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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.

With Christmas fast approaching, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for this special time of year. After another busy year I hope that you get an opportunity to unwind and spend some time with family and friends.

For many Australians this will be a challenging time as the cost of living and financial pressure on household budgets keeps getting worse.

Higher power and fuel prices as well as persistent inflation in the economy leading to higher interest rates, continue to make life harder for many households across the country.

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.

Last month, the Australian Electoral Commission announced the final federal electoral boundaries for Victoria, which includes changes to the boundaries of the Deakin electorate. Further information about the electorate redistribution can be found in this newsletter.

I hope you find the enclosed newsletter informative. And 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



Maroondah District Scouts

I was pleased to visit the **3rd Croydon Scout Group** for the Maroondah District Annual Reports and Presentations. Congratulations to all the award recipients and volunteers.



Red Cross Lifeblood

I enjoyed catching up with the team from the **Australian Red Cross Lifeblood** at the Maroondah Festival.

As we enter the Christmas season, they face the challenge of maintaining blood supplies as many regular donors travel and take time off to relax. But the need for blood doesn't stop. In fact, demand for blood and blood products is at its highest in a decade, and goes to cancer treatment, emergency surgery, and bleeding during childbirth.

Lifeblood Donor Centres, including in Ringwood, will be open throughout the holidays, including many on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. I encourage anyone who is healthy to book an appointment on 13 45 95 or visit lifeblood.com.au.



Glen Park Community Centre

Congratulations to all the graduates from the **Glen Park Community Centre Hungry 4 Success** retail training course.



Croydon Park Probus Club

Happy 8th anniversary to the **Croydon Park Probus Club**. I enjoyed celebrating the occasion with them.

Maroondah Community Assist

With the cost-of-living crisis just getting worse, our local emergency food relief agencies are working harder than ever so I was pleased to visit **Maroondah Community Assist** to thank all of the hardworking volunteers for their efforts in helping those in need.



Osteopathy Australia

It was great to meet with the team at **Osteopathy Australia** in Blackburn and hear first-hand about the industry and the current challenges osteopaths face.



Whitehorse Historical Society

Thanks to the **Whitehorse Historical Society** for their efforts in hosting the Schwerkolt Cottage Open House. We're fortunate to have this wonderful piece of our history accessible to the community.



Queen's Guide Award

Congratulations to Kiera from the **Whitehorse Nighthawk Ranger Guides** on her recent Queen's Guide Award presentation. The Queen's Guide Award is the peak achievement award for youth members and is well deserved recognition for Kiera's efforts.



Our Local Community



Winter Shelter



Thanks to the hundreds of local volunteers who supported **Winter Shelter** in 2024, offering a safe place to sleep and warm meals to more than fifty men suffering homelessness. I was really pleased to do an overnight shift in support of this wonderful annual initiative.

Scones Together



I had a wonderful time with the Scones Together team who held a beautiful afternoon tea in honour of breast cancer awareness month.

Ringwood Men's Shed



Thanks to the **Ringwood Men's Shed** for inviting me to drop in recently. As always, it was great to have a laugh with the guys and to see all the great work they're doing for our community.

Ringwood RSL Women's Auxiliary

Happy 80th birthday to the **Ringwood RSL Women's Auxiliary**, who do a huge amount for the welfare work of the RSL.



Swinburne University Croydon



I had a fantastic time visiting the Croydon campus of **Swinburne University** where I met with the educators and apprentices who will be building the houses Australia needs in the future.

Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre

I enjoyed visiting Kelly and the team at **Park Orchards Community House and Learning Centre** to hear about the many programs they deliver and community groups they support. I am so pleased that Park Orchards will be part of the Deakin electorate and am keen to do my part in supporting this wonderful local community.



Parliament House School Visit



It was wonderful to welcome year six students and teachers from **Yarra Valley Grammar** to Parliament House in Canberra.

Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable

The **Deakin Student Leadership Roundtable** recently wrapped up for 2024. It has been wonderful to connect with all the students and schools who participated again this year.





Our Local Community



Local Manufacturing

I recently joined manufacturers from across the country at local business **Innomerix**, a leading speciality plastics company based right here in Nunawading, for a demonstration of their industrial 3D printers.



Hoskins Carpet Gallery

Congratulations to **Hoskins Carpet Gallery** in Blackburn on celebrating 70 years in business. This iconic local family business has served our community with distinction, so I was really pleased to join in the celebrations to mark the occasion.



Maroondah Italian Senior Citizens

It was wonderful to join the **Maroondah Italian Senior Citizens Club** at one of their recent gatherings.



