

# Morialta Matters

News and views from **John Gardner MP**



## State Budget 2015/16

It's another Budget edition of Morialta Matters! Creating jobs, saving jobs, and finding new ways to stimulate jobs growth is the most important task we face right now and I am pleased to be part of an opposition that regularly suggests new ideas in the Parliament to reduce red tape, and lowering imposts on households and small business such as Payroll Tax and the Emergency Services Levy.

One Opposition suggestion – removing the inefficient River Murray Levy (and funding those measures from General Revenue) was taken up by the Government and we have congratulated them for that.

I remain concerned that while this is not the worst Budget this Government has produced, and there are some measures to reduce some business taxes, the Budget does not do anywhere near enough to take the brakes off our economy to promote employment growth so that there are jobs for our young people when they finish school, training or tertiary study. Further analysis on why the Budget is so disappointing can be found inside.

Locally I was disappointed that again there is no upgrade for the Paradise Interchange Park and Ride. The Liberal Party has already committed to the upgrade at the Interchange if successful at the next election and we will continue to push the case for the Government to deliver this upgrade well before then.

There are significant funds available for road improvements and I continue to advocate for local projects. I recently had the opportunity to welcome the Transport Minister to Morialta and was pleased to drive him around some of our most significant traffic trouble spots (including Dernancourt Shopping Centre, Newton Rd/Graves St, Gorge Rd/Silkes Rd, Glen Stuart Rd/Norton Summit Rd, and several others) so he could get a first-hand feel for the problems I regularly raise with him in letters and in the Parliament!

To ensure that we get the best possible designs for any local road improvements I am continuing to roll out local traffic surveys in the areas around these spots. We had hundreds and hundreds of responses to the Dernancourt Shops traffic survey, and the Minister has agreed to send in the engineers to work on concept plans! We're currently receiving responses from Rostrevor residents regarding the Reid Ave/St Bernards Rd intersection, and the other intersections listed above will get their own surveys in the months ahead.

As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if there are any issues I can help you with.

Yours sincerely

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# In the Parliament: July 2014-June 2015

An important part of my work is representing our community in the Parliament whenever the Parliament is sitting. This year the Parliament is sitting for 17 weeks, which in my view is not enough – I would like to see more opportunities for the Government to be held accountable in Question Time but they are the ones who set the timetable! From time to time in Morialta Matters, I provide an updated list of those issues about which I have spoken or asked questions in the Parliament. The full text of most speeches and questions can be found on my website ([www.johngardnermp.com.au](http://www.johngardnermp.com.au)) or alternatively we will be happy to send you copies if you call my office on 8365 4224.

## Speeches

02/07/14 – 2014-15 Budget  
03/07/14 – Anti-semitism  
24/07/14 – Gorge Road Closures  
05/08/14 – 2014 Estimates Committees  
07/08/14 – Retirement of Dr Coral Stanley  
07/08/14 – Drug Diversion Schemes  
07/08/14 – Electoral Reform  
16/09/14 – Child Development and Wellbeing Bill  
17/09/14 – Aboriginal Lands Committee  
17/09/14 – Dementia Friendly Communities  
17/09/14 – Alcohol Sale Regulations  
18/09/14 – Australian Crime Commission (SA – Examinations) Bill  
25/09/14 – National Police Remembrance Day  
25/09/14 – Rights of Foster Parents  
25/09/14 – World Sport Rugby Carnival  
15/10/14 – Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures - Blood Testing for Diseases) Bill  
15/10/14 – Domestic and Family Violence  
15/10/14 – Prison expansions  
16/10/14 – Emergency Services Levy hikes  
29/10/14 – Condolence Motion: Bob Such  
30/10/14 – Mariam Ibrahim  
13/11/14 – Cherry Farming  
18/11/14 – Campbelltown Rotary Outback Experience  
20/11/14 – CFS Cancer Compensation  
20/11/14 – University of Adelaide  
20/11/14 – White Ribbon Day  
04/12/14 – Morialta: Dementia Friendly Community  
24/02/15 – Address in Reply to the Governor  
25/02/15 – Real Property (Priority Notices) Bill  
26/02/15 – Sampson Flat Bushfires  
26/02/15 – Electoral Reform  
26/02/15 – Criminal Assets Confiscation (Prescribed Drug Offenders) Bill  
17/03/15 – Extended Supervision Orders Bill  
17/03/15 – Morialta Citizenship Awards – Part 1  
18/03/15 – Government failure to meet police recruitment targets  
18/03/15 – Abolition of Boards and Committees Bill  
18/03/15 – Trafficking of Human Organs  
19/03/15 – Down Syndrome  
24/03/15 – Extended Supervision Orders Bill  
26/03/15 – Morialta Citizenship Awards – Part 2  
26/03/15 – Condolence motion: Trevor Griffin  
06/05/15 – Supply Bill  
06/05/15 – Montacute Police Station  
07/05/15 – 100 Years of Women in SA Police  
14/05/15 – Freedom of Information Laws

