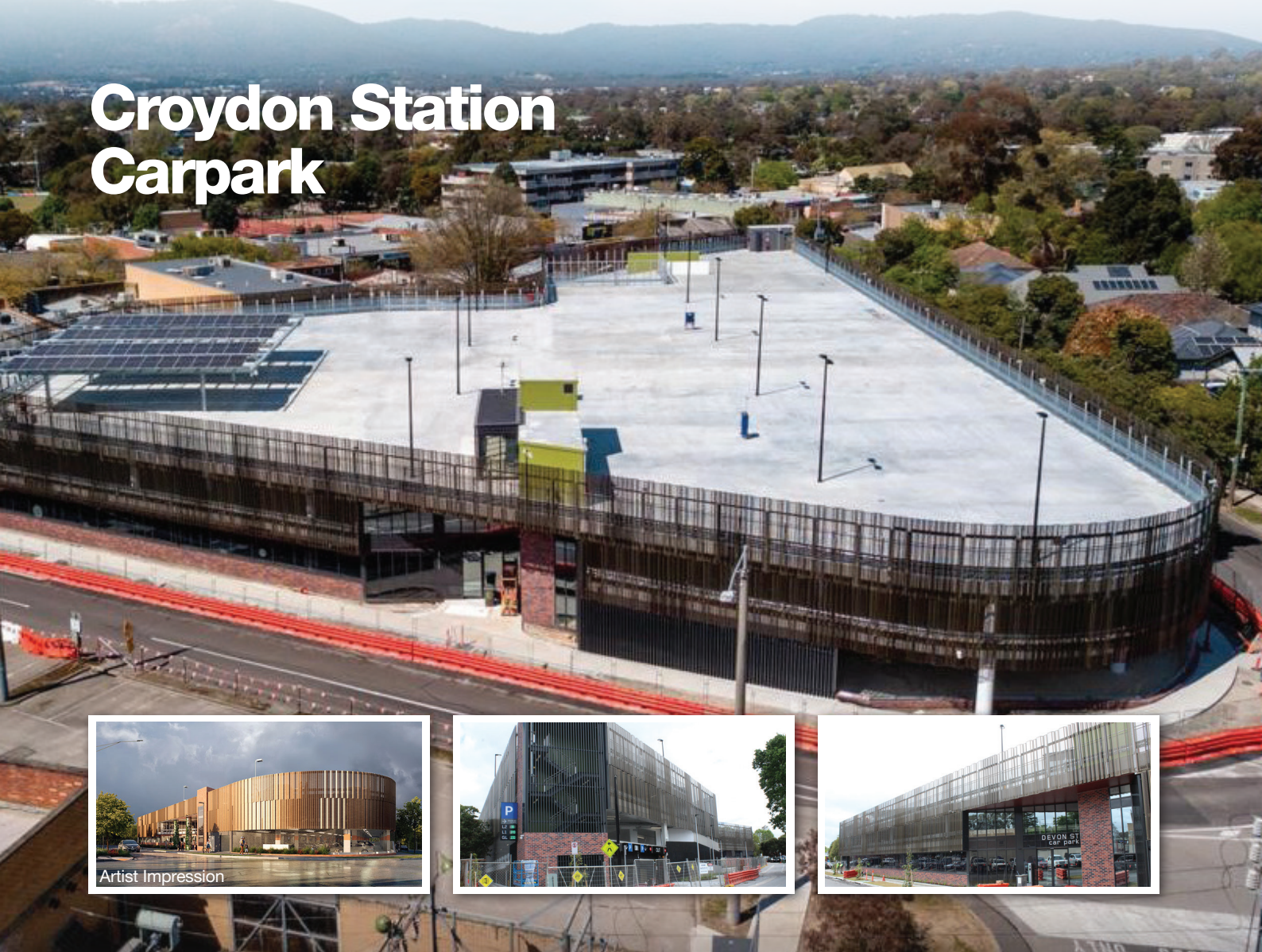


# Deakin Community News



SUMMER 2021

## Croydon Station Carpark



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# Michael's Message



## Dear Local Resident

While 2021 has been a remarkably challenging and difficult year, I am pleased to be writing my Christmas message to you with lockdowns behind us and life returning to some level of normality.

