

David Basham MP, Member for Finniss

OUT & ABOUT WITH DAVID

June 2023

TAKE AWAY FROM THE 2023-24 BUDGET

1) BUDGET BLOWOUT

The State budget papers reveal that the current Labor government have blown out their own 22/23 budget by a staggering \$1.1 billion and that almost every major infrastructure project and department has experienced cost blowouts.

2) PROMISED SURPLUS

The Government promised a surplus along with mid-year review reassurances to get inflation under control but the new budget reports spending in the past year is \$1353 million over Budget with all but four State Agencies (departments) overspending.



"I am concerned about this Government's stewardship of taxpayer money."

3) REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY \$98M

But: \$41 million has been allocated for a replacement roundabout in Mount Barker. A site recording just 9 crashes, including 4 damage to property, 6 injuries and no fatalities.
www.locationSA/transport/crashes

"The hardworking middle income, average Australian and self-funded retiree have been left to fend for themselves in this budget."

There are some 'sugar hit' state-wide projects benefiting small select groups for short term gain and there is increased spend in departments for 'operating'.

4) COST OF LIVING

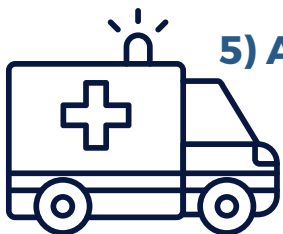
People are feeling financial pressure with skyrocketing prices for housing, food and electricity. Constituents have experienced increased mortgage repayments, rising rent, energy bills, groceries and a typical family is reportedly \$20,000 worse off per year under the elected Labor government.



"The average constituent in the electorate of Finniss will receive little to no extra support, and there is nothing new in this budget for our region."

5) AMBULANCE STATION

Good news is that much needed funding for new Ambulance stations remains in this Budget. The government is looking to purchase land for the new ambulance station near Aldi, at McCracken.



"When I was in cabinet, we would aim for all Liberal government budget spend to have return into the future. This Liberal value drives a society that will improve, progress, and make life better for nearly every Australian citizen."

6) PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Good news that the Marshall Liberal Governments projects appear to remain in the Budget: The Southern Fleurieu Health Service Emergency Department, Sterilising Unit, and the Finniss section of the Fleurieu connections including Hindmarsh Tiers intersection upgrade & Overtaking Lane will be constructed.



"lets talk about this. Come to a coffee catchup or contact the office. I need to hear from all sectors, demographics and businesses."

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World Milk Day

As a 6th generation dairy farmer before being elected to parliament, World Milk day is very close to my heart.

Last weekend my daughters and I were rostered to feed the school calves that are part of the #CowsCreateCareers program.

This fabulous program connects students to the dairy industry and I commend the participating schools, farmers and industry for making this program successful.



Best Pie says the "Pie Man"



Congratulations to Heritage Pies and Pastries in Goolwa!

The Chilli plum pork pie certainly deserves to be crowned "the best pie in our state by the Pie Man"



Historic Cut Hill

Historic Cut Hill on the Victor Harbor road, was recently damaged by a vehicle.

The wall is not only a tourist feature but also plays a significant role in supporting the road's structure.

I have written to the Minister for Regional Roads requesting timely repairs and additional barriers to make the road safer and to reduce the costs of future repairs.

The wall was built in 1868 by Jabez Grimble and reconstructed in 1961, using top-quality masonry and first-class civil engineering.

It's important to note that while commuters may only see a one-metre high dry stone wall's top section, the entire wall is approximately five metres tall and weight-bearing.

I will continue to advocate for this beautiful and functional Finnis Electorate asset.

Please report any state road damage or hazards by calling 1800 018 313.



In 2018, two car accidents caused damage to the wall, which took two months to repair and cost around \$50,000.

World Environment Day!

As a farmer, looking after the environment was a key part of my business.

For farmers, the land is not just a source of income; it's their home. I have witnessed the implementation of sustainable farming practices that have helped preserve the quality of the soil, water, and air for future generations. Growing healthy crops and raising healthy animals being the top priority.

As we celebrate this year's theme of [#BeatPlasticPollution](#), let's continue to work together to support measures to minimise the use of plastic in our daily lives.

From a farming perspective, I know that the industry is working to minimise the use of plastics and using technology to develop biodegradable plastics that are fit for purpose in a farming environment.

The environment is our shared responsibility, and by working together, we can build a brighter, cleaner, and more sustainable future.



