

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



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Annual Dinner

As always, the annual Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club Awards Dinner is a special event, but this year was made extra memorable by being the first one held in their new clubrooms!

The surf lifesaving volunteers do an exceptional job patrolling the beach and raising money to keep their club running for the benefit of the whole community. Thank you.



Black tie with bling!

It was nice to attend the Rotary Victor Harbor Changeover dinner at the McCracken Country Club Convention Centre.

Wrapping up the Rotary year, celebrating the accomplishments of individual volunteers and the club. You all deserve to celebrate - our community benefits greatly from what you do.



Connecting the community is important to Joanna McCallum, Bea Vanstuijvenberg (Rosetta Village) and Andrea Ascensio (Fleurieu Sun), who shared local stories and information with us at the Finnis Electorate office.

Residents from Rosetta Village gather at the Finnis Electorate office once a month to collate and fold the resident newsletter, which they hand deliver. Their positive manner and energy fill the office with stories and laughter, and it helps us understand our community.

In the canteen

It was great to help out on the Victor Harbor Netball Club breakfast BBQ and then in the canteen at the Victor Harbor Football Club! Always good rivalry between Victor Harbor and Goolwa Netball Club/Goolwa Port Elliot Magpies.

My daughter's team didn't win but her team played well.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed the Magpie Ball in the new facilities!

How did you celebrate Volunteer week?

I was in isolation, so the Finnis Electorate Office Manager attended a wonderful celebration of volunteers with the Victor Harbor Senior Citizens Club at Carrickalinga house on my behalf. Guests were spoilt by the committee and host/MC/President Kayleen Parr.

Volunteer week is a way to show our appreciation towards volunteers and all the hard work that they do. Volunteers bring the community closer together while shaping our society.



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Vote now!

For the only town nominated in Finnis...

MOUNT COMPASS

<https://solsticemedia.com.au/south-australian-agricultural-town-of-the-year-award/>

2022 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL TOWN of the YEAR

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This week, we are bringing the 'office' to you...

Inman Valley
General Store and Country Kitchen
Wednesday 29 June, 10.30am-11.30am
1714 Inman Valley Road, Inman Valley

Clayton Bay
Community Association Inc
Thursday 30 June, 2.30pm to 3.30pm
6 Alexandrina Drive, Clayton Bay

Victor Harbor
Joojeezz Patisserie
Friday 1 July, 10.00am-11.00am
18 Ocean Street, Victor Harbor

Join David Basham MP at any site, to ask a question or discuss what matters to you and your community.
To book an alternative time, please contact the Finnis Electorate Office
08 8552 2152 or finnis@parliament.sa.gov.au

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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Time spend in the Milang Community

Great to share a lunchtime sausage with the Men's Shed members at the Milang Oval. It was good to hear about issues and projects that locals have close to their hearts, and I always love to see a project underway. I can see ways to help with several issues raised, so I can't wait to report back when I return to Milang as part of my Out and About program. For dates and times please contact the Finnis Electorate office.



Steamranger Catch up

Who doesn't love trains? Especially Steam Trains! I caught up with some volunteers from Steamranger Heritage Railway, to talk about the logistics behind running a volunteer organisation like Steamranger, particularly track maintenance. If you're interested in volunteering and love trains - this is a perfect option; please get in touch with them for information. Email: hrmanager@steamranger.org.au tel: 1300655991.



Get up! Stand up! Show up!

NAIDOC Week | www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week
While I was in Parliament teasing out the budget, my local community played host to a march and Ceremony to herald in NAIDOC week (first week of July). My office staff attended in my stead, had a wonderful time and collected some great photos while not getting too wet! Rotary Victor Harbor served a complimentary lunch BBQ with lots of activities for the kids - face and rock painting, sand art, and craft. Seven Schools participated: Goolwa Secondary College, Goolwa Primary School, Victor Harbor High School, Port Elliot Primary School, Victor Harbor Primary School, Port Elliot Kindergarten, Victor Harbor Community Kindergarten. There are many more events to come in this area - I hope to see you there.

June Long Weekend

Great long weekend that kicked off with a Ramindjeri Welcoming of the Whales and smoking ceremony, Victor Harbor Artisan Market, a Dark Disco Fundraising for @arthurs_fund Flinders Foundation at De Groot Coffee Co., wedding anniversary (18 years!) and a trip to the Port Elliot Bakery! Fabulous to see so many people around enjoying the long weekend.



Opening of Parliament & Swearing in Ceremony



Blocked Pipe

My friends had an issue with water pressure on their farm, and when they looked for the problem, they eventually discovered why! I had to take a photo! This would have to be the worst example I have seen in all my years of farming!