03/06/15 – Vulnerable Witnesses Bill  
04/06/15 – St Ignatius Leaders of Environmental Awareness and Protection  
04/06/15 – 40th Anniversary Campania Club  
04/06/15 – Natural Gas Authority Bill  
04/06/15 – Introducing Family Relationships (Surrogacy) Bill to Assembly  
17/06/15 – Suggestions to the Government for their Budget (Paradise Interchange)  
17/06/15 – Correctional Services (Parole) Bill  
18/06/15 – Retirement of Police Commissioner Gary Burns  
01/07/15 – 2015-16 Budget  
01/07/15 – Extended Supervision Orders Bill  
01/07/15 – Henley Beach Police Station  
02/07/15 – Closing Debate: Family Relationships (Surrogacy) Bill  
02/07/15 – Freedom of Information Laws

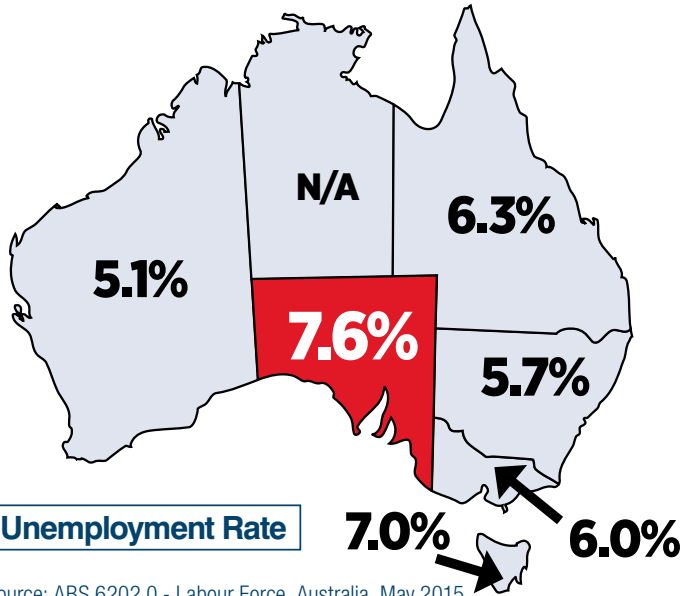
## Question Time

01/07/14 – Asylum Seekers and Police (5qs)  
06/08/14 – Child Protection (3qs)  
06/08/14 – Adelaide Women's Prison (2qs)  
18/09/14 – Corrections Budget Savings (3qs)  
24/09/14 – Prison Capacity and Cost (7qs)  
24/09/14 – Police Disciplinary Tribunal (2qs)  
14/10/14 – Body Worn Video for Police (2qs)  
16/10/14 – Domestic Violence: Coroner's Recommendations (6qs)  
28/10/14 – Parliamentary behaviour  
29/10/14 – Prisoner Numbers  
29/10/14 – Staff levels at Pre-Release Centre  
30/10/14 – Prison Tenders  
11/11/14 – Prisoners in Police cells affecting Police operations (8qs)  
12/11/14 – Prisoners in Police cells (6qs)  
12/11/14 – Justice Reform (3qs)  
03/12/14 – New Youth Justice Act (2qs)  
04/12/14 – Police Cars  
26/02/15 – Ministerial Code of Conduct  
17/03/15 – Labor's closure of 8 police stations (5qs)  
18/03/15 – Police Recruitment – Target 300 (4qs)  
05/05/15 – Police Station Closures (2qs)  
06/05/15 – Montacute CFS Station  
12/05/15 – Youth Justice (13qs)  
13/05/15 – Youth Justice (2qs)  
14/05/15 – Repat Hospital  
18/06/15 – Urban Development Plan  
02/07/15 – Youth Justice Boot Camp (2qs)

