**NEW CYCLING LAWS**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

1. Allowing cyclists to ride on footpaths?
   - [ ] Support
   - [ ] Oppose
   - [ ] Undecided

2. Leaving a 1m gap (1.5m if travelling +60km/h) when passing cyclists?
   - [ ] Support
   - [ ] Oppose
   - [ ] Undecided

3. Allowing motorists to cross any centre line (if safe) to pass a cyclist?
   - [ ] Support
   - [ ] Oppose
   - [ ] Undecided

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**Dear residents of Schubert,**

It continues to be a privilege to serve you here in the beautiful Barossa and Murraylands, thank you to everyone that has contacted the office or taken the time to share your concerns out and about in the electorate.

As Christmas draws near and the year draws to a close I am disposed to reflect on the year that was.

One thing I have learnt in this job is that change is difficult; it is slow and it often seems that simple things are harder than what they should be. This is not discouraging, indeed it makes us want to work even harder to achieve outcomes.

After 18 months in the job the Schubert Office has had a number of achievements, a sample of which we would like to share here.

These achievements are always in conjunction with others but we are very proud to have helped along the way.

We successfully lobbied to have the Angaston Railway Station land gifted to The Barossa Council (finally) and we look forward to seeing the area revitalised over coming years. We worked to have power lines over a vineyard on the valley floor raised so that the vines could be mechanically pruned, sprayed and harvested instead of everything needing to be done by hand. We helped people to get their working with children clearances assessed quicker so that they can get back to work after being forced to take leave. We were also part of a broader campaign with The Leader newspaper to have the Give Way signs at the intersection of Stockwell Rd and Angaston Rd reverted back to Stop signs.

Often the successes have been helping people navigate their way through the bureaucracy and this is sad. Government, as a provider of services, needs to see people as customers and try to deliver an efficient and helpful service. The more I come across these types of issues the more committed I am to trying to improve them.

These successes may seem small to some but mean a lot to those affected. The successes also make the job worthwhile and I look forward to many more issues coming across our desk.

On behalf of Courtney, Brendan and Rhoeann in the Schubert Office as well as Amy and Ruby, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we move towards a prosperous and safe 2016.

Yours sincerely,

**Stephan**

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**ROUND 39 ACTIVE CLUB GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**RIGHT** - Barossa District Football and Netball Club received $20,000 to assist with a surface upgrade. Stephan presented the certificate to Teresa Grovermann, President.

**BELOW** - Both the Greenock and Tanunda Cricket Clubs received $5,000 to assist with program and/or equipment funding. Pictured prior to the Greenock vs Tanunda A1 Reserves game is Greenock’s President Max McLaren, Captain Sam Nitschke and Tanunda’s Captain Nathan Justin.

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**Mount Crawford Dressage Club received $10,000 to assist with a facility upgrade. Stephan is pictured with Caroline Dear, Vice President and her horse Molly.**

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**The Schubert Electorate Office will be closed from midday Wednesday 23rd December 2015 and re-open at 9am on Monday 4th January 2016.**

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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IN PARLIAMENT


“I came into this place and in my maiden speech stood up as a small government conservative. I would be doing myself and the values that I hold so dearly an injustice by not standing up, and I am unapologetic and will continue to be a harsh critic of government spending in a whole host of areas, because I believe that is entirely consistent with what I was sent here to do.

It is quite interesting that I did not ask that many questions on the Barossa in this past week. The reason for that is that there is nothing in this budget for my electorate. There was nothing! In the regional statement and the breakdown of government spending in regional areas, it breaks down into the seven RDA boundaries. RDA Barossa had the lowest spending—I think it was about $6.2 million off the top of my head—of any RDA region across South Australia, and it only outlined two specific projects. The first of those projects is a dialysis unit in Gawler, which was already announced last year, and we are extremely grateful for that. We are extremely grateful for those four chairs. The second lot of that spending is the Evanston Gardens Primary School upgrade. They are both very worthy projects, but both are not in my electorate, so it is very hard to ask a question about them. So when it is suggested that we try to find spurious ways to give government programs to the lines on the budget paper, it was pretty difficult for me because there were no lines to talk about.

