



- Joanne Ryan MP - The Ryan Report

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Thank You

Welcome to the first of my regular community contacts.

Here, you will find out about what I have been doing both locally and in Parliament, as well as information about the issues that are affecting our community.

But first, I must say thank you. Because without the support of local residents I would not be where I am today.

It is a huge privilege to represent the community in which I was born and raised, the community in which I have lived and worked and the community in which I have raised my family.

In my first speech in Parliament, I spoke of our long and proud local history and the unique contribution every resident makes to our region.

I spoke about how ours is a community that will stand up and fight for what is right.

As the Member for Lalor, I will be representing each and every person in this community, in the spirit of that great legacy. But to do this, I need your help`

If you have any issues or ideas that you think I should know about, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office.

You can do this in a number of ways. By phone on (03) 9742 5800, in person at Shop 2/36 Synnot St, Werribee, or by email at joanne.ryan.mp@aph.gov.au.

You can also visit my website at www.joanneryan.com.au to keep up-to-date with local news, speeches or to get in contact. It also includes my school and student friendly blog, detailing my work as Member for Lalor.

As your local member of Parliament, I am here to listen.



Joanne out and about in the community



Joanne in Parliament, representing our community

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Our Voice in the Community, Our Voice in Canberra

Community forces backdown on GST hike

Residents living in local mobile housing villages have prevented an increase to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on their homes.

In a fantastic win for people living in local parks, residents have forced the Abbott Government to backdown on its planned tax hike.

Thank you to all the residents who contacted me in relation to this issue.



Joanne with some of the residents of Ison Village

Tarneit Library funding cut



Joanne with Shadow Minister for Vocational Education, Sharon Bird and the former plans for Tarneit Library

The future of the Tarneit Community Learning Centre Library project is in doubt following the Abbott Government's announcement that it would not proceed with the promised \$1.05 million in assistance.

The funding, announced as part of Labor's Regional Development Australia Fund, was to assist Wyndham City Council in creating a new community space in Tarneit.

As a growing area in need of infrastructure, I am very disappointed that the Abbott Government has reneged on this funding for the Tarneit Library.

Instead of providing assistance for what would have been a fantastic facility for local residents, Tony Abbott and his government have instead turned their back on the needs of our community.

Local Housing Forum

I recently hosted a housing forum, bringing together local agencies to discuss the high rates of homelessness, eviction and mortgage stress in Wyndham.

I have spoken to multiple local residents about the housing pressures they are facing, a problem affecting many in our community.

I am particularly concerned about lack of local public housing and cuts to tenancy services and legal aid by the Victorian and Federal Liberal Governments.



With some of our local agency representatives

Despite the challenges ahead, I'm determined to keep working with the local community to help address these issues. If your local community group would like to get involved, please contact my office.

Rec Centre Redevelopment Launched

Construction on Werribee's Sports and Leisure Centre has begun, to create an improved fitness and recreation space for our community.

With \$9 million in funding from the Gillard Government announced in May last year, the redevelopment will create a 12 court indoor sports centre, including a 1,500 spectator seat show court, a gymnasium, all-weather outdoor courts, as well as a café, crèche and meeting rooms.

As the coach of a local netball team, I know that these new facilities will be well utilised and play an important role in promoting sports participation in the Wyndham community.

It will also create 430 new jobs over the construction phase and will sustain 141 positions thereafter.

Funded as part of Labor's \$575 million Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF), the future of similar projects unfortunately looks in doubt under Tony Abbott.

More than \$150 million in RDAF funding, including for our own Tarneit Library, have been cut by the Abbott Government.



Speaking at the redevelopment launch



Joanne with the Hoppers Crossing Eagles

Abbott Government to abolish SchoolKids Bonus

The January payment of the SchoolKids Bonus could be the last for more than 12,000 local families.

The payment, introduced in 2012 by the Gillard Labor Government, provides eligible families with \$410 for every primary school child and \$820 for every secondary school child.

Paid in January and July each year, the Bonus ensures that families have the help they need to cover the costs of their children's school expenses including books, uniforms and excursions.

But despite how important this assistance is to many local families, the Abbott Government has introduced legislation to cut the payment.

If successful, this means the average family with two kids will be \$1,230 worse off every year and \$15,000 worse off over the life of their children's schooling.

This is a savage cut to families from a Government that does not care about helping our kids get a great education.

Award recognises local pupils

The inaugural Julia Gillard Award recognises local students who have demonstrated a commitment to civics and citizenship within their school community.

It was lovely to visit so many of our local schools to present the recipients with their certificate and book prize.



Joanne with Athena from Tarneit P-9 College



Joanne with local students heading to Kokoda

Students head to Kokoda

Eighteen Wyndham students will embark on a 98-kilometre trek along the Kokoda Track this year.

Supported by Victoria Police, Soldier On and the Werribee Rotary Club, the program aims to encourage the development of future youth leaders.

It was lovely to catch up with some of the participants as part of their recent information session.

To contribute to this program please email james.ridsdale@police.vic.gov.au.

Mobile Office

My staff and I will be operating mobile offices throughout the year in community centres. This will provide the opportunity for local residents to discuss their Federal Government concerns. They will be held on:

- 28 February, Point Cook Learning Centre
- 4 April, Wyndham Vale Community Centre
- 13 June, Point Cook Learning Centre
- 15 August, Wyndham Vale Community Centre
- 14 March, Penrose Promenade Community Centre
- 2 May, Laverton Community Hub
- 11 July, Penrose Promenade Community Centre
- 12 September, Laverton Community Hub

To make an appointment for the mobile offices, please phone (03) 9742 5800.

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