

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



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## Tourism Industry Council SA - Award Night

At the end of a week in Parliament, I attended the Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TICSA) South Australian Tourism Awards.

It is always great to be in this room of committed business owners who help sell our state to the nation and the world. So, whether you are a winner or a nominee, your hard work, dedication and investment in the tourism industry are vitally important, and I thank you.

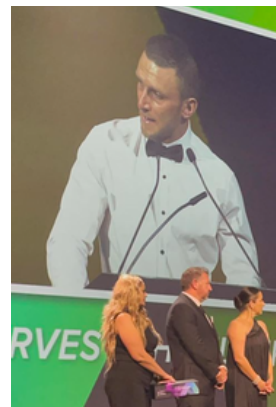
The highlight was seeing Mark Koolmatrie, from Kool Tours win. Mark is an exceptional advocate, storyteller and educator for Ngarrindjeri culture and history. Mark's business is an asset to our region. Congratulations!



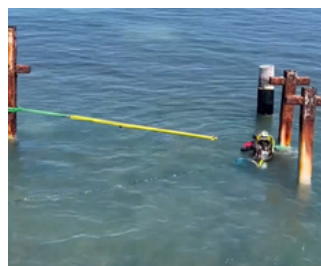
## Premiers Food and Beverage Award

What a great night it was celebrating South Australia's finest food and beverage businesses, small and large, and individuals across this wonderful industry!

Ryan and Allis Sherry took home the Mental Health and Wellbeing Award sponsored by Breakthrough Mental Health and Research Foundation.



The Sherry family from **Harvest The Fleurieu** were rightly acknowledged for their focus, training and awareness of mental health across their business and employees.



## The Old Casuseway

It is interesting to watch the workers plasma cut the steel piles from the old causeway.



## Blood Moon

This 'Blood moon' was the last lunar eclipse until 2025. 8:46pm was the best time for South Australians to see it!



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## Remembrance Day



On Remembrance Day we pause to thank all our service men and women past and present.

Lest we forget.

Thank you to the RSL members, the Milang RSL for welcoming me and my representatives across Finnis for laying a wreath on my behalf (Mount Compass - Jodie Connor, Goolwa - Geoff Davies, Victor Harbor - Catherine, Port Elliot - Tracy & Chloe).



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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## Annual Service Clubs Dinner



Service clubs from across the electorate came together for an annual dinner. Each club provided a report about their service, fundraising efforts and fellowship.

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson and her husband, Mr Rod Bunton, were guests of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, who hosted the evening.

Her Excellency spoke on how saying “yes” to opportunities in her life has paved her life of service. She compared everyone involved in service clubs and how saying “yes” to being President or “yes” to volunteering is so instrumental to groups and individuals across our towns.

*Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson was thanked by Mrs Sue Dixon, President of the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay.*

## Parliament Speech on the Middleton Storm

I spoke in Parliament about the devastation of the storm and its impact on many people in our community. Especially the close-knit community of Middleton, where people have had their businesses and homes inundated with muddy water up to a metre high.

The community spirit was displayed while the cleanup began on Sunday, and I know it will continue for weeks, maybe even months - Thank you!



## Storm Cleanup

An amazing amount of rain fell in the Middleton area Saturday 12 November 2022 and the water fell so fast it had no where to go.

The cleanup from Saturday's storm will continue to have a ripple effect across the community.

I've witnessed random acts of kindness through to people just getting their hands dirty to help out in whatever way they're capable.

Please be patient while the businesses slowly rebuild and reopen.

The roads, footpaths and general infrastructure across the electorate will take time to repair. Please be careful, as, in the case of the footpaths in Middleton, safety bunting hasn't yet gone up.



## Colouring Competition

Congratulations Madison on an excellent entry into my colouring competition from the Yankalilla Show in October.

Thank you to dedicated mum Erin, who waited at least 15 minutes at my stand while Madison finished her colouring in.



