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Mount Compass Recreation Park open



DAVID has fulfilled a key election commitment with the opening of the \$1.15 million Mount Compass Recreation Park in October.

The recreation park was built by Alexandrina Council with a \$300,000 contribution from the Marshall Liberal Government.

David officially opened the park with Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes.

"The community in Mount Compass has been calling for this recreation park for several years and it deserves to be congratulated for this achievement," he said. "Alexandrina Council has done a great job and built a wonderful facility.

"I was very pleased to secure \$300,000 from the Marshall Liberal Government for this project."

The recreation park features a skate park, a BMX track, a nature play space, open grassed areas, a basket swing and slide, and a maintenance stand equipped with tools and an air pump. Construction began in March this year, with the park open to the public in September.

"The park gives both local families and visitors a great place for outdoor activity and recreation, contributing to community health and the local economy," David said.

Public information sessions on Causeway plans

An artist's conception of the design for the new Granite Island causeway, to which \$20 million has been allocated by the Marshall Liberal Government.



PLANS for the new Granite Island causeway will be the subject of public information sessions in Victor Harbor this month.

The Department of Planning, Transport Infrastructure (DPTI) will hold the sessions at the Victor Harbor Bowling Club, 1 Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor on Monday 9 December at 12-2pm and 5-7pm.

"There's a great deal of community interest in what is proposed for the new causeway and I encourage everyone to attend a session," David said.

"This will be an important opportunity for the community to learn about the plans and construction timetable.

"The new causeway is a huge commitment from the Marshall Government to local tourism."

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Wishing you a safe holiday season.**

*David Basham MP
Member for Finniss*



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Tour Down Under to showcase Fleurieu

THE FLEURIEU Peninsula will again be showcased to an international audience, with the region to feature strongly in Stage Five of the Tour Down Under on Saturday, 25 January next year.

David said Stage Five would see the men's peloton travel almost 150km from Glenelg to Victor Harbor via McLaren Flat, Macclesfield and Strathalbyn before reaching the Finnis electorate.

"Riders will pass through Currency Creek, Goolwa, Middleton and Port Elliot before completing the stage in Victor Harbor," he said.

"Last year's TDU generated more than \$70 million for South Australia's economy as a global audience—and thousands of local and visiting fans—watched the world's best cyclists compete in Adelaide and nearby regions like the Fleurieu Peninsula.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our region, with this global audience to see the men's peloton ride through the rolling hills and past the magnificent coasts of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

"I'm looking forward to local crowds coming out in numbers to join race fans from all over the world in support of this fantastic event when it visits our wonderful region."

For more information about Stage Five of the TDU on 25 January, visit <https://tourdownunder.com.au/race/mens/stages/stage-5>.



The new state-of-the-art Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club was built with a \$2.6 million contribution from the Marshall Liberal Government.

Strong support for surf lifesaving

AFTER MORE than a year of construction, the new \$3.5 million state-of-the-art Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club was officially opened in October by Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Corey Wingard.

David said the new facility had been made possible by a number of contributions, including \$2.6 million from the Marshall Liberal Government and \$500,000 from Alexandrina Council.

"I was very happy to attend the official opening in October," he said. "It's an amazing facility which will be a dominant feature of the Goolwa coast for many years to come.

"It's also a testament to the members of the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club, who have been operating out of a temporary facility for the past seven seasons keeping people safe at the beach.

"It's the newest surf lifesaving club in South Australia and its membership has steadily increased from a humble 10 members a decade ago to over 300 now. Members have worked hard to raise funds for this development."



Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Corey Wingard, right, cuts the ribbon to officially open the redeveloped Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club with president David Reynolds.

The new building features a bar and recreation area, surf operations garage, first aid room, training room, club change rooms and an alfresco area. The new facilities have enabled the club to now offer the popular Nippers Program at Goolwa beach.

David said the Marshall Government was a strong supporter of South Australian surf lifesaving.

"In addition to \$2.6 million for the building

itself, the Marshall Government has also contributed \$17,500 for audio-visual equipment to improve the club's volunteer training," he said. "We're committed to surf lifesaving in our State. In its first Budget, the Marshall Government provided grants to each South Australian surf lifesaving club to upgrade rescue and emergency response equipment and provided \$190,000 for drones to enhance the clubs' shark surveillance capabilities."



