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LIGHT GETS BUDGET BOOST



Local resident Morgan Smith and mum Dee Smith at the Tulloch Road intersection.

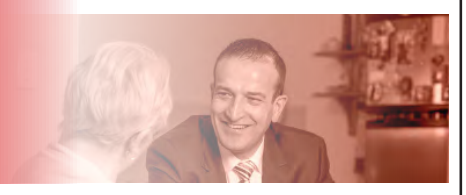
BUT LOCAL MP BIDS FOR MORE

The recent State Budget provided a massive infrastructure boost for the people of Light in transport, education and health.

The commitment to fund the State's portion of the Gawler line electrification, a new school for the Munno Para area, an expansion of the Emergency Department of the Lyell McEwin Hospital and additional services on the Gawler rail line, all bode well for the people of Light and represent significant investments in our community. **(Continued pg. 2)**

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From the Editor



With the enormous changes in our state economy compounded by the loss of big manufacturing employers, small business in our community will play an increasingly important role in the economic wellbeing of our state.

It is no accident that our State Government has focussed its current and previous budgets on supporting small business; helping them to grow. While it's acknowledged we can do more, the cuts to a range of taxes that affect small business are most welcome.

Cutting taxes is only a small part of the story, as governments of all persuasions need to raise revenue to fund those works and services the community expects the state to provide. Good schools, hospitals, roads, etc.

In this budget, the State Government is investing millions of dollars to support small and start-up businesses. From the extension of the job accelerator program providing additional subsidies for employers who engage apprentices or trainees, the Future Jobs Fund to help small business get great ideas off the ground, to the infrastructure spend on schools, hospitals and roads are all designed to support small business and create new jobs.

These projects not only make good economic sense but deliver positive social outcomes – ensuring we all have access to good schools and health services.

While the budget seeks to reduce the burden on small business and ordinary hard working South Australians, the money has to come from somewhere. Despite all the fake outrage, the proposed levy on the super profits of the Big Banks is economically responsible and fair.

If the Big Banks can afford multi-million dollar salaries to its executives, it can pay a fraction more to support our community. The Federal Liberal Government has introduced a new tax on the Big Banks. Quite rightly, the Federal Labor Opposition has supported them.

The State Government has introduced a state based Big Bank tax, consistent with the Federal laws, but the Liberal Opposition is set to block it. Why is the Federal Liberal Big Bank tax a good one, and the State Labor Big Bank tax a bad one?

We need to support the battlers in our community, whether they are blue or white-collar workers, mum and dad business owners, retirees or farmers on the land. The Big Banks should do the same!

Tony Piccolo MP
Member for Light

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TONY PICCOLO CONTINUES FIGHT FOR LIGHT



Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo's desire to continue serving his local community has seen him successfully preselected as the ALP candidate for the seat of Light, for the next state election scheduled for March 2018.

"It is such an honour to be given the role of representing my community in State Parliament." Mr Piccolo said.

The decision was made at the ALP's state council meeting held in February. to again preselect him for the seat of Light which he has held since March 2006.

Mr Piccolo said despite holding a very marginal seat he had no desire, whatsoever, to seek a safer seat.

"I have only ever wanted to serve my local community, and I see the very small margin as a motivator, rather than a threat," Mr Piccolo said.

"In the end you have a duty to work hard for your community whether your margin is 2.8% like mine, or 10%,"

"It is a privilege to serve the community as a local Member of Parliament and I have enjoyed the role immensely."

"While the hours can be long and the demands sometimes unforgiving, I consider myself blessed to have the opportunity to do the work I do,"

"It is such an honour to be given the job by my community, the role to represent them in State Parliament."

Starting his life in Naples, Italy as the son of poor parents who worked the land for a living, Mr Piccolo migrated to Australia with his family in March 1963, seeking a brighter future.

Mr Piccolo said his parents Raffaele and Maria Piccolo taught him the value of hard work, the importance of family and instilled in him a 'never give up' attitude.

"My priorities for the coming year and the following term, if re-elected, are to continue to work towards ensuring we have a safe and just community.

"I am keen to meet and engage with as many people as I can in the electorate to ensure I fully understand the changing needs of our community," Mr Piccolo said.

"Local people should not hesitate to contact me if they require any assistance, as no issue is too big or too small for my staff and me to assist them with," he said.



Dalkeith CFS Captain Clint Marsh at the intersection between Dalkeith Road and Main North Road

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Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo said that he has never given up hope for the electrification of the Gawler line.

"With the tender process for Stage 1 of the electrification underway, I was always hopeful that the remainder of the line would receive the funding needed to finish the project," Mr Piccolo said.

"We've committed more than $200 million to our part of the project."

"I look forward to receiving advice from the Commonwealth that they will contribute to the project, which will support 135 jobs a year during construction.

Mr Piccolo said that while he was very happy with the projects for Light and its surrounds, he was disappointed that three major projects he had been advocating for have not yet being funded.

"The Tulloch Road intersection must be fixed, along with the Dalkeith/Main North Road intersection.

"I have also been pushing for a Park'n'Ride to be constructed at the Tambelin Railway Station," he said.

Mr Piccolo believes that these projects would go a long way to reducing traffic congestion in the southern parts of Gawler.

"I will continue to knock on Ministers' doors and advocate for these projects to receive funding.

"I remain hopeful the State Government will find additional funding for these projects in during the financial year," he said.



Greg Powers at Tambelin Station

LOCALS ELECTRIFIED BY GAWLER RAIL ANNOUNCEMENT



Gawler locals excited about the new funding commitment.



The full electrification of the Gawler Rail Line is back on track with the State Government committing to its share of the cost in the 2017-18 State Budget handed down last week

The project requires matching funding from the Federal Government to guarantee the project goes ahead.

Stage 1 of the Gawler Electrification is being fully funded by the State Government at a cost of $152.5 million and will involve electrifying the rail line to Salisbury.

Stage 1 will support approximately 135 jobs per year during construction.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo stated that this was a massive investment in rail for Gawler and the people of the Light electorate.

"I was disappointed when the electrification of the line was stalled after the Abbott Government withdrew their funding for the project in 2013," Mr Piccolo said.

"I have continued to fight for this project to be funded and for other improvements to our public transport network.

"The electrification of the Gawler rail line is a shovel ready project that will have an immediate and tremendous impact on our local economy," he said.

State Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis has written to Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison asking the Federal Government to provide its share of the funding for Stage 2 of the vital infrastructure project.

The State Budget allocates $462.5 million for Stage 2 with South Australia seeking a 50/50 funding commitment from the Turnbull Government.

The electrification of the Gawler line will significantly increase capacity and deliver a faster, cleaner and more reliable service for the residents of the Light electorate.

In addition to the State Government's commitment to the electrification of the Gawler rail line, the State Budget has committed an additional $22 million to services across the rail network.

This will see an increase in train frequency on all lines including the Gawler rail line.

Mr Koutsantonis stated that the benefits of investing in public transport flow right through the economy, reducing travel times for commuters, easing traffic congestion in the city, and creating jobs for South Australians during construction, upgrades and maintenance.

NEW SCHOOL FOR MUNNO PARA



SOUTH AUSTRALIA



We're building a new birth to year 12 school in the North.

#SAbudget2017



Families across Munno Para and Angle Vale are the big winners in the State Budget with the announcement of a new birth to year 12 school to be constructed in the Munno Para area.

The new school announced for the north will accommodate 1400 students, 100 special-school students and a 55-place children's centre.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo welcomed the news stating that he had written to the Education and Child Development Minister seeking the construction of an additional school in Adelaide's north last year.

"In my discussions with local principals and parents it has become clear to me that an additional school in the Munno Para area is needed," Mr Piccolo said.

"Rapid growth in the City of Playford has seen Mark Oliphant College reach its capacity much earlier than expected."

"The new school will alleviate pressure on other northern schools like Munno Para Primary School, Adelaide North Special School and Gawler & District College."

"Currently many children, who would otherwise have enrolled at MOC, are required to attend schools such as Munno Para Primary School and Gawler & District College," he said.

The school will be built using a public/private partnership process like MOC, with the school being financed, designed, constructed and maintained by the private sector. This will allow the new principals and staff to focus on teaching, learning and care outcomes.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said the new school will be a centre of educational excellence with state-of-the-art facilities to ensure that children can learn in the best possible environment.

"The school will also generate jobs for local businesses and trades people, and help stimulate the State's economy," he said.

The Education and Child Development Minister Susan Close stated it was more important than ever before that we invest in our schools to prepare children to be successful in a very different world to the one their grandparents grew up in.

"This thinking is at the heart of the State Government's direction for education and child development in South Australia," Ms Close said.

"It has been an exciting year for public education in South Australia. The benefits of the State Government's $250 million STEM investment have been absolutely huge," she said.

SUPPORTING BUSINESS

STATE GRANT BOOSTS VALUE ADDING IN THE BAROSSA



At the formal announcement of the Barossa Collaboration Project with Tony Piccolo MP were (from left rear) Chris Pfeiffer (Tourism Barossa Inc); James March (Barossa Grape & Wine Inc); Michael Wohlstadt (Barossa Foods Inc) , Craig Grocke (Barossa RDA); Mayor Bill O'Brien (LRC), Mayor Bob Sloane (Barossa Council) and Project Chair, Ms Jan Angas.

The State Government has provided the Barossa Collaboration with a $100,000 grant to help them kick start a number of projects that will promote the importance of value adding opportunities in the food and wine sectors in the Barossa and like regions.

The grant complements the $50,000 allocated jointly by the Barossa and Light Regional Councils, through the Barossa RDA, to undertake an industry analysis to identify and address short, medium and long-term barriers for growth in business.

Barossa Council CEO, Mr Martin McCarthy said the industry analysis work will include advancing current planning around opportunities for an effective Regional Planning Board, and regional governance structure.

The Barossa Collaboration comprises representatives from Tourism Barossa, Barossa Food, Barossa Grape and Wine, the Barossa RDA, Light Regional and Barossa Council and is chaired by Barossa Businesswoman, Ms Jan Angas.

Over the past month the Collaboration has been working with the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo to prepare an application for funding.

Mr Piccolo facilitated a series of roundtable discussions with the Collaboration members to bring together a range of ideas that could be developed into a series of projects that would deliver real outcomes on the ground.

Mr McCarthy said the The Barossa Council recognised the potential of this joint project from the outset, and has been working collaborative alongside the State Government, wine, tourism, food and arts industry representatives, RDA Barossa and Light Regional Council to develop an agreed project and seek funding to address opportunities aligned with the Character Preservation area to drive economic development.

" We are confident this project will unlock economic growth potential and create economic benefit in the Character Preservation area including the food, wine, tourism sectors, and we welcome the State Government's leadership to progress the next phase of this regional initiative," Mr McCarthy said.

Mr Piccolo said the Barossa Collaboraion stakeholders have recognised complementary relationships exist between the region's key industry sectors and the tourism industry.

"The Barossa wine industry is recognised to be globally competitive. In supporting this position of economic strength, the continued development of the regional food and culinary tourism industries are anticipated to deliver greater economic returns to the region than the sum of its parts," Mr Piccolo said.

"In addition, development of the creative arts sector is anticipated to further complement these sectors."

The combined funds, with additional in-kind support from the two Councils, will undertake the following projects:

- Review of planning and licensing regulations applicable to artisan food production.
- Further development of the Barossa "Trust Mark" brand.
- The development of a "Barossa Prospectus" to attract investment in small and start-up food ventures (3), and creative arts ventures (4).
- Assessment of the effectiveness of the forthcoming "Be Consumed" Melbourne event as a marketing and industry development tool.
- Investigation into the establishment of a project of "culinary excellence".
- Local Government initiated rate limiter initiative.

AN ADVOCATE FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SMALL BUSINESS



Tony Piccolo MP with Industry Advocate Ian Nightingale and Assistant Treasurer Chris Picton.

Small businesses in Light and across South Australia have a strong friend in the Industry Advocate.

The Industry Advocate Bill will provide the Industry Advocate with more power to recommend reforms to the state government to assist small business in winning Government contacts or sub-contracts.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo spoke in support of the Bill saying that the Bill gives the power to the Industry Advocate to investigate why competitive South Australian suppliers miss out on government contracts.

"The bill makes it very clear that this government is committed to putting small business at the centre of our State's economic policy," Mr Piccolo said.

"The new laws are designed to encourage the adoption of industry participation principles by local government."

"I think that is a very important function because one of the complaints I received from a local small business in my area is that some small businesses that win state government contracts, unfortunately do not even get invited to participate in the process for tenders for local government contracts.

"The small businesses I am talking about are not saying they should be given the contract automatically.

"They are saying that they would like to know when the local councils have contracts out and be invited to participate in the tender process."

"It is as simple as that, yet it does not happen."

"This policy, which is now a state government policy, encourages local government to do just that."

"It would be great to see local councils do what we are doing at a state level."

"That does not mean all local businesses will win that work, but at least it puts them in the running and, given their local knowledge, they may have a lower cost structure because they are local. They may be able to compete effectively for this business, which is very important.

"Small businesses in South Australia are the backbone of our economy and we need to ensure they remain competitive and be given an opportunity to compete on the open market," he said.

Mr Piccolo said he would be writing to all the Councils in his electorate to advise them of the new policy and seek their feedback.

JOBS IN LIGHT ARE ACCELERATING

Businesses across the Light electorate embraced the Job Accelerate Grant Scheme that was announced in the 2016/17 State Budget.

More than 90 jobs were created since the scheme was announced across the Light electorate in a range of industries.

The Job Accelerator Grants Scheme has received a boosted in the 2017/18 State Budget with an additional $5000 for apprentices and trainees.

The increase in the Grant for apprentices and trainees is a State Budget measure to boost employment among young people.

The expanded Grant means businesses with payrolls between $600,000 and $5 million will receive up to $15,000 for each apprentice above current staffing levels, while small businesses with payrolls up to $600,000 will receive up to $9000.

The new Grant for apprentices and trainees will be backdated to July 2016, meaning businesses that have already hired a new apprentice or trainee and registered them for a Job Accelerator Grant will be eligible for the increased payment.

Local Member for Parliament, Tony Piccolo said that he was pleased about the 90 new jobs in the Light electorate across the financial services, civil construction, retail and professional services and hospitality.

"I am extremely pleased by the reception of these grants from the business community and the number of new position that have been registered," Mr Piccolo said.

"The Grant will continue to provide up to $10,000 to eligible business for each new workers employed above current staffing levels or $4000 for small businesses."

"The Grant has helped Damien McGee, the licensee of The Exchange Hotel, to employee additional staff."

"If these grants end up being oversubscribed and costing the Budget more than planned I would be very happy because that would mean more jobs for South Australians," he said.



The Exchange Hotel licensee Damien McGee discussing the Job Accelerator Grant Scheme with Tony Piccolo MP.

Further details for the grants can be found online at:

www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/jobs

AND GROWING JOBS

STRETTON CENTRE TO HELP LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES GROW

What do a building inspector, plumber, energy efficiency consultancy, makeup artist and native foods business have in common?

