

Community Matters

Winter Edition 2025



We're building
a new primary school
and kindergarten

New Primary School On The Way

Works continue on the new Casey Central Primary School (interim name) in Cranbourne North. Opening Term 1, 2026 with an on-site kindergarten, it ensures more families have access to quality education close to home.

It's one of 19 new schools opening across the state in 2026, completing the State Government's commitment to build 100 schools in a decade.

The Allan Labor Government is focused on making sure that every young Victorian gets a great education while delivering help with school expenses and the cost of living for families.

The Victorian State Budget 2025/26 increases the Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund to \$400 for eligible students. The State Government is also expanding the popular Get Active Kids Vouchers for another two years, providing up

to \$200 to help with the cost of sport and recreation fees, equipment and uniforms.

The Victorian Government is delivering bill relief to local households doing it tough. The \$100 Power Saving Bonus (PSB) is available to eligible Victorian households with a concession card. If you require any assistance with your PSB application or any other government or community issue, please contact my office on 8783 6959.

In another win for the community, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has rejected Veolia's licence application for a Waste Transfer Station at the Hallam Road Landfill site. Veolia has appealed the decision. The matter is now before VCAT. Learn more at garymaas.org.au.



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Free Public Transport!

Easing the cost of living by reducing the cost of public transport.

From 1 January 2026 a new youth myki will save families up to \$755 a year, per child.

The Victorian Budget 2025/26 makes public transport free for everyone under 18, every day, everywhere.

Transport costs can add up for those over 60 too, so the Allan Labor Government is making public transport free for eligible seniors on weekends from 2026.

This will help Victorians with a Seniors Card visit family or explore more of our state without the expense.

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Community Safety

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their community

The Allan Labor Government has introduced the toughest bail laws in Australia, putting community safety first and ensuring the system is respected.

I recently joined our Premier Jacinta Allan and Member for Narre Warren North Belinda Wilson MP at Endeavour Hills Police Station to speak with local officers about these changes.

Victoria Police are out 24/7 holding offenders to account. They've been backed by a record \$4.5 billion investment,

new powers and new laws that deliver tougher consequences for serious, repeat offenders, which are already making a difference.

Works are underway on the new police station in Clyde North and the upgrade of the Narre Warren Police Station to better serve our community. This is part of a \$78 million investment in the south-east.

The Government has also banned the sale of machetes, with a legislated ban on possession coming into effect on 1 September.

Metro Tunnel Powering Ahead

The Metro Tunnel opens this year, creating a continuous rail loop connecting the Cranbourne/Pakenham lines to the Sunbury line, through five brand-new stations in and around the CBD.

It will deliver turn-up and go services and bigger, more modern trains. If you use the Cranbourne/Pakenham lines it means improved access to the CBD, education and medical precincts. It will make a big difference to the way you travel every day.

The Metro Tunnel connects to upgrades on the Pakenham line, including the new Narre Warren Station. The station has been open for over a year and has had a real impact on the area.

The removal of the boom gates at Webb Street has improved travel times and safety for train travellers, pedestrians and vehicles, while the new elevated station has made way for more car parks, walking tracks and bike paths in the area.



Lynbrook CFA Station

The CFA satellite station in Lynbrook will soon be getting an upgrade as part of a \$21 million investment to boost emergency response times and help keep our community safe.

The station is already managed by our hardworking Hampton Park Fire Brigade, but this funding will complete the fit out.

Thank you to the CFA for their continued efforts in responding to call-outs and their advocacy to improve our local fire services.





Helping Locals Save with Solar

Narre Warren South has one of the highest uptakes of Solar Rebates across Victoria

The Victorian Government has helped families slash \$1 billion off the installation of solar panels, energy efficient heat pumps and batteries - saving families hundreds off their energy bills each year.

I recently joined the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP Minister for Energy and Resources to meet with Uteng, a local resident who received a \$1,400 Solar Homes rebate last year.

Uteng has seen a significant

reduction in her family's energy bills since the installation.

More than 78,000 solar panels, hot water systems and batteries were installed in 2024 across Victoria - the biggest year on record, with our area having one of the highest uptakes.

Over 7,000 installations including solar panels, hot water systems and batteries have occurred in the Narre

Warren South electorate as part of the program. Check your eligibility and find more information at solar.vic.gov.au.

You can also save through the Victorian Energy Upgrades Program which delivers discounts on appliances ranging from heat pumps to cooktops. Find more information at energy.vic.gov.au/victorian-energy-upgrades.

More Healthcare Options for Victorians

The State Government is supporting our busy health system by giving people more options in how they access care.

Community Pharmacist Program

The Community Pharmacist Program enables trained pharmacists to treat a range of conditions, without a trip to the doctor or a prescription. \$18 million has been invested to make the program permanent and to include more conditions. You can find a participating pharmacist at betterhealth.vic.gov.au/community-pharmacist-pilot.

Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED)

The VVED is a free around-the-clock urgent care service, for non-life-threatening emergencies. Find it at ved.org.au.

Nurse-on-Call

Nurse-on-Call will connect you with a registered nurse providing professional health advice over the phone, 24/7. It's available on 1300 60 60 24.

If faced with an emergency you should still call Triple Zero or present to the closest emergency department.



Community Update

Lighting Up
KM Reedy
Reserve!



Upgrading KM Reedy Reserve

The State Budget 2025/26 secured \$250,000 for a much-needed lighting upgrade at KM Reedy Reserve. This is fantastic news for local soccer fans and clubs, including Hampton Park United Sparrows FC. It means longer and safer playing hours, particularly for the fast-growing girls and women's teams.

A new cricket training facility is also now open at the reserve, thanks to a \$100,000 investment from the Victorian Government alongside funding from the City of Casey. This is a big win for the Heinz Southern District (HSD) Cricket Club, and aspiring local cricketers.

In Parliament

I've continued to speak in Parliament on key local issues like housing, roads, gambling reform and workplace safety, while also contributing to Government committees shaping future policy. It's an honour to represent our electorate of Narre Warren South. Learn more at garymaas.org.au.

Power Saving Bonus

The popular Power Saving Bonus is back with \$100 available to eligible Victorian households with a concession card to help ease the cost-of-living. To check your eligibility and to apply for the \$100 PSB visit compare.energy.vic.gov.au and you can reach out to my office for assistance.



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My team and I are here to assist you with any State Government or community matter.

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