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David drives farm trespass laws

STRONGER PENALTIES and new offences will be introduced to deter illegal activism by animal rights protesters in South Australia.

David has played a key role in driving development of the legislation, which will complement new laws recently passed in the Federal Parliament prohibiting use of the internet to encourage farm trespass or the damage or theft of farm property.

“Regardless of the objections of animal rights activists, eating meat and consuming other animal products are legitimate personal choices in South Australia and livestock farming is a legitimate industry meeting strong consumer demand domestically and overseas, making a substantial contribution to the State’s economy,” he said

“Farms are not only business operations which put food on our tables. They are family homes.

“They must have the protection of laws which effectively deter illegal attacks against their livelihoods, illegal invasions of their property and illegal interference with their animals.”

The legislation includes a new aggravated farm trespass offence with penalties including a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 12 months, increased penalties for existing trespass offences where trespassing occurs on a farm, and increased penalties for offences such as interfering with farm gates and disturbing farm animals.

David said South Australia had strong laws and regulations protecting and promoting best practice animal welfare.



David joined Deputy Premier and Attorney-General Vickie Chapman and Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Tim Whetstone at the property of Moppa dairy farmer Jaime Nietschke, right, in September to announce strengthened laws to deter illegal animal activism.

“These changes strike the right balance between people’s right to protest and free speech, and the need to ensure adequate legal protection for a very important sector of South Australia’s economy,” he said.

“They more effectively protect farms and primary production from activity which is already illegal such as trespass, property damage and theft.

“Activists will still be completely

free to advocate their causes within the law.

“If anyone suspects a farmer or primary production business is breaching animal welfare laws or regulations, their obligation is to

report it to the authorities rather than break the law themselves.

“This legislation sends an unequivocal message that illegal vigilantism is simply not an acceptable approach.”

SOCIAL MEDIA

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STRENGTHENING TRESPASS LAWS TO PROTECT OUR FARMERS

PROPOSED CHANGES

New aggravated farm trespass offence

\$10,000 or 12 months imprisonment, along with compensation to the farmer.

Increasing penalties for existing provisions

Penalties for farm trespass, interfering with a farm gate or disturbing farm animals increased.





LEGENDAIRY : In July this year, David officially unveiled 'The Legendairy Cow' sculpture created by artist James Stewart (second from right) to commemorate the contribution of the dairy industry to the Fleurieu Peninsula region. Also known as 'Pleasant Banks Monica' after the nearby homestead established at Basham Beach in 1856 and the favourite cow of David's father Roger Basham, the work was commissioned by the Southern Fleurieu Historic Museum and former president Colin Ekers (third from right). Also pictured are Mr Stewart's mentee Tracey Grivell (far left), Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes (far right) and Alexandrina Council chief executive Glenn Rappensberg (third from left). David's family began dairy farming on the Fleurieu Peninsula at Hindmarsh Valley in the 1840s, and later established a dairy factory and other rural businesses in the region. David himself carried on the family tradition, dairy farming at Mount Compass for almost 30 years and serving as president of both the South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association (SADA) and peak national body Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) before becoming a Member of Parliament.



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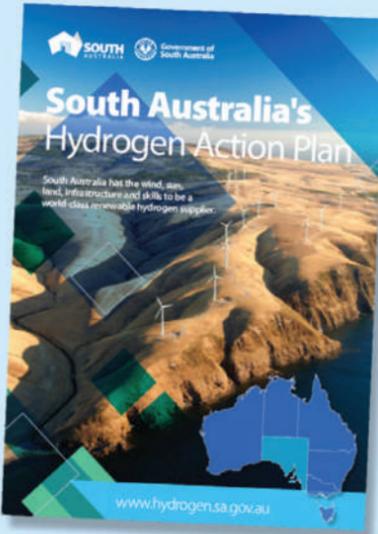
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THEY'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF HYDROGEN

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Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston represented the Australian Government at the opening of the Middleton Floodway bridge, repaired thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Federal Government.

Upgrades for SteamRanger

DAVID is an enthusiastic supporter of SteamRanger Heritage Railways and has welcomed public funding for bridge and track repairs as well as new level railway crossings in the Finnis electorate.

