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State Member for Oakleigh District

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AUTUMN COMMUNITY NEWS



VICTORIAN HEART HOSPITAL NOW OPEN

Open! The first dedicated Heart Hospital in Australia. Located right here in Clayton. Promised, funded, built, and now treating patients. This is a world leading hospital for patients, for research and for teaching – located on the grounds of Australia’s largest university – Monash.

NEW \$250 POWER SAVING BONUS

It’s back! Every single household with a residential electricity account is eligible for a \$250 Power Saving Bonus. To apply, just visit compare.energy.vic.gov.au to submit an application. For more information please call 1800 000 832.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY – FREE STUDY

To build a stronger workforce we’re offering scholarships that make it free to study to become a nurse or midwife. These new initiatives will support the recruitment and training of 17,000 nurses and midwives to respond to current healthcare demands and increase future capacity.

OUR STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION

Our Government is reviving the State Electricity Commission – our SEC – to replace unreliable, privatised coal with clean, government-owned, renewable energy to drive down energy costs and help create 59,000 jobs. It will put power back in the hands of Victorians and significantly reduce emissions.



COST SAVING HELP



SOLAR AND 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 or call 1300 376 393

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

FREE L AND 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

KINDER FREE. PERMANENTLY.

Kinder is now free for every Victorian child. Permanently. This applies to both 3 and 4 year old Kinder and will mean 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

FREE TAFE COURSES

There are now over 60 free TAFE courses providing essential skills. Many of these courses are available locally at our own Holmesglen TAFE. Over 100,000 Victorians have taken advantage of this program since it was introduced in 2019. Visit 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 three years before your licence expiry, you'll get a 25% discount on your licence renewal. Learn more at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

CHEAPER V/LINE TRAVEL

Explore Victoria! Or visit friends and family. Trips on regional trains and buses now cost no more than a daily metro fare. People living in regional Victoria will save thousands every year commuting to Melbourne. At the same time, those living here can visit all the best parts of Victoria – and it won't break the bank.



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LOCAL MATTERS



ANZAC DAY OAKLEIGH DAWN SERVICE

A beautiful Anzac Day Dawn Service again in Oakleigh. Over 1000 local residents came out very early to pay their respects to those who served and continue to serve Australia both here and overseas.

Thank you to our amazing Oakleigh Carnegie RSL Community Club. They've been here for over 100 years and continue to work tirelessly supporting veterans and our local community. They also have a fantastic bar and bistro with plenty of friendly faces to welcome you.



GLEN HUNTLY LEVEL CROSSINGS - GONE SOON

The final 2 level crossings in our area will be gone within months. Both Neerim Road and Glen Huntly Road boom gates are scheduled to be history very soon.

This will be the first time in over 140 years that our area will be level crossing free. These railway lines and the crossings that came with them were built in the 1800s. Major work is underway right now in Glen Huntly, with a brand new train station coming soon too.



INSTALLED - POATH ROAD RIGHT TURN ARROW

We're dealing with road safety issues across Victoria and right here. Another local fix is the intersection of Poath Road and North Road in Hughesdale/Murumbeena. This intersection has seen a number of accidents in recent years. So we've installed a dedicated right turn arrow to make traffic flow smoother and reduce collisions.

Numerous local intersections and trouble spots are currently being investigated for upgrades and fixes. Please email me if you have a local safety concern you would like to raise.



FREE URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT

Priority Primary Care Centres are taking pressure off emergency departments across Victoria, including right here in our local community. We've already invested over \$70 million to deliver this to all Victorians.

The Glen Waverley Centre at 476 Blackburn Road treats around 200 patients a week, attending to urgent but non-critical care like mild infections, lacerations, fractures and burns, as well as diagnostic services including pathology and medical imaging. It is completely free and is open from 10am to midnight every day of the week. Phone 8827 0740.



MURRUMBEENA PARK UPGRADE COMPLETE

The Murrumbeena Park Pavilion is now open! Modern facilities for all the clubs with community meeting and multi-purpose rooms as well as a large seated function room.

There's also been a significant upgrade to the Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club right next door. The entire precinct of Murrumbeena Park has been transformed, enhancing its reputation as a major hub of sports and community activity.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS AND SPORT

We've just opened Stage 2 of the upgrade to Oakleigh Primary School and work is still ongoing across many of our local schools including at South Oakleigh College and Oakleigh South Primary. Over the last 8+ years, we've made the largest investment in schools in Victoria's history.

Kinder is now free across Victoria, saving families thousands of dollars every year. And our Free TAFE courses continue to grow, providing hands on training and opportunities for tens of thousands of Victorian students. We're not just investing in skills – we're investing in people.



LORD RESERVE AND KOORNANG PARK



OPEN! Our upgrade of Koornang Park Pavilion and the brand new Lord Reserve Pavilion are both in action. This is a huge boost for sports in Carnegie and surrounds, especially for girls and women.

The Victorian Government invested \$1 million in each of the pavilions to improve participation and create more opportunities for local sport.



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

IT'S COMING SOON. A 10 cent refund for your used bottles, cans and cartons. Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme will start on 1 November and it will cut litter by up to half, reduce waste by turning old bottles/cans/cartons into new ones and have more than 600 collection points across our state – the most accessible and convenient network in Australia.

Visit www.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme or stay tuned for more details in coming months.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH



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

You can contact me by phone on 9568 2456, visit my office at Ground Floor, 3 Chester Street, Oakleigh or via email at steve.dimopoulos@parliament.vic.gov.au

I also conduct regular outdoor weekend offices.

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

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