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FINNISS ELECTORATE NEWS

KANGAROO ISLAND

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GREETINGS FROM MICHAEL

The change at the top of the South Australian Government with Jay Weatherill taking over as Premier is a sign of desperation by the incumbent Labor government. Former Premier Mike Rann successfully buried any leadership contenders for years and South Australia is paying the penalty with a lack lustre team of Ministers with little or no experience in the real world. South Australia is not immune from the world's parlous economic state and needs far more stable governance than what is currently in place.

Recent funding announcements by the government in relation to Kangaroo Island need to be put into context with a good deal of "government spin" being used. I welcome the limited road funding announcement but point out it is half what the Liberal Party committed to in the lead up to the last state election. Many of the other announcements were in departmental plans anyway. The KI Futures Authority will only be of useful service if it delivers funding and not more reports to gather dust. In addition it is not treating the cost of sea transport issue as its main priority. This is the single biggest matter that needs addressing for the long term future of the Island, one which this government sidesteps around. I do not criticise those appointed to the board but point out that it could have had a hardnosed local businessman and a progressive member of the farming community as its core members to provide a catalyst for the future.

With farm returns at record levels over the last couple of years due to good seasons and good prices, it is hard to see how the primary industry sector returns can be doubled in 10 years. We will watch with interest but it is probable the KIFA would be scrapped under a Liberal Government as a waste of taxpayer's resources. Similarly the local tourism industry is hostage to economic conditions here and overseas, our operators are very savvy and work hard to attract visitation, nevertheless we are, for domestic visitors, an expensive destination. I am extremely supportive of Tourism KI and hope full financial support is maintained and enhanced by its funding contributors. THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS FOR VISITORS ARE LASTING and at both of our entry points we need that experience to continue as it has in the past.

The wider interests of the state long term will be enhanced by the passage of the Roxby Downs indenture bill currently before the state parliament. This bill will deliver a long term benefit to the state economy over many decades with royalties not coming on stream for 10 years; however the creation of many jobs and a boost for many industries will be felt reasonably quickly. The state only collects a percentage of the royalties under horizontal fiscal equalisation which delivers the benefits across Australia through a Federal agreement but will certainly bring benefits to the state.

The housing sector in my electorate both on the Fleurieu and KI will no doubt be interesting to watch as mining families who choose to live in lifestyle destinations and commute to the worksite will grow exponentially, this will ultimately grow schools, health services and community organisations if managed well.

Jan and I take this opportunity to wish all residents the best for the forthcoming Christmas and New Year season, and hope if you are travelling you all return safely.

PRESENTATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FLAGS

Each year South Australian Politicians are given a small quota of state flags to present to sporting clubs and not for profit organisations. Flags have been presented to a variety of groups including the flag monitors at Parndana Campus of KICE, and Kingscote Bowling Club. Flags are not available to individuals.

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 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.



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICES

Justice of the Peace Services are available at my office as both Penny Wheaton (my Island PA) and I are JP's.

Please remember a signature cannot be witnessed if you have signed the paperwork before bringing it in to the Office. It is also necessary to bring the original of documents when having copies certified.

KINGSCOTE SHOW



Visiting Children's Services & Parenting KI stand with the Opposition Leader Isobel Redmond MP

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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 of the current projects under discussion include Port Augusta Prison new cell block, Victor Harbor TAFE, McLaren Vale Overpass, Public Housing, and rail projects. Unfortunately the current Labor government does not agree that Public Private Partnership projects (such as the new Royal Adelaide Hospital) need the scrutiny of the PWC.

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

- ❖ ANZAC Dawn service Kingscote, Parndana Service and Kingscote march
- ❖ Attended opening of new FWS premises
- ❖ Unveiling of Cairn for Tiger Simpson (10th Battalion AIF WW1)
- ❖ Kingscote campus spoke to years 6 & 7 students about Parliament - impressed with questions
- ❖ Economic Development Board Conference
- ❖ Western KI Lions Changeover
- ❖ Year 10 Kingscote Campus tour of Parliament House
- ❖ KICE Parndana Campus morning tea and flag presentation
- ❖ Met with American River Progress Association re new tennis courts
- ❖ Wisanger Football Club 100 year celebrations
- ❖ Opening KICE buildings at Penneshaw and Kingscote Campuses
- ❖ Settlement Day and associated events
- ❖ KI Country Education Fund Dinner
- ❖ KI Football League and Netball Association - attended a number of the preliminary rounds where possible and final's matches.
- ❖ KI Council Meeting (Paradise Girt by Sea)
- ❖ Presented Grant cheques to Birchmore Bowling Club and Dudley United Football Club
- ❖ Select Committee Review Marine Parks
- ❖ 20th Anniversary of Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
- ❖ Kingscote Show and Parndana show

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 on KI
- ❖ KI Development
- ❖ Numerous speeches and references on Marine Parks
- ❖ Listing and quotes in Parliament referring to the need for road funding
- ❖ Adelaide Oval Redevelopment
- ❖ Ongoing Sea Transport Costs
- ❖ Kangaroo Island Surf Carnival
- ❖ Water Supply Bill
- ❖ Livestock Slaughter Bill

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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 prior to an office being set up in Kingscote many Island residents will have had dealings with the 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 as Joan's replacement 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.

The opening of the Kingscote Office has seen my Island PA Penny Wheaton transfer my office from her home to the main street of Kingscote giving Island resident's better access to information and bring issues of concern. It is best to raise Island issues with my Island office leaving the Victor Harbor office to deal with the many issues on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

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, softball, basketball cricket, sailing and so on.

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 Kingscote Bowling Club, Birchmore Bowling Club, Dudley United Football Club and the Gymnastics Club.

Early planning will lessen the load when applying for your grant.

Letters of support are available by contacting my office on 8553 2974 or email finniss.ki@parliament.sa.gov.au



Presenting Dudley United Football Club with their Grant Cheque



Birchmore Bowling Club accepting their Grant Cheque