I know that the lingering impacts of lockdowns this year will remain with many of us.

For many children time away from face-to-face learning at school will take time to recover from. For families, reconnecting with grandparents and other family will be a focus. And for businesses, trying to get back to normal trading conditions to make up for months of lost trade will continue to be stressful.

Thankfully, Australia's economy is recovering faster than almost any other advanced economy with our unemployment rate at 4.6% along with consumer and business confidence returning.

The returning strength in our economy will also help us continue to invest in our health system with new Federal Government investments in hospitals, mental health support, GP bulk billing, and our pharmacy network.

And even though COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions have delayed progress, we've continued to advance a multitude of important local projects which I have committed to, including:

- Multi-level car parks at Croydon, Ringwood, Heathmont and Heatherdale Stations;
- Sporting pavilion redevelopments and facilities upgrades throughout our local area;
- Upgrades to local schools, kindergartens and scout halls; and
- Local road upgrades and improvements.

In this newsletter, I have provided an update on many of these projects for you to catch up on.

As we look forward to 2022 with a feeling of hope and optimism, I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and New Year and hope you're able to enjoy some much needed time with loved ones.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office if I can be of any assistance to you or your family.

Merry Christmas

**The Hon Michael Sukkar MP**

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# Our Local Community



## Maroondah District Scouts



Recently, I joined the Maroondah District Scouts for their Annual Report and Award Presentation via Zoom. Congratulations to all those recognised with an award. It was excellent to hear about the progress made on the upgrades to seven of the scout halls in Maroondah which were funded by the Federal Government and Maroondah City Council.

## Hope City Mission - Croydon



Thanks to Hope City Mission and OzHarvest for inviting me to see the work their organisations do supporting people in our local community facing significant hardship. OzHarvest stops good food from going to waste and delivers it to relief agencies like Hope City Mission to help feed people in need.

## Maroondah Citizenship Zoom



Congratulations to all of our newest Australian Citizens who participated in an online Citizenship Ceremony hosted by Maroondah City Council.

## Supporting Local Small Businesses



Thanks to my great friends at Littorio's Café in Croydon for bringing a smile to the faces of so many customers. Small businesses in Victoria have done it tougher than anywhere else, so please get out and support them.



It was great to drop in for a coffee and meet the team at Miss Lucy Cafe near Blackburn Lake in Nunawading. It's tough to start a business at any time, let alone in the middle of a pandemic, so I was pleased to support this local small business alongside many fellow patrons from our local community.

## Ainslie Park Cricket Club - Croydon



It was good to catch up with some of the team from the Ainslie Park Cricket Club, who were working hard raising funds for the Club with a Bunnings BBQ.





# Community Projects



Morton Park - Blackburn



✓ DELIVERED

Following the recent redistribution of federal electorates in Victoria, I am happy to hear that part of Blackburn is back within the Deakin electorate. This is just in time for the completion of the upgrade to Morton Park, which I was proud to kick off in 2016 with a \$500,000 Federal Government grant. I am looking forward to enjoying this facility with Blackburn Football Club, Blackburn Cricket Club and the wider community.

Reilly / Wantirna Intersection - Ringwood



✓ DELIVERING

Work is set to be completed in early 2022 on the Wantirna Road and Reilly Street intersection. The intersection will be made safer by installing new traffic lights to improve safety and traffic flow, providing a dedicated right turn lane into Reilly Street, and installing two signalised pedestrian crossings to help the community cross safely at the busy intersection.

New Coaches Boxes - Hughes Park



✓ DELIVERED

The new coaches box and team shelters at Hughes Park are looking great. I am excited to have these minor upgrades completed for two excellent clubs, Croydon North-MLOC Football Netball Club and Croydon North Cricket Club.

Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion - Mitcham



✓ DELIVERING

The upgrade work will commence shortly on the Heatherdale Reserve Pavilion. Having already kick-started the project with a \$2 million commitment from the Federal Government, this is excellent news for the Heatherdale Cricket Club and Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club.



### Ainslie Park - Croydon



✓ DELIVERING

Ainslie Park is finally getting an upgrade to its pavilion. With a \$500,000 commitment to Ainslie Park Cricket Club and East Ringwood Junior Football Club from the Federal Government. The redevelopment will soon go out to tender. It includes upgrades to the change rooms with added female friendly facilities, an improved outdoor viewing area, as well as upgraded kitchen, canteen and social space.



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### Tortice Dr and Warrandyte Rd Intersection



✓ DELIVERING

Federal funding has been committed to upgrading the Tortice Drive and Warrandyte Road intersection and is currently in the scoping and development phase, with construction now set to commence in March 2022 and be completed by June 2022.

### Cheong Park - Croydon



✓ DELIVERING

Cheong Park, with combined Federal, State and Maroondah City Council funding, is due to commence works shortly. With upgraded change rooms, social spaces and covered outdoor viewing, this will provide South Croydon Football Club and South Croydon Cricket Club with even better facilities.

### Benson Oval - Croydon South



✓ DELIVERING

Work is commencing on the redevelopment of Benson Oval at 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.

### Vermont Reserve Upgrade



✓ DELIVERING

With a \$250,000 Federal Government grant to upgrade Vermont Reserve, 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, the upgrade of the kitchen and the bar, and installation of a new air-conditioner and audio sound system.





# Community Projects

Silcock Reserve Pavilion - Croydon



✓ DELIVERED

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

Walker Park - Mitcham



✓ DELIVERED

With the easing of COVID-19 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 see the new home of the Mitcham Football Club, Mitcham Cricket Club and Mitcham Junior Football club in action.

HE Parker Pavilion - Heathmont



✓ DELIVERED

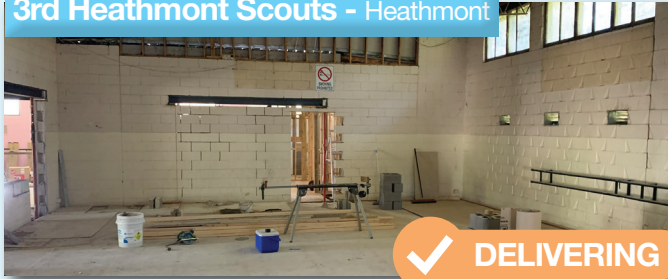
After initiating this project in 2016 with a \$500,000 Federal Government grant, it is amazing to now see the new and unrivalled home of the Heathmont Jets Football Club, Heathmont Cricket Club and SALT – Sport and Life Training.



# Supporting Local Scouts

As part of my commitment to improve Scout Halls in Deakin, I am proud to report the completion and progress of a number of these projects. Scouts Victoria have done a marvellous job supporting the local community throughout the pandemic and have ensured all their members stay connected. I am looking forward to inspecting all these works in person over the coming months.

## 3rd Heathmont Scouts - Heathmont



✓ DELIVERING

Renovations are well underway at 3rd Heathmont Scouts located at HE Parker Reserve.

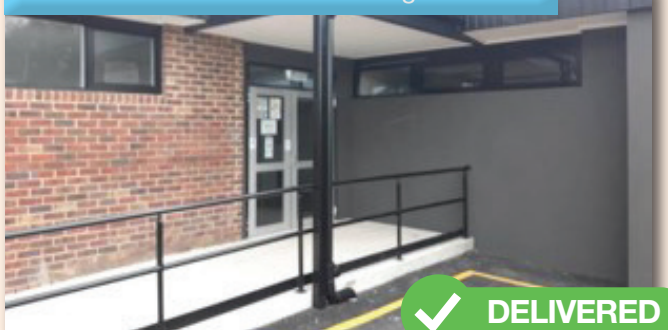
## 1st Heatherdale Scouts - Mitcham



✓ DELIVERED

Earlier this year I was able to join 1st Heatherdale Scouts to mark the completion of renovations at their scout hall, which were jointly funded by the Morrison Government and Whitehorse City Council.

