

Spring 2026
Community Matters



Thank you, Narre Warren South.

Somehow it's already September, and 2026 is ticking by. As you may have heard, I will not be recontesting the seat of Narre Warren South at the upcoming State Election. Before I pass the baton to the next member, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Narre Warren South community.

It's been an honour to represent the electorate for the past eight years in our Parliament of Victoria. Throughout this time, I have been proud to deliver improvements to public transport, roads, schools, hospitals and infrastructure and advocate for the services we all rely on in the growing outer south-east.

Thank you to everyone who's taken the time to chat with me about how we can make our community even better.

Whether that's been at your front door, at a shopping centre, over the phone, by email, or at a community event. You can see what we have achieved together in the past eight years, on the last page.

I truly value the genuine connections made with the people and organisations within the electorate who work hard every day to make our community stronger. This includes our multifaith and multicultural groups, our excellent school principals and staff, our local council, our sport clubs, our health services, our local businesses, our emergency services, our volunteers and our not-for-profit charities.

I'm proud to have worked in our State Labor Government to deliver some real improvements to our community.

Inside:

- ✓ Casey Hospital update
- ✓ Cost of living assistance
- ✓ Berwick-Cranbourne Road & Thompsons Road Intersection upgrade update
- ✓ + flip for more local wins!

This includes the level crossing removals and brand-new Narre Warren and Hallam train stations, numerous upgrades to local schools, delivering the new 24/7 Narre Warren Police Station and advocating for and seeing the completion of Kala Primary School – just to name a few.

This government has worked hard to deliver what our communities need, and I hope this work can be continued.

Thank you for your support. I hope to see you soon. Best wishes.

Helping with the Cost of Living

Midday Power Saver

Did you know that from October 1, you can access three hours of free power? Victoria's Midday Power Saver gives you free power from 11am to 2pm everyday. Depending on how much energy usage you can shift to the midday period, you can save from \$149 up to \$1,102 per year on your energy bills. Find out more at go.vic.gov.au/4wAla82.

Protecting Your Right to Work from Home

Work from home is good for families, good for productivity and good for the economy. That's why the State Labor Government is backing your right to work from home.

While not everyone can work from home, it benefits us all by cutting congestion on our roads, cutting commuting costs and time and getting more parents back into the workforce. Legislation will pass Parliament this year, with the start date of the new laws 1 July 2027.

Half-Price Public Transport

The State Labor Government is providing immediate cost of living relief, with half-price public transport until 1 January 2027. This means the maximum cost of full fare daily travel is \$5.70, while concession fares are \$2.85. To access the discount, just tap on as usual.

Children and young people under 18 can continue to travel for free with their Youth myki, while eligible Seniors Card holders, disability support pensioners and carers can also travel for free on weekends.

Tap & Go Now Available

Full fare ticket holders can now use contactless payment across our public transport network. Just tap on with your credit or debit card, phone or smartwatch, and be sure to tap off the same way. Of course, you can still use your Myki card too.



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Berwick-Cranbourne Road & Thompsons Road Intersection Opening in October

The Berwick-Cranbourne Road and Thompsons Road Intersection upgrade will be completed this October – seven months ahead of schedule. Crews have been working hard to complete the upgrade, and once open, journeys will be faster and safer. Traffic lights will replace the old roundabout at the intersection, and new through and turning lanes will be added to keep traffic moving. Upgraded bus stops and shared paths for cyclists and pedestrians will also be added.

This upgrade has been funded by both the State and Federal Labor Governments and will help ease congestion in our growing area. I thank everyone for their patience while crews have been working hard to complete this upgrade. Find out more at go.vic.gov.au/4b5GhcG.

Grices Road Recreation Reserve Upgrade Complete

Berwick Churches Soccer Club and Berwick Strikers Cricket Club are enjoying their new and upgraded facilities at Grices Road Recreation Reserve, following their completion earlier this year. This upgrade has been backed by a \$1.2 million investment from the State Labor Government and a contribution from the City of Casey. The new amenities include storage rooms, a new servery and an undercover viewing area.

This upgrade will help support the fast-growing clubs well into the future, while also providing a fantastic community space for everyone to enjoy.



Major Construction Underway on Casey Hospital's ED

Works on the Emergency Department expansion at Casey Hospital are currently underway, a key step toward better emergency care for families in our community. The expansion will support an extra 52,000 presentations each year, with improved treatment spaces and facilities.

The upgrade will also have a brand-new children's emergency department zone, designed to provide children and their families with a separate private, calm and compassionate space. This project is expected to create more than 1,000 construction jobs as well as support additional medical jobs once open in 2027.