# No jobs, more tax, no plan

After 13 years of Labor's economic failure, South Australia is gripped by a dangerous jobs crisis. With South Australia's unemployment rate the highest in the nation at 7.6%, urgent reform is needed to support job creation in South Australia.

Instead, the Weatherill Government have delivered a budget that promises slower job creation, more tax for families and no state-wide plan to fix our economy.

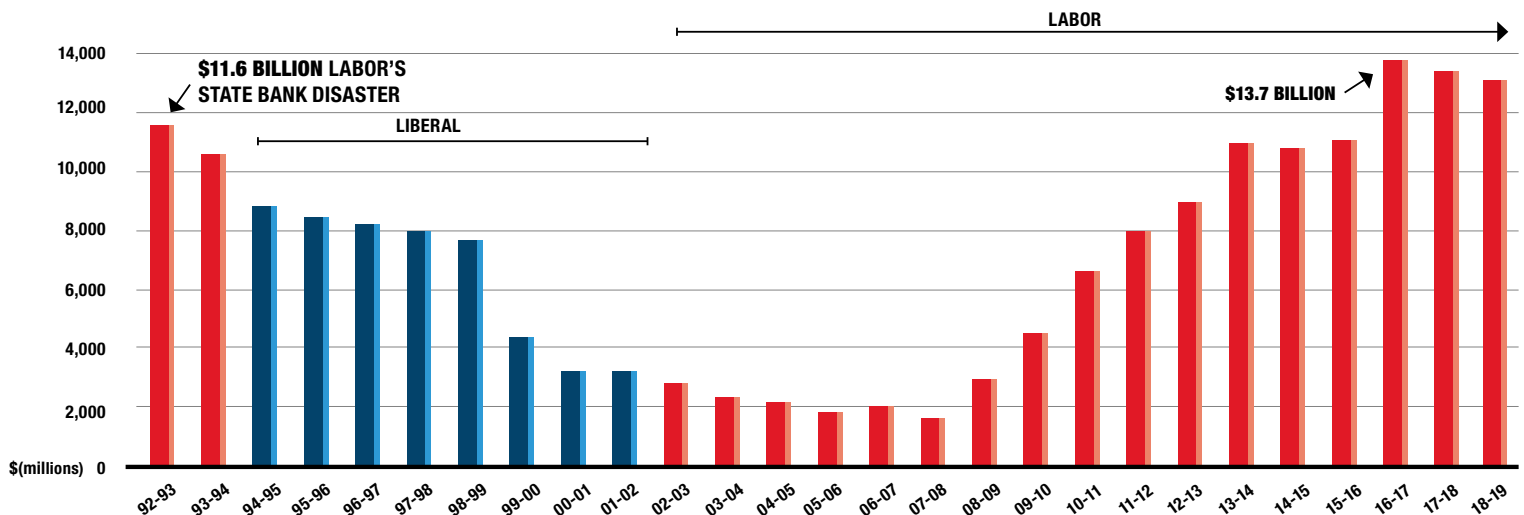


This budget:

- **Fails to deliver jobs** with the lowest jobs growth of all mainland states.
- **Fails to deliver reductions in payroll tax** and new infrastructure projects which would support job creation.
- **Fails to reduce the cost of living for households**, with further increases in the Emergency Services Levy and water prices after record increases over the past few years.
- **Fails to deliver a plan for reversing the state's economic stagnation** and creating opportunities for the next generation of South Australians.

