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## Dear local resident

Welcome to my summer newsletter.

2015 has been another very busy year for the electorate of Stirling and I am committed to proactively addressing your concerns. Over the past few months I have been working closely with community groups to develop their Stronger Communities Programme funding applications for small capital projects which will improve community interaction and participation. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available for facility upgrades or equipment purchases. I encourage all local Stirling community groups interested in the Programme to contact my office now to see if you are eligible to apply. The next round of funding will open in February 2016.

As your local Federal Member, I rely on your feedback to best represent the Stirling electorate. If you require assistance with a Federal Government issue please contact me via email at [michael.keenan.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:michael.keenan.mp@aph.gov.au) or by calling my office on 08 9445 3222.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Stirling residents a safe and happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely



## \$1.35 MILLION FOR LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT



With Rupert Johnson (Edith Cowan University), Kerry Mirren (NSCLC) and George Turnbull (Legal Aid)

Every woman in Australia has the right to feel safe and live without fear. That is why I was pleased to announce \$1.35 million in funding over three years to the Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre in Mirrabooka and help women experiencing domestic violence to access legal assistance and other support services. The grant is part of the Australian Government's \$100 million Women's Safety Package to support families that experience domestic violence. The Government has been working hard over the past few months to ensure victims of domestic violence can access legal services when they need it. This funding will be used to establish a specialist domestic violence unit to provide vital support to women in the Stirling electorate. The unit will take a case management approach to ensure services are tailored to each woman's circumstances and will include both legal and other practical assistance such as counselling and access to crisis accommodation. The centre has also partnered with Legal Aid WA to offer legal training and support for health professionals, and to provide on-site legal advice at a local hospital or health centre. To find out more about the Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre and its services please visit [www.nsclegal.org.au](http://www.nsclegal.org.au), or for more information on this funding please visit [www.keenan.net.au/Media/ElectorateMediaReleases](http://www.keenan.net.au/Media/ElectorateMediaReleases)

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

On Remembrance Day I was honoured to attend the National Memorial Service in Canberra, but I was even more pleased to hear that so many schools and members of the Stirling community paid their respects at local RSL clubs on this very significant day. On Remembrance Day, and especially during this Anzac Centenary commemorative period 2014–2018, we pay tribute to all those who have died or suffered serving our country over the past century. Let's not forget.



Residents attended the Service at Scarborough RSL's Memorial Garden in Doubleview

## KEEPING VIGILANT ON INTERNET SAFETY



*With WA Police Superintendent Mark Gilbert, WA Minister for Police Hon Liza Harvey MLA, Bankwest CIO Andy Weir, and AFP Acting State Manager WA Steve Hulbert*

In October I had the privilege to visit Boyare Primary School in Mirrabooka to announce Bankwest as a new partner for the ThinkUKnow internet safety program in Western Australia. In a world where 95 per cent of young Australians use the internet regularly, children as young as eight are online daily and 73 per cent of young people use their smartphone in their bedroom. That is why it is becoming increasingly important to bridge the digital generational gap and ensure that parents, teachers and carers know the risks and are vigilant for the signs of online misadventure. The ThinkUKnow program uses presentations to discuss the popular applications used by young people, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, including where to report problems. Since its inception in 2009, the program has provided more than 1,000 free cyber safety presentations to over 34,000 parents, carers and teachers across Australia to help protect children from cybercrime, including online sex offenders, scammers and cyber bullies. For further information and resources on ThinkUKnow, or to register your school for a presentation, please visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

## INDUSTRY SKILLS FUND GRANTS OPEN

Stirling businesses can now apply for funding to conduct training and support services for their employees to meet business growth needs. The Industry Skills Fund is a key element of the Australian Government's strategy to boost business productivity and increase competitiveness across the economy. A highly skilled workforce that is able to adapt to change is a priority for the Stirling community and I welcome the Government's decision to support businesses to upskill and train their employees to meet these challenges. Assistance is available for skills advice to identify opportunities and maximise training outcomes. Businesses that are awarded funding are required to financially co-contribute to the proposed project. For more information about these grants please visit the Industry Skills Fund page at [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au) or contact my office on 9445 3222.

[www.keenan.net.au](http://www.keenan.net.au)

## THE NEXT GEN IN POLITICS

I recently had the pleasure of attending Tuart Hill Primary School to listen to Year 6 student presentations on the topic of Australian politics. All students spoke very well and should be congratulated on their efforts in speech writing over the term. The visit also provided the class with the opportunity to ask questions about my role as a Member of Parliament which I was more than happy to provide an insight. It seems there may be a few potential politicians in our community and I look forward to hopefully seeing them in Parliament one day!



*Q & A with Tuart Hill Primary Year 6 Students*

## PARLIAMENT HOUSE SCHOOL VISITS

On November 4, students from Sutherland Dianella Primary School embarked on a trip to Canberra and Parliament House. It was great to have a school from my electorate visit the capital city and a pleasure to hear about their adventures and award them with a certificate for their special visit.



*Presenting certificates to students from Sutherland Dianella Primary*

# MINISTER BRIGGS VISITS STIRLING

I recently welcomed Minister for Cities and the Built Environment Jamie Briggs MP to the Stirling electorate for a tour of key development projects. His visit follows on from Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss' tour of Stirling to discuss the proposed \$16 billion Stirling City Centre Project and Scarborough Revitalisation Plan. We were joined by City of Stirling Coastal Ward Councillors Mark Irwin and Karen Caddy who are seeking a federal contribution towards the 50 metre Scarborough Beach Pool Project, under the National Stronger Regions Fund. Minister Briggs discussed the benefits of the projects which have the potential to boost economic growth in the Stirling area of enhancing new and existing tourism products, experiences and infrastructure to help grow the visitor market and increase visitor expenditure.