“Last year we very much welcomed the \$200,000 in funding for SteamRanger Heritage Railways announced by the Federal Government,” David said.

“In October we saw it had been put to good use with Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston officially opening the repaired Middleton Floodway bridge.

***“The experiences offered by SteamRanger comprise a significant tourism drawcard in our region, with around 30,000 passengers taking journeys every year.*”**

“Dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to maintain the railway line, engines and rolling stock, and operate train services throughout the year.

“Even though the bridge at Middleton is only small, it’s a critical piece of the route between Goolwa and Victor Harbor. Its repair means SteamRanger can continue to operate the historic Cockle Train, the origins of which can be traced to Australia’s first public railway opened at Port Elliot in 1854.”



Victor Harbor town crier Mike Willett was part of the festivities at the opening of the Middleton Floodway bridge.

David said the Marshall Liberal Government had also recently contributed funding to SteamRanger.

“We recently announced the completion of two upgraded level railway crossings near Currency Creek on Goolwa Road and Alexandrina Road,” he said.

“Supported with \$785,400 from the Marshall Government, the upgraded crossings include new flashing light and bell assemblies, upgraded warning signs and pavements markings, and new active advance warning signs at the Alexandrina Road crossing.

“These upgrades have substantially improved

the safety and amenity of the level railway crossings.”

David said the Marshall Government had also contributed to a structural analysis of the Hindmarsh River bridge to develop repair specifications enabling SteamRanger to continue to bring trains into Victor Harbor.

Duplication of Victor Harbor Road planning tender released

THE DUPLICATION of Victor Harbor Road is a step closer with the release in September this year of the tender for the project's planning study.

David said the \$92 million project would see the duplication of the busiest part of the road, from Old Noarlunga to McLaren Vale.

"This is a most significant development for the Fleurieu Peninsula," he said. "It's the main route to the South Coast for people travelling from Adelaide and duplicating the northern part of the road will make it safer for everyone while also bringing tourism and economic productivity benefits to our region."

"The part of the road being duplicated experiences more than 23,000 vehicle movements every day."

"It's only been made possible by the strong partnership which has developed between the Marshall and Morrison governments. The Federal Government will contribute \$73.6 million to the project, with the State Government funding the remaining \$18.4 million."

The project will involve widening the existing road corridor to accommodate two 3.5 metre lanes in each direction, a 2.5 metre wide painted median with a centre wire rope safety barrier, and alignment improvements at the intersections of Robinson, Quarry, Ostrich Farm and Budgens roads.



AMBULANCE AWARDS: Congratulations to the recipients of the 25 year Service Awards and the recipients of the 50 year Service Medals. It was wonderful to see local Michael Scott receive his 51 year Service Medal for his commitment to the Goolwa SA Ambulance Station.

Roundabout set for early 2020

THE ROUNDABOUT planned for the intersection of Torrens Street and Crozier Road in Victor Harbor is a step closer with the award in November of a tender for construction by the Marshall Liberal Government.

David said the roundabout was a key election commitment, addressing the need for improved safety at the intersection where 11 crashes occurred from 2013-17.

"Now that a tender has been awarded, construction is scheduled to commence early in 2020 to avoid congestion during the peak summer holiday period," David said.

"Along with the roundabout itself, the works will also include modification of the existing kerb, gutter and footpaths, installation of LED lighting, new asphalt pavement, pedestrian refuges and line marking."

David said the project was estimated at \$2.3 million after detailed design work by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) had revealed it would cost more than what had been initially estimated in the preliminary design phase.

"This is an important intersection on a busy road in the largest population centre in the electorate," he said. "About 23,000 vehicles travel through this intersection daily."

"The Marshall Government is prioritising road safety across South Australia and especially in regional areas like the Fleurieu Peninsula with \$1.1 billion allocated to regional infrastructure in the 2019-20 State Budget."

"Other recent or pending transport infrastructure projects funded by the Marshall Government in our community include an upgrade of Ocean Street in Victor Harbor, a dedicated right-hand turn lane from the Victor Harbor Road into Arthur Road at Mount Compass, the upgraded intersection at Port Elliot Road and Boettcher Road near Middleton, and upgraded railway level crossings on Goolwa Road and Alexandrina Road near Currency Creek."