'WOW Day' is a national day for us all to show our thanks towards the SES volunteers that help protect and serve our country during natural disasters. My grandfather Bunny Basham was involved in the local Port Elliot SES and I know some of the volunteers today worked alongside him. Their dedication should be admired by us all. Here's to all the SES volunteers locally and across the nation who work all year round to protect us at our most vulnerable. We thank you for saving lives and protecting communities.

Shocking scenes in Mount Compass early this morning.

It is devastating to see the buildings burned and local businesses destroyed.

The authorities will conduct their investigation. If you are affected by the fire, directly or indirectly, and require assistance, don't hesitate to get in touch with me or the Finnis Electorate office. We will do all we can to advocate on your behalf or assist you in communicating with the necessary government agencies and navigating the help required.

The Mayor of Alexandrina Council, Keith Parkes, joined me in Mount Compass and also offered the full support of the council to the affected businesses.

A collection of CFS units were in attendance from eight different brigades. Thank you to all the volunteers who were in attendance.



120 EMPTY CHAIRS



Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor

= lives lost on Fleurieu / Hills Roads over the last decade.

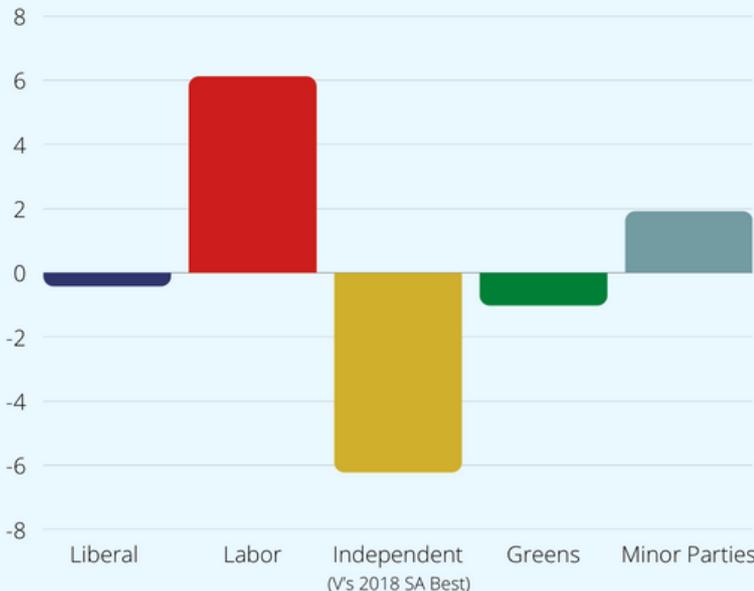
Thank you to the RAA for this set up on Warland Reserve for National Road Safety Week is being held across Australia from 15 - 22 May 2022.

Traffic injury is the biggest killer for Australian Children under the age of 15 and the second biggest killer for Australians aged 15-24. Make the commitment "Drive so others survive".

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Movement in Voting Patterns

2022 State Election v's 2018 State Election



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Each Shed has its own story, character and member base that has developed to the need and strength of the group. This week has struck a chord with me as I travelled to Milang and Victor Harbor Men's Shed gatherings, and I encourage senior men and women looking for mates to drop in.

Men's Sheds are non-profit local organisations that provide a space for craftwork and social interaction to improve health and wellbeing of older and isolated people. This Australian innovation officially originated in the 1980s to assist men who were retired, in finding a place to be and a workshop to keep their hands busy.

MILANG: On Thursday at 12 noon sharp, a feast of sausages is ready for the gathering at the Lakeside Men's Shed adjacent to the Oval. Milang is a sparsely populated place where the community could easily feel isolated, but this weekly meal draws likeminded people to engage and chat. Daryl Pederson was a fantastic and accommodating host for my visit, showing me the site, projects and of course lunch!

VICTOR HARBOR: Reputably the first Men's Shed to be established (1982) and now has its own site on Martha Close with 147 official members. Allan Edmondson-Stott welcomed me to the site, gave me a tour of the shed at work and introduced me to the industrious members. There was a strong feeling of supported community, safe place, and productivity.

It was a privilege to hear the community's passionate concerns and their ideas to make Milang a better place. Equally I enjoyed chatting about all manner of other interesting things and it felt good to share time with people at Milang.

In the kitchen, I could read the paper, play games, borrow a book or chat over coffee. It was a privilege to see projects in action, from restoration, whittling, signs, art, wood turning, and metal work to The Muwerang Mosaic Project.

Lakeside Men's Shed works closely with the Historical Society and Allan McInnes gave a wonderful tour of projects completed and yet to do, clearly showing the skills required for the painstaking task of restoration.

