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WHAT SORT OF LIVES WILL OUR KIDS HAVE?

WHETHER YOU'RE COMFORTABLE OR UNDER PRESSURE FINANCIALLY, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Casual, labour hire or gig-economy style jobs don't come with much security. Will our kids be relatively powerless, unable to win better pay and conditions?

House prices are going up faster than inflation. Will our kids be able to afford to save enough for a deposit? If they're in casual or contract work, will they be able to get a loan?



MAKING THE FUTURE WORK FOR PEOPLE

As a nation we need to focus on making sure working age people and younger people get the skills and education they'll need for the jobs of the future. I was invited to be a guest on a panel at the Australian Computer Society's national conference, Re:Imagination. The question of how to make the future work for people was central to our discussion.



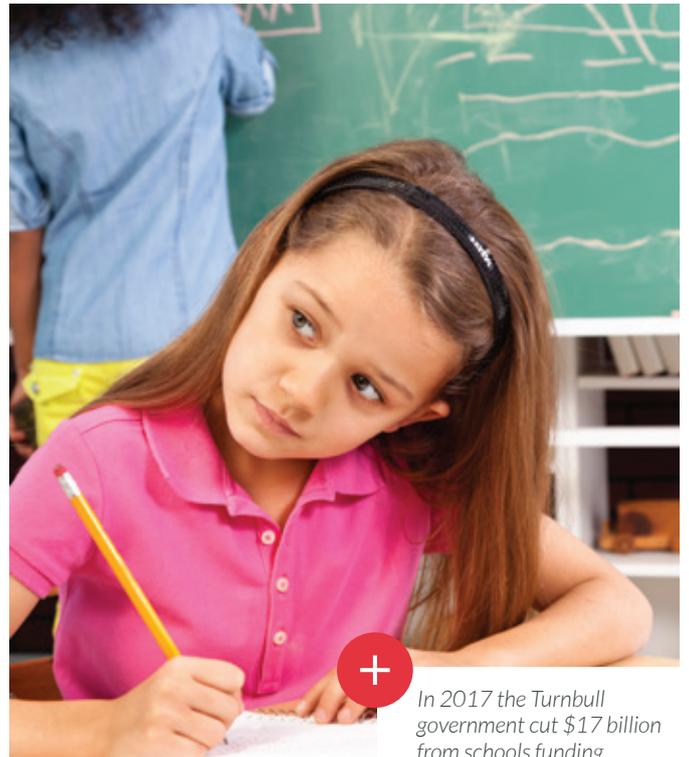
DO YOU WANT TO TALK?

If you want to talk to me about issues that affect you, I am keen to listen.

I've held countless street stalls and listening posts across the Southside. My staff and I have met with people on the street, over coffee, and out and about.

Come and have a coffee and chat at **Perth Street Park, Camp Hill, on Wednesday 14th March**. I'll be there from 9am. Good coffee will be provided.

I'll also be holding a Listening Post on **Saturday 21st April from 9am at Captain Burke Park**, and another the same day at 11am at the **Holland Park Shops, near Deedot Cafe on Logan Road**. Come by and let me know what's on your mind.



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RESTORE THE \$17 BILLION CUT FROM SCHOOLS

The Turnbull government should restore the \$17 billion cut from schools funding.

In 2017 the Turnbull government was able to pass legislation cutting \$17 billion from funding that had been earmarked for schools over the next decade. I voted against the bill.

These education funding cuts are being made at the same time as the Turnbull government is seeking to worsen the Budget bottom line by \$65 billion over a decade, in the form of corporate tax cuts. Kids and households shouldn't be asked to pay for tax cuts for multinationals and millionaires.

The independent Parliamentary Budget Office has calculated that Queensland public schools will lose \$458 million of federal government funding over the next two years (2018 and 2019) alone. The National Catholic Education Commission has calculated that QLD Catholic schools will lose \$56.9 million of federal government funding over the next two years (2018 and 2019) alone.

Australia faces increasing inequality, and changes to the nature of work and employment. Our kids' ability to have the same or better living standards as ours will depend on the quality of their education. So, today's kids need great schools. Funding alone isn't enough to make schools great, but schools can't be made great without funding.

