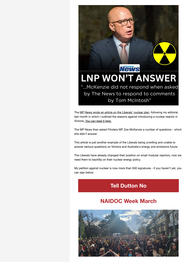

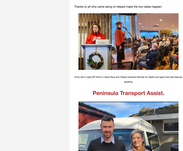

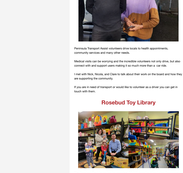

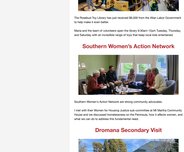

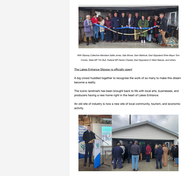

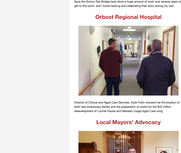

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G'day Eastern Vic,

Parliament has returned this week after the winter break..

I spent the parliamentary break out in the community meeting with local groups, industry, community, schools, and health services to hear about the issues impacting them.

I hope you enjoy my update and please remember you can always contact me on the options at the top or bottom of this email.

Dutton's Liberals Missing on Nuclear

Mornington News
LNP WON'T ANSWER
"...McKenzie did not respond when asked by The News to respond to comments by Tom McIntosh"

The MP News wrote an article on the Liberals' nuclear plan, following my editorial last month in which I outlined the reasons against introducing a nuclear reactor in Victoria. You can read it here.

The MP News then asked Flinders MP Zoe McKenzie a number of questions - which she didn't answer.

This article is just another example of the Liberals being unwilling and unable to answer serious questions on Victoria and Australia's energy and emissions future.

The Liberals have already changed their position on small modular reactors, now we need them to backflip on their nuclear energy policy.

My petition against nuclear is now more than 500 signatures - if you haven't yet, you can sign below.

Tell Dutton No

NAIDOC Week March

I joined the Melbourne march, there was a huge turnout to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024 and support this year's theme: 'Keep The Fire Burning!'.

Engineered Stone Ban

We just banned engineered stone
to keep Victorian workers safe

This time a month ago, the legislated ban on engineered stone came into effect.

I know how hard many people have worked to make this happen. This change will keep Victorian workers safe.

Peninsula

Mt Martha Tennis Courts Opening!

With Mornington Peninsula Shire Cr Anthony Marsh, Mayor Simon Brooks, Mt Martha Tennis Club President Ken Davis, club Treasurer Glenys Hodgson, and others.

The brand new Mount Martha tennis courts are officially open!

More than 500 players will use the four courts and they will be an incredible community asset for decades to come.

The club, Mornington Peninsula Shire, and State Government all helped fund this project.

Congratulations to Ken and the club committee for all their work to make this

project,
with its incredible location design, lighting, and gate security cards to enable court access, come to life.

Leslie Moorhead Winning!

$739,000
for a better outdoor environment for kids

With Leslie Moorhead Kindergarten Co-President Tennille Djuve, and families.

Leslie Moorhead Kindergarten in Mornington is receiving $739,000 in upgrades!

Children, their families, and their wonderful educators, will benefit from additional indoor learning space and a modernised outdoor learning space, meaning more kids can go to the centre, and more time can be spent outside.

Congratulations to the staff, committee, and parents who worked hard to see this happen.

Labor Community Events

With Mornington Peninsula Shire Cr Sarah Race and volunteers.

There was a wonderful Christmas in July event for Dunkley and Flinders as we head towards the next federal election.

Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney, and Federal Member for Dunkley Jodie Belyea, and Mornington Peninsula Councillor Sarah Race joined a community forum with Peninsula residents at Dromana Bay Life Saving Club.

We heard about issues on the ground and the steps taken at a Federal level to improve Medicare and GP access.

Thanks to all who came along or helped make the two dates happen.

(From left to right) MP Shire Cr Sarah Race and Federal Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney speaking.

Peninsula Transport Assist.

Peninsula Transport Assist volunteers drive locals to health appointments, community services and many other needs.

Medical visits can be worrying and the incredible volunteers not only drive, but also connect with and support users making it so much more than a car ride.

I met with Nick, Nicola, and Clare to talk about their work on the board and how they are supporting the community.

If you are in need of transport or would like to volunteer as a driver you can get in touch with them.

Rosebud Toy Library

The Rosebud Toy Library has just received $6,000 from the Allan Labor Government to help make it even better.

Maria and the team of volunteers open the library 9:30am-12pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday with an incredible range of toys that keep local kids entertained.

Southern Women’s Action Network

Southern Women's Action Network are strong community advocates.

