

EYRE PENINSULA SHOW SEASON



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It's been another busy spring show season right around the Eyre Peninsula, and it has been my pleasure to go along, support, and participate in shows around the EP. I also had the opportunity in Parliament to congratulate all the many volunteers who give so much to their communities to help deliver such special events, especially the

show Presidents; Port Lincoln – Semi Skoljarev, Wudinna – Kylie Bartley, Kimba – Terry Lidis, Yallunda Flat – Damian Redden, Cummins – Michael Traeger, and Cleve – Lyndon Crosby.

It was also a pleasure to be able to recognise the contribution of Brian Smith



(Bottom left) to the Eyre Peninsula show scene over many decades. Brian's voice is one which is so familiar to many, being the in-ring emcee right across the EP, and it is lovely to see that contribution being recognised by a number of those show committees. My congratulations also go to Steve and Val Briese, and Liz Mickan (Top right), for their elevation to life membership of the Yallunda Flat Show Society, in recognition of their many years of service and dedication to the Yallunda Flat community.



REPORT YOUR MOBILE BLACKSPOT



On 28 October, Telstra and Optus switched off their 3G mobile networks.

Although this was a long time coming, and was held off as long as possible thanks to advocacy especially from regional communities, there are still many people who will be left without full mobile connectivity, just as there remain many mobile black spots across the Eyre Peninsula.

If you have a mobile coverage black spot in your community, or your coverage no longer works in an area where the 3G network used to work, please report it by scanning the QR code and filling in the form.

With your help in identifying these black spots, I can advocate to both Telcos and levels of government, so our communities can access reliable communication services which form a basic necessity of modern life.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As 2024 draws towards a close, I want to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and blessings for the holiday season and upcoming New Year.

It is a time to come together with our loved ones and celebrate all we have achieved throughout the year. Our community spirit has been on display through the recent show season, and the strong support of our local community organisations is most encouraging. However, this year has also been challenging for many Eyre Peninsula families, with our farmers faced with difficult weather conditions, and others confronted by the rising cost of living and doing business.

As many families take the opportunity to head away on holidays, we will also be welcoming many travellers from the city and interstate across the holiday period, and I urge you to take extra care on our roads and be patient and understanding with our many business owners who will be facing higher than normal demand.

From my staff, my family and I, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, a happy and prosperous new year. My Port Lincoln office will close on 20 December and reopen on 30 December, while the Ceduna office will close on 19 December and reopen on 2 January.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

One hundred and six years ago at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent on the Western Front after more than four years of continuous bloodshed of World War I. Following the horrors of World War II, 11 November became the day to remember all those who made the supreme sacrifice, serving their country, and from that day on it has been known as Remembrance Day.

I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Port Lincoln RSL service this year. I want to give my personal thanks to the Port Lincoln RSL and President Gary Clough, Secretary Lee Clayton and the many veterans and volunteers for a moving and poignant service on Remembrance Day, with the participation of many of our local veterans as well as the wider community.

The community of Port Lincoln has also come together in what began as a heartfelt concept by a small group of local artists and has blossomed into the deeply meaningful community-driven Poppy Project, a tribute and expression of respect to the service men and women of the Eyre Peninsula.

The Poppy Project was made possible with the support of the City of Port Lincoln, and my thanks go to Council, Country Arts SA, Julie Aldridge and Nola Samuel, for their commitment to commemorating our veterans. We pause each Remembrance Day to remember those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the things we value as a community, and we should never forget that sacrifice. Lest we forget.

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OYSTERFEST

The October long weekend tradition of Ceduna Oysterfest once again delivered a fantastic community event which showcased our regions produce, as well as the community spirit which we all appreciate.

The entertainment, stalls, competitions, parade and more meant there was something for everyone, as well as the hundreds of dozens of oysters consumed!

It was a great pleasure to introduce Tom Venning, the Liberal candidate for the federal seat of Grey, to his first Oysterfest, and congratulations and thank you to Jo Skinner & all the many volunteers who helped deliver this special event.



It was great to be at the 40th anniversary of the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre, first opened back in 1984. It also was a chance to recognise the role local legends Bill Richter (left) and Sime Sarin played in delivering and sustaining this special place, which welcomes 150,000 visitors a year.

KIMBA COUNCIL TURNS 100

I was delighted to recently attend the 100th birthday celebrations of the Kimba District Council. Kimba has seen its' fair share of challenges, especially in recent times, but the resilience and quiet determination of the community continues to shine through and was on full display.

A number of former staff and elected members were in attendance, along with a very special guest in the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC.

The attendance on the night indicates the tremendous community spirit that embodies Kimba, and all of our Eyre Peninsula towns. Kimba's more recent successes, in being named the Ag Town of the Year in 2021, is testament to the hard work of council, led by Mayor Dean Johnson and CEO Deb Larwood, and shows how much can be achieved when we work together in our communities.



FLINDERS HIGHWAY UPGRADES

One of the most common concerns raised with my office is the degraded state of the Flinders Highway. I have long advocated for there to be significant investment into portions of this highway which are dangerous for road users.

Thankfully, the state government has finally listened to my appeals and allocated \$2 million towards the beginnings of upgrades, including shoulder sealing, audio tactile line marking, safety barriers and signage, starting with the section between Wangary and Port Lincoln.

I will be closely monitoring this project, and the quality of the work delivered, and will continue to advocate for more investment into the Flinders Highway, especially the next section up towards Elliston, and between Streaky Bay and Ceduna. As these works are due to commence shortly and should be completed by early next year, I urge you to take extra care and slow down over the Christmas and New Year period.



PATS CLAIMS DELAYS

Every week I hear more and more stories from patients who have had to travel to Adelaide for medical reasons, being delayed in having their Patient

Assistance. Transport Scheme (PATS) claims reimbursed.

Patients should not have to wait up to ten weeks to receive their money back, and the lack of resources provided by the government is not good enough.

I am continuing to work with my regional colleagues to ensure that communities such as ours are not financially punished simply for being located a long distance from Adelaide., and if you have an outstanding PATS claim longer than eight weeks, please let my office know, as you deserve better.

CHANGES IN CEDUNA

It is the end of an era as Di Smith in my office has recently retired from her role. Di (Below left) worked in the Ceduna electorate office for over 14 years, helping our community with a myriad of state issues, and being a listening ear to so many. Thank you Di for all you have done, you will be greatly missed!

I'm also pleased to introduce Suzie Kenny (Below right) into the Ceduna electorate office, and know that she will be a strong voice working in my office on behalf of the whole West Coast.

Yarredi Services are a community group, based in Port Lincoln, providing vital services to vulnerable women.

I was honoured to attend the recent opening of the Kristen Lawler Memorial Library Corner, and if you or someone you know requires assistance, call 8683 0311 or visit them at 13 Dutton Street.

EP WATER ALLOCATION PLAN

The Eyre Peninsula Water Allocation Plan regulates how much groundwater can be extracted from the Southern Basins, which provide 70% of all EP mains water, and the Musgrave Prescribed Wells Areas, which provides 100% of Elliston mains water, is currently being reviewed.

We all know how low our water supplies are, and this is why it is important for everyone to have their say when it comes to how water is allocated from these dwindling resources, particularly with the state government's failure to listen to us when it comes to the Port Lincoln desalination plant.

While this will not be a quick process, the first stage of public consultations end on 16 December, so I would urge you to be quick in making a submission, which you can do by post, email or even in a meeting with the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board.

For more information on the plan, or for information on how you can make your submission, visit <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/ep-wap-revision>



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