

THE MORRISON LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

DELIVERING FOR CORANGAMITE

# Corangamite Community News

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## Dear Local Resident,

As your local Liberal Senator, I am proud to be part of the **Morrison Liberal Government** which is working so hard to deliver for Corangamite.

Inside this edition of Corangamite Community News, there's important information on our **health and economic response** to the Coronavirus pandemic.

You will also find an overview of how the Morrison Government is **delivering vital projects** and investments for the Corangamite electorate. These include:

- ✓ Geelong **rail duplication**;
- ✓ New **aquatic facilities** for Surf Coast and Bellarine;
- ✓ Avalon's **international terminal**;
- ✓ Local **sporting upgrades**;
- ✓ Geelong **City Deal**;
- ✓ **Howitzer** defence project;
- ✓ More **local health** and mental health services; and
- ✓ **Road safety** upgrades.

As the Morrison Liberal Government's representative for our region, **working together** we can continue to get things done.

Please tell me what **matters to you** and your family in our **30 Second Survey**, and get in touch if ever I can be of assistance.

**Sarah Henderson**  
Liberal Senator for Victoria

## LATEST NEWS



### JobKeeper delivers for Corangamite residents

With some 5,200 Corangamite businesses being supported by the **JobKeeper** program, the Morrison Liberal Government's \$1,500 a fortnight wage subsidy is keeping **Australians in work** and businesses in business.

JobKeeper is providing an **economic lifeline** to more than 850,000 businesses and is expected to assist around 3.5 million employees. Whether you live in **Geelong**, the **Bellarine**, **Golden Plains**, **Surf Coast** or **Colac Otway**, small business is the backbone of our community. Please give them **all the support** you can.

## Download the **COVIDSafe App** to help stop the spread

The Australian Government has launched a **voluntary app**, COVIDSafe, to help health officials notify people who have been exposed to COVID-19. The **more people** who download this important public health app, the safer they and their family will be, the safer our community will be, and the **sooner** we can get back to business and back to enjoying life.



# OUR ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO COVID-19



## ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Australian Government is delivering a range of initiatives to help families and businesses get through the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

### Support for Individuals

- ✓ **JobKeeper Payment**  
A JobKeeper Payment of \$1,500 per eligible employee, per fortnight. This is paid to employers to keep people in jobs.
- ✓ **Stimulus payments**  
Two separate \$750 payments to social security, veteran and other income support recipients and eligible concession card holders.
- ✓ **Early release of superannuation**  
The Government will allow individuals in financial stress as a result of COVID-19 to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation in 2019-20 and a further \$10,000 in 2020-21.
- ✓ **Online courses**  
Investing \$7 million to support short courses to provide new skills to Australians who have lost their jobs or are looking to retrain. Course information can be found at [www.coursesseeker.edu.au](http://www.coursesseeker.edu.au).

### Support for Businesses

- ✓ **JobKeeper Payment**  
This will help businesses significantly impacted by COVID-19 to continue paying eligible employees.
- ✓ **Increasing the instant asset write-off**  
Lifting the threshold to \$150,000 (from \$30,000) and making more businesses eligible to use it. This has been extended to 31 December 2020.
- ✓ **Backing business investment**  
Offering businesses a time-limited 15 month incentive to invest, by accelerating depreciation deductions.
- ✓ **Supporting apprentices and trainees**  
Wage assistance to help small businesses to keep their apprentices and trainees.
- ✓ **Cash flow boost for business**  
The Government is providing temporary cash flow support of up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium-sized businesses, and not-for-profits, so they can keep operating, pay their rent, electricity and other bills and retain staff.



For more information on these initiatives visit [australia.gov.au](http://australia.gov.au)



## BOOSTING HOME CONSTRUCTION TO CREATE JOBS AND GROW OUR ECONOMY

The Morrison Government is supporting local jobs in the residential construction sector with the introduction of the new HomeBuilder grant which will run until 31 December 2020.

Eligible owner-occupiers, not just first home buyers, can apply for a one-off grant of \$25,000 to build a new home or rebuild an existing home.

The grant will be available for building new homes up to a value of \$750,000 or rebuilding projects worth between \$150,000 and \$750,000.

HomeBuilder will help boost jobs in the construction sector while also making it more affordable for families to build or rebuild their home.

This year, the Government also delivered the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme to help eligible first home buyers purchase their first home with a deposit of as little as 5 per cent, allowing them to get into the market sooner.



## SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN EXPORTERS

We are supporting our export sector to get access to business-saving finance with a new \$500 million fund to keep Australian exporters operating and protect jobs in these tough times.

For more information, visit:

[exportfinance.gov.au/covid19](http://exportfinance.gov.au/covid19)



# OUR HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID-19

To support Australians, we have announced more than \$8 billion for the COVID-19 health response including \$669 million to expand Medicare-subsidised telehealth services for all Australians.

