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CROZIER RD & TORRENS ST ROUNDABOUT

The Road Home

- ✓ Cut Hill Overtaking Lane, Victor Harbor Rd*
- ✓ Mount Compass, Sheltered Right Turn Lane into Arthur Rd
- ✓ Goolwa Rd, Shoulder widening & sealing
- ✓ Crozier Rd & Torrens St Roundabout
- ✓ Port Elliot Rd/Boettcher Rd Intersection Re-alignment
- ✓ Inman Valley Rd, Shoulder widening & sealing

For many of us, aside from home or work, the car is often where we spend the most time. We've all got different roads we take on our various journeys but because we spend so much time on the road we are all interested in their quality and safety.

The Marshall Liberal Government is proud to be building what matters, creating local jobs and better lives for South Australians by making our roads safer. This includes many projects on the Fleurieu Peninsula as many of you would have noticed with the amount of road works around the place. While roadworks can cause some short-term inconvenience, they are clear sign of the work being done to upgrade our regional roads which were ignored for so long by the former Labor Government.

We are proud to deliver in full an election promise of improved traffic management for Torrens Street and Crozier Road intersection in Victor Harbor which is now working very well. A roundabout was installed, and the traffic light sequencing changed to improve road safety and traffic efficiency reducing the risk of turning crashes. The improvement also benefits pedestrians with new refuges and ramps.

*DUE TO COMMENCE FEB 2022



As a committed local MP, I listen when the community make me aware of specific road safety concerns and improvement ideas such as the Goolwa slipway extension, key duplication along the Victor Harbor Road, sheltered right turn lane at Mount Compass, shoulder widening/sealing on Goolwa Road.

I have pushed these projects and the result is a range of works to improve local roads.

Good road infrastructure and maintenance on arterial roads for the Fleurieu region unlocks tourism and economic growth outcomes now and into the future. Daily travel is safer for the tens of thousands of users/visitors with extended slipways, added duplication, improved intersections not to mention repairs to roads that have suffered from lack of maintenance by the past government. The projects have not finished with a downward overtaking lane near Cut Hill commencing in February 2022 and Fleurieu connection improvements continuing. All up there are \$17.9 billion worth of road and infrastructure upgrades happening thanks to the Marshall Liberal Government.

Road Safety is always important, so as we finish up our holiday season, please remember to drive cautiously according to conditions, even if the road is familiar to you.

MOUNT COMPASS, SHELTERED RIGHT TURN LANE INTO ARTHUR RD (DURING CONSTRUCTION)

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EDUCATION COUNTS

One thing every child in South Australia must have is access to a good education. On the Fleurieu Peninsula, we are lucky to have some fantastic places to support learning and growth for our children. Having access to local world-class education opportunities is important to me, which is why I've advocated for the delivery of more than \$30 million of key investment in this area, including:

Goolwa Secondary College	\$10 million
Significant upgrades to the previous Investigator College campus	
Victor Harbor Primary School	\$5 million
New STEAM building & campus upgrades	
Mt Compass Area School	\$14.6 million
Major campus upgrades & STEM facility	
Victor Harbor High School	\$2.5 million
Campus upgrades	

The new Goolwa Secondary College opened this week with the principal Rebecca Moore leading the way, setting the direction and culture for the new school. The fresh new spaces and team of staff at the Goolwa Secondary College have 120 local year 7 & 8 students beginning their high school education this week at the extensively renovated former Investigator College site. Goolwa was the largest town in the state without a high school. The flow-on effect will be seen throughout the whole community. I am proud to have fought for this project from concept to completion.



VH PRIMARY SCHOOL STEAM OPENING



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Late last year, it was a pleasure to visit the Mount Compass Area School and reminisce about my school days there. As I toured the school, I admired the new buildings and reflected that most old buildings have been removed or upgraded beyond recognition. The new Mount Compass school buildings and surroundings are accessible, vibrant, and functional. The school has new buildings for administration, home economics, technology, art and general learning classrooms. There is also a purpose-built STEM facility adjacent to the Trade Training Centre.

The school can now deliver learning spaces that cater for all in an inspiring environment.

Our government is committed to education with record public school investment and key reforms that extend beyond funding for new infrastructure as we move year 7 to high school this year. A successful pilot program evidenced that the brains of early adolescents are changing, and the switch will mean the students and teaching staff will benefit by being in a high school environment.

Our children are our future, so I'm immensely proud of the Marshall Government's investment into education in our local region.

All the best to students & families for a successful learning year ahead.



MT COMPASS AREA SCHOOL UPGRADE



VH HIGH SCHOOL OPENING

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READY SET PLAY



Sport and recreational clubs are often the heart and soul of local communities. This is particularly the case in regional communities including the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Staying fit and active has wide-ranging benefits such as better health and well-being and important social interaction.

