



Dear Fellow Resident

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Kooyong Community News which details some of the wonderful local events and initiatives underway.

In particular, Kooyong was the scene of much activity coinciding with the Centenary of Anzac. Veterans, students and families turned out in record numbers around Kooyong to pay their respects to the many men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Since my last newsletter, the Abbott Government has also delivered its second budget. There were many important announcements around small business, childcare, health and infrastructure. A sample of some of these initiatives are contained on the following pages.

I am honoured to be the Member of Kooyong and will continue to work hard for all the residents of our great community.

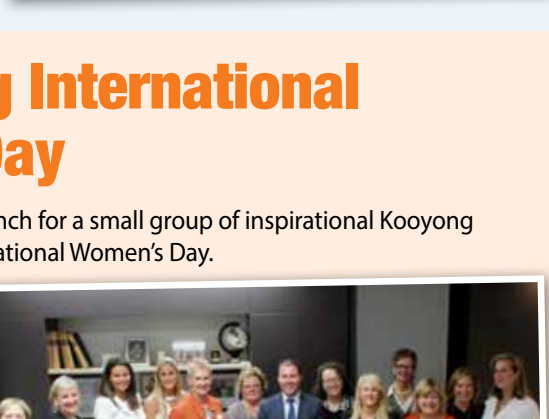
Yours sincerely

Josh Frydenberg



Green Army Marches on in Kooyong

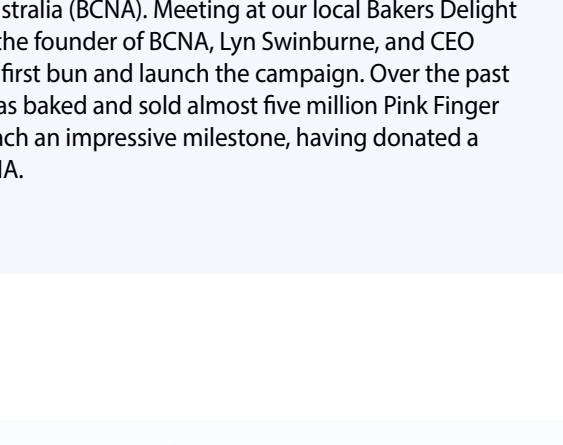
The Federal Government's Green Army initiative is supporting the great work of Kooyong's local environmental groups. The Green Army is a \$525 million investment in environmental action which will see over 15,000 young Australians work on important conservation projects. I joined the Green Army team at South Surrey Park, who were hard at work helping to restore and revegetate the area.



Celebrating International Women's Day

It was wonderful to host lunch for a small group of inspirational Kooyong women to celebrate International Women's Day.

Our special guest was the Hon Minister Payne, the Minister for Human Services. The women in this year's group shared stories about their own personal journey and the issues that matter most to them and their community.



Kicking off the Pink Bun Campaign

This year we helped kick off the annual Pink Bun campaign, supporting Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA). Meeting at our local Bakers Delight in Camberwell we joined the founder of BCNA, Lyn Swinburne, and CEO Christine Nolan to eat the first bun and launch the campaign. Over the past 15 years, Bakers Delight has baked and sold almost five million Pink Finger Buns, and this year will reach an impressive milestone, having donated a total of \$15 million to BCNA.

Out and About in Kooyong

Kooyong Commemorates the Centenary of Anzac

From RSL services, to commemorative events at local schools and community organisations, there were record attendances at local Centenary of Anzac commemorations this year.



I was honoured to attend the North Balwyn RSL Anzac Day Dawn Service, Kew RSL's Anzac Day March and Service and Camberwell RSL's re-dedication of the honour roll and launch of the Pompey Elliott Memorial Hall.



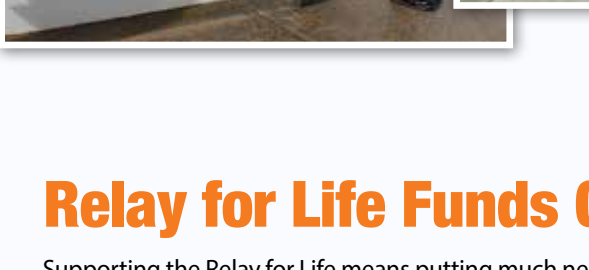
Through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program the Federal Government provided funding of \$125,000 to Kooyong for local commemorative events. At Kew Primary School, I participated in a special service and visited the new commemorative garden and at Genazzano FCJ College, I unveiled a plaque and joined students who buried a time capsule under a pine tree. It was an honour to attend these services as well as those at Siena College and Fintona Girls' School who along with other local secondary schools, participated in Camberwell Rotary's 'Seeds of Peace' program.