These cuts affect Catholic schools, state schools, and independent schools. They're not just unfair; they are economically silly. If we become a nation of low-skill, low-wage workers, that will be bad for tax revenue and bad for growth.

I've been talking with locals about my online petition against the cuts. If you want to add your name, you can find it at http://www.terributlertmp.com/no_school_cuts



AT LAST!

Congratulations to all of the Southsiders who have got engaged, those who have started planning weddings, and especially those who have tied the knot since January.

When the gallery began singing "I am, you are, we are Australian," it was a great relief to know that people who had waited a long time, and everyone who worked hard for marriage equality were there to see the bill finally passed on that last sitting day of 2017.



OUR COMMUNITY REMEMBERS

25th April 2018

Each year our community remembers the fallen, and those who suffered after they returned, on ANZAC Day,

Remembrance Day and other commemorative days. This year's ANZAC Day promises to be very well-attended. If you want to attend a service but you're not sure of your closest one, give my office a call on 07 3899 4031.

Above: I joined Cr Kara Cook, Brian Daley, Di Farmer MP and Brian Laing at the Norman Park RSL's 2017 Remembrance Day Service.

COULD THERE BE BETTER COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE EDUCATION SECTORS?

As young people face a world where the jobs they'll have in the future may not even exist today, it's timely to ask whether there could be better movement between early learning, schools, vocational providers and universities.

Below: Joe Kelly MP and I attended the launch of the Whites Hill College strategic plan. It was great to see so many early learning educators there, interested in how the two sectors could work together.



MORE THAN 2,000 SOUTHSIDE FAMILIES LOSE UNDER THE TURNBULL GOVERNMENT'S CHILDCARE PACKAGE

279,000 Australian families will lose vital support under the Turnbull Government's changes to the child care system.

The Turnbull Government's changes target families in the lowest income bracket, with 88,000 families earning less than \$65,710 worse off under its changes—the families who can least afford to lose support.

- For families who have a single income of less than \$65,710, access to early education will be cut from 24 hours to only 12 hours per week.
- For those families on a single income over \$65,710, the guarantee of 24 hours of subsidised access is now reduced to zero.

As families start back to work and school, many are left wondering how their household will be able to afford the cost of childcare, come July 2. This new slug on families is on top of the 18 per cent growth in fees since the election of the Liberal Government – which means families are on average paying over \$2,000 more a year.



Peter Lowe OAM telling me about the expenses charged to members of the Chinese community when sending money overseas.



STANDING UP AGAINST BANKING EXPLOITATION

As part of the parliamentary committee that oversees the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, including its work in regulating the financial services industry, I've got a keen interest in standing up against banking exploitation.

Graham Perrett MP and I invited Shadow Ministers Tony Burke MP and Andrew Leigh MP to hear from our community about the hidden charges that are imposed on people sending money to other countries.



Speaking out against the cuts in my capacity as Shadow Assistant Minister for Universities



UNI FUNDING CUTS? NO THANKS

In the mid-year economic and fiscal outlook the government announced \$2.2 billion worth of cuts to higher education.

They've cut the equivalent of 9,500 uni places in 2018. It's the same story in 2019. That's a lot of people who'll be excluded from going to university.

These cuts don't make sense. We need our universities to be a strong part of the innovation eco-system. They are also an important part of our international economic relations because education and international tourism, which go hand in hand, are our largest services exports. Cutting uni funding at the same time that other countries in our region are investing more in higher education will make it harder for our home-grown institutions to compete for international students. Most importantly, cutting university funding is robbing our kids and future students of the quality education they'll need for the jobs of the future.

These cuts come as the government's trying to cut corporate taxes by \$65 billion over a decade. The Turnbull government's priorities are twisted.

If you want to add your name to an online petition against the cuts, you can find one here http://www.terributlermp.com/no_uni_cuts

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL AT THE RECENT ELECTIONS

Since the last Butler Bulletin, we've had a state election and a council by-election.

Congratulations to all those who were successful, including our newest local reps, Corrine McMillan MP in Mansfield and Cr Kara Cook, who took over from Shayne Sutton in Morningside Ward.



Di and I were sad to say goodbye to Shayne, but we're excited to have new Councillor Kara Cook on board as part of the team.