These small businesses in the local area have been successful in securing a 'co-worker' space at the Stretton Centre. The co-worker program helps fledgling small business grow to the next stage through business support and advice in a supportive business focused environment.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who worked alongside the Stretton Centre, the Gawler Business Development Group and Business SA to obtain funding for programs designed to support small businesses in the greater Gawler area attended and spoke at the announcement of the successful small business for the program.

"At the Stretton Centre small businesses are able to access a number of training and mentoring programs which will help small business learn from experienced business operators." said Mr Piccolo.



Tony Piccolo MP with Stretton Centre's Dermot Cussen and participants in the 'co-worker program'.

The program seeks to promote economic activity across all sectors and offer new job opportunities for people who either wish to change careers or where their jobs no longer exist because of their industry restructuring.

"By fostering these small businesses, the aim is help then grow and employ additional people."

"The ultimate goal is to see these grow to such a point where they establish their own commercial premises in the area and new small businesses take their co-worker spaces."

"Unfortunately many small businesses fail in the first two years; the co-worker program will help small businesses with a sound product or service to grow to a long term sustainable position.

The successful businesses are as follows:

Johnson Plumbing and Gas - *Operated by Ben Johnson*

An experienced plumber, he offers all plumbing and gas services for clients. His vision for Johnson Plumbing is to build a reputation as a trusted family business

Red Centre Enterprises - *Operated by Paul Keily and Nadia Matko*

Specialising in the management and marketing of Australian native produce and products, the business invests a share of its profits into improving the standard of living, education, health and wellbeing of Indigenous Communities.

Quality Building Inspections - *Operated by David Hall*

David inspects buildings and pre-purchase real estate, providing his customers with an in-depth report on the property afterwards.

Down to Earth Sustainable Solutions - *Operated by Rachel Brdanovic and Tom Brdanovic*

Down to Earth Sustainable Solutions has residential, industrial and commercial clients around South Australia and make recommendations on how their clients can save money on energy use, and looking into other energy sources.

Mylan Nguyen - *From Sepherra's Beauty*

Mylan is a Freelance Makeup Artist who specialises in body art, face painting, henna tattoos and make up consultancy.

SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS STARTS WITH NORTHERN ENTREPRENEUR SCHEME



Successful applicants for the NES program.

The second phase of the Northern Entrepreneur Growth Program kicked off when Business SA launched the Northern Entrepreneur Scheme at the Stretton Centre.

The NES run by Business SA is a key component of the NEGP. The NES is based on Business SA's already successful South Australian Young Entrepreneurs Scheme, which has assisted in launching numerous successful business people such as Emma Hack, Vinh Giang and Luke Patton.

Business SA will run the program through the Stretton Centre with the NES assisting the successful applicants in turning their ideas into a successful business.

Through the NES, the participants will be coached in leadership, finance, marketing and human resources. In addition, they will receive one-on-one mentoring with an experienced businessperson.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said that by fostering and educating, these northern entrepreneurs we are providing them with a strong foundation for future success.

"The ultimate goal is to ensure that these businesses grow to a point where they are able to provide employment for others in the greater Gawler area," Mr Piccolo said.

Mylan Nguyen, one of the successful applicants, said that as a part of the NES she hopes to receive insight and support to build a successful business.

"I am very grateful and excited about the opportunity," Ms Nguyen said.

"I believe it encourages participants like myself to learn, grow and further [develop] our career," she said.

Ms Nguyen's business, Sepherra's Beauty will be importing beauty products for sale and providing training workshops in makeup, face painting, body art and henna.

Geoff Pfeiffer of Car Gleamers said that through the NES he hopes to fine-tune his business to operate more efficiently, ultimately enabling him to work smarter rather than harder.

Kristy Blunden said that she was looking forward to learning the skills to launch and run her business successfully for many years to come. Ms Blunden operates a home based business Kristy's Reiki Room.

Alyce Cockram said she is excited and honoured to be a part of the NES.

"My business is still in the concept stage and I hope to achieve the ultimate goal of making this a successful reality," Ms Cockram said.

"I hope to create, support and nourish the thriving artisan community within Gawler's surrounding areas and the greater South Australian demographic," she said.

The successful businesses are as follows:

Alyce Cockram – Agorá

Explore House will provide a unique retail experience, by combining the indoor market platform with a retail shop and a place for wellness and nutrition. Creating a space for small businesses to share the load at a one-stop shop.

Geoff Pfeiffer – Car Gleamers

Mobile car detailing service operating in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, including Gawler and the Barossa.

Greg Hodgkinson – Indigispace

An online market place for the Indigenous community to be able to reach audiences and customers across Australia and the world.

Kristy Blunden – Kristy's Reiki Room

A holistic approach to healing and wellness incorporating one on one Reiki healing sessions, group mediation sessions, chakra balancing, aura cleansing and crystal healing.

Mylan Nguyen – Sapherra's Beauty

Mobile and home based business that provides services for makeup artists, face painting, body art and Henna for all events, occasions and parties.

Nikki Pates – Blondies Beauty Roadshow

A mobile beauty salon.

Noel Donald – Northern Auto Detailing

A small mobile car detailing service providing affordable car cleaning.

Roumi Ganev – Argan Bookkeeping

Ryan Power – Lonely Light Co

A surf/skate/streetwear clothing brand made from hand drawn designs sold online and through a pop up store.

MAJOR COURT WIN FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

A recent Federal Court decision represents a major win for people living with a disability and their families.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the decision clarifies how a key criterion of the National Disability Insurance Scheme should be applied when determining the financial support plan for people under the scheme.

The financial support that a person living with disability receives is determined by what is "reasonable and necessary".

The Court found once a decision is made by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) then those supports should be fully funded.

The case involved the funding of financial support for transport of a young man attending work and other activities.

Mr Piccolo said in this particular case the NDIA and family agreed that the provision of support for transport was "reasonable and necessary" but the Agency then decided to only provide funding for 50% of the cost, then increased it to 75% upon review.



Local mums Angela McFarlane and Gillian Taylor with Tony Piccolo MP

"The Court found that this decision did not reflect the clear intention of the law," Mr Piccolo said. "The NDIS was agreeing with families that a particular support was "reasonable and necessary" but then rationed the actual support."

"It is my understanding, that the Court found this action wrong at law."

"Families and the NDIA will still need to agree what is "reasonable and necessary" but once that agreement has been reached, this Court decision removes further uncertainly about the amount of financial support that should be provided."

"While the decision dealt specifically with support for transport costs, I believe this has general application across all supports available under the scheme."

"I have been approached by a number of local families who have been concerned that while the NDIS creates new opportunities, the lack of transport support means that they could not take up those opportunities or they would need to quit their own jobs to support their children," he said.

Local mum, Mrs Gillian Taylor who contacted Mr Piccolo with her concerns, said this decision will make such a difference for [her daughter] Holly.

"She will be now be able to participate in work options and access a greater variety of programs," Mrs Taylor said.

Another local mum, Mrs Angela McFarlane agrees that while the decision has been a long time coming, this will now allow them [people living with disability] to access important services for continued learning and employment.

Mr Piccolo said the NDIS was an important reform introduced by the Gillard Labor Government to give people living with a disability a fair go and to ensure they were able to live a dignified life.

"This Court decision upholds that very clear goal of the scheme as envisaged by the (then) Federal Labor Government," Mr Piccolo said.

This decision is now subject to an appeal.

"I have been disappointed to hear that this case has been reopened. The certainty and relief these families had has now been taken away from them." Mr Piccolo said.



Health Minister Jack Snelling and Dr Hendricka Meyer with Tony Piccolo MP.

LYELL McEWIN ED IN $50 MILLION UPGRADE

The people of Gawler and the Northern Suburbs will be the biggest beneficiaries of a $52.5 million upgrade to the Lyell McEwin Hospital's emergency services department, announced today.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, who attended the announcement, said the new investment in the public health system meant that people needing emergency medical care could be treated faster and in better conditions.

"The new Emergency Department will double the number of adult assessment cubicles and increase the number of paediatric assessment cubicles and resuscitation bays,' said Mr Piccolo.

"It will also include a dedicated waiting room for children and families and a separate area for substance abuse patients."

"The State Labor Government understands the importance of delivering a high quality, modern health care system for all South Australians."

That is why Labor has upgraded every major hospital across the state, and our new Royal Adelaide Hospital will be one of the best hospitals in the world.

"People from the Gawler and surrounding districts who need to be transferred from Gawler Health Services to the Lyell McEwin for emergency treatment will experience shorter waiting times, in a much more comfortable environment," Mr Piccolo said.

We know access to local, modern health care facilities, which deliver high quality care for local families, is important.

This is part of a massive $1.1 billion investment in our health system in the State Budget, ensuring our hospital infrastructure remains modern and cutting-edge.

"Expanding the Emergency Department will enable the Lyell McEwin to continue to respond to the needs of our growing local community.

"When the existing ED was opened 11 years ago it catered for about 35,000 patient visits, growing to over 70,000 in recent years."

"This builds on our Government's investment of more than $314 million in modernising and upgrading services offered at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

"As part of the largest ever investment in health care, our local community will continue to access modern, world-class facilities and high quality health services – no matter where you live" he said.

Work on the upgrade is expected to start in mid 2018.

TEN YEARS SUGGESTS A HEALTHY FUTURE

The Gawler Health Service 24 hour Accident and Emergency service and after hours, GP clinic provided by GP Inc recently celebrated its tenth birthday.

Dr Simon Hall, Chair of GP Inc said the origins of the service "says much about the collegial rather than competitive nature of the local GPs".

"They identified a problem in about 2005 and then worked together to find a solution," Dr Hall said.

"The need for GP Inc's existence was considered imperative if local GPs were to continue to be involved in after-hours care of residents of the Gawler district and surrounds," Dr Hall told the guests at the birthday celebration.

Local Member for Parliament, Tony Piccolo who attended the celebrations said GP Inc is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation, which started as a result of some local GPs who were under pressure when trying to provide after-hours services in a growing community.

Speaking about GP Inc in state Parliament, Mr Piccolo said GP Inc provides Gawler and the surrounding areas with, effectively, an emergency department.

"Since opening, GP Inc have treated more than 100,000 patients, which is quite an effort for what is essentially a smaller public hospital. 85 per cent of those 100,000 patients are residents from the Town of Gawler," Mr Piccolo said.

"The Lyell McEwin Hospital works closely with GP Inc to ensure the best possible health outcomes for Gawler residents," he said.

The recent announcement in the State Budget of a major upgrade to the emergency department of the Lyell McEwin Hospital is very important, not just for the Lyell McEwin but also for the Gawler Health Service and GP Inc.

"The upgrade will ensure that people in the north and in Gawler have the best access to emergency care available," Mr Piccolo said.

Mr Piccolo stated GP Inc is an innovative model of care, which came about due to local GPs working in a collegial manner, rather than in competition.

"It was not a reinvention of the wheel, rather an improvement of previous attempts to fund the old northern division of general practice," Mr Piccolo said.



Dr Simon Hall, Chairman of Gawler GP Inc with Dr Jaswinder Kaur and Operational Manager Mrs Carlie Hart- both whom have worked for Gawler GP Inc since it began in July 2007.

"Gawler locals are provided with an emergency department that has all the quality care and attention that you expect from a country area due to the care and diligence of GP Inc," he said.

NDIS ROLLS OUT THROUGHOUT THE LIGHT ELECTORATE



Local Feros Care Manager Ms Lea Spavens with Tony Piccolo MP

Adults started entering the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in South Australia from Saturday 1 July 2017.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the NDIS is the biggest social reform since Medicare, introducing a new way of providing disability services that gives people with disability more choice about the support they receive.

Children up to age 14 started entering the NDIS under a trial in South Australia in 2013, followed by

young people aged 15 to 17 in January this year.

Mr Piccolo said between July 2017 and April 2018, adults with disability around the State will start joining the scheme, based on their geographic area. Northern Adelaide, the Barossa, Light and Lower North are the first regions to enter the full scheme.

"South Australia was one of the first states to sign up to the NDIS and, at full rollout, the State

Government will be investing $723 million annually into the scheme," Mr Piccolo said.

"More than 32,000 South Australians will receive services under the full scheme – increased from

around 17,000 pre-NDIS."

Jobs in the South Australian disability sector are expected to double from about 6000 to about 12,000.

Mr Piccolo said while the Commonwealth is responsible for the rollout of the NDIS through the National Disability Insurance Agency, the South Australian Government is deeply invested in the scheme.

"We'll be working to ensure that South Australians with disability have the smoothest possible transition to the scheme."

"The South Australian Government is supporting a range of skills and training programs to prepare

people for a broad variety of roles."said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said Feros Care is partnering with the NDIS to provide Local Area Coordination (LAC) to help more people live healthy, fulfilling and connected lives.

As an NDIS LAC Partner in the Community, Feros Care will help people make the most out of the scheme by finding out what is important to you and helping get the right services in place to support you.

Local Feros Care Manager , Ms Lea Spavens said they know one-size-does-not-fit all so support services will be tailored to help to meet the goals of each individual, whether they want to become more involved in the community through sports clubs or local theatre, live more independently or improve your health and wellbeing.

" At Feros Care we care most about is helping people live bolder lives," said Ms Spavens

" Healthier. Better connected. More active. More fulfilling."

" We call it growing bold and for over 25 years, we've been making it real, both for older Australians and those living with disability."

Enquiries regarding the services provided by Feros Care can be made by phone at 1300 986 970, or via email at lacinfo@feroscare.com.au or going online at https://www.feroscare.com.au/ndis-local-area-coordination

ABILITY IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN THE DISABILITY SECTOR

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo in conjunction with the Adelaide North Special School and the Disability Workforce Hub recently held an Expo and Seminar to promote employment in the disability sector. Over 35 exhibitors were involved in the event.

Speaking at the conclusion of the learning and earning seminar and exhibition Mr Piccolo said the focus of the event is to open the community's eyes and minds to the new opportunities created by the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in the north from 1 July this year.

"People living with disability have a lot to offer a prospective employer and there exist a number of programs to support them getting into an appropriate workplace," Mr Piccolo said.

"The exhibition and seminar was about showcasing new opportunities for people living with a disability, informing people of the new career opportunities and how small businesses can provide services to the sector."

"The exhibition and seminar was very successful with over 200 students, adults and exhibitors taking part on the day," he said.

The Expo and Seminar was broken into two parts with an afternoon session designed for senior school students and the evening session for the general public.

Mr Piccolo said the afternoon session was very useful for senior secondary students to consider career options in the sector. Pastoral care and career adviser teachers said they found the event informative and were unaware of the many opportunities.

"CARA representatives at the exhibition said they currently had 78 unfilled positions within the organisations," Mr Piccolo said.

"Many students currently volunteer with CARA which in turn can become paid employment when they leave school and undertake the necessary training."

"The challenge now is to convert increased awareness in the sector into real opportunities.

"I am currently working with the City of Playford and a number of disability services providers with the aim to establish a social enterprise, which will create job opportunities for people living with disability."

"Many opportunities exist for small businesses to provide services to the sector which need to be explored."

"Small businesses need to be made aware of these opportunities available to them. I am currently exploring some ideas with the Gawler Business Development Group and other business related organisations in the north."

"We need to be ready for the roll out of the NDIS, and that means ensuring we have enough qualified people working in the sector and to encourage small businesses to be ready to provide a range of services."



Adelaide North Special School Principal Byron Stuut and Tony Piccolo MP.

"I believe we will have a fairer and more productive society if we can ensure that people living with disabilities are provided with opportunities to be employed for their abilities," he said.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY



Tony Piccolo MP with Catalyst Foundations Chief Executive Jenny Hughes

The Gawler Disability Expo was held in May. A huge number of not for profit, small business and government agencies were represented at the Expo which was held at the Gawler Sports and Community Centre.

Mr Piccolo, who spoke at the event on behalf of Disabilities Minister Leesa Vlahos, said many families in the local area took the opportunity to speak with service providers to gain a better understanding of what would be available under the NDIS when it is rolled out in the local area from 1 July this year.

The Catalyst Foundation was one such organisation exhibiting at the event.

"Catalyst Foundation is the leading provider of community information in South Australia focusing on areas such as home support, aged care services, disability, housing, independent living, digital literacy, retirement living and connecting people to services."

"We listen to our clients and consistently strive to create and develop innovative responses identified by our clients and other service providers as a need or gap in information, resources and services. As part of this work we have developed a new information and resource service to access information on disability services which is currently being trialled in the Northern metropolitan suburbs of Adelaide."

"Catalyst Foundation in collaboration with Marketplace IT is pleased to introduce the Disability Support Marketplace, an online free resource which provides you as an individual or carer with the choice, control and flexibility to find the right service provider to suit your needs."

"The Disability Support Marketplace connects you with a wide-range of disability suppliers; this means that you can choose the provider/s that suits you best. Our role is to bring you as the service user together with the service provider without the need for many telephone calls or hours spent searching websites."

"The Disability Support Marketplace is free to use. It allows you as a user to build a short list of preferred service or product suppliers and then invites the suppliers to openly compete for your business in a way that is private and timely. Once you choose a supplier you can negotiate directly with them for your service or product, the cost you will pay and the time you will receive the services."

A 3-month trial is currently underway and Catalyst Foundation invites family, carers, people living with disability and service and product providers to test the concept and work with us to improve our operation before broadening the Disability Support Market Place coverage. To find out more please visit www.disabilitysupportmarketplace.com.au today.

As a service or product provider, you can join the Disability Support Marketplace for free, please email your interest to info@disabilitysupportmarketplace.com.au.

If you need further information, guidance or support in using the Disability Support Marketplace please call 8168 8776 or 1800 636 368 (SA Country Free Call) and ask for Karen Field or email Karen at: info@disabilitysupportmarketplace.com.au.

PUTTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT ON THE AGENDA



Tony Piccolo MP with Transport MInister Stephen Mullighan listening to a resident's thoughts on public transport.



Residents at Hillier Park Residential Village asking questions and sharing their ideas to improve public transport with Tony Piccolo MP and a representative from the Department of Transport.

Throughout May, the Gawler and Hewett communities were asked to share their views on how public transport services could be improved in the town.

Local Member, Mr Tony Piccolo said that he was interested in hearing from people about how we can improve the current public transport services.

"Good public transport services are an important aspect of any thriving community. It improves road safety, enables people to maintain their independence and connects them to the community and services."

"I am always keen to hear from people on how the various public transport services can be improved; improving access and achieving value for money services for the taxpayer," he said.

Two community forums were held at the Gawler Sport and Recreation Centre and the Hillier Park Residential Village to allow locals to voice their concerns and raise issues directly with Mr Piccolo and the Department of Transport.

Locals also had the chance to speak to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Stephen Mullighan at a forum held at Cafe Nova on 22 May.

Key issues raised included:

- Improving car parking facilities at the Gawler and Tambelin railway stations;

- Better synchronising bus and train connections to minimise waiting times;

- Improving accessibility for the Dial-a-Ride service.;

-Overcrowding on the train during peak periods;

- Improving access for the disabled and elderly; and

- Low levels of patronage on bus services.

The Department are currently undertaking a review of public transport in the Gawler region looking at the train, bus and Dial-A-Ride services. All feedback provided through the surveys and given during the forums has been forward to the Minister and the Department for their consideration during this review.

MANY CLASSIC REDS IN 2017 BAROSSA RAMBLE

Fifty-eight vintage and classic vehicles and their owners participated in the second Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club's (GVV&CVC) Barossa Ramble on April 9.

The Ramble commenced in Gawler and ended in Greenock, via Lyndoch, Tanunda and historic Seppeltsfield.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who was the guest speaker at the start of the ramble said the run was a great initiative for the Gawler and Barossa region, adding a lot of colour and diversity to the events calendar for the area.

"The owners clearly go to a lot of trouble and expense to ensure their vehicles look their best and reflect, as close as possible, their original appearance," Mr Piccolo said.

The earliest car in the ramble was the 1904 De Dion Bouton while the latest vehicle was a 1930 Ford.

"The vehicles are more than just a car; they are part of the western world's cultural history and reflected a period of great personal worker and artisanship".

"While many of the vehicles have been meticulously restored I was surprised to hear that the 1904 De Dion Bouton was still in its original condition" he said.

According to event organiser, Mr Geoff Boundy, the GVV&CVC chose a route that didn't have traffic lights, stop signs or high speed areas to suit the temperament of Veteran and Vintage vehicles, which range from 87 to 113 years old.

"We felt that an outing from Gawler to Greenock would meet the needs along with providing a picturesque view," Mr Boundy said.



One of the vintage red cars and its owners.



Tony Piccolo MP with event organiser Geoff Boundy.

The run started at Gawler and stopped at Lyndoch for Beinenstich, tea and coffee and cakes. The vehicles were followed by a recovery vehicle, trailer and mechanic. Vehicles arrived at Greenock Recreation Park and were displayed for the general public.

All enquiries about future rambles should be directed to Geoff Boundy on 0437 689 973 or via email at: geoff.boundy@gmail.com.

NEW REGO RULES ARE A 'CLASSIC'



Tony Piccolo MP with happy members of the Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicles Club.

New rules that simplify the conditional registration scheme for historic vehicles came into effect, 1 July 2017.Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who has advocated on behalf of local historic car enthusiasts, said the simplified rules will make the lives of owners of the 15,000 vehicles registered under the 90 day limited use scheme much easier.

Mr Piccolo said since announcing plans to change conditional registration last year, there has been an overwhelmingly positive response from the South Australian motoring community.

"Changing this scheme will help to preserve South Australia's motoring heritage by reducing costs and red tape for car enthusiasts," Mr Piccolo said.

"Many of these vehicles haven't been registered and driven, and have sat in sheds and garages because minor modifications meant they were not eligible for cheaper conditional registration which allows a vehicle to be driven up to 90 days a year."

"As most of these vehicles are prized collector items with huge value to the owner, they are usually driven on weekends and at infrequent times throughout the year."

To fully register a 6-cylinder vehicle in South Australia the cost can be up to $846 while the Club Registration scheme offers 90 days use for eligible vehicles for $90 per year.

The changes will remove red tape from the existing scheme designed to:

- Provide flexibility to allow owners to improve the ride, handling and safety of these classic vehicles, as well as make cosmetic enhancements
- Move away from a fixed cut-off manufacture date of 1979 to a rolling 30-year vehicle age
- Remove bureaucratic requirements for motoring clubs to undertake vehicle inspections, reducing the administrative burden on these groups
- Reduce limitations which ban left-hand drive vehicles with safety improvements such as updated braking systems.

This is yet another example of the State Labor Government's commitment to reducing red tape as part of the Simplify Day reforms.

Mr Piccolo said one of the largest car clubs accessing the scheme is the Light's own Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club with over 500 cars currently registered under Club Registration.

Transport and Infrastructure, Hon Minister Stephen Mullighan MP said these common sense changes mean that car enthusiasts can make modifications to their vehicles, such as cosmetic and safety improvements, without forcing them off the road and into the garage.

"Thousands of previously unused vehicles are also now expected to join the scheme which will also support tourism events such as car runs, shows and concourse displays," said Mr Mulligan.

Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club Registrar Mr Peter Tooth said the Gawler Veteran Vintage & Classic Vehicle Clubs members and committee are very excited to see these changes to Club Registration.

"We hope the increased flexibility of the scheme will boost our membership base and increase our membership to a broader range of enthusiasts, particularly to owners of modified cars and younger classic cars from the 1980's."

"The changes also bring simplified procedures for our club, with over 500 cars registered under the scheme; this is pleasing news to our hard working committee."

"We expect an even greater turn out to the annual Gawler Swap Meet this September and believe the recent changes will attract more vehicles to also attend and form a display for the Gawler Community," said Mr Tooth.

NORTHERN ADELAIDE TO BECOME PREMIER 'FOOD BOWL' IN AUSTRALIA



Premier Jay Weatherill announcing the NWIDF with Tony Piccolo MP, Jon Gee MP, Minister for Water Ian Hunter, Minister for Agriculture Leon Bignell and Tung Ngo MLC.

A commitment by the State Government to invest $110 million to help expand the Northern Adelaide Plains irrigated food production area could make it the premier "food bowl" in Australia.

Premier Jay Weatherill, joined by Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Leon Bignell and Minister for Water Ian Hunter, announced the State Government has submitted an application to the Federal Government's National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF) to help fund the project.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who was present at the announcement said the project would create 3700 jobs in and around Adelaide's northern suburbs and add more than $500 million a year to the State's economy.

"If the application is successful, the State Government will invest $110 million in the project - through SA Water – and is seeking a $45.6 million funding commitment from the Federal Government," Mr Piccolo said.

"It would deliver an additional 12 gigalitres (GL) a year of recycled water suitable for agricultural use from the Bolivar Waste Water Treatment Plant – an increase of 60 per cent – to help expand the State's irrigated agriculture industry."

"New infrastructure would be built to deliver this recycled water to industry, with capacity to increase to 20 GL a year as demand and access to interstate and overseas markets grow."

"The State Government will continue to work with proponents, industry groups and growers in the region to ensure a fair, equitable and transparent process, and determine how they can participate in the additional recycled water allocation which delivers the greatest state benefit."

The announcement has been welcomed by the Horticulture Coalition of South Australia, HortEx Alliance, SA Produce, and AUSVEG SA.

Mr Angelo Demasi, CEO of SA Produce said "We hope this investment will provide our local growers with much needed high grade affordable water which can expand our production volumes for export markets."

Jordan Brooke-Barnett, AusVeg National Manager, Public Affairs said, "Horticulture already contributes $1 billion in farm-gate value to our state per annum and can be a leader in driving economic growth in Adelaide's North. The growers of the Northern Adelaide Plains region will be able to put these water resources to use providing additional jobs."

STATE GOVERNMENT IMPROVES MOBILE COVERAGE FOR WASLEYS

Wasleys will have improved mobile phone and internet services following a State Government decision to make a significant contribution towards the construction of a new tower in the area.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said the State Government will provide $115,517 towards the erection of a tower by Optus in the area.

"The State Government decision to locate a tower in Wasleys is based on high safety risk ratings for the locality, an area where Country Fire Service volunteers said blackspots impacted on firefighting during the 2015 Pinery bushfire, "Mr Piccolo said.

"The agreement was reached with Optus after $2 million committed by the State Government towards the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spots Program was not fully utilised," he said.

The new base station means that residents, schools and businesses within a 10-kilometre radius of the tower will have increased 4G coverage, with better call experiences and faster, more reliable mobile internet use.

Science and Information Economy Minister Kyam Maher said Wasleys was identified as a high priority due to its high fire risk, which sadly we saw play out during the Pinery fire in 2015.

"Despite the concerns raised by residents and emergency services in the wake of the Pinery fire, the Federal Government elected not to support the construction of a base station in the area," Minister Mayor said.

"I congratulate Optus in winning this tender, which supports the State Government's commitment to ensuring South Australians have access to the digital economy for their, and the state's, economic and social benefit," he said.

Mr Piccolo said the tower will provide greater mobile coverage to the region, increasing the safety of residents and tourists,



Science and Information Economy MInister Kyam Maher and Tony Piccolo MP

while also providing flow on benefits to local small businesses and the school.

"The people of Wasleys have called for improvements to mobile reception for many years and this shows that while the Federal Government may not be listening, the State Government is," Mr Piccolo said.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY SEEKS SUBMISSIONS FROM PRIMARY PRODUCERS

SA primary producers and other people in the food processing industry have until the end of June to make submissions on an issues paper released by a State Parliamentary inquiry into organisational and market structures that prevent them receiving a fair deal.

Parliament's Economic and Finance Committee is undertaking an inquiry recommended by the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo, into the current public policy settings for the organisational and market structures of the horticultural, viticultural and agricultural sectors and associated processing.

Mr Piccolo said the inquiry has adopted a two-stage process to ensure the Committee has a good understanding of the issues it needs to tackle.

"During the first stage of the process, we asked interested parties to submit details of issues they believe should be investigated through the inquiry," Mr Piccolo said.

"The Committee has now published an issues paper that outlines the matters that it is investigating, and are now inviting new or further submissions, including oral evidence in person."

Mr Piccolo said the Committee is planning a series of regional meetings where producers will be encouraged to provide evidence in person.

"I am looking forward to hearing from primary producers about how we can make the industries more competitive and address the imbalance between producers and big players, particularly in the retail sector," Mr Piccolo said.

"The enquiry will be looking at all the various barriers that exist along the supply chain from farm gate to plate.

"I will be particularly interested in hearing how we can give producers a greater say in the supply chain, increase competition and grow the sector.

"I am keen to explore how producer, market gardener, worker and consumer co-operatives could be utilised to create a more financially sustainable food sector," he said.

Primary Producers South Australia (PPSA) have welcomed the inquiry and suggested viticulture and grain markets could see particular benefits.

Chairman of PPSA Rob Kerrin has been quoted on the ABC as saying a look into supply chains was valuable.

"If the committee are willing to look into the supply chain, I think there will be a fair bit of interest across the state in all industries," Mr Kerin told the ABC.

The issues paper can be viewed online at https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees/Pages/Committees.aspx?CTId=5&CId=292 or from the Committee secretariat.

PICCOLO WELCOMES PLAYFORD RATING POLICIES 'RETHINK'

The City of Playford have backed down on proposed controversial changes to their rating policies in the face of a ratepayer backlash.

Hundreds of local people jammed the Civic Centre on June 13 to hear councillors acknowledge that the proposals 'needed to be taken back to the drawing board' and a more genuine engagement process undertaken before any changes could be re-considered.

The decision mirrors representations made to the Council by local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who has welcomed the change of heart by elected members.

Mr Piccolo wrote to Mayor Glenn Docherty and councillors in May asking the Council "to rethink" the proposed changes to their rating policies following representations he received from angry ratepayers in the City of Playford Council area.

