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COMMUNITY FORUM

UNDERSTANDING THE ICE FACTOR

Where: Blackwood High School

When: Tuesday, 12 April 2016, 7:00pm

Guest Speaker: Professor Ann Roche, Director of the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, Flinders University

RSVP: 8278 5844 or email davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au

This is a free event. All welcome.

LISTENING POSTS

Saturday 2 April 2016

10:00am - 10:30am

Minnow Reserve, Minnow Drive, Glenalta

10:45am - 11:15am

Blackwood Foodland, Blackwood

Saturday 16 April 2016

10:00am - 10:30am

Corner of Bonython Way & Bright Place, Craighburn Farm

10:45am - 11:15am

Archibald Reserve, Tallarook Road, Hawthorndene

Message from Sam

Welcome to the Autumn edition of my community newsletter and the first for 2016.

In my maiden speech, I discussed the need for South Australia to have a strong small business sector, a sustainable environment, and I reaffirmed the vital role of education and life-long learning. I also underscored the role of government and the importance of community and civic participation in our society.

Since the by-election 12 months ago, I have spent my time championing these issues and will continue to be an advocate for you on these matters.

It is also important that I understand your views on new matters as they develop.

In February this year, the **Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission** released its tentative findings, which included:

“South Australia can safely increase its participation in nuclear activities, and by doing so, significantly improve the economic welfare of the South Australian economy”.

I would like to hear your response to the Commission’s findings, and I encourage you to contact my office to express your thoughts.

You may also like to complete the enclosed community survey to express your views on this, or any other issue.

Belair Line: Boom Gates Fail Again

The boom gates at the Blackwood and Glenalta Railway Stations failed repeatedly throughout 2015, and have continued to fail again this year.

Jammed boom gates pose serious logistical issues in an emergency situation, as well as causing frustration and lost productivity from sitting idle at level crossings.

I strongly encourage you to join me in demanding the Government take urgent action.

Please visit my office to sign my **petition** calling for the Weatherill Labor Government **to improve the reliability of the boom gates along the Belair Line.**

Sam in the community



Above : Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair with Sue Wymond, Nicolle Flint (Liberal Candidate for Boothby), and Garry Dolman.



Left: Upper Sturt Strawberry Fair with Jean Evans and Carol McGough.



Right: At the opening of the Southern Orthopaedics Musculoskeletal Clinic (located at the old Blackwood Hospital) with Professor Jegan Krishnan.



Below: 2015 Remembrance Day at the Blackwood War Memorial.

Blackwood Christmas Parade

The Blackwood Lions Christmas Parade was held on Friday, 4th December. Over 70 floats made their way along the parade route, with more than 10,000 spectators lining the streets to enjoy the festivities.

As Father Christmas passed by on his sleigh, many people moved on to Waite Reserve to enjoy the annual Christmas Fair, hosted by the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley.



Top Right: Magarey's Orchard Float.
Right: Hawthorndene Kindergarten Float.
Above: Sam with Therese Kemelfield.



Friends of Gamble Garden

Built in 1902 for Joseph Gamble, the Gamble Cottage and Garden was bequeathed in 1982 to the City of Mitcham by the Gamble sisters, Clara and Edith, for use by the local community.

The Coromandel Valley and Districts Branch of the National Trust maintain the cottage, with the Garden maintained by a volunteer group of local residents called the Friends of Gamble Garden.

Gamble Garden is a rare surviving example of a true cottage garden, based on small formal garden beds planted with old fashioned roses, hardy shrubs, bulbs and annual plants.

The garden is open at all times and you are welcome to visit and browse at your leisure. A guided tour can be arranged for interested groups (a gold coin donation would be appreciated).

New volunteers are also welcome. The Friends of Gamble Garden hold working bees each week on Tuesday morning from 9-11am, with bimonthly meetings held at the cottage on the second Tuesday at 11am (beginning in February each year). For information on volunteering, contact 8372 8860.

Gamble Gardens is located at the corner of Main & Dorham Roads, Blackwood.



Right: Sam with the Friends of Gamble Garden volunteers

What's happening in Parliament

Parliamentary Dementia Champions

I am proud to be a Parliamentary Dementia Champion. Parliamentarians play a critical role in supporting the *Fight Dementia Campaign*, which is working towards a dementia-friendly Australia.