I will be keeping an eye out for their next fundraising garage sale, and I encourage any senior, business, school, church, or aged care centre with a project in mind to reach out to a Men's Shed.

Victor Harbor Mens Shed
Phone 0411 027 903
victorharbormensshed@gmail.com

Local Post Office licensee Beck Holt successfully nominated the Lakeside Men's Shed recently to receive \$1,000 in grant funding from Australia Post to continue purchasing weekly supplies for this important community organisation.



The Lakeside Men's Shed Milang
Allan McInnes, phone 8537 0017

These important groups are reliant on many volunteers looking out for jobs that need to be done and people that need to be included. A big drain on volunteer time is applying for grants to keep a Men's Shed open and funded.

My visits provide a chance to listen and hear about what is important to our community. I also share about what I can do to help. I can help navigate government process, access grants, seniors' books, tax help, official congratulatory messages, letters of support, visits to parliament house, and education programs, please just ask your question.

I am regularly available for coffee catchups and keen to visit seniors activities and groups, so if I don't contact you, please don't hesitate to contact the office and let me know what you are up to.

Southern Fleurieu Community Mental Health Service, Phone: (08) 8552 0600

If you require urgent mental health assistance, please call the mental health triage service (the Rural & Remote Distance Consultation & Emergency Triage & Liaison Service) 24hrs a day, seven days a week on 13 14 65.

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A NEW NEWSPAPER IN TOWN!
The inaugural edition of the new Fleurieu Sun is something to celebrate.



A time to celebrate gives us a time to remember, so it is time to reflect and share with you what else is new in the electorate of Finnis. We can enjoy how lucky we are. Some projects are supported by government grants but others are businesses that have seen the opportunity to invest in our region.

- There is a:
- new Causeway to Granite Island
 - new Goolwa High School
 - new Round-about at Torrens and Crozier roads
 - new Surf club at Goolwa, Chiton, and Port Elliot
 - new Recreation Precinct at Goolwa
 - new Burnings, Coles, Drakes, and Aldi
 - new Hungry Jacks is coming and so much more

Without a doubt, we live in one of the most desirable destinations of South Australia that offers so much already. It is exciting that we are a community willing to see the vast potential for continued growth and opportunity.

Open Spaces and community facilities are so important to those that live in the region.

We secured Government funding in Finnis Electorate to create or enhance facilities and new spaces include: a National Park at Hindmarsh Valley, the Mt Compass Recreation Park, the GT Fisher Playground, Mountain Bike Trails, and the Wild South Coast way.

Working together with the community is extremely gratifying. Working with Victor Harbor and Goolwa Caravan Parks, Pigi Co, Currency Creek Shaw family, Softoff accommodation, and more to see new combined investments.

There are many ways to reach out for support, but our office will always be open to assist you or your group to find and connect with grant funding. We can help you understand and navigate the process.

We have delivered the new Causeway, Main Street upgrades, Beacon 9 boat ramp, Encounter Bay boat ramp, Surf Club build/upgrade times 3, Steam Ranger upgrade, Goolwa beach carpark, Goolwa Wharf development.

I commence my new term in the 55th Parliament as the Local member for Finnis. This term is a new start that will look very different from the last. I will strive to listen to constituents, hearing what is important to them and speaking to the Labor government as their representative.

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Since being elected in 2018, a total of **\$9.504 million** has been invested in the future of three surf life saving clubs in Finnis that keep our beaches and community safe.

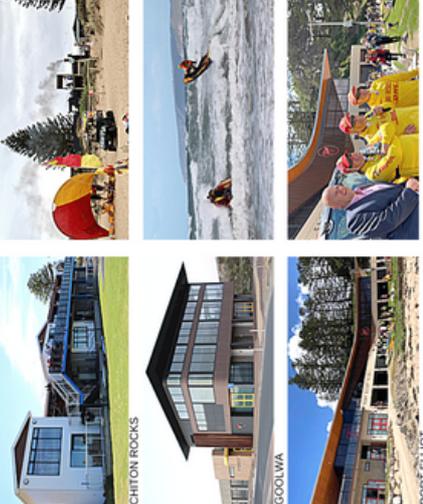


Surf Life Saving's mission is to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities. The hardworking volunteers at Chiton Rocks, Goolwa and Port Elliot surf life saving clubs are proud to live out that mission here in the electorate of Finnis.

Every year, thousands flock to beaches in Finnis to enjoy a seaside lifestyle during warmer months. Volunteers patrol weekends, public holidays and more from October to April, keeping beaches safe and training youngsters. For years I have lived in this community and recognised Surf Life Saving SA's key role in protecting the public and engaging the community along our coastline.