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way many of us live our lives, but one thing it has done is highlight the importance of our sport and recreational clubs.

I am passionate about seeing our local community clubs be as strong as possible and be able to cater for as many people as possible.

Over the past four years, the Marshall Government have invested close to \$12m into sport, recreational and community clubs in our electorate. No doubt you have seen my colleagues join me, Premier Steven Marshall MP, Minister Vincent Tarzia MP and Minister Corey Wingard MP in celebrating some of the major local projects such as the Goolwa Sports Precinct and Encounter Bay Sports Complex.

The Goolwa Sports precinct will boast a fabulous grandstand viewing area as well as new changerooms and catering facilities. In the most recent round of grant allocations, Encounter Bay will be able to progress to stage 2 of their much-needed upgrades and expansion. These are exciting projects that will be enjoyed by many participants, supporters and families, assisting our community to stay fit, healthy and engaged.

- Across the electorate the funds have:
- upgraded change rooms and amenities
 - provided training equipment and venues
 - made spaces accessible
 - built meeting places
 - refitted catering facilities
 - funded computers
 - supported families to use club programs.

Sports vouchers continue to encourage children and support families with the costs of being active. In 2019 the Marshall Government doubled the investment from \$55,000 to \$120,000 in the Finnis Electorate, benefiting more than 1,200 young people. As of January 2022, the program has been expanded to include \$100 vouchers for students aged 5 to 15 years which is further helping our community.

Thank you to the club volunteers who have put the effort into applying for the grants to improve their club. If you would like more information about grant opportunities, support for community clubs, sports vouchers or past projects, please contact the Finnis Electorate Office for assistance.



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Since being elected in 2018, a total of **\$9.504 million** has been invested in the future of three surf life saving clubs in Finnis that keep our beaches and community safe.

Surf Life Saving's mission is to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities. The hardworking volunteers at Chiton Rocks, Goolwa and Port Elliot surf life saving clubs are proud to live out that mission here in the electorate of Finnis.

Every year, thousands flock to beaches in Finnis to enjoy a seaside lifestyle during warmer months. Volunteers patrol weekends, public holidays and more from October to April, keeping beaches safe and training youngsters. For years I have lived in this community and recognised Surf Life Saving SA's key role in protecting the public and engaging the community along our coastline.

The State Government has proudly supported surf life saving clubs with equipment and significant grants to provide community groups and volunteers with the tools and infrastructure they need to do their jobs.

As your local member, I am proud to support projects driven by dedicated members and volunteers. The Finnis surf life saving clubs' improved facilities support beach safety and provide fantastic community spaces.



CHITON ROCKS



GOOLWA



PORT ELLIOT



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The new Causeway is now open!

The iconic Granite Island landmark is a critical part of our local community's social and economic fabric and the Marshall Government is proud to deliver this \$43 million state-building project.

The Granite Island Causeway was originally built in the 1860s in response to rapid economic and industrial growth. As export declined, the Granite Island Causeway became a pathway for tourists and holiday makers travelling to and from Granite Island, a platform for the baths, general fishing, and a bridge for commercial fishers, kiosk staff and been kept operational by tourism and community passion.

Parts have been demolished as they fell into disrepair and much of the causeway has been replaced or altered to provide short term safety. When the Causeway was found to have reached the end of its useful life the State Government worked with the community to find a solution.

The new Causeway reflects the iconic link between Granite Island and mainland Victor Harbor. Sections of the original causeway will be retained and restored at both ends, to allow an appreciation of the original structure and sightlines. The new Causeway will ensure long-term, safe and reliable access to Granite Island for decades to come, making sure the island will remain a jewel in the crown for Victor Harbor's tourism sector.

The Marshall Government has delivered and is proud of the way the community, McConnell Dowell, local businesses, and the Department for Infrastructure & Transport worked together.



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We know South Australians love the great outdoors and care greatly for the natural environment.

This has been highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic with border closures meaning many South Australians have chosen to holiday in their own backyard. Our parks and green open spaces across the state are experiencing record numbers of visitors as a result.

Increased visitation is great news because:

It means more people experience the beautiful landscapes we have in South Australia.
&
Regional economies are being supported when they need it most.

I am proud to be part of a government that has prioritised the environment by delivering world-leading initiatives and record investment to boost conservation, improve the visitor experience and support regional jobs.

The Finnis electorate has been a key beneficiary of government decisions through projects such as the new Hindmarsh Valley National Park, which will turn an unused parcel of land into a recreational and environmental haven right on our doorstep and link nicely with the hugely popular Myponga Reservoir. Across these two special places, people will be able to mountain bike, kayak, cycle, hike and picnic surrounded by protected native animals and vegetation.

People often think Liberal governments aren't champions for the environment; I believe the Marshall Government has proved that wrong.



