

Waverley Community News

THE LATEST NEWS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT

2021/22 SUMMER EDITION

Message from Matt Fregon MP

Being your local State Member of Parliament is a great privilege. Our community has gone through so much over the last two years, but through adversity we have also seen the best in ourselves.

Despite challenges, we have still managed a number of important achievements in 2021, and this newsletter shows some of these highlights.

This year will be a different year and there is still a lot of work to be done. As your local representative, I'll be working everyday to assist the community and support small business to recover as we look forward to 2022 with a feeling of hope and optimism.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office if I can be of any assistance to you or your family.

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Message from Shaun Leane MP

As Member of Parliament for Eastern Metropolitan Region, I have the absolute privilege of representing one of the best parts of Australia.

I am inspired by such a strong, resilient, and diverse community, through hardship we have come together to support each other. We have seen so much change over the last two years, but we have dealt with it together.

I am also incredibly proud of the work the Victorian Government has done to improve the lives and wellbeing of all Victorians, particularly those in the Mount Waverley District.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office if I may be of assistance to you or your family as well.

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Mount Waverley North Primary School New Covered Play Space

Students at Mount Waverley North Primary School had a new space to explore when they returned to school in term 4 of 2021.



The new sports shelter provides shade and protection from the weather and is designed as an inclusive space that will be accessible to all students for outdoor play and learning.

In 2019, \$200,000 was allocated to the school in Round 5 of the Inclusive Schools Fund, which is supporting projects like this at schools across Victoria.

If there was **JUST ONE THING** you could change about the Mount Waverley District, what would it be?

What are **your** ideas to improve our local community?

Please send through your **suggestions** and you too can **make a real difference**.

Glen Waverley South Primary School \$9.64 Million Upgrade

Back in May, Matt Fregon MP attended a special school assembly at Glen Waverley South Primary School to make a big announcement.



As part of the 2021/22 State Budget, the Victorian Government is providing \$9.639 million to Glen Waverley South Primary School to upgrade and modernise the school, including Block A and B.

Glen Waverley South Primary School is one of 52 Victorian schools that will be upgraded in this year's Budget. This \$9.639 million investment will deliver an upgrade which will modernise the school's buildings, giving students the best environment to learn and achieve.

Avila College Senior Learning Centre

Building work is now well underway at Avila College on their new Ballygriffin Senior Learning Centre.



The new facility will feature flexible spaces to create a dynamic and adaptive environment that promotes collaborative learning, encourages community connections and supports independent study and research.

Avila College was awarded a \$2 million grant from the Victorian Non-Government Schools Capital Fund towards the project back in 2020.

The build is moving at a fast pace and is on track to open for students before the end of 2022.

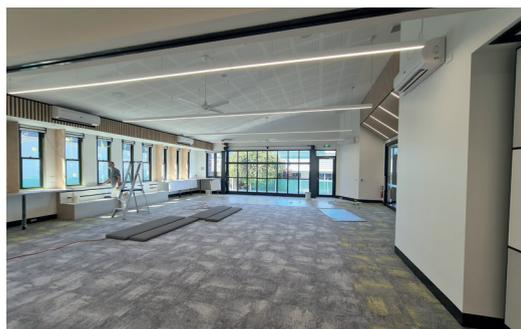


Brentwood Secondary College VCE Centre

Back in 2019, Brentwood Secondary College was awarded \$4.6 million to build a new VCE Centre as part of the 2019/2020 State Budget. The new VCE Centre at Brentwood Secondary College is now complete and it's looking fantastic! Ready for 2022 school year, the building is the new home for Year 12 students, who now have access to a spacious study space, dedicated locker zone and two new classrooms.

The college Pathways Team is also located in this building, providing important support to all students.

With internal works complete and landscapers completing the last exterior finishes, the new facility is everything our local students and hardworking teachers deserve to kick off the 2022 school year.



Progress photos of the Brentwood Secondary College VCE Centre.

