

DAVID BASHAM MP, MEMBER FOR FINNISS OUT & ABOUT WITH DAVID



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Smell the Hibiscus

This time of year can get a little crazy...always find time to smell the 'hibiscus'! Please reach out to my office if you or anyone you know is on their own for Christmas. We can provide you with details for community Christmas Day events.



Big Surf Australia



What a great atmosphere, we enjoyed helping out...actually Kate helped, the girls shopped and I supported Tom in the coffee caravan! Great news Big Surf Australia is open for Christmas, the family, friends and staff have worked so hard to make this happen!



Competition For the Finnis Elf

Wait, what? Competition! Raising the bar! Bring it on! It seems to happen with Christmas lights and decorations! Thank you to everyone who is spreading the Christmas Cheer across Finnis!

Middleton Beach

What a difference a 'day' makes!

I nearly got blown away at Middleton Beach! The beach looked a little different after the freak storm a few weeks ago.

As the rebuild continues from the storm, it's important to remember that time will be needed to repair the infrastructure and damage to businesses and private property. Please be kind and respectful. It makes everyone feel better, especially at Christmas.

Victor Harbor Tennis Club

Strangely, I found myself at the Victor Harbor Tennis Club Christmas Party. I mean, I don't even play tennis! But I don't mind a sausage in bread and a Christmas carol! The inclusiveness of Clubs across Finnis makes our community what it is today.

If you are new to town or looking for a way to volunteer your time or want to give something a go for the very first time, get involved. Say 'yes' to trying something new. Maybe you haven't played a sport for a long time, and you'd be happy to score or help in the canteen, trust me, you will be welcomed with open arms! I promise you'll reap the rewards of your effort and time and connect with like-minded people.

Don't know where to start looking? Please reach out to the Finnis Electorate Office, and we can help you find a Club to contact.



Christmas Pageant

And here it is... "Christmas Pageant with Elf". Featuring the community, sporting clubs, schools and service clubs, starring me, the Finnis Elf!

Please like or follow my Facebook or Instagram profiles to receive updates about where I have been in the local community and in my role as your local state member of parliament. If you would prefer to receive my update by email please contact the Finnis Electorate Office.

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Emergency Department Upgrades

The plans for the new Emergency department to be built at the South Coast District Hospital have been released and are open for comment. During the Liberals' term in government, I advocated for money to be committed to this project, and I am pleased the current Government have continued with this project.

Treatment areas to increase from:

- Resuscitation Bay one to two
- Treatment Bays five to 11
- Isolation Room zero to one
- Short stay beds zero to three
- Consultation Room zero to two



The new Emergency Department with increased capacity will be built to meet the growing community. According to the documentation, pediatric and adult emergency services will be provided. Also, a dedicated low-stimulus room will provide a safe and appropriate location for patients with mental health or emotional distress. Unfortunately, the expansion of the Renal Unit is in Stage Two of the plans. Stage Two currently appears to be unfunded.

The plans can be downloaded here:

https://plan.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1151689/FINAL-DOCUMENTS-FOR-PUBLIC-NOTICE-453_V013_22-Victor-Harbor-Health-Service-2-Dec-23-Dec-22-.PDF



Visitor Centre Opening

It was a great pleasure to attend the opening of the redeveloped Railway Goods Shed, home to the South Australian Whale Centre and Visitor Services.

The Centre is stunningly appointed, retaining much of its historical character and modern functions. It will be a beautiful space to meet the volunteers passionate about sharing what is great about living in the best part of the state. Bring the children to the refreshed Whale centre or children's activity corner. Drop by to search the web or check your email if you are on holiday. In time, it will be a great space to hold a social function. Some places feel beautiful, and this is one of those I encourage locals and visitors alike to visit.

OPEN 7 days (except Christmas Day)



Main Street Party

Great to see the people of Victor Harbor enjoying the recent upgrades to the main street precinct.

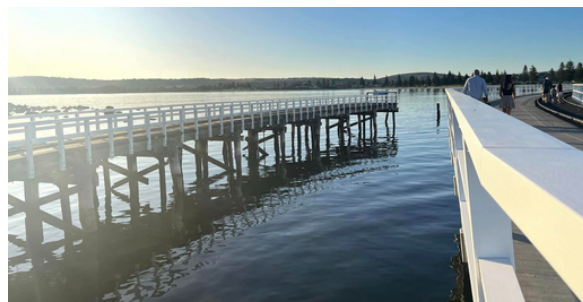
The previous Labor government supported the first two stages, being the intersection of Coral and Ocean Streets and the northern end of Ocean Street. I was proud to be part of the most recent three projects under the Liberal Government being Coral Street, Railway Terrace and southern end of Ocean Street and Albert Place upgrade. There is one stage to go, the Grosvenor Gardens. I will be advocating to the current government to fund this stage.

Causeway Viewing Platforms

It is pleasing to see the new causeway viewing platforms finished.