# Financial and economic mismanagement

Despite failing to invest in job creating measures, the Weatherill Government are still piling more debt on South Australians. After 13 years of Labor's economic mismanagement, South Australians are expected to be shouldered with a record \$13.7 billion in net public debt by 2017.



**\$1.9 MILLION**  
PAID EVERY DAY FOR  
INTEREST ON LABORS DEBT

This level of debt has real and serious implications for South Australians, who will be paying **\$1.9 million in interest everyday** by the time Labor's debt peaks in 2017.

That's \$700 million wasted on interest payments in a single year – money that should be used to provide crucial services and infrastructure for South Australia.

# You are paying more and getting less

At a time when households and businesses are struggling with the costs of living and doing business, the Weatherill Government continue to force higher taxes on South Australians just to pay for Labor's economic mismanagement.

After forcing South Australians to endure some of the highest taxes and utility prices in the nation, the Weatherill Government have again:

- Increased the amount of state taxation revenue taken from South Australians – this time by \$149 million
- Increased the Emergency Services Levy for a second time in as many budgets, bringing the total increase to \$205 on a \$500,000 home
- Increased the average household water bill to \$804
- Increased premiums on compulsory third party vehicle insurance to \$378, even as they privatise the Motor Accident Commission



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Single Trip tickets	\$5.20	▲ UP	2.0%
Metro card single fare	\$3.48	▲ UP	2.7%
Regular 28 day pass	\$119.80	▲ UP	2.4%



## MOTOR VEHICLE

Car registration (6 cylinder car)	\$243	▲ UP	2.5%
Drivers Licence renewal (10 years)	\$410	▲ UP	2.5%
Speeding fines (<10km/h over)	\$163	▲ UP	2.3%
Lifetime support Levy	\$110	▲ UP	3.8%

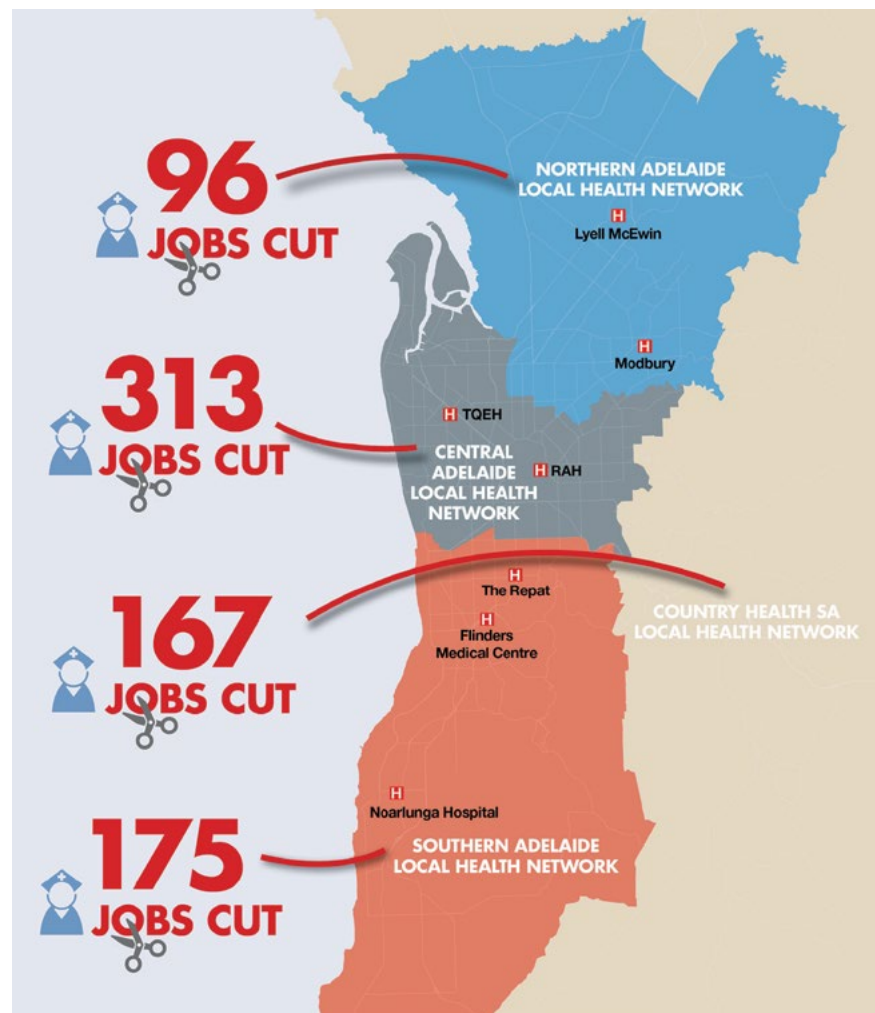
# Hospitals closing, jobs cut.