STATE BUDGET 2019-20

River Torrens to Darlington Upgrade Project

BUILDING THE SINGLE BIGGEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN OUR HISTORY

STATE BUDGET 2019-20

A13 VICTOR HARBOR RD

McLaren Vale	6
Willunga	13
Mt Compass	24
(Goolwa)	50
Victor Harbor	50

\$92 MILLION INVESTMENT

DUPLICATING THE VICTOR HARBOR ROAD

Main South Road ►► McLaren Vale



David presenting a certificate acknowledging a \$5000 Active Club Program grant awarded to the South Coast Athletics Centre.

Sports voucher program for kids

DAVID is encouraging parents, sport clubs, sport associations and dance studios to take advantage of the Marshall Liberal Government's Sports Vouchers program for children.

The program provides an opportunity for primary school children, from reception to Year 7, to receive a discount of up to \$100 on sports or dance membership or registration.

David said that in January this year, the Marshall Government had doubled the original \$50 vouchers and broadened eligibility to include all forms of dance.

"This is a fantastic initiative which helps to reduce the cost of living for families while

supporting the participation of their children in healthy sport and dance activities," he said.

"The program also supports sport, gymnastics and dance clubs, improving their ability to recruit new members and their capacity to field more teams. More than 50 organisations across the electorate of Finnis are already registered providers under the program, and I urge every local sport and dance club in our community to get on board."

In October, the Government also extended the program to include swimming lessons.

For more information about the Marshall Government's \$100 Sports Voucher program, visit sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au or email sportsvouchers@sa.gov.au.

Active Club Program benefits Finnis electorate

THE STATE Government's Active Club Program continues to provide sports and recreation clubs in Finnis with money for programs, equipment and facility upgrades.

David said Round 47 of the popular program saw more than \$30,000 go to local clubs in the region.

"This program has been operating for a long time in South Australia and is a great way to support local clubs while also promoting healthy recreation and sports activity in the community," he said.

"I encourage every sports and recreation club in Finnis to monitor the program so they know when to apply for the next funding round, and when community information sessions will be held.

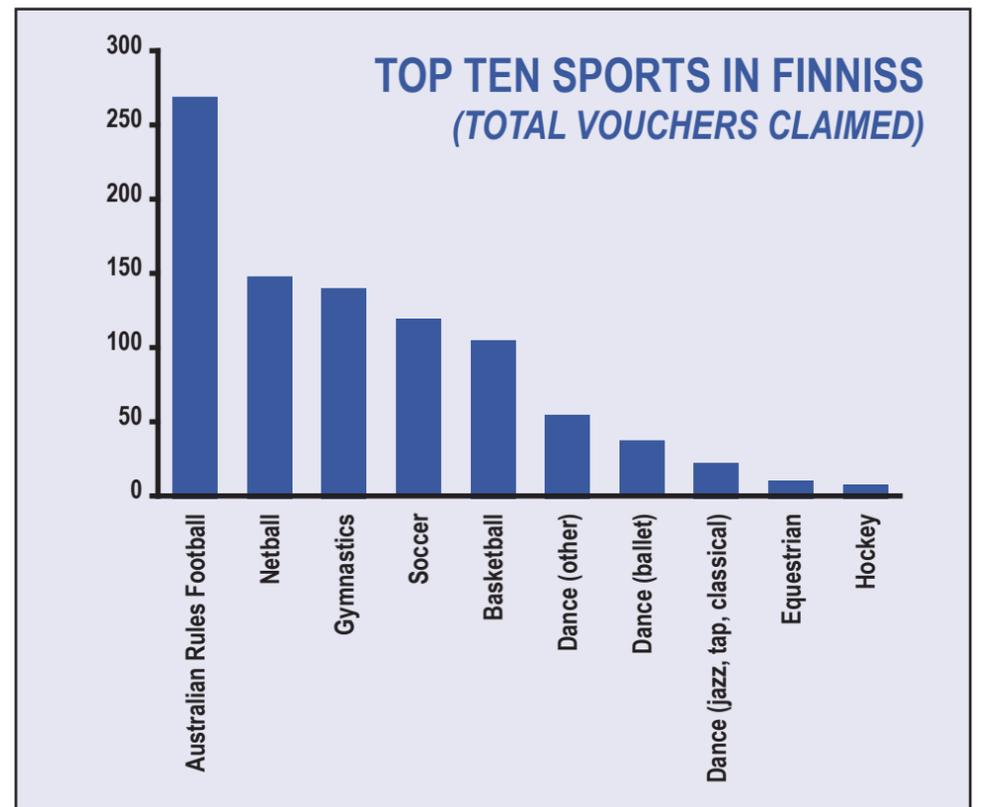
"Clubs and groups which applied to Round 48 will be notified after 20 December."

