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Winter Community News

HEALTH. SCHOOLS. ROADS. RAIL. CLIMATE CHANGE.



I think we can all agree – 2022 is a much better year.

But we know there are still challenges ahead. Across Australia, indeed around the world, health systems are under sustained pressure. This is the reason we have now commenced the **biggest single investment in Victoria's health network**. All up we are investing over \$12 billion for around **7,000 more nurses, doctors, paramedics** and new and improved health infrastructure.

Construction continues at our schools, sports clubs and local roads as well as nation changing projects like the **Metro Tunnel**, the **North East Link** and **level crossing removals**. And major works have now started locally on Victoria's biggest ever transport project – the **Suburban Rail Loop**.

When you invest locally, you create jobs – tens of thousands of them.

The **Victorian Heart Hospital in Clayton** is due to be completed by the end of this year. There's also massive investment and approvals for cheap **renewable energy**. We are leading Australia in the fight against climate change – solar, wind power, battery storage – it's all happening right here, right now.

Thanks for reading. Please be in touch if I can help.

PS: Have a look on the back page for how to access the **\$250 Power Saving Bonus** for each household.



CLIMATE ACTION RIGHT NOW

We don't just believe that Climate Change is real We are taking aggressive action to address its impact. Victoria is leading Australia in **expanding renewable energy. A cheaper, cleaner source of power.** This is the future. And it is happening right here. Like at **Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL** below where we helped fund **new solar panels.** And the hundreds of thousands of houses now with solar power. The 141 new fast chargers coming across Victoria. The 'Victorian Big Battery'. And the proposed massive **offshore wind farms.** Real projects. Real action. Right Now.

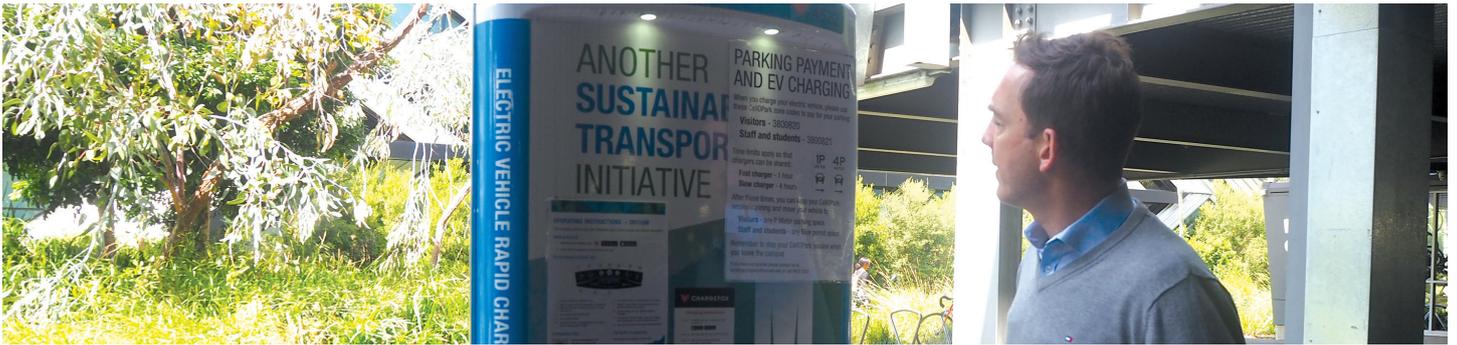
Solar Power Expansion Across Victoria



Offshore Wind and Battery Power



More Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers



Clean Up Australia Day - Clayton



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ROADS. RAIL. HOSPITALS. JOBS.

Monash Freeway Expansion

Melbourne is one of the world's largest cities, so a modern transport network is a necessity. While we're investing in major public transport projects like the **Metro Tunnel** and the **Suburban Rail Loop**, our local roads and freeways are also a top priority.

We have added more lanes to the **Monash Freeway** and built the **Mordialloc Freeway** to make your journey safer and much quicker.



Mackie Road Traffic Lights

The intersection at **Mackie Road and North Road** at Hughesdale and Bentleigh East. It's dangerous and very frustrating. So in the last Victorian Government Budget, funding has been allocated to start the planning for the **addition of traffic lights**.

Making it safer and so much easier to get in and out of Mackie Road. This is just one of many upgrades, improvements and fixes to our local roads and intersections.

Glen Huntly Level Crossings

The last 2 level crossings in our area – **Glen Huntly Road and Neerim Road**. By next year, they will be removed – gone forever. If you've travelled through this area recently you will have seen the enormous work already underway.

When complete, we will have a **brand new, more accessible train station**. And no more dangerous, time wasting crossings. 64 level crossings have now been removed in Melbourne.



Victorian Heart Hospital

Travelled along Blackburn Road, Clayton recently? If so, you will have seen the amazing new **Victorian Heart Hospital**. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Australia. This hospital is essential.

This state of the art hospital – the **first of its kind in Australia** – will become a world leader in treatment and research. Completed later this year and scheduled to open soon after.

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SCHOOLS. TAFE. KINDER.

Local schools upgraded, free TAFE courses, and the introduction of 3 year old kinder. There is a good reason why Victoria is now known as the **Education State**.

And we aren't slowing down. Major construction is happening or will soon begin at many of our local schools like **South Oakleigh College, Glen Huntly Primary School, Oakleigh South Primary, Sacred Heart Primary and Glen Eira College**. Across Victoria, more than 1700 schools have been upgraded in just seven years. This is the biggest investment in schools in Victoria's history.

There are also now over **60 free TAFE courses**, many available locally at our own Holmesglen TAFE. And the rollout of **3 year old kinder** has commenced.



\$250 POWER SAVING BONUS

A \$250 Power Saving Bonus program **for all Victorian households** has been introduced. All you will need to do is visit the Victorian Energy Compare website to check your current energy deal and seek out a cheaper price. It has been shown that 70% of people who compare their current plan can find a better deal.

The program commences 1 July 2022. Visit the **Victorian Energy Compare website** at compare.energy.vic.gov.au compare your current plan and submit an application. For help or more info, call Energy Compare on 1800 000 832.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH



If you would like to discuss something regarding the State Government, please be in touch.

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I also conduct regular outdoor weekend offices.

Keep an eye on your letterbox for the dates and times in your area.

