

CHLOË FOX MP



This newsletter is one way of sharing my activities with the local community every two months. As your state member of parliament, I am available to advise and assist you on any matter in which I can help, especially those regarding state government responsibilities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your family.

The office is open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm. I am a **JP** as are electorate officers Tanya and Matthew, who are ready to help you with any immediate queries you may have.

Are you or a member of your family **celebrating a milestone** birthday or wedding anniversary? Contact the office to arrange for a congratulatory message to be sent for the occasion.

If you are **elderly or have a disability** and require assistance in obtaining a **watering permit**, please contact our friendly staff who will be able to assist you.

Some people have asked why this newsletter is not printed on expensive glossy paper. The answer is that I would rather save money so I can send a newsletter out more often, rather than publish a glossy newsletter once a year!

OUR COMMUNITY

I have been busy working across the electorate of Bright. When I am not in Parliament or meeting with and working for constituents at my office, I visit a broad range of community groups and events. Some of my most recent activities include:

Australia Day Ceremonies — I recently attended both the City of Marion Australia Day Awards and the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Hallett Cove Australia Day Celebrations.

Community — Brighton Tennis Club BBQ lunch, Brighton Jetty Classic Swim, Official Opening of the Brighton Jetty Classic Sculptures by the Sea Exhibition/Competition, City of Holdfast Bay 171st Proclamation Day Ceremony, Marion View Club Christmas Luncheon, Official Opening of the refurbished Children's Area at the Brighton Library, Seacliff Gymnastics Club Presentation Day and the Minda Incorporated Christmas Cocktail Party.

Schools — Tour of Brighton Secondary School with the Minister for Education—the Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith, Brighton Secondary School Festival of Lessons and Carols, Brighton Primary Year 7 Graduation and Hallett Cove South Primary School Year 7 Graduation Ceremony.

Street corners — I enjoy meeting members of our community and will be holding street corner meetings throughout the year within the electorate. Please come out and see me, and take this opportunity to discuss any issues you may have. You will receive written notification advising when I will be in your area.

However, should you have an urgent matter you require assistance with, please contact my office on 8296 9833.

HALLETT COVE SHOPPING CENTRE

Recently, Hallett Cove residents would have received correspondence from me in relation to the perceived lack of progress at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre.

I wrote to the Chief Executive Officer of the Makris Group of Companies, Mr John Blunt. In that letter, I voiced several concerns about the centre which had been raised with me by local residents.

In his reply, Mr Blunt advised that a builder had been appointed, and that work on the centre will begin this month.

I am happy to advise that I recently received an invitation to the ground breaking ceremony, which will be held on February 29. It is exciting to know that the upgrade is now well and truly beginning, and we as a community look forward to its completion.

In the meantime, should you have any further issues or queries in relation to the upgrade, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following groups in our community, who were successful with their applications for South Australian Government funding:

- **Active Club Grant** I recently presented Brighton Bowling Club, Brighton Rugby Union Football Club, Hallett Cove Little Athletics Centre and Southbank Tennis Club with cheques to assist them further develop or maintain their clubs.
- **Volunteer Support Fund** Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club and Townsend House were successful recipients of funding. The aim of the fund is to provide financial assistance to community organisations to enhance their valuable volunteer programs and to help volunteers in their endeavours.

Each group was very deserving of their grant, and it is encouraging to see groups in our community being supported for their hard work. If you wish to apply for any future grants and require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RECENT EVENTS

Brighton Jetty Classic Swim

I recently took part in the Brighton Jetty Classic Swim, swimming in the Female 400m, 30-39 age group category. There are two ways of looking at it: a) I did not come last, which is great; b) I came 18th out of a group of 19 women, which means I was second to last. But it was not about racing! It was about participation, which I keep repeating to people. **Congratulations to the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club**, who organised the event for the third year in a row. More than 1000 people entered the various swims, and the day went extremely well. A special mention should also be made of the **"Sculptures by the Sea" exhibition**, which showcased the work of 34 local sculptors at the clubhouse. The organising committee worked very hard to make the exhibition a success, and many of the artworks were eventually sold.

Tour Down Under—Jersey Presentation

I was fortunate enough to represent the Minister for Road Safety, the Hon. Carmel Zollo MLC, at the recent Tour Down Under jersey presentation at Colley Reserve, Glenelg. Thousands of people attended this event, which has really put South Australia on the map. Also, it was fantastic to see so many people in the southwestern suburbs! I think we are incredibly lucky to have such an event in South Australia, which brings together people of many different cultures and really gives South Australia a kick-start for the new year.

BRIGHT SPARKS!

All the staff from the Bright Electorate Office have joined forces to become the Bright Sparks Lawn Bowls Team! We have recently begun taking part in **Night Owls Bowls** every Thursday night at the **Brighton RSL and Bowling Club**. It is a marvellous opportunity to meet other members of the community, and an enjoyable night out. If you want to meet new people, and have a bit of fun out on the green, make sure you look into Night Owls Bowls at the Brighton RSL Bowling Club. (Currently home to the Brighton Bowling Club until they finish their renovations!)

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The 2008 Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! The Challenge has been a huge success in the past, and students are ready to participate again this year. I recently attended **Brighton Primary School** and spoke at their morning assembly about the Challenge. It is very encouraging to see so many students taking part and their enthusiasm is infectious. I encourage students from Reception to Year 9 to give it a go. Recently 400 new books were added to the reading list, so there are many different kinds of books for many different kinds of interests.

BRIGHTON TENNIS CLUB

The Brighton Tennis Club recently invited me to see the results of their State Government sports grant at the club. The courts were looking good, and it was great to see they finally have air-conditioning. We then had a wonderful BBQ lunch. **Thank you to all of the members I had the pleasure of meeting on that day.**

SCHOOLS MINISTRY

It was a privilege to attend the South Western Schools Ministry's Annual Commissioning & Dedication Service on Sunday February 17 at the Salvation Army Centre in Marion. Christian Pastoral care workers are present in many of our schools, and the support they give to parents, students and teachers is invaluable. It was interesting to hear from one worker from Seaview High School, who had a very moving experience on "Sorry" Day with his indigenous students.

BALDIES AT BRIGHTON

Recently I was a guest on the Bald Brothers' breakfast radio program on 891 ABC Adelaide. I had the pleasure of meeting the people who came down to support the Bald Brothers, and discussed many things Brighton-related on their program.