

# The Finniss Advocate

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## David puts the community first

**MEMBER FOR FINNISS** David Basham is prioritising the delivery of projects immediately benefitting the local community on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

David said the strong sense of community in the region made it relatively easy to prioritise the policies and projects which made a difference locally.

“One of the Finniss electorate’s greatest strengths is the sense of community across the region,” he said.

“Many people in our region are actively involved in making their community a better place.

“As the local Member of Parliament it’s great to have such a tremendous amount of input on issues such as health, education, roads, housing, government services, planning, tourism and development.”

In the lead-up to the State election in March 2018, David campaigned on local issues and policies to benefit regional areas neglected under the former Labor government.

All of David’s election commitments have been funded since the election of the Marshall Liberal Government.

“I had three commitments coming into Government and all have them been funded,” he said.

“The Whalers Peninsula Community Association has received a \$45,000 donation from the Marshall Government to assist with its costs; Alexandrina Council has received \$300,000 from the Marshall Government for the Mount Compass Recreation Park; and \$940,000 was allocated in the State Budget in 2018-19 for the roundabout at the intersection of Torrens St and Crozier Rd in Victor Harbor.

“It’s great to be part of a State Government which gives regional areas like the Fleurieu Peninsula the attention



*David visiting the farmers' market at Victor Harbor. "One of the Finniss electorate's greatest strengths is the sense of community across the region. Many people are actively involved in making their community a better place."*

they deserve and need after many years of neglect.

“In this year’s State Budget we invested \$773 million in regional areas like the Fleurieu Peninsula and South Coast.

“This includes \$315 million across the forward estimates for regional roads, \$10 million for mobile black spots in regional areas, \$140 million to address the backlog in regional hospital maintenance and \$150 million for the Regional Growth Fund.

“There are a number of community groups in Finniss which already have applications in for the Regional Growth Fund, which aims to boost economic growth and job creation.

“This is extremely important for our region because it’s only with a strong and thriving economy that we can afford to pay for the services and infrastructure we need.

“Small businesses are the backbone of regional economies like ours. Marshall Government policies like slashing payroll tax and land tax are directly helping our businesses do what they do best: make money and create jobs.

“At the same time we need to ensure that people can afford the costs of living.

“The State Budget delivers tax cuts totalling \$613 million, including a reduction in Emergency Service Levy (ESL) bills saving the average

household around \$145 per year, \$184 million to improve energy affordability and reliability, capping council rates and natural resource management (NRM) levies, and more than \$15 million in reduced public transport fares.

“The Budget also includes a \$515 million boost for the education sector, an additional \$1.2 billion for health, and a massive \$11.3 billion investment in infrastructure.

“It’s a sensible Budget which delivers on the Marshall Government’s commitments, especially to regional areas like ours.

“I’ll be working to leverage the Government’s commitment to regions for the benefit of our community.”



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# School visits to Parliament

TEACHERS AT SCHOOLS on the Fleurieu Peninsula are being encouraged to book tours of Parliament House through David's office.

David said he strongly supported comprehensive civics education in South Australian schools.

"Civics is all about how we govern ourselves and if we want citizens to be engaged in democracy in the future then we need to ensure our children understand how it all works," David said.

"It's great to see civics return to the curriculum and even better to see schools in our electorate getting involved.

"My office can provide help by sourcing education material from the State and Federal parliaments, and I'm always happy to come and visit schools to talk about government, politics and my role as a Member of Parliament.

"Best of all, the Finnis electorate office can arrange educational tours of Parliament House itself.

"Tours usually involve groups of up to 30 or so students plus accompanying



adults. Students can watch Parliament during sitting weeks or even hold their own Parliamentary debates in the House of Assembly chamber on non-sitting weeks.

"Children learn about the history of the building and how laws are made in practice.

"It's a great hands-on experience for the students and I'm always happy to take groups on tours for this purpose.

"I welcome inquiries about Parliament House tours, so please contact the Finnis electorate office in Victor Harbor on 8552 2152."