Despite months of outcry from the community, the Government is still refusing to back down on its plan to make deep cuts to the health system.

The State Budget has confirmed that the Repatriation General Hospital at Daw Park will close. The Repat is the only dedicated war veterans' hospital in South Australia and serves as a key elective surgery hub. The closure will have a devastating impact on many families.

Major metropolitan hospitals have not been spared with emergency departments at Modbury, the Queen Elizabeth and Noarlunga set to be downgraded. These cuts will mean patients have to travel further and wait longer for important medical care.

Whether it's a life threatening emergency or routine care, patients deserve quality treatment in facilities they know and trust. The Weatherill Government's health cuts will leave patients worse off.





1940's SA Tourism travel poster.

## Morialta Park turns 100

This year we celebrate the centenary of the Morialta Conservation Park.

In 1915 John Smith Reid, who was a major landholder in the area, very generously donated part of his property, about 218 hectares, as a national reserve - originally called the "National Pleasure Resort". There was a proviso placed on the gift that a tram must service the area to allow city residents easy access to the falls. Trams brought as many as thousands of people a day to see Morialta Falls until 1956 when the trams were replaced by buses.

It wasn't until 1972 when the National Pleasure Resort became known as the Morialta Conservation Park.

I along with many others was lucky to grow up in the area and have access to this fantastic natural asset. I fondly recall enjoying family picnics, spending hours running around and finding tadpoles. It's a truly magical place and I encourage you all to pay it a visit in 2015, it's centenary year.

## Better Gardens Q&A Forum

The first *Better Gardens Q&A Forum* was held in April and was well attended by local residents interested in learning a few new tricks to get the most out of their gardens.

The event was hosted by Kim Syrus from Channel 9's *In the Garden* and was supported by the Campbelltown City Council and Newtons Building and Landscape Supplies.

Given the Bureau of Meteorology's recent finding that we're now going into an El Nino cycle meaning hotter and drier conditions are likely, I'm sure that water saving techniques will again come to the forefront of everyone's minds when in the garden.

I hope those who attended found it an informative evening!



## Congratulations Norwood Bears Volleyball Team!

I recently had the opportunity to present the Norwood Bears Volleyball Club (who are based at Rostrevor College) with their Active Grant Round 38 certificate.



The Active Club Program helps active recreation and sports clubs with programs and equipment (up to \$5,000) or facility upgrade requests up to \$20,000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis.

If you're a member of a local sporting club please contact my office and we'll ensure you are provided with the details of future grants.

# Out and About in Morialta



Visting the combined groups of local Scouts as they prepared for their duties at the ANZAC Day Centenary Dawn Service



Celebrating multiculturalism with staff, students and parents at Charles Campbell College's International Assembly



Speaking at the Campbelltown Area Combined Probuss Clubs' General Meeting



With members of the Tzu Chi Foundation at the thank you BBQ for CFS volunteers involved in Sampson Flat



## New Facebook Page

I've recently created a new Facebook Page to better engage with the community. I'll be posting material relating to Morialta, my portfolios and what's going on in the Parliament. If you are on Facebook and want to be kept up-to-date then please "Like" my page at [www.facebook.com/JohnGardnerMP](http://www.facebook.com/JohnGardnerMP). You can also find me on Twitter at [twitter.com/JohnGardnerMP](http://twitter.com/JohnGardnerMP) and on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/JohnGardnerMP](http://www.youtube.com/JohnGardnerMP).

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