

**Gepps Cross** 

# **Andrea Michaels MP Member for Enfield**

**Newsletter | Winter 2022** 

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#### Thank You to the People of Enfield

Thank you so much for giving me the honour and privilege to once again represent you in State Parliament as the Member for Enfield. I appreciate your support and I remain grateful for this opportunity.

I am excited by the fact we have been elected to government and honoured to be sworn in as the Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs and Minister for Arts.

I look forward to serving my community for the next four years and making sure all the commitments I made prior to the election are delivered to our wonderful community. I hope I do you proud and I look forward to meeting you soon.

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## **Message from the Premier**

I thank the people of South Australia for putting their trust in me and my team. I am humbled and grateful for the huge wave of support across the state for the South Australian Labor Party.

We have a huge job on hand.

Leading up to the State election health, ambulance ramping and public housing were some of the key issues.

The task before us is substantial but it is a task that we are wholeheartedly committed to.

We have already hit the ground running to fulfil our election promises. We have scrapped the basketball stadium and we will invest every single dollar of that money into our health system to help fix the ramping crisis.

We came to government with a comprehensive plan to fix the ramping crisis, reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments and support hardworking health care workers.

Since the election, we have already opened more than 170 hospital beds to deal with increased COVID-19 hospitalisations.

This is in addition to our commitment to open an extra 326 hospital and mental health beds across the system, and employ 350 extra ambos,

300 extra nurses and 101 extra doctors to increase capacity across the system and reduce pressure on hospitals.

We are bringing back the Adelaide 500 in December this year, which will deliver a huge boost to the struggling city economy, hotels, restaurants and the broader hospitality sector.

As your Premier, I will be doing everything I can to ensure that we deliver on our election commitments. Once again, I thank you for your support.



Premier Peter Malinauskas and Andrea Michaels MP



#### **Cost of Living Doubling the Concessions**

The Malinauskas Labor Government has kept its promise of doubling the amount of the Cost of Living Concessions for eligible South Australians.

With the increase in cost of living, this will give much needed relief for many people in our community.

The past two years have been incredibly tough for many people in our community. Residents tell me that cost of living is one of the most critical issues they are now facing.

The boost will be for the 2022-23 financial year and will cost \$39.3 million.

The Cost of Living Concession can only be paid to one person per household.

If you have yet to register for the concession payment you can apply online through the Concessions SA website.

The money should start hitting recipients' bank accounts from August 2022.

I would encourage you to check whether you are eligible for this payment and register online at www.sa.gov. au/topics/care-and-support/concessions/householdconcessions/cost-of-living-concessions or contact the Concessions SA Hotline on 1800 307 758.

	2021-22	2022-23
Homeowner-occupiers	\$217.20	\$434.40
Homeowner-occupiers who are self- funded retirees with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	\$108.06	\$217.20
Tenants	\$108.60	\$217.20



# **Supporting Live Music**

**Election Commitment Delivered** 

The Malinauskas Labor Government has committed \$10 million to deliver the See It LIVE music package to help bring live music back to South Australia and deliver for the industry as it seeks to recover from the extensive job losses, major event cancellations and small business closures that the pandemic caused.

The package will include a range of grants, a voucher scheme, mental health support programs, financing for venue upgrades, an advisory council and an events cancellation fund.

Applications are currently open for:

- **Event grants** of \$5000 to \$50,000 for South Australian promoters, organisations and businesses
- Venue improvement grants of \$5000 each to assist venues with upgrades catering for live music performances
- E-vouchers worth \$400 each for venues to host live music

Additional measures implemented from July include the **Live Music** and Event Cancellation Fund, \$250,000 in funding for the

organisation Support Act, a live music grant for the Royal Adelaide Show and the establishment of the Premier's Live Music Advisory Council.



and local musician Nathan May

Further information regarding the See it LIVE Music Package can be found online at seeitlive.sa.gov.au.

#### STATE BUDGET 2022-23 at a Glance

#### **350 MORE**

**PARAMEDICS** & AMBULANCE **OFFICERS** 

**101 MORE** 

**DOCTORS** 

**300 MORE** 

NURSES

#### **326 MORE**

**HOSPITAL &** MENTAL HEALTH BFDS



# **Free Public Transport for Seniors**

**Election Commitment Delivered** 

Free public transport for senior South Australians introduced by a Malinauskas Labor Government will reduce cost of living pressure at a time of rising costs.