Above, David with students from Goolwa Primary School on the front steps at Parliament House following their tour. Below, students are able to hold their own supervised debates in the House of Assembly chamber during non-sitting weeks as part of an immersive educational experience.



## Congratulatory Messages

Contact your local Member of Parliament, David Basham MP, to arrange an official congratulatory message on the occasion of a significant birthday or wedding anniversary.

David can arrange messages from the Queen, Governor-General, Governor, Prime Minister, Premier of South Australia and himself for 90th, 95th, 100th, 105th and 110th birthdays, and for 60th, 65th and 70th wedding anniversaries.

Congratulatory messages from David can also be arranged for earlier milestones such as 50th wedding anniversaries and birthdays, and 18th and 21st birthdays.

Make your special occasion even more memorable with a congratulatory message.

Contact the Finnis Electorate Office by phone (08) 8552 2152 or email [finnis@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finnis@parliament.sa.gov.au) or just drop by at 71 Victoria St, Victor Harbor.



# Grassroots sports grants

SPORTING AND COMMUNITY clubs are encouraged to apply for a grant from the Marshall Government's Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facilities program.

David said the Government was investing \$10 million over the next two years on grassroots community sporting clubs.

"The program will assist eligible clubs to develop facilities which directly improve participation in grassroots sports," David said.

"Lots of clubs on the Fleurieu Peninsula will benefit from this program.

"It's been great to see more local women participating in sports traditionally patronised by men, and it's important that local clubs are able to provide appropriate change rooms and other facilities to support them.

"There's a strong emphasis in the program on building new unisex change rooms, redeveloping and refurbishing existing change rooms, and building parent and child change spaces.

"Other eligible projects include developing or upgrading playing surfaces, and replacing or installing new lighting.

"An active community is a healthy community, and the Marshall Government is committed to improving participation in grassroots sports."

For more information, please contact the Finnis electorate office on 8552 2152 or email [finnis@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finnis@parliament.sa.gov.au), or visit [https://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply\\_for\\_funding/gfcnfp](https://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/gfcnfp)



David at the site of the soon-to-be-developed Mount Compass Recreation Park with Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Stephan Knoll in October.

# Mount Compass park on track

WORK IS SET to commence on the Mount Compass Recreation Park in 2019 after a funding agreement was struck between the Marshall Government and Alexandrina Council earlier this year.

David said the Marshall Government was providing \$300,000 towards the project.

"This was one of my key local commitments during the South Australian election campaign and it's a testament to the Mount Compass community's advocacy over the years to get the park built," he said.

"Alexandrina Council, which is contributing \$396,000 to the recreation park, has undertaken design work and put the project out to tender.

"Work is expected to start on the park itself early next year."

David said the recreation park would be a tremendous asset for the Mount Compass community.

"The park will be a great place for local families to play and exercise," he said.

"It will also give visitors a place to stretch their legs or have a picnic. Mount Compass is a great town to visit and this recreation park, once it's built, will give tourists another reason to stay a bit longer.

"So in addition to giving resident families a modern outdoor social and recreational space, the park is expected to provide an economic boost as well."

*Do you have a community project which needs funding?*

## GRANTS SA

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David checking out repairs to the stone wall at Cut Hill on the Victor Harbor Road. The 150-year-old heritage listed wall had previously been damaged as the result of car accidents.

## Cut Hill stone wall repaired

REPAIRS TO THE historic stone wall at Cut Hill on the Victor Harbor Road have been completed.

David thanked the local community for their patience before repairs commenced, and while speed restrictions were in place.

“This was a sensitive project as the stone wall, now 150 years old, is

heritage-listed and there needed to be consultations with Heritage SA and approval from the Development Assessment Commission before repairs could begin,” David said.

“The wall is a very familiar feature to regular travellers on the Victor Harbor Road, and it’s great the work is now complete.”



The Marshall Government's new \$100 million Home Battery Scheme will allow more South Australians to adopt solar power.

## Up to \$6000 available for home batteries

SOUTH AUSTRALIANS can now access grants of up to \$6000 to help pay for the installation of a home battery system.

David said \$100 million in State Government subsidies have been matched by another \$100 million from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, which will provide low interest loans for the balance of the battery and new solar if required.

