



Morialta Matters

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Dear Resident

Support our local primary producers.

In this edition of Morialta Matters I am proud to include an article about our local cherry industry – one of our major employers in Morialta, and an industry that has been boosted in recent weeks by the work of the Federal Government in securing better access for exports into Asia.

But while cherry farmers are looking forward to a great season, our apple and pear farmers were cruelly struck by unseasonal hail storms this Spring which will have a big impact on their 2018 crop. Some growers have reported their entire crops are unviable, leaving them without an income next year. It's a real blow for local jobs too.

Federal Minister Anne Ruston (pictured left), along with the State Minister and several Shadow Ministers, joined me in Lenswood to meet with growers and industry representatives, to see the damage for ourselves, and discuss how we can pitch in to help out. All levels of government will play their part but we need the whole community to get behind our producers. So look out for SA apples, SA pears, and SA fruit generally, when you're doing your shopping. It really makes a difference.

On the topic of jobs, I am very pleased to report that the Government's job-destroying State Bank Tax has been defeated in the Parliament. This is good news for SA consumers, businesses, mortgage holders and job-seekers alike. Growing employment is a key priority heading into the March election, and I will continue to fight for policies that increase opportunities for job-seekers in SA.

In the lead up to Christmas I hope you and your family can spend some quality time together. And please don't hesitate to let me know if I may ever be of assistance!

John

Modbury Hospital Commitment

The State Liberals have committed \$20 million to restoring a range of services cut by the Government at Modbury Hospital if we are elected to Government in March.

Modbury Hospital's services have suffered badly as a result of the Weatherill Labor Government's Transforming Health policy. That's why the Opposition is offering a better way. The Liberal plan includes:

- ✓ establishing a High Dependency Unit,
- ✓ reintroducing emergency surgery,
- ✓ extending the time surgical inpatients can stay at Modbury Hospital, and
- ✓ expanding training places to support workforce development.

In early November I was pleased to move a motion in the House of Assembly talking about the needs of our community in relation to Modbury Hospital. If you're interested you can contact my office for a printed copy or view my speech at www.youtube.com/JohnGardnerMP.



Second Chances SA Gold Community Award

Congratulations to local Kenton Valley resident Helen Glanville, CEO of Second Chances SA, who has been acknowledged with the Gold Community Award at the Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards. Second Chances (www.second-chances.org.au) and Helen were acknowledged on the national stage for their work diverting children of prisoners away from inter-generational crime and helping them instead lead productive, fulfilling lives.



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Athelstone Primary



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St Francis Of Assisi Newton Parish



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The Marche Club



johngardnermp Marche Club packed to the rafters for the Campbelltown Rotary 'Mayor's Benefit Ball' raising funds for the North Eastern Community Hospital: a huge night for our community. With Vincent Tarzia of course! #morialta #community #rotary #serviceaboveseif
AUGUST 26

Cherry season kicks off in the Adelaide Hills

As Christmas draws ever closer, we look to one of our favourite summer time treats – cherries! And the good news is, that despite the hail storm in late October, growers still have some very good quality fruit forming on the trees, and our local packing sheds have been progressively opening for sales since mid November. After last year's challenging growing season, there should be more fruit available this year, which is great news for consumers.

If you are looking for an early taste of summer, then what better way to spend some time on a weekend than driving in the hills and grabbing a box of cherries from the many shed door sales outlets, or head into a Pick Your Own orchard for tree fresh fruit. It's a great activity for the whole family!



If you want to know where to go, the latest edition of the Cherry Map is now available from my office, or download it from the Cherries SA website - www.cherriessa.com.au/. You will soon also be able to view the latest orchard information on the Cherry Map App – look for “Fresh Cherries” on Google Play or the App Store.

I am thrilled to have been signed up by Cherries SA this year as their very first ‘cherry ambassador’, and I have already sampled my fair share this season. Since I was a boy my family has been visiting Cowling's Cherries to pick up

our first box every year (pictured here with John Cowling), and I'm looking forward to visiting many of our other local growers in the coming weeks. If you are a cherry lover who is active on social media and would also like to sign up as a Cherry Ambassador, keep an eye out on the Cherries SA website or register your interest with admin@cherriessa.com.au. Use the hashtags #SAcherries and #australiancherries to help spread the word.



New Montacute CFS station finally underway

Two decades after starting lobbying for an upgrade to their condemned station, Montacute CFS Captain Rob Possingham was finally able to turn the first sod for their new site on 25 October. Having worked with the brigade since I was first elected to get the government to deliver on their long-overdue promise, I was thrilled to join Rob and brigade members on the day, along with Mayor Bill Spragg, Cr Ian Bailey and CFS representatives. Better late than never, and it must be said that this CFS station is very late, work is now on track to be completed this summer.



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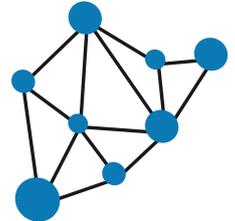
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- ✓ Lowering peak demand while creating additional supply
- ✓ More opportunities for households to sell energy back to the grid



Protecting Vulnerable Consumers

Banning exit fees and enforcing minimum notice periods on changes to energy contracts

- ✓ Easier for people to shop around
- ✓ More competition leading to cheaper prices
- ✓ More transparency for energy contracts



Providing Emergency Power

276MW of additional back-up electricity retained for emergencies, through a cost-effective contract, as opposed to the Government's far more expensive diesel generators to be used as a state owned and run power station

- ✓ Households & businesses protected from blackouts
- ✓ Reduced capital cost will save taxpayers millions
- ✓ Encourages private sector investment in generators