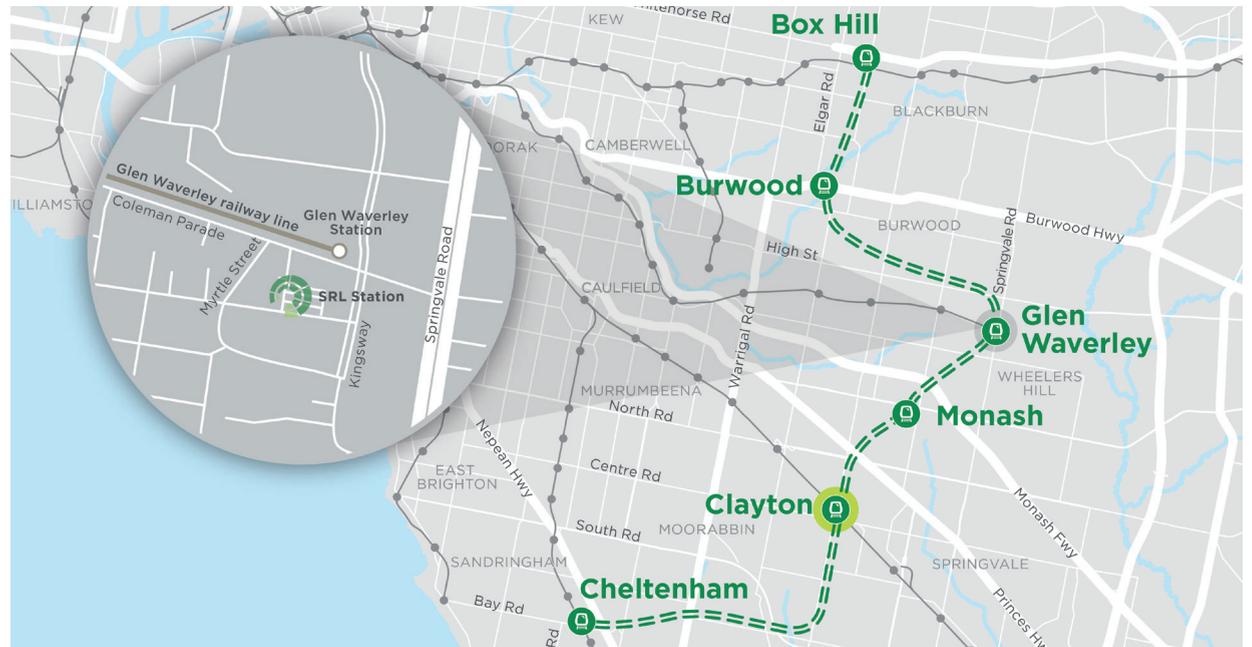
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TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Victoria's Big Build: Suburban Rail Loop



Connecting Glen Waverley to the Loop

Suburban Rail Loop East (SRL East) will connect our growing health, education, retail and employment precincts in Melbourne's east and south east between Cheltenham and Box Hill.

It involves delivering:

- Twin 26-kilometre rail tunnels
- Six new underground stations, including four with interchanges to existing stations at Cheltenham, Clayton, Glen Waverley and Box Hill, as well as new stations at Monash and Burwood
- A transport super hub at Clayton for regional passengers
- A dedicated fleet of new high-tech trains

SRL East is moving towards construction following the release of the Business and Investment Case outlining how it will deliver more jobs, better services and access to housing as Victoria continues to grow, and the passage of project-specific legislation through the Victorian Parliament.

The Project:

The new Suburban Rail Loop station at Glen Waverley will allow passengers to interchange directly between the SRL station and the existing Metro station when services begin in 2035.

The station will be in the heart of Glen Waverley's thriving activity centre improving access to local schools, community facilities and government services.

The new station will be configured over 2 levels underground. Access between street level and the station platforms will be provided via lifts and elevators.

A single station entry, oriented towards Coleman Parade and the existing Glen Waverley Station is proposed, allowing passengers to connect directly with the existing Glen Waverley line and bus interchange.

Accessible drop-off and taxi bays and bicycle storage facilities are proposed for the new station. Improvements to local roads and intersections will support traffic flow, with landscaping and upgrades to pedestrian connections also proposed.

Suburban Rail Loop Authority is working with key stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve pedestrian and cycling connections.

Initial Works

To ensure major construction works for SRL East can get underway quickly with fewer disruptions, a range of Initial Works will be undertaken from 2022 along the alignment, including:

- Service relocation and protection works: moving and/or protecting above and below ground utility services including power, water, gas, sewer and telecommunications lines
- Power upgrades: modifying and upgrading the existing power network and installing new underground power infrastructure
- Site establishment: preparing sites for construction including tree removal and protection, ground improvement trials, site levelling and setting up site compounds and fencing
- Road modifications: minor changes to roads at select locations to improve access

Before works start, the Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) will engage with residents and businesses about activities planned in their area, what to expect and how any disruptions will be managed.

Strict requirements will be in place to manage construction impacts, including noise, dust and vibration.

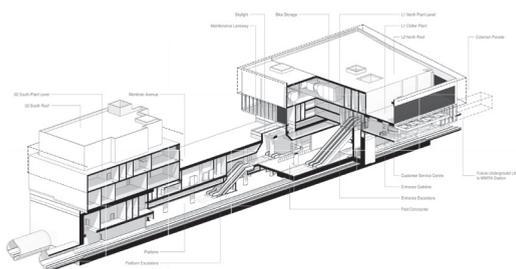
Environment Effects Statement Now on Public Exhibition

An Environment Effects Statement (EES) - Victoria's most comprehensive and transparent planning and environmental assessment process has been released for SRL East.

The SRL East EES identifies the project's benefits and potential impacts on people during construction and operation and proposes ways to manage any effects.

This is Victoria's first fully digital EES. This means the EES will be available online making it easier, more sustainable, and more accessible.

You can view this document online via the dedicated portal at: www.srleastees.vic.gov.au.



Artist's impression of the proposed SRL Glen Waverley Station.

BUSINESS & LOCAL COMMUNITY

Supporting Local Monash Businesses



Matt Fregon MP and Shaun Leane MP chat with Swiss Bakehouse owner Jamie in Hamilton Place.