“We’re meeting an important election commitment to deliver more affordable and reliable energy to South Australian households,” David said.

“In addition to the Home Battery Scheme, we’re also fast-tracking the construction of an interconnector to New South Wales to improve our energy security.”

David said high energy costs were a major issue for households and businesses, particularly in regional areas.

“Home batteries help people get more out of their rooftop solar PV systems, cutting energy costs and reducing emissions,” he said.

“The new Home Battery Scheme provides a dedicated website at

[www.homebatteryscheme.sa.gov.au](http://www.homebatteryscheme.sa.gov.au) where people can find a qualified system provider, search for an approved battery system, request a quote and apply for the subsidy and low interest loan.

“People without computer or internet access can contact the scheme’s enquiries line on 8463 3555.

“The scheme is designed to ensure it doesn’t exclude any South Australian household on the grid from purchasing a subsidised home battery system.

“However, energy concession holders will be able to access a higher subsidy to further assist low-income households to access the scheme.”

David said the scheme was also working to create jobs in South Australia.

“The scheme provides a nine-week priority period for qualified system providers who commit to installing approved home battery systems that are manufactured or assembled in South Australia,” he said.

“This includes the German company Sonnen, which has announced plans to make batteries at the former Holden site at Elizabeth.”

## Active Club Program

If your community sport club needs some new gear, uniforms or equipment to maintain the grounds, make sure you check out the South Australian Government’s Active Club Program. Grants of up to \$5000 are available.

Visit the Office of Recreation and Sport website at [ors.sa.gov.au](http://ors.sa.gov.au) or get in touch with your local Member of Parliament, David Basham, on 8552 2152 or email [finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au).



Minister for Education John Gardner, principal Kevin Mooney and David inspecting the site of a new STEM learning space being built at Mount Compass Area School.

# Planning for Fleurieu’s future education needs

DAVID AND THE Marshall Government are planning for the future education needs of the Fleurieu Peninsula community as the sector undergoes significant changes.

David said the population of the Fleurieu region was growing rapidly and the local education sector needed to be ready to meet the challenge.

“Since being elected I’ve met with the principal of every school in the Finnis electorate to discuss their needs,” David said.

“I’ve been working with John Gardner, the Minister for Education, to address these needs. John has taken

a keen interest in our region and it was great to have him here early in October visiting a number of local schools.

“Issues facing our schools include some much overdue repairs and maintenance which the Government is now addressing, and the need to accommodate Year 7 students in high schools in the near future.

“Some of our schools are also reaching their full student capacity or have already reached it.

“Alexandrina Council has begun discussing the need for establishing a public high school campus in Goolwa

and the Department of Education is taking this into consideration as part of its long term planning for our future education needs.

“We’ve already got some significant projects underway in the region. Mount Compass Area School is receiving \$5 million for new contemporary learning spaces. Victor Harbor Primary School has also been allocated \$5 million for new facilities.

“The Marshall Government is also implementing policies to crack down on truancy, prevent bullying, and ensure teaching students meet high literacy and numeracy standards.”

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David visiting the Port Elliot Rd-Boettcher Rd intersection with Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Stephan Knoll.

## Local road intersection upgrades

THE FINNISS ELECTORATE will be receiving more than \$1.3 million for two more road intersection upgrades in the coming months.

David said \$735,000 had been allocated to change the cross road at the Port Elliot Rd-Boettcher Rd intersection near Middleton to a staggered T-junction intersection.

“Another \$600,000 will be spent on providing a dedicated right-turn lane off the Victor Harbor Road into Arthur Rd at Mount Compass,” he said.

“Both of these projects will ease congestion and improve safety on key roads in the region, especially at peak holiday periods. It’s great to be part of a government making regional roads a priority.”



David on the Granite Island causeway with Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs, and DEW officers. The Marshall Government is investing \$700,000 to revitalise the island as a visitor destination.

## Granite Island kiosk, restaurant to re-open

GRANITE ISLAND’S former kiosk and restaurant will be restored and re-opened to visitors under a joint project to upgrade facilities on the island.

