



# Steve Dimopoulos MP

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## Proudly Local

# WINTER COMMUNITY NEWS



## JACK EDWARDS RESERVE UPGRADE STARTS

A brand new pavilion at Jack Edwards Reserve in Oakleigh. Home to Oakleigh Cannons FC and Chisholm United FC. Work is underway. An Allan Government, Albanese Government and Monash Council partnership in conjunction with the clubs which will see a double storey pavilion, 500 seat grandstand, major new lighting, change rooms, kiosk and social rooms. We're getting this done in a huge boost for local sport.

## OAKLEIGH GOLF COURSE SAVED

We fought for it. And we saved Our Oakleigh Public Golf Course! Monash Council sought our community's view on closing the golf course and turning it into open space, or retaining the course and enhancing it. There was an extraordinary local response - an overwhelming majority of locals want the course to stay as it is.



Monash has now decided to keep our public golf course open - permanently. This is a fantastic result for our prized community asset - where 30,000 rounds of golf are played every year, by all ages and abilities.

## 80 LEVEL CROSSINGS REMOVED

80 level crossings have now been removed across Melbourne. And we aren't done yet. Every single crossing in our local area is gone including Grange Road, Carnegie, Koornang Road, Carnegie, Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena, Poath Road, Hughesdale, Clayton Road, Clayton, Centre Road, Clayton, Centre Road, Bentleigh, McKinnon Road, McKinnon, North Road, Ormond, Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly and Neerim Road, Glen Huntly.



# LOCAL MATTERS

## COST OF LIVING HELP

- You can get a rebate for installing solar panels, a solar battery or solar hot water. This is for both residential (including rental properties) and businesses. Learn more at [www.solar.vic.gov.au](http://www.solar.vic.gov.au) or call 1300 376 393.
- L and P licences are free. Learner drivers can save on licensing and testing fees and Probationary drivers can save on license and hazard perception testing fees. Learn more at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)
- Kinder is now free for every Victorian child. Permanently. Learn more at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)
- There are now over 80 free TAFE courses providing essential skills. Many of these courses are available locally at our own Holmesglen TAFE. Visit [www.tafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.tafe.vic.gov.au) or call 13 18 23
- If you haven't incurred any demerit points or committed a road safety offence in the 3 years before your licence expiry, you'll get a 25% discount on your licence renewal. Find out more at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)
- We're providing \$400 in support for every child at government schools, and eligible concession card holders at non-government schools. Families will receive a credit on their school family account later this year to help meet the cost of activities and uniforms.



## CARLSON RESERVE CLAYTON

Carlslon Reserve Clayton. Multi Sports Courts are now open. New tennis, futsal, netball and half court basketball - complete with lighting for more court time - and all free to play. A significant state government investment, delivered in partnership with Monash Council.



## CONTAINER DEPOSIT MT WAVERLEY

Opened! Container Deposit Depot - Mount Waverley. Run by Scouts Victoria and Return It - this is yet another place to get 10 cents back on every eligible container. Discover this at 170 Forster Road. So far, Victorians have returned well over half a billion containers. Thank you!



## PRINCES HIGHWAY RESERVE CRICKET

A brand new cricket training facility at Princes Highway Reserve - Oakleigh East. \$100,000 from the Victorian Government to get this done in partnership with Monash Council. We've invested because local sport and local participation is vital for fun, health and social connection.



## NEW OAKLEIGH SOUTH CHILD HUB

Funded. Delivered. Open. The brand new Oakleigh South Child and Family Hub. Delivered by the Victorian Government in partnership with the City of Monash. This looks incredible. And the kids love it too. High quality early education is an essential service and one we are proud to support.



# LOCAL MATTERS

## MONASH MEDICAL CENTRE MAJOR UPGRADE



We're continuing to invest in local health, with a \$535 million tower expansion project at Monash Medical Centre in Clayton which includes a new multi-story tower. This is in addition to the now opened and expanded emergency department.

The upgrade will mean a new operating complex with up to five theatres and 34 pre-op and post-op beds. It will provide capacity for up to 7,500 extra surgeries every year.

## ANZAC DAY AT OAKLEIGH CENOTAPH



The Dawn Service in Oakleigh gets bigger every year thanks to our amazing Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL. Our RSL has been a rock in our community since just after the end of the First World War, supporting veterans and providing a place where our community can come together.

Thank you to everyone, including so many local students who took the time to attend on a cold morning and pay their respect on what is a most special day for Australia and New Zealand.

## HUGHESDALE PRIMARY 100 YEARS IN 2024



I might not have been there when it first opened, but I always love coming back to my old school - especially this year as it turns 100. Thousands of kids got their start at this fantastic school, which continues to thrive and provide a first class education.

I had the honour of taking part in an interview with school leaders, reflecting on my time here as a student which I remember very fondly. My very best to every student and former student in this centenary year.

## INCREASED LOCAL BUS SERVICES



Getting around locally without a car can sometimes be difficult. So we brought in 225 extra bus services a week on the 733 and 767 bus routes. So far, there have been more than 600,000 extra trips in less than a year.

We've also just announced an expansion of the 800 Bus Route from Chadstone to Dandenong which will enjoy expanded services and commence operating on Sundays. We're investing in more buses, more often - getting people where they need to go.

## RADIO LOLLIPOP AT MONASH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Giving kids a voice - and their own radio station. Radio Lollipop Australia at our Monash Children's Hospital in Clayton. There's real power in putting kids front and centre - giving them the attention and fun when they need it most. Especially for those who are stuck in hospital.

We're supporting Radio Lollipop with significant funding to update their equipment and provide more joy to sick kids. Thanks so much to all the volunteers for the work you do to put a smile on so many faces.

## STEVE DIMOPOULOS - LOCAL UPDATE

# LOCAL EDUCATION

We've officially opened the Debbie Locco Centre as part of a major upgrade at South Oakleigh College. This STEM Centre is already helping kids thrive in science. The nearly \$10 million upgrade also included an expanded and improved gymnasium building. There's also been major works at Bentleigh Secondary College and Oakleigh South Primary School and an upgrade at Glen Eira College is on its way.

We're also continuing the investment in early childhood education and there's a significant number of Free TAFE courses on offer. We'll continue to support quality education for all ages.



## METRO TUNNEL - COMING SOON

5 new underground stations. Twin 9km tunnels. Our Metro Tunnel is coming very soon. This is a transformational project, effectively doubling the size of the city loop, allowing for tens of thousands more passengers every day. This is an end-to-end rail line, from Cranbourne/Pakenham, all the way to Sunbury.

Major construction at Parkville and Arden Stations is now complete with work ongoing at Anzac, Town Hall and State Library Stations. Test trains continue to run along the new train line as we prepare for its opening.

## REGIONAL FARE CAP - EXPLORE VICTORIA

Trips on regional trains and buses now cost no more than a daily metro fare. Locals can visit all the best parts of Victoria for a fraction of the previous cost. And people living in regional Victoria are saving thousands every year commuting to Melbourne.

There's so much to see across Victoria. So whether it's a day trip or an extended break, you won't have to use the car or spend big money to travel. Just another way that we're investing in public transport for all Victorians.



## 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.

