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Progress Report

Working for you in Aston

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SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS...

I believe volunteer groups are the backbone of our local community. That's why I have worked to secure Federal Government funding to help the organisations listed below to deliver improved services and support in Aston.

The Volunteer Small Equipment Grant program is just one of a number of initiatives designed to support local community groups to purchase much needed equipment.



Bayswater Bullets Little Athletics Club

\$443 – BBQ

Vermont South Club

\$2,728 – Ride-on mower

Knox Junior Football Club

\$1,916 – Line Marker & Vacuum Cleaner

Wantirna South Football Club

\$2,500 – Laptop Computer, Software & Tent

Ferntree Gully Netball Club

\$2,549 – Laminator, Sunshade/ Marquee

Templeton Cricket Club

\$2,959 – First Aid Kit, Sunshade/ Marquee/Umbrella

Rotary Club of Boronia

\$2,000 - Laptop Computer & Multifunction Printer/Fax

Bayswater Cricket Club

\$2,970 – Laptop Computer & Software

Kent Park Primary School Parents Association

\$2,973 – Refrigerator

Knox Arthritis Self-Help Group

\$1,231 – Photocopier, PA, Tape Recorder & Trolley



Balmoral Gardens Retirement Village

\$1,489 – Woodworking Tools

Knox District Softball Association

\$2,648 – Air Conditioner/ Evaporative Cooler

Vermont Junior Football Club

\$2,728 – Tent

Wantirna Tennis Club

\$3,001 – Chairs

Southern Cross Kids Camp

\$2,340 – Digital Cameras

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS...



Holy Trinity Primary School – Building and Classroom Upgrades

Investing In Our Schools is one of a number of initiatives in the Infrastructure Program commenced in 2005 over \$4.5 million has benefited both government and non-government schools across Australia.

Bayswater Primary School

\$45,317 Shade Structures for Play Equipment & Outdoor Classroom
 \$92,699 Construction of IT facilities & Playground Equipment

Bayswater Secondary College

\$150,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Bayswater South Primary School

\$30,000 Health & PE Upgrade & Library Resources

Carrington Primary School

\$70,286 Hall Air Conditioning, Playground Structures & Interview Rooms

Emmaus College

\$75,000 Construction of Staff Amenities

Fairhills High School

\$99,000 Re-Painting of School Exterior & New ICT Equipment
 \$49,000 Improvements to School Grounds

Heany Park Primary School

\$22,146 Improvement to Toilet Amenities & Shade Sails
 \$30,104 New Air conditioning

Holy Saviour Primary School

\$75,000 Construction of Multi-purpose room

Holy Trinity Primary School

\$75,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Karoo Primary School

\$140,716 Shade Structures & Ground Improvements

Kent Park Primary School

\$48,390 Toilet Amenities Upgrade
 \$96,690 Improvements to Sporting Fields

Knox Gardens Primary School

\$30,090 Toilet Amenities Upgrade
 \$117,516 Construction of School Ground Improvements

Knox Park Primary School

\$84,169 Electrical Upgrade
 \$65,296 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Livingstone Primary School

\$145,058 Library & New ICT Equipment

Lysterfield Primary School

\$111,731 Shade Sails & Playground Upgrade

Mountain Gate Primary School

\$150,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade



Templeton Primary School – Upgrade of Playground and Equipment

Our Lady of Lourdes School

\$75,000 Shade Structures, Fencing & Other works

Park Ridge Primary School

\$150,000 Playground Upgrade & Improvements

Parkmore Primary School

\$14,000 Planning for School Entrance & Administration Upgrade
 \$135,845 Building Upgrade & Shade Structures

Regency Park Primary School

\$50,000 Installation of Shade Sails

Rowville Primary School

\$50,000 Development of a Community Music/Drama Classroom
 \$100,000 Playground Upgrade & Play Equipment

ives designed to assist our schools in Aston. Since the
 een provided to over 60 important projects in both
 on.

Rowville Secondary College

\$38,420 Security and Surveillance Upgrade
 \$33,044 Security Upgrade & Floor Coverings
 \$64,600 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Scoresby Primary School

\$150,000 Hall Extension

Scoresby Secondary College

\$150,000 Hard Courts Upgrade

St James Primary School

\$75,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade

St Jude the Apostle School

\$75,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade

St Lukes Primary School

\$75,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade



Fairhills High School – Re-painting of School Exterior and New ICT



Lysterfield Primary School – Shade Sails and Playground Upgrade

St Simons Primary School

\$75,000 Construction of playground areas

St Timothys Primary School

\$75,000 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Templeton Primary School

\$41,298 Upgrade of Playground & Equipment
 \$108,702 Building & Classroom Upgrade

The Knox School

\$68,500 Installation of New Computers

Vermont Primary School

\$150,000 Construction of ICT facilities

Vermont Secondary College

\$16,198 Planning for Upgrade of School Canteen
 \$133,800 Upgrade of School Canteen

Vermont South Special School

\$25,800 Installation of Shade Sails
 \$40,620 Construction of Shade Structures

Wantirna College

\$150,000 Development of new Senior School complex

Wantirna Heights School

\$13,440 Extension to Staffroom & Toilet Facilities

Wantirna Primary School

\$97,033 Installation of Shade Sails, New Computers,
 Fencing & timberwork
 \$10,320 ICT & Computer Equipment

Wantirna South Primary School

\$48,440 Installation of Computer e-learning Centre
 & Planning for upgrade
 \$100,513 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Waverley Christian College

\$75,000 Installation of Shade Sails

Weeden Heights Primary School

\$136,251 Building & Classroom Upgrade

Yawarra Primary School

\$9,590 Planning for new Multi-purpose Room
 \$130,000 Music Room Upgrade

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS...

Given Chris' strong interest in local community groups, he was delighted to recently deliver a \$6,458 grant to Knox Community Volunteers as part of the Government's Home and Community Care (HACC) Program.

Many frail aged people prefer to continue to live in their own home and HACC funding assists in providing services to them, if they choose that option.

Services include the community shopping bus, provided by Knox Community Volunteers, which collects residents from their homes and returns them after shopping trips.



Chris with Knox Community Volunteers – shopping bus driver John and CEO, Mandi Hyland

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO ACCESS SERVICES...



Chris attended Australian Hearing's 60th Birthday celebration at Knox City Shopping Centre. Since the agency was established in 1947 by the Australian Government it has fitted over one million hearing aids.

Australian Hearing is an industry leader in hearing rehabilitation, acoustic research, technology development and education.

Many people do not take advantage of the technology and go without hearing aids. "Australian Government assistance provided through Australian Hearing now ensures that Australians have access to small, digital devices that are comfortable and discreet," said Chris.

To see if you are eligible for free services, call 131 797.

TACKLING THE DRUG PROBLEM...

The Federal Government's 'Tough on Drugs' strategy was launched 10 years ago. Since then more than \$1.3 billion has been committed to reduce the supply and demand of illicit drugs. New drug rehabilitation services, more drug prevention education and an increase in law enforcement efforts will strengthen the Government's Tough on Drugs strategy.

More than \$5 million in funding will go to the Government's Community Partnerships Initiative. These new grants illustrate the Government's support for the community to develop and implement local solutions that will contribute to the prevention and reduction of illicit drug use by young people.

"Governments alone cannot tackle the drug problem. It is only with the support and commitment of communities that we will be able to make a difference," said Chris.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE...

Chris was delighted to announce a new Federal Government program aimed at assisting our unemployed youth. Young people aged between 13 and 19 years, who have not attended school for more than 3 months, can be reconnected with educational, training and possible employment opportunities.

"Family and personal issues can have an impact on the educational outcomes of our youth. They can become disengaged with school. We need to provide all the help we can, so they can reach their full potential, and hopefully, return to school," said Chris.

The Federal Government will provide funding for 'Fresh Start', a group based multimedia program where participants are encouraged to build on their literacy and numeracy skills. Bayswater's K.Y.M Employment Services will deliver this exciting new initiative.

"I wish K.Y.M Employment Services all the best with their valuable work and in their efforts in helping our young people. I look forward to hearing the success stories of the program," said Chris.



Chris with Peter, Jon and Damon from Bayswater's K.Y.M Employment Services

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER...

Over 300 people from across Melbourne's outer east attended the inaugural Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast in May.

As Patron of the event, Chris said: "The Prayer Breakfast brings together members of the community and business leaders for an uplifting experience centred on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ".

Chris has long held a vision to see this become an annual event in the outer east of Melbourne. "I am deeply honoured to be the Patron and very pleased to see it come to fruition," said Chris.

Guest speaker, Professor Graeme Clark AC, spoke of the challenges he faced during the development of the bionic ear (cochlear implant). In spite of intense criticism, but with the support of his family, friends and his faith in God, Professor Clark persisted and built a team of scientists to see whether his ambitious dream could be made a reality.

"Professor Clark has been acknowledged widely for his work and has been awarded many honours, both in Australia and overseas. I was delighted that he agreed to be the guest speaker at the inaugural Breakfast," said Chris.



Chris and guest speaker Professor Graeme Clark AC at the inaugural Outer Eastern Prayer Breakfast.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD...

Orana Neighbourhood House

Orana Neighbourhood House has introduced a new women's group to provide support to people experiencing anxiety and depression.

'Bounce Back' offers a safe and friendly environment in which to hear guest speakers on social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Each alternate week will see a meeting at a local coffee shop for a chat and catch up.

To find out more call Orana Neighbourhood house on 9801 1895 or visit www.orananh.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Centre of Charity

Located at 700 Mountain Highway, Bayswater, the centre has a wide range of clothing, furniture and household goods. All funds raised are used in the local area.

Donations of saleable goods are always needed (will pick-up). Volunteers welcome. For more information please call 9720 4458.

Knox Community Care

Knox Community Care offers care and support to those in need in the community. Its mission is to: Offer support and compassion to those who are facing personal or relationship difficulties, trauma, hardship or isolation; assist people in developing and maintaining healthy relationships; offer care and assistance to those who are experiencing financial hardship, suffering or misfortune.

Professionals available at KCC include: Counsellors, Social Workers, Psychologist, Speech Pathologist, Physiotherapist, Naturopath and a Life Coach. For more information contact Knox Community Care reception on 9871 8900.

CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATIONS...

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine which can help protect girls against cervical cancer, is available now. The program is being provided through school-based programs for girls aged between 12 and 13 years on an ongoing basis. The Australian Government is also funding a two-year catch-up program through schools for girls aged between 13 and 18 years.

This program for girls and young women aged up to and including 26 years of age will be delivered through GPs and other community-based providers from this month.

"The vaccine is effective against two of the viral strains which cause 70% of cervical cancer," said Chris.

The girls will be immunised using Gardasil®, and is delivered as a course of three injections over six months.

Further information on the National HPV Vaccination Program can be found at www.health.gov.au/cervicalcancer

DO NOT CALL REGISTER...

The Register is now in operation and stops unwanted telemarketers contacting registered participants. Over one million Australians have registered their personal home and mobile numbers on the recently launched 'Do Not Call Register'. Such a tremendous response comes as no surprise and demonstrates how much of an impact unwanted telemarketing calls have had on Australian families.

"A very limited amount of calls will be allowed, including those from charities. However, telemarketers cannot call at all if you are on the register unless they have consent," said Chris.

To register, visit www.donotcall.gov.au or telephone 1300 792 958 or collect a form from Australia Post outlets.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT HELPLINE...

The National Pregnancy Support Helpline will provide unbiased, non-directional counselling and support to women, their partners and families.

Trained professionals – nurses, social workers and psychologists – will offer free, confidential and non-directive counselling and information to help women make the decision that is right for them.

The telephone counselling service is available across Australia 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 1800 422 213.

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