



Andrea Michaels MP Member for Enfield

Newsletter | Summer 2024

Welcome to my latest newsletter, I hope you've had a wonderful break with your family and friends.

Reflecting on 2023, it was a busy year for the Malinauskas Labor Government making significant investments in the state's health system, including starting work on new and rebuilt ambulance stations, recruiting half of the 350 promised new ambos, announcing sites for three 24/7 pharmacies, progressing work on the new Women's and Children's Hospital and continuing works to increase capacity in the state's hospitals.

In our local community, residents at Walkley Heights celebrated the opening of the playground upgrade at RM Williams Reserve and the expansion of Roma Mitchell Secondary College commenced recently, which you will read more about in the newsletter.

This year I'll be continuing my community engagement to ensure I speak directly with residents across my electorate. I am keen to hear from you on how we can make our community better. If you have any suggestions or need help with anything, please reach out to my office.

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EDUCATION

2023 Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to the winner of my 2023 Christmas card design competition, Niyati from Northfield Primary School. A big thank you to all the students who submitted their artwork. I look forward to more creative designs next year.

Residents should have received a Christmas card and 2024 calendar by now. Please let me know if you haven't as extras are available from my office.



Andrea Michaels MP with Niyati and Principal, Donna Beaney



Andrea Michaels MP with the recipients of the 2023 Teacher's Day Awards

Expansion begins at Roma Mitchell Secondary College

Construction to expand the College began late last month. The investment of nearly \$21 million will establish a new 2-court gymnasium of international competition standard, change rooms, six classrooms, teacher prep areas, a first aid room, a canteen and a cafeteria.

The new facility will accommodate an additional 180 students increasing the overall school capacity to 2114 and providing a world-class indoor venue for students and the local community to utilise. It is scheduled for completion in early 2025.



Andrea Michaels MP at the College's sod turning ceremony

LOCAL SPORT

\$100 Sports Voucher Program

The State Government's \$100 Sports Vouchers program has returned for 2024, now in its 10th year. The initiative launched by the former Labor Government has seen nearly 600,000 vouchers redeemed, providing more than \$48 million to help South Australian children participate in sport and active recreation.

Families with children participating in Scouts and Girl Guides are now able to participate in the program, with changes coming into effect on 1 January 2024.

The program is open to all school aged children up to Year 9, and in recent years has also been expanded to include learn to swim and dance. Those eligible can use one \$100 voucher per child in a calendar year.

For more information on how to redeem a Sports Voucher in 2024 visit: sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au.



Andrea Michaels MP at the Gepps Cross Football and Cricket Club Christmas celebration

Download the SAPOL Traffic Watch app to report traffic related incidents



Andrea Michaels MP with the Western District SAPOL Team



OUT & ABOUT In the Community



Andrea Michaels MP at the Prospect Spring Fair



Andrea Michaels MP with the recipients of the 2023 Graduation Community Service Award



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Parliament House Tour



Northfield Primary School Parliament House Tour

SecondBite

I had the pleasure of visiting the team at SecondBite Dry Creek recently. They do an incredible job delivering food to many people in our community. SecondBite exists to ensure good food is getting to people who need it most, rather than going to landfill.

SecondBite is one of Australia's largest food rescue organisations who work with a range of food growers, manufacturers and retailers to rescue surplus and unsold edible food that would otherwise be wasted. After careful inspection they distribute the food to local charities (including several in Enfield) and not-for-profit organisations across Australia. The charity groups redistribute food to vulnerable Australians and provide nutritious meals for people to enjoy.

The community food program helps families in crisis, seniors, low-income households, refugees and asylum seekers, homeless people, Indigenous Australians and students.

To donate funds or bulk food please visit their website at secondbite.org.



Andrea Michaels MP with SecondBite staff

COMMUNITY WIN RM Williams Drive Reserve Upgrades



Staff providing face-painting to local children at the reopening celebration

I am pleased to have delivered my election commitment after securing \$125,000 for the upgrade of RM Williams Reserve. The new inclusive play space includes a play tower with slides and track rider, swing sets, rubber soft fall mounds, rocker, shelter, picnic setting and much more.



New play equipment at the reserve

In celebration of the reserve's reopening, my office provided free face-painting and badge-making activities for kids.