I did congratulate the tourism minister when he discussed the continuation of the Barossa Be Consumed campaign into the 2015-16 year. That is a good win for the Barossa, but that is the only win that we had. For a region that is so productive for this state, it is an absolute disgrace. I will not cover that topic again because I covered it in my budget reply speech. The other question that has been put is that somehow I have attacked worthy government budget spending because I attacked budget overruns within government spending, but I am not the one who set those budgets. All I am doing is holding the government to account for their own figures.

Brian Hurn OAM – Hansard, 28 October 2015

“I have known Brian for about the last four years and came to know him quite well after my preselection as the candidate for the seat of Schubert for the Liberal Party. As often is the case in the Barossa, the local member and the local mayor end up at functions together. I was somewhat of a new kid on the block and for those 12 months and the six months that Brian and I served concurrently as member and mayor. He was very keen to put me through my paces. He saw me as this young kid on the block attempting to represent his community, his patch, and he wanted to make sure that I was up to the task. He quite cheekily in the way that he would interact, and the way we would interact with other people. It took me a good six months to break him down and to really start to get to know him. He was a man of immense character and immense strength. He was a strong and uncompromising leader who has shepherded the Barossa through so many great changes and has been in no small part a contributor to the wonderful place that we Barossans now call home. It was a beautiful service yesterday in the Uniting Church and a fantastic eulogy given by his granddaughter Ashton Hurn. She can be extremely proud. My condolences go to the family, especially to Ashton’s parents, William and Sandi, to Ashton’s brother, Shannon, aunts, uncles and cousins.”

China-Australia Free Trade Agreement – Hansard, 14 October 2015

“The opening up of international markets is great for an export-focused nation such as Australia, and indeed South Australia and our export capabilities. It means that we can get on and do more of the things that we are good at, sell the goods and services that we are great at and indeed in some cases, such as making a good glass of shiraz from the electorate of Schubert, do what we are the best in the world at. We saw that, once again, only last week when Thorn-Clarke and their 2012 Ron Thorn Shiraz was voted the best shiraz in the world. This comes on the back of a whole host of similar accolades. I can remember the Wild Witch at Kellermeister receiving a similar accolade.

The jobs that are created in these industries are sustainable and, as we talk about a transitioning economy, I think this is a very important fact. They are sustainable because they do not rely on subsidy or tariff to survive and because, thanks to these agreements, these industries will be growing, which means that the job creation in these industries will hopefully help to transition our economy. The Chinese free trade agreement, and the others, are great for the Barossa, Schubert and South Australia more broadly.”

OUT AND ABOUT

IN AROUND

THE ELECTORATE

A snapshot of visits and functions Stephan has recently attended:

- Happy Day fundraiser for the Tanunda Disability Unit
- Guest Speaker, Nuriootpa Uniting Church Adult Fellowship
- Guest Speaker, Rotary Club of Barossa District
- Flag presentation at Faith Lutheran College
- Redeemer Lutheran School’s 150th Anniversary Celebration Worship
- Carers Link 20th Birthday Official Celebration
- Lone Pine Tanunda Ag Bureau Annual Social
- Barossa Wine Show Awards Presentation Dinner
- Visited the 6/7 class at Good Shepherd Lutheran School
- Launch of Eden Valley Bushfire 2014 Community Diary
- Lyndoch 175th Anniversary Combined Churches Community Service and Family Picnic
- Opening of the House of Hope, Nuriootpa
- Launch of the Barossa Light and Gawler Regional Heritage Strategy 2014-2020
- Guest Speaker, Kiwanis Club of Barossa
- Bill Scheme Expansion Celebration
- Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour, Angaston
- Country Cabinet Community BBQ & Public Forum
- SA Regional Awards Barossa Region and Murraylands & Riverland Region Award nights
- Opened Tanunda Lutheran School’s 170th Anniversary Sports Day
- Nuriootpa High School Year 12 Presentation Night
- Oktoberfest at Angaston Primary School
- Remembrance Day Service, Mt Pleasant RSL