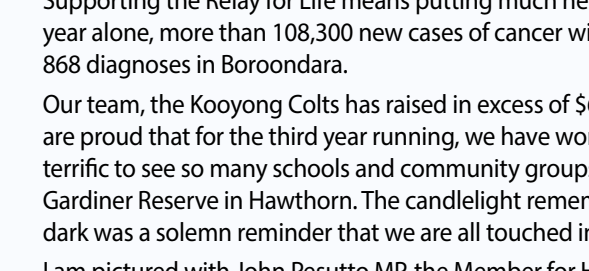
The Gallipoli and Beyond 2015 committee also deserves a special mention for developing a series of commemorative events to take place this year. The committee also organised the publication of Boroondara Remembers' a book which features details of local residents who were involved in WWI, both at home and at the war front.



Commemorating Anzac Day is not a celebration of war. It provides us with the opportunity to pay tribute to those brave servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Supporting the Relay for Life means putting much needed funds into cancer research. This year alone, more than 108,300 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Australia, including 868 diagnoses in Boroondara.



Our team, the Kooyong Colts has raised in excess of \$60,000 over the past four years, and we are proud that for the third year running, we have won the highest fundraiser award. It was terrific to see so many schools and community groups participate in the 18 hour march at John Gardiner Reserve in Hawthorn. The candlelight remembrance ceremony that took place after dark was a solemn reminder that we are all touched in some way by this horrible disease.



I am pictured with John Pesutto MP, the Member for Hawthorn, in this photo courtesy of Leader Newspapers, Janine Eastgate.



Innovation in Kooyong

Proving that innovation is alive and well in Kooyong, the Advanced Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre based in Hawthorn, has created the world's first 3D printed jet engine. I enjoyed meeting with its Managing Director, Simon Marriott who showed me a piece of the impressive jet engine.



National Youth Awards

The National Youth Awards recognise the achievement and contribution of young Australians. Local resident, Colleen Chen won the Youth Employment category at this year's awards for putting the issue of youth unemployment at the centre of policy discussions, through her work at Interns Australia.



Balwyn FC Season Launch

It was terrific to be back at the Balwyn Tigers Football Club for the 2015 Tigers season launch. Channell 95 Tony Jones and I talked about political and sporting life and the Tiger's prospects for winning a flag this year!



Visit to the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial

It was an honour to host the Ambassador of Sweden to Australia, His Excellency Pär Ahlberger for a visit to the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial in Kew. Wallenberg, a former Swedish diplomat was a remarkable and brave man who is credited with saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust.



10th Annual Betty Collins OAM Challenge Cup

It was a great day for bowling when I joined Betty Collins from the North Balwyn Bowls Club and over 160 competitors from across Victoria for the 10th annual Betty Collins OAM Challenge Cup. It was terrific to watch the skilled bowlers and to have a chat with Cr Judith Voce, Betty Collins OAM, sponsor, Ian Mollison and Club Secretary, Bob Beresford at the event.



Local Sporting Champions Afternoon Tea

Proving that Kooyong's sporting culture is thriving, I recently hosted an afternoon tea for Local Sporting Champions grant recipients. Sports represented in this round included softball, rugby, indoor cricket, canoeing, rowing, basketball and badminton. Applications are open to eligible sportspeople aged between 12 and 18 who are looking for assistance to meet costs associated with participating in national sporting competitions.



Epilepsy Foundation Morning Tea

Kooyong is home to many advocacy organisations such as the Epilepsy Foundation. There are around 235,000 people living with epilepsy in Australia, and the Foundation does fantastic work, not only in Kooyong but across Victoria in providing support to patients and their families. I hosted an afternoon tea for the many loyal supporters of the Epilepsy Foundation and presented youth ambassador, Hayden Muir, with a purple jersey signed by the Prime Minister. Hayden raised \$21,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation by cycling from Woodend to Canberra last year.



2015 National Schools Constitutional Convention

I am delighted that six students who live or study in Kooyong were selected to participate in this year's National Schools Constitutional Convention. Now in its 20th year, the convention is open to secondary students from across Australia to consider topics that are aimed at increasing interest in the way our Constitution works.



Balwyn Business Lunch

Recently I spoke at a small business lunch at Colombo's in Balwyn. With more than 100 local business men and women present we discussed the Australian and international economic climate and the importance of responsible budget management.