Some timber from the demolition of the old causeway will be retained for use on the remaining old causeway viewing platforms, seating, signage or art on the project, re-use on other marine jetty structures and allocated to

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) for use on local community projects.





Laurie Lane

Laurie Lane, Goolwa by night! Just as nice during the day, Laurie Lane cuts through to the Goolwa Wharf Precinct from the town centre. You'll pass some art studios and murals and go under Signal Point.

The Goolwa Visitor Information Centre (Visit Alexandrina) has won awards for its 'greatness' and, along with lots of other resources, has a brochure for several Self-guided History Walks on their website <https://www.visitalexandrina.com/goolwa/goolwa-history-walk>

Brochure: <https://images.impartmedia.com/.../GoolwaHeritageWalks146...>

Find a place to walk across the Fleurieu Peninsula <https://www.walkingsa.org.au/.../region/fleurieu-peninsula/>

Walking SA is the not-for-profit peak body that leads, promotes and supports all forms of walking in South Australia and it is a fabulous resource.

Things to do in Goolwa

If you're planning a trip to Goolwa over the holiday make sure you look up "things to do". I'll give you a few hints:

- Steam train
- Paddle steamer
- Cruise
- Distillery
- Winery
- Live Music
- River front dining & drinking
- Great playground



Butter Storm In The Office

I found myself whipping up a butter storm in the Finnis Electorate Office.

The staff at the electoral office can assist you with all sorts of queries and information, or you might like to drop in to see the collection of antique dairy things and have a chat to make an appointment with your local member of parliament. Either way, we are here to help and serve our community.



Murray Mouth

The Murray Mouth is a sight to see at any time, but with all of the water coming down the river, it's a sight that hasn't been seen for many years. Dredgers have been operating at the mouth since 2015, but for the past few weeks, they have been temporarily stood down. The flushing out of the lower lakes will bring environmental advantages.

It's a distant memory now, but back in the 2009 drought, the river and the communities connected suffered badly



Victor High Student, Brendan

I have attended many events at local schools across the electorate throughout term 4. We have some great students coming through, and I look forward to watching where they go next.

One student, however, has a talent that, to be honest, after having school recorders spasmodically in our home with our girls, I didn't think was ever possible! Brendan, Senior School Leader from Victor Harbor High School, not only held a leadership position at the Speech Day but played the most beautiful piece of music on a recorder. He is exceptionally talented. I may just have different expectations for Adelaide when she brings a recorder home from primary school! Congratulations Brendan and all the best for your journey after school. I look forward to seeing what he may do next.



Kings Beach

My goodness, the wind today at the Kings Beach Lookout was wild! I could have been blown across the Southern Ocean to West Island. I have often curiously looked out to the island. West Island is a declared National Park, but during the 1880s, it was quarried for granite to construct the foundations of Parliament House, Adelaide.





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Delivering for the community



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Finnis Electorate office will close from
1:00pm Friday 23 December
& reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023
Emails & the phone will be attended to daily

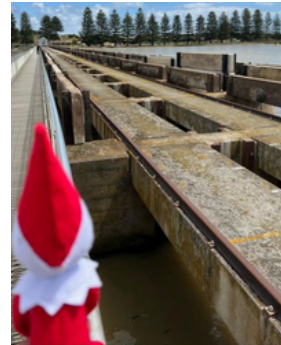
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Coolwa Barrage

Being locals within the Lower Lakes region, we have the critical job of seeing the River Murray finish its journey into the ocean. It is a big responsibility - socially, economically and environmentally. So I thought I'd check out the Coolwa Barrage to ensure things are ticking along nicely! The barrages have been manually opened to manage the high water flows.



Waitpinga

The Finnis Elf surfed, caught a fish from the beach and camped. Waitpinga is an Aboriginal name meaning home of the wind. Waitpinga Beach is beautiful, even from the carpark if you cannot walk down to the beach



Community Quilt

I attended the community quilt unveiling event at the Victor Harbor High School. It's a great story and you can read it here: <https://www.fleurieusun.com.au/community-news/community-quilt-with-connection>



Big Surf Australia

Visiting Middleton this summer? Please support Big Surf Australia, a locally owned businesses, you'll be greeted with a friendly face and remember your experience fondly!



Old Town of Finnis

I had fun hanging out in the town of Finnis, checking out the old railway platform, to be precise!

The local Post Office opened as Queen's Own Town in April 1869, when the Strathalbyn-Middleton railway line was opened and was changed from 'Queen's Own Town' to 'Finniss' in 1910.

The Finnis General Store is a great place to eat or get a coffee. It's buzzing and has a small children's play area.

The electorate is named after Boyle Travers Finniss (1807-1893). At various times he occupied the positions of Deputy Surveyor-General, Police Commissioner, Legislative Councillor, Colonial Secretary and, in 1856, was chosen as the first Chief Secretary and then Premier of the Province. He surveyed the southern #FleurieuPeninsula and other areas.

The Electorate of Finnis covers approximately 1,395.4 km²

