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MEMBER FOR FINNISS

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GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE

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 our 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 furniture 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.



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 starting this year are no longer leaving town to attend school. As I look through the school's social media feed & talk with families connected to the school, it is apparent that the values are being upheld.

From early on, staff set up the framework to **CONNECT, INSPIRE & IGNITE** with innovation 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 students 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.

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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IT'S SHOW TIME!!

A celebration of city and country meeting together



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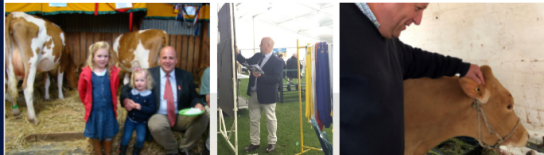
181 years of the **Royal Adelaide Show** is something to celebrate and be excited for. Most of the family think of a student free day, rides, hot dogs and showbags. **I think of my story, place and history.**

The Show is rural industry showcased, a vibrant atmosphere, sharing of ideas and opportunity to meet up with those we know from across the state.

The Show is a platform to see the best of our regions' livestock, food and beverage, crafts, horticulture, photography, woodchopping, art, blacksmithing, cookery and more. It's a calendar date to work towards to "show off" your best products or results, see what others are producing and a great reward for a year of hard work.



Many school programs have supported students participating, leading livestock or entering items as part of their learning program and life long friends are made at this opportunity.



The show is a snapshot of success of the regions and a reminder that we are a wonderful State to innovate from; that we are a State that supports individual endeavour, debate of merit and rural industry.

The Show is an important economic contributor and this year it will continue the rich and diverse heritage that is celebrated when city and country meet in South Australia. I hope to see you making new memories and catching up with old friends at the Royal Adelaide Show!



What is your story of going to The Show?

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2022/23 STATE BUDGET

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2022/23 State budget was handed down last Thursday, and unfortunately, there are no pleasant surprises.

Despite a generous sounding election campaign, Labor has announced a state budget that delivers some pre-existing projects and minimal new spending in the Finnis Electorate.

The only items of new spending for the electorate of Finnis are the Ambulance Station Boost and a minor TAFE upgrade. Across the state, the Ambulance Station Boost promises that \$67.2 million over four years will be spent to establish four new metro, four regional rebuilds and upgrade ten stations. This project includes the previous Liberal Government's budget of \$8.6 Million towards upgrades, including the Goolwa Ambulance station and the new project for the Victor Harbor Ambulance Station rebuild.

The TAFE upgrade project is a \$562,000 budget shared between Victor Harbor and Mount Barker.

Pleasingly, a number of projects will be maintained from the previous Liberal government budget.

The former Liberal government budgeted for \$15.43 million to expand the South Coast District Hospital Emergency Department from six beds to 14 beds. The previous ED unit will be refurbished for a Renal Unit. This project has remained within the budget, with \$5 million of the spending to be in this financial year.

Improvement to the local hospital is critical to support community members receiving quality health care close to home and reducing the load on ambulance traffic.



Work will continue on the Granite Island Causeway as the old timbers are removed, and a docking pontoon added. The Liberal government budgeted \$43 million for the Causeway project, and this Labor government has carried over the Liberal 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 our 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 in 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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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 Bunnings, 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 groups and businesses has created successful relationships with Hotel Elliot, Victor Harbor and Goolwa Caravan Parks, Pipi Co, Currency Creek Shaw family, Softfoot 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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COMMUNITY SHEDS

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.

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.

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, whitening, signs, art, wood turning, and metal work to The Muwering Mosiac Project.

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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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 15yrs+	\$734 median weekly personal income 15yrs+	\$805 median weekly personal income 15yrs+
\$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 Sandergrove 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.

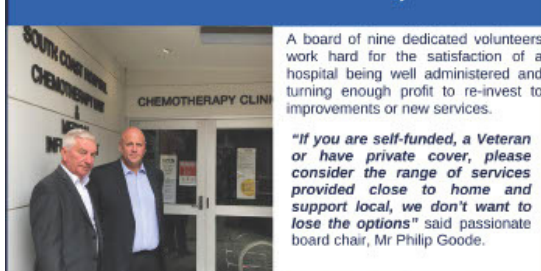
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A board of nine dedicated volunteers work hard for the satisfaction of a hospital being well administered and turning enough profit to re-invest to improvements or new services.

