

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



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JULY 2022

Great to see the CFS volunteers receive their Service Award medals at a series of ceremonies in our region. I enjoyed attending the event held at McCracken Country Club on 24 July 2022. Thank you to all the CFS volunteers committed to saving lives every day.

My Grandfather, Bunny Basham, was a long-term member of the Middleton and Port Elliot EFS (CFS). He was exceptionally committed to the cause and proud to be a member.

The Bushfires of 2019-20 were declared a nationally significant emergency, which has led to the dedicated and fearless members that served in them, being recognised with a National Emergency Medal.



STATEWIDE SERVICE and NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL PRESENTATIONS



Granite Island

There has been lots of interest in the future of the cafe building on Granite Island after Oceanic Victor announced they would no longer be leasing the premises. I have written to the Minister for Environment, Susan Close MP, to ask for an update. The operation of a cafe/kiosk on Granite Island is key to future opportunities on Granite Island. Visitors and locals are often looking for a simple coffee or ice cream. The feedback has been strong - people arriving on the island are surprised to find there is nothing! Now the new causeway is up and running, in my opinion, the sooner a cafe or the like opens, the better.



Causeway Landing and Launch is GO!

The new landing, about 200 metres along the new Causeway to Granite Island, has been completed! I caught up with the local operators of the The Big Duck Boat Tours, and they've enjoyed operating from the new landing and grateful they could provide comment on the design for practical use.



The Landing is significantly safer than the old pontoon for patrons as it accommodates weather and changing conditions.

It will be an excellent resource for the VHYC rescue boat and possibly Cruise ship tenders.



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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Bin your shoes!

Leave your shoes in Indonesia or at the Airport.

If Foot and Mouth Disease enters Australia, it will be catastrophic.

If the disease is found on a property:

- Farmers could be required to destroy all cloven hoof animals (cattle, sheep, goats, alpacas, pigs, deer) to stop the spread.
- The property would be required to be destocked for 12 months.

As a Fleurieu dairy farmer and former Primary Industries Minister, I can say it is fact that the Fleurieu region is at the top of the list of at-risk regions in Australia due to our proximity to an international airport and the density of livestock which could carry the horrific disease.

Please be vigilant and aware.

Farmers plea for FMD protections

BRYAN LITTLELY

TEARS well in Keira Campagnolo's eyes with talk that a widespread Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in Australia would have devastating impacts on our livestock industries and could claim her Simmental stud herd even if they are clear of the disease. The Inman Valley 12-year-old has built a herd of 10 cattle since she first participated as an 8-year-old in the SA Junior Heifer Expo. She has sold a bull for \$9000 and breeds to get lead heifers for competitions around the state, an interest under increasing threat as the dangers of FMD knock on our door with it rampant in Indonesia, including the popular holiday destination of Bali.

"It would take a lot away from me if I were to lose my cows," Keira said.

"I would be with cows over people any day of the week."

Fleurieu dairy farmer and former primary industries minister, Finnis MP David Basham says it is fact that the Fleurieu region is at the top of the list of at-risk regions in Australia due to our proximity to an international airport and the density of livestock which could carry the horrific disease.

"The heatmaps show the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and surrounds of Melbourne as the hotspots," said Mr Basham, who has been at the centre of emergency planning for such an outbreak.

"We are in the highest risk zone. This is a disease that if it was to get here, it would be an absolute disaster," he said.

Mr Basham said the response in Australia should FMD enter would involve vaccination of livestock, which cannot be done until there is an outbreak and has major implications for the industry once an outbreak is considered controlled.



COME ALONG NOW: Keira Campagnolo with one of her Savannah K heifers. The SA Junior Heifer Expo is on this week at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds with final competition today. PHOTO: BRYAN LITTLELY

"We do have well established plans in place and an industry and government signed deed to tackle it, but prevention is always so much better than a cure," he said.

Mr Basham urged holiday makers to consider if they really needed to go to Bali for a holiday at this time, and if they did, to take every precaution to clean anything coming back into the country and to not bring back any animal products.

"If you do bring something back by mistake, deliver it to the authorities for disposal, don't dispose of it yourself," he said.

Keira's parents, Vaughan Campagnolo and Sarah Truran say an outbreak of the disease here would devastate their Inman Valley stud and way of life.

"For us, it is our income but it is also our way of life," Mr Truran said.

"We breed for bulls and you do have a connection with them. I can't imagine if someone came in here and said we had to slaughter them all... it would kill us."

"There will be no more fresh lamb, beef, or milk on the shelves. Our lives, even in the cities, would change in an instant."