In October 2015, I co-hosted the Parliamentary Dementia Champions event at Parliament House, aiming to raise awareness within State Parliament on issues affecting people living with dementia, their families and carers.

The statistics are alarming.

- Dementia is the second leading cause of death in Australia and there is no cure.
- Almost one in ten people over 65 have dementia.
- There are over 30,000 South Australians living with dementia, and that number is expected to increase to 40,000 within ten years.

Transforming Health: Transformed into what?

Are you confused by the Weatherill Government's Transforming Health plan? You are not alone.

It is now more than 12 months since the Government announced its controversial health plan, and the community is still waiting for an explanation of what will happen to front line services within the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, and when. What we know:

- Over 120,000 "Save The Repat" signatures have been collected.
- The Daw House Hospice will be closed.
- Ward 17 at the Repat will be replaced by a veterans' Mental Health facility at Glenside.
- Emergency department services at Noarlunga Hospital will be downgraded.
- Patients will be forced to travel further to get the care they need.

The State Liberals' continue to press the Government for more information and we urge the Government to drop their controversial health cut plans.



Above: : Speaking at the Parliamentary Dementia Champions Morning Tea

Expenditure on people suffering from dementia and dementia related illnesses is set to become the third greatest source of health and residential aged care spending within two decades.

Whilst we have significant challenges ahead of us, I'm confident that our Parliamentary Dementia Champions will harness political leadership to promote the vision of better care now and in the future, as well as for effective prevention strategies.

Sam in Parliament

Driverless cars, cycling laws, and the new Planning legislation were some of the more prominent issues debated in Parliament since my last newsletter.

I spoke in Parliament on each issue, and highlighted the importance of balanced and equitable outcomes for all South Australians.

I have also spoken on the following matters:

- Youth Justice
- Belair rail line
- Bushfire Readiness
- Drugs & Ice
- Cost of Living
- Mobile Black Spot Programme
- Victims of Crime - compensation entitlements

All speeches can be found on my website www.samduluk.com.au

Please feel free to comment or make suggestions on what you would like raised in Parliament.



Right: Sam with Senior Constable Brett Gibbons, supporting the rights of injured Police Officers.

Kuoni Creative



Above: Having a 3D scan at Kuoni Creative

Located at 212 Main Road, Blackwood, Kuoni Creative is a retail gallery and a creative services hub. Focused on promoting locally made work and services, it provides artists with a workplace and retail outlet.

There is also a 3D Production Office on site – where you can create your own mini-me! Local artist, Jake Hodgman, has 3D scanned me and the results are eagerly awaited.

Right: Sam with Liz and Geoff Bartlett

Opening of Barty's Park

'Barty's Park' opened on 12 October 2015, and is named after Geoff Bartlett, Secretary of the Blackwood Action Group. Geoff makes an enormous contribution to our community. Geoff's endless hours of volunteer work ensure the public gardens in the local area flourish – including those surrounding the Blackwood shopping precinct. In a fitting tribute, the Blackwood Action Group dedicated their latest project to Geoff, naming the Foodland carpark pocket park, 'Barty's Park'.

The Group has created a pleasant little retreat where people can enjoy their lunch, take a break from their shopping, or simply catch up with friends for a chat.



Australia Day Honours

I would like to congratulate the following local residents who received Australia Day honours in recognition of their outstanding service to the community:

- Associate Professor Andrew Ian Hill AM, for significant service to education as a visual artist and academic, to multiculturalism, and through innovative art programs for young refugees.
- Mrs Yvonne Caddy OAM, for service to local government in South Australia and to the community.
- Mr Geoffrey Simpson OAM, for service to Rotary and to the Uniting Church in Australia.
- Adj Associate Professor Monica Oliphant AO, 2016 South Australia's Senior Australian of the Year.



Above: City of Mitcham 2016 Australia Day Celebrations

Graffiti - A growing concern?

Graffiti is an issue that generates widespread community concern.

The cost to government, councils, businesses and private property owners, is considerable.