## Parliament House Tours and School Visits



Parliament House tours and school visits are a great learning experience for students and can be a fun way to learn about politics and how our government operates.

If you would like your school or group to get involved, then please contact the Finnis Electorate office.

## The Show Will Go On!

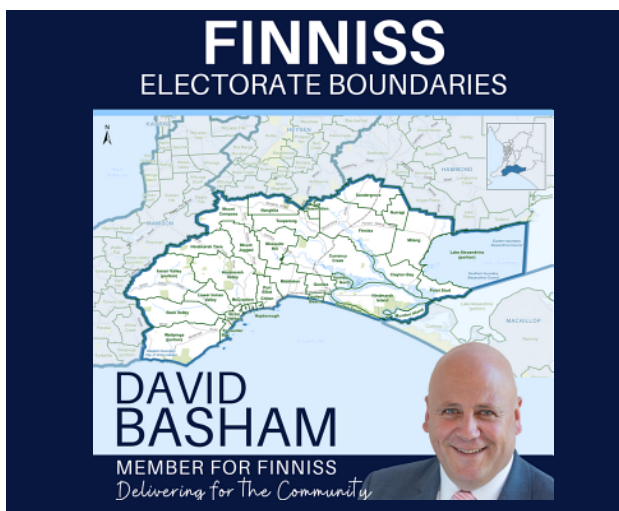
Hours of volunteer time went into this year's Port Elliot Show, and there was much to see and do.

Undeniably a wet day across the electorate. The Port Elliot Show soldiered on, and when the rain was at its heaviest, 'Elvis' was on the main stage in a red jumpsuit belting out his well-known hits! People were stoic until close.

At the Official Lunch, the long-term partnership between the Port Elliot Show and the Southern Fleurieu Riding For The Disabled was recognised with a short presentation.

The Port Elliot Show Society, in recognition of the RDA's input into catering at the show for many years, has donated a new horse to the RDA.

Partnerships like this one keep never cease to amaze me, and I thank everyone who was involved.



## Question Time in Parliament

In Parliament I asked the Deputy Premier to provide an update on the modelling of any flood waters heading our way. Below is her response.

The Premier announced that modelling is available, mapping up to 250 gigalitres per day just in case so that river communities can be prepared.



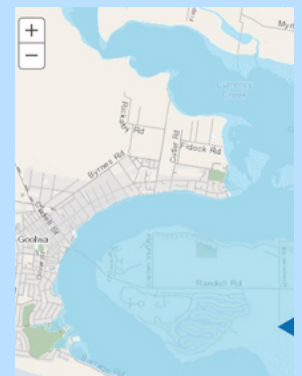
## Flood Information

A Community Meeting was held in Goolwa to explain River Murray Flows, impacts and how to prepare for local residents. It was extremely well attended, and a second session was presented.

If you would like to watch a recording of this meeting please visit: [www.facebook.com/DavidBashamFinniss/videos/937831990928922](https://www.facebook.com/DavidBashamFinniss/videos/937831990928922)

If you are Interested in the amount of water coming down the River Murray and the prediction of when it might arrive in Goolwa, our office has some useful resources such as the Current Flow Tracker map for the Murray Darling Basin and the Flood Awareness Map ([waterconnect.sa.gov.au](http://waterconnect.sa.gov.au)). Please stay informed and use reputable sources, starting with the banner on [sa.gov.au](http://sa.gov.au).

We are here to help any way we can, please contact the Finniss Electorate Office [finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au), phone 08 8552 2152.



However, they also announced that because the barrage is well-controlled, they won't be modelling the Lower Lakes, excluding the Communities of Milang and Goolwa.

I believe these river communities in the electorate of Finniss deserve to be mentally and physically prepared should there be a flood event. I am writing to the Deputy Premier to make available the 250GL per day modelling for the Lower Lakes and River Murray in the Goolwa region. The graph showing Lake Alexandrina's water level height since January 2022 can be found here <https://riverdata.mdba.gov.au/lake-alexandrina-calculated> Lake Alexandrina is currently at .9 m AHD.

