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Isaacs Newsletter



Mark Dreyfus QC MP

Welcome to the Carrum Downs and Skye edition of my Isaacs Newsletter. It has been a busy time in our local community and here are some of the things that have been happening.

Continuing to invest in our local schools

Schools

I officially opened the \$3.2 million educational centre at Rowellyn Park Primary School in Carrum Downs in March. The Centre was funded from the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) program.



Mark Dreyfus MP with Rowellyn Park Primary School Leaders 2011

The building was named the 'Banyan Centre', in recognition of the original name of Carrum Downs, the Banyan waterholes, and the banyan tree, which is known as the 'Tree of Knowledge' and the 'Tree of Life' - symbols which reflect the educational and social values at Rowellyn.

It has been a pleasure working with Principal Janette Llewellyn and the school community on this fantastic project.

Student Leaders for 2011

Every year I present leadership certificates to student leaders in our local schools. I think it is important to encourage our children to take on leadership positions in their schools and local communities.

Congratulations to those student leaders at Carrum Downs Primary School, Carrum Downs Secondary College, Rowellyn Park Primary School, Skye Primary School and St Joachims Catholic Primary School, who received this award.



Carrum Downs Primary School Award

Congratulations to the students and teachers at Carrum Downs Primary School, who in conjunction with the Heart Foundation and Frankston City Council, have won a Planning Institute of Australia Design Award for designing the play area at the Carrum Woods Reserve.

Carrum Downs Police Station - protecting our community



Mark Dreyfus MP with Acting Senior Sergeant Matt Mulcahy

The **Hoon Hotline** is a great initiative. Report incidents of hoon driving behaviour in our area to 1800 NO HOON.

HOON HOTLINE 1800 664 666

Trade Training Centres -more opportunities for our community

Students attending Carrum Downs and Patterson River Secondary Colleges will greatly benefit from the proposed Frankston Trade Training Centre.



Mark Dreyfus MP with Maddison and Jennifer from Carrum Downs Secondary College

The Carrum Downs Police Station is proving a success with local residents who have told me they are very happy to see a greater police presence in Carrum Downs.

There are now 38 uniformed police in Carrum Downs, that's up from 24 when the Station opened late last year.

The Station operates 24 hours a day, and the counter is open to the public from 7am to 11pm daily. The Station also has a Justice of the Peace available on Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

The exact location of the \$19.5M Federally funded centre is yet to be decided, but will be based in the City of Frankston.

Students who successfully complete their studies at the Centre will gain trade qualifications in Building and Construction, Plumbing, Hospitality and Hairdressing.

CCTV Camera Announcement

Recently I announced a \$150,000 grant from the Federal Labor Government under the Proceeds of Crime Act to Frankston City Council to fund additional CCTV cameras for the Frankston Central Activities District and Seaford foreshore.

Safety in our area has been a priority for local residents. These additional CCTV cameras will make people feel even safer when out and about.

Cr David Asker, East Ward Councillor, thanked the Government for responding to local residents' needs.



Supporting you and your family

Paid Parental Leave

Australia's first ever national Paid Parental Leave scheme is up and running. This means families can spend more time with their new babies, without the added financial pressure.



We all know how important the early months are in a new baby's life. The Paid Parental Leave Scheme gives babies the best start possible by supporting either mum or dad to be at home in those crucial early months.

For many new mums and dads, particularly the self-employed and those in part-time, casual, seasonal or contract work, this is the very first time they have had access to Paid Parental Leave, for up to 18 weeks at the national minimum wage.

Budget Basics - easing the cost of living



This year's Federal Budget will assist us to deliver a surplus by 2012-13.

Here are some budget measures that will ease cost of living pressures:

Mental Health

- ✓ \$2.2B invested over the next 5 years to reform the mental health system

Health

- ✓ More hospital beds locally:
 - Frankston Hospital - 24 acute and short stay beds
 - Dandenong Hospital - new 24 bed Acute Assessment Unit
 - Monash Medical Centre - new Acute Assessment Unit
 - Casey Hospital - 30 sub acute beds

Supporting Families

- ✓ Increasing Family Tax Benefit-A by up to \$4,200 per year
- ✓ Extending the Education Tax Refund to cover school uniforms

Skills and Training

- ✓ 130,000 new training places over 4 years
- ✓ Creating 500,000 jobs in the next 2 years

Education

- ✓ Investing \$200M to support students with disabilities
- ✓ Investing a further \$1.4B to meet the demand for growth in university enrolments

Delivering for our Pensioners

- ✓ Delivering an improved pension work bonus
- ✓ We have increased fortnightly payments for veterans' income support recipients and people on aged, disability and carer pensions, meaning a \$128 boost for singles and a \$116 boost for couples on the maximum rate since September 2009

Protecting our environment

CSIRO - leading the world in climate change science research

The 150 scientists and staff at CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research in Aspendale research the impacts of climate change and predict changes in the atmospheric environment.

One important task of the team at CSIRO in Aspendale is to see how greenhouse gases have changed through the centuries and how these levels have increased in recent times.

One way of measuring these changes is for scientists to take a trip to Antarctica and drill down many metres to take an "ice core" sample (pictured). The ice has trapped air from many centuries ago which is tested and measured against greenhouse gas levels of today.



Ice core sample



Mark Dreyfus MP with atmospheric scientists at the CSIRO in Aspendale

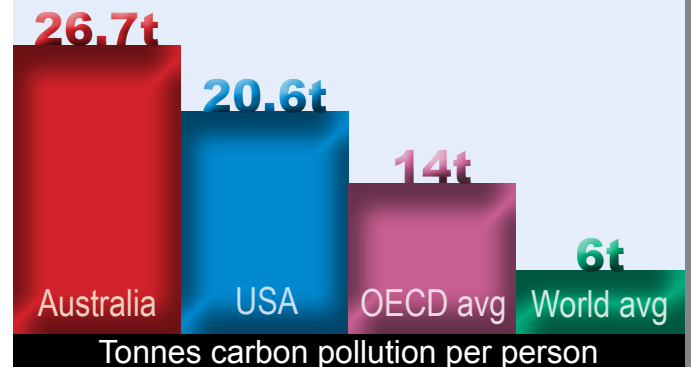
Tackling Climate Change

We all know that we need to take action on climate change and reduce the impact we have on our environment. That's why the Government is taking action to introduce a price on carbon pollution.

- The Government's carbon price will apply to **less than 1,000** of the biggest polluters in our economy.
- A carbon price gives big polluters a reason to reduce their carbon pollution. **Businesses that produce less carbon pollution will be more profitable.**
- Every cent raised by the carbon price will go in **generous assistance to households** and businesses and to climate change programs.
- **Australia is not acting alone.** The rest of the world is taking action to reduce emissions, including Europe, China, India and the United States.
- Australia has to be part of the **clean energy future** and the most cost effective action to cut our pollution and transform the economy is a carbon price.

Australia's carbon pollution in context

Australia has the **highest carbon pollution emissions per person** of any developed country, higher even than the USA, and is one of the top 20 polluting nations in the world (ranked 16)



How I can help you

I am available to help you and your family with any problems you may encounter dealing with Federal Government departments and agencies, such as Medicare, Centrelink, citizenship, higher education or aged care.

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