More than \$10 billion in direct economic support has been delivered to businesses across Victoria over the course of the pandemic, including \$4.2 billion in cash grants paid to more than 145,000 businesses since the May/June restrictions period.

The Victorian Government has provided \$108 million in direct economic support between 31 May and 3 September to more than 5,386 Monash businesses in industries ranging from hospitality to non-essential retail, accommodation, events, hairdressing and beauty services.

Support for small and medium-sized businesses also extends to the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme, which requires landlords to provide proportionate rent relief for businesses with a turnover of less than \$50 million that have experienced a fall in turnover of 30 per cent or greater, regardless of location.

For more information on support programs for Victorian businesses visit: www.business.vic.gov.au.

Glen Waverley Ladies Probus Bring Joy to Children in Need

The Ladies Probus Club of Glen Waverley have worked hard to deliver Christmas cheer to children in need with hand-knit puppets and dolls. As part of Operation Christmas Child's 'Pack a Box' initiative, the adorable soft toys were included in personalised gift filled shoe boxes delivered to children in underprivileged countries. This year, the Australian shoe boxes were sent to Cambodia. Link for more information: <https://occdonations.samaritanspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebbox-online/>

If you would like to make your own knitted owl, a step by step guide has been kindly provided by the Glen Waverley Ladies Probus Club. If you are interested in getting involved in the Club's Committee, you can contact Jan Greenaway by email at: jgreenaway2016@gmail.com.

Knitted Owl

Materials:

- 8 ply wool
- number 8 needles
- felt scraps
- scissors

Steps:

1. Using Main Colour and stocking stitch cast on 10 stitches in main colour.
2. Increase 1 st at each end of next five rows. (20sts)
3. Continue for 31 rows (36 rows in all)
4. Change to variegated wool and continue for 14 rows. (Stripes could be used instead)
5. Work 17 rows in white.
6. Decrease 1 st at each end of the next 5 rows. Cast off.
7. Sew seams and fill from base. Sew across top corner to make ears.
8. To make the eyes: cut 3cm white felt circles & 1.5 cm black for iris.
9. To make the beak: a triangle of red (cut a of 5cm square diagonally)



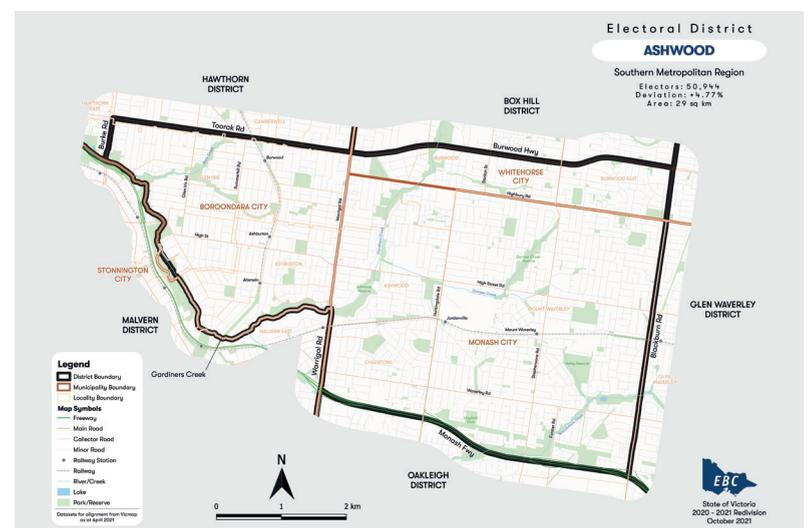
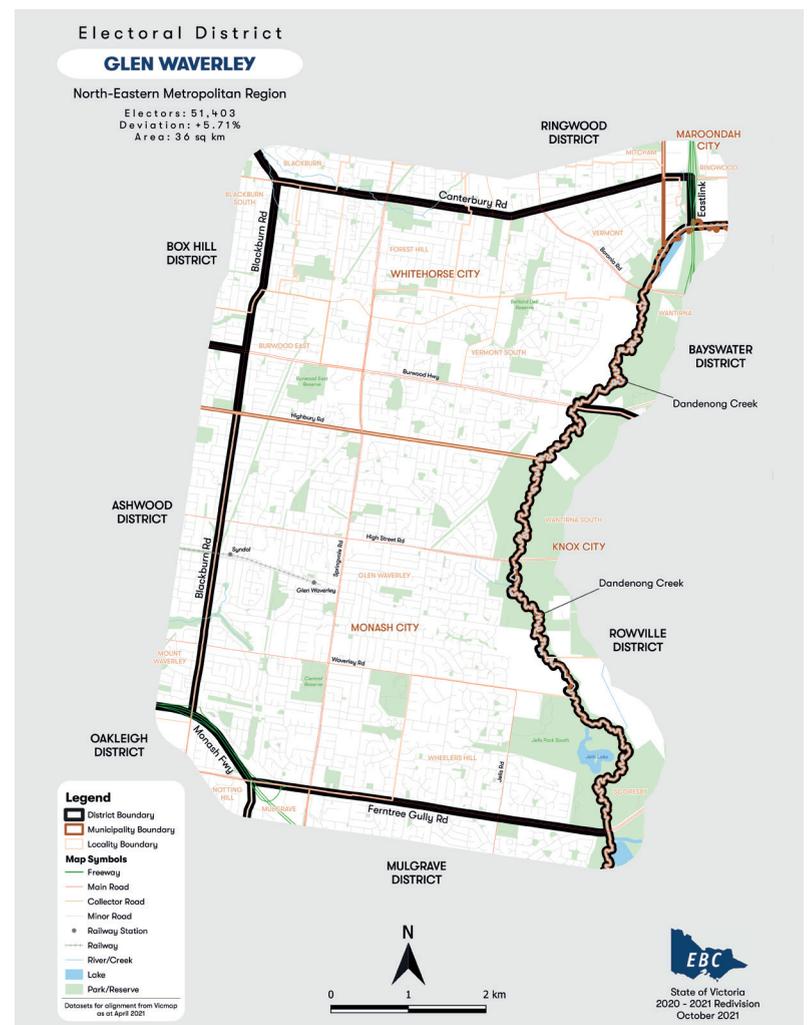
Congratulations! You're all done!