*With Cr Karen Caddy, Hon Jamie Briggs MP and Cr Mark Irwin at the Scarborough Beach redevelopment site*

## NBN ROLLOUT FOR STIRLING

Residents are one step closer to receiving high-speed internet with the commencement of construction of NBN's fibre-to-the node technology in October. Doubleview was the first Stirling suburb to receive the new technology under the Federal Government's three-year construction plan that will deliver the nbn™ network across the Stirling electorate. Mirrabooka, Balga, Innaloo, Karrinyup, Carine and Waterman's Bay will see a progressive rollout from 2017 onwards.



*Inspecting a node in Doubleview*

## MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO NEWS

In my role as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism I have been working closely with community leaders, experts and communities domestically and with our international partners to combat the threat of violent extremism.

Terrorism is not a problem unique to Australia. Nations across the world are adapting to a heightened threat environment, and grappling with the question of what drives individuals to join violent, barbaric terrorist movements.

That is why the Australian Government has invested an additional \$1.3 billion to support Australia's efforts in combatting terrorism, including more than \$40 million for countering violent extremism programs. This includes:

- Almost \$21.7 million over four years to challenge extremist narratives and counter terrorist propaganda online
- \$13.4 million toward intervention and diversion programs to support individuals who have

been identified as subscribing to extremist views. This includes \$1.9 million for a one-off Living Safe Together Grants Program to strengthen community based organisations capacity to develop tailored intervention case management plans.

The Government understands that the Australian community is our most important partner in countering terrorism and preserving and protecting Australia's values. We encourage families, friends and communities who may see changes in an individual that suggest they may be radicalising to contact local authorities to seek further help and advice.

Our strategy is based on partnerships between all levels of government, communities and the private sector to maintain open and constructive channels across the broader community to improve social cohesion and break down misconceptions and misunderstandings through learning and discussion.



*With Foreign Minister Hon Julie Bishop MP at the Leaders' Summit in America*

# INSPIRING INDIVIDUALS

## Local Sporting Enthusiast

Congratulations to aspiring young basketballer, 15-year-old Emma Clarke who received a \$500 Local Sporting Championship Grant through my office earlier this year so she could compete in the Under 16 Australian Junior Basketball Championships held in Tasmania in July. Emma is an enthusiastic sportswoman who spends more than 16 hours per week attending basketball training sessions with four different state teams. In January, Emma underwent a series of trials in order to gain a position in the competitive team. Her hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm towards her sport paid off, competing on the trip as a player and captain. As a result of her success Emma was recently asked to attend an Australian Development Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport early next year which is an incredible achievement. Congratulations Emma for all you have



With Local Sporting Champion Emma Clarke

accomplished and I look forward to seeing you pursue your dreams of representing Australia one day. Round 3 of the 2015-16 grant application process is now open and will close on 29 February 2016. To apply please visit my website [www.keenan.net.au](http://www.keenan.net.au) and follow the link.

## Never Give Up

Further congratulations to residents Jackie Percy and her sister Sharon El Wakil who have raised almost \$20,000 and are gaining support for autism through a successful crowd-funding campaign. Jackie's son Ned was diagnosed with a severe type of autism at just three years of age, and as a result is completely non-verbal and relies on sign language, picture cards, and anything else he can find to let them know what he is thinking. After a long wait, Ned was finally accepted into the Smart Pups Assistance Dogs Program which allows him to be paired with a specially trained service dog – a puppy that will grow with him and be his companion in life. These dogs do however come at a large cost and as such, Jackie and her sister Sharon have been fundraising for a puppy for their son ever since. Their plight has seen them hold pop up restaurants and quiz nights to raise almost \$20,000 in just a few short weeks, but they are still going and need your help. To donate to Ned's cause please visit [www.nedspup.com](http://www.nedspup.com)



Ned Percy



I'm now on Twitter!  
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## Community News

### Hamersley Habitat Community Garden

The Hamersley Habitat Community Garden is creating a safe, healthy and sustainable environment after transforming a neglected piece of public open space near Warwick Grove Shopping Centre into a community food garden for local Stirling residents. Residents are invited to become involved and support the Garden either by attending busy bees, becoming a member, or donating some materials. The Garden is located on Dalwood Court in Hamersley. For more information please visit [www.hamersleyhabitat.wordpress.com](http://www.hamersleyhabitat.wordpress.com)

### Osborne Park RSL

Osborne Park RSL has changed its meeting time to the second Monday of each month at 6.00pm followed by a barbecue. This is to allow members who still work and are unable to attend day time meetings to participate, and also to attract new veterans from Tours of Service in the Middle East. Call President Norm Wells 0439 621 946 for details. The Hall is located at 129 Main St (cnr Cape St) and is also available for hire. Please call (08) 9349 6169 for hire details.

### Summerset Arts Festival

The award-winning Sunset Veranda pop-up festival returns to Scarborough Beach for another season of entertainment. The Summerset Arts Festival will run from January 22 to February 7 in venues throughout the City of Stirling featuring 17 days of free and affordable entertainment and activities for all. Comedy, circus, music, theatre, history and children's events are just some of the exciting activities on the agenda. For tickets and information please visit [www.summersetartsfestival.com.au](http://www.summersetartsfestival.com.au)

### Santa Photography at Karrinyup Shopping Centre

You can have your photo taken with Santa at Karrinyup Shopping Centre from now until Christmas Eve located in the Centre Court. From every photo package purchased \$1 will also go to the CREATