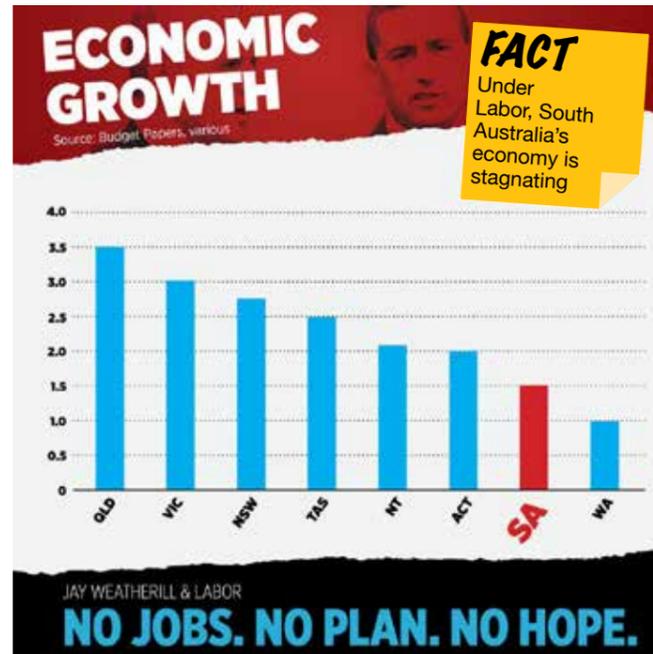
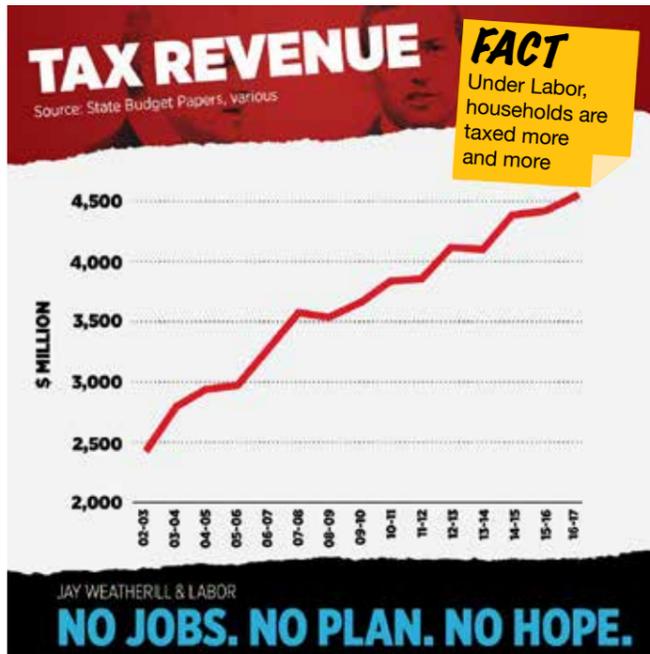


# STATE BUDGET 2016/17



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Dear Schubert Residents,

It has been a difficult time at the north western end of our electorate. The Pinery bushfire came and went with such speed and ferocity that it broke all fire prediction models. I am sure that our thoughts remain with the victims of the fire as they continue with the difficult task of returning to a new sense of normal. During these worst of times I am always encouraged by how communities come together to support each other. The stories of generosity that I have heard serve to remind us that we are not just a collection of individuals but a strong community of people.

With that in mind there is another issue that we need to come together to fight for, a new health facility for the Barossa. An Outline Business Case has been completed and is sitting with the state government. Now is the time for the Schubert community to make its collective voice known around our need for a new hospital and push the government to take the next step and undertake a full Business Case. Fixing the Barossa's aged health facilities is the top priority across country South Australia and we cannot let this pass us by.

I encourage you to complete the petition in this newsletter and return it so that I can add your voice to the chorus. Alternatively you can sign our online petition at <http://barossahospital-stephanknoll.nationbuilder.com/>

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate two of Mannum's favourite sons, Murray Schache and Alan Pearce, who have recently been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Murray's worked over many decades with the Mannum Agricultural Show Society, Agricultural Societies Council, Mannum Hospital, Meals on Wheels, Murray Mallee Aged Care Group and St Martin's Lutheran Church. Alan has spent 32 years helping at the Mannum Hospital transporting patients. Both men are great examples of the community spirit that exists and what it takes to keep our communities strong.

On a personal note, since our last newsletter I have been promoted to now be the Liberal Parliamentary Secretary for Waste and Deregulation and Parliamentary Secretary for Information Technology use in Government. But the most exciting news since the last newsletter is that Amy & I welcomed the arrival of our second daughter and a sister for Ruby, Macey in May.

As always please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, queries and issues we are only too happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

*Stephan*

**\$9 million was allocated to Schubert schools as part of the State Government's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Works Program.**

<b>Mannum Community College</b>	<b>\$3.5m</b>
<b>Nuriootpa High School</b>	<b>\$2.5m</b>
<b>Freeling Primary School</b>	<b>\$1.0m</b>
<b>Nuriootpa Primary School</b>	<b>\$1.0m</b>
<b>Tanunda Primary School</b>	<b>\$1.0m</b>



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## Listening Post at The Co-op

Stephan regularly holds a Listening Post at The Co-op in Nuriootpa, the next one is:

**Wednesday 10 August, 11am – 1pm**

# AROUND THE ELECTORATE

A snapshot of visits and functions Stephan has recently attended:

- Grand Opening of Uniting Communities, Tanunda
- Mannum Regatta
- Opening of the Tanunda RSL Sub-Branch Counselling Room
- Barossa Valley Tinkers Shed Open Day
- Nuriootpa Bowling Club Presentation Lunch
- Freeling RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Mt Pleasant RSL ANZAC Day display
- Judo in the Vines
- North Rhine, St Peter's Lutheran Congregation Day of Celebration and Thanksgiving for 150 years
- Blazeaid Dinner
- Junction Australia Barossa Region Lunch
- Redeemer Lutheran School ELC Opening
- Sponsors Day at Angaston Football Club
- Guest Speaker, Nuriootpa Uniting Church Adult Fellowship
- Lions Club of Barossa Valley Handover Dinner
- Koonunga Ag Bureau Annual Social
- Mt Pleasant Progress Association Meeting
- Freeling Firefighters' Ball



Presenting an Active Club Grant to Tom and Jack from the Angaston Football Club at their Sponsors Day. The club received \$3,000 to assist with program and/or equipment funding.

# IN PARLIAMENT

## Supply Grieve – Hansard, 14 April 2016

“...But not everything is hunky dory, not everything is as it should be, and there are a number of things I would like to talk about today that I would like to see resolved in order for the Barossa to become even more perfect. The first of those and the perennial issue of those is the Barossa hospital.

In 1992 the Tanunda Hospital Board and the Angaston Hospital Board were advised by the government (which was the Labor Party in the dying days of the Bannon/Arnold administration) to merge, and the idea was that, if those two hospital boards merged into one, under one CEO for the two hospitals, that the case could be built for a new single health facility in the Barossa.

Then in 2001, after recovering from a State Bank disaster the likes of which this state has never seen and hopefully should never see again, the Liberal Party committed to building this facility.

Unfortunately, losing the 2002 election saw the reversal of this promise by the Hon. Lea Stevens, if I am correct, saying that the money was not in the budget. The money was supposed to be there in the 2002 budget but, unfortunately, losing the election meant that that money was no longer there, and that is a disgrace and that is a shame.

Now, here we sit 14 years later and we are in the same predicament. The need in the Barossa grows ever grewater. The Angaston Hospital built in 1910 and the Tanunda Hospital built in 1955— both of which have not seen decent upgrades for the last 30-odd years—are in various states of disrepair. And, having had cause to take my three-year-old daughter to each of the hospitals actually on one occasion, I have seen first-hand the brilliant nursing staff working in otherwise disgusting conditions. The Barossa deserves better...

...On that score, along with a group of interested individuals and prominent individuals from my communities, I am working on a plan to help make that hospital cheaper to build for the state government, because the people of Barossa do not sit from the sidelines and just whinge and say, ‘Give me what I want.’

We are more than prepared to roll up our sleeves and get involved in getting this thing done.

We are looking at ways to gift the land to the state government on which the hospital will be built. We have got money that has been fundraised and held in trust by the Health Advisory Council ready to go for a new Barossa hospital and that money does number in the millions.

We have two facilities that will be vacated in the building of a new hospital on a separate site, the selling off of which can help to offset the capital cost. I have got local builders who have said to me that they will build the building for cost to get it done such is the need for the community.

I have so much goodwill and so much practical help, as is the norm for the way the Barossa gets on and does things, that I think we can make this hospital between \$5 million and \$10 million cheaper for the state government. Surely that will help improve the bottom line. What will also help get this project along the line are the savings that will come from essentially merging three facilities— the two hospitals and a third administration site—into one.

Again, that should not be understated because in the longer term, as the cost of staff increases, those savings become ever more important and it is another reason why we should move to a full business case to look at how a new Barossa health facility will actually end up saving the government money. We will continue work on that topic and I have more to say and more to do about that in the community in coming weeks. I look forward to a positive resolution from the minister.

Another project is being run by the very august body known as the Barons of Barossa. They have put on the table an idea for a Barossa grand cellar and they are looking for support from government, from the community and from business in order to get it built. The concept behind this is that the Barossa Valley is the fifth most recognised wine region in the world. It is home to the most prestigious wine brand in the world in Penfolds.

Our story is significant, our story is unique and our story needs to be celebrated in a facility that is worthy of the quality of the wine we produce. I would love nothing more than to see the grand cellar built and become a home and a hub for the best and iconic wines that the Barossa produces, a place where we can take significant buyers and high net worth individuals to try our best and put them up in the type of surroundings that befit the best wines in the world.

The third project on the table at the moment is around ensuring that the quality of our road surfaces is improved. I commend the government on the money they put forward to resurface the main street of Tanunda, Murray Street. Unfortunately, we are still waiting on the NBN to finish its work before that road is resurfaced in two sections and, even though the work was supposed to start in March, it looks like it will be August or September this year before it starts.

My community is crying out for it. Indeed, on social media this week, I had a lot of inquiries and a lot of people are interested in getting that project finished. There is a 2.8 kilometre patch of road from the corner of Yettie Road right through to the Playford council border and that is a stretch of Para Wirra Road that needs to be bitumenised. I know that council has put in submissions to Supplementary Road Funding and also Roads to Recovery to see if we can get the money to bitumenise that patch of road...”

## STEVEN MARSHALL VISITS SCHUBERT

As part of his commitment to visit a different part of regional South Australia each month, State Liberal Leader Steven Marshall visited the electorate in June.

Steven and Stephan visited Father's Farm, a youth mentoring program in Nuriootpa; toured The Co-op to discuss the re-development; and visited Stein's Taphouse and Wine Bar, a new business in Nuriootpa.



Visiting Father's Farm, a fantastic youth mentoring program in Nuriootpa with Program Co-ordinator Karen McColl and Hon John Dawkins MLC.



Showing Steven the wonderful Hill & Son 1877 Grand Organ at the Tanunda Soldier's Memorial Hall.



Steven & Stephan with Warren Randall, Managing Director of Seppeltsfield Wines. Stephan held a Business & Professionals Breakfast to discuss the State Liberal team's manifesto document: 2036 which outlines a long-term vision for South Australia to coincide with the State's Bicentenary. 2036 lays the foundation for the policies that the State Liberal Team will develop as we head towards the 2018 State election.

## A NEW BAROSSA HOSPITAL

To the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled -

The Petition of the undersigned residents of South Australia

For more than 20 years the people of the Barossa Valley have called for a NEW Barossa Health Facility. The growing population, and increasing age demographic of the Barossa deserves to be serviced by a modern, efficient and new health facility.

### Proposal:

That the State Government build a new Barossa Health Facility.

Alternatively, you can sign our petition online at:

<http://barossahospital-stephanknoll.nationbuilder.com>

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