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Helping you drive safe

The Morrison and Marshall Liberal Governments are making our roads safer with \$47 million being invested to construct overtaking lanes across our regional roads, one of which will be on Victor Harbor Road between Crows Nest Road and Victor Harbor.

My colleague, the Hon. Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and I visited the area where the overtaking lane is to be built as part of the Fleurieu Connections project. As we know, regional roads require special care and attention to improve driver safety and our connectivity to the metropolitan areas.

The overtaking lane is part of the \$15 million additional safety treatments along Victor Harbor Road which have been identified as necessary for overall road safety. The State Government has endorsed the final design solution following extensive consultation, traffic modelling, planning studies, technical analysis and most importantly by listening to the concerns of the community.

I've been advocating and referring all my constituents' concerns to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and have regularly discussed it with Minister Wingard. To see improvements on our roads is a win for all of us!



Outdoor Dining is In!

You may have noticed an increased number of outdoor tables adjoining cafes, restaurants, and hotels. At the beginning of the pandemic, the State Government passed legislation to enable licensed businesses to expand their footprint and maximise their capacity. When the recent Omicron restrictions were put in place, Minister for Local Government and Planning, the Hon. Josh Teague MP, wrote to the councils across South Australia, encouraging them to approve increases in dining areas.

It has been pleasing to see the widespread uptake of outdoor dining across our electorate to manage restrictions and capitalise on the tourist numbers we see over the holiday season. Thank you to our local councils for acting so quickly to make it happen and for waiving the extra fees!



Just Keep Swimming

Being a proud coastal region, our lifestyles and hobbies often revolve around spending time at the beach and in the water. It's always a positive opportunity when our kids can learn more about it at an early age. VACSWIM SA provides children (aged 3 - 12 years) with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

The beaches at Victor Harbor, Port Elliot and pools at the Fleurieu Aquatics Centre and Victor Harbor Primary School ran local programs! I was at Horseshoe Bay and I can say the weather was hot! I'm sure plenty of sunscreen was packed for the trip.

The Marshall Liberal Government is proud to support this iconic program that assists many children each year and ensures they learn to safely enjoy our pristine beaches.

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 the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. If you would prefer to receive my monthly update by email please contact the Finnis Electorate Office.

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Build Now! Benefit Now and Later!

Exciting news this month as more of our local sport and recreation clubs and organisations have been successful in receiving grant funding for sport and infrastructure projects under the State Government.

When we think about our hobbies, community, recreation, and local organisations, it is important to pursue the development of sustainable, functional, inclusive, and fit-for-purpose active recreation and sporting facilities for our current and future needs. The hard work that these organisations do now will no doubt evolve and bear fruit for all future patrons!

Congratulations to the following groups and their projects on being successful:

- Encounter Bay Football Club,**
Upgrade to Clubrooms **\$415,000**
- Victor Harbor Football Club,**
Oval Lighting **\$48,500**
- City of Victor Harbor,**
Asphalt Pump Track adjoining
the VH Oval **\$49,500**
- Port Elliot Bowling Club**
Installation of LED flood
lighting **\$15,700**



Ready, Set, Visit!

Tourism businesses on the Fleurieu are diversifying, tapping into locals' exploring at home and gearing up to cater for the overseas travellers when the industry returns to normal.

Among my visits this month, I've had the privilege of attending some venues that are using exceptional and unique ways to tap into the full potential of tourism in our region!

Run by the Shaw family with over 35 years of experience in the wine industry, the Shaw Family Vintners Cellar Door is expanding its business, creating local jobs, and attracting more visitors to Currency Creek! On my visit to the Currency Creek cellar door, I was lucky to see such a beautiful estate which is regarded as one of the jewels of the Fleurieu Peninsula. Weddings are popular at Home of Plenty as is accommodation in their quaint B&B offering. Home of Plenty was granted \$126,778 in the latest round of the State Government's Tourism Industry Development Fund to contribute to developing the old woolshed into a new cellar door!

