



# Steve Dimopoulos MP

State Member for Oakleigh District

## Proudly Local

# SUMMER COMMUNITY NEWS



## GLEN HUNTLY TRAIN STATION OPEN

After 140+ years - from back in the time of steam trains - we are now level crossing free! And the brand new Glen Huntly Train Station is open. The last 2 local level crossings at Glen Huntly Road and Neerim Road were removed a year ahead of schedule. Freeing up traffic, including for the No. 67 Tram.

## METRO AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

It's a game changer for our public transport system. The Metro Tunnel. Tracks are fully laid and test trains are already running. Twin 9km tunnels, 5 new stations, Anzac, Town Hall, State Library, Parkville and Arden. More trains, more often.



This project is now more than a year ahead of schedule. Trains will be running with passengers in the not too distant future. Keep a look out for more updates soon.

## 72 LEVEL CROSSINGS REMOVED

Glen Huntly Road and Neerim Road were the 71st and 72nd level crossings removed in Victoria since 2015. So many of our level crossings have been here since the 19th century, causing frustration, delays and far too many accidents.



Our original investment of 50 level crossing removals by 2022 was surpassed early. We'll now remove 110 crossings, improving safety and traffic flow.



# COST SAVING HELP



## SOLAR & BATTERY REBATES

We've got a legislated commitment of 50% renewable energy by 2030. 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



WE'RE MAKING LEARNER PERMITS  
AND PROBATIONARY LICENCES

**FREE**

## SICK PAY GUARANTEE

Guaranteed five days of sick and carer's pay for workers in casual and insecure work in eligible industries. We'll do the admin and make the payment direct to workers. You shouldn't have to choose between a day's pay and your health. Learn more or sign up at [www.service.vic.gov.au](http://www.service.vic.gov.au)

## FREE L & P LICENCES

L and P licences are now free. New learner drivers will save on licensing and online testing fees. Probationary drivers will save on probationary license and online hazard perception testing fees. Learn more at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)



## KINDER FREE. PERMANENTLY.

Kinder is now free for every Victorian child. Permanently. This applies to both 3 and 4 year old Kinder - a saving of up to \$2500 per child. In 2025, the rollout begins for 30 hours per week of 4 year old Pre-Prep. Learn more at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)



WE'RE GIVING SAFE DRIVERS

**25% OFF**

LICENCE RENEWALS

## FREE TAFE COURSES

There are now over 80 free TAFE courses providing essential skills. Many of these courses are available locally at our own Holmesglen TAFE. Over 137,000 Victorians have taken advantage of this program since it was introduced in 2019. Visit [www.tafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.tafe.vic.gov.au) or call 13 18 23

## SAFE DRIVER REWARD

The Safe Driver Discount is back. 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. Learn more at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)



## CHEAPER V/LINE TRAVEL

Explore Victoria! Visit friends and family. Trips on regional trains and buses now cost no more than a daily metro fare. People living in regional Victoria are saving thousands every year commuting to Melbourne. And those living locally can visit all the best parts of Victoria for a fraction of the previous cost.



**STEVE DIMOPOULOS - LOCAL UPDATE**

# LOCAL MATTERS

## VALE SIMON CREAN - FORMER HOTHAM MP



Our friend, a champion for all of us - a genuinely decent, caring human. Those who had the pleasure of meeting Simon Crean were always left with the impression that they were important to him - because they were. He was incredibly passionate about our community.

He has left an amazing legacy in every position he held, and especially locally where he served for 23 years. Simon was genuine. He was the real deal. He will be sorely missed by so many. Vale Simon Crean.

## ADVANCED PARAMEDIC TRAINING AT MONASH



Delivering another Australian first. Paramedic Practitioners. A Masters Degree at our Monash University, Clayton. And it's totally free.

This is advanced clinical training with the new Paramedic Practitioners being able to assess, diagnose patients and treat in the field, make clinical decisions and take pressure off our busy emergency departments.

## NEW GREENS FOR OAKLEIGH BOWLING CLUB



Another local bowling club upgrade. This time Oakleigh. A brand new synthetic green - funding delivered in last year's Victorian Government budget - now complete and officially opened with Clare O'Neil MP.

Like all our bowls clubs - a welcoming place, open to all ages, friendly faces and always someone on hand to give you a lesson or two on how to master the sport. These places have always been at the heart of our community. We're helping to keep them that way.

## CHILDREN'S PRIORITY CARE CENTRE CLAYTON



Totally free. When you need medical care for your kids but don't need emergency, this is another Priority Primary Care Centre we've opened locally. At Monash Children's Hospital, Clayton.

Staffed with GPs and nurses, they and can treat things like minor infections, cuts and burns. It means a shorter wait and less pressure on emergency departments. Open 6pm-11pm Monday-Friday, 12:30pm-11pm Saturday and 11am-11pm Sunday. Phone 9284 2716

## MONASH MEN'S SHED - SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



A place to be a part of something. To share a laugh, meet new friends - connect. Monash Men's Shed. I can't praise this group enough. Meaningful projects, at your own pace, in your own time.

They've got lots going on, from woodworking to metalworking, art, snooker, creative writing, computers and even model trains. Places like this do so much to improve the lives and mental wellbeing of our community. Open from 9.30am-1.30pm Monday to Saturday.

## STEVE DIMOPOULOS - LOCAL UPDATE

# LOCAL SCHOOLS

The major upgrade to Glen Huntly Primary is now complete and officially open! A new competition grade gym, updated library and admin building. Over \$7 million funded and delivered to make this amazing school even better. Upgrades are still underway at other local schools including South Oakleigh College, Bentleigh Secondary College, Oakleigh South Primary School and upcoming works at Glen Eira College.

We've also invested heavily in early childhood education, with kinder now free across Victoria. And our Free TAFE courses continue, with real world, hands on training - leading to secure jobs with better pay.



## LOCAL SOCCER & NEW MATILDAS HOME

Soccer in Victoria is booming. To encourage more participation, we've invested to upgrade pavilions at Lord and Caloola Reserves and a much awaited rebuild at the home of the Oakleigh Cannons is coming.

And we've just opened the new home of our Matildas at La Trobe University Sports Park. We're backing local sport and creating the pathways for our future champions.



## NEW VICTORIAN VETERANS CARD

Our veterans have made an enormous sacrifice to our state, and our nation. We've now introduced the Veterans Card - Victoria. This will help Victorian veterans save with cost-of-living relief through discounts on car rego, trailer and caravan registration, free fishing license and access to Victorian Government employment programs. All past and present ADF members, living in Victoria, can get a digital Veterans card. You can be on active duty, a veteran, or in the reserves. Sign up for the Veterans Card at [www.service.vic.gov.au](http://www.service.vic.gov.au)

## 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.

*Steve*