New Electoral Boundaries Released

Changes to electorates were unveiled by the Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) back in October in the lead up to the state election, scheduled for November 2022. The redistribution process began in 2020, with the EBC inviting public submissions early last year. Over 20 per cent of all Victorian electors are set to be impacted by the boundary adjustments.

The redistribution includes the abolition of the existing Mount Waverley, Burwood and Forest Hill Districts. In the proposed changes, households to the east of Blackburn Road will be absorbed into the new Glen Waverley District, and households to the west will be in the Ashwood (formerly Burwood) District.

The full report and an interactive map tool are available on the EBC's website at: www.ebc.vic.gov.au



Supporting Local Multicultural Groups

In each edition of the Waverley Community News we will be highlighting one of the many multicultural organisations making a real difference in the Mount Waverley District community. This edition introduces the Chinese Association of Monash.

Founded over 5 years ago, the Chinese Association of Monash (CAM) now has over 330 members and has become a popular Chinese community group in Monash. CAM embraces the principle of "health and happiness, unity and harmony", and provides a positive platform for the Chinese elders in the community.

Through a variety of activities and events, CAM provides its members with a platform to exchange spiritual, emotional and life skills, improving

the spiritual and cultural well-being of members and helping to facilitate better social integration and cohesion. CAM is extremely thankful for the support Matt Fregon MP has shown, including participating in several of their events and highlighting grant opportunities for the organisation.



If you would like more information about joining CAM, you can contact them at: cam.monash@gmail.com.

EDUCATION

Syndal South Primary School A Block Upgrade and Modernisation

Syndal South Primary School is set for some big changes after receiving \$4.426 million as part of the 2020-21 State Budget to upgrade and modernise Block A. Designs are currently being drafted, a completion date forecast for Q3, 2023.



Upgrading our Schools Brick by Brick



The Victorian Government is investing \$1.6 billion from the 2021/22 budget into our public schools to ensure our kids have the bright futures they deserve.

Not only will this massive investment ensure great local schools, it will also create more than 3,500 new jobs in construction and associated industries, including more than 2,900 jobs in metropolitan Melbourne and around 600 jobs in regional Victoria.

Since being elected to represent the Mount Waverley District in 2018, Matt Fregon MP has worked hard to fulfil his election commitment to prioritise schools in the electorate. To date, the Andrews Government has delivered over \$40 million towards school improvements in the Mount Waverley District.

In the past 7 years, the Labor Government has invested more than \$10.9 billion in building new schools, more than 1,700 school upgrades – creating around 13,500 jobs in construction and associated industries.

The Labor Government is building the Education State so that every Victorian gets the opportunity for a great education and every community has access to a great school.

Mount Waverley North Primary School's Success!

Local students at Mount Waverley North Primary School returned to in-person classes last year with a newly constructed covered play space and outdoor learning area.

As part of the Andrews Government's \$70 million Inclusive Schools Fund, the upgrades have been designed to provide students, staff, and family members who rely on wheelchairs and/or walking aids an inclusive space to attend whole-school events.

Members of our community rallied together to call for improvements to the sports shelter in a petition that received over 200 signatures in just four days. In 2019, community voices were heard when Minister for Education James Merlino and Matt Fregon MP announced \$200,000 would be allocated to the local primary school for this project.

Mount Waverley North Primary School principal Natalie Grieve, as well as the teachers, staff, school council, and parents have been outstanding in advocating for this new inclusive space and overseeing its construction.

The covered and resurfaced outdoor space is part of the Andrews Government's \$10 million Inclusive Schools Fund, aimed at supporting students with disabilities and additional learning needs in Victorian schools and creating more accessible education state-wide. Strengthening inclusivity for all students, including those with disabilities, is fundamental to an equitable and excellent school system.