Mr Piccolo said the proposed changes would have seen some market gardeners paying double or even triple their current rate, while homeowners in the new Playford Alive area would have also be heavily hit.

"Properties with a capital value of more than about $250,000 will incur rate increases, in addition to any general rate increases," Mr Piccolo warned in his letter.

"The proposed rate increases would certainly have had a negative financial impact on residents in the Munno Para, Munno Para West and Munno Para Downs areas." Mr Piccolo said.

In his letter, Mr Piccolo said that based on his own experience as an elected member, he urged the Council to engage with the community further and explore a broader range of rating policy models that may be more acceptable to a majority of ratepayers.

"While this may result in a delay in any policy implementation, it may be a small price to pay compared to the ongoing criticism Council is likely to receive from a community that believes the 'consultation' process has been tokenistic.

Mr Piccolo said that such a massive increase in rates would be too difficult for some landowners to absorb into their businesses in one year.

"I have received numerous representations from ratepayers regarding the proposals the Council was considering to adopt," Mr Piccolo said.

"Primary producers would have potentially be hit the hardest by the policy proposal," Mr Piccolo said.

"I can understand that Council is keen to promote economic activity by reducing rates on 'commercial' properties, but I am at a loss to understand why 'primary producers' are not treated as small businesses.

"Primary Production properties currently attract a lower rate, however, the enormous increase proposed by Option 1 would have made it very difficult for some primary producers to absorb, and this can only result in lower employment in the horticulture sector.

"Primary Producers in the Munno Para West/Downs area and Angle Vale would have been hit by these increases.

"In my correspondence to Mayor Docherty, I noted that while a number of residential properties would have received some relatively minor rate relief, a number of residents would have experienced quite significant rate increases."

REVIEW LOCAL COUNCIL BOUNDARIES SAYS LOCAL MP



Tony Piccolo MP at the border between the Town of Gawler and the Barossa Council area.

The existing boundaries of Councils in the local area should be reviewed, according to Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo.

Speaking in State Parliament in support of a new law to encourage the review of Council boundaries, Mr Piccolo stated that the existing boundaries of Gawler should be allowed to be modified to incorporate parts of the Light Regional and Barossa Councils.

"This is nothing new; I have been saying this since I was on the council many years ago, but the existing legal framework prevents that from occurring," Mr Piccolo said.

"We need a system that encourages councils to be able to review that also provides some certainty,"

"Some of the existing boundaries go back to the horse and buggy days.

"Communities have grown over time and council boundaries should reflect the new communities of interest."

"The essence of this bill is about ensuring that council boundaries reflect those community boundaries."

"That is very important. That is important from a planning point of view, in other words planning for your community."

"That includes things like physical planning, transport corridors, transport routes and planning for delivery of services."

"This bill will enable that to happen."

"It should not be amalgamation for the sake of amalgamation either."

Mr Piccolo said he believes "boundaries need to be changed to make sure we have the best possible opportunities for communities to engage with their local government authority, to provide the best use of limited resources in that community and also to ensure that the boundaries provide an opportunity for those communities to plan effectively,"

"In the case of Gawler for example, I am not talking out of school when I say that most people think Hewett is part of the Gawler community,"

"The boundaries of the Councils in the local area should be reviewed,"

"That is also true for the Barossa; there are parts of the Barossa Council between Light and the Barossa that should change to ensure that the Barossa Council reflects the true Barossa region,"

"It would be silly to say there is no room for change,"

"Importantly, this proposal puts it in the hands of local government and an independent commission. It is not for us [parliament] to decide; it will be decided at the local level, which is very important,"

"I also support the voluntary nature of the proposed law."

"This bill goes a long way to enabling those sorts of boundary changes to take place, enabling those councils that believe things could be improved in regions to take place."

"The critical factor in deciding whether council boundaries ought to be changed or amalgamated is the issue of how communities can be best served."

"This is an issue that deserves attention and debate, and that simply has not happened in a formal, constructive manner for nearly 20 years." he said.

CHURCH FOUNDATION NOT SET IN STONE



Fr Simon Bailey and Tony Piccolo MP.

St George's Anglican Church on Church Hill celebrated the 170th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone by Governor Robe on March 4.

The Church has had a chequered history, having been demolished, rebuilt and modified a number of times over the years.

To mark the occasion, Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo met with parish priest, Fr Simon Bailey.

To their surprise, neither of them could locate the foundation stone.

Mr Piccolo said it would be great to hear from anybody who may know the current location of the foundation stone, or its history, if it no longer exists.

"While knowing the history of the foundation stone would be great, we should not forget the important role that the Churches have played in the local community," Mr Piccolo said.

Fr Bailey said that the six months that he has been the Parish Priest at the Anglican churches of St. George and The Transfiguration seem like a drop in the ocean compared to the 170 years that Anglicans have gathered on Church Hill for regular worship.

"Given the geography of the area, a hilly rise above the confluence of two rivers merging in to one and then heading towards the ocean, it wouldn't surprise me at all if Church Hill has been a place of spiritual gathering for many, many more years than the relatively short time that Anglican, Roman Catholic and Lutheran Christians have been here," Fr Bailey said.

"There is a deep aura and sense of 'the other' around this hill-top that makes it a very significant place indeed and it is a privilege to be part of a long history and carrying that history on into the future." He said.

Mr Piccolo said Nathalie Johnstone, a former Trinity College Gawler student has been undertaking some research, in a volunteer capacity, into the history of significant events in the local community.

Nathalie has prepared a chronology of the history of St George's and the draft can be found at http://www.tonypiccolo.org/st-georges-church .

"We would love to hear from people who can fill in some of the gaps," added Mr Piccolo.

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THE JOBS OF TODAY AND THE JOBS OF TOMORROW

THE STATE Government has announced a $200 million Future Jobs Fund to create jobs across the state.

As part of the fund, $50 million in grants and $70 million in low-interest loans are available to support job creation in growth industries.

The focus of the fund is to create jobs right now, and to support the expansion and growth of these industries so they can also offer future jobs.

Shipbuilding and defence, renewable energy and mining, tourism, food and wine, health and biomedical research and IT and advanced manufacturing are all target growth industries which will benefit from the fund.

All grants and loans are dependent on a comprehensive application which demonstrates how the funding support will create jobs – and grants are contingent on job creation milestones.

In addition to the grants and loans, the fund also contains substantial support for:

INVESTMENT Attraction South Australia (IASA), a government body which supports and secures new investment in the state;

EVENTS and conventions bids, focused around securing major events to South Australia and driving growth in the visitor economy;

AUTOMOTIVE diversification, to help support the automotive supply chain ahead of the closure of Holden and the end of automotive manufacturing in South Australia; and

I CHOOSE SA, an ongoing and successful campaign which encourages consumers to actively look for and buy South Australian products.



The Future Jobs Fund will offer major job-creation loans and grants to help businesses grow

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said that as traditional industries erode, the State Government was stepping forward to support industries that are growing jobs today, and creating the jobs of tomorrow.

"The State Government is determined to back the growth sectors already competing successfully, build new industries and create incentives to encourage businesses to invest," he said.

"We are providing increased funding for IASA to bring more companies like Boeing to South Australia.

"Our bid funds initiative is putting South Australia on the map as a world-renowned host of major events and conventions, and is forecast to inject almost $500 million into the local economy and create about 4500 jobs.

"We're calling on the Federal Government to help our state create even more jobs.

"I have written to Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison asking him to partner with us and match our $200 million commitment to the Future Jobs Fund dollar-for-dollar.

"They can draw their share from the hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies they are pocketing from kicking the car industry out of South Australia."

WHAT ARE JOBS OF THE FUTURE?

The State Government is growing five key industries in South Australia that will provide the jobs of tomorrow. They include:

SHIPBUILDING AND DEFENCE

We've won the future subs contract. Now we must ensure that South Australians get the bulk of the jobs.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINING

From mineral exploration to building Australia's biggest battery, the state is on the cutting edge of technology.

TOURISM, FOOD AND WINE

Voted as one of the world's most liveable cities, Adelaide and SA's tourist economy is booming - and so are its jobs.

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

The state-of-the-art Health and Biomedical Precinct on North Terrace is already a world leader in research.

IT AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

The State Government is transitioning workers into high-tech industries to create jobs for today and for tomorrow.

A BOOST FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

MORE TRAIN SERVICES

Train services will be more frequent during weekends, evenings and major events.

This will roll out on all lines – new timetables will be released later this year.

GAWLER LINE ELECTRIFICATION

Stage 1 of the Gawler Line electrification is fully funded by the State Government.

The first stage of works will create 135 jobs a year as the line is electrified to Salisbury.

BIGGER PARK 'n' RIDES

Tea Tree Plaza and Klemzig interchange Park 'n' Rides will get 500 more spaces.

This will benefit the more than 31,000 people who use the O-Bahn every day.

Jobs



APPRENTICESHIPS GET ACCELERATED

THE TREASURER is calling on SA businesses to hire extra staff - and he'll pay them to do it.

Tom Koutsantonis says the Job Accelerator Grant has already created nearly 10,000 jobs – and now apprentices will be worth an extra $5000.

The program offers businesses up to $10,000 per extra worker they employ – and it has been extended with a bonus for new apprenticeships and trainees.

Businesses taking on extra apprentices will be eligble for an additional $5000 – taking the total of each grant to $15,000.

GRANTS OF UP TO $15,000 FOR EACH NEW APPRENTICE EMPLOYED
GRANTS OF UP TO $10,000 FOR EACH NEW FULL-TIME WORKER EMPLOYED

The new grant for apprentices and trainees will be backdated to July 2016, meaning businesses that have already taken on new apprentices or trainees and registered them for a Job Accelerator Grant will be eligible for the increased payment.

It's estimated that about 2000 applications will be eligible.

Mr Koutsantonis says the program is about getting young people into careers.

"The forced closure of Holden by the Federal Government is hitting South Australia hard," he said.

"While Holden won't close its doors until October, we're already seeing the impact on component manufacturers as their forward supply contracts dry up.

"But opportunities for growth exist in the economy.

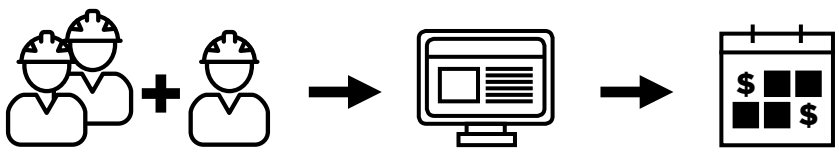
"Our Future Jobs Fund will support key growth industries, such as defence and other advanced manufacturing sectors, and our continued commitment to building South Australia will create thousands of jobs each year in construction.

"By offering an extra $5000 for each new apprentice or trainee employed in small and medium businesses, we can ensure the skills exist within the workforce as these sectors develop, and at the same time help South Australian businesses invest and grow."

The expanded grant scheme means businessees with payrolls between $600,000 and $5 million will receive up to $15,000 for each apprentice employed above current staffing levels, while small businesses with payrolls up to $600,000 will receive up to $9000.

HOW DO JOB ACCELERATOR GRANTS WORK?

Businesses are eligible if they have Australian taxable wages below $5 million. To receive the grant, businesses must:



INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS: SA WORKERS GET FIRST PICK



SOUTH Australians have been winning 90 per cent of the work on new major infrastructure projects, and Premier Jay Weatherill wants to keep the trend going.

With the investment in new schools, roads and hospital facilities, that means this year's State Budget is set to be a big win for South Australian job seekers.

These projects drive growth and create jobs: around 6500 direct jobs this year, with a similar amount of indirect jobs.

The "local jobs, local content" policy also means that local content is sourced from South Australian suppliers, ensuring additional indirect jobs throughout the supply chain are created right here.

"We are investing in infrastructure to create jobs today, putting the building blocks in place for future growth," Premier Jay Weatherill said.

"We are also protecting existing jobs and trying to help our traditional manufacturers survive in tougher economic conditions.

"We are backing our steel-makers in Whyalla and supporting component manufacturers in the car industry to help develop new products and markets.

"These jobs are here now, and I want them filled by South Australians."

SMALL BIZ TAX SLASH

RED TAPE and payroll tax will be slashed for small businesses, giving them the confidence to thrive and expand.

The State Government will legislate a new permanent payroll tax of 2.5 per cent for businesses with payrolls between $600,000 and $1 million.

The new payroll tax rate replaces the temporary small business payroll tax rebate, locking in discounts of up to $9800 each year and removing the red tape of the rebate scheme.

Payroll tax discounts for businesses with payrolls between $1 million and $1.5 million will also be extended, benefiting another 1300 businesses in this bracket.

Under the current temporary payroll tax rebate, discounts phase out for businesses with payrolls between $1 million and $1.2 million.

Since 2004, the State Government has cut the payroll tax rate down to 4.95 per cent, and increased the tax-free threshold to $600,000.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said the new permanent tax rate would be a boon for small business owners.

"Small businesses are the biggest employers in South Australia and are crucial to creating jobs in our economy," he said.

"By permanently cutting payroll taxes for small business, we can give them the freedom and confidence to expand and take on more staff.

"We are also extending payroll tax discounts to about 1300 businesses with payrolls up to $1.5 million, enhancing South Australia's credentials as an attractive, low-cost place to operate.

"With payroll tax relief and Job Accelerator Grants available for each new employee, now is a great time for businesses to consider growing and employing more staff."

BIG BANK$ TO PAY UP

BIG banks made $30 billion in profit last year – and now they are going to pay some of that back to the community.

The State Government has announced a major bank levy which will raise about $370 million over the forward estimates period.

Only the five major banks will be liable, meaning smaller banks will not be affected.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said the banking sector was dramatically undertaxed – and it was time for that to change.

"Major banks make super profits and they make those profits on the mortgages of hardworking South Australians," he said.

"We are putting South Australians first by supporting growing industries that will create jobs for South Australians, and this measure will help raise the revenue we need to drive those initiatives.

"The profits of the big banks are large – in the last year alone the five banks have collectively made profits of about $30 billion after tax.

"They can and should contribute more to economic growth and job creation in this state.

"This levy does not apply to mortgages or deposits under $250,000, so there is no justification for the banks to pass on the costs to those customers."

HEALTHY SURPLUS HEALTHY BUDGET

SOUTH Australian doctors and nurses are set to go to work in some of the world's most advanced hospitals.

Flinders Medical Centre, Modbury Hospital and the Lyell McEwin Hospital will each receive multi-million dollar upgrades.

It's part of a billion-dollar health boost by the State Government to make certain our hospitals are world-class.

Lyell McEwin Hospital will get a $52 million expansion to its emergency department to cater for the increasing number of patients coming through its doors.

The emergency department will include more ambulance bays and a dedicated separate area for drug-affected patients.

Flinders Medical Centre will cement its reputation as a centre for complex care with $3.5 million for two new operating theatres.

Modbury Hospital will get a $9.2 million Emergency Extended Care Unit to allow continued observation and treatment of emergency patients needing further care.

Health Minister Jack Snelling said the upgrades would mean improved health outcomes for communities.

