

Finniss Newsletter

with Michael Pengilly MP November 2011 Member for Finniss

GREETINGS FROM MICHAEL

The Parliamentary year has come to a close with the final major bill to be passed being the Roxby Downs Indenture (Amendment) Bill. This Bill in essence endorses the contract between the State Government and BHP Billiton to ensure the enormous expansion will go ahead. This project will ultimately provide flow on benefits to all South Australians but it needs bearing in mind that there will be no royalties flowing into State coffers for 10 years and then they are limited, due to the horizontal fiscal equalisation formula that exists between the States and Commonwealth. Areas such as the Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island will be beneficiaries of lifestyle residents and their families involved in the expansion, living here and working away. This will mean long term increases in required funding for local schools, health services and other infrastructure to cope with the growth predicted.

Younger families will also boost sporting clubs and community groups. I am not so sure that the "fly in fly out" employment opportunities are in the best interests of family life however it is the way of the mining industry despite companies such as BHP wanting to have as many possible of their employees reside in the township of Roxby Downs which is expected to grow to around 8000 to 10,000 residents in years to come.

Closer to home spring has been kind to the rural sector and commodity prices although showing some slippage, are still quite reasonable in many areas of production.

The State Government, has done a back flip on the sanctuary zones for Marine Parks in the last couple of weeks, this is purely as a result of "people pressure" and our area has been a constant critic and very vocal on getting the right outcome in this matter.

Increasing jitters in Europe and the US are starting to impact on the international tourism industry with bookings down into Australia; likewise the domestic market is reasonably flat. Given the heavy employment in the region by this industry I believe a concerted effort needs to be continued by our successful and very active movers and shakers in the sector to encourage visitation by not only metropolitan Adelaide visitors but certainly interstate travellers to the wonderful attractions and lifestyle of the Fleurieu, South Coast Region and KI.

Jan and I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the forthcoming festive season and hope you have a happy and safe Christmas and enjoy any New Year celebrations you may be involved in.

Please be careful if you are travelling on our roads to visit family or going on holidays and return safe and refreshed. We will be enjoying Christmas with our entire family plus for the first time our new number one grandchild which is what Christmas is all about! 2012 is just around the corner and I personally look forward to working for you all along with my very loyal staff in the New Year. Thank you all for your ongoing support.



Flag Presentation to residents and staff of Kirribilli.

PRESENTATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FLAGS

Each year South Australian Politicians are given a small quota of State Flags to present to organisations within the community. Flags have been presented to a variety of groups including the District Council of Yankalilla and Kirribilli at Encounter Bay.

CELEBRATING AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE?

Application forms for congratulatory messages are available from my office. The Protocol Unit of the Government process messages to be sent by the State Premier as well as advising the offices of the Governor General, the Governor, Prime Minister, Federal and State Leaders of the Opposition and relevant Federal and State Members of Parliament to recognise 50th, 60th, 65th and 70th Wedding Anniversaries and 100th, 105th and 110th birthdays.

The South Australian Protocol Unit can only process applications for recipients who are South Australian residents. Messages from the Queen are only sent to citizens of Commonwealth Countries. Applications to the Protocol Unit should be lodged at least 2 months prior to the important date and not more than 6 months prior. Applications received less than two months prior will be processed but may not arrive in time.

STAFFING

Every Member of Parliament is provided with the equivalent of 2 Full Time Employees to work in their Electorate Office. My 2 FTE's are divided between the Office in Victor Harbor, the Kingscote Office and Parliament House.

Over the years many of you would have had contact with my Victor Harbor office and in particular the office manager, Joan Fogarty, who worked for Dean Brown prior to my election and over the last 5 years for me. At the end of August after 32 years working in Electorate offices Joan retired to enjoy a life with her husband Park, play more bowls and spend more time with her grandchildren. I have appointed Leonie Fitzgerald from Yankalilla as Joan's replacement in the position as Office Manager.