I met with their Women for Housing Justice sub-committee at Mt Martha Community House and we discussed homelessness on the Peninsula, how it affects women, and what we can do to address this fundamental need.

Dromana Secondary Visit

With Principal Alan Marr and Dromana Secondary College students.

Dromana College Year 11 students & Principal Alan Marr walked and talked me through the school and their latest news.

From maths to English, and arts to science, I got to visit classes right throughout the school.

In 2019 the State Government invested $2.63 million in the school, and that's allowed them to get rid of an old building with asbestos and replace it with a permanent, modern, modular building.

Gippsland

Official Opening of the Lakes Entrance Slipway!

With Slipway Collective Members Sallie Jones, Gab Moore, Sam Mahlook, East Gippsland Shire Mayor Tom Crooks, State MP Tim Bull, Federal MP Darren Chester, East Gippsland Cr Mark Reeves, and others.

The Lakes Entrance Slipway is officially open!

A big crowd huddled together to recognise the work of so many to make this dream become a reality.

The iconic landmark has been brought back to life with local arts, businesses, and producers having a new home right in the heart of Lakes Entrance.

An old site of industry is now a new site of local community, tourism, and economic activity.

New Lights At Bairnsdale And Orbost Footy Clubs

Bairnsdale City Oval's new upgrades are open!

New LED lights are up and running here, and at Lochiel Park in Orbost, which means clubs can play longer and better support their women and girls' teams.

The State Government's $948,000 investment has also delivered suitable changerooms for women and girls at Bairnsdale City Oval, and the oval surface has been levelled and expanded with a new irrigation system.

Lochiel Park

Lochiel Park, Orbost.

Snowy River Rail Bridge Restoration

With Save the Snowy Rail Bridge members.

The Snowy River Rail Bridge at Orbost is being restored!

The Stage 1 work will stabilise the structure as well as partially re-deck the top of the bridge.

The State Government contributed $3.5 million to the project, and it will be an incredible local tourist asset, protect the heritage of the bridge, and be a stunning bike ride.

Save the Snowy Rail Bridge have done a huge amount of work over several years to get to this point, and I loved hearing and celebrating their story during my visit.

Orbost Regional Hospital

Director of Clinical and Aged Care Services, Kylie Foltin showed me the location of both new endoscopy facility and the preparation of works for the $45 million redevelopment of Lochiel House and Waratah Lodge Aged Care wing.

Local Mayors’ Advocacy

With Wellington Shire Mayor Ian Bye, Energy Minister Lily D'Ambrosio, Mininister Sonya Kilkenny, and Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Clare Williams.

Wellington and South Gippsland Shire Mayors and CEOs came to Parliament and held discussions with Energy Minister Lily D'Ambrosio & Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny ahead of the huge of investments in renewable energy and offshore wind.

Dahlsens & Built QA

With Built QA Directors Lachlan Heather, Luke Priestley, Hannah Macalister-Bills, and Mallory Wilson

Orbost building company Built QA has partnered with Gippsland trades powerhouse Dahlsens for a steel truss and frame plant in Newmerella near Orbost.

The State Government has supported this great business to expand and employ workers from the forestry industry with a $500,000.00 grant.

Demand is growing for both modular buildings and steel framing, and the

Newmerella plant is perfectly located for growing markets it supplies in Melbourne, Canberra, and Southern NSW.

The plant is providing truss and frame for East Gippsland and all around Australia, and is the perfect complement for Built QA's existing modular building business.

Gippsland Composting

With Gippsland Water Managing Director Sarah Cumming & employees.

Another 70,000 tonnes of household organic waste will be turned into compost and building material at the Gippsland Water Dutson Downs property.

The State Government's contribution to the $12m investment, led by Water Minister Harriet Shing, will create jobs and make a valuable product from waste.

This is keeping water bills down, is driving emissions down, and demonstrating the common sense value of a circular economy.

I want to acknowledge the whole team at Gippsland Water and their massive contribution to ensuring we remove 80% of waste from landfill by 2030 in Victoria.

Gippsland TAFE Campuses

TAFE GIPPSLAND

We know what outstanding work goes on at our TAFE campuses across Victoria.

I visited three amazing campuses with specialist equipment and expertise for local industries.

The Forestec campus, for courses in land management and conservation.

The Lakes Entrance Seamec site, where they deliver courses on commercial maritime and recreational boating.

And Bairnsdale TAFE, where you can learn mechanical technology, carpentry, horticulture, and plumbing among many other skills!

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The Seamec campus.

East Gippsland Sports Clubs

I dropped into Bairnsdale Speedway, Orbost Bowls Club, and Bairnsdale Tennis Club who all invited me to hear about how they are going and to learn about their plans for the future.