"These investments in our hospitals will complement the opening of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital to ensure modern, world-class hospital services across the metropolitan area," he said.

BRINGING MODERN HEALTHCARE TO YOUR DOORSTEP



NEW WOMEN'S
$528 million to build the new Adelaide Women's Hospital on North Terrace



SECOND SAHMRI
$44 million to construct a second SAHMRI building to tackle inoperable cancer



nRAH OPENING
The world's most advanced hospital is set to open this year on September 5



QEH UPGRADE
$250 million to redevelop one of Adelaide's busiest hospitals



LYELL MCEWIN
$52.5 million expansion to emergency department



FLINDERS
$3.5 million for two new operating theatres



MODBURY
$9.2 million eight-bed Emergency Extended Care Unit will create 30 full-time jobs



NOARLUNGA
$12 million in recent investment to build new facilities



The new redevelopment will ensure that cardiac, cancer and respiratory services stay at the QEH

BIG UPGRADE FOR THE QEH

WESTERN suburbs residents will get access to world-class facilities through a massive upgrade to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

A state-of-the-art emergency department, operating theatre and day surgery suite are the centrepieces of the QEH's redevelopment.

The $250 million upgrade will also fund new outpatient and medical imaging services, while South Australia's most advanced brain and spinal injury rehabilitation services will be established at the western suburbs hospital.

More than 780 full-time equivalent jobs will be created during the redevelopment, with construction to start in early 2019.

The redevelopment means that South Australians – especially those living in the west – will have access to the best emergency, surgical, medical and rehabilitation services in a first-class, modern hospital setting.

The announcement brings the investment in the QEH under the Labor Government to $400 million.

This has funded new inpatient facilities, an older patient mental health facilitiy, a new renal dialysis unit, modern haematology and oncology services, a new research building and a multi-storey car park.

Health Minister Jack Snelling said the goal was to put South Australian hospitals on the cutting edge of technology – and it was a goal to be proud of.

"Our $250 million upgrade of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital will ensure modern, world-class facilities for all western suburbs residents, as well as patients who need access to the most advanced and specialised rehabilitation services in the state," he said.

NEW NEIGHBOUR FOR nRAH ON NORTH TCE

WOMEN and newborns will get world-class care at the new Adelaide Women's Hospital.

The new maternity hospital will create 1900 full-time equivalent jobs during the life of the project.

It will be connected to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and provide the highest standard of maternity and neonatal care.

It will have direct access to critical care services for both women and newborns, as well as access to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital's helipad, significantly reducing the risk of transferring maternity and neonatal emergencies.

While the project is underway, an additional $24 million will be invested in the existing Women's and Children's Hospital, as part of a total $64.4 million upgrade.

A permanent site to build a new Children's Hospital in Adelaide's Health and Biomedical precinct will also be identified.

The $24 million investment is on top of the creation of a new Medical Day Unit, which will provide high-quality care to children who need renal dialysis, allergy clinic services and immunology services.

Planning for both the new Adelaide Women's Hospital and the upgrades at the existing Women's and Children's Hospital will commence immediately.

Health Minister Jack Snelling said the investment was critical to protect women, children and babies at the most vulnerable times in their lives.

"The new Adelaide Women's Hospital, positioned next to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, will be a modern, purpose-built facility that will care for women and babies for many generations," he said.

"Our doctors and nurses say this model will be of great benefit – particularly in situations where a mother may experience a difficult birth and require acute intensive care at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

"Having access to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital's helipad will also significantly improve the timeliness of access to air services for high-risk maternal and neonatal emergencies – which will save lives."

The plan for the new Children's Hospital is expected to be announced by the end of 2019.



The new Adelaide Women's Hospital will create 1900 full-time equivalent jobs

Transport

BIG BOOST FOR PARK 'n' RIDERS

AVOIDING a nasty parking ticket is about to become a lot easier, with a massive boost to Park 'n' Ride facilities along the O-Bahn route.

Tea Tree Plaza and Klemzig interchanges will see significant increases to the their Park 'n' Ride capacities and amenities.

Tea Tree Plaza will gain 300 more car parks, including recharge points for electric vehicles, motorcycle spots and disability parking spaces.

Klemzig will be increased by 200 spaces, including accessible parks.

Both will have extensive lighting and CCTV coverage to maximise commuter safety.

The Park 'n' Rides have proven enormously popular since opening in 2014, with more than 31,000 people using the O-Bahn every single working day. Over the course of a year, more than eight million journeys are made on the O-Bahn – the same as the two busiest rail lines (Seaford and Gawler) combined.

The new spaces will complement the $160 million O-Bahn Tunnel investment, making it easier and faster to get to and from the city.

Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan said the investment was about making the commute easier – and encouraging people to trade their drive for a bus ride.

"These new Park 'n' Rides will provide a safe and convenient means for commuters to access O-Bahn services, as an attractive alternative to driving to work, education, shopping, recreation, or other destinations," he said.

"We have already added hundreds of additional Park 'n' Ride spaces along the O-Bahn in the past three years, but we know there's more to be done as patronage on the O-Bahn continues to rise."



500 new car parks are being added to the O-Bahn route, including electric car charging spaces



The Gawler Line is set to receive a boost with Stage 1 electrification

FULL POWER AHEAD FOR GAWLER TRAINS

COMMUTERS in the northern suburbs will get a major boost with the electrification of the Gawler Line.

The project was delayed in 2013 when the Federal Government reneged on funding and withdrew $76.2 million from the project.

However, the first stage of the project, which will electrify the line to Salisbury, is being fully funded by the State Government.

The first stage will support approximately 135 jobs a year.

Additionally, the State Government has committed another $213.25 million to electrify the entire line through to Gawler Central.

But the full electrification – and the additional 95 jobs that would result – are dependent on the Federal Government matching the funding.

Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan said the electrification was essential for the north.

"The business case for Gawler Electrification stacks up and we're getting on with building this important public transport project," he said.

"Patronage on the Gawler line rose by more than 30 per cent over the seven years to 2016, making it Adelaide's most popular train network, and we want to keep growing that patronage.

"The electrification will improve reliability and efficiency, allowing 2400 more passengers an hour."

SEEING DOUBLE ON MAIN SOUTH ROAD

THE DRIVE south of Seaford is about to become a lot easier with the duplication of Main South Rd.

The budget is in surplus – and those extra funds are being used to make a raft of improvements around the state, including the duplication of Main South Rd between Seaford and Sellicks Beach.

The $305 million first stage duplication of the stretch – which includes significant works to duplicate the Pedler Creek Bridge at Seaford Rise – will make the trip along the stretch faster and easier.

The duplication is part of the record investments in transport infrastructure in southern Adelaide.

The investments include the duplication of the Southern Expressway, extension and electrification of the Seaford train line and the beginning of the Darlington upgrade and Oaklands Crossing upgrade.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said the upgrade was important for the people of southern Adelaide and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

"The State Government is continuing its record investment in infrastructure, delivering significant projects – and jobs – for the people of South Australia," he said.

For the Southern Expressway duplication, about 60 per cent of the 1800 workers came from the south.

For the Northern Expressway, about half of the workers came from the northern suburbs, and both projects secured more than 90 per cent South Australian work.





For most of us, a secure job means everything. That's why our State Government is putting South Australian jobs first, with a new $200 million Future Jobs Fund. As our State transitions from old industries to new, we're creating jobs in growing sectors – like defence, energy, health, hi-tech, tourism, food and wine. We're also:

- Cutting Payroll Tax for small business
- Expanding the Job Accelerator Grant to include up to $15,000 for each new apprentice employed
- New rules that mean South Australians are getting 90% of the jobs and contracts from major infrastructure projects

So what does this mean for us? It means more security about our working futures, more opportunities for new job seekers, and more ways to up-skill for the jobs of the future. The opportunities are already here – the plan is already in place. To find out more visit: sajobstoday.sa.gov.au

Energy

BATTERY BUILDER TO BE NAMED

Our Energy Plan is about delivering South Australian power for South Australians

Since releasing the plan in March 2017, the State Government has been busy implementing it. Faced with a broken national energy market, South Australians need to take action and stand up for South Australia. The state has made strong progress on measures under the plan – but there is still more to do to take charge of our energy future.

Find out more about the Energy Plan at ourenergyplan.sa.gov.au

Australia's Largest Battery

Ninety Expressions of Interest were received from Australia and around the world.

Submissions have been evaluated and shortlisted. The final stages of the procurement process are underway and we are on track to have the battery operating by 1 December 2017.

A new energy generator for more competition

The submissions received through the tender process have been shortlisted, and detailed offers from shortlisted proponents are now being evaluated.

Local Powers over the National Market

The new powers are in now effect, meaning the Minister for Energy can take action during electricity supply emergencies to protect South Australia's energy security.

South Australian Gas Incentives

Five applicants benefitted from the first round of the program and are expected to generate $174 million in new investment in South Australia. Applications for the second $24 million round close in August.

State-owned gas power plant

A shortlist has been prepared from the 31 Expressions of Interest received. More detailed responses from shortlisted proponents are now being evaluated.

Energy Security Target (EST)

Consultation on the Draft EST regulations closed on 26 May 2017. The EST will come into operation on 1 January 2018.

THE STATE Government is set to announce the successful tenderer for Australia's largest battery, part of its plan to create more affordable, reliable and clean energy for South Australians.

Today's State Budget fully funds the Government's energy plan, whilst maintaining healthy budget surpluses.

Since the State's energy plan was released in March, substantial progress has been made in implementing the reforms, which are the most significant since the Liberal government sold ETSA in 1999.

Premier Jay Weatherill says the plan is about taking charge of South Australia's energy future.

"Our plan will deliver reliable, affordable and clean power and ensure more of the State's power is sourced, generated and controlled here in South Australia," he said.

"South Australians have been let down by a broken national energy market that puts profits before people. We're putting people first. Our plan will restore security and put downward pressure on prices."

"The tender processes to install Australia's largest battery and a state-owned back-up generator have received considerable interest from across Australia and around the world."

The plan also highlights South Australia's ongoing global leadership in renewable energy, with the 100MW grid-scale battery on track to be in place by December 2017, as part of a $150 million renewable energy fund focused on the next generation of renewable technology.





GROWING JOBS TODAY,
CREATING JOBS OF TOMORROW.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Government of South Australia

Schools

NEW NORTH & SOUTH B-12 SCHOOLS JOIN CBD SCHOOL

THREE new major schools will open across the state, creating more than 4000 new places for students.

The already-announced new CBD high school will be joined by two birth to Year 12 (B-12) schools.

Each new B-12 school will accommodate 1400 students and an additional 100 special school students. A 55-place children's centre will also open in each.

The locations and masterplanning for the new schools are currently being finalised. The northern school is likely to be located near Munno Para, while the southern school will be located in the Sellicks Beach/Aldinga area.

The north and south schools will complement the new $100 million Adelaide Botanic High School – a second CBD high school adjacent the Adelaide Parklands and Zoo, which will provide high-quality learning to 1250 inner-city students.

The announcement of the new schools is in addition to the $500 million the State Government pledged last financial year to upgrade and build new facilities in both public and non-government schools.

Of that, $250 million was dedicated to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) upgrades at public schools, preparing the next generation of South Australians for the jobs of the future, particularly in the defence sector.

Education Minister Susan Close said investing in new local schools was a priority for the State Government.

"It is more important than ever that we invest in our schools to prepare children to be successful in a very different world to the one our grandparents grew up in," she said.

"It has been an exciting year for public education in South Australia.

"The benefits of STEM investment have been absolutely huge, and we expect the first STEM classroom at Brompton Primary School to open next month."

Since 2002, the State Government has spent more than $2.2 billion on school infrastructure.



The two new suburban B-12 schools will join the new Adelaide Botanic High School



RIGHT BITE

THE HEALTHY choice is now the easy choice, thanks to a pilot program that will bring fresh fruit and vegetables directly to the classroom.

Primary students from 10 schools across the state will receive fresh fruit and vegetable snacks for free.

The State Government's new Right Bite program will encourage children to make healthy food choices.

It will also help out parents who are often under big time pressures in the morning rush – and who may choose pre-packaged snacks because they are faster and easier.

If the trial is successful, the program will be rolled out across the state – both metro and regional.

Students and parents are not the only winners in the program.

Schools will be required to get fresh produce from a South Australian fruit and vegetable supplier – ensuring local businesses are supported too.

Premier Jay Weatherill said the program was focused on helping kids – and their parents.

"We're all aware of the benefits of healthy eating – now we're helping to make a healthy choice the easy choice."

The trial will begin in term 4.

SCAN NOW TO WATCH THE VIDEO

YOUR BIG Community FUND

Is there something you want improved in your local community?

FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Communities

YOUR BIG COMMUNITY FUND



From Aberfoyle Park to Wallaroo, Fund My Neighbourhood will support local communities to build the projects that are important to them

ONE of the world's largest community funds is coming to a street near you.

Premier Jay Weatherill has committed to a $40 million Fund My Neighbourhood program, which will give all South Australians the power to decide how to improve their streets and suburbs.

"Nobody knows your neighbourhood better than you. So we are giving South Australians the power to decide how to fund their streets, suburbs and their neighbourhoods," he said.

Ideas can be as diverse as new playgrounds, dog parks and community gardens, or local infrastructure upgrades.

Get your ideas ready, as Fund My Neighbourhood will be launched next month.

Once launched, the community will be able to nominate projects that will go live on the Fund My Neighbourhood website for the community to vote on.

The Premier is calling on communities to nominate a project that is important to their neighbourhood.

"If there's something you want fixed or something you think your neighbourhood deserves – you will be able to nominate that project. You are the experts," he said.

Visit fund-my-neighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au to sign up for updates.

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WE'RE INVESTING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE.

This State Budget is focused on jobs and infrastructure and is built on the government's core values of providing a modern health service, high quality education and support for our communities.

JOBS Spending **$9.5bn** on infrastructure creating **5,700** jobs yearly. Major investments include **$1.9bn** on roads, **$875m** on public transport, **$425.4m** on hospitals and **$409.3m** on education and early childhood. New rules ensuring South Australians fill **90%** of jobs and contacts from major projects. A **$200m** Future Jobs Fund will attract new business and grow local industry, and the Job Accelerator Grant is expanding, with up to **$15,000** for each new apprentice hired.

HEALTH Providing **$1.1bn** in extra funding to upgrade suburban hospitals, build the Adelaide Women's Hospital adjacent to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, and modernise health services and research.

