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Community Matters

WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

BUDGET EDITION



STATE BUDGET DELIVERS KAMBRYA COLLEGE UPGRADE

The State Budget 2022/2023 is all about investing in the future and ensuring the best outcomes for our communities.

This year's Budget continues to prioritise investments in education and jobs while delivering a \$12 billion boost towards health to put patients first with a Pandemic Repair Plan for more staff, better hospitals and first-class care.

Locally, Kambrya College has secured a big win with over \$18.94 million for the school to be modernised with a performing arts centre optioned in this upgrade.

This funding will provide an additional 400 spaces in permanent facilities to meet growing demand.

In the past eight years, the State Government has invested more than \$12.8 billion in building new schools and more than 1,850 upgrades – creating around 17,400 local jobs. Since 2019, 75 new schools have either been opened or have been funded.

The State Budget also delivers investments in the environment, mental health and well-being, public transport, road planning and \$1.5 million for the upgrade of the local Strathaird Reserve.

Our community's growing and this State Government will keep supporting jobs, health, education and essential public infrastructure.

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Community Sport

Strathaird Reserve Upgrade



Narre South Cricket, Football, Netball and Junior Football clubs and the local community will benefit from the upgrade of Strathaird Reserve.

The State Government has provided \$1.5 million towards the project which will provide modern facilities to support female participation, greater inclusivity, and community health and wellbeing as people engage in the sports they love.

Health Matters

Casey Hospital Emergency Department

The Andrews Labor Government has always made health a priority and continues to support our health system with a \$12 billion Pandemic Repair Plan to put patients first with more staff, better hospitals and first-class care.

Casey Hospital's Emergency Department will be rebuilt and expanded to meet the needs of our community as part of a \$236 million investment to at least double capacity.

The Budget also provided \$333 million to add nearly 400 new staff to increase Triple Zero call taking and dispatch capacity.



Prioritising Mental Health Services

The State Government initiated the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System and committed to implementing all of the recommendations.

This year's Budget delivers \$1.3 billion on top of last year's \$3.8 billion to build a new mental health and wellbeing system that addresses the challenges and distress of many, including our youth. Funding will support an emergency department mental health and an alcohol and other drug hub within Monash Health.

More information is available at health.vic.gov.au/mental-health

Climate Change

Investing in Renewable Energy

Environment

Every day, investments in renewable energy push Victoria closer to net zero emissions by 2050.

Over the past eight years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested \$2.2 billion to protect our environment and this Budget includes a \$47.2 million boost to the Solar Homes program.

This boost means 64,000 \$1,400 solar PV rebates and 1,700 extra battery storage rebates will be available in 2022/23. Interest free loans are also available to support households.

A once-off payment of \$250 will be available to all Victorian households that use the Victorian Energy Compare website to search for the cheapest electricity plan that suits their needs from 1 July 2022.

Visit compare.energy.vic.gov.au

This State Labor Government believes in climate change and has a plan towards net zero emissions.

More information is at climatechange.vic.gov.au



Public Transport

Matters

Casey Bus Network Improvement



This State Budget invests in the expansion of existing bus services in Cranbourne West (route 863) including an expanded service through the Business Park in Narre Warren to meet growing demand (route 895).

The network improvement is part of a state-wide \$109 million initiative to provide faster and better connectivity to our schools and work while filling the gaps in the network.

Since 2014, the State Government has invested \$59 billion to keep public transport moving.

Community

Matters

Each Community Matters will feature one of our local community organisations. Let me know if your organisation would like to be featured.

U3A

Victoria has 104 Universities of the Third Age (U3A) that are a chance for older Victorians to remain connected and involved in their community through programs that promote positive ageing and active living.

The State Government has provided funding to the U3As Network Victoria since 2006.

To get involved with the local Casey U3A, contact 0493 280 458.

More information is at u3acasey.org.au

In Parliament

Parliament has been sitting and I have taken the opportunity to speak on important issues affecting our community.


I have raised community matters that collectively concern us and continue to sit on various committees where I represent the views of the electorate of Narre Warren South.

Please contact my office to discuss your issue and how we can help.





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More Solar Homes

Eligible Victorians can access rebates for both solar panels and solar hot water systems for the first time.

Eligible households who have not previously claimed a rebate could access up to \$2,400 in rebates and a \$1,400 interest-free loan to cut upfront costs.

More information is available on 1300 376 393 and at solar.vic.gov.au

Let me help!

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

Mobile Street Stalls

July 30 | August 20 | September 10 | October 1

10.30 am Hampton Park Shopping Centre

11.30 am Fountain Gate Shopping Centre

12.30 pm Lynbrook Village Shopping Centre



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