

# CHLOE FOX MP



This newsletter is one way of sharing my activities with the local community. 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.

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.

Need free **legal advice**? Call the Legal Services Commission of SA on 1300 366 424, Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm.

Is your community or sporting group applying for a **community grant**? If you would like me to write a letter of support, I would be happy to meet with your club to discuss your plans.

If you have not yet **enrolled to vote**, or updated your details, please do so now before a federal election is called. Enrolment forms are available online at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or you can contact the office on 8296 9833.

## INVOLVEMENT IN 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:

**Street corners** — in Hove, Somerton Park, North Brighton and Hallett Cove to meet with local residents

**Community** — attending the Marino/Kingston Park Neighbourhood Watch; Brighton Bowling Club supporters evening; Friends of the Lower Field River public meeting; Hallett Cove Rotary Club's induction dinner; Linwood Quarry Community Consultation; Brighton Calisthenics Club's 50th Year; O'Halloran Hill Tafe's SACE presentation; Brighton Surf Life Saving Club's annual presentation; Anzac Day march and dawn service at Brighton; Beachvale Sub-Section of the Naval Association of Australia's honour service; 'Footloose' exhibition opening at the Marion M Gallery; Hallett Cove R-12 Youth opportunities Leadership Program Graduation.

**Schools** — sitting on the Brighton Secondary School Governing Council and the Hallett Cove School Governing Council; attending the opening of Paringa Park Primary School's playground; speaking at the Brighton Primary School values forum.

## JP SERVICES

Justices of the Peace are available 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday at the Bright Electorate Office (7 Sturt Road Brighton). No appointment is needed, and we are happy to make any copies you require.



## NOARLUNGA RAIL LINE UPGRADE

I have included a budget report with this newsletter to outline the 2007 budget. I

wish to highlight in particular the \$542 million which will be invested into transport infrastructure over the next four years; the single biggest investment that this state has seen in more than a decade.

The budget also includes a major commitment to the State's public transport system, including \$115 million to be spent on concrete re-sleepering and upgrade to rail infrastructure.

Approximately 58km of the Noarlunga line will be re-sleepered, the first major upgrade to the line since it was laid in the late 1970s. This upgrade will reduce the travel time of the express service between Noarlunga and the city centre by up to five minutes.

This rail revitalisation will provide faster, more comfortable, and more frequent services to commuters on both the Noarlunga and Belair lines. This will go a long way towards helping our state increase the use of public transport. Work on the line is expected to occur at the end of 2007-2008.

## LOCAL WINS

I have been campaigning on a number of local traffic issues on behalf of residents and community groups. While I continue to lobby on a broad range of issues, some recent progress has been made including:

- The City of Holdfast Bay has agreed to install a sign on Wheatland Street, Seacliff directing visitors to the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club;
- Holdfast Bay has also implemented line marking along Rossall, Repton and Grantham Road, Somerton Park;
- The Department for Transport has installed a 'left turn give way to pedestrians' sign on Brighton Road prior to the Sturt Road intersection to increase pedestrian safety.

## HALLETT COVE & MARINO CONSERVATION PARKS

The Hallett Cove and Marino conservation parks both play a vital role in community conservation within the seat of Brighton.

The Hallett Cove Conservation Park was established in 1976 and protects outstanding evidence of Permian Age glaciation, a record of an ice age about 280 million years ago which is of international significance.

The Marino Conservation Park was established in 1989, and most notably protects a remnant of coastal heath vegetation that has been virtually eliminated elsewhere along the metropolitan coast. Both reserves also provide valuable open space for residents of the surrounding suburbs.

Management plans for both conservation parks are established under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972. These plans set out how the parks are to be managed and what improvements can be made. The time has come to revise the old plans and prepare a new plan to cover both conservation parks.

The Hon. Gail Gago MLC (Minister for Environment and Conservation) has asked me to chair a community reference group to assist the Department for Environment and Heritage in the preparation of the latest draft management plan. This reference group will allow for the community to have an opportunity to be involved in the planning process for these parks that provide valuable open space areas for the surrounding suburbs.

Participants include the City of Marion, Friends of Marino Conservation Park, Friends of Hallett Cove Conservation Park, the National Trust of South Australia, and Planning SA. The district ranger will also be a member.

In early July I met with the district ranger and visited the Hallett Cove Conservation Park to discuss management issues of the park. I will also be chairing the first meeting of the community reference group.

I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute, along with other committed community members, to the future direction of both these environmental areas that are important not only to the people of Brighton but also to our state.



## SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT: PEAK OIL

*Extract from Hansard Tuesday 5 June 2007*

I rise today to speak on a matter which concerns me deeply and I did not know anything about it until very recently when I had a street corner meeting. A constituent came to see me and he said, with great faith in his eyes, 'I'm sure you know all about peak oil theory.' I beamed happily and said, 'No, I have never heard of it.'

Hubbert's peak oil theory is a bell-shaped curve and the theory is that, for any given geographic area, the rate of oil production will follow a bell-shaped curve. It is based on the premise that oil is a finite commodity, which it is—one day we will run out of oil. Peak oil is the time when you produce as much as you can and you sell as much as you can, then it is over, and it starts descending. We produce less, we sell less, and you arrive at the time when there is no oil and there is no alternative fuel that can be used to offset that decline.

Many members in this house may think that it will never happen in their lifetime. I think it will and I think it will certainly happen in your children's lifetime and, if your grandchildren are still able to get on planes, that would really surprise me.

Members may wonder why it is that today a backbencher, who lives in Brighton and represents the really genuinely quite comfortable seat of Brighton, should choose to come into this place and talk about a matter that is of global significance. That is because global issues are local issues. I wonder very much about what will happen in the Brighton and Hallett Cove area in 20 years' time when nobody has a car. Members in this place, I ask you to imagine, let us say in 30 years' time, how you are going to get to work if you do not have a car or you cannot take a plane? What are you going to do?

I think that people need to think about car pooling and car sharing. They need to think about cycling, buying smaller cars or hybrid vehicles, reducing the frequency of trips to the shops, and using local shops. In the time that I have left to me, I cannot explain everything there is to be said about peak oil theory, but I urge people to please go on the internet, go to Google, type in the words 'peak oil theory', and if you read what I have read, you will not be able to sleep at night.



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