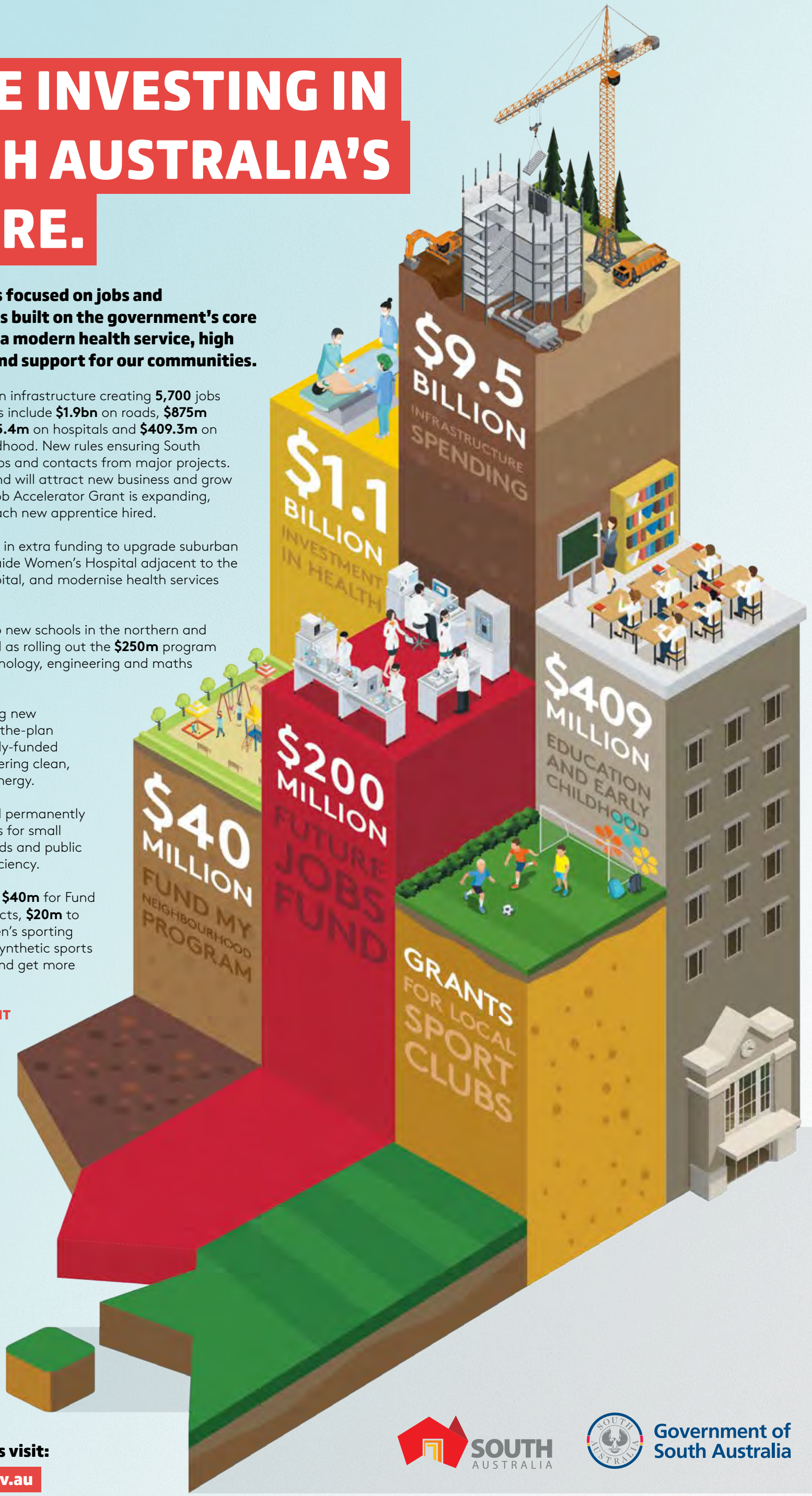
EDUCATION Building two new schools in the northern and southern suburbs, as well as rolling out the **$250m** program to upgrade science, technology, engineering and maths facilities.

HOUSEHOLDS Introducing new incentives for buying off-the-plan apartments, with the fully-funded **$550m** Energy Plan delivering clean, reliable and affordable energy.

BUSINESS Extending and permanently locking in payroll tax cuts for small business, with better roads and public transport to improve efficiency.

COMMUNITIES Providing **$40m** for Fund My Neighbourhood projects, **$20m** to build and upgrade women's sporting facilities, and **$20m** for synthetic sports pitches to increase use and get more young people active.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Our State continues to pay its way – funding operations, capital investment and delivering surpluses throughout forward estimates.



To find out the facts visit:

statebudget.sa.gov.au

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WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN COMMUNITY SAFETY



Tony Piccolo MP with Minister Peter Malinauskas and representatives from the Country Fire Service, the Metropolitan Fire Service and the State Emergency Service.

Emergency Services in the local region recently joined forces with the Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo, to host a Community Safety Day to help people prepare for natural disasters and other major disruptive events.

Mr Piccolo said the focus of the Community Safety Day was to provide information to local people about how they can reduce the risk of any harm to themselves and their families by making sure they are prepared for an emergency.

Dalkeith CFS joined the Concordia CFS, the Kapunda and Salisbury SES and local MFS to provide information at the Gawler Central Shopping Centre on Saturday 8 April 2017.

"People can take simple measures to make their homes safer from fire and storm events. We all have a role to play in community safety, and being informed is a key element," Mr Piccolo said.

"Fires involving electrical air cooling equipment had caused nearly $1.5 million damage in South Australia this past summer."

Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and Country Fire Service (CFS) firefighters have responded to 12 fires across the state caused by air conditioners, evaporative coolers and fans, leaving $1.429m in property damage since 1 December.

With winter approaching householders should check and consider changing their smoke alarm batteries. For homes that do not have working smoke alarms fitted, the risk of a significant house fire increases.

The CFS say that most people are not aware that when you go to sleep, so does your sense of smell.

"This is why it's so critical to have a working smoke alarm to give you the time you need to escape a house fire.

"Extreme or severe storms can bring heavy rain, strong wind, hail, thunder and lightning."

The State Emergency services (SES) recommend that householders develop an emergency plan in case they need to evacuate.

Mr Piccolo thanked the Gawler Central Shopping Centre for making their premises available for this important community event.

SES IN S.O.S. FOR GAWLER

On the eve of National Volunteer's Week, the State Emergency Service (SES) announced that they are exploring the feasibility of opening a unit in the Gawler area.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said that he has been working with the Salisbury SES Unit to explore the feasibility of opening a 'satellite unit' in Gawler under their auspices.

"A satellite unit would be stationed in Gawler but would be managed through the Salisbury Unit," Mr Piccolo said.

"Having a local presence would be very important in attracting new volunteers to the service."

"The existing units [Salisbury and Kapunda SES] do a great job in helping protect local people, but more volunteers are needed and a permanent presence in Gawler would help."

The feasibility of opening in Gawler would, to some extent, be determined by the level of interest shown by the local community to volunteer.

"The SES is a great organisation to volunteer for and there are a range of activities volunteers could be involved in."

"No experience in emergency or rescue services is required to join the SES as a volunteer as they provide a very comprehensive training program."

"Volunteering for the SES is a great way of becoming involved in the community, and also helps you keep fit."

Research has shown that people who volunteer in their communities experience better health and quality of life. Volunteering provides opportunities to be connected to other people in their community.

"Lifelong friendships are often built through volunteering."

"This is an S.O.S. (Strengthen Our Service) call for volunteers in the Gawler area," he said.



Tony Piccolo MP with members of the Salisbury State Emergency Service Unit and potential 'Gawler Unit' recruit Jack Donaldson.

People interested in volunteering can leave their details at Tony Piccolo's Office via phone on 85 222 2878 or email at light@parliament.sa.gov.au or contact the Unit Manager of the Salisbury SES, Mr John Lawrence on 0428 400 051.

RAISING FUNDS FOR A NEW SPEED TRAILER

The Gawler Road Safety Group have raised almost $9,000 over the past 12 months to purchase a new speed trailer.



(L-R) Deb Wyatt, Terry Somerville, Rhys Davies, Betty and Howard Locking and Simon Carpenter of the Gawler Road Safety Group.

"Sadly the current speed trailer is almost past repairing" said long time member, Howard Locking.

The Group has been promoting and educating the Gawler community since they began in 2002. Their aim is to minimise the risk of death or serious injury on our roads and reducing speed can result in a significant reduction in road trauma.

The variable speed trailer, which can be seen on local roads most weeks is designed to highlight the speed of approaching vehicles and evidence suggests that the vehicles do tend to slow down when drivers notice the trailer.

"A new trailer would be a fantastic asset for the Group because we could provide vital information to the Council and SAPOL about road safety" said Mr Locking.

"However, we need to raise approximately $22,000" he said.

A number of local businesses have made donations, the group have organised raffles and fundraising activities and received a grant of $975 from the Gawler Council.

Recently, the Group were very grateful to receive a bequeath on behalf of the late Robert Macalister who passed away and requested donations be made in his memory.

"We are extremely grateful to Mr Macalister's family and really appreciate their generosity" said Mrs Betty Locking.

Local Member for Light ,Tony Piccolo is a strong advocate of the Road Safety Group who meet at his Light Electorate office on a monthly basis.

"The Group have been very active in the community, in raising awareness of road safety" said Mr Piccolo.

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility and any assistance or donations not only benefit the Group but the community of Gawler" he said.

For more information about the Group's activities or how to make a donation, please call Betty Locking on 0479 406 329.

X-RAY DONATIONS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS



Tony Piccolo MP with members of the local Red Cross group.

Over the past two months the Light Electorate Office has had x-rays pouring in after putting the call out for old x-rays on behalf of the local Red Cross group.

Local Red Cross members Patricia Ahrens and Pat Suridge came up with the idea of finding a central location for x-rays to be dropped off in town and approached Mr Piccolo. Mr Piccolo met with the hard-working committee recently and agreed to be a 'drop off' point for their fundraising activities.

The x-rays are to be recycled for their halides, which can be extracted and convered into pure silver. Not only does this reduce the level of x-ray film going to landfill sites, the revenue earned by Red Cross for the silver value of the x-ray film is injected back into the community.

"I think it is a fantastic idea. It is good to finally get rid of them all while contributing to a great cause!" one donator said.

Mr Piccolo said the local Red Cross group are not large in numbers but they are very active and passionate about the work they do to raise funds for the Group's activities.

Mr Piccolo said he sees his office as an important 'community place' and he and his staff are always happy to help local community groups and organisations in their fundraising efforts.

ESSENTIALS FOR WOMEN

For the second year in a row, Member for Light, Tony Piccolo has offered his Light Electorate office as a drop off point for donations to Essentials 4 Women SA.

March is acknowledged by women's groups as an appropriate time to recognise women's health, and the Essentials 4 Women program has become an ideal promotional partner to follow on from International Women's Day celebrations on 8 March.

Essentials 4 Women SA was founded in April 2015 by Amy Rust and Kelly Peacock after they were made aware of a similar program being run interstate.

They felt compelled to get involved and help women in South Australia who are doing it tough.

Part of their Mission Statement reads "For disadvantaged women, Essentials 4 Women SA aim to provide the basic, but costly, items for feminine hygiene including sanitary products and underwear."

"Our passion for helping women promises to help empower and enhance the wellbeing and dignity for some of the most vulnerable people in our community" said Ms Rust.

The Light Electorate Office has been receiving donations for the past two years.

"We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people in Gawler who regularly drop off items to help women in a difficult situation" said Mr Piccolo.

If you are interested in making a donation you are welcome to drop off items at the Light Electorate Office during office hours, or visit their website at https://e4wsa.org.au/



Co-founder of Essentials 4 Women SA Amy Rust with Tony Piccolo MP.

SOCKS JOCKS AND MORE APPEAL



Tony Piccolo MP with Rev Peter Carter and UCare's Raelene and Geoff Benier.

The "Socks, Jocks & More" program has already been an outstanding success due to the generosity of local people from across the region.

On July 29 a big box full of men's dignity items was delivered to Gawler UCare who act as the distribution point for the program.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo launched the 'Socks, Jocks and More' program during Men's Health Week at an event hosted by the Northern Men's Wellbeing Network at the Playford Uniting Church in Munno Para.

The project is designed to provide local homeless men and boys with basic 'dignity items'.

Mr Piccolo stated that he developed the idea from the successful 'Essentials for Women' project, which his Electorate office supports.

"The Essentials for Women project has enabled the community to support women who are homeless or are unable to purchase basic items due to their circumstances," Mr Piccolo said.

"Every human being, irrespective of who they are, should have access to basic items to assist with personal health and wellbeing."

"It is sad that we have men and boys in our communities who, for whatever reason, end up homeless and often unable to access basic items like clean socks and jocks, toothpaste, soap and the like."

"Since the Socks, Jocks and More program was launched, my office has been inundated with donations from generous locals."

"I was pleased to deliver the first box goods to UCare on Thursday, 29 June, less than two weeks after the launch of the program."

"UCARE Gawler have kindly agreed to be a distribution point for the items."

"Churches and other community organisations have also become collection and distribution points as the project develops," he said.

Donations for both the 'Socks, Jocks and More' and 'Essentials for Women' programs are accepted at Mr Piccolo's Electorate Office all year round.

FREEMASONS FOUNDATION CENTRE FOR MENS HEALTH WELCOMES GOVERNOR



Professor Gary Wittert speaking at the event.

The Freemasons Foundation Centre for Men's Health (FFCMH) was visited by His Excellency , the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC on Monday 24 April.

His Excellency became Patron in Chief of the Centre in early 2016.

The visit was an opportunity for the Governor of South Australia to speak with students and researchers about their research into a range of men's health issues including depression, prostate cancer, chronic disease, health services and vulnerable populations.

Professor Gary Wittert, Director of the Centre, officially welcomed His Excellency, and used his speech to announce three new members to the Board of Patrons: Mr Andrew Lathlean JP, Chairman of the Freemasons Foundation, recently retired from strategic marketing, advertising and media, Dr Neil Jensen, General Practitioner and past Assistant Grand Master of Freemasons SA/NT, and the Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO, Anglican priest and former Premier of South Australia.

Prof Wittert highlighted that the programs of the Centre address some of the biggest health issues facing men which include Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, depression, prostate cancer, and other lower urinary tract, sexual, and reproductive disorders.

Prof Wittert noted that these are conditions that are pivotal to address, to ensure healthy and productive ageing and to mitigate the direct and indirect costs of an elderly, frail and dependent population. He reiterated that a sex-specific approach is crucial to achieve this. Also our programs focus on the most disadvantaged men, which are those living in rural and remote areas and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

He went on to say that the researchers in the centre continue to make significant contributions at a time when it has never been more difficult to obtain research funding and where ensuring the ongoing integrity and productivity of the Centre is of paramount concern.

He stated "Nevertheless, as we enter the second decade of operation we will face, with the encouragement and support of our Patrons, and hopefully the ongoing support of the Foundation and the University, the challenge of broadening our activities to young men's health, fathering, and closer engagement with industry to promote healthier work forces."

Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo also attended the Governor's visit.

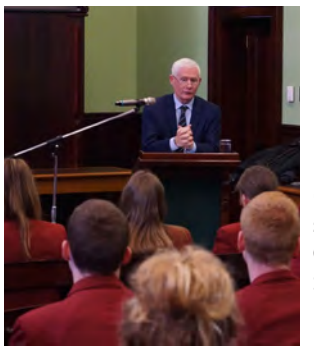
"Men's health is an issue I am passionate about. It is wonderful to see the Freemason's Foundation giving this issue the attention it deserves." he said.

