



# Josh Frydenberg MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR KOOYONG



## Kooyong Community News

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### Dear Fellow Resident

*Kooyong continues to be a hub of activity.*

*Whether it be celebrating Chinese New Year, paying our respects on Anzac Day or participating in Ride2School Day, every corner of our electorate has seen families and selfless volunteers come together for hundreds of local events. Working with our local community is the most enjoyable part of my role and the following pages will give you a snapshot of some of the more recent activities occurring in Kooyong.*

*In Canberra, I continue to participate in parliamentary debates on a wide range of subjects, including the future of superannuation, the need for gambling reform and the importance of properly funding health priorities like stroke prevention and support. These speeches, together with my television and radio interviews and newspaper articles I have written, are available on my website [www.joshfrydenberg.com.au](http://www.joshfrydenberg.com.au)*

*As we approach the federal election in September there will continue to be much debate about the state of the nation's finances and policies affecting important areas such as education, health and infrastructure. I look forward to discussing these issues with you and continuing my efforts to advance the best interests of the people in Kooyong.*

*If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Yours sincerely*

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### Studley Park Kindergarten

Recent Commonwealth legislative changes have resulted in increased regulations for the more than 20 kindergartens in Kooyong. Josh had an opportunity to talk about these issues with parents and read a story to 3 and 4 year olds at Studley Park Kindergarten in Kew. Josh is pictured here with president Leesa Duncan, director Jacqui Browsers, teachers and children.



### Live Below the Line lunch

Many young people in Kooyong recently banded together to participate in the Live Below the Line campaign. The challenge, to eat for less than \$2 per day from 6 to 12 May, helped raise awareness of the challenges facing the more than one billion people living in extreme poverty. As part of the campaign Josh was joined by local members of the Oaktree Foundation for lunch in his office where the menu included pesto pasta with pumpkin and zucchini, prepared at a cost of 65 cents per person.



### Vietnamese Senior citizens celebrate Lunar New Year

President Cat Tuong Vu and over 80 members of the AVA Boroondara Senior Citizens Group recently came together for a special Lunar New Year cultural luncheon in Kew. Josh is pictured here with members of the Group, which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary.

### Australia's 'Biggest Morning Tea'

Josh recently attended Australia's 'Biggest Morning Tea' at Athelstan Independent Living in Camberwell. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Australia's 'Biggest Morning Tea', the Cancer Council's most popular fundraising event. Since its inception over \$100 million has been raised as friends, family and workmates share a cuppa. Josh is pictured here with Athelstan residents, Geoff and Pat Picking.



### Centenary of ANZAC

Each federal electorate, including Kooyong, has been allocated \$100,000 in government funding to support projects commemorating the Centenary of ANZAC. Josh is pictured here with members of the Kooyong Centenary of ANZAC Local Grants Committee which includes representatives from the local Legacy and RSL groups, the Boroondara Council and Rotary, all of whom will help decide priority projects for funding.



### Blacklords Fencing Club

Lynden Park Scout Hall in Camberwell is home to one of the leading fencing clubs in Australia, Blacklords. Josh, who was recently made the patron of the Club, is pictured here with Blacklords' members after taking part in a vigorous training session.



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### Kooyong Colts raise over \$16,000 for the Cancer Council

The Kooyong Colts once again participated in this year's Relay for Life organised by the Cancer Council. Held at John Gardner Reserve in Hawthorn East, Josh's team walked for 18 hours non-stop and was presented with the Highest Team Fundraiser award raising in excess of \$16,000. The annual event raises money for cancer research, advocacy and support. Josh is pictured with members of his team including Kim Wood, who is a cancer sufferer battling bravely against the disease.



### Shadow Minister for Health & Ageing Visits Kooyong

The Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, recently visited Kooyong. He and Josh met with local general practitioners and pharmacists and visited both Cotham Private Hospital and St George's Health Service in Kew. They are pictured here with owner of Terry White Pharmacy in 'The Well', Camberwell, George Keskerides.



### Local Sporting Champions

Kooyong recipients of a Local Sporting Champions Grant recently joined Josh for a special afternoon tea. Josh is pictured here with the recipients who represent a wide variety of sports including athletics, fencing, ice hockey, futsal, rowing, snowboarding, skiing, basketball, rugby union, AFL and tennis.



### Friends of Burke Road Billabong

Led by Stanley Barker, a team of volunteers meet twice a month to maintain the Burke Road Billabong and its surroundings. Josh recently joined the volunteers for some weeding to protect native plants and is pictured here with the President of the Victorian National Parks Association Russell Costello, former Boroondara Councillor Brad Miles, and organiser Stanley Barker. To get involved contact Stanley at [barker\\_sv@yahoo.com.au](mailto:barker_sv@yahoo.com.au)



### Standing up for small business

With over two million small businesses employing more than 4.5 million Australians, the Coalition understands that small business is the backbone of our economy.