At the end of the Parliamentary year I will lose my right hand man and Research Assistant Sam Joyce. Sam is based at Parliament House and has been responsible for researching the background of many of the issues confronting me as a Parliamentarian and keeping me focussed and on the straight and narrow. Sam was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in July of this year and has Bachelor degrees in Law, Arts and Commerce and is taking a Masters of Law at Australian National University. In mid December he commences work with a Judge of the Supreme Court in Western Australia.

SPEECHES IN PARLIAMENT

I have made numerous speeches in Parliament over the last year and they are available on my website www.michaelpengilly.com.au included are:

- Police Numbers
- Numerous speeches and references on Marine Parks
- Listing and quotes in Parliament referring to the need for road funding
- Adelaide Oval Redevelopment
- Water Supply Bill
- Livestock Slaughter Bill
- Small Business Commissioner Bill
- Speed Cameras
- Regional Representation
- Native Vegetation (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill
- Fish Stocks

COMMITTEE ROLES

Many politicians are members of committees within the Parliamentary system. I am a member of the Public Works Committee and the Joint Parliamentary Services Committee. The Act requires all public works valued above \$4million be presented to the Public Works Committee. This allows scrutiny of the value of the project and ensures where possible that the money is well spent. The committee is currently made up of 2 Liberal politicians, 2 Labor politicians and a Labor presiding member. Projects provide quarterly reports detailing budget expenditure with any variations, date of commencement and expected completion date and any variations. Some recent projects under discussion have included the Port Augusta Prison new cell block, McLaren Vale Overpass, Southern Expressway Duplication, Adelaide Oval Upgrade also some Public Housing, and rail projects.

The Joint Parliamentary Service Committee is an Administrative Committee, established under the Parliament (Joint Services) Act 1985. It consists of members of both Houses and manages the services, building and precincts of the Parliament. It is appointed at the first sitting after each general election and continues for the life of that Parliament. It is chaired in alternate years by the Presiding Officers of each House.

OUT & ABOUT

- Victor Harbor Business Awards
- Attended Victor Harbor City Band Concert
- Attended Dairy Farmers Water meeting at Mount Compass
- Victor Harbor and Port Elliot Lions Club Handover Dinner
- Rotary Club of Yankalilla Handover Dinner
- Rotary Club of Encounter Bay Handover Luncheon
- Yankalilla and District Lions Club Handover Dinner
- Visited numerous schools within the Electorate
- Attended Victor Harbor RSL 66th Anniversary of the Victory in the Pacific and the end of WWII Commemoration
- SA Dairy Awards
- National Serviceman's Association 60th Year Celebrations
- Port Elliot National Trust Centenary Celebrations
- Attended the Port Elliot and the Yankalilla, Rapid Bay, Myponga Agricultural and Horticultural Shows
- Advantage SA Regional Awards
- Escorted Minister Caica on a district tour to Parawa Agriculture Bureau and also met with Mount Compass Dairy Farmers
- Attended Yankalilla Area School 2011 Charter Signing Ceremony
- Victor Harbor High School opening ceremony of the Science and language centre/Research Centre and Trade Training Centre. Plus numerous other community events



Pictured After the Victor Harbor Remembrance Day Service

Victor Harbor RSL Chaplain Brian Chalmers, RSL Sub-branch President David Miller, Royal Australian Navy sailor Alanta Cox and Member for Finniss, Michael Pengilly MP. Alanta was a former student of Victor Harbor High School

GRANTS & SUPPORT LETTERS

Congratulations to all winning teams for the Football and Netball and to individual trophy winners. Good luck to all the summer sports including bowls, tennis, basketball, cricket, surf life saving, sailing etc.

The current round of Active Club Program grants has closed. If planning to apply for a grant to improve your club's facilities advance notice of upcoming grants can be advised by signing up for "enews" on the Department of Recreation & Sport website www.recsport.sa.gov.au.

Recent successful clubs include Yankalilla Memorial Park Inc, Encounter Bay Bowling Club, Encounter Bay Cricket Club.

Early planning will lessen the load when applying for your grant. Letters of support are available by contacting my office on 8552 2152 or email finniss@parliament.sa.gov.au



Cheque presentation to Yankalilla Memorial Park Inc