**SANTOS
TOUR DOWN UNDER**

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY 2024
Men's Stage 4: Murray Bridge - Port Elliot

**SANTOS
TOUR DOWN UNDER**
12-21 January 2024, Adelaide

Finishing on The Strand Port Elliot

NATIONAL DONUT DAY



Finniss Electorate Office 'special' staff meeting on National Donut Day



During the war, Salvation Army volunteers known as "Donut Lassies" would fry & serve donuts to soldiers as a way to boost morale & remind them of home.

The tradition of National Donut Day began in 1938 as a way to honor these women & their service to the military.



Salvation Army volunteers set up service huts located in abandoned buildings near the front lines where they could serve baked goods.

It's worth noting that while National Donut Day is an American tradition, it is celebrated in other countries as well, including Australia.

Powerline Patrols

You may see some activity along our tree lines and roads as SA Power Networks and Active Tree Services move around the electorate in the coming weeks.

The SA Power Networks, Helistar helicopter provides a bird's eye view of the network to identify faults or potential defects.

<https://www.sapowernetworks.com.au/maintenance/powerline-inspections/>

Starting in May and finishing in October, these patrols form part of SA Power Networks' annual maintenance program to inspect our powerlines and other assets in bushfire risk areas.

They do this to ensure our network is safe and reliable and meets the higher demand for power in the warmer months.



During a recent visit to Mount Compass Area School I enjoyed students' enthusiasm for the major upgrades done by the Marshall Liberal Government in 2022. However, the removal of the existing play areas and structures was concerning. A playground is an essential part of the school experience.

I met with middle school student leaders, about their plans for a new playground, which was supported by Principal and P&F members.

To support the school build their new middle school playground, I can suggest grant opportunities, support fundraising, and highlighting the need for a new playground to the Minister for Education.

If you are interested in supporting this project in any way, please contact our office.



AMC South East SA: Caroline Horn

Volunteers worked hard to get the train back on the track. SteamRanger Heritage Railway have had some challenges recently. Another big thank you to Keolis Downer for providing assistance to the Steamranger staff and volunteers.

Thank you to the emergency services for attending the accident on Wednesday.

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I am proud to live and work in a community with four nominations for South Australian #AgriculturalTownoftheYear.

The Value of Agriculture in #SouthAustralia in 2020-21 was \$7682 million

#Goolwa: A port town of 7581 people sporting key agricultural industries of wheat, barley, and livestock. This unsung gem of the Fleurieu is a growing community with a new secondary school and vibrant small business community.

#Middleton: A popular holiday destination with many holiday homes, Middleton is in the "middle" of Goolwa and Victor Harbor, supported by Livestock: Meat and wool, cereal crops and seafood. The population is 4384 people.

#MountCompass: What a character town, close to the city but rural to its core. Supportive locals volunteer to get things done, and the school is thriving under new leadership, almost at capacity despite the rebuild of 2021. Ag industries include Livestock: dairy, meat and wool, cereal crops, and other broad-acre crops.

#VictorHarbor: The big town of the region, Victor continues to grow and thrive as a premier destination for living, retirement and holidays - especially if you enjoy fishing. The population is around 16,265, and the Agricultural industries include Livestock: meat and wool, dairy and crops for Hay.

Did you register your vote?

VOTE

2023 AGTOWN OF THE YEAR

www.agtown.com.au

We have been nominated!

- Goolwa
- Victor Harbor
- Mount Compass
- Middleton

Wouldn't it be great to have a sign like this at the entrance to one of our towns!

2020 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL TOWN of the YEAR

Thank you

For giving the gift of time to our community

Donald Rumbelow OAM
For service to the community through a range of organisations.

Lesley Rumbelow OAM
For service to the community through a range of organisations.

Ian Grant OAM
For service to surf lifesaving.

Jane Guider OAM
For service to the community through a range of organisations.

Order of Australia

2023 King's Birthday Honours List

Coffee Catchups

Middleton: IGA
Friday 9 June 2023, 10:30-11:30am
17a Goolwa Rd, Middleton

Victor Harbor: Planted Coffee House
Friday 16 June 2023, 10:30-11:30am
138 Hindmarsh Road, Victor Harbor

Goolwa: Kuti Shack
Friday 23 June 2023, 10:30-11:30am
Goolwa Beach Carpark, Beach Road

BASHAM BEACH RD
SEAVIEW AVE

Great to be at the Welcoming of the Whales with Her Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Frances Adamson, Minister for Tourism Zoe Bettison MP Mayor Moira Jenkins, Mark Koolmatrie from Kool Tours. and Cedric Varcoe.

The Winter Whale Fest ran all month with many events and activities. But whale watching continues and the Whale Centre is open.

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