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A Western Update

Hoppers Crossing | Laverton North | Mount Cottrell
Tarneit | Truganina | Williams Landing

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Welcome to my first newsletter for 2021.

It goes without saying that 2020 was a difficult year for most of us. With masks, social distancing and COVID-safety becoming part of our everyday lives, Victoria has certainly seen a dramatic change to this time last year. But I am proud of the way our community has adapted to these challenges, and indeed, overcome them.



I'm looking forward to a positive 2021 for Victoria, especially for the Tarneit community. A new school is set to open in Truganina, buses are coming to new and developing estates and works are well underway on several major infrastructure projects in the area - including the fast-tracked removal of Old Geelong Road Level Crossing.

Stay tuned folks – there is so much more to come with the stage set for a strong recovery as the Victorian economy bounces back.

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Over the summer break I took the opportunity to holiday in the Grampians and the Western areas of regional Victoria. Beautiful landscapes, fresh produce and welcoming communities made for a memorable experience and I encourage everyone to consider taking the opportunity visit this region.

For people in the West, our Government's 2020/21 Budget provided for unprecedented investment in health, education and major projects.

Significant investments for Tarneit included new schools, support for community groups and youth projects. The Government also continues ongoing initiatives for kindergarten programs, school infrastructure upgrades and improved access to health services across the western region.

As part of this Government, I am committed to continuing to support communities in the West recover from the health impact and economic upheaval of COVID-19. Please feel free to contact my electorate office should you need any assistance.



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THE EDUCATION STATE

↓ New School Land Acquisitions! ↓

Tarneit Missen House
Primary School

Riverdale East
Primary School

Truganina North
Secondary College

Investment in education continues this year with upgrades to local schools delivering modern facilities and classrooms to accommodate our growing population.



The Grange P-12 College - **\$9.5 million** to upgrade classroom facilities with construction of these works now underway.



Dohertys Creek P-9 College - **\$11.23 million** to complete Stage 2 of the school's masterplan, ensuring that students in years 7-9 will be able to attend the school in 2022.



Hoppers Crossing Secondary College - **\$10.06 million** to upgrade and modernise the school's facilities.

**The Grange
P-12 College**

**Dohertys Creek
P-9 College**

**Hoppers Crossing
Secondary College**



**\$9.5 Million
(2018)**

**\$11.23 Million
(2019)**

**\$10.06 Million
(2020)**

Support For Students

2020 was a difficult year for many students, with extra help now needed by some more than others.

To help students catch up, we're investing \$250 million towards hiring 4,100 tutors.

The majority will be going to schools so students can receive personalised attention and will work on a needs basis.

Register to be a tutor at: www.education.vic.gov.au

**MORE THAN
4,100 TUTORS**

**TO GIVE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION
TO STUDENTS THAT NEED IT**



Garrang Wilam Primary School



Construction Complete - Now Open

VICTORIA'S

BIG

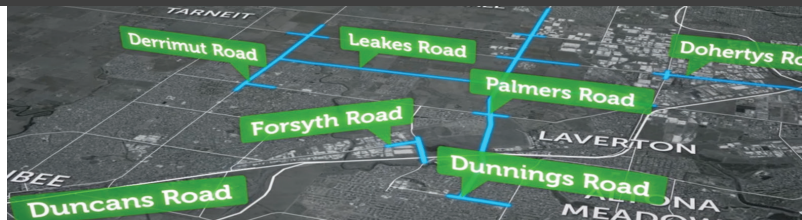
BUILD

WESTERN ROADS UPGRADE

\$1.8 billion of road upgrades will be completed later this year on 8 key roads, including duplications, repairs and resurfacing of 37 roads across the west.

This is great news for our local roads, including:

- ✓ Palmers Road
- ✓ Leakes Road
- ✓ Forsyth Road
- ✓ Derrimut Road
- ✓ Dohertys Road



LXR - OLD GEELONG ROAD (Fast-Tracked)

Wyndham is set to be level crossing free (on the Metro Line) by 2022, as we ramp up works on the fast-tracked removal at Old Geelong Road. A new road bridge will directly connect the Princes Freeway to Old Geelong Road, making it safer for the 18,000 vehicles, commuters and pedestrians that travel through the area daily.



METRO TUNNEL

We're making great progress deep under Melbourne streets to deliver the Metro Tunnel with the project on track to be complete by 2025 - a year ahead of schedule.



This project has created thousands of jobs while building brand new stations to allow for more trains more often and a faster commute.

GEELONG FAST RAIL



New express tracks will be built for Geelong Fast Rail services - freeing up capacity on the Wyndham Vale Line.

BIG HOUSING BUILD - \$5.3 BILLION!

We're building thousands of new homes across Victoria for those in need while also creating tens of thousands of jobs in support of Victoria's economic recovery. This important project includes:

- ✓ 9,300 new social housing dwellings
- ✓ 2,900 new affordable and low-cost homes
- ✓ Wyndham priority LGA



CLIMATE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ We reached our 2020 target of 25% renewable energy generation.
- ✓ We have pledged to reach a target of net-zero climate emissions by 2050.
- ✓ Our investment in green technology will continue to create jobs, reduce emissions, and lower household costs.
- ✓ We're expanding recycling capacity by investing \$8.1 million in infrastructure projects - more than doubling domestic glass recycling and boosting plastics recycling by almost 40%, while creating 70 new jobs.
- ✓ Investing \$250,000 to help protect vulnerable platypus communities and bolster conservation efforts.
- ✓ A further \$50,000 for a long-term action plan to ensure the future of this mammal.



WESTERN UNITED FC TARNEIT A-LEAGUE STADIUM STAGE 1 PLANNING UNDERWAY

Solar rebate

AVAILABLE NOW



Visit www.solar.vic.gov.au

Over 110,000 solar panels have now been installed in homes - including up to 12,000 in the Tarneit Electorate.

Power Saving Bonus
Available from 1 February 2021

\$250

Visit www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au
Available to concession card holders, pensioners, JobSeeker and Youth Allowance recipients.

Werribee Line - Additional Services

From January 31st 2021, an additional 60 new services will run on the Werribee Line each week, including 20 during the morning peak. This means that trains will run every 10 minutes during morning and evening peak times.

This will also allow for the roll-out of bigger trains on our network as we prepare for the Metro Tunnel's completion in 2025.