The State Government has proudly supported surf life saving clubs with equipment and significant grants to provide community groups and volunteers with the tools and infrastructure they need to do their jobs.

As your local member, I am proud to support projects driven by dedicated members and volunteers. The Finnis surf life saving clubs' improved facilities support beach safety and provide fantastic community spaces.



CHITON

- \$2m towards the Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club \$3.53m rebuild project which resulted in a new first aid room, gym, viewing area, patrol room, equipment storage area and improved rapid response capabilities.

Goolwa
\$2.6m towards a \$3.5m build of Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club facilities which provides improved emergency response service and great views of the coast.

Port Elliot
\$4.895m towards the \$5.1m recently completed Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club. The clubroom now has training and support facilities to service an epic 150 active patrolling members and over 200 young people involved in learning how to swim, be surf safe and progressing to life saving.

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Until the beginning of this year, Goolwa was the largest town in the state without a high school



The local achievement I am most proud of from my term in Government is that, through strong advocacy, the new Goolwa Secondary College opened.

Before becoming a member of parliament, I was on the Investigator College Governing Council (private school campus at Goolwa) when they decided to consolidate to their Victor Harbor campus. I seized this opportunity to begin advocating for government to purchase the asset & turn it into a high school for Goolwa. In my eyes, it was obvious & this was the strength of the proposal.

I continued to engage when I became MP for the area in March 2018. As conversations progressed with the community & local council, it was evident that having a high school in Goolwa was critically important to the community & future generations of young people. The conversations didn't stop, & I relentlessly advocated this to my parliamentary colleagues. On 18 July 2020, we announced that the idea was to become a reality.

Appointed principal, Bec Moore, embraced the opportunity to start from the ground up. She & a core group of staff hit the ground running. From construction to lumbar selection & uniforms, the school was nurtured into what it is today.

Bec says that the fact you are starting from scratch is delightful.

She engaged with community groups & the local council & I met with her often. A culture was developed through consultation & expertise. I share a sense of pride with many people who were involved in the creation of Goolwa Secondary College.

If you would like a tour of Parliament House, please reach out. It would be great to show you or your community group around. For further information, please go to www.davidbasham.com.au

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2022/23 STATE BUDGET
Labor has announced a state budget that delivers some pre-existing Liberal Government projects and minimal new spending for the electorate.



Work will continue on the Granite Island Causeway as the old timbers are removed, and a docking portion added. The Labor government budgeted \$2.5 million for the Causeway project, and this Labor government has added over \$5.74 million to the commitment, so \$5.74 million is allocated to complete works this financial year.

It is pleasing to see that the government has not cut projects formerly budgeted by the Liberal government but very disappointing to see how little new investment is in our region when compared with more than \$150 million new spend in our neighbouring Labor seat of Mawson.

State-wide, the vehicle replacement budget for Ambulances is at the lowest amount since 2019.

The Labor government is investing in places to house the vehicles rather than investing in vehicles.

Their budget is a 25% reduction on what the Liberal government actually spent on vehicle replacements last year and less than half of what was spent two years ago.

Impacting significantly on regions, including the electorate, will be the \$15.9 million reduction in the Primary Industries allocation. The budget has been cut, so programs and services will need to be cut; what will our regions have taken away?

This budget is not good enough for our region. This budget shows the disregard that Labor has for the electorate of Finnis. Look back over the recent 16 years of Labor government where our region was neglected in health, roads and projects, then consider the last four years in contrast when more than \$125 million was spent on the Finnis electorate to create, maintain or upgrade schools, clubs, roads, hospital, open spaces and support businesses.

The only political party that cares about Finnis and have a history of delivering in Finnis is a Liberal Government.

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When I talk with students about my role as a politician, my message is "never underestimate the power to make change" & "remember the strength of leadership & teamwork".



Students in years 7 & 8 stating this year are no longer leaving town to attend secondary school. They are now attending school nearby, feed & talk with family members connected to the school, it is apparent that the values are being up held.

From early on, staff set up the framework to **CONNECT, INSPIRE & IGNITE** with innovation in the key. Students are becoming expert learners, making the most of the unique region being the classroom & their community. The river & coastal environment provide learning opportunities that teachers across the state can only dream about. These values will have an anchor in their education with learning & community to ensure they care & are connected into the future.



Talking & connecting with school students in the electorate & at Parliament House is part of my responsibility as the local state MP.

School visits & tours of Parliament House have recommenced since the pandemic restrictions put them on hold. I am always pleased to accommodate invitations from schools & community groups to talk about the South Australian Parliament & government structure generally.

Please contact the Finnis Electorate Office to arrange a time or event.

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