School Shade Sail Fund Delivering for Mount Waverley Secondary College

Mount Waverley Secondary College will soon have works commence for new shaded outdoor learning spaces for students to learn outside, thanks to the School Shade Sails Fund.

The School Shade Sails Fund is a part of an investment of over \$190 million to support ventilation and outdoor learning in Victorian schools.

This is just one of the measures the Andrews Labor Government is taking to make schools as safe as possible for students in the Mount Waverley District.



School Shade Sails Fund

\$2 Million Dollars for New Pinewood Early Years Hub!



The Andrews Government is partnering with Monash City Council to build a new integrated children's centre - offering a new double unit kindergarten, three maternal child health rooms, allied health consultation rooms, a community playgroup and a kindergarten!

The Pinewood kindergarten will provide an additional 36 kindergarten places to the community, helping to ensure that local kids have access to two years of high-quality funded kinder.

As part of this roll-out, the Government is upgrading infrastructure through a \$1.68 billion co-investment with the early childhood sector to build and expand kindergarten facilities across the state.

This investment includes the delivery of a number of new kindergartens on existing school sites to support the roll-out of Three-Year-Old Kinder, providing benefits through co-location of facilities and convenience for families.

LOCAL EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tailored Mental Health Support for Schools and Students

Schools will be able to pick the mental health tools that best match the needs of their students, with the Andrews Labor Government’s \$200 million Schools Mental Health Fund providing a suite of options to give students tailored support. It will also deliver on a key recommendation of the Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System.

Schools will be able to select evidence-based programs and initiatives from the online menu across three tiers of intervention:

- Tier One: positive mental health promotion, including initiatives like Active Schools, mental health first aid, anti-bullying programs and therapy dogs as whole-school

investments to help create a positive, inclusive environment, as well as mental health literacy training to ensure mental health issues are addressed early.

- Tier Two: early intervention and cohort specific initiatives including cross-cultural responsiveness training, Arts Therapy or trauma informed care, ensuring programs cater to all students.
- Tier Three: targeted support for those experiencing mental health issues such as additional mental health professionals, additional Headspace counselling, or suicide related support.

This fund will roll out to schools in the Mount Waverley District from the beginning of 2024.

This comes on top of the Government’s completed rollout of a mental health practitioner in every single government secondary and special school, including Glenallen School,

Brentwood Secondary College, Glen Waverley Secondary College as well as Mount Waverley Secondary College.

Further, an additional 74 primary schools across Victoria will join the Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot in 2022 – bringing the total number of schools in the pilot to 100. A partnership with the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, the Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot provides schools with funding for a Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead to implement a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing aimed at younger children.

Work to reform the state’s mental health services is well underway, with a record \$3.8 billion allocated in the Victorian Budget 2021/22 to deliver every single recommendation of the Royal Commission and build a system that works for every Victorian.



Pinewood Preschool educators Debbie Brereton and Gayle Dever with Matt Fregon MP

Subsidised 3 Year Old Kinder

The best start in life for young Victorians begins with a great early education. That’s why the Labor Government is rolling out three-year-old kinder for every Victorian child from next year. That means every child in Mount Waverley and Glen Waverley will have access to at least five hours of funded kinder per week, increasing to 15 hours by 2029.

It’s not just great news for kids – families will save \$1150 on average, while an extra 6,000 roles for qualified early childhood teachers and educators will also be created.

The Victorian Government is making it easier for families to find funded and approved kindergarten programs in the Mount Waverley District. The Kinder Tick will help Victorian families find a funded kindergarten program for their children. When you see the Kinder Tick, you can be confident that the program will be – led by a qualified teacher, children will benefit from play-based learning, the kindergarten program is funded and approved by the Victorian Government, the program complies with government guidelines and the National Quality Framework.

Tutors to Support Student Learning

The Andrews Government is investing over \$480 million to put tutors in schools, including schools in Mount Waverley District. This is the single biggest boost to individual learning support in the state’s history – allowing Victorian schools to support students affected by the global pandemic.

Victorian schools engaged over 6,400 teaching professionals to work as tutors, and is expected to support more than 200,000 students across all year levels in secondary, primary, and specialist schools.



Brentwood Secondary College Recognised for Sustainability Leadership

A huge congratulations to Brentwood Secondary College who are the Community Champion award winner in the Premier’s Sustainability Awards 2021.

Victorians leading the way in sustainability have been recognised in the 2021 Premier’s Sustainability Awards, with the College announced as a winner in the category of Climate Action Community Champion.

Back in 2020, Brentwood Secondary College launched their ‘Towards Zero Bremissions’ initiative aimed at reducing their greenhouse gas emissions from 540 tonnes to zero. Since then, the school has managed to offset emissions by installing a 68kW solar PV system and planted more than 600 trees in the Mornington Peninsula.

Other green initiatives include :

- Diverting food from wastage into compost as part of the Monash City FOGO campaign
- Initiating a ‘Meat Free’ Mondays cookbook to promote environmental benefits of meat-free alternatives.
- Releasing a video to support the Victorian Government’s ‘circular economy policy’

Brentwood saw a 35% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 and aims to reach its zero emissions target by 2030.

