

David Basham MP, Member for Finniss

OUT & ABOUT WITH DAVID

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SteamRanger Rolls On!



I love the SteamRanger Railway, the significant economic activity, and the great work the volunteers do.

I will continue to work closely with SteamRanger to make sure future generations will have the opportunity to experience some of our States significant history and enjoy a unique view of the beautiful scenery in the electorate of Finniss.

Immediately following the State election in 2022, I met with SteamRanger at the Goolwa Depot, where I encouraged them to engage directly with the Minister for Environment and Water and the Minister for Tourism. I am pleased that this advocacy has helped the SteamRanger Heritage Railway look to a stronger future.

After SteamRanger approached me in April, we were successful in securing \$450,000 for emergency works in September 2022 from the current State Government. At this time I also had a commitment from the responsible Minister, Susan Close, that further funding would be considered under normal budget processes for next years budget.

The announcement regarding the Finniss Electorate Bridges is wonderful news because it will assist the

SteamRanger legacy continue long into the future.

Remediation work can now go ahead in the Finniss Electorate, repairing Currency Creek, Watson Gap and Hindmarsh River as well as Tookayerta Creek and Finniss River. The Finniss Electorate office received many letters supporting the Heritage railway and its iconic service, reflecting how important it is to our community.

I have met many times with the wonderful volunteers for the SteamRanger and pleased to say that last year I was able to lobby the Treasurer to allow steam train drivers to do a training program dedicated to steam trains, reducing the cost and time to new drivers.

I am proud of working with the Turnbull Federal Government to secure \$200,000 in 2018 to replace the Middleton Bridge.

Primary Industries Scorecard 2021-22

Primary industries revenue reaches record high

Testament to the resilience of South Australia's primary producers, agribusiness and primary industries have seen record growth with a 12% increase in generated revenue to \$17.3 billion for 2021-22 in the release of the latest Primary Industries Scorecard.

As we emerge from numerous challenges including globally the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain issues, Chinese trade tensions and the Ukraine invasion, as well as local extreme weather, bushfire and flood events, South Australia's primary industries continue to deliver solid growth, accounting for 51% of the state's merchandise

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/industry_scorecards

I am pleased to have worked with farmers, fishers and forestry during the financial years of 2020/21 and 2021/2022. Great outcomes for the State and for the sector during my time as the Minister of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

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Best in the Business

SA Country Press Conference and Awards night

Owners, Journalists and personnel from Independent Regional news papers across the state embarked on our town for the annual SA Country Press Conference and Awards night at McCracken Country Club.

Print media in the regions plays an informative role but also connects communities and often shines a spotlight on the quiet achievers accomplishing remarkable things.

Regional journalists and editors are often entrenched in their community, writing stories with a personal connection. The SA Country Press Awards highlight and unite the sector that reaches approximately 230,000 South Australia every week.

It has been great to connect and have the members in our region. Thank you to the Fleurieu Sun for organising and playing the hometown host.



Two of our local papers, the Fleurieu Sun and The Southern Argus took home a collection of Awards!

Well deserved and congratulations.
For Award winners, please go to the www.sacountrypress.com.au/awards



Centenary Celebrations

100 Years of Great Southern Football

100 years ago, a local group met in Port Elliot and had the vision, drive and love for the game of football to start the Great Southern Football League.

As part of the 100th anniversary of the league, individuals from the Great Southern Football League and clubs within the league were inducted into the newly created GSFL Hall of Fame.

Football Clubs in the regions have gifted communities much more than a game of football to watch, and today we heard stories about sportsmanship, dedication, and camaraderie across clubs and friendships.

Congratulations, and thank you to the GSFL for organising a great lunch at SA's home for football, the Adelaide Oval.



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Commemorating 20 years +

The Fleurieu Sub Branch of the national Servicemen's Association of Australia held their service commemorating and celebrating the 20th year of the branch. I was pleased to attend and speak at the event.



SERVICE: All the National Servicemen in the Fleurieu Sub Branch. Back Row from left: David Kemp, Don Clarke, Henry Queale, Kevin Robinson, Brian Falconer, Brian Moir, Brian Stevens, Allan Bennett, Bill Renshaw and Bill Denny. Front Row from left: Merv Knuckey, Peter Whitford, John Thorne, Peter Boyd, Geoff Hewitt, Peter West and David Basham.

New lanes are open!

The new lanes on Victor Harbor Road are now open, and we are a step closer to having a dual carriageway from McLaren Vale to South Road, making this stretch of road safer for everyone.

Thanks to Stephan Knoll, past Minister for Transport and Infrastructure in the Marshall Liberal Government, for starting this project.

A long overdue commitment to make one of the busiest sections of road in the state, dual lanes.



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**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
Member of Parliament,
David Basham MP,
TO ARRANGE AN OFFICIAL
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION.**

Congratulatory Messages can be arranged from the Queen, Governor-General, Governor, Prime Minister, Premier of South Australia and David Basham MP for significant birthday and wedding anniversaries.

**For specific information on which birthdays and
anniversaries are eligible, please refer to
www.congrats.apply.sa.gov.au
or contact the Finnis Electorate Office**

To give the best chance of the message
arriving on time, please arrange it no later than two
months before the date of the special occasion.

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Fish kill clean up



PIRSA conducted a clean-up of the fish that were washed up on the section of beach from the Croquet Club to the Hindmarsh River.

This is a calm section of the beach, and therefore the natural wave movements can't be relied upon to self-clean the beach. The fish are mainly juvenile European Carp, washed into the ocean from the River Murray.

European Carp, which are abundant, are freshwater fish and consequently die in salt water.



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