## 1st Maroondah Scouts - Ringwood North



✓ DELIVERED

1st Maroondah Scouts in Ringwood North have completed renovations to their hall, which include a new accessible ramp, a major hall upgrade and new bathroom facilities.

## Mooroolbark Scout Hall - Croydon



✓ DELIVERED

The improvements at 1st Mooroolbark Scout Hall are now complete and include disability amenity and access, as well as new bathrooms for all the groups that use the facility.

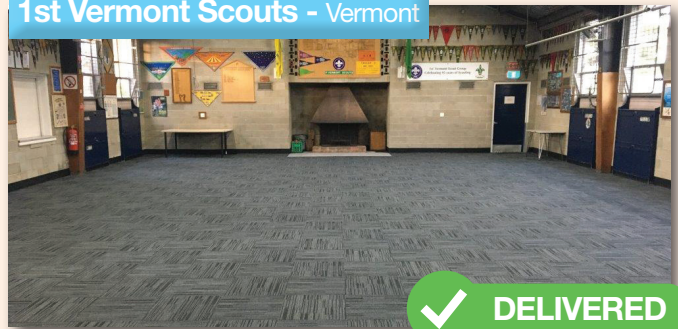
## 3rd Croydon Scouts - Croydon



✓ 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 redevelopment of the kitchen facilities.

## 1st Vermont Scouts - Vermont



✓ DELIVERED

1st Vermont Scouts have replaced flooring in their hall, upgraded external drainage that had caused damage to the original flooring, and updated the electrical switchboard thanks to funding from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant.





# Community Projects

## Heathmont Station



✓ DELIVERING

## Ringwood Station



✓ DELIVERING

## Dorset Recreation Reserve - Croydon



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✓ DELIVERING

The Dorset Recreation Reserve upgrade is well underway. Supported by a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government, the new pavilion will be a first class facility and the new home for Croydon City Soccer Club and the local Burmese Australian Community.

## Croydon Station multi-level carpark



✓ DELIVERED

Work is complete on the Croydon Station multi-level carpark. With a \$15 million commitment from the Federal Government, this new facility will provide much needed additional commuter parking, improved safety and pedestrian access, and greater amenity to the area.

The Morrison Government is also providing funding for new activity centre carparks at Ringwood, Heathmont and Heatherdale Stations.

Maroondah City Council is the proponent for each of these projects and is making it a priority to ensure the carparks are designed and constructed as quickly as possible. I will continue to provide updates to the local community as more information becomes available.

## Sportlink - Vermont South



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✓ DELIVERING

I was very proud to support the redevelopment of Sportlink with a \$1.5 million grant from the Federal Government. Now in partnership with Whitehorse City Council, the Sportlink redevelopment will include a new roof over the outdoor courts, upgraded court surfaces, LED lighting, solar panels, and much more. The upgrades will allow the outdoor courts to be played during all weather conditions, and also allow for basketball to be played on two of the outdoor courts.



### Australian Indian Community Centre



✓ DELIVERED

Communities across Victoria are set to benefit from the new Australian Indian Community Centre, supported by \$2.5 million in federal 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.

### Vermont Sth Club - Vermont South



✓ DELIVERING

\$300,000 in Federal Government funding is being 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.

### Gracedale Park Tennis - Ringwood East



✓ DELIVERED

After seeing the newly upgraded lights at Gracedale Park Tennis Club in action earlier this year, it was a pleasure to officially open the site. I was proud to support this project with a small Federal Government grant.

### Ringwood Baseball - Ringwood



✓ DELIVERED

Ringwood Saints Baseball Club is benefiting from 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.

### Hughes Park - Croydon North



✓ DELIVERED

It was good to see the new volleyball courts completed at Hughes Park. The new facilities will be used for volleyball and futsal by the Australia Chin Community.