Matt Fregon MP congratulated Brentwood Secondary College for their award, announced in an online awards event. Two awards were presented in six categories aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The awards, now in their 19th year, recognise Victorians who have demonstrated leadership and innovation in sustainable practices.

The 2021 finalists and winners were chosen by a broad range of independent environmental experts with sustainability and industry expertise.



Brentwood Secondary College Principal John Ballagh with the Brentwood Green Team

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



Coming Soon to a Kerb Near You!

Monash City Council will soon introduce a new purple lid bin for glass recycling, in line with new environmental reforms.

When mixed with other recyclable materials, glass can shatter and contaminate other easy-to-recycle materials such as paper and cardboard. Separating glass will improve the quantity and quality of our recyclables and reduce waste going to landfill.

In partnership with local councils, the Andrews Government is delivering a reliable and consistent statewide recycling system through standardised kerbside recycling, improved infrastructure, and stronger industry regulation. Some councils have already implemented the change, and additional support is being provided by the Victorian Government to ensure every council has the resources they need to do so by 2027.

The four-bin waste and recycling system is being rolled out now to ensure every household can do their part to make Victoria a cleaner and more sustainable place to live.

Monash Freeway Upgrade

The billion-dollar upgrade to Monash Freeway is set to finish in early 2022. New lanes have been constructed between Warrigal Road and the EastLink interchange, with improvements made to ramp lighting and slipform concrete barriers made from 30% recycled content.

A new entry ramp to the Monash Freeway outbound from Police Road and a separate road connecting Jacksons Road to Eastlink will remove the dangerous traffic weaving that occurs on this section of the Monash Freeway.

These changes will also strengthen mobility within the eastern suburbs and make it easier for Mount Waverley residents to get to where they need to go.

Minister for Roads Ben Carroll described the maintenance blitz to Melbourne's freeways as delivering safer and smoother roadway state-wide. Across Victoria, crews filled more than 230,000 potholes, repaired or replaced 41,000 signs, and smoothed more than 1,800 kilometres of road.

The next step of the Monash Freeway improvements entails asphaltting work across 36km of new lanes, making our key arterial roads stronger and more durable.

Zero Emission Bus Network by 2025

The Andrews Labor Government is taking action to make Victoria's public transport fleet cleaner and more sustainable than ever, with all new bus purchases for the state network to be zero emissions from 2025.



Achieving no emissions across the networks bus fleet is critical to Victoria meeting its legislated commitment of zero net emissions by 2050, and expressions of interest have opened for a three-year trial to explore zero emissions bus technologies - the first step in the move to a clean bus fleet.

Kinetic, which operates SkyBus and runs local bus routes across Australia and New Zealand, has been awarded the \$2.3 billion contract for the Metropolitan Bus Franchise from 31 January 2022 until June 2031.

The new environmentally friendly electric and hybrid buses will be made at Volgren's Dandenong South facility, supporting jobs, boosting the local economy and helping to build Victoria's engineering, design and manufacturing expertise in these emerging technologies.

Household Water Bills Set to Drop

Good news! Water bills are set to fall across Victoria in the year ahead.

Most Victorian households will enjoy a drop in water bills for the year ahead, with bills to fall by \$33 on average in Melbourne and \$7 in regional Victoria. The Essential Services Commission has confirmed the prices to apply from 1 July for the state's 15 water businesses providing urban water and sewerage services.

The Andrews Labor Government has made it very clear to its water corporations that affordable prices are very important for households across the State and water corps should continue to strive to deliver this. Water bills vary depending on a number of factors including water usage and changes in borrowing costs. In Melbourne, annual household bills for Yarra Valley Water customers will fall by \$36 on average, and by \$17 for customers of South East Water.



Encouraging Electric Vehicles on Our Roads

The Andrews Government have announced the Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) Roadmap to ensure that half of all light vehicle sales in Victoria are ZEVs by 2030. Achieving this target will be made possible with the support of a \$100 million dollar package of policies and programmes, and will push Victoria to the forefront of clean and sustainable transport.

The affordability of ZEVs has been a difficult barrier from many to overcome, which is why the Victorian Government has committed \$46 million to subsidies to help Victorians make this important change. In the first four months following the subsidy announcement, over 1200 subsidies have already been allocated – that is 1200 new electric vehicles on our roads.

Also included in the package are additional measures to accelerate the rollout of electric vehicles; such as the Innovation Fund geared towards developing new technologies, and grants for businesses, councils, and community organisation to support improvements to ZEV charging infrastructure.

Jordanville Station Upgrades

Jordanville station has been given a new lease of life with additional all-day parking spaces, a refurbished waiting shelter, and new lighting, CCTV, and signage. Commuters in the Mount Waverley District are set to benefit from the long-awaited improvements, with the focus on improved security, accessibility, and comfort.

Matt Fregon MP said he was excited to deliver on the Government's re-election promise and upgrade a station in need of renovation and modernisation.