The South Australian Opposition is calling on the Malinkaus Labor Government to urgently work with the Federal Government to increase biosecurity measures at the Adelaide Airport and start an advertising campaign to help prevent FMD entering South Australia.

Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and qualified veterinarian Nicola Centofanti said the Malinkaus Labor Government isn't doing enough to protect South Australia from this insidious disease.

"An uncontrolled outbreak of FMD in Australia would see mass slaughtering of our cloven hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep and pigs and will bring our meat export market to an immediate closure," she said.

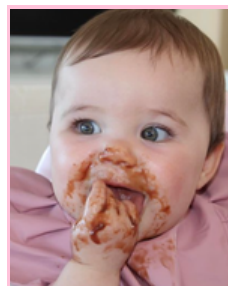
"The impact to our agricultural sector would also flow through to the cost of food production, placing unwelcome pressure on the cost-of-living which is already the number one issue for many households."

Happy FM Air-time

I enjoyed sitting with Jan Potter at Happy FM for a local round up. I posted an edited extract of my interview with Jan Potter on Happy FM and on Facebook.

These are the topics that we discussed:

- Foot and Mouth Disease - the risk & industry plan
- COVID-19 Vaccination Winter booster & the closure of the Victor Central Vaccination Clinic



World chocolate day

was on the 7 July
We have many great chocolatiers in South Australia, did you sample your favourites?

"A League Life Member, SA Football Hall of Fame Member and Australian Football Hall of Famer, Neil was a tough but fun, larger-than-life character who became one of the best-known personalities of football and the SANFL."

The Hon. Rob Kerin, SA Football Commission Chairman



Vale Neil Kerley AM

The Finnis Electorate Office flew National Flag at half mast for the late Mr Neil Kerley AM (1934 - 2022) as a mark of mourning and respect on 25 July 2022, the day of his State Funeral.

Historically flags are used to communicate and still provide meaning for us today with very strict protocols and traditions. The flag pole at the electorate office follows these traditions and protocols, so if you see something different as you drive past contact us to find out why.



Welcome to our new Australian Citizens

Nine new Australians were formally welcomed to Victor Harbor when Mayor Jenkins hosted the Citizenship Ceremony in the City of Victor Harbor Council Chambers with Rebekha Sharkie MP, David Basham MP and Elected Members present.

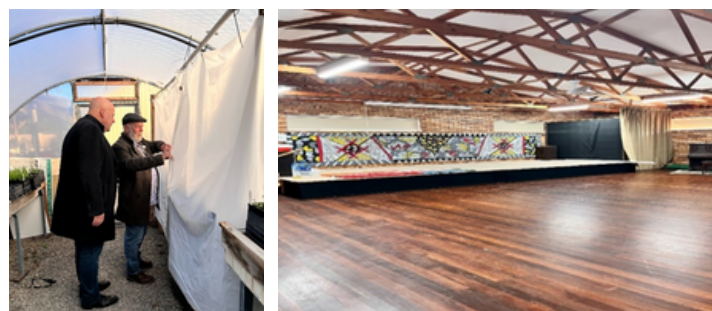
The Council hosts ceremonies throughout the year as a chance for citizenship candidates to take the pledge of allegiance to Australia. Our culturally diverse community is part of what makes Victor Harbor, and Australia, a great place to live.

Welcome and Congratulations new citizens on this special milestone!



Flag Presentation

I delivered a flag for the Back Valley Tennis Club flag pole to celebrate special occasions. The pole has pride of place near the upgraded deck area. This vibrant club has a strong hardworking volunteer base and thriving social tennis membership of around 90 members. I thoroughly enjoyed presenting Julie Curran (President) with the new State flag and tasting the delicious freshly made scones at morning tea! Thank you for a wonderful morning.



Visit to Clayton Bay

We visited the Clayton Bay community centre. It was a great afternoon with the Clayton Bay Community Centre and I can see why the Victor Harbor Ballroom dancers travel to Clayton bay for the beautiful floor!

It was a pleasure to discuss many community issues and ideas with the group over a cuppa. Thank you to Ginny and Ruth for being wonderful hosts.

Tranquil and relaxing visit to Clayton Bay Riverside Holiday Park

It was a pleasure to have a tour with Claire and Danny.

A beautifully maintained park with sideline of Stand-Up Paddle Board and Kayak Hire, but it was a bit cold for a swim this visit.



School Visit - Milang

School Captains Erin and Natasha made me feel very welcome at the Milang Campus of Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School. They introduced me to the senior primary class where they have been learning about Civics and Citizenship.

It was a great meeting where I shared a bit about me and then we talked politics.

I would love to visit your group or school so please call my office to arrange.