There was a big turnout, with many children enjoying the new playground and complimentary activities.

A big thank you to the local residents for their support and feedback in making our community better.

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SMALL BUSINESS

Local Family Business Growing

KSM IGA Supermarket has opened their second store on the corner of Nelson Road and Grand Junction Road, Valley View.

Local resident and owner of KSM IGA, Mr Hanif Rahimi first opened the Blair Athol store in 2017 and is pleased to expand to serve the local community in Valley View and surrounding suburbs.



Andrea Michaels MP with KSM IGA owner, Hanif Rahimi

It's fantastic to see a family business success story making a great contribution to our local community.

HEALTH

The Malinauskas Labor Government is getting on with our election commitment to fix the ramping crisis and improve our health system. In the 2023-24 state budget, we committed an additional \$4.4 billion of operating funding for health.

We are working to deliver more than 550 new beds across the state's health system, with 150 of the beds due to open this year. Additionally, we have secured 350 additional ambos, are upgrading and expanding 14 ambulance stations and recruited an additional 550 full time clinical staff in just the first 12 months of Government.

Providing alternative treatment options for non-emergency medical care will reduce system pressures, which is why we are developing two hospital avoidance hubs in the northern and western suburbs to provide multidisciplinary care to patients modelled on similar successful services run in South Australia.

We are working to improve health system coordination for inter-hospital transfers and ensuring efficient responses to emerging blockages that exacerbate ramping.

The State Government also welcomes the Albanese Government's announcement of a new program providing rural medical student places through South Australia's Flinders University. This will see more medical students trained in SA.

COST OF LIVING RELIEF

Are you receiving all the State Government Concessions you are eligible for?

The State Government provides the following concessions and assistance:

- Cost of Living Concession
- Energy bill concession
- Emergency Services Levy (fixed property)
- Water and sewage rate concessions
- Companion Card
- Emergency Electricity Payment Scheme
- Funeral Assistance SA
- Glasses SA
- Medical Heating and Cooling Concession
- Personal Alert SA

Since partnering with the Commonwealth in July 2023, the Malinauskas Labor Government has begun delivering automatic quarterly rebates of up to \$125 to eligible electricity account holders as part of a \$254 million Energy Relief Plan. The rebate of up to \$500 on 2023-24 electricity bills is available to 420,000 eligible households with up to \$650 available for 86,000 eligible small businesses.

The government also indexed concessions at a further cost of \$44 million over five years while seniors are benefitting from the government's decision to make public transport free at all times for Seniors Card holders.

I would encourage you to contact the Concessions SA Hotline on 1800 307 758 to ensure you are receiving all the concessions you are eligible for.

Household concessions amounts	2023–24
Cost of Living*	
Homeowner-occupier	\$243.90
Tenants	\$122.00
Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holder (homeowner-occupier and tenants)	\$122.00
Energy*	up to \$263.15
Water*	
Homeowner-occupier; tenants paying all use and supply or supply only	up to \$359.70
Tenants	up to \$280.40
Sewerage* (homeowner-occupier)	\$134.10
Medical Heating and Cooling*	\$263.15
Emergency Services Levy (fixed property)	\$46.00

* Concession amounts will change on 1 July each year, subject to indexation.

HOUSING

The Malinauskas Labor Government is committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing across South Australia. We have fast tracked the State's biggest ever land-release for residential use and bought strategic parcels of land with the potential to deliver new housing or community uses now and into the future.

We have supported renters with major reforms, including banning rent bidding, and raising the bond threshold from \$250 to \$800 – so the majority of people will only pay a four week instead of six week bond. Reforms have also been made to allow tenants to have pets in rental homes with reasonable conditions, and to extend the notice period to end a tenancy from 28 days to 60 days. We have expanded the Private Rental Assistance Program to help more people with bond and rent in advance and made reforms requiring a prescribed ground to terminate or not renew a tenancy.

We have made it easier to buy a home in SA by abolishing stamp duty for eligible first home buyers and establishing a 2% home loan through HomeStart.

Furthermore, we have committed \$17 million to additional homelessness services, secured \$135 million from the Commonwealth for more social housing and are working in partnership with the Commonwealth to secure funds from the \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund.



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