Lakes Entrance Primary & Kinder

Lakes Entrance Primary School is getting an on-site kindergarten!

The State Government is also refurbishing the toilets, has built a new, and more inclusive playground - and on top of all this the plans for a multi million dollar set of new classrooms are under design.

Metung CFA

Your fundraising efforts and support have secured this site as the
FUTURE HOME OF THE METUNG CFA!
Your continued support and donations will help us towards our goal of a new station.
Your generous support is appreciated!
ANK YOU TO THE METUNG COMMUN
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With CFA Member Tom Crombi, and Metung Fire Brigade Captain Dean Smith.

Fundraising efforts have secured this site as the Metung CFA's planned next home.

There's even a Container Deposit Scheme site there, where locals can donate cans as a way to raise funds.

Energy Australia's Yallourn Site

With Energy Australia Senior Site Leader David Burt.

I visited Yallourn Power Station to see the upgrades on the four generation units.

Yallourn can provide as much as 1480MW into the grid and this work supports unit reliability before their planned close in 2028, as Victoria's grid passes 50% renewables.

Thanks to all the workers on the site whose work powers Victoria.

Lakes Entrance Fire Brigade

Just eight months ago, we delivered Lakes Entrance Fire Brigade with its new truck.

I dropped by on the coldest of winter days to hear how it's going and to discuss the summer ahead.

Addressing Violence In Gippsland

This month I also took part in the ongoing forum addressing family and domestic violence in Gippsland. Violence is at an unacceptably high rate, and male leaders from across the region are coming together to discuss how to tackle it.

Thanks to TAFE Gippsland for facilitating the discussion at the Morwell campus.

Parliament

Both houses began sitting again on Tuesday, after the winter break.

In the News

My team and I make a huge effort to ensure locals hear about the work the government is doing. Here are some of the local media stories published covering this month:

- Wellington wins in grant program - Gippsland Times (print only)
- Coal Creek railway delight with Tiny Towns' funding - South Gippsland Sentinel Times
- Tiny Towns boost for Nyora Football Netball Club - South Gippsland Sentinel Times
- Tiny towns get project boost - Snowy River Mail
- Wangun Amphitheatre – a new hub for culture and community - Bairnsdale Advertiser (print only)
- Supporting local community groups - Lakes Post
- Signs point to 'treasure' island - MP News
- Meeniyan Early Learning and Childcare Centre a step closer - South Gippsland Sentinel Times (print only)
- Liberals push for 'nuclear debate' - MP News
- Players back on court after revamp - MP News (print only)
- Campaign to ease 'alarming homelessness' - MP News (print only)
- Making a difference - Bairnsdale Advertiser
- Expansion for compost at Dutson Downs - Gippsland Times & Maffra Spectator
- Improving kindergarten - Lakes Post
- Slipway's official launch - Lakes Post
- Dutson Downs - Snowy River Mail (print only)
- Cyclists stay connected - Bairnsdale Advertiser
- Invest in tennis - Bairnsdale Advertiser
- Engaging with decision makers about homelessness - MP News (print only)

Also keep a listen out for regular appearances on local radio:

- TRFM
- Radio East Gippsland

Media Releases

Here is a list of media releases distributed during June. These can also be found on my website:

- MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR MORNINGTON PENINSULA'S TINIEST TOWNS
- GRANTS TO IMPROVE AND REFURBISH MORNINGTON PENINSULA KINDERS
- IMPROVING KINDERGARTEN FOR EAST GIPPSLAND LOCALS
- IMPROVING KINDERGARTEN FOR POOWONG LOCALS
- MEENIYAN EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDHOOD CENTRE A STEP CLOSER
- ACE NEW COURTS IN MOUNT MARTHA
- PREPARING MORNINGTON PENINSULA SCHOOLS FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON
- PUBLIC TRANSPORT KEEPING EAST GIPPSLAND CYCLISTS CONNECTED
- MAJOR EXPANSION UNDERWAY TO BOOST COMPOSTING IN GIPPSLAND
- A NEW LIFE FOR THE OLD LAKES ENTRANCE SLIPWAY
- EAST GIPPSLAND FOOTY AND CRICKET SET TO SHINE BRIGHT
- PREPARING EAST GIPPSLAND SCHOOLS FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON
- MASSIVE BOOST FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ON THE PENINSULA
- PREPARING WELLINGTON SHIRE SCHOOLS FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON
- ONE MILLION TREES FOR GIPPSLAND TIMBER PLANTATIONS
- PREPARING SOUTH GIPPSLAND SCHOOLS FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON

Wrap-up

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