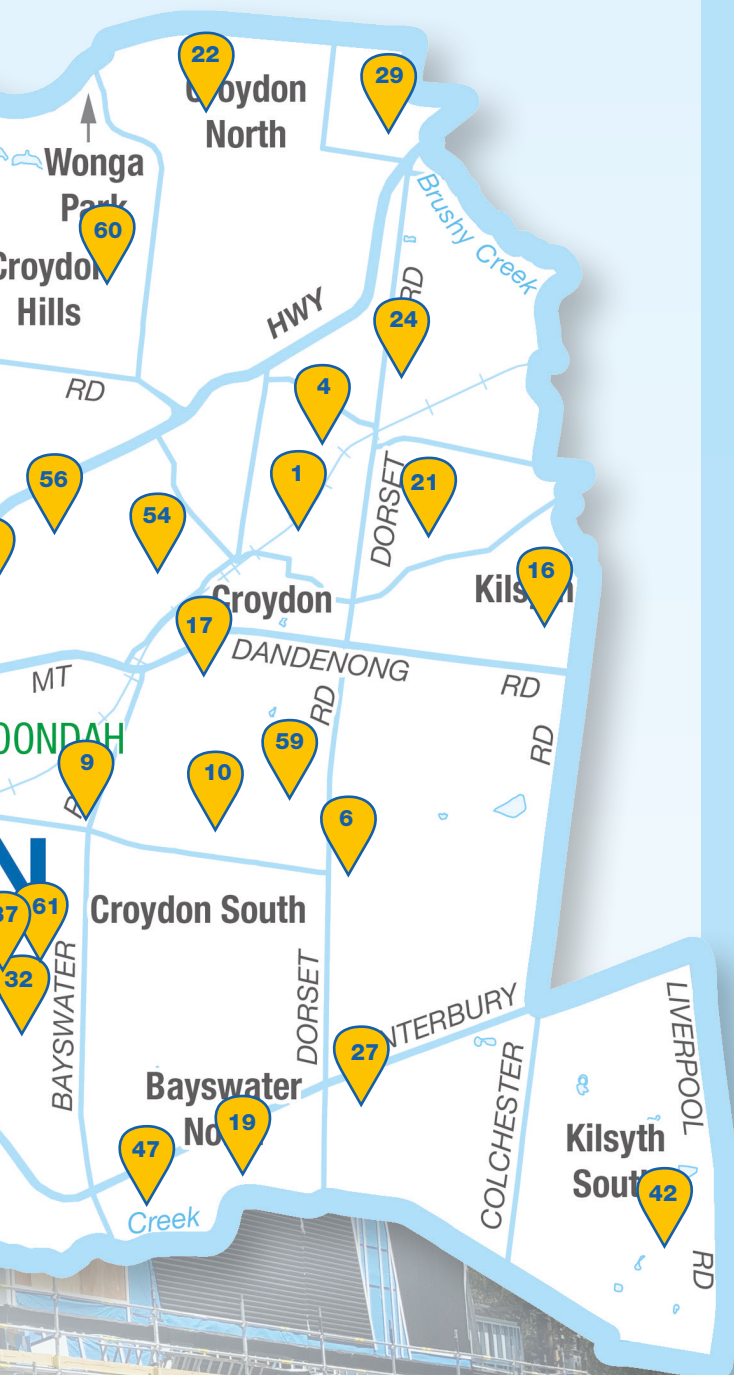
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Croydon Train Station

New multi - level carpark



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Backing Local Sport and Recreation



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Morton Park, Blackburn

The new pavilion at Morton Park in Blackburn is now complete. I was proud to kick this project off in 2016 with a \$500,000 Federal Government grant. I look forward to seeing this facility enjoyed by the **Blackburn Football Club**, **Blackburn Cricket Club** and wider community.

Walker Park, Mitcham

The new pavilion at Walker Park is complete. Supported by a \$400,000 Federal Government grant, this is an amazing new facility for the **Mitcham Cricket Club** and **Mitcham Football Club**.



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East Ringwood Pavilion

The Coopersmith Pavilion at East Ringwood Reserve continues to provide first-class facilities for the **East Ringwood Cricket Club** and **East Ringwood Football Club**.



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Norwood Secondary College

The two-court basketball stadium at Norwood Secondary College continues to provide a great venue for the college students, spectators, volunteers, and junior basketballers from the **Ringwood Basketball Association**.



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Quambee Reserve

The **Warranwood Cricket Club** and **North Ringwood Football Club** are benefitting from a new scoreboard at Quambee Reserve, that was jointly funded by the Federal Government.



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Heatherdale Tennis Club

The **Heatherdale Tennis Club** is enjoying their viewing deck thanks to a grant from the Federal Government. The new viewing platform ensures that all members and guests are protected from the elements during competition matches and social tennis, as well as during various social activities.



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Hughes Park, Croydon North

The **Croydon North-MLOC Football Netball Club** and **Croydon North Cricket Club** are benefitting from new coaching boxes and team shelters at Hughes Park.

Gracedale Park Tennis Club, Ringwood East



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The upgraded lights at **Gracedale Park Tennis Club** are now in action. This project was supported by a grant from the Federal Government.