Business Alexandrina & Fleurieu Food Event



I joined the celebration of a wonderful partnership between Alexandrina Council and Fleurieu Food that will endeavour to drive demand and visitor expenditure in the region with increased collaboration. The event spotlighted the Fleurieu Food Festival making August a time to visit the region. It always fills my bucket to support local and see industry collaboration successes. Keep an eye on the **Our Local Alexandrina website**.

TAX HELP PROGRAM

Tax Help community volunteers are trained and accredited by the ATO and provide a free and confidential service to help people who have simple tax affairs and are on low incomes (\$60,000 or less), complete their tax returns using myTax.



APPOINTMENTS

available from 25 July 2022 at the Finnis Electoral Office, 71 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor

To find out if you are eligible & to make an appointment, please phone the Finnis Electoral Office on 8552 2152.



Tax Help is here again!

I am delighted to again offer the ATO Tax Help program out of the Finnis Electoral Office until the end of September.

Please call the friendly office staff to discuss eligibility and make your appointment.

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Delivering for the Community

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 sporting club at Goolwa
new Bunnings, Coles, Drakes and Aldi
new Hungry Jacks is coming & 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 groups and businesses has created successful relationships with Hotel Elliot, Victor Harbor and Goolwa Caravan Parks, Pipi Co, Currency Creek Shaw family, Soft foot 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/upgrades 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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CENSUS 2021

WHAT DOES IT TELL US?

The Finnis electorate community is the sum of many parts, and it is easier to understand the needs, interests and focus of residents after spending some time reading the Census 2021 results that have been released so far.

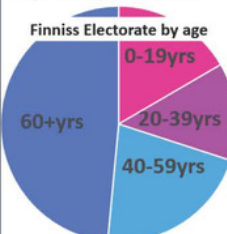
Numbers and statistics can be very useful, but they need to be read in context. For example, at the time of Census 29.7% private dwellings were vacant in Finnis but there is no information to tell us how many households were holidaying in warmer climates or providing holiday accommodation. The Census night information does tell us that 58.2% of Middleton private dwellings were unoccupied while Mt Compass was only 6.1%

Here are some key indicators and comparisons that I found interesting and I look forward to the next release of information in October. These results will help me understand my electorate and know what direction is important for the future, and what issues to support or advocate for.

Finniss	South Australia	Australia
52% are female	50.7% are female	50.7% are female
59 yrs is median age	41 yrs is median age	30 yrs is median age
No long-term health conditions 47.3%	No long-term health conditions 57.9%	No long-term health conditions 60.2%
60.9% both parents born in Australia	51% both parents born in Australia	45.9% both parents born in Australia
76% Australian country of birth	71.5% Australian country of birth	66.9% Australian country of birth
52% of 15yrs+ are married	46.1% of 15yrs+ are married	46.5% of 15yrs+ are married
14.9% tertiary study currently	24.3% tertiary study currently	23.3% tertiary study currently
15 yrs old+ served in ADF 5.2%	15 yrs old+ served in ADF 3.2%	15 yrs old+ served in ADF 2.8%
\$558 median weekly personal income 15 yrs+	\$734 median weekly personal income 15 yrs+	\$805 median weekly personal income 15 yrs+
\$1010 median weekly household income	\$1455 median weekly household income	\$1746 median weekly household income
Monthly mortgage median \$1300	Monthly mortgage median \$1500	Monthly mortgage median \$1863
Median weekly rent \$280	Median weekly rent \$300	Median weekly rent \$375
70.3% private dwellings are occupied	89.2% private dwellings are occupied	89.9% private dwellings are occupied
74.6% homes are owned	68.4% homes are owned	66% homes are owned

The area of the oldest median age is Goolwa at 67 yrs and the youngest area is Sandergrange at 36 yrs. Our 9913 families are composed quite differently to the National result which is to be expected with our age demographic.

Victor Harbor monthly mortgage repayments have stayed the same since the last Census while median rent has increased approximately 9% and the median wage has increased 15%.



Owning your own home looks different in 2021 with a national shift to more people owning a home with a mortgage rather than outright as they get older.

Religious identification has radically changed in the last 20 years nationally with a shift from 15% identifying as "No religion" so described to now being 38.4% and in Finnis it is more pronounced being 49.5%.

English language only is used by 92.6% at home for Finnis compared to South Australia being 77% and Australia 72%

We are diverse and complex but this information shares what unites us, what makes us different and those slipping through the cracks.

No matter where you are reflected in the Census, it is my role to represent each individual so please reach out to our office if you have any celebrations, issues or concerns in the State government jurisdiction.

2021 Finnis, Census All persons QuickStats | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au) www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021

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