

A newsletter from

CHLOË FOX MP

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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.

AUSTRALIA DAY

For Australia Day this year, I was invited to a number of functions held across the electorate, celebrating all that is good about Australia: our land, our people, our freedom and our democracy.

I was honoured to be given the opportunity to speak at Somerton Bowling Club's Australia Day breakfast, as well as the City of Holdfast Bay's Australia Day celebrations. The Lions Club and Rotary Club of Hallett Cove also held a combined function on the foreshore at Heron Way.

It was a pleasure to be able to spend Australia Day with so many people in our community. Australia Day is a special day for our country, and it is encouraging to see so many residents from the Bright community celebrating together.



LINWOOD QUARRY

Over the past four years, I have been approached by residents from Hallett Cove and Marino with concerns about the blasting operations at Boral's Linwood Quarry.

I have been listening to these concerns and am in regular contact with the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, the Hon. Paul Holloway MLC; Boral, as well as the Environment Protection Authority.

Recently, some residents have become concerned about the intensity of the blasting undertaken by Boral and the damage caused to homes and potential other risks. While Boral monitor the blasting levels, the Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) has also undertaken independent monitoring to confirm the measurements provided by Boral.

Given these concerns, PIRSA will now increase the frequency of these independent measurements. I have been advised that PIRSA has recently employed additional experienced technical resources to bolster the regulation of this site.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 8296 9833.

Are you enrolled to vote? Enrolment forms are available online from the Australian Electoral Commission at www.aec.gov.au or please call **8296 9833** and we will send you a form to complete.

Are you or a member of your family **celebrating a milestone** birthday (100th) or wedding anniversary (50th, 60th, 65th or 70th)? Contact the office to arrange for a congratulatory message to be sent for the occasion.

Justice of the Peace services are available at the office Monday to Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm. I am a **JP** as is electorate officer Matthew. Along with Simone and Jasmyrn, we are ready to help you with any immediate queries you may have.

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The State Government has released this year's **Community Grants Handbook**.

The handbook includes information about State, Federal, and non-government grants programs which may be applicable to community groups and organisations in the Bright community. It has lots of useful information including contact details, websites and details of when funding rounds are likely to occur.

Please contact me on 8296 9833 if you would like a copy of the handbook.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Please note the change in watering times as of Tuesday November 17, 2009:



Households can water their gardens, using a hand-held hose with trigger nozzle or drippers, for a maximum of **five hours a week on any day of the week**.

The odds and evens system no longer applies.

The hours of watering are **6am to 9am and 6pm to 9pm**.

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.

HALLETT COVE RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE



As part of the State Government's \$2 billion investment in public transport, the Hallett Cove and Hallett Cove Beach railway stations are being upgraded. The upgrade of the Hallett Cove station has commenced and is expected to be complete in mid 2010.

To ensure the works are undertaken in a safe and efficient manner, the station has been temporarily closed and shuttle buses are being provided to transport passengers between Hallett Cove and Hallett Cove Beach stations.

The shuttle bus collects passengers from a temporary bus stop on the south western side of the Hallett Cove station on The Cove Road and passengers are advised to arrive at the station 15 minutes before the scheduled train departs to catch the shuttle bus.

This work will complement the re-sleepering of the Noarlunga line, which has already commenced, and the future electrification and extension of rail services to Seaford in 2013.

NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA

On January 18, I was invited to speak to the Brighton branch of National Seniors Australia. I had the opportunity to speak about a range of issues affecting the senior members of the Brighton community.

I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming and for serving up a lovely morning tea! It was most enjoyable meeting and chatting with the group's members.

For anyone who is looking to become involved with National Seniors Australia, please telephone 8218 4811 and find out how you can be a part of this friendly and informative group.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS



Recently, a number of people have raised an issue with me which is more of a community matter than a government one, but I would like to make mention of it.

Local shops and shopping centres are very much a part of our community, from the new centre in Hallett Cove to the smallest hairdresser in Somerton Park. Supporting these local businesses is not just easy and convenient - it also supports our local economy.

When our local businesses are strong, particularly in retail, young people have greater opportunities to find valuable part-time work and increase their experience and responsibilities. Small to medium enterprises represent one of the biggest industries in our state, and it's worth supporting them!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge began in 2004 and encourages students to read more, enjoy reading and improve literacy levels.



All students from Reception to Year 9 in both South Australian government and non government schools, as well as those undertaking home education, are invited to participate in the challenge again this year. Students can read books from the challenge booklists, as well as books they have selected themselves. They can also read books in languages other than English.

If your children would like to take part, they can ask their school teacher or librarian for more information on how they can become involved. For home education students or students who would like to take up the challenge individually, please visit www.prc.sa.edu.au for more information.

PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

The Premier's *be active* Challenge is designed to promote the benefits of an active lifestyle. 2010 is the year of the challenge's Champion Medal.

Over the past three years, more than 43,000 students have participated in the Premier's *be active* Challenge. These students are now on their way to earning Champion Medals after putting in the hard work and effort in maintaining their physical fitness through individual, group and school sports.

The Premier's *be active* Challenge ambassadors will be visiting schools across the state to motivate young people to be more active more regularly.

The challenge is open to all South Australian schools and home schools and caters for students of all abilities. I, along with Premier Mike Rann, encourage our young people to participate in the Premier's *be active* Challenge and be active in 2010.

For more information about this year's challenge, please visit www.pbac.sa.edu.au

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very big thank you to all of the constituents who have contacted me over the last few weeks following the birth of my son, Theo.

While he did arrive early, Theo is doing very well and has already been invited to a number of community functions!

I am overwhelmed by all of the letters, cards, gifts and telephone calls I have received. Thank you all very much.

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