To be eligible for Active Club Program grants organisations must be incorporated not-for-profit active recreation or sport clubs or community organisations and have a minimum of 20 members. Other criteria also apply.

Grants of up to \$5000 generally cover the cost of sports equipment, uniforms or grounds maintenance equipment.

The program also usually holds one round per financial year for grants of up to \$25,000 for facility upgrades. Eligible projects may include playing surface upgrades like court resurfacing, modifications necessary to meet regulations, upgrades of single or multi-use recreation or sports facilities, or the installation of floodlights.

For more information about the Active Club Program, visit orsr.sa.gov.au or phone 1300 714 990.



Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club	\$12,774
South Coast Athletics Centre	\$5000
Great Southern Amateur Basketball Association	\$5000
Port Elliot Oval Management Committee	\$5000
Goolwa Netball Club Inc	\$5000
TOTAL	\$32,774



CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Finnis Electorate Office will be closed from
**5pm Friday 20 December to
 9am Monday 6 January.**

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Swimming lessons now included



David with national medal recipient Bob White, a 50-year volunteer with the Lower Inman Valley Country Fire Service (CFS) brigade, and CFS Acting Chief Officer Andrew Stark at the CFS Region 1 Awards at the Mount Compass Memorial Hall in September.

National medals for local CFS heroes

LOWER INMAN Valley Country Fire Service (CFS) brigade volunteers Susan and Dennis Kluske, and Bob White, were among those who earlier this year received national medals in recognition of their long service at a ceremony held in Mount Compass.

David presented the CFS Region 1 awards on behalf of Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Corey Wingard at the event, held at the Mount Compass Memorial Hall in September.

“Our community is extraordinarily grateful for the dedicated service of our CFS volunteers so it was a great honour to present these awards,” he said.

“Throughout the year and particularly during summer, CFS volunteers put their lives on the line to protect our families and our property. There is no higher calling.”

David said it was important to recognise long service careers in the CFS.

“These veterans have many decades of service under their belts,” he said. “These men and women have carried a proud tradition, they are exceptional mentors for their younger colleagues and they’re outstanding examples of community service.”

“Some of the volunteers to whom I presented awards, like Bob White, have served the CFS for more than 50 years. It was a privilege to be a part of acknowledging their service.”

David said the CFS played a vital role in the safety of regional communities and was strongly supported by the Marshall Liberal Government.

“We have been rolling out \$5 million for facility, appliance and equipment upgrades for CFS brigades across South Australia,” he said.

“It was great to have Minister Wingard in the region back in July to present a cheque for \$30,000 to the Lower Inman Valley CFS brigade.”

Committee system essential to democracy

PARLIAMENT’S COMMITTEE system is an essential part of democracy and government accountability in South Australia.

Committees comprise Members of Parliament from all political parties, and in some cases members from both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council.

They conduct inquiries into the issues and legislation which affect the lives of every South Australian, receiving submissions from the public and holding public hearings, and make formal reports and recommendations to Parliament based on their findings.

David is a strong supporter of the system. He currently sits on two ‘standing’ committees and one ‘joint’ committee.

Standing committees are for all intents and purposes permanent, while joint or ‘select’ committees are usually established on a temporary basis to inquire into a specific matter or piece of legislation.

Other committees have very specific purposes. Sessional committees are established for the life of each Parliament to deal with administrative matters. They include Estimates committees, convened to inquire into the State Budget. Privilege committees are ad hoc committees established, as necessary, to consider breaches of Parliamentary privilege or incidents of contempt of the Parliament (by MPs or others).

David is a member of the Natural Resources Committee, a standing committee which generally inquires into and reports on the protection, improvement, enhancement and

management of South Australia’s natural resources.