## STAYING SAFE

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

Family and domestic violence is unacceptable at any time, in any circumstance. If you are concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on you or your family, please reach out for help. If you or someone you know is experiencing or at risk of domestic, family or sexual violence you can contact:

 000 if you are in immediate danger

To access 24/7 counselling and support call 1800RESPECT on:

 1800 737 732

### ONLINE SAFETY

Staying connected online has never been more important, now that many of us are physically isolated from family members, friends, colleagues and support networks. There are lots of great ways children can use connected devices to learn and play, but there are also risks. For tips to help protect your children online visit:

 [esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

There is a lot of misinformation floating around, so it's vital that you stay informed about the latest scams. To report or read about a scam visit:

 [scamwatch.gov.au](https://scamwatch.gov.au)

## INVESTING IN COVID-19 RESEARCH

Australia has world class institutions and researchers who are working hard to find a vaccine and treatment for COVID-19. We are providing \$66 million in funding research with four target areas:

1. **Investing** in a vaccine for COVID-19
2. **Investing** in antiviral therapies for COVID-19
3. **Clinical trials** of potential treatments for COVID-19
4. **Improving** the health system's response to COVID-19 and future pandemics



## LOOKING AFTER YOUR WELLBEING

COVID-19 and self-isolation can be stressful and impact our mental health and wellbeing. Staying healthy, informed, positive and connected are all important. There are support services available if you, or someone you know, needs help.

The Morrison Government has invested an additional \$122.1 million to expand mental health services during COVID-19, bringing our total mental health budget in 2019-20 to more than \$5.2 billion. This includes funding to a range of mental health providers including more than \$24.2 million to headspace to fast track access to mental health services for young people aged 12–25.

**Head to Health** is a free online mental health portal with a variety of resources available, including specialised options for our communities in the wake of the bushfires.

 [headtohealth.gov.au](https://headtohealth.gov.au)

**Beyond Blue** is an online mental health hub providing online chat, email and phone services. They also run helpful online forums if you need advice or just want to chat.

 [beyondblue.org.au](https://beyondblue.org.au)

 1300 224 636



## BULK-BILLED HEALTHCARE AT HOME

The Government's Medicare subsidised telehealth services for all Australians means that you will now be able to consult with a healthcare professional online or over the phone. Your doctor can also give you a prescription via telehealth. If you have any questions about telehealth contact your local healthcare professional or phone Healthdirect Australia to speak to a registered nurse.

 1800 022 222

## STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

The Government has established a **central website** with the most up-to-date information about our response to COVID-19. Visit

 [australia.gov.au](https://australia.gov.au)

A 24/7 National Coronavirus Health **Information Line** is also available and provides health information.

 1800 020 080

*All information correct as at June 2020.*



# Delivering major infrastructure for Corangamite

## GEELONG CITY DEAL



The Geelong City Deal, backed by \$183 million from the Morrison Liberal Government, is delivering key projects to drive our visitor economy including the **Apollo Bay** Harbour upgrade, **Skenes Creek** coastal walk, Point Grey development in **Lorne** and a new ferry terminal in **Queenscliff**.

## GEELONG RAIL DUPLICATION



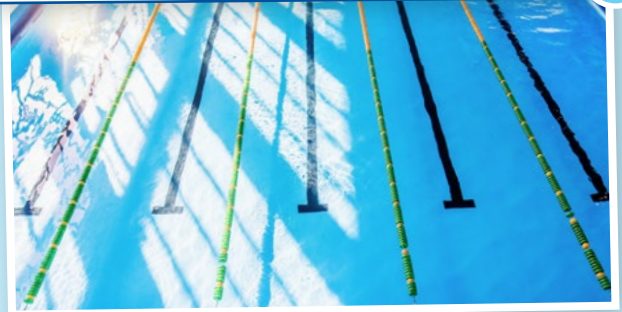
The rail duplication between Waurin Ponds and South Geelong and the upgrade of the Waurin Ponds, Marshall and South Geelong stations will deliver **faster, more reliable** train services. Stage 1 works, which will deliver a second platform and pedestrian overpass at Waurin Ponds station with some duplicated track, are now underway.

## AVALON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Backed by \$20 million from the Morrison Liberal Government, Avalon's international airport is **critical infrastructure** for our region. That is why it's so important to open our international borders as soon as it is safe to do so.

## SURF COAST AND BELLARINE POOLS



After a hard fought community campaign, the Morrison Liberal Government is delivering \$10 million for a **Bellarine outdoor 50 metre pool** with local council (we are asking the State Government to fund a stage 2 indoor pool facility) and \$20 million for the **Surf Coast Aquatic Centre** which needs another \$9 million from the State. But we need your help – please go to our petition at [sarahhenderson.com.au/petition-pools](https://sarahhenderson.com.au/petition-pools)

## FASTER RAIL TO MELBOURNE



The Morrison Liberal Government has proudly committed **\$2 billion** to deliver faster rail between Geelong and Melbourne, to be overseen by the National Faster Rail Agency. This is another example of how the Liberals are putting the needs of **regional Victorians** first including those living in Corangamite.

