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### **December Edition 2020**

## Editorial

Hello and welcome to the final edition of my online newsletter for 2020!

Without a doubt, 2020 has been a tough year of unexpected challeges for our Wyndham community - we had both the highest number of coronavirus cases in Australia, as well as one of the highest rates of JobKeeper recipients in the country.



We now end the year with no active case - a testament to Victorians doing the right thing, though it has not been without sacrifice and hardship.

As your State Member of Parliament, I have continued to actively fight for our community's needs during this time.

This year, I launched a community campaign to advocate for additional bus routes for new and developing estates. I was pleased to announce recently we will receive two additional routes.

On top of this, our Government's recent budget announcement last month continues to deliver much needed investment into our local community, with a focus on on land acquisition for new schools, upgrades for exisiting schools, along with improvements to our public health services and community facilities.

In addition, two major infrastructure projects have been announced - a finalised design for the Government's Airport Rail Link, and a Fast Rail design for Geelong that will see tracks improved on the Werribee line, freeing up train services on the Wyndham Vale Line for Tarneit commuters.

I hope you and your family find time to safely enjoy the festive season, reflect on the events of this year and recharge, ready for a bigger and brighter year in 2021.

Best Wishes.

Sarah Connolly

# THE EDUCATION STATE

The Andrews Labor Government continues to invest record amounts into building The Education State - including a total of \$3 billion towards providing school upgrades in the 2020/21 Victorian Budget.



Hoppers Crossing Secondary College is receiving \$10.06 million to upgrade and modernise the school.

**Warringa Park School** is receiving \$7.97 million to deliver the next stage of the school's master plan.



**New School Land Acquisitions** will also take place to acquire sites across the Tarneit Electorate for the following future schools -

Tarneit Missen House Primary School (Tarneit North.) Riverdale East Primary School (Tarneit West.) Truganina North Secondary School (Truganina)

## THE BIG VICTORIAN HARVEST

Take on the Big Victorian Harvest and help our farmers while you earn money!

Jobs include fruit picking, packing, grains receival and heavy vehicle driving. Learn more <u>here.</u>

# HEALTHCARE

It has been a year of unprecedented focus on our health care system as we've tackled the coronavirus pandemic - and now we're allocating an additional \$9 billion towards building and upgrading our hospital services across Victoria.

This even includes investing \$13 million to improve Telehealth Services so that you can continue to see your doctor safely from home - a 21st century health care service.



Mercy Hospital (Stage 2 Planning): \$4.80 million for planning for the future expansion of Mercy Hospital. Metro health infrastructure fund: \$200 million

to improve equipment and quality of healthcare services and hospitals across Melbourne.

#### **Better at Home: \$121 million**

increasing hospital services in patients' homes.

## **OLD GEELONG ROAD**



Construction is underway on the pedestrian and cycling overpass at Hoppers Crossing Station with on site works restarted. The level crossing removal is on track for completion by 2022.

# **BIG HOUSING BUILD**

\$5.3 billion!



9,300 new social housing dwellings 2,900 new affordable and low-cost homes

# **WESTERN RAIL PLAN**

# **PRIORITY PRECINT**

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Wyndham



10kms of extra track to be built for express services to Geelong, freeing up capacity on the Wyndham Vale Line.

# Christmas Card Competition Submissions



# **Power Saving Bonus - \$250**

Available from 1 February 2021. Learn more.

Your electricity act

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