The Natural Resources Committee recently completed an inquiry into over-abundant species, including little corellas, kangaroos and long-nosed fur seals impacting communities on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

He is a member of the Economic and Finance Committee, another standing committee which deals with issues such as finance, economic development, business regulation and public sector operations.

It is currently inquiring into the economic contribution of migration to South Australia; the motor vehicle insurance and repair industry; and public efforts to attract investment to the State.

In April this year David was elected to the End of Life Choices joint committee, which was established specifically to inquire into issues associated with voluntary euthanasia. It recently travelled to Victoria to examine the application of that state’s *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017*.

“Committees are an important part of an MP’s duties,” David said.

“Much more importantly, they enable South Australians to participate directly in the development of laws and other government responses to the issues affecting us all.

“They are also a critical mechanism for holding the State Government to account for its actions and how it spends our money.”

To learn more about Parliament’s committee system and how to get involved in inquiries, please visit parliament.sa.gov.au/committees.



In July this year David joined Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services Corey Wingard (centre) to present a cheque for \$30,382 to the volunteers of the Lower Inman Valley Country Fire Service (CFS) brigade. The Marshall Liberal Government has undertaken a range of initiatives for the CFS, including \$5 million over two years for facilities and equipment upgrades, allocating \$9.5 million to increase the size of South Australia’s aerial firefighting fleet from 18 to 26 aircraft, and providing funds for a new command centre and headquarters for the CFS and State Emergency Service (SES).

Fleurieu a winner in tourism growth

THE FLEURIEU Peninsula remains the most visited region in South Australia after Adelaide as tourism expenditure in the State reaches record levels.

David said it was good news for the region, which relied on the tourism sector for economic growth and jobs.

“National Visitor Survey results released earlier this year showed tourism expenditure in South Australia had reached a record \$7.2 billion,” he said.

“It’s a great result, and it’s important to note tourism industry growth in the State’s regional areas is 15% in contrast with overall State growth at 8%.

“Forty-three cents in every tourism-related

dollar generated in South Australia is spent in regional areas, and the Fleurieu Peninsula is doing particularly well.

“Total visitors have increased to a three-year annual average of 762,000, total nights stayed in the region have risen to 2.4 million and total expenditure has risen to \$471 million.

“There are around 850 local businesses directly engaged in tourism employing more than 3000 people in the region.”

David said the Marshall Liberal Government recognised the importance of tourism to the State’s economy.

“In the Budget this year we committed an additional \$43 million to market South Australia to the world as a visitor destination,” he said.

“Our goal is to drive the State’s visitor economy to new heights, with a target of \$8 billion and 10,000 additional jobs by 2020.”

Congratulations to local 2019 SA Tourism Award recipients:

- SA Wooden Boat Festival 2019: BEST FESTIVAL
- Beach Huts Middleton: BEST STANDARD ACCOMMODATION
- The Murray River, Lakes and Coorong Tourism Alliance: DESTINATION MARKETING

Local women’s awards seeking nominations for 2020 event



Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink, left, with award winner Karly Cousins at the 2019 Fleurieu Women’s Community Awards.



The Victor Harbor VIEW Club’s Dawn White and the Finnis Electorate Office’s Tracy Weeden at the 2019 Fleurieu Women’s Community Awards.

DAVID is a keen supporter of the Fleurieu Women’s Community Awards held by the Victor Harbor VIEW Club.

The 2019 Awards in March saw more than 100 people gather in Encounter Bay to acknowledge the contributions of inspirational local women to their community. Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink was the keynote speaker at the event, which also marked International Women’s Day.

The 2020 Fleurieu Women’s Community Awards and International Women’s Day Breakfast will again be held at Eat at Whalers in Encounter Bay on 6 March.

The event will feature three awards for women who have made an outstanding contribution in the local community, or have inspired others through their achievements:

- Inspirational Businesswoman;
- Community Volunteer; and
- Young Female Ambassador.

“Nominations for the awards close on 21 February,” David said. “There are many women whose selfless dedication to our community has inspired others and made a real positive difference.

“I encourage everyone to consider nominating a woman they believe deserves recognition for their contribution to the Fleurieu Peninsula community.”