# Supporting Local Schools and Kinders

Eastmont Pre-School - Vermont



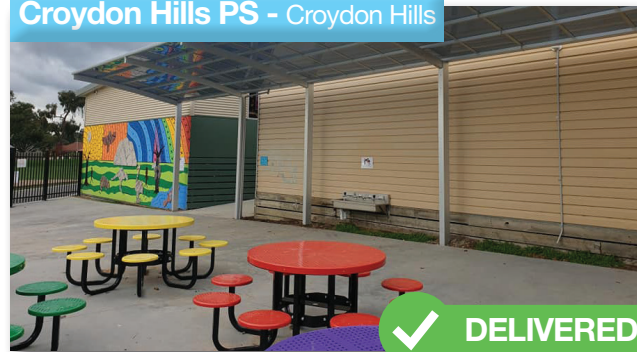
Eastmont Pre-School in Vermont has completed upgrades that were funded by the Federal Government with an \$80,000 grant. The project included repairs to the roof, new LED lights inside the kinder, new security lights and bollards outside, new acoustic panels in the kinder room, and new outdoor play equipment.

Brentwood Park Kinder - Croydon



Brentwood Park Kindergarten has received \$40,509 in funding provided under the Community Development Grants Programme to create an enchanted garden play space. The garden will be engaging and interactive for the children to play and explore.

Croydon Hills PS - Croydon Hills



Croydon Hills Primary School has put its \$15,000 Federal Government grant to good use during the COVID-19 period by updating the Prep courtyard.

Ringwood Heights PS - Ringwood North



Ringwood Heights Primary School has used this difficult time during COVID-19 to undertake some minor upgrades to their netball and basketball courts, funded through the Federal Government's Local Schools Community Fund. The upgrade will be welcomed by students and it will also benefit Trinity Netball Club who use these courts for training.

Aquinas College - Ringwood



Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Schools Community Fund, Aquinas College students will enjoy the benefit and shelter of new sunshades.

Melba College - Croydon



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.



# Canberra Update

## Home Guarantee Scheme

The Federal Government is committed to supporting first home owners under the Home Guarantee Scheme, which is comprised of the Family Home Guarantee, the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme, and the New Home Guarantee – 52,888 Australians have purchased a home or reserved a place under the scheme.



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### A NEW SECURITY PARTNERSHIP

Australia has commenced an enhanced security partnership with the United Kingdom and the United States. This new partnership is an historic opportunity for our three nations to protect shared values and to promote security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. This will build on our longstanding and ongoing bilateral ties, enabling us to work together on a range of emerging security and defence capabilities.



## HomeBuilder



First home ownership in Australia is at the highest levels in nearly 15 years, and as a Government we are proud to play our part in helping Australians achieve the dream of owning their first home. This is all thanks to the success of the Morrison Government's HomeBuilder Programme and FHLDS.

## Support for small and medium business



The Morrison Government has expanded the eligibility for the SME Recovery Loan Scheme, which is designed to provide continued assistance to small and medium enterprises that are dealing with the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Keeping Australians Safe



The Morrison Government has taken steps to cancel the visas of thousands of foreign nationals who seek to do us harm. In Parliament, we have put forward new laws designed to stop even more criminals from travelling here.

## New Apprenticeships

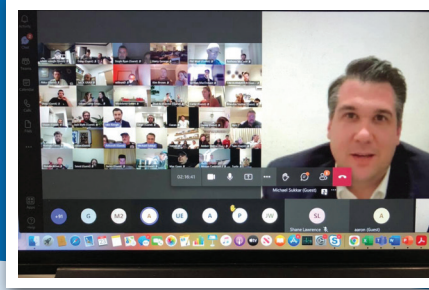


More great news with apprenticeships up 141% and at a 5 year high. The Morrison Government's apprenticeship boosting incentives are working, and are another part of our economic recovery plan.





# Out and About in Deakin



## 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 2022.

### 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.