Shaun Leane MP with Matt Fregon MP at Jordanville Station

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Jells Park All Abilities Nature Based Playscape and Satellite Playground

Now there are even more reasons to love Jells Park with the newly built nature-based playscape that caters for all abilities and a range of age groups.



Premier Dan Andrews and Matt Fregon MP tour the new Playscape with Parks Victoria

The \$3 million investment has created a playscape that will spark imaginations and encourage active play, with equipment that includes a:

- Floating rock garden
- Spiders climbing web
- Forest rope climb
- Sand and water tables
- Wheelchair carousel



Locally made artwork has also been included in the playscape, with help from the fantastic kids at Wheelers Hill Primary School.

With over nine kilometres of paths and trails, 127 hectares of wide open spaces and enough picnic areas for everyone to enjoy, Jells Park is one of the great urban spaces that kids (and adults) love to visit.

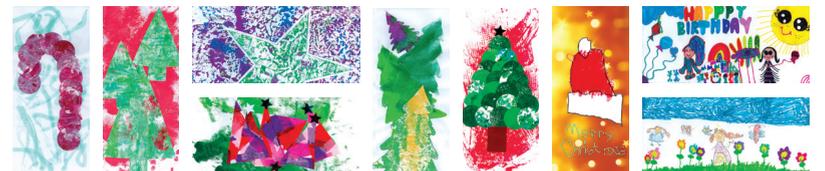
Glenallen Christmas Cards

Matt Fregon was lucky enough to have the creative students from Glenallen School assist again this year in producing original artwork for their 2021 Christmas and December milestone birthday cards.

Glenallen is an incredible school that caters for students with physical disabilities and severe health impairments while providing learning programs for students with a broad range of intellectual abilities.

Under the guidance of Principal Michael Cole and Glenallen art teacher Debbie Buzzza, students Laylah, Zac, Harrison, Maeve, Ella, Ariella, Chaviva, Ruby and Lily created 9 unique designs using a variety of mediums.

Each child was presented with a collection of their printed cards, and we look forward to working with Glenallen in 2022 on future creative projects.



2021 Glenallen School Christmas Card Designs

Glen Waverley Sports Hub – Tennis Facility

Design work is underway on a new \$26.7M 18-court public tennis centre in Glen Waverley, with \$21 million in funding from the State Government and a \$5.77M commitment from Council.

Council will deliver this exciting project on an area zoned Public Park and Recreation that is adjacent to the Glen Waverley Golf Course, and includes the 3.4 hectare golf driving range.

The tennis centre will add another facility to this well-known sporting precinct, which already offers netball, softball and golf. The tennis centre is anticipated to be ready for play by early 2024.

The project will include:

- 18 synthetic surface tennis courts
- A shared-use pavilion with change rooms, public amenities, a kiosk/café, social space and club storage rooms. The pavilion will be for the use of golf and tennis club members and spectators
- A new linear park forming a buffer between residential properties and the tennis courts
- Drainage infrastructure improvements to the site to reduce flooding.

As part of this project, upgrades will be made to the intersection of Jells Road and Waverley Road to manage traffic movements in response to the concerns raised by local residents during the initial consultation process earlier this year. Construction is likely to commence in mid-2022.



Ben Carroll MP, Glendal student Vincent Ng and Matt Fregon MP

Local Kids Making a Real Difference! All it Takes is an Idea and a Letter...

Back in March 2020, Glendal Primary School student Vincent personally wrote to Matt Fregon MP requesting a pedestrian crossing to help kids like himself cross the road safely at the intersections of Highbury, Seven Oaks and Newhaven Roads in Burwood East.

He was excited about the construction of a new off-road shared bike path, however, without a safe designated pedestrian crossing, was worried it was a safety issue for both himself and other riders.

Little things mean a lot, and as part a 2021/22 State Budget announcement, the Andrews Government will invest \$870,000 to install a signalised crossing - making Vincent's wish a reality.

The news was announced to Vincent at a special school assembly attended by Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll and the Member for Mount Waverley District Matt Fregon.

Well done Vincent!

Young Leaders Directing Our Future Policy

Back in October, Matt Fregon MP joined Steve Dimopoulos MP, Meng Heang Tak MP, Will Fowles MP, Cr Shane McCluskey and the City of Monash to meet virtually with the Monash Youth Committee - MYC is an advisory group committed to representing the views and concerns of young people in the City of Monash.

The Committee of change-makers met with Matt Fregon MP to highlight key areas impacting young people, including housing affordability, climate action, and the Victorian Government's Secure Work Pilot Scheme.

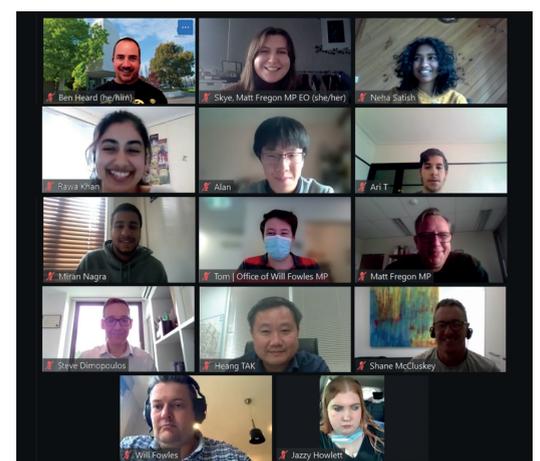
The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted our young people, making it more crucial than ever that their voices are heard to help direct future policy.