I will keep you posted, but in the meantime, please continue to reach out to me or the electorate office by email at [finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au) or phone at 08 8552 2152.

## Public Transport Survey

We need your support!

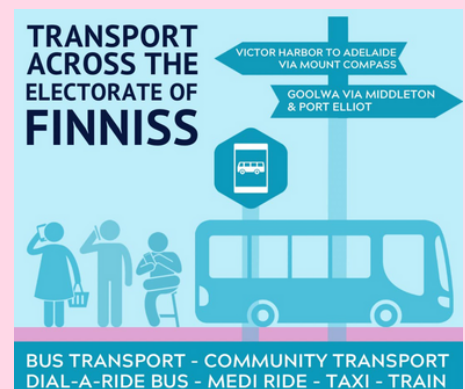
We have a public transport service across the electorate that is underutilised and has significant gaps for our growing community.

The Finniss Electorate Office has created a brochure of the Transport Options. When people pick it up, the comments are relatively consistent - "I didn't know we had a dial-a-ride bus" and "why isn't there a service that covers Hindmarsh Island?". For these reasons, we have an underused service and significant gaps that need closing.

The Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island (RDA), in consultation with me as the local state member of parliament and local councils, are conducting a survey. I strongly encourage everyone to complete the survey. The results will hopefully indicate what is working well and highlight the incompleteness of the current options. I will then work with the RDA and councils to advocate for the strengthening of our Public Transport system across the electorate of Finniss.

You can complete the survey here: <https://rdaahc.us4.list-manage.com/track/click> or contact the Finniss Electorate office 8552 2152 or [finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au) for a hard copy.

Transport Options brochure [www.davidbasham.com.au/pdf/resoucrs/busy-flyer-finniss.pdf](http://www.davidbasham.com.au/pdf/resoucrs/busy-flyer-finniss.pdf)





## 1000 Scouts On The Fleurieu

1000 Scouts! Great to welcome Scouts from across the state and some from interstate to the Port Elliot Showgrounds.



## National Agriculture Day, 18 November 2022

A day to celebrate and learn about Australia's incredible farmers.

We have some exceptional farmers across Finnis. Generational family businesses who have embraced change care for their land and livestock and truly make an impact economically and socially on our community.

For more information <http://agday.org.au/>

*Flashback photo of my daughter Evie on our dairy farm in Mount Compass (2008)*



## Phosphorescence Sculpture

The recently upgraded main street area has a new sculpture to admire and inject conversation to all who visit.

The public art piece was part of the whole main street upgrade and was created by artist Marijana Tadic. The sculpture is called Phosphorescence, inspired by sea creatures that glow and the Illuminate Festival that brought magic and hope to the people who visited Warland Reserve during the installation. The word phosphorescence, meaning inner light, is also the name of a book that inspired the artist. Within the book, author Julie Baird writes about the need to find an inner light to get us through challenging times.

I believe art, in general, makes people happy and creates conversation, often with strangers. What I enjoy most about public art is watching children see it through their eyes. I recall some memorable family discussions about public art. With the bright colours and the change from day to night using light, Phosphorescence will most certainly create happiness for children who see it.



## 2022 Schoolies

**To the class of 2022, congratulations on finishing year 12.**

I trust you all enjoyed "Schoolies" weekend in our beautiful area.

Encounter Youth, for the past 23 years, host the event as we know it and recruit volunteers, known as "The Green Team" to be dispersed across the area. The Green Team are there to support the young people and safeguard our community. They work in partnership with local businesses, SA Police, SA Ambulance and the local councils.

Police Commander for Schoolies Festival, Superintendent Julie Thomas, said that while there was a very small group of school leavers who made poor decisions, overall the behaviour of those in attendance was positive and reflected well on this year's cohort of year 12s. So well done to this year's school leavers!

