

SENIOR WISE

I believe in making the Bright community a strong community. Building strong communities is about reaching out to those vulnerable people who combat issues such as isolation and loneliness. I would like to make you aware of an new State Government initiative that supports this aim.

Senior Wise will assist elderly people by helping them to obtain information and encourage local businesses to provide senior-friendly services. Seniors Wise will run in conjunction with the Seniors Information Service and Meals on Wheels.

This service can also provide information and referrals for the Home Visiting Scheme as a part of \$3.1m State Government funding to provide 25 000 home visits to older people. These visits are designed to tackle social isolation and loneliness as well as connecting older Australians to services.

Senior Wise presentations are also available for interested senior groups. These presentations will discuss the services provided and raise community awareness. If you would like to organise a presentation, please don't hesitate to contact my office on 8296 9833.

Senior Wise relies on volunteers to deliver the program and encourages anyone interested in donating their time to call them on 8186 8708.

ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES

Are you or someone you know due to celebrate a milestone such as a 90th Birthday or a significant wedding anniversary?

We can help arrange a congratulatory message to be sent by the Premier of South Australia, the Hon. Jay Weatherill MP or the Prime Minister for the following occasions:

- 90th birthday or 100th birthday
- 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office on 8296 9833 for any further information or to organise a message to be sent.



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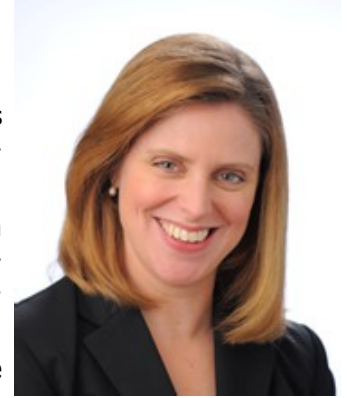
Member for Bright

building strong communities

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

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.



BUS SHELTERS

Recently I conducted a community campaign to have several bus stops in the North Brighton area refurbished. I raised this issue after a number of residents approached me concerned about the state of bus shelters in their area. They were concerned that at several stops there was no shelters at all, which left commuters at the mercy of the elements.

I began by contacting local residents to establish the level of need in the area and was overwhelmed by the response. Using this information I approached the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Patrick Conlon MP, and asked that these stops be included within a large overhaul of bus stops across Adelaide.



I have since been informed that these stops have been targeted for upgrading.

This is another great example of the way we can work together to achieve things within our community.

Justice of the Peace services are available at the Bright Electorate Office on Wednesday and Friday from 9am-5pm. Please call the office on 8296 9833 to confirm availability.

PERSONAL SAFETY

Recently I spoke at the South Brighton Neighbourhood Watch Meeting and was reminded of the importance of personal safety and looking out for one another. I want to take this opportunity to inform you about the South Australian Police crime prevention branch and their home assistance scheme.

The crime prevention branch develops strategies to prevent crime within the community. They have some helpful hints about increasing personal safety for:

- Individuals — should be alert and walk in well-lit populated areas, walk against the flow of traffic and let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
- Personal property — keep your items in view at all time, keep mobiles out of sight when not in use and ensure your bag is closed and secured.
- At night time — When waiting for public transport, limit waiting times at stops and stand in well lit areas near other people if possible. If driving, try to park in a well-lit area and keep windows and doors closed.

The South Australia Police run a Home Assist Scheme in a partnership with the Commonwealth Government, State Government and local councils. The aim of this scheme is to improve home and personal safety.

People eligible for this program can access free security audits. A police officer can visit your home and highlight any security issues. They will also provide you with the contact details for the Home Assist representative at the local council. You may receive assistance to implement their suggestions.



Chloë presenting Sergeant Peter Benn with a Certificate of Appreciation after 10 years as the police coordinator with South Brighton Neighbourhood Watch

The Crime Prevention Branch can also deliver free group presentations to 15 or more people.

For information regarding to eligibility or to organise a group presentation please don't hesitate to contact my office on 8296 9833.

As always, if there is an emergency dial 000 or for a non-emergency crimes dial 131 444.

Has your community group recently held your annual general meeting? Please feel free to give my office a call on 8296 9833 to ensure your details are up to date.

NOARLUNGA LINE

After being closed for a period of six months, stage 2 of the Noarlunga Line track upgrade was finished ahead of schedule and reopened for commuters in late July.

The work was completed as a part of the State Government's investment of \$2.6 billion over ten years to change the current diesel system to an electrified system. The work completed included removing the existing track, refurbishing rail, upgrading base layer, installing new gauge-convertible sleepers, improving draining and minor upgrades to some state and level crossings.

Stage 3 works will upgrade the remainder of the line and is scheduled for completion in 2012. Electric trains on the Noarlunga Line are expected to be in service in 2013.



CYBER-BULLYING

Earlier this year I held a cyber-bullying forum with the Attorney-General, the Hon. John Rau MP, at Hallett Cove school to discuss strategies for dealing with cyber-bullying.

Cyber-bullying is a growing trend and an area of concern for parents. For those who were unable to attend the forum the following tips were suggested to protect your child from cyber-bullying:

- Talk to your child about cyber-bullying before it happens and work out strategies to deal with it, should it occur.
- Encourage your child to tell you, or another adult, if they receive negative messages.
- Advise your child to not respond to negative messages but save them and the details of the senders.
- Help your child to report any concerns to the administrator of the service (ie mobile company, website administrator or Internet Service Provider)
- Understand your school's policy on cyber-bullying
- Encourage your child to support their friends and report concerns about friends who may be effected by cyber-bullying.

As a former teacher I understand the detrimental effects bullying can have on students. I strongly encourage you to speak to your child about cyber-bullying and as always, if I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me on 8296 9833.