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Welcome to the spring edition of my newsletter! I hope you're keeping well.

As 2025 draws to a close and we prepare for the holiday season, I want to share some of the recent activities I have been undertaking to support our local community.

Over the past few months, I've been busy meeting with residents, visiting schools, hosting Parliament tours, attending local events, supporting our businesses, celebrating community achievements, and advocating for the changes that matter most to us all.

I am pleased to see that construction has commenced at Duncan Fraser Reserve to build female change rooms and expand the facility for our sporting clubs, with funding from the Malinauskas Government.

As we head into the upcoming state election on 21 March 2026, the Malinauskas Government remains committed to delivering our commitments and continue to improve our state by building more public housing, improving our health system, expanding cost of living concessions, enhancing our local community and much more.

I have enclosed my 2026 calendar and a Christmas card. I will be out in our community over the next few months seeking your support for re-election, and I look forward to catching up with you.

OUT AND ABOUT | *Our Community*

Community catch-up in Northgate and Walkley Heights



Parliament Tours



Empire Dance Studio

Northfield Primary School



OLSH College

Duncan Fraser Reserve Sod Turning Ceremony

Construction has officially commenced at Duncan Fraser Reserve in Northfield. Once completed, the Gepps Cross Football Club and Gepps Cross Cricket Club will have access to new inclusive changerooms with accessible shower, toilet facilities, additional storage space and a gym.

The \$4.75 million project is funded by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the State Government, including my election commitment contribution. I am looking forward to the brand-new community facility, which will accommodate our sporting clubs and the community.



LOCAL COMMUNITY

Cedar College - Northgate Traffic Concerns



Traffic congestion along Navigator Drive Northgate surrounding Cedar College particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times has been a main concerns for local residents in Northgate.

Recently, I met with the College leaders, City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Northgate Oakden Residents Association (NORA) to discuss this matter and explore options for improving traffic flow.

The College has undertaken measures to improve the traffic flow internally, but unfortunately, the school is unable to take any action against some of the poor driving behaviours.

My office has requested SAPOL to monitor the area for unsafe driving behaviours and ensure road rules are followed. Council community inspectors will also monitor the area in the new school term to ensure people are complying with road rules and parking restrictions.

SAPOL also encourages residents to call 131-444 to report behaviour at the time with vehicle registration details. This provides Police with the ability to identify drivers at specific times, dates and locations. Additionally, the online portal for reporting dangerous road users can be located online at SAPOL - Traffic Watch.



OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE

International Coalition of Girls' Schools student program



Andrea at OLSH College



It was a pleasure to have attended the International Coalition of Girls Schools event hosted by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The event provided an opportunity for Year 10-12 students from various schools to connect with inspiring mentors and role models from different fields.

Numerous experts in accounting, commerce, economics, and entrepreneurship shared their stories, empowering young women to become the next generation of changemakers.

COST OF LIVING

Cost of Living Concession Expanded

The Malinauskas Labor Government has expanded the eligibility for Cost of Living and we are seeing record numbers of South Australians receiving crucial cost of living relief.

The annual Cost of Living Payment of \$261.90 began automatically arriving in the bank accounts of pensioners and other eligible recipients from August. If you are eligible and have not yet received your concessions, please feel free to contact my office so we follow up on your behalf.

Additionally, we've permanently doubled the Cost of Living Concession for renters and self-funded retirees, we're providing round the clock free public transport for Senior Card Holders and we continue to provide electricity and water concessions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Christmas Card Design Competition

I received many creative and colourful artwork submissions from primary school students in my electorate.

Alanna, from Northfield Primary School was named the winner for her outstanding artwork, which is now on my Christmas card design.

All of the artworks are currently on display at my electorate office in Lightview. You are welcome to pop in and see the amazing artworks.



HEALTH

Free RSV Program for Infants and Babies

Since the delivery of the free RSV immunisation program for infants and pregnant women, there has been a 50% reduction in the rate of the number of notifications of RSV infections in infants and equally in the hospitalisations of infants with RSV.

New Disability Inclusion Plan

The State Government's newly launched Disability Inclusion Plan 2025-2029 aims to provide a framework to remove barriers and improve outcomes across all areas of life in an effort to become the nation's leader in accessibility, fairness, and opportunity for individuals with disability.

Based on the social model of disability, the plan specifies five key areas of action: inclusive environments and communities, education and employment, personal and community support, health and wellbeing, and safety, rights and justice.

The plan is guided by the lived experiences of people living with disability as it recognises the importance of engagement and consultation to set a higher standard for inclusion and diversity.

Doubling SA's Hotel Health Service

Off the back of the state's hotel health service's success, its capacity was doubled from 24 to 48 beds in September aiming to add to the 4000 bed days already freed across public hospitals since the service's commencement.

HOUSING

1000 Public Housing Homes by 2026

The Malinauskas Government has already delivered on its election commitment to build over 1000 public housing homes by early 2026 across metro and regional areas.

This initiative was part of the Public Housing Improvement Program and other Trust building programs which dedicated \$232.7 million to the construction and renovation of new and existing Housing Trust homes.

EDUCATION

Funding

The Malinauskas Labor Government has invested \$84 million in the implementation of three-year-old preschools from 2026 and the improvement of early childhood education in our state.

This will see children receive support in areas of need through the delivery of allied health and parenting supports as well as upskilling educators.

Banning Mobile Phones

South Australia has introduced a ban on the use of personal mobile phones in early years services to strengthen the safety and protection of young children.

Workers will no longer be authorised to use mobile devices capable of taking images or videos while working directly with children.



KSM IGA Blair Athol



The Ghan Kebab House

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

We celebrated Small Business Week from 22 to 26 September.

This week is designed to empower South Australia's small business community and to share their success stories with our community.

As Minister for Small and Family Business, I was able to host a number of events in-person across metropolitan and regional areas as well as online events to learn and hear from our business community.



I heard some wonderful stories including some local success stories from Mr Hanif Rahimi, owner of KSM IGA at Blair Athol, and Mr Ejaz Zaidi, owner of Ghan Kebab House, who operate on our vibrant Prospect Road.

Both of them have come here as immigrants and have built their businesses through hard work and determination. They are giving back to our community through employment, service to our local residents and supporting sporting clubs.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the Malinauskas Government has been supporting them through a number of initiatives.

- ✔ Supported over 14,200 businesses through the programs under our \$22 million Small Business Strategy
- ✔ Supported almost 4,000 women in business
- ✔ Provided tailored advice to over 2,200 individuals across 98 regions through visits from our Business Support Officers
- ✔ Approved more than 1,000 small businesses to share \$23 million in grants to cut energy bills and much more.