Previously, Seniors Card holders could only travel free during interpeak periods on weekdays but had to pay from 7am-9am and 3pm-7pm.

From 1 July 2022, all Seniors Card holders will have access to free public transport at all times as a part of the Malinauskas Labor Government's election commitment.

When public transport is easily accessible and affordable, it is a valued alternative to driving. It helps older people on low incomes remain active and maintain independent and purposeful lives.

Any unused Adelaide Metro credit on Seniors Cards can be refunded or transferred to a metroCARD (for example, a relative's card) by visiting the Adelaide Metro Info Centre at the Adelaide Railway Station.

Andrea Michaels MP

Alternatively, you can contact the Adelaide Metro Info Line on 1300 311 108, to speak with a customer service representative to assist you with processing your refund.





## Roma Mitchell Secondary College Upgrade

The Malinauskas Labor Government has committed \$21 million to expand Roma Mitchell Secondary College.

Construction will commence in the 2022-23 financial year with estimated completion in March 2024.

This will help the college address enrolment pressures and improve the existing school buildings, as well as establish an additional "kiss and drop" site.

The upgrade also includes three new buildings for the college providing contemporary areas for general and serviced learning, science laboratories, an art laboratory and new food technology spaces inclusive of support and staff areas.

This will provide additional capacity for the growing community in the Gepps Cross area whilst still providing excellent educational standards. These improvements are also designed to accommodate for flexible learning environments by providing adaptable spaces for students and staff.

The school community is pleased to see this investment will ensure students have access to world-class facilities and help meet the forecasted enrolment demand.



Staff and students of Roma Mitchell Secondary College with



# Regency Community Men's Shed Election Commitment Delivered

The local Regency Community Men's Shed will receive \$10,000 in funding to upgrade their facilities in Enfield.

I was able to secure this funding as a part of Labor's commitment to men's health. A \$1 million grants pool has been created to assist the 85 Men's Sheds across South Australia.

Members of the Shed were pleased to see this election commitment will be delivered which will greatly benefit their group and provide a safe and friendly environment for people to come together and work on meaningful projects that benefit the wider community.

This funding will ensure Men's Sheds have the resources they need to continue their important work long into the future.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Regency Community Men's Shed, please call **0400 115 249** or email regencycommunitymensshed@gmail.com.



Members of the Regency Community Men's Shed with Andrea Michaels MP



#### **Petrol Price Crackdown to Protect Consumers**



Andrea Michaels MP at local service station

In South Australia, all fuel retailers are required to report their prices to a central database as close in time as possible to the price changing at the pump, but not more than 30 minutes after that time. Drivers can then access fuel price information for free via a number of free fuel price apps.

The Malinauskas Labor Government has extended the Fuel Price Transparency Scheme for four years after a successful trial and is amongst measures to help ease cost of living pressures facing South Australians.

The RAA reports that motorists using free fuel price apps can save over \$300 per year.

Consumer and Business Services will be continuing its focus on compliance in this area in the coming months, sending inspectors out across the state to spot check pricing.

To find a list of fuel price apps or lodge a complaint visit www.cbs.sa.gov. au/contact or phone **131 882**.

#### Out and About In the Community



Students of Our Lady of Sacred
Heart College



Northfield Primary School Deputy
Principal, Jasmine Marrett and
Wellheing Leader Rob Varley



Blair Athol North School B-6
Principal, Darren Stevenson and



Nailsworth Primary School Principal, Jenny Parhas



Pickleball SA members at the Lights



Biggest Morning Tea with the Lions Club of Prespect Blair Athol and Lucy Hood MP



Year 5 & 6 students of St Gabriel's



Adelaide Croatia Raiders Committee Members



Watandar, My Countryman Exhibition with members of the local Afghan community



St Gabriel's School Principal, Sean Hill

#### **Work Experience Opportunities**

Any students who would like to undertake work experience are encouraged to contact my office to make appropriate arrangements.

#### **Need a Justice of the Peace?**

Justice of the Peace at my office Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

Booking is preferred, please contact my office.

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