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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR KOOYONG



Kooyong Community News

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Dear fellow resident

As the year draws to a close I would like to wish you and your family the very best for the Christmas break.

It has been a very busy year in Kooyong with numerous community events and public forums being held. The forums have covered a range of public policy issues including small business, seniors, veterans, childcare and disabilities. Each forum has provided a valuable opportunity for Kooyong residents to have their voices heard.

In Canberra, I have also kept busy speaking in the Parliament on a number of issues including the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme, workplace relations reform and new measures required to help put an end to sexual exploitation of children on the internet. Each of these speeches, together with newspaper articles I have written and television and radio interviews I have given are available on my website www.joshfrydenberg.com.au

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued encouragement and support. It is a great privilege to represent you as the Federal member for Kooyong. If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Josh Frydenberg

Head of the Yarra Victory

This year's Head of the Yarra rowing regatta was a great success with over 180 crews racing the 8.6km from Birrarung Marr to the Hawthorn Rowing Club. Josh was watching from the bank cheering on over 1600 athletes and presented medals to the winning crews. First established in 1957 with 14 crews and one division, Head of the Yarra is now one of the largest rowing regattas in Australia with crews coming from around the country to participate. Josh is pictured here with the winning Scotch College First Eight crew.



Blue Door Cafe's first birthday

Recently the Blue Door Cafe in East Kew celebrated its first birthday. The Cafe is a not-for-profit enterprise that provides employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Josh is pictured here with co-owner Gary Tyquin, Amanda, Tara and cafe manager, Ingrid.



Flag presentation at St Bede's Primary



Receiving their new Australian Flag, the students of St Bede's Catholic Primary School in Balwyn North shared with Josh their deep knowledge of our country's proud history and the origins of our national flag. Josh is pictured here with the Year 3s.

Visit to Balwyn High

Balwyn High School is one of the best performing schools in Victoria, providing students with a first class education and a range of opportunities in music, art, theatre and debating. Josh addressed more than 600 students at the Year 7 and 8 assembly and toured the new art and design building. He is pictured here with principal Deborah Harman and school captains, Claudia, Wilkins, Tara and Xavier.



“Thank you for helping me with my Centrelink application for a carers’ allowance. The end result was great and will significantly help me to care for my two medically dependent children”

Alison Walsh, Kew

Centenary celebrations at Hawthorn West Baptist Church

The Hawthorn West Baptist Church community recently celebrated its 100th birthday. The Church has a large and active congregation providing valuable support for a number of community programs. Josh is pictured with Mr John Jeffries, HWBC Community Pastor Brian Hall, Servants CEO Matt Maudlin and long-time HWBC member Frank Horwill.



Servants serving Hawthorn

Servants Community Housing in Hawthorn has provided affordable accommodation and safe housing for those on low incomes for the past twenty six years. Josh visited Servants with Terry Gretton, from the Rotary Club of Balwyn North which is supporting Servants by arranging the delivery of food for residents from FareShare and managing periodical maintenance at the hostel. Josh is pictured here with Servants Hawthorn Operations Manager, Amanda Donohue, CEO Matt Maudlin and Terry Gretton.



Julie Bishop visits Kooyong

On a recent visit to Kooyong, Julie Bishop, the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, visited Dymocks book store in Camberwell to celebrate Book Week. Josh and Julie are pictured with Henk Kelly-Kobes who is both the store owner at Dymocks and President of the Camberwell Traders’ Association.



Kooyong Veterans’ Forum

This year’s Kooyong Veterans’ Forum was held at the Camberwell City RSL, with other local RSL sub branches, Rotary, Probus and Legacy among the groups represented. Joining Josh at the forum was the Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and the Shadow Minister Assisting the Leader of the Opposition on the Centenary of ANZAC, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson. Josh is pictured with AVM Edward Radford AO BSc (Ret’d), President of the Defence Force Welfare Association; Major General David McLachlan AO (Ret’d), President of the Returned Services League – Victoria; Senator Ronaldson; Legatee Bryce Phillips, President of Melbourne Legacy and Mr John Frewen, President of the Camberwell City RSL.



Headspace centre coming to Kooyong

Following a successful local campaign a headspace centre will open in Kooyong. It will provide a one-stop-shop for young people aged 12-25 to access information and services relating to general health and wellbeing, mental health and alcohol and drug services. Established by the Howard Government in 2006 there are now 40 headspace sites across Australia with 90 to be in operation by 2015. Already headspace has assisted more than 70,000 young people and it has been a real priority for Josh to ensure that the residents of Kooyong are also given access to such a facility.



Opening Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Garden

A Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden was recently opened at Auburn South Primary School. The program is a wonderful initiative which aims to educate children in growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh, seasonal produce. Josh is pictured here with his wife, Amie, school council president David Hay, acting principal Chris Thomas, and board member of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and the founder and CEO of Carman's Fine Foods, Carolyn Creswell.



Local Sporting Champions afternoon tea

There are many outstanding athletes who live in Kooyong, many of whom are fortunate enough to receive a Local Sporting Champions grant. Josh is pictured with some of this year's winners including Nicholas Sette (soccer), Ned Fitzgerald (fencing), Jessica Hansen (swimming) and Phoebe Sloane (discus).



Kooyong Seniors' Forum



The Shadow Minister for Seniors and former Minister for Aged Care, the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP was the special guest at this year's Kooyong Seniors Forum. Topics raised at the forum included issues relating to accommodation for seniors, superannuation, employment opportunities, cost of living pressures and medical research for funding into dementia. Josh is pictured at the forum from left to right with Dr Heather Wheat, Secretary, Life Activities Clubs Victoria Inc (LACVI), Bronwyn Bishop and Mrs Joan Heard AM, Association of Independent Retirees - Victoria Division.