Proclamation Park, Ringwood



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Ringwood Saints Baseball Club is benefitting from new fencing which improves player safety.

Vermont South Club



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

Healthier Vibrant Communities and Better Infrastructure

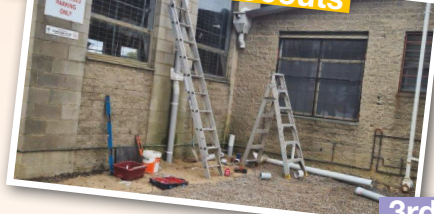


“Having grown up in Ringwood and living locally with my family, I’m working every day to improve our local community.”

3rd Heathmont Scouts



1st Vermont Scouts



Mooroolbark Scout Hall



1st Vermont Scouts



3rd Croydon Scouts



1st Maroondah Scouts



Scouts and Girl Guides

1st Heatherdale Scouts



The Scouting movement has done a brilliant job for many years, fundraising to upkeep its own facilities. With ageing facilities, the Federal Government has supported Girl Guide and Scout groups with over \$1 million in funding to upgrade ten local Scout and Girl Guide halls.

Vermont Girl Guides



3rd Heathmont Scouts



1st Heatherdale Scouts



Vermont Girl Guides



Upgrading our Local Kindergartens and Preschools

Ensuring a safe and engaging space for children to learn and play is critical for developing minds, and I am proud to have delivered over \$1 million in funding for a number of local kindergartens and preschools across the Deakin electorate.

Eastmont Kinder



Pinemont Kinder



Croydon North Kinder



Brentwood Park Kinder



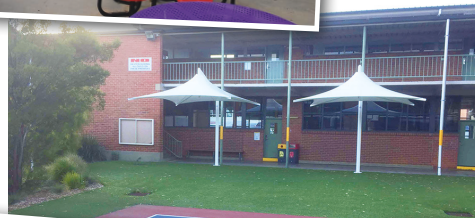
Brentwood Park Kinder



Healthier Vibrant Communities and Better Infrastructure

Supporting Schools

The *Local School's Community Fund* has delivered grants to local schools to support the needs of students and teachers. From new play equipment to much needed air-conditioning, toilet upgrades, and updated technology; our local schools are benefitting from this Federal Government initiative.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School in Croydon will benefit from work to extend the Senior Learning building and the construction of a new three-storey Middle Primary building, funded as part of the Federal Government's *Capital Grants Program*.



Australian Indian Community Centre

Communities across Victoria are benefitting from the new Australian Indian Community Centre, supported by \$2.5 million in Federal Government funding. This new facility will be a focal point for the community in the heart of Melbourne's east and will cement the area's reputation as a multicultural hub. I am incredibly proud to have been able to support this important initiative that will deliver for the local area.

HE Parker Reserve, Weed Control



A trial of goats taking care of weed control was delivered at HE Parker Reserve. As part of the Federal Government's *Communities Environment Program*, Heathmont Bushcare undertook this environmental weed control project along Heathmont Railway line.

Eastfield Park

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



Quambee Reserve



The Ringwood Horse and Pony Club are improving the conditions of their arena and ensuring safety for junior riders with new acrylic jumps and a mounting block, supported by a grant from the Federal Government.

Supporting Local Jobs and Business

JobKeeper

JobKeeper was one of the most successful economic support programs in Australia's history. It was more than just a wage subsidy. It put a floor under the economy. It saved more than 700,000 jobs. It overwhelmingly supported small businesses, which were 97% of the recipients. It helped secure our economic recovery, including for individuals and businesses in our local community.



HomeBuilder

Analysis from Master Builders Australia estimates that the economic boost from *HomeBuilder* supported projects is \$120.62 billion, with the program directly supporting 374,340 full-time jobs.

It has also led to first-home buyers being at their highest levels since 2009.



Lower Taxes

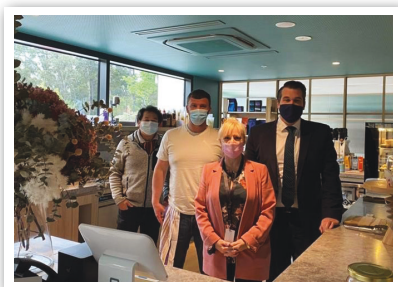
The Federal Government knows that lower taxes equal a stronger economy and more jobs. We have delivered tax relief for families and small businesses, and tax relief to drive investment and incentivise research and development.



Instant Asset Write Off

Eligible businesses can claim an immediate deduction for the business portion of the cost of an asset in the year that the asset is first used or installed ready for use. Instant asset write-off can be used for multiple assets, (if the cost of each individual asset is less than the relevant threshold), and/or new and second-hand assets.

Extending Support for Small and Medium Sized Businesses



The Federal Government is continuing to back Australia's small business-led recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by extending the *SME Recover Loan Scheme*. The Federal Government will continue to support small businesses as they seek to rebuild, adapt, and create jobs as part of Australia's economic recovery.

Supporting Apprenticeships



The Commonwealth Government's *Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements* wage subsidy program enables eligible Victorian employers to receive a 50% wage subsidy to hire new apprentices and trainees, including those that previously lost their jobs because of the pandemic. There were 341,385 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 June 2021, an increase of 27.5% from 30 June 2020.