For more information about the 2020 Fleurieu Women’s Community Awards and International Women’s Day Breakfast, including how to make a nomination, contact the Finnis electorate office on 8552 2152 or email fleurieuwca@outlook.com.



TREE PLANTING: In August this year David was pleased to officially launch a tree-planting day on Granite Island. Fifty volunteers organised by Friends of Granite Island, the Department of Environment and Water and the National Parks and Wildlife Service planted 500 seedlings on the day as part of a revegetation program which has continued for seven years. David is encouraging members of the community to get involved. “Granite Island is an iconic piece of real estate in our region and a major tourism drawcard,” he said. “It’s important we look after it for future generations, and I commend the volunteers who’ve been involved in this revegetation program.” **For more information on how to get involved in your local national park, visit <https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/get-involved/volunteering>.**



BOOK LAUNCH:

In September, David was honoured to launch the book *Against the Current*, a history of the Veestra family written by author-biographer Michael Taylor. The family’s shipbuilding tradition began with Keith Veestra who served as a shipwright in the Royal Netherlands Navy before migrating to Australia in 1951. In 1967 he built the *MV Aroona* and began conducting tours of the Murray Mouth and Coorong National Park from the Port of Goolwa. Keith’s son Jock (centre) built a number of vessels including the River Murray paddlesteamers *Murray River Queen* and *Murray Princess*. Today the family boasts three generations of shipbuilders with Michael, right, having built the *Spirit of the Murray* in 2005.

Fishing allowed at Myponga

SHORE-BASED FISHING will be permitted at Myponga Reservoir this summer from 9 December as the Marshall Liberal Government broadens access to the State's reservoirs.

David said opening South Australia's reservoirs to the public for recreational activities was a key election commitment of the Marshall Liberal Government.

"This policy has been very well received by the community, particularly here on the Fleurieu Peninsula where the picturesque Myponga Reservoir has been open for off-water recreational access since April," he said.

"The reservoir had more than 10,000 visitors in its first five months, making a significant contribution to the region's tourism economy. Local businesses in the area have reported substantial increases in turnover. One such business experienced its biggest day of sales on the day the reservoir was opened."

The policy has involved the establishment of a cross-government taskforce charged with opening the State's reservoirs to recreational activity while ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water supplies.

"The safety of our drinking water always comes first and this priority has informed the types of recreational activities allowed at each reservoir," David said.

"Opening up Myponga Reservoir has been an outstanding success, with visitors taking a very responsible approach to their activities. There has been no instance of drinking water safety being compromised.

"This success has led to shore-based fishing being permitted at the reservoir during summer, and the expansion of allowed recreational activities at other reservoirs such as Warren, Bundaleer and South Para.

"The taskforce is also working on opening up the Happy Valley and Hope Valley reservoirs for public recreational activity."



Myponga Reservoir was opened for public access in April 2019, while this summer visitors will be able to fish from the shore.



TOURISM VISIT: In September this year David hosted Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment David Ridgway (right) on a visit to the electorate which included meeting with local tourism operator Michael Veenstra (left) of The Big Duck Boat Tours, which operates from the Granite Island causeway.

EXCLUSIVE Dams open for fishing, kayaking by summer

RESERVOIR RODS

DANIEL WILLS
STATE POLITICAL EDITOR

FISHING, kayaking, cycling and hiking will be unlocked at South Australian reservoirs this summer as the State Government pushes ahead with its pledge to open them to the public. Environment and Water Minister

state first, anglers standing on the shore will be able to drop a line at Myponga, south of Adelaide. Hiking, cycling, picnicking and kayaking will also be allowed at the Warren and Bundaleer reservoirs. The move is in line with Premier Steven Marshall's prominent election pledge to "open up our reservoirs".

Coming this summer

Shoreline fishing

- Myponga Reservoir

Expanded access and activities

- Warren Reservoir
- Bundaleer Reservoir

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SECURING THE FUTURE OF THE GRANITE ISLAND CAUSEWAY

STATE BUDGET 2019-20

David backs Anchorage proposal

DAVID is backing a proposal to build a \$40 million hotel adjacent to the Anchorage in Victor Harbor.

The Anchorage owner Greg Phillips has proposed a four-and-a-half star six-storey hotel with 126 rooms, five apartments to be sold to private buyers, a conference facility able to accommodate 400 people, and a multi-storey 266-space car park linked to the hotel by a footbridge over the SteamRanger Heritage Railway line.