New MP Corrine McMillan and I are already working together as a close-knit team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOUTHSIDE'S UNSUNG HEROES

I was privileged to be able to celebrate the achievements of over 40 local volunteers at this year's Griffith Australia Day Awards. Recipients demonstrated reliability, showed initiative and inspired others across a range of different activities.

Nearly 300 people attended the ceremony, which was held at the wonderful Souths Leagues Club in South Brisbane, and emceed by the newly elected Corrine McMillan MP.

I am truly thankful to my committee who deliberated over the many worthy nominations to select just a few award recipients. The committee was led by Matthew Campbell and included Danica Eather, Dennis Bramadat and Margie Gamble.

The audience was moved by stories from musicians to environmental lawyers, to healthcare practitioners, and a Santa Claus. Those attending the ceremony left feeling very inspired.

Between them, these wonderful people have dedicated decades of service, and we are truly lucky to have them living and working in our community.



The River City Clippers' medley of Australian songs moved the audience.

INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENTS:

Marilyn Boyce, Jean Burke, Karen Czornohalan, Tokiko Dawson, John Debenham, Peter Forday, Jim Gable, Ross Hall, Ross Hielscher, Dr Vladis Kosse, Dr Paul Massarotto, Allan Mitchell, Randall New, Chi Pham, Billie Pelling, Glenys Pollock, Donald Richards, Beverly Strous, Marj Warry, David Woodcock.

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Environmental Defenders Office Andrew Dunn, Ernestine Kirsch, Julian Ladd, Jemma Lanyon, Anna Simpson

Circles of Life QLD Carol MacArthur, Janet Godwin, Imogen Johnson, Jill Wootton, Jemma MacArthur

Dauphin Tce Bushcare Group Sarah Lejeune, David McDonald

Friends of Balmoral Cemetery Jenny Clark, Julie Gustafson, Antony Rogers, Lorraine Russell

St Clement Melkite Catholic Church Mrs Yolla Chibly, Reverend Father Elie Francis

World Wellness Group Health staff and practitioners

GADA HALL OF FAME:

Bulimba District Historical Society Rai Laaja, Norman Love, Patricia Mullins, Brenda Nolan, John Rathbone, Robert Turner, Russell Turner, Judith Salter, Diane Sinden.



Marj Warry received a Griffith Australia Day Award for her involvement with the Brisbane Music Performer's Club, which dates back to 1968.



Ross Hielscher from the Canon Garland Memorial Society gives a thumbs up.



The volunteer lawyers from the Environmental Defenders Office.



World Wellness Group staff and health practitioners were recognised for the pro bono work they do with people seeking asylum who do not have access to Medicare. 100% of the clinic's profits go towards health care for marginalised and vulnerable people with complex health conditions.



Nearly 300 people attended the 19th Griffith Australia Day Awards, held at Souths Leagues Club in South Brisbane.

BEYOND DV: SUPPORT FOR THOSE LEAVING VIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS



The launch of Beyond DV

WELL DONE TO EMPLOYERS LIKE ERGON, NAB, TELSTRA, VIRGIN AUSTRALIA, QANTAS, PWC, CUB AND OTHERS WHO HAVE INTRODUCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE.

It's not just big firms that support their staff. I've grown up with small business - my grandparents, parents, and aunts and uncles have all started and run them - so I know that often staff at a small business are considered part of the family. I know that most small business people wouldn't think twice before supporting an employee if they were leaving a violent relationship.

But not everyone in Australia can say with certainty that their job would be safe if they needed time off for court hearings, removalists, and doctors appointments, because they were trying to keep themselves or their kids safe. That must change.

That's why, as Labor's Shadow Assistant Minister for Preventing Family Violence, I am proud to have been part of the announcement, with Tanya Plibersek and Brendan O'Connor, that we would make domestic violence leave a universal workplace right if elected.

It's also great to see local initiatives aimed at making the transition work better for those leaving violence. Beyond DV is a new organisation, based in Holland Park and serving the wider community, launched recently. They are already partnering with Brisbane Domestic Violence Service. I was really pleased to be there for the launch, along with Di Farmer who is now the relevant state Minister as well as being a great local MP.