Sofffoot Farm has already made Hindmarsh Valley famous with their endearing alpaca farm tours and award-winning restaurant, The Swagman Chargrill, but with their latest project, you can stay on the property too! Sofffoot Farm received \$189,244 for their accommodation project which includes three accommodation pods off the beaten track, nestled amongst the gum trees with all the luxuries you'd expect, including your very own private outdoor bath!

My second stop in Hindmarsh Valley was Cut Hill Distillery. This unique distillery was founded by highly motivated professionals who add their own distinct experience and style to their whisky. Built on the foundations of Australian classic whisky, the dream and vision extends to future generations, development of the area, and the art of making whisky. They have developed a multipurpose enterprise that encompasses tourism, hospitality, accommodation, special events, distilling and farming. Much of this activity is currently in operation and will ramp up very quickly. Starting in January, hundreds of visitors can attend events and experiences. Initially, it is open each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Increasing demand will promote extension into extra days!

Thanks to the hosts of all the venues for showing me around, informing me of their plans and projects, showing me how they plan to make our region's tourism flourish even more.



Fleurieu Peninsula eco-tourism keeps getting better!

Thanks to our new Opening Our Great Outdoors fund, new eco-accommodation will be built at Myponga Reservoir creating jobs and boosting tourism in the area.

It's fantastic to have CABN and The Lake Lodges delivering these unique accommodation offerings and contributing to a conservation dividend, which will support priority regional conservation programs.

Our \$10m Opening Our Great Outdoors fund will continue to drive investment and support local tourism jobs.



Citizenship Awards and Community Rewards

Last night, I reflected on how fortunate we are to be surrounded by people who support their communities passionately and are truly dedicated to making our towns better places to live and visit.

The City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council hosted Australia Day citizenship and award ceremonies.

Congratulations to the local recipients of awards. I've personally worked with most of you and admire the causes you individually support.



Record Rain fall and flooding across the Eyre Peninsula

Soon after the record rainfall events, I travelled to the Eyre Peninsula to meet with councils and community members. Some areas received record amounts of rain, which in many ways is a good thing, but some paddocks have been damaged, and sections of roads have been washed away. The State and Federal Governments will continue to assess the damage and assist with the cleanup.



Goolwa Secondary College is now open!

Goolwa was the largest town in the state without a high school. Not any more! The foundation students arrived on 2 February 2022. This is a game changer for the Goolwa community, the flow on effects will be felt for years to come. I'd like to wish the staff, students and families of the Goolwa Secondary College a fantastic first day.

I've advocated for funding for schools in our electorate and I am very pleased to see many developments locally. The new facilities and programs are amazing, and each visit reassures me that we are delivering strong results for education.

All the very best again to parents, students, teachers, and staff that will begin this journey.



COVID Testing

The Premier couldn't be clearer, if you have symptoms or you are a close contact please get a PCR test. The PCR test is more accurate than the rapid antigen test (RATs) and now the peak has flattened the results are being turned around quickly.

For assistance booking your PCR test please contact the Finnis Electorate office during office hours.

Free RATs for close contacts

Closest collection point
Noarlunga / Adelaide / Murray Bridge

Free RATs for Concession Card Holders

From 24 January 2022
Commonwealth Concession Card Holders are eligible to receive free RATs from Community Pharmacies.

Please phone ahead to confirm availability.
Min 2 RATs. (10 over 3mths/max 5 over 1mth)



SURF BABIES at Goolwa Beach

It's hard to avoid the beach when you live or holiday on the south coast which is why I am pleased that the Surf Babies beach program is being held at Goolwa Beach in conjunction with the Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club.

Children will:

- develop water confidence
- aquatic safety
- lifelong love & respect of the beach

Adults will:

- gain confidence taking children to the beach
- learn how to identify hazards
- respond to a beach-based emergency
- supervise children in open water



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