St Hilary's and St Silas Seniors Luncheon

It was great to attend a luncheon at St Hilary's and St Silas Anglican Church in North Balwyn and address members of the seniors group about current issues. The lovely lunch was hosted by Bishop Stephen Hale and was followed by an interesting Q&A session.



Around the House 2015 Budget

This year's Budget delivers for families, for small business and for our economy. It is responsible, measured and fair. It cuts taxes for Australia's more than two million small businesses, will help create jobs and diversify a responsible path back to surplus. Some of the highlights from this year's budget include:

- ✓ **A \$5.5 billion Growing Jobs and Small Business package** with tax cuts and immediate tax write-offs for small business. This is the biggest small business package in Australia's history.
- ✓ **\$4.4 billion supporting families package** to support Australian families to access more affordable and flexible child care – giving parents more choice and opportunity to work.
- ✓ **Increasing age pensions** twice a year at the highest available indexation rate.
- ✓ **\$1.2 billion in new national security funding** to protect Australians.
- ✓ The continuation of the Government's **\$50 billion infrastructure program**.
- ✓ **Funding to schools of \$69.5 billion** over four years; **funding to Victorian schools to increase by \$1.0 billion**.
- ✓ Maintaining an annual investment of **\$9 billion in science, research and innovation** including over \$3 billion to CSIRO over four years.
- ✓ Changes to legislation to tackle **multinational tax avoidance**.

Tightening Foreign Investment Rules in Residential Real Estate

The Government is taking action to increase scrutiny and transparency around foreign investment in Australian residential real estate. As part of the sweeping changes, a specialised compliance and enforcement area will be set up in the Australian Taxation Office, to ensure a stronger approach to enforcement of new and existing foreign investment rules.

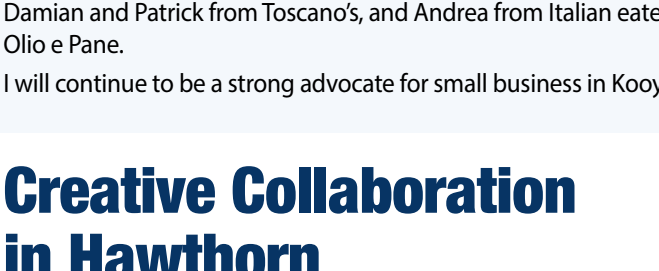
Stricter penalties will also encourage foreign investors to comply with the rules. Criminal penalties will be increased to up to \$127,500 or three years' imprisonment for individuals, and up to \$637,500 for companies. The ATO will pursue breaches by foreign investors who do not voluntarily come forward. The Government's changes will ensure that foreign investment in residential real estate is channelled into activity that increases the supply of new housing for Australians, and supports the local building industry.

Legislation will be introduced into the Parliament in the Spring Sittings to ensure that the reforms commence on 1 December 2015.



Strathcona Students Visit Parliament House

I am always thrilled to catch up with local students who visit Canberra and its historically significant sites including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial and the Australian Mint. It is great to see our future generation of leaders taking such an interest in Australian political life.



Out and About Kooyong

Supporting Small Business

With over 20,000 small businesses located here in Kooyong, I understand how important small business is to the Australian economy and our Kooyong community. That is why I am very proud to be part of the team responsible for the Growing Jobs and Small Business package that includes, at its heart, tax cuts for over two million Australian small businesses to help drive investment and employment.

The Budget package has already received tremendous support from industry, with the Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI) affirming 'it gives small business the confidence to invest, to employ, to grow.' Importantly, consumer confidence is up.

I recently met with a number of local small businesses to discuss how they can benefit from the government's new reforms. I am pictured with Christina from Artisan Chocolatier, Sisko Chocolate, Daniele and Patrick from Toscano's, and Andrea from Italian eatery, Olio e Pane.

I will continue to be a strong advocate for small business in Kooyong.

Raising Awareness for Fair Trade

It was great to meet with a delegation from Camberwell Girls Grammar School and VGen, World Vision Australia's youth movement, who came to see me to raise awareness for fair trade when it comes to coffee, chocolate, clothing and other goods. I am always delighted to meet with committed groups of young Australians who care deeply about such issues and are doing their bit to make the world a better place.



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Grants – assisting community groups to identify relevant grants available to them.
Australian flag – special presentations of the Australian flag to community groups.

Exchange pack – info pack for students travelling overseas on exchange.
School visits to Parliament House – assisting to organise school visits in Canberra.