Yet the Government continues to burden small business with more than 20,000 new regulations, 30 new or increased taxes and a more union dominated workplace relations environment. Not to mention the impact of Government policies on the rising cost of utilities which come straight off a small business's bottom line.

To help small business a Coalition government would:

- Abolish the carbon tax;
- Undertake a 'root and branch' review of competition laws;
- Extend unfair contract provisions to small business;
- Introduce a genuine paid parental leave scheme that enables small business to attract and retain the best workers, while also easing the paperwork burden by moving

the administration of the scheme from small businesses to the Family Assistance Office;

- Cut red tape by \$1 billion;
- Ensure small business providing services to the Commonwealth are paid on time, if not interest to be paid at the same rate the ATO expects people to pay for late tax payments;
- Move small business to the Treasury department; and
- Ensure small business is a Cabinet level position.

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### Out and about in Kooyong

- ✓ Spoke to the Hawthorn U3A Current Affairs Group
- ✓ Presented Volunteer recognition certificates at Trinity Manor, Balwyn
- ✓ Joined with Camberwell Historical Society for a special tree planting to celebrate their 50th anniversary
- ✓ Attended ANZAC Day dawn service at North Balwyn RSL, commemorative services at Baptcare Karana Kew and Kew East Primary School, and marched in Kew RSL's ANZAC Parade
- ✓ Visited Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre for afternoon tea with the Surrey Hills Historical Society
- ✓ Addressed Year 11 and 12 students at Ruyton Girls' School, Kew
- ✓ Attended the unfurling of the Balwyn Tigers 2012 grand final flag
- ✓ Helped 'turn the sod' for the new \$20 million facility at Lynden Aged Care, Camberwell
- ✓ Officially opened Medtronic's new office in Kew
- ✓ Spoke to members of Kew Gardens' Men's Shed
- ✓ Attended Boroondara Netball Association's annual Pink Day fundraiser at Macleay Park in Balwyn
- ✓ Addressed students from Swinburne Senior Secondary College in Hawthorn

- ✓ Spoke at Epilepsy Foundation's Purple Day celebration, Surrey Hills
- ✓ Attended Carers Australia and Amgen's 2013 Pollie Pedal Launch, Kew
- ✓ Joined St Barnabas Cricket Club Balwyn to watch a special testimonial match
- ✓ Presented Australian Flag to Grace Park Tennis Club Hawthorn
- ✓ Presented prizes at the Petanque National Championships, Camberwell
- ✓ Attended the official opening of the Richard and Elizabeth Tudor Centre for Contemporary Learning, Trinity Grammar School Kew
- ✓ Joined players participating in the Betty Collins OAM Cup for Lunch at the North Balwyn Bowls Club
- ✓ Participated in the parade for the Kew Community Festival and attended the Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn Festival
- ✓ Spoke to year 6 students at St Dominic's Camberwell
- ✓ Addressed members of the Rotary Club of Kew on the Yarra
- ✓ Delivered a speech on the economy to local small business operators at Boroondara Business Luncheon in Balwyn
- ✓ Attended Coloombas Chinese Senior Citizens Association Year of the Snake celebrations

### Celebrating Kooyong's outstanding citizens

Earlier this year Josh spoke at the Boroondara Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at Swinburne University in Hawthorn. It was a great opportunity to meet with many of Boroondara's outstanding citizens including Citizen of the Year, Terry Rolleston, who was commended for his work with Rotary, and the Young Citizen of the Year, Joel Porter, for his work with St John Ambulance. Josh is pictured here alongside recipients of the Boroondara Outstanding Community Service Awards (from left to right) Lorri Beer, Sarah Moss, and Marge Currie.



### International Guide Dog Day 2013

Now in its 56th year, Guide Dogs Victoria provides a range of wonderful services to the thousands impaired from its headquarters in Kew. With the support of the vast number of volunteers and local donors, these services including the provision of guide dogs are provided free of charge. Josh who recently visited Guide Dogs Victoria is pictured here with president of Guide Dogs Victoria, Russell Walker, the Mayor of Boroondara, Cr Jack Wegman, Amie, the CEO of Guide Dogs Victoria, Karen Hayes and ambassador dogs Jordan and Willow.



### Launch of inaugural Balwyn North Multicultural Festival

This year saw the inaugural Balwyn North Multicultural Festival. Jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Balwyn North and the Balwyn North Traders Association the event was a great success and will be a key feature of the Kooyong calendar for years to come. Josh is pictured here with members from the Rotary Club of Balwyn North and Boroondara Councillor Jim Parke.

