

Clem Newton-Brown Member for *Prahran*



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Prahran e-News - March 2014

Dear Friend,

Hello and welcome to the March edition of my e-newsletter. Please feel free to forward this to your family and friends who may be interested in State Government activities in and around Prahran.

Premier Napthine has announced plans to facilitate fast, reliable and free Wi-Fi services in central Melbourne. This is great news and providing free public Wi-Fi in the city is part of the State Government's agenda to build a better Victoria.

Earlier this month, I organised a Clean Up Australia Day event along the Yarra River bank where I was joined by an enthusiastic group of volunteers from our local community. We filled many bags with bottles, cans and even a discarded mattress; all of which definitely do not belong in our river!

I'd like to thank all who came and also give a special thanks to Kanteen Cafe for generously shouting a coffee to all who helped out.



Clem Newton-Brown and members of the Old Geelong Football Club at Clean Up Australia Day 2014

Next week, I'll be hitting the streets of St Kilda East where you'll be able to talk to me face-to-face and provide feedback on any local or State issues. Please drop by if you need assistance with anything.

Saturday 22nd March 2014

1:00pm - Cnr Inkermern St and Chapel St

1:30pm - Cnr Alma Rd and Westbury St

2:00pm - Cnr Alma Rd and Orrong Rd

Best wishes,

Viva Youth Festival

Live music, street culture, food and more. **Saturday 12th April**, Princess Gardens, Malvern Road, Prahran.

School Energy Grants

Up to \$10,000 is available for Victorian schools in Prahran to help them put in place energy saving and cost efficient measures. Applications close 30th May 2014. More information [here](#).

Appointment: Parliamentary Secretary for Education



I was very pleased this week to be asked by Premier Napthine to serve as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education.

Education is one of my passions and I am continuing to work towards the establishment of a new secondary school in our area. Earlier this year the new Melbourne Polytechnic opened its doors and planning approval has recently been granted for a new gifted school.

I look forward to assisting the Minister for Education with this important portfolio.

To view all of the changes to the Victorian Government Cabinet in the reshuffle this week, click [here](#).

PSOs Deployed to Prahran Station

Public safety will improve for train travellers in Melbourne's inner south with the deployment of Protective Services Officers (PSOs) to Prahran rail station.

PSOs are making a difference to public safety and people who use Prahran station on the Sandringham line will benefit from their presence.

We've had PSOs working on the public transport network since February 2012, and a total of 657 have now been deployed across 92 stations, where they patrol from 6pm until after the last train every night.

People who use trains have told me that they welcome the presence of PSOs at train stations. They make people feel safe when travelling at night.

More information [here](#).



Continued Funding for St Kilda Film Festival



Australia's premier short film festival and showcase for emerging filmmakers, the St Kilda Film Festival, will receive a total of \$138,000 over the next three years from the Victorian Coalition Government.

The St Kilda Film Festival has been supported by the Victorian Government, through Film Victoria, since its inception in 1984 and is Australia's oldest running and most loved short film festival.

The festival not only provides emerging filmmakers with an opportunity to screen their shorts in a high-profile national competition, it also screens the best Australian and international content for metropolitan and regional Victorian audiences.

Film Victoria's triennial funding will support the festival from 2014 to 2016. The support includes festival funding and sponsorship of the Film Victoria Craft Award for emerging filmmakers.

The 2014 festival will take place from 22 to 31 May.

For more information visit www.stkildafilmfestival.com.au

Toorak Primary School to Receive New Building



Toorak Primary School will receive a brand new double-storey relocatable building containing four classrooms, allowing the school to make the most of its grounds and meet growing enrolments.



Toorak Primary School Principal Julie Manallack welcomed the investment.

"With such a marked increase in our student population, the Toorak Primary School community is most appreciative of the new double storey classrooms which have been allocated by the Victorian

Coalition Government. With such a small parcel of land, the new buildings will allow greater recreational space for all students," Ms Manallack said.

The double-storey buildings have been designed with the following features:

- floor, wall and roof thermal insulation;
- double glazed windows to reduce heat loss;
- building management and passive ventilation system;
- energy efficient design to reduce energy usage;
- external window shades; and
- mobile storage units to allow various teaching layouts.

Smoke-Free Train Platforms and Tram Stops

On Saturday 1 March 2014, all areas on railway stations and raised platform tram stops became smoke-free.

I am pleased to welcome this great initiative by the Victorian Coalition Government.

Around 4,000 lives are lost each year in Victoria as a result of smoking. It also costs \$2.4 billion in direct health costs and lost productivity every year.

Extending smoke-free areas is good news for public transport users to reduce the impact of unwanted second-hand smoke in the community.

More information [here](#).



State Government Grant for New Hope Foundation in Prahran



I am pleased to announce that the New Hope Foundation located in Grattan Street, Prahran is set to receive Victorian Coalition Government funding to help seniors discover and enjoy Victoria's beautiful parks.

The Discover Parks grant will help the New Hope Foundation to conduct day trips with local culturally and linguistically diverse seniors groups to various locations including Karkarook Park, Lysterfield Park, Churchill National Park and Cardinia Reservoir Park.

In Parliament

In Parliament, I have recently spoken about:

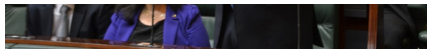
- Chief Commissioner of Police Ken Lay's support for cyclist safety;
- The Melbourne Bowling Club;
- VCAT Amendment Bill 2014;
- LGBTI community radio station JOY 94.9 ;
- Clean Up Australia Day; and
- City of Stonnington Planning Zone reforms.



To view all of my speeches in Parliament, click [here](#).

After each Parliamentary sitting week, I post a summary of the proceedings on my website [here](#).

An archived list of all Bills debated during



this term of Government can be accessed [here](#).

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