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New Causeway is now open!

It's new, it's exciting and it came with a bright yellow ribbon to cut! What an excellent team effort to get the new Granite Island Causeway delivered just in time for Christmas. The \$43 million construction is such an iconic monument for Victor Harbor and one of South Australia's greatest tourism drawcards. I was joined by my colleagues, Premier Steven Marshall, and the Hon. Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to successfully deliver this state government project to the community. While the pandemic has been difficult for us all, it shone a new light on regional tourism and the Causeway will no doubt be a great economic boost for the tourism industry. I'm very happy to see how many jobs it has created over the period of its construction and how many visitors will be able to enjoy their trip to Granite Island this summer and many more to come!



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The achievements of our students

After a year navigating lockdowns, active COVID-19 restrictions and changes to how they share community, resilient students of 2021 have experienced many highs and lows, and can now look to the next adventure in life and lifelong learning.

In our electorate, four schools had students eagerly waiting for 8.30am Monday 13 December 2021 when final SACE university entrance scores (ATAR) results were released on-line.

I'm extremely proud of all the hard work and effort these students have put into education and I am sure they have inspired peers and juniors when it comes to achieving goals!

It always makes me happy to attend school events, present certificates and write congratulatory letters to members of our community for excellent work. I had the pleasure of visiting Mount Compass Primary School to present the David Basham Award for excellence in school leadership to worthy recipients! I also enjoyed meeting Taras to deliver a letter of congratulation for DUX 2021 of Finnis Schools in person and hear about his plans to continue study. I wish the best to all students in their university and future endeavours!

Congratulations to the Dux of each school in Finnis Electorate

Encounter Lutheran College

Max Burgess 97.8 (School Captain)

Molly Peier 97.8 (School Captain)

Investigator College

Mahlia Donley 98.75 and 1 Merit

Victor Harbor High School

Clarisse Lust 98.05 and 3 Merits

Mount Compass Area School

Taras Mair 99.8 and 1 Merit

(Highest ATAR for a FINNISS School 2021)



The Transformation of the Goolwa Sporting Facility

Stage One of the Goolwa Oval Recreation Project is well underway and is certain to leave people wondering if they are really standing on the same oval! The old building has gone, allowing the new building to shine. The new two-story building includes change rooms, first aid rooms, umpire spaces, toilets, social spaces, canteen, kitchen, bar, multiple storage areas and optimum viewing for its many spectators. My colleague, the Hon Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, and I had the pleasure of visiting the facility along with representatives from the Alexandrina Council. The facilities are second to none and I am very keen to see how this will take the Goolwa Sporting Community forward in leaps and bounds.

I am proud that this development was made possible by the Marshall Liberal Government's contribution of \$800,000 and the Morrison Federal Government's \$5 million. The Alexandrina Council have driven and co-funded the project along with Goolwa Port Elliot Magpies Football Club, Goolwa Netball Club and other sporting clubs in the area.

Congratulations on all the hard work and preparation that's gone into this development and vision.



Premier's Reading Challenge Presentation

This month started on a very educational note! I had the pleasure of being involved in Victor Harbor High School's Premier's Reading Challenge awards presentation. The famous challenge encourages students to read a range of books over their years' of school and presenting to students was a rewarding experience. Reading is a gift that keeps on giving. Reading improves literacy, knowledge, and assists students in engaging with school and the world overall. I was very pleased to see how passionate the students were about the challenge. Their commitment and effort toward their education was commendable. I'm very thankful for the teachers, parents, school, and these awards for putting such a bright smile on the faces of these bright young minds!



Hitting targets!

The Victor Harbor Archery Club Inc. has kept plans for their club on track! My colleague, the Hon. Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, and I had a tour of their new indoor target range and clubrooms. I was amazed at the state-of-the-art facilities and high standards the club has achieved! I'm certain this will open even more doors for the club in the future and encourage patrons to utilise these new spaces. The new facility was made possible through the club's hard work and passion for the sport and a \$48,350 grant from the State Government's Community Recreational and Sports Facility Program. I'm very pleased to see our community utilise these funds and create local facilities that meet world standards!



Victor Harbor Primary School's \$5 million Upgrade

An important new asset to our community has officially opened! The \$5 million upgrade at Victor Harbor Primary School includes a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) building with flexible learning spaces to ensure the students have a world class learning experience. The upgrade included significant renovations and enhancements to other buildings and landscaping to create new outdoor learning environments.

It was a privilege to formally open this new facility with my colleague Hon. John Gardner MP, Minister for Education. It's vital and exciting to see our future generations engage in the areas of science, maths, technology, music, design, robotics, film and much more! I'm sure the students at Victor Harbor Primary School will appreciate these new facilities for generations to come.

I'm proud to announce this project was delivered as part of the Marshall Liberal Government's record \$1.4 billion investment in public school infrastructure, including five new schools and more than a hundred major school upgrades!



Boating, Camping, Fishing, its all in the funds!

As South Australians look forward to summer holidays filled with boating, camping and fishing the Morrison Coalition Government and Marshall Liberal Government have announced a funding boost for more than a dozen council projects which will boost local amenities.

This is an exciting funding program enabling South Australian councils to improve, maintain or build new boating, marine rescue, fishing and camping facilities, all of which are important facilities to attract and support recreational fishing, boating and camping in our regions.

Locally funded projects are:

City of Victor Harbor – Encounter Bay channel \$200,000 towards a \$350,000 project

Construction and installation of 12 new channel markers for the Encounter Bay channel to provide safe access from the Bluff Boat Ramp to the Southern Ocean. The new channel markers will be more robust to reduce the risk of ongoing damage and tipping during large swell and storm events. The markers will increase safety and improve the experience for all users of the Encounter Bay channel, including recreational fishers, boaties, tourist charters and Emergency Services.

City of Victor Harbor – The Bluff \$70,211 towards a \$160,422 project

The project will deliver new infrastructure in the construction of a toilet facility at the Bluff Boat Ramp, Encounter Bay. The new facility will improve the recreational fishing and boating experience by providing two unisex cubicles (ambulant and access compliant).

I am very pleased to see our region receiving such an opportunity!



Culture, Arts and Heritage

I had the opportunity to present the Premier, Steven Marshall a copy of the book Kraiyi, a non-profit Ngarrindjeri language book available to students of all ages as a learning resource about Aboriginal language and culture. It is very important to ensure the culture, language, and arts are preserved and understood by every generation to help celebrate the rich history and diversity of our country.

The book is retold and illustrated by students at the Goolwa Primary School with local Ngarrindjeri artists Cederic Varcoe and Amanda Westley. It can be purchased from the Goolwa Primary School for \$15.

Building locally!

My visit to egritech Chicken Houses and Portable Housing was full of amazement and awe. Being a local resident, it always brings me great pride and joy to see a local business flourish and export across our nation. I had the privilege of a behind-the-scenes tour of egritechEngineering where directors Tony and Kate Le Messurier showed me the Tiny House and the Coop e Cabana Chicken Camper (chicken house) that were under construction. These are a fantastic enterprise utilising local people to construct products that go Australia-wide! The Tiny Houses are a great accommodation solution concept and more than 35 chicken campers have been built, many exported interstate! All the best to Tony, Kate and team. Every one involved is bringing recognition and pride to local businesses and construction.



Christmas Cheers

The South Coast Veterans hosted their Christmas Party at the Encounter Bay Football Club. For the past few years, the group have learned to play the guitar together, and it was great to see them perform.



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