David said the proposal, approved in November, would be a fundamental game-changer for the region's tourism economy and create more than 100 permanent jobs.

"Tourism is critical to our local economy, but one of the issues we have is that much of it is concentrated in the warmer months of the year," he said.

"It's been one of my ambitions to see our region broaden its tourism offering and generate more business outside the peak holiday period in summer.



Concept image of the proposed four-and-a-half star, six-storey, 126-room hotel adjacent to The Anchorage in Victor Harbor.

"Developments like that proposed by Mr Phillips are precisely what our region needs to achieve this."

David has ensured the proposal is in front of key members of Cabinet. He has arranged briefings for Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

Tim Whetstone and Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment David Ridgway. "An important element to the proposal will be the involvement

of major international hotel chain Wyndham, which has millions of members in its loyalty program," he said. "This will enable our region to be marketed all over the world."



SALVATION ARMY FUNDRAISER: Australian cricketer Travis Head, second from left, was the special guest at a fundraising luncheon for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal held at the Grosvenor Hotel in Victor Harbor. David attends the event and donates prizes every year. Travis Head has played 70 international cricket matches for Australia across three formats. He debuted for South Australia in the Sheffield Shield in 2012 at the age of 18.

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DVDS trial extended

THE MARSHALL Liberal Government has allocated \$383,000 to extend its trial Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) to the end of June 2020.

David said that during the initial trial beginning in October 2018, almost a third of DVDS information requests came from people living in regional communities.

“The DVDS is a free, confidential resource for people who feel they may be at risk of violence from a current or former partner,” he said.

“It enables people to confidentially obtain relevant information about their partner or former partner to help them make decisions about their safety and the future of their relationship.

“Their concerns could be related to physical, verbal or controlling behaviours, emotional or psychological manipulation, economic abuse or social isolation. Whichever is the case, the DVDS has been established to protect people at risk of domestic or family violence, and connect them with specialist services.

“Applications can be made by anyone over the age of 17, by someone concerned for their own safety or on behalf of someone they know. It’s easily accessible for people in country areas—applications can be made online using almost any device which can access the internet, and take about 10 minutes to complete.”

David said early intervention was a crucial element in addressing domestic and family violence in South Australian communities.

“Another purpose of the DVDS is to help stop the violence before it starts,” he said. “Sixty per cent of people who accessed the scheme during the initial trial had not had any previous contact with domestic violence support services. The DVDS is helping more people connect with the services which can help them.”

To make an application to the DVDS, visit www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/dvds.

- In an emergency, always call 000
- For urgent assistance leaving a violent relationship, phone South Australia’s 24-hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line on 1800 800 098
- For counselling and information support for domestic or family violence, or sexual assault, phone 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) 24 hours or visit www.1800respect.org.au



SKILLS ROUNDTABLE: Minister for Industry and Skills David Pisoni was hosted in the region by David back in June. The Minister visited the TAFE SA Victor Harbor campus and a civil construction project in Goolwa before taking part in a Fleurieu Peninsula skills roundtable in Victor Harbor involving about 30 stakeholders including local members of the Women in Business Regional Network founded by Carolyn Jeffrey (centre back).

Grants SA community funding

DAVID IS encouraging not-for-profit community organisations to apply to the Grants SA program, an initiative of the Marshall Liberal Government.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for one-off programs or services, community activities and volunteer development while grants of up to \$100,000 are available for community facility upgrades, one-off programs and services, and even vehicles.

“Priority groups for the Grants SA program are people or communities experiencing disadvantage, and volunteers,” David said.

“The program’s aim is to improve community participation, wellbeing and quality of life for all South Australians.”

The program is currently accepting ‘minor round’ applications (grants of up to \$10,000) until 31 January. The next major round (grants up to \$100,000) will open in April 2020.

For more information visit dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa, email grantssa@sa.gov.au or phone 1300 650 985.

Recent Grants SA recipients:

• Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club	\$17,563
• Lions Club Victor Harbor and Port Elliot	\$5000
• Encounter Centre	\$4180
• Goolwa Uniting Church	\$3980
• Port Elliot RSL sub-branch	\$900

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