"I was highly impressed by the range of topics and the knowledge of the researchers who I spoke to" he added.

LETS CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY



Tony Piccolo MP and Xavier College students listening to Mr John Weste, Director of the South Australian Parliament Research Library.



(Left) Attorney-General John Rau addressing the students.



(Right) Xavier College students listening to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, His Honour Chris Kourakis.

More can and should be done to promote and celebrate our Constitution Day, according to local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said Constitution Day was effectively the day the Australian colonies were presented with Australia's "birth certificate".

"On 9 July 1900, Queen Victoria signed into law the Commonwealth of Australia Act (UK) and the Federation of Australia was created," Mr Piccolo said.

"This act of the UK parliament gave effect to the Australian Constitution on 1 January 1901, uniting the Australian colonies.

"It is unfortunate that most Australians are not aware of the significance of the day nor the process or the journey the Australian colonies undertook to federate our continent into one nation.

"Previously each colony had its own defence force, customs control and different rail gauges.

"Federation brought us together, laying the foundation for modern Australia," he said.

In an endeavour to increase the awareness of Constitution Day, Mr. Piccolo held a special seminar at Parliament House for a group of year 11 legal studies students from Xavier College.

The students celebrated the day with a tour of the South Australian Parliament and talks from Associate Professor Hayden Manning, the Chief Justice of the South Australian Supreme Court, His Honour Chris Kourakis, and the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, the Hon John Rau MP.

Mr Piccolo said that the three speakers provided the students with the opportunity to hear about the three arms of government, from people who actively participate in the different areas.

"The conversations I had with a few of the students over lunch really showed a deep desire for a greater understanding of our democratic system of government," Mr Piccolo said.

"I see Constitution Day being a unifier of the Australian people, not just for those who were here at the turn of the century, but for all Australians, whether they came here 40,000 years ago, or more recently, and regardless of their country or origin," he said.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

Meetings are held fortnightly on Thursdays at the Elderly Centre, Fourteenth St, Gawler.

Doors open at 12:30pm for a 1:30pm start.

Cost of admission is $2.00 which goes towards the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits.

Membership is $12.50 per annum

For further information, contact Barbara Charnstrom (President) on 0418828070.

The Gawler Branch of the South Australian Pensioners Association invites you to join them.

At their fortnightly meetings, a short meeting is held and then you can enjoy entertainment from the Club's Sing-along group, the Merrymakers. Raffle tickets are available at the door on entry for 10c per ticket. Most people usually buy $1 or $2 worth. The raffle table is made up of donations, usually grocery items or similar from members who care to donate to it.

On alternate weeks the club has social days starting at 1pm where you can play card games and if there are enough people attending, indoor bowls are played too. The club also has lunches and bingo days and a trading table is held on the last meeting of every month.

HISTORIC WALK HONOURS THE LIFE AND TIMES OF EH COOMBE

A chance meeting between Gawler Mayor, Karen Redman and Mrs Patricia Booth at a History Month event at St Peters two years ago has led to a major historical project that honours the life and times of the first Labor Member of Parliament for the Gawler area.

On 6 April, the EH (Ephraim Henry) Coombe historic walk was launched by Mayor Redman in the presence of the descendants of Mr Coombe, including Mrs Booth and Ms Helen Hennessey who has co-ordinated the project.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said EH Coombe was a Labor Member of Parliament from 1915-18.

"EH Coombe was highly respected by the community for the enormous contribution he made, not only as a Member of Parliament, but also as editor of the local Bunyip newspaper for about 24 years," Mr Piccolo said.

"EH used his influence in the community to champion many social causes in an endeavour to create a fairer and more just society."

Mr Coombe initially entered parliament as a member for the Liberal Union, but when it merged with the more conservative parties, he fell out of favour, and joined the then fledgling, United Labor Party.

The United Labour Party was the forerunner to the modern Australian Labor Party and opened a sub-branch in Gawler on 13 November 1908.

His social causes included temperance, votes for women, and during WW1, the defence of people with a German heritage.

"Controversially, he opposed conscription and the closure of Lutheran schools," said Mr Piccolo.

"EH was certainly a man who believed in a just and fair go for all," he said.

The historic walk around Gawler and Willaston is about 4 kms in length and takes approximately 1.5 hours to cover.

The walk includes places where EH Coombe had a direct or indirect association, including local churches, schools and places where he worked or did business.



Tony Piccolo MP with Mayor Karen Redman, Helen Hennessey and descendents of Mr Coombe.

Mr Piccolo said EH Coombe's contribution to the wellbeing of the Gawler and Barossa community is not well known and this walk will hopefully change that.

There is a publication planned to be launched in August 2017. A compilation of the research documents from this project to be lodged with the Gawler Heritage Collection.

REMEMBERING THE SOUTH PARA RESERVOIR



Tony Piccolo MP with Martin Johnson.

The South Para Reservoir Anniversary Committee have been preparing for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the site's opening on 17 October next year.

For members of the commitee, the reservoir has a special place in their hearts with many of them living at the workers camps during the reservoir's construction. Founder of the committee and local historian, Martin Johnson, was born in Gawler in 1950 and spent the first twelve years of his life at the camp.

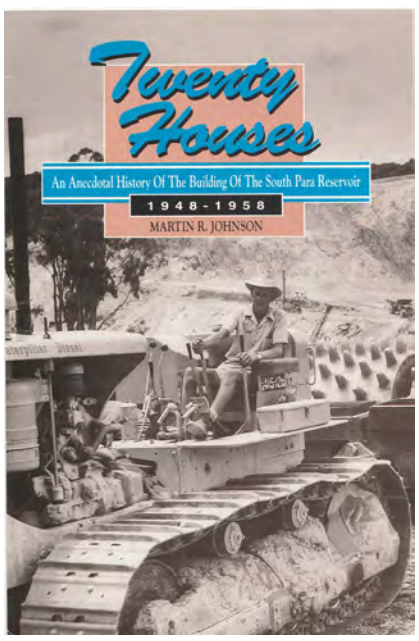
"I loved it out there. The people and the kids. The smell of the trees and the sound of the birds.

"The camp was a great place to learn about different cultures too." he said.

Many of the 200 workmen accomodated at the working camp were immigrants who had left Europe at the end of the Second World War.

The resevoir was opened in 1958 by, then Premier of South Australia, Sir Thomas Playford.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary, Mr Johnson will have his book 'Twenty Houses', containing stories from the workers who lived at the camps during the construction of the South Para reservoir, reprinted.



Front cover of Martin Johnson's book 'Twenty houses'.

"The book also reveals an important part of SA's social and cultural development, in this instance, dating from 1948-58 when both our young local men and migrant labourers were able to find secure employment and establish a better life to raise their families." he said.

The committee also recently met with Matthew Green, Stakeholder Relationship Lead Consultant at SA Water.

"We are delighted to have had an opportunity to meet Martin and the Reservoir Committee at an early stage to discuss South Para Reservoir's 60th anniversary milestone." he said.

"It's clear the Reservoir Committee is an enthusiastic group of volunteers, dedicated to marking this anniversary in a fitting way.

"We will continue the conversation with the Committee as we explore options to mark the occasion." he said.

THE GAWLER NATIONAL TRUST MUSEUM



The Gawler Branch of the National Trust was founded as a branch of the state body in February 1966 by a group of histroy enthusiasts who first met in the old Institute Building and later, in the old telegraph office and School of Mines at 59 Murray Street next door to the old post office and clocktower.

The museum grew around an eclectic collection from generously donated or loaned items of historical significance - some of it quite unique to the history of Gawler. The early volunteers had a mammoth job as the building was in poor repair and hard to keep clean.

In 2001 there was a fresh intake of new members who brought much needed energy and ideas to the museum. This group of both old and new members rejuvenated the collection and attracted several important grants to refurbish the museum and install some very important exhibitions that are unique to the history of this area.

These include:

- A magnificent entrance hall mural painted by well-known artist, George Aldrige. The mural depicts the meeting of the two rivers showing a Kaurna encampment and recognising traditional indigineous ownership and continuing importance of our region to the First People.

- An exhibition of the post-WWII migrant camp at Willaston, now home to the football club. This was extensively researched by Jeff Turner who did numerous oral and written histories with local people who lived there. His research has now been made into a book and is available from the museum.

A comprehensive exhibition about the Timer Clothing Factory, once on the corner of Murray Street and Adelaide Road where the Steinborner Car Sales now is. This factory flourished from the 1940's - 70's and employed hundreds of local people during that time. Its clothing sold all over Australia.

- A detailed exhibition about the many Foundries that existed in Gawler in the late 19th and early 20th centuries where locomotives, cast iron lace, mining equipment and agricultural machinery were produced.

- A mockup of a 19th century kitchen and laundry as well as an old shop with goods, scales and measurments going back to the pre-metric days.

-An exhibition showcasing 19th century past-times, furniture, musical instruments, and clothing of a past era.

One of the museum's important new initiatives has been an outreach to local schools and this has proved very successful with the children enjoying many 'hands-on' interactive activities. As well as learning a great deal about what it was like to live in the Gawler of the past.

The branch also runs successful bus tours of Gawler and surrounding areas that look at the various aspects of local history. We are currently developing further outreach programs from the museum to involve a wider audience.

Come in and see us. We are open Tuesdays to Fridays from 1-4pm. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, contact us at gawlernationaltrustmuseum@gmail.com.

POETIC JUSTICE FOR A BOOK OF VERSE

A book of poetry written by Year 7 students at the former Evanston Primary School (EPS) some 45 years ago has been donated to the Junior School at the Gawler & Districts B-12 College.

The Book of Verse was unearthed by local resident and parent Mrs Margaret Edwards. Mrs Edwards felt that the book should be kept for the benefit of future generations at the successor of Evanston Primary School, namely the Junior School at Gawler and District B-12 College.

On Friday, the book of verse was presented to student representatives from the Junior School at Gawler and District College, by Mr Piccolo on behalf of the Edwards family.

"The book of verse has travelled a full circle and has now gone back home," Mr Piccolo said. "Poetic justice for a book of verse," he quipped.

Mrs Edwards' children attended Evanston Primary School and she was pleasantly surprised when she saw the book of poetry at a second hand market.

Mrs Edwards brought the existence of the book of poems to the attention of local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo who's poem about Captain Cook appears in it. Mr Piccolo said he was surprised to see the book had survived all these years and was still in reasonable condition.

The book of poems titled A Book of Verse was prepared during the 1971 book week and won the "best class" award in that year.

The book contains 19 poems and accompanying



Mrs Edwards and Tony Piccolo MP

illustrations covering such diverse topics as spiders, cow girls, witches, pirates, and the Australian bush.

Mr Piccolo said the poems reflect the common experience of children with some reflecting the issues of the day of another era.

"The poems are about 45 years old and talk about issues and values of the late '60's,' Mr Piccolo said. "My own poem about Captain Cook is no accident since 1970 was the Bicentenary of Captain Cook's visit to Australia and I had



Student Representatives from Gawler and District B-12 College accepting the Book of Verse from Tony Piccolo MP.

developed a great interest in his travels around the world."

Mr Piccolo said the book is such a great artefact of the former Evanston Primary School that he has had the book professionally scanned and uploaded on to his website to make it available to the families of other students whose poems appear in the book.

"The book will be of great interest to the students and their families and might spark some great memories," said Mr Piccolo.

Poems by Lesley's Boutique owner Lesley Hatcher, Kangaroo Flat farmer Brenton Folland and Willaston resident Paul Modra also appear in the book.

Mr Piccolo said the poems can be accessed online at his website at http://www.tonypiccolo.org/publications-1

LIGHT THROUGH YOUNG EYES



Tony Piccolo MP with local young artist Ruby Hurst of Faith Lutheran College and her portrait of Governor Gawler.

The SALA Festival is a state-wide festival of Visual Art. It was established in 1998 to promote and celebrate the many talented visual artists in South Australia. Artists exhibit across the state in galleries, open art studios, and non-conventional art spaces like cafes, restaurants, wineries, shops, offices, public spaces.

Local Member of Parliament, Tony Piccolo's electorate office will once again become a South Australian Living Artists (SALA) venue for the August 2017 festival with young people taking pride of place.

Last year, Mr Piccolo exhibited works based on the theme of "Political Portraits".

Mr Piccolo said his second SALA exhibition has the title of "Light through Young Eyes".

"The SALA initiative has come about as a result of my interest in the history of the area and I am keen to see how the community views the area and its people, through the medium of art," Mr Piccolo said.

"This year young people have been invited to submit works of art, in any medium, of how they see any aspect of our community."

"It can be its historical, natural or built environment, or the people who make the community what it is.

It will be interesting to see how young people, through both their innocence and experience, see the local community."

In addition to hosting their own SALA exhibition, students from Xavier College have submitted several works to be displayed in Mr Piccolo's exhibition.

Mr Piccolo said two prizes will be awarded at the end of the exhibition, one based on a judging panel and the other a people's choice prize.

The exhibition will run from 1-31 August and can be viewed 9am-5 pm, Monday to Friday.



Tony Piccolo MP with young artists from Xavier College.



NEW PONY JUMP MAKES A BIG SPLASH

The new water jump at the Gawler River Pony Club (GRPC) grounds in Hillier has made a big splash on its first day.

Local Member Mr Tony Piccolo and GRPC Treasurer Jackie Zekov jointly officially opened the jump, in front of club members, families and friends.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, members were quick to try out the new facility, with a few of the horses requiring a little coaxing through the water and over the obstacles.

Water jumps are a key element of any cross country event and visually quite spectacular.

The new water jump consists of two shallow ponds each nearly 8m by 8m, each with various graded difficulties to enter and exit the water.

Volunteers at the club constructed the jump, with timber provided by R and M Timber Supplies.

Mr Piccolo said the new jump certainly made a big splash on the day.

Club president Joanne Lewis said the members love the water jump and it is great fun to watch.

"Not all the horses are willing to enter the water. It can take quite a bit of patience and skill just to get your horse in," Ms Lewis said.

The Club, which celebrates its 60th birthday in 2018, has had many homes over the years.

Mr Piccolo said he had been advised the club has about 45 members now, ranging from 7 to 60 plus years and catering for beginners to experienced riders.

"The club is always looking for new members," said Mr Piccolo.

"In addition to teaching horsemanship, they also promote good sportsmanship and animal welfare."

"The club has a great family feel about it, and the grounds are a testament to the hard work of the volunteer members," he said.

Enquiries, including new membership, can be directed to Angela Nemeth, club secretary via gawler.river@gmail.com or phone 0428 618 257.



Tony Piccolo MP officially opening the jump with GRPC Treasurer Jackie Zekov.



GRPC Member testing the new jump.

GAWLER SWIMMER'S PERSONAL BEST

The Gawler Amateur Swimming club held their AGM and presentation day in April, recognising the successes achieved over the past 12 months.

