



# Sarah Connolly MP's eNewsletter



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## COVID19 - Roadmap to Recovery

Daily updates on all coronavirus related news are posted on my Facebook page which can be found [here](#).

Currently, Melbourne is in Stage 4 restrictions but from 11:59pm on 13 September, we'll take our First Step towards COVID Normal - steps guided by dates and data with clear and articulated case targets.

Ahead of 28 September, and if we're on track with our case numbers, our public health team will review our progress and ensure we can confidently move metropolitan Melbourne to the Second Step.

Under the Second Step in metropolitan Melbourne, we'll get more people back to work – some 100,000 workers across construction, manufacturing, and landscape garden and maintenance workers who operate alone.

For the most up to date information see [here](#).



## New Bus Routes - Campaign Success

Back in July, I launched my Buses for Tarneit campaign advocating for additional bus routes to service new and developing estates in Tarneit and Truganina encouraging the community to show their support for creating these new routes.

This campaign was launched after much discussion with residents living in these areas, local transport workers, and the Minister for Public Transport.



**New bus routes connecting Tarneit residents to trains**

From May 2021

In just two months, over 1500 people showed their support for these new services - a fantastic display of community support. I want to thank everyone who has taken part in this campaign.

New services are expected to be up and running in May 2021 with Route 152 connecting Williams Landing to Tarneit Station via Truganina, and Route 182 connecting Werribee to Tarneit Station via Tarneit West.

More information can be found [here](#).

## Sign Up - Working for Victoria Fund



If you have lost your job in the midst of this pandemic then sign up for the Working for Victoria program.

The program is designed to match Victorians who are out of work with local employment and training opportunities.

Find out more and apply [here](#).

## LXR-Old Geelong Road

Due to the transition of our construction industry to 'pilot light' settings as a result of Stage 4 restrictions, this has meant that on-site works at Old Geelong Road Level Crossing have been deemed non-critical, and are currently halted.

I have received advice from the Minister for Transport Infrastructure office that all off-site work is continuing as normal. This delay will not affect the level crossing from being fast-tracked and removed by 2022.

You can find out more about the project [here](#).



## New Ground Lighting - Tarneit Titans FC



Recently, I was delighted to announce that the Victorian Government have given Tarneit Titans Football Club a grant of \$196,020 from the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. This funding will go towards helping the club install ground lighting at Wootten Road Reserve.

This is a huge win for the club, who will be able to run more teams and practice more often once these works are completed – while also improving opportunities for women to participate in local sport.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Victorian Government visit [www.sport.vic.gov.au](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au)

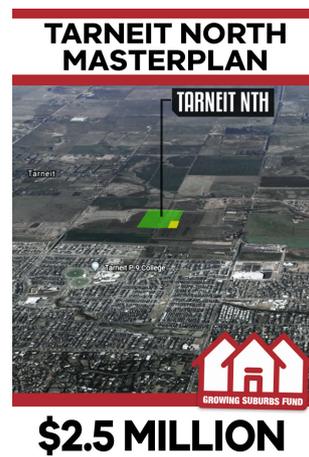
## Tarneit North Masterplan Implementation Project

The masterplan for fast-growing Tarneit North has been backed by the Victorian Government with a contribution of \$2.5 million from the [Growing Suburbs Fund](#).

A major upgrade for community facilities in a rapidly-developing area, the project will help Wyndham City Council to deliver a new community centre and sports facilities, a landscaped playground and picnic area with barbecues and a path network.

The Growing Suburbs Fund has also recently provided local funding for projects such as:

- ✓ \$3m Truganina South East Community Precinct Masterplan
- ✓ \$2m Riverdale Multi Purpose Community Centre



## VICTORIAN COMMUNITY SPORT GRANTS

- Williams Landing Football Club • Tarneit Football Club • Hoppers Crossing Football Club • Cambridge Tennis Club
- Hoppers Crossing Soccer Club • United Tarneit Sports Club • Tarneit United Soccer Club • The Harley Club of Victoria
- Truganina Rabbitohs Rugby League Club • Truganina Thunder Football Club • Club60 Tarneit • Truganina Hornets Soccer Club
- Royal Bengal Sports Club • Western Eagles Sports Club • Tarneit Central Cricket Club • Truganina Cricket Club
- Hoppers Crossing Cricket Club • Tarneit Table Tennis • Tarneit Titans Netball Club • Young Leopards Sports
- Nippon-Den Kempo Junseikan International • Laverton Softball Club • City West Falcons

**Over \$30,000 locally during COVID-19**

## Sign Up - Business Alerts

With the impacts that the Coronavirus pandemic has had on our state's economy, it's more important than ever that small and medium local businesses are informed about what support is available to them.

I have started up a Local Business Alert for businesses to subscribe to receive emails with the latest information on Government assistance, keeping them up to date with new grants, support programs and changes and restrictions relating to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**SIGN UP  
BUSINESS  
ALERTS**

If you are running a local business and would like to subscribe, please sign up by emailing me your business name, industry type and contact details to [Sarah.Connolly@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Connolly@parliament.vic.gov.au)

## Extra Learning Space For Tarneit Rise Primary School & Truganina P-9 College

Students at Tarneit Rise Primary School and Truganina P-9 College will both soon receive new state-of-the-art, double-storey relocatable classrooms to meet growing enrolments.

As part of this allocation, Tarneit Rise Primary School will receive two relocatable buildings. Truganina P-9 College will receive four relocatable buildings. These are in addition to the two sets of relocatable classrooms that both schools received last year.

*Examples*



The relocatable buildings include double-glazed windows, improved thermal insulation to reduce heat loss, acoustic insulation to reduce internal noise reverberation, and are built to an energy efficient design.

## Year 12 Engagement - VCE & VCAL

Over the last month, I have engaged in constructive discussions with our Year 12 students through a series of Zoom meetings. In these meetings, we've been able to talk about life and learning during Coronavirus. I continue to be amazed at how resilient our kids have been during this trying time, as they adjust to remote learning, particularly our senior students as they prepare for their VCE exams.

**From October 12**

Year 11 and 12 students will return to on-site schooling full time alongside Year 10 students enrolled in a VCE or VCAL program.

The most up-to-date information on schools and COVID-19 for parents and carers can be found [here](#).

# Coronavirus Resources

## Translated COVID-19 Resources

The Department of Health and Human Services provides translations for essential COVID-19 information in over 50 languages. If your language is not here please contact me and I can get your language translated. Please access the resources [here](#).

## Domestic Violence Support

You are **always** allowed to leave your home if you are escaping family violence, no matter where you live in Victoria or what coronavirus restrictions are in place. You will not be fined and support services are available.

Call safe steps on 1800 015 188, email [safesteps@safesteps.org.au](mailto:safesteps@safesteps.org.au) or visit [safesteps.org.au](http://safesteps.org.au) for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are in immediate danger – call 000.



## Rental Relief - Residential & Commercial

We have introduced a fair system to support tenants and landlords during the pandemic.

This includes a \$80 million fund whereby tenants can receive financial assistance in paying their rent after they go through a mediation process with their landlord.

There are several more programs funded under the Rental Relief Package.

Residential information [here](#).

Commercial information [here](#).



# Every Friday

## Coffee Catch-Up with Connolly

### via ZOOM



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