Starting next year, the Mount Waverley Youth Advisory Council will advocate directly with the Member for Mount Waverley District on the issues that matter to them.

Matt Fregon MP will work alongside this group of passionate young people to make a positive difference in our community. The Council is a great opportunity for individuals who want to advocate on the issues that matter to them and are interested in learning more about politics.

Anyone aged 15-21 in the Mount Waverley District electorate are invited to take part.

Applications are now open! Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3B48gVa> to apply.



Virtual meeting of The Monash Youth Committee

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Mount Waverley Cricket Club Awarded Community Club of the Year

Following the 2020-21 season Mount Waverley Cricket Club was honoured to be awarded Cricket Victoria's Community Club of the Year Award. This award recognises a Club that has made a consistently positive contribution to growing the sport.

This is wonderful recognition for the entire club, including all of their players, sponsors, volunteers and hard-working committee members – both past and present.

They were also awarded Club of the Year by Inner South-East Cricket, which is the largest junior cricket competition in the State. This is the third time the club has won this award in the last five years and further recognises the hard work their junior program puts into making cricket accessible and enjoyable for all players.



On the field there were also some outstanding results, including a third XI senior premierships as well as three junior premierships. More than half their junior teams played finals, with more than 45 junior players being selected for representative cricket teams or pathway programs.

The commencement of the 21/22 season sees a further expansion of their female cricket program.

The club now has seven junior girls' teams and are re-launching their women's cricket program, entering their first team in more than 20 years.



The entry level Cricket Blast program for kids between 5-10 kicks off in the New Year, with the first session on Saturday 22 January. If you are keen to join, you can register by searching for 'Mt Waverley Cricket Club' at www.play.cricket.com.au

After more than 18 months of planning work the club is also looking forward to the next stage of Monash Council's masterplan for Mount Waverley Reserve.

With close to 400 participants, and growing, ensuring the club has expanded and modernised training and pavilion facilities has never been more important. The club is appreciative of the enthusiastic support Matt Fregon has shown for this project and the club look forward to advancing to the next stage of planning.

If you would like to join Mount Waverley Cricket Club as a player or volunteer – please contact the club at: mtwaverley@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

Mount Waverley Activity Centre Planning Development and Community Consultation Update from Matt Fregon MP

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide the residents of the Mount Waverley District with an update as to the current status of Monash Council's Mount Waverley Activity Centre Structure Plan, which effects the area we know as the Hamilton Place Shopping precinct.

I have been contacted by a number of local residents, including the Mount Waverley Village People group, who have raised their concerns regarding the proposed structure plan and what this means for future development of the Mount Waverley Activity Centre precinct.

It has also been brought to my attention that some residents were unaware of the plan and feel that they have not had the opportunity to contribute their opinions and provide feedback as part of the community consultation process.

On Tuesday 30 March 2021, The Monash City Council passed and endorsed the proposed changes to the draft Mount Waverley Activity Centre Structure Plan. You can view these amendments and the full Structure Plan document as detailed on the Monash City Council website: <https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley>

Community feedback and opinion on this plan is important. The council are yet to apply for exhibition of the plans to the Planning Minister. I encourage all residents to provide their views when this occurs.

Please contact my office if you would like to be kept updated.

Mount Waverley Reserve Update



The 2019-20 Victorian Budget provided \$175 million for the Local Sports Grants initiative to support new and improved local sports infrastructure, including \$150,000 to Monash City Council to develop a master plan to guide future upgrades of Mount Waverley Reserve.

Council is in the process of finalising the vision for and objectives for both the sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure at the Reserve.

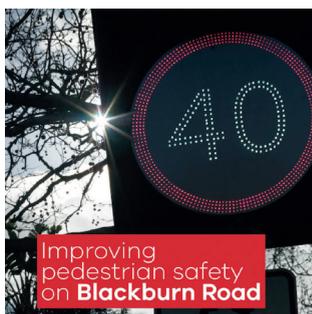
Matt Fregon MP will continue to work with local clubs and Council to maximise the potential of this fantastic community resource.

Safer Streets in Syndal

Improvements to pedestrian safety are underway with the introduction of new electronic speed limit signage on Blackburn Road.

Syndal drivers will be reminded to slow down to 40km/h when entering the new speed zone between Price Avenue and Doon Avenue from 8:00am to 9:00pm. Construction began mid-November and is expected to finish in late 2021.

This project is part of the Victorian and Australian Government's \$300 million Road Safety Program which aims to deliver safer, connected journeys in Victoria, while supporting our economic recovery.



If we can assist you with State Government or community matters, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

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