One of the important ways to make sure victims get the help they need is to equip GPs with information to help make the right referral. The Brisbane South primary health network is rolling out a project to do just that. I was really pleased to speak at the launch.



Located in Morningside, Foodbank Queensland is the most successful state operation in Australia, despite running out of the smallest warehouse!

AN AMAZING SOUTHSIDE ORGANISATION

Foodbank is Australia's largest food rescue organisation, accounting for over 70% of food rescued in Australia and 80% in Queensland.

At the recent Griffith Australia Day Awards, John Debenham, chair of the Foodbank Queensland board, received recognition for their growth, which has increased the equivalent of 21 million meals of rescued food!

Foodbank sources 'rescue' food from farmers, processors, manufacturers, markets and retailers, most of which would otherwise go to landfill as waste, and provide it to charities who help feed people in need.

Through the Foodbank warehouse and distribution facility in Morningside, food is redistributed directly through over 250 community based welfare agencies feeding over 100,000 Queenslanders each week, over half of whom are children.

MORE DRAMAS FOR SECOND-RATE NBN

A moratorium on new connections, concerns about speed and reliability, and an outcry about landlines are the latest dramas hitting Malcolm Turnbull's second-rate NBN locally.

Labor's NBN Co used fibre to the premises, a superior technology. As Communications Minister, Malcolm Turnbull decided to use other technologies, including HFC - the same type of cable used for pay TV. The use of this so-called "multi-technology mix" instead of the better quality fibre NBN, has caused significant problems.

In November NBN Co said, out of the blue, that it would "pause" its HFC rollout for "around six months". This came as a surprise, especially since NBN Co's Chief Engineer had been at a Senate hearing a few days before (being asked about problems with HFC) but did not mention the rollout was about to be "paused".

The "pause" meant that locally a lot of people who had previously been advised that the NBN was ready for service in their suburb didn't get it after all, because no "new orders" were to be progressed during the "pause".

This may have been a blessing in disguise given some of the stories locals have told me, including at my recent NBN crisis meeting in Carina with Paul Keene. We heard first hand reports of poor speeds, and frustrating dropouts. That was, sadly, unsurprising, because according to NBN Co data provided



The local paper has reported on some of the problems with the NBN

to the Senate in August, households connected to Malcolm Turnbull's HFC network have been experiencing nearly 50 times more network downtime than households connected to fibre.

It's not good enough. And the longer this goes on the harder it will be for a future government to clean up the mess. I'll keep standing up for Southsiders and holding the government to account for this second-rate NBN.

BRISBANE LIONS AFL WOMEN'S SEASON LAUNCHED IN COORPAROO

The Brisbane Lions AFLW team 2018 launch was held in Coorparoo. It's so great to see women's footy taking off in the public imagination. Last year's inaugural season was fantastic and this year's doesn't disappoint.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Getting out and about in our community is important for any local representative. It's such a pleasure, too, to catch up with Southsiders and see some of the amazing work that's being done. I also love visiting places that I have supported through local grants.



With Fr Fadi Salame the Parish Priest at St Maroun Maronite Catholic Church. I was so pleased to support their playground project with a grant.



I was happy to be able to present Child's Play Qld with their \$10,000 Westpac Foundation grant to help them continue providing professional psychological services to children and young people. This wasn't one of my grants - it came from Westpac's staff! The staff at the Morningside branch fundraised to provide the \$10,000 grant as well as put out a call across the region to other Westpac staff to donate toys. They got an amazing response!



Presenting the Clem Jones Centre with a grant of \$9150 for the purchase of a commercial aerator for use at the Clem Jones Centre.



Sitting with kids at the Harty St Kindergarten. I was so pleased to help them with a grant for their new grass.



Checking out the 4MBS studios with general manager Mr Gary Thorpe OAM. Performers can now stay dry with the help of a grant to fund the covering of the green room area at the studios.

Welcome to our newest citizens!

It was an honour to be able to welcome new Australians at the Norman Park citizenship ceremony. As the presiding officer I oversaw this important process, a momentous time for all who attended. Becoming an Australian citizen is a special time. To be part of a nation - a big community - means more than just a change in legal status, for many it is a relief, a privilege and the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

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