GOONDOOLOO RIDGE WALK



GRANITE ISLAND

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INVESTMENT for the Future

Under the Marshall Government, Finnis has attracted an unprecedented \$125 million funding to deliver better health and educational outcomes, improve community infrastructure, make our roads safer, boost our economy and create jobs.

Importantly, private investment in our region has followed. The G'day group have made significant upgrades to the caravan park in Goolwa and will begin a development of the McCracken Country Club. The owners of the Hotel Elliot are in the process of a significant expansion. Key indicators of a strong economy.

In 2018, my election promise was to improve the Crozier/Torrens Road intersection and proudly, I delivered this. Local roads had been neglected by previous governments so it was exciting to push for investment in arterial roads that improve safety and encourage more visitors to our region.



CLUBS
Sport and community clubs are the heart and soul of local communities and pleasingly 75 clubs and groups have shared in \$12 million of funding to make improvements and encourage more people to be fit and active. Has your club applied?



ENVIRONMENT
The Fleurieu Peninsula is blessed with some of the world's most picturesque landscapes and we are making them even better. We have the brand new Hindmarsh Valley National Park as well as the recently opened Myponga Reservoir which will both be environmental and recreational havens for generations to come. Reforms have been made to natural resource management, putting power back into community and renewed investment in practical on-ground action such as planting more trees. We are a world leader when it comes to renewable energy and making the move to a low-carbon economy and we became the first state in the country to ban single-use plastics.



EDUCATION
Having access to local world-class education opportunities is important to me, which is why I've been able to deliver \$30 million investment in this area. Proudly Goolwa now has a high school, Mount Compass and Victor Harbor schools have been improved, and in a changing society, year 7 is now a part of High School.



CAUSEWAY
The iconic Granite Island landmark is a critical part of our local community's social and economic fabric. The new Causeway will ensure long-term, safe and reliable access to Granite Island for decades to come, making sure the island will remain a \$43 million jewel in the crown for Victor Harbor's tourism sector.

COVID
The COVID-19 pandemic has been the biggest challenge of my lifetime. There have been plenty of difficult decisions but we have followed expert advice to make informed choices to keep South Australians safe and our economy strong.

The Marshall Government has proudly supported the communities of the Finnis electorate investing across all areas.

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OMICRON safe

Last weekend I was explaining, or maybe it was justifying, the next round of restrictions to my teenage daughter. We discussed why she will no longer be able to go to her friends for New Year, why her holiday job in hospitality will be affected, and what it may mean for her school formal in February. The conversation went in circles a few times before I finally said "vaccinations aim to keep people healthy and restrictions aim to ensure our health system doesn't get overwhelmed so the people who need health care can get it".

The Government does not want a doctor to have to decide which patient lives or dies because the life saving equipment has run out and yet this situation has happened in the USA and UK, worse in less developed countries where loved ones are buried in mass graves.

Australia has one of the best health systems globally, but a pandemic of this magnitude is unprecedented. Our health professionals must be protected from making these decisions, our children must be protected from these stories, and we as a society are all responsible.

The community are right to ask questions: Why can people go to sporting events but numbers in hotels and restaurants are restricted? Why is mixing outside different to having people in your home? The answer is data. Data collected from other countries and from Australia showing where people are catching the virus and where they're not. The experts have analysed the data which indicates high-risk places are home gatherings, restaurants, bars and gyms. Data, including that collected from COVID test results and QR check-ins, is used by SA Health to see where people have been and what cases are connected, resulting in knowing where the positive cases have caught the virus and when. The Government analyse local, national and international data to inform decision making.

The effects of COVID will be felt for years and impact generations. Families have sadly lost and will continue to lose loved ones from this dreadful virus. COVID has been devastating for many across the country and the world. It's changed the way we live and unfortunately many businesses have paid a high price. The pandemic has been an unexpected learning curve for everyone, including the Government.

As a Government, we lead, we continually seek new information and do our best under the circumstances. Many of the tough decisions are not popular but we are trying to keep South Australians safe and our economy strong. Importantly we listen to the experts and implement actions as required.

SA Health and the Government prepare for pandemics, but the length and complexity of what we are experiencing, no one predicted and our experts and community have been forced to learn and adapt. This state of change now that we have OMICRON is difficult, but imagine the loss of life we may see if we all threw our arms in the air and gave up!

I believe South Australia is the best state, in the best country in the world, and I also think living on the South Coast gives us a lifestyle that people worldwide are envious of. Please reach out for help if you need it. As your local MP and a member of Cabinet, I ask questions on your behalf and lobby for our community. I am proud to be working hard as your state representative throughout this pandemic. Please contact the Finnis Electorate Office, we are continuing to offer assistance and share ideas to support individuals and businesses across the electorate.

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