Club Champions Kacy Welch, Michael McFarlane and Thomas Garcia-Preedy topped off a great season of swimming achievements by the Club, with over 90% of club members achieving personal best times at the Country Championships held in January.

Head coach Gavin Wall, supported by Alex Smethhurst have brought a wealth of experience to the club which has resulted in swimmers being more focussed and serious about their racing.

"I have been most impressed with how the swimmers took responsibility for their swimming" said Mr Wall.

"To me that's more impressive than any swimming results and shows immense promise for the future" he said

Club President Stephen Cook, talked about the good representation at carnivals and excellent times achieved.

He also acknowledged the hard work done by Win Nicolai and other parents and supporters who have worked tirelessly to fundraiser over the season.

"Clubs like the Gawler Amateur Swim Club rely very much on the support of parents and friends to be a success," said Mr Piccolo.

"Since it was established in 1962, the club and its swimmers and supporters have been recognised for their hard work and dedication and it is a privilege to be asked to continue as their Vice Patron" he said.



Members of the Gawler Amateur Swimming Club team.



Kasey Welch and Joshua Grace- winners of Country Champions award.

TARA TRIUMPHS ON THE TRACKS





Tara Fitzpatrick holding her Northern Nitro Series Title.

Tara was born in September 2007 and has lived in Roseworthy all her life. She found a love of BMX after watching her big brother Ayden begin racing in early 2014, begging for her own race bike and kit after just a couple of weeks.

A broken wrist kept her off the track until late April of that year but after that there was no looking back. She raced 2014 as a 7yo Sprocket, the final non-competetive age year, before challenge age racing.

2015 saw her get faster and faster, achieving at both club and state levels.

2016 was a year of firsts, travelling interstate for her first Nationals competition. While she broke her wrist on the main race day, Tara gained a lot of experience and knowledge from being a part of the Nationals. She bought home a Victorian state plate, after travelling over in November 2016.

The 2017 Nationals competition in Brisbane, yielded rewards from three race classes for Tara – Australia plates in 20" retro and 24" cruiser class and a 9th position (Plates for 1st-8th place) in Australia for her 20" 10yo girls race class.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo said, "It is inspiring to see young people like Tara achieving great things and representing their community through their chosen sport."

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK - WHAT A PICTURE!

During National Volunteers Week, Tony Piccolo's Light Electorate Office hosted a window display of photographs sent in from the local community of volunteers at work to celebrate and honour their work.

Mr Piccolo said a great deal of community activity, is powered by volunteers.

"Volunteers are present at schools, sporting clubs, churches, tourism offices, kindies, libraries, museums, in emergency services etc.," Mr Piccolo said.

"To appreciate the important work volunteers undertake, imagine your community without volunteers for just one week; there would be no local weekend sport, church services, cultural activities, after school events and many more."

The Volunteering in South Australia in 2016 survey report undertaken by Harrison Research and involving more than 1,500 respondents aged 15 years or over, found that volunteer participation in South Australia continues to remain high with more than 68% of the population involved in some form of volunteering.

Mr Piccolo said the 2016 report results show that more than 920,000 South Australians donated their time and energy to contribute to the community.

"Approximately 42% of respondents volunteered formally with a local community organisation or group, while 49% volunteered on an informal basis, for example helping a neighbour with their grocery shopping," Mr Piccolo said.

"These efforts contribute to a mammoth estimated 1.76 million volunteer hours per week."

"In 2016, sport and physical recreation groups (29%, up from 24% in 2014) surpassed welfare and community groups (25%, down from 27%), as the dominant type of organisation at which people volunteer," he said.

The report also states that the two most common reasons for volunteering have remained the same in 2016; these are to 'help others or help the community' (32% in 2016, down from 40% in 2014), 'giving something back' (15% decreasing slightly after an increase to 19% in 2014).



Volunteers of the Gawler & Barossa Jockey club including Clubs 2016 Volunteer of the Year Doreen Mills (far left) and Racing SA Board Member Judith Jones (far right).



Members of the Gawler Community Gallery Committee.



Paul and Margaret with Royal Society for the Blind guide dogs in training, Cyndi and Nickel.



Volunteers and staff cooking up a storm to raise funds for the Munno Para Kindergarten.



The Barossa and Districts Justices Group.



Local volunteering veterans Joanne Hughes and Judy Ferguson at the Women's Health Centre on Volunteers Day last year.

READING BUG IS SPREADING TO GAWLER

The Gawler Zonta Club is keen for local children to catch the 'reading bug' this winter. The club garnered the support of a number of local schools and Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo in their endeavour to 'spread the reading bug" throughout Gawler and surrounding districts.

The club collected preloved books suitable for children up to 12 years which were then re-distributed to children in the local area through their Giant Book Swap held on Friday and Saturday 30th and 1st July between 10 am and 4 pm.

Zonta co-ordinator for the project, Ms Wendy Randell, said children were invited to come along to the Giant Book Swap and choose a book to take home and keep.

"The club is trying to ensure that all children have books at home to read. Children perform better at school when they have books at home and parents are able to reinforce the importance of learning skills like literacy" Ms Randall said.

Mr Piccolo's electorate office at 148 Murray Street, the Gawler Community House and a number of schools in the area were collection points for the preloved books.



Tony Piccolo MP with Zonta project co-ordinator Wendy Randall, and Carrolyne Carr

"By recycling these books more children will be able to experience the joy of reading, and the books will have an opportunity to turn over a new leaf, rather than collect dust on some shelf," Mr Piccolo said.

GAWLER COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS ART AND HEALTH EXHIBITION

The Gawler Community Volunteers Art & Health Exhibition had its opening night on May 8 in the main foyer of the Gawler Health Service. During the exhibition, open from May 8 to May 13, volunteer groups were given the opportunity to share with the community who they are and what they do through creating art.

The opening was followed by an auction of the exhibited works and a presentation of 'People's Choice' awards for attendee's favourite pieces. All proceeds from the exhibition were donated to the Gawler Health foundation.

Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo attended the event and

awarded the second People's Choice prize which he sponsored. However, due to the overwhelming popularity of the pieces, the second place prize ended up a dead heat between

"This occasion was great opportunity for Gawler's community groups to express themselves and share what they do with everyone else." Mr Piccolo said.

"It is wonderful to see how our community groups can come together for a common purpose like raising funds for the Gawler Health Service." he added.

"That is what community is all about."





RELAY FOR LIFE

Princes Park was full of energetic and enthusiastic participants on Saturday April 8 with the 2017 Gawler Relay for Life kicking off.

Relay for Life is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises vital funds for the Cancer Council's research, prevention, information and support services.

The teams arrived Saturday lunchtime to set up their tents and decorate them in their chosen theme. At 2pm the opening ceremony began where survivors and carers walked the first lap of honour to celebrate all those that have won their battle with cancer or are still fighting and to recognise those that have been in support all the way.

From the first lap onwards, each team was required to have at least one person walking around the oval with their team baton at all times.

A candelight ceremony was held at 8pm and was a time for participants to pause and reflect on those who have lost their battle to cancer.

Teams continued to walk around the oval the remainder of the night with thoughts of those who have won, lost, or are still fighting their battle with cancer, until the closing ceremony at 9AM the next morning.

At the closing ceremony, each team completed their final lap and then it was announced that over $35,000 had been raised in total for the entire 2017 event.



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INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY



Tony Piccolo MP with staff from Southern Cross Care



Tony Piccolo MP with staff at the Gawler Health Service

The work undertaken by nurses and midwives in our community was recognised recently in State Parliament as part of the celebrations for International Nurses Day.

Speaking to the motion, Local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo said International Nurses Day is about acknowledging and honouring their [nurses] work and acknowledging the impact on their families.

He said it was important that we acknowledge and honour the contribution nurses and midwives make to the wellbeing of our community in many roles.

"Nurses can be found in many roles including hospitals, as district nurses, in aged care, in disability care, and so on," Mr Piccolo said.

"The day is also about acknowledging and honouring the important role they play in providing primary health care."

"The reality is that, not so much in Australia but across the world, many communities would not have health care were it not for nurses," Mr Piccolo told Parliament.

"On a personal level, I am a child of the sixties, born in Italy, my parents were poor and it was a midwife who brought me into this world, so I would like to thank the nursing staff."

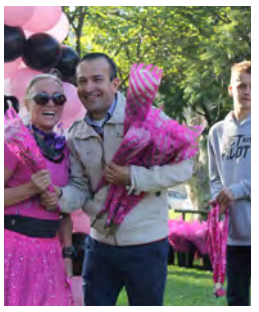
To mark International Nurses Day in the local community, Mr Piccolo visited and spoke with nurses and midwives at the Gawler Health Service and the Southern Cross Care aged care Facility in Gawler.

"On behalf of my community, the electorate of Light, all I would simply say is thank you," said Mr Piccolo.

MAKING A MOVE FOR THE MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC



Participants in the Mother's Day Classic waiting at the start line



Tony Piccolo MP handing out flowers at the finish line



Event Organiser Renee Platt

The Women in Super 2017 Mother's Day Classic fun run and walk that raises funds and awareness for breast cancer research, was held in Clonlea Park, Willaston this year and what a memorable event it was.

With over 1000 people showing up, many dressed in bright pink, to run or walk the four kilometre track the event was one of the largest regional Mother's Day Classic events in Australia.

Gawler event organiser and Gawler East resident Renee Platt said that she got involved in organising the event when she went to register last year.

"As a personal fitness trainer when I learnt that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer I just wanted to make a contribution to improve women's health," Ms Platt said.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo put his personal support behind the event as he handed out flowers, kindly donated by Tony Amorico from Tony's Flowers, to all the women and girls who participated in the event as they reached the finish line.

Also supporting the Mother's Day Classic event was the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) in conjunction with the United Fire Fighters Union of South Australia (UFU).

Last year 900 local people participated, raising a staggering $15,000 for breast cancer research. However this year, they have beat their record on pre-event registrations alone, with more than $18,000 raised for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

"The support from the community was amazing, and there was a real energy about the day," Mrs Platt said.

Attendees also observed a minute silence during the event for those affected by breast cancer.

The grand total raised for 2017 is due to be announced in October, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

XAVIER COLLEGE HOSTS WELLBEING EXPO



Tony Piccolo MP with members of the Xavier Action Group.



Tony Piccolo MP visiting the ReachOut stall.

Xavier College hosted their inaugural Wellbeing Expo in April as part of an initiative to foster relationship building at the College and to ensure students are ably equipped with the tools to ensure their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing is well balanced.

Students were given the opportunity to complete a short survey to give them an indication of whether their life balance is in a healthy space. Students then visited the Expo to chat to guests from organisations such as Headspace, Reach Out, XAG - Xavier Action Group, Canteen, Don Bosco Youth Group, CFS, Step into Life, and Nunkuwarrin Yunti about ways in which they may be able to maintain a healthy balance.

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Piccolo, visited the Expo and met with the student-run Xavier Action Group.

"It is fantastic to see young people stepping up and taking leadership on such an important issue." he said.

SCHOOLS IN

Member for Light, Mr Tony Piccolo, has been out and about visiting schools in the Light electorate.

On May 30 he delivered a speech to Parliament about his visits to the schools and meetings with the school leaderships and students.

Mr Piccolo said he was interested to hear about the plans and ambitions of the students at those schools.

"It was obvious to me from visiting these schools that they all take a very holistic approach to their students' wellbeing."

"I would like to congratulate the school leadership teams and the governing councils in my electorate on doing such a wonderful job preparing our young people for the future not only academically but also as citizens of our communities" he said.



Xavier College



Mark Oliphant College



Gawler & Districts B-12 College



Playford College



Trinity College



St Patrick's Technical College



Adelaide North Special School



Hewett Primary School

"ENLIGHTENED" YOUNG POLLIES PREPARE FOR PARLIAMENT



Tony Piccolo MP with the 'Enlightened' Youth Parliament team. (Back) Brianna Hartwell, Sebastian Trudgen, Crystal Christie-Golding, Finnian Whisson. (Front) Arek Mel, Tyson Thomson, Atiu Madut, Ryen Archer, Elijah Smith.

Young "pollies" from the Light Electorate are set to descend on Parliament House as part of the YMCA 2017 Youth Parliament.

The nine students from secondary schools across the local electorate are part of the "Enlightened" team, sponsored by local Member of Parliament Mr Tony Piccolo, participating schools and local councils.

Mr Piccolo said he was a firm believer in the philosophy that it takes a community to educate a child so he wrote to the mayors of Gawler, Light Regional and the City of Playford asking if they would be prepared to co-sponsor a "combined" Light electorate team to participate in the Youth parliament.

"I am pleased that the mayors have all agreed to chip in to support these young people," Mr Piccolo said.

Light Regional Council's Mayor O'Brien said he believes this opportunity for young people within our communities to learn about and take part in Youth Parliament is an excellent initiative and provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about all forms of government.

Mayor O'Brien commended Mr Piccolo for providing this opportunity and personally supporting this initiative and he looks forward to following their progress with considerable interest.

Secondary schools in the electorate or those who have a substantial number of students living in Light were invited to nominate students. Six local schools nominated students and agreed to financially support the project.

"The YMCA SA Youth Parliament is a nonpartisan program that seeks to empower young people to be advocates for their community," Mr. Piccolo said.

"The program is focused on personal development, youth leadership and connecting parliamentarians and decision makers with youth voices and opinions. Every year, young leaders come together to learn about public speaking, parliamentary procedure, bill development and advocacy."

The team spent the weekend of the 6th/7th May training for the Youth Parliament week to be held from the 9th to 14th July. During this week, the Youth Parliamentarians will debate and vote on the Bills each team has developed in the chambers of the South Australian Parliament.

Youth Parliament decisions are referred to the State Government for their consideration.

"I look forward to working with the "Enlightened" team and supporting them through the process," he said.

More information about the Youth Parliament can be obtained online at : http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/youth-parliament/

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr Howard and Mrs Marge Ellbourn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 18.



Mr Bob and Mrs Val Collins celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 22.



Mr Malcolm and Mrs Natalie Lucas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 4.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



The Gawler Art Society celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 28.



On April 24, the Ladies Probus Club of Gawler celebrated it's thirty-third birthday at the Gawler Bowling Club.



Gawler Care and Share celebrated their 40th birthday on May 9.



Gaye Harden, founder of Gawler and Surrounds Women's Health Action Group (GASHWAG) has decided to step down. The new group, Just4Me, led by Lyn Venning has established a time capsule to capture the achievements by GASHWAG and its members to local women's health.



Sing Australia Gawler celebrated their 13th birthday on May 8. Find out more by contacting Jan Abel on 0417896483 or singausgawler@gmail.com

Are you or a family member approaching a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary?

Is your community group celebrating a milestone?

We want to hear about it!

For more information contact Tony Piccolo's Light Electorate Office on 8522 2878 or email light@parliament.sa.gov.au



The Bottlebrush Ladies celebrated their first anniversary on February 20



The Gawler Branch of the South Australian Country Women's Association (SACWA) celebrated their 77th birthday on April 18 with a 'Bollywood' themed party.