David said the first phase of the work had been planned to enable the kiosk to be opened for use this summer.

“I’ve had a lot of feedback from local Victor Harbor residents who are very happy about the kiosk re-opening for the first time in three years,” David said.

“This development is a great example of how the Government is partnering with the private sector to deliver positive outcomes for the community.

“Oceanic Victor, which operates a swim-with-the-tuna business, the aquarium, little penguin tours and the marine education facility, needs to be acknowledged for its huge investment in revitalising Granite Island as a visitor destination.”

Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said the State Government was contributing \$700,000 to the project

to repair and renovate facilities on the island.

“The current facilities have been closed for some time due to structural problems,” Minister Speirs said.

“We’ll re-purpose and repair the old kiosk as a drawcard for locals and tourists.

“Oceanic Victor has a lease over the northern part of Granite Island. This includes the existing building which has a large restaurant, kiosk, gift shop and public toilets. The toilets have remained open and will be renovated first.”

David said the island was an iconic landmark in South Australia and a centrepiece of the Fleurieu Peninsula’s tourism industry.

“There have been plenty of ideas on how to leverage Granite Island’s status and make best use of it for the benefit of Victor Harbor and the wider region, and many of these have included getting the old facilities fixed up and operating again,” he said.

“This is a fantastic development as we work towards making it happen.”

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## REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

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David and Tim Whetstone, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (both on the right of this photo), meeting with representatives of the Fleurieu Peninsula's agricultural industries about issues faced by local farmers. Mr Whetstone has visited the Fleurieu region more than any other SA Government minister since the State election in March this year.

# David keen to develop agriculture in Finnis

DAVID IS WORKING to improve the contribution of agriculture to the local economy on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

David said there was a great deal of potential for growth in the sector.

“There are already some great examples in the region of innovative local businesses not only in farming but also in vital value-adding industries and I’m keen to expand on these developments,” he said.

“Our region has some key advantages over other agricultural areas in South Australia.

“We have more reliable and abundant rainfall, good soils and we’re closer

to Adelaide and its export links and infrastructure.

“I think we’re ideally placed to develop high-value low-volume agricultural produce and products in our region. This sort of approach maximises the potential to create jobs in the sector.

“There’s also potential for ‘agriculture tourism’—there are already some examples in the region and there are other local farming businesses keen to take part.

“And if our local agriculture industry is going to grow, we need to have a trained workforce. We already have agricultural programs in some schools and I’d like to see some local tertiary options too.”

David said there were some issues which needed to be addressed before local agriculture’s potential could be realised.

“A lot of rural properties in our area aren’t of sufficient scale for commercial agriculture and we need to be creative with things like zoning, leasing and agistment,” he said.

“We also need to get our local road

network up to scratch to improve logistical productivity, and encourage more investment.

“The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Tim Whetstone, has taken a keen interest in helping the Fleurieu in this respect.

“Tim and the Marshall Government are very strongly focused on regional development.”

## Mobile blackspots nominated

DAVID HAS NOMINATED two areas in the Finnis electorate to be fixed under the Marshall Government’s \$10 million Mobile Black Spot Program.

David said most of the region had reasonable mobile coverage but some areas still had issues which he hoped would be addressed.

“The program is going to leverage the next \$25 million round of the Federal program,” he said.

“This should hopefully ensure there’s a good amount of funding

available to address our regional mobile black spots.

“These include the Waitpinga area where there’s a dedicated CFS station, and the Inman Valley township.

“In addition to these I’ve also nominated an area around Second Valley and Rapid Bay in the neighbouring Mawson electorate.

“Good mobile and broadband coverage has become essential not only for local households but also business, motorists and emergency services.”



# Out and about in the community...



Anzac Day services at Middleton.



With Georgina Downer and volunteers from Steam Ranger Heritage Railways.



Citizenship ceremony at Victor Harbor.



With Dennis Williams at the opening of the new Victor Harbor Men's Shed.



Marking Veteran's Health Week with members of South Coast Veterans Ray Bichel, Keith Wells and Leon Verco.



Special Olympics Torch Run with athletes and local police.

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