"If you are self-funded, a Veteran or have private cover, please consider the range of services provided close to home and support local, we don't want to lose the options" said passionate board chair, Mr Philip Goode.

Economic development and Community development are usually discussed separately but the two topics are linked. Improving one, improves the other. Our community will thrive with both economic and social investment.

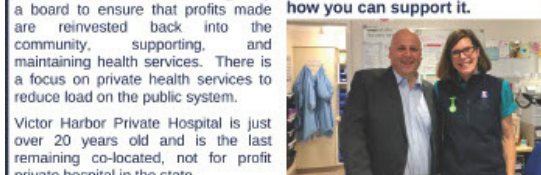
An example for this is Health, and what a mine field that can be.

Did you know that you can have lymphatic drainage, acute surgery, maternity services, prostate biopsy, renal dialysis, radiology, emergency, pathology, any cardiac condition treated, moderate risk chemotherapy, and surgeries for ear, nose and throat, gastroenterology, general, oral, vascular, urology, ophthalmology, and orthopaedics, as well as all manner of community health services in Victor Harbor?

The Private Hospital provided some funding and visiting Urology specialist Dr Andrew Fuller persisted with determination for the machine and services to be provided to all men from the Southern Fleurieu region.

Up to 100 older men can annually avoid the trip to Adelaide for testing.

When a community supports its own and works together dreams can become reality. Please ask what your community offers and how you can support it.



What is a community owned private hospital? It is a community owned asset and service that is managed by a board to ensure that profits made are reinvested back into the community, supporting, and maintaining health services. There is a focus on private health services to reduce load on the public system.

Victor Harbor Private Hospital is just over 20 years old and is the last remaining co-located, not for profit private hospital in the state.

Fun fact: Call Country Referral Unit (1800 003 307) for access to services such as Physio, Dietetics, Palliative care, Social work, Podiatry, and more community health services.

Did you know? Flu vaccinations are free for all South Australians until 31 August 2022. Contact your GP, or local pharmacy, to book your free flu vaccination.

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I would like to share part of my contribution to the Parliament of South Australia's condolence motion in the House of Representatives on 20 September 2022.

"I rise to support the motion of condolence on the life of Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II, who sadly passed away on 8 September 2022 at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, aged 96 years. Her Majesty was born in London on 21 April 1926, became heir to the throne at age 10, married her 'strength and stay' Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in November 1947 and became Queen in 1952 at 25 years of age.

It was a struggle to keep the Monarchy relevant, but the Queen led the way in reconciliation as she wore black to visit the Roman Catholic Vatican. Prince Charles' wedding gives the public hope followed by war as Argentina invades Falklands while there is famine in Africa. Berlin wall comes down and the first mobile phone is commercial.

In turmoil and change members of the Royal Family served in the military, bonding people to the Monarch. The Queen quietly demonstrated constantly that she was the monarch irrespective of gender.

Then, in 2000 the world became afraid facing terrorism of 9/11, the Afghanistan and Iran/Iraq conflict, and credit crunch, so Her Majesty combatted fear yet championed acceptance.

In 2010, We saw the Queen visit Ireland after 100 years, an amazing credit to the Queen. We certainly remember the Olympic Games opening in 2012, with James Bond and the Queen jumping out of a helicopter. We saw modernising of the monarchy, and its engagement with people was enormous.

We have seen UK separation from the European Union in 2020, COVID and grief as Prince Philip was lost to Her Majesty.

Through all these changes Her Majesty has provided a safety net of governance in a respectful and forward-thinking manner, yet she has engaged with her people and strived to serve in the best way at all times.

In the seat of Finnis, we have seen significant change but have had a constant of elected members in David Brookman (48-73) and Ted Chapman, (73-92). Hon. Dean Brown, former Premier (92-06) Michael Pengilly from 2006 until I was elected in 2018.

On behalf of the people of Finnis, whom I am certainly here to represent, I send my condolences to the royal family and all who are mourning the loss of a life well lived in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our heartfelt support and care is with His Majesty King Charles III as he navigates his loss and the public duties. I commend the motion to the house. Long live the King.

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