## PRINCES HIGHWAY DUPLICATION



After such a long campaign, it is wonderful to see the completion of the \$363 million Princes Highway duplication between **Winchelsea and Colac**. This is not only delivering a safer road but a **major economic boost** for jobs and regional businesses.



# Delivering for our community

## BETTER LOCAL ROADS



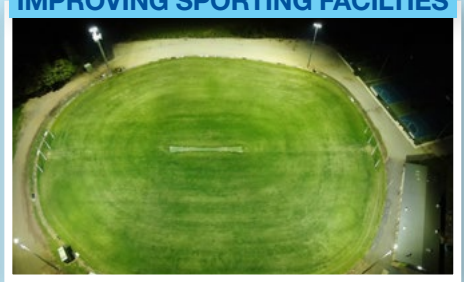
Funding the new **Bannockburn** roundabout, upgrading the **Cape Otway** and Lorne/Winchelsea Rds intersection and fixing **Murradoc Rd** are some of the ways we are building safer roads.

## BOOSTING DEFENCE JOBS



After being cancelled by the previous Labor Government, we are proudly establishing the **Howitzer defence project** in Geelong which will deliver up to 350 new jobs.

## IMPROVING SPORTING FACILITIES



New lights for Bannockburn's **Victoria Park**, one of the many sporting precincts being upgraded across Corangamite.

For full details, see [sarahhenderson.com.au/delivering](http://sarahhenderson.com.au/delivering)

## TEEN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



Suicide is one of our nation's most distressing challenges. Our Government is funding a multi-agency **suicide prevention group** for Geelong to provide specialised interventions for local schools.

## BETTER LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES



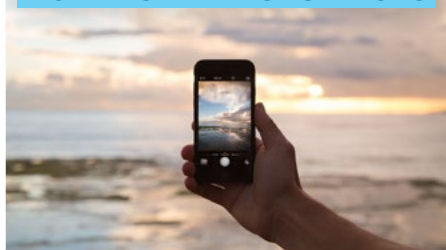
Whether it's new facilities at **University Hospital Geelong** or upgrading **Bellarine Community Health** in Portarlington, we are proud to be providing additional funding for local health services.

## VITAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES



Along with local surf clubs, the **Queenscliff Hub** is one of the many community facilities we are helping to construct. Investing in these facilities builds **stronger communities**.

## MORE MOBILE BASE STATIONS



Mobile reception in regional Australia is a **key priority**. Across Corangamite, the Morrison Government is funding the upgrade or build of **more than 20** mobile base stations.

## PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



Whether it's Landcare, our local environment fund, our cleaner oceans strategy or the many programs we are funding to **combat climate change**, protecting our environment is a key priority across our beautiful coastal and rural electorate.

## HONOURING OUR VETERANS



Delivering more funding for memorial cairns at **Winchelsea** is one of the many ways our Government is honouring our veterans.

For full details of how the Morrison Government is delivering for Corangamite residents, please see [sarahhenderson.com.au/delivering](http://sarahhenderson.com.au/delivering)

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# THE MORRISON LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S 30 SECOND SURVEY



Scott Morrison and  
Sarah Henderson

## The issues

Please number the four issues that concern you most.

- ☐ Making the right economic choices to secure better days ahead
- ☐ Tackling crime and the scourge of drugs
- ☐ Securing Australia's borders
- ☐ Tackling the rising cost of living
- ☐ Securing more and better paying jobs
- ☐ Securing Medicare and the health system
- ☐ Providing a record investment in schools and education
- ☐ Upgrading local roads
- ☐ Helping small business grow and prosper
- ☐ Protecting our environment
- ☐ Affordable and reliable energy
- ☐ Supporting seniors and Aged Care
- ☐ Investing in innovation and science
- ☐ Building more community infrastructure
- ☐ Putting downward pressure on housing costs

## In Parliament

If you could raise one issue in the Federal Parliament, what would it be?

## Our Community

If you could fix one problem in our local area, what would it be?

## About politics

Please select one of the following options: (optional)

I ALWAYS support the following party

- ☐ Liberal ☐ Labor ☐ Greens ☐ Independent/Other
- Other:

OR I USUALLY support the following party

- ☐ Liberal ☐ Labor ☐ Greens ☐ Independent/Other
- Other:

OR ☐ I DON'T support any political party

## Your details

Please complete the following details so that we can stay in touch and keep you informed.

Name

Address

Home phone

Mobile phone

Email

How do you prefer to be contacted?

- ☐ Mail ☐ SMS ☐ Email

## Your work

Please select the option which best reflects your current situation:

- ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ At home parent ☐ Unemployed ☐ Student
- ☐ Age pensioner ☐ Disability pensioner ☐ Self-funded retiree

Your Occupation



### Thank you for completing this survey

Simply, take a photo and email your completed survey to: [senator.henderson@aph.gov.au](mailto:senator.henderson@aph.gov.au)  
Alternatively, you can cut out this page and post a hard copy to: **231-233 Moorabool St Geelong Vic 3220.**