Whilst SA Police statistics reveal that the annual number of graffiti offences reported to police has decreased, the reality is that these figures are likely to be conservative as numerous incidents go unreported.

Many residents have contacted me to express their frustration and concern at what they consider is an increasing prevalence of graffiti in our local community. I share their concerns.

It is important to find an appropriate balance between prevention and punitive responses, and I will be exploring options to improve outcomes in this regard.

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact me.



Darlington Project

The tender to construct the \$620 million Darlington upgrade project was announced on 20 December 2015.

It is a major project that will improve traffic flows for residents of Flagstaff Hill and surrounding suburbs, deliver significant economic activity into the area, and create much needed jobs. However, it has also generated considerable community concern about the Project's impact on local traffic flows.

I have repeatedly raised the concerns of local businesses and residents in Parliament, with key stakeholders, and with the Minister for Transport.

Whilst I understand that not all concerns have been addressed, I am very pleased that the design of the project has changed in a number of areas, delivering an improved result.

Construction will commence in mid-2016 with completion scheduled for the end of 2018.

For further project information and details on the recent modifications please contact my office or visit: www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/darlington.



Above: Darlington Announcement with Federal Minister Paul Fletcher MP, Dr Andrew Southcott MP, and Nicolle Flint (Liberal Candidate for Boothby).

Local Bedford Park and Darlington residents will now benefit from the following changes:

- Right turn out of Brookside Rd, onto Main South Rd available for northbound motorists
- Northbound extension from Bedford Park South via new connection at Wentworth Avenue (subject to final design)
- Previously proposed access through Francis Street Reserve has been removed
- Right turn onto Main South Rd from Sturt Rd has been preserved
- No impact to Warriparinga Wetlands

UNDERSTANDING THE ICE FACTOR *Community Forum*

Ice: What do we know? What can we do?

Too many Australians – especially young Australians – are harming themselves and others through the use of ice. It can lead to family breakdown, financial distress, involvement in crime, unemployment, and homelessness.

I will be hosting a **Community Forum**, *'Understanding the Ice Factor'*, to help increase local awareness of the use of ice; its impact; and the support services for addicts and their families.

- When:** Tuesday, 12 April 2016, 7:00pm
Where: Blackwood High School Performing Arts Centre
Speaker: Professor Ann Roche
RSVP: Ph: 8278 5844 or E: davenport@parliament.sa.gov.au

Special guest speaker Professor Ann Roche, Director of the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, Flinders University, will be joined by representatives from SAPOL and the local Family Drug Support group.

- What is Ice?** **What is the impact?** **Where can I get help?**

Numbers are limited so please RSVP at your earliest convenience.

Proportionately, Australia uses more methamphetamine, including ice, than almost any other country, and the number of users continues to grow.

Across all states and territories, South Australia reported the second highest proportion of people using ice in 2013 (1.4 per cent). This is compared with the national average of 1.1 per cent.



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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SURVEY

THE ISSUES

Please number (from 1 to 4) the four issues that concern you the most.

- Cost of living pressures (ESL increase)
- Building a stronger economy
- Transforming Health (Repat closure)
- Aged Care
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Quality of educational services
- Unemployment/job creation
- Public transport services
- Renewable energy
- Support for local businesses

IN PARLIAMENT

If you could raise one issue in the State Parliament, what would it be?



OUR COMMUNITY

If you could fix one problem in our local area, what would it be?

- Blackwood Roundabout
- Property vandalism (graffiti)
- Boom gates on the Belair line
- Rail freight in the Hills
- Flagstaff Road
- Native vegetation sustainability

Other (please list)



ABOUT POLITICS

Please select one of the following: (optional)

I ALWAYS support the following party

- Liberal Labor Greens
- Family First
- Independent/Other

OR I USUALLY support the following party

- Liberal Labor Greens
- Family First
- Independent/Other

OR I don't support any political party

ABOUT YOU

Please complete the following details so that I can keep you informed.

Title

Name

Address

Home ph

Mobile ph

Email

YOUR WORK

Please select the option which best reflects your current situation:

- Full-time Part-time
- Self-employed At home parent
- Unemployed Student
- Age pensioner Disability pensioner
- Self-funded retiree

Your occupation

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please return to:

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