Artist's impression - designs subject to change

Together we've achieved the following for Narre Warren South...

Health

- \$135 million expansion to Casey Hospital
- \$35.5 million upgrade for Casey Hospital's Emergency Department - *currently underway*
- Establishing the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department to help take pressure off our busy ED's
- Chemist Care Now - providing care for a range of conditions at the local pharmacy, without a GP appointment

Education

- \$5.4 million for Narre Warren South P-12 College's Performing Arts Centre & an inclusive learning space
- Hampton Park Primary School's new Community Hub
- Over \$14 million for an extensive 3 stage upgrade of Hampton Park Secondary College
- Priority maintenance at Hillsmeade Primary School
- Upgraded new Early Learning Centre at Heritage College & \$3.6 million for classroom upgrades - *currently underway*
- Free three and four-year-old kinder
- Free TAFE enshrined in law - over 80 courses on offer
- \$10 million for Strathaird Primary School's upgrade and modernisation, including a new eco-cubby
- \$747,000 to expand Rugby Academies in Victorian Schools, including in Narre Warren South
- \$13.6 million towards an extensive upgrade of Lyndhurst Secondary College - *currently underway*
- Delivered brand-new Kala Primary School & Kala Kindergarten in growing Cranbourne North
- Beacon Hindi Language Program at Alkira Secondary College

Community

- \$650,000 towards a new Narre Warren South Scout Hall
- \$100,000 for streetscape works at The Fairway on Somerville Road, Hampton Park
- Littlecroft Family and Community Centre & Strong Drive Children's Centre upgrades
- \$50,000 to assist Hampton Park Uniting Church's delivery of local support services
- A new two-storey pavilion at Robert Booth Reserve
- \$100,000 towards a new cricket training facility at KM Reedy Reserve
- \$50,000 to support Casey Radio Station
- Renovated pavilion at Hampton Park Bowls Club
- Upgraded pavilion at Strathaird Reserve
- \$550,000 towards the refurbishment of the Hampton Park Tennis Club pavilion & installation of new lights
- \$1.2 million towards the upgraded pavilion at Grices Road Recreation Reserve
- Upgraded flood lighting at KM Reedy Reserve
- \$250,000 for changeroom upgrades at Berwick Springs Recreation Reserve - *currently in planning stages*
- \$250,000 towards upgrades at Hampton Park Shopping Centre to support local businesses - *currently in planning stages*
- VCAT affirming EPA's decision to deny Veolia's application to operate a Waste Transfer Station in Hampton Park

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the full list of
local wins



Cost of Living

- First Home Buyer grants & concessions
- Solar homes program rebates for solar panels & hot water systems
- 4 rounds of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus to help locals with cost of living
- \$100 Power Saving Bonus for concession card holders in 2025/26
- \$400 School Saving Bonus for families of school aged kids in 2024
- Free breakfasts, free glasses for kids, and free dental check ups at government schools
- Half-price public transport fares until 1 January 2027
- Free public transport for under 18s
- Free public transport for eligible Seniors Card holders, carers and disability support pensioners on weekends
- \$200 Get Active Kids Vouchers to help families with the cost of sport fees, equipment and uniforms
- 20% off car registration through the Rego Rebate

Safety

- Upgraded 24/7 Narre Warren Police Station and new police station in Clyde North - part of a \$78 million investment in the south-east.
- PSOs and police in force at Fountain Gate as part of Operation Pulse
- New laws to see serious consequences for violent crime & early intervention programs to stop crime before it starts
- Tough new bail laws to prevent reoffending & keep Victorians safe

Roads & Transport

- Removal of Hallam Road, Webb Street & Evans Road Level Crossings
- New Narre Warren, Hallam & Merinda Park train stations
- Removal of Clyde Road Level Crossing and the opening of a brand-new underpass
- New bus interchange, walking paths, upgraded carpark at Merinda Park Station - \$10 million
- Expanded bus services on routes 863 and 895 as part of a \$109 million state-wide package
- Opening of the Metro Tunnel, adding more services on the Cranbourne & Pakenham lines and creating better access across our city
- O'Shea Road Upgrade as part of Monash Freeway Stage 2 works
- South Gippsland Highway upgrade from Lynbrook Boulevard to the Dandenong Bypass
- Upgrading the Thompsons Road and Berwick-Cranbourne Road intersection - *opening this year*
- \$600,000 to resurface Pound Road - *announced in this year's State Budget 2026/27*