Birralee Preschool Vermont South

Happy 50th anniversary to the **Birralee Preschool** in Vermont South, who I celebrated this milestone with recently.



Remembrance Day

Thanks to the **Ringwood RSL** for hosting a very fitting local Remembrance Day Service again this year, and we thank the many schools who sent student leaders to mark the occasion.



Our Newest Australian Citizens

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



Whitehorse Community Dinner

Thanks to the **Whitehorse City Council** for hosting the 2024 Whitehorse Community Dinner. It was wonderful to catch up with so many hard-working volunteers who make such a contribution to our community.



Women of Whitehorse

Congratulations to the **Women of Whitehorse** for hosting a wonderful event with inspiration guest speaker, Professor Susan Alberti AC.



Community Events



Melbourne Moon Festival

It was fantastic to celebrate this year's **Melbourne Moon Festival** in Box Hill.



Veteran Games

Congratulations to all of our locals from the **Average Joe's Ringwood RSL Team** who participated in this year's Veteran Games.

Warranwood Primary School Spring Fair



It was great to spend some time at the **Warranwood Primary School Spring Fair**.



Whitehorse Scout Awards

Congratulations to all our local scout groups in Whitehorse for another excellent year. At the **Whitehorse District Annual Report & Award Presentation**, a number of young people were recognised for their outstanding achievements.

Honouring Vietnam War Veterans



It was an honour to join the **Vietnam Veterans Association Outer East Melbourne** for their Vietnam Veterans Day memorial service, where we paid tribute to those Australians who fought and fell on foreign soil during the Vietnam War.



Mid-Autumn Festival Market

I was pleased to sponsor a local **Mid-Autumn Festival Community Market** organised by the Sunflower Ladies. Congratulations to everyone on a huge turnout and great event.



St James Primary School

It was great to visit the recent **St James Primary School art show**, which had some very impressive work on show.

Asian Business Association of Whitehorse



It was great to join the **Asian Business Association of Whitehorse** for the 2024 Moon Festival.



1939 Sunbeam Talbot 10

It was fantastic to cut the ribbon of this restored 1939 Sunbeam Talbot 10, which belonged to Pamela, Lady Vestey, granddaughter of Dame Nellie Melba, in whose house in Yarra Valley she lived for much of her life.



Community Events



Whitehorse Seniors Festival

It was wonderful to visit the **2024 Whitehorse Seniors Festival** at the **Nunawading Community Hub**. A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers from **U3A Nunawading** and **Rotary Club of Nunawading** for their wonderful efforts.



U3A Croydon Community Open Day

It was great to drop into the **U3A Croydon** community open day.



Holy Spirit Community Fete

Thanks to all the volunteers from the **Holy Spirit School and Parish** community in Ringwood North for putting on another huge fete again this year.



Our Lady's Community Fete

The weather was perfect for this year's **Our Lady's Community Fete** in Ringwood. As always, I enjoyed my stint on the chip stall.



Lunar New Year Festival Launch

I joined the **Asian Business Association of Whitehorse** for the launch of the 2025 Lunar New Year festival, which promises to be bigger and better than previous years.



Holy Name Vermont South Fete

It's always great to attend the **Holy Name** annual fete in Vermont South. Thanks to the small army of volunteers for putting on another wonderful event this year.



Nadrasca

I had the opportunity to visit my good friends at **Nadrasca**, a brilliant local organisation who provide a range of services to support people living with a disability.



Maroondah Festival

Thanks to everyone who stopped by for a chat at this year's **Maroondah Festival**.



HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club

It was great to catch up with volunteers from the **HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club** at their recent AGM.



Local Sport



Cricket Season Launch

It was fantastic to join the **BHRDCA** for their season launch with some great local clubs in the Whitehorse area.



Blackburn Baseball Club

It was great to recently catch up with the **Blackburn Baseball Club** team at their home in Vermont South.

Mitcham Football Club



Having worked with the **Mitcham Football Club** for over a decade, I've loved watching their phenomenal success, culminating in this year's Division 1 EFNL Premiership.



Local Football Finals

With local football finals wrapping up, I want to thank the hundreds of volunteers - the lifeblood of local football clubs - for the huge contribution they have made this year. Particular congratulations must go to the **East Ringwood Football Club** on another outstanding season, making the EFNL Premier Division Grand Final and just missing out on a Premiership by a couple of points.



Ringwood Swimming Club

It was fantastic to visit the team at the **Ringwood Swimming Club** for their recent short course meet at **Aquanation**.



South Warrandyte Cricket Club

I dropped in and caught up with the **South Warrandyte Hawks Cricket Club**, who I'm proud to now be supporting as a sponsor. I'm very pleased to have South Warrandyte joining the Deakin electorate under the recent electoral boundary changes.



Ringwood Little Athletics

It was wonderful to join the **Ringwood Little Athletics Centre** for their recent trophy presentations.



Park Orchards Netball Club

Congratulations to the **Park Orchards Netball Club** on their recent netball clinic for their junior players. Here I am with the leadership group who helped make it a huge success.

Local Sport



East Ringwood Football Club

I enjoyed catching up with some of the dedicated volunteers at the **East Ringwood Football Club** at one of their matches during the season.



Ringwood Croquet Club

Despite the wet weather, it was fantastic to formally open the new season for the **Ringwood Croquet Club**, a local institution since 1931.



Vermont South Bowling Club

I attended the opening of the new season at the **Vermont South Bowling Club**.

Croydon North Football & Netball Club

I enjoyed visiting the **Croydon North Football and Netball Club**, who are doing great things with men's and women's footy and growing their netball program.



Vermont and Norwood Football Clubs

It was great to be with the two presidents of **Vermont Football Club** and **Norwood Football Club** at a match late in the season.

Electorate Boundary Redistribution

Last month, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) announced the final federal electoral boundaries for Victoria, including for our electorate of Deakin.

The map to the right shows the new boundaries for the Deakin electorate which will now take in residents from Blackburn North, Nunawading, Mitcham, Burwood East, Park Orchards, Warrandyte South and Donvale (shaded in light blue). It will be my honour to represent them in our federal parliament.

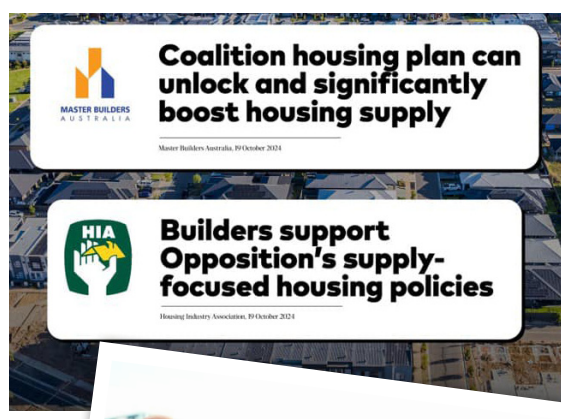
Sadly, parts of Heathmont, Bayswater North and Kilsyth South that I have represented for many years have been transferred to the electorate of Aston. However, I will continue to work with the many residents and community groups from these areas on matters that impact our community more broadly.

Further information about the electoral boundary redistribution in Victoria can be found at the AEC's website.





Canberra Update



Boosting Home Building Across Australia

As the Shadow Minister for Housing, I've been pleased to announce a number of key programs on behalf of the Coalition aiming to boost home ownership around the country.

As part of this, an elected Coalition Government will commit \$5 billion to invest in shovel-ready infrastructure, the lack of which is hindering the development of new housing, through a new Housing Infrastructure Programme.

The programme will unlock 500,000 new homes around Australia by funding the enabling infrastructure needed to get them going.

It's a practical solution to speed up construction, tackle the housing crisis head-on and restore the great Australian dream of home ownership.

We will also allow first home buyers to access a portion of their superannuation to assist with the purchase of their first home.

In addition, we have also committed to reduce migration and ban foreign investors and temporary residents from buying existing properties and put a cap on foreign students, to get Australia back on track.

My Priorities

- ✔ Defending common sense values and the Australian way of life
- ✔ Building a strong and productive economy to reduce inflation and interest rates
- ✔ Fighting for lower taxes and less Government interference in our everyday lives
- ✔ Keeping the Australian dream of home ownership alive
- ✔ Preventing local crime and improving the safety of our community
- ✔ Fixing our local roads and infrastructure
- ✔ Improving our local sporting and community facilities





MICHAEL SUKKAR MP

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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:
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Alternatively, you can scan this QR code to complete the survey online.



Community Noticeboard



Christmas Giving Tree

I am again asking local residents, community groups and businesses to support the **Deakin Christmas Giving Tree** by donating non-perishable food items including Christmas puddings and cakes, along with vouchers, children's toys and other essentials such as new clothing, blankets and toiletries. This year the Deakin Christmas Giving Tree will provide much-needed support to local families through **Hope City Mission**, Croydon. Donations can be dropped off at my office in Mitcham or the Bendigo Bank branches in Ringwood East or Croydon until Friday, 20 December 2024.



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 2025.

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.