Rising cost of dental care

The Chronic Dental Disease Scheme (CDDS) first introduced by Tony Abbott as Health Minister has been closed by the Gillard Government. Josh recently spoke in the Parliament about the new arrangements which will leave many patients who received treatment under the CDDS without services. Given there are hundreds of thousands of people on public dental waiting lists, the new legislation is a regrettable decision that short changes Australians most in need.

Community Forum 2012

Recently a Kooyong community forum was held at Kew Heights Sports Club with the then Boroondara Mayor Heinz Kreutz, the Member for Kew, the Hon. Andrew McIntosh and Josh. It was a great success with more than 150 residents providing comments and asking questions from the floor for more than two hours.

Community Noticeboard

Australian Flags

The Australian Parliament provides flags for local community groups. Exchange students travelling overseas can also collect a flag pack for their exchange family. Please contact my office to discuss your request.

Congratulatory messages

If a member of your family is about to celebrate a special birthday or if you know a couple celebrating their golden or diamond anniversary, Josh would be delighted to organise congratulatory messages for them from the Queen, Governor General and the Prime Minister.

Local Sporting Champions

Individual grants of \$500 and team grants of \$3000 are available for exceptional young athletes aged 12-18, to assist with travel, accommodation, uniform and equipment costs associated in participating in recognised state, national or international sporting competitions.



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Out and about in the electorate of Kooyong

- ✓ Spoke at the Rotary Club of **North Balwyn** business breakfast.
- ✓ Attended DisabiliTEA morning teas at Bapcare **Camberwell** and Interchange Inner East and Burke & Beyond, **Canterbury**.
- ✓ Visited Alzheimer's Australia (Vic) **Hawthorn** for Dementia Awareness Week.
- ✓ Judged the final of Our Holy Redeemer Primary School's speech competition, **Surrey Hills**.
- ✓ Attended the **Auburn South** Primary School Fair.
- ✓ Visited St Paul's Anglican Kindergarten in **Canterbury** to see the Annual Children's Art Exhibition.
- ✓ Attended The Merrell Kindergarten 60th Anniversary celebrations in **Balwyn North**.
- ✓ Presented an Australian Flag to the students of Our Lady of Good Counsel Primary School, **Deepdene**.
- ✓ Attended the official opening of the new **Camberwell** Library.
- ✓ Spoke at the Xavier College Burke Hall Fathers' Q&A forum in **Kew**.
- ✓ Opened the Highfield Park Medical Centre in **Camberwell**.
- ✓ Presented 2013 jumpers to the **Kew** Rovers Tacklers team.
- ✓ Spoke at the opening of a new florist, Fleurty by Nature in **Balwyn**.
- ✓ Spoke at the opening of the National Mental Health Week Art Exhibition in **Kew**.
- ✓ Hosted roundtable discussions in **Camberwell** and **Kew** with government and non-government school principals.
- ✓ Hosted afternoon tea in **Camberwell** for local sporting clubs.
- ✓ Attended the AGM of Eva Tilley Memorial Home in **Balwyn North**.
- ✓ Visited **Kew** Gardens Aged Care.
- ✓ Addressed **Canterbury** Rotary club.
- ✓ Met cultural exchange students in **Camberwell** to present the Australian Flag.
- ✓ Attended the **Balwyn** Tigers football grand final.
- ✓ Addressed students from Carey Grammar, **Kew**.
- ✓ Participated in BUPA Walk to Work Day in **Hawthorn**.
- ✓ Met with **Camberwell** Market Traders.
- ✓ Addressed the **Camberwell** and District Branch of National Seniors Australia at **Kew** Library.
- ✓ Enjoyed afternoon tea at AVEO Concierge **Balwyn**.
- ✓ Visited St Dunstan's Kindergarten Art Show, **Camberwell**.
- ✓ Joined a year 10 geography class which was being conducted in Japanese, at Xavier College, **Kew**.

Welcome Home to Kooyong's olympians and paralympians

Boroondara's Olympic and Paralympic athletes were recently welcomed home with a reception in Camberwell. Josh is pictured here with Boroondara Councillor, Coral Ross, Member of the Legislative Council the Hon. Andrea Coote, Olympic rower and Beijing Olympics Gold Medallist David Crawshay, Olympic water polo team member Rowena Webster, Olympic weightlifter Seen Lee, cox of the Women's Olympic Eight Elizabeth Patrick and then Mayor of Boroondara Councillor Heinz Kreutz.



Boroondara Stroke Support Group 10th birthday celebrations

The Boroondara Stroke Support Group recently celebrated its 10th birthday at the Kew Heights Sports Club. The BSSG is a wonderful community organisation providing support services and social activities for its members. Josh is pictured here with BSSG founder, Jenny Cheng.



Visit to Vinnies in Hawthorn

This year saw the establishment of National Op Shop Week. To celebrate the week and to encourage their fellow citizens to donate to wonderful organisations that support the homeless, Josh and his colleague the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, the Shadow Minister for Families, Housing and Community Services visited Vinnies in Auburn Road, Hawthorn. Josh and Kevin are pictured here with Garry McBride, General Manager – Centres, Chris Haswell, Asset Support Manager and Liz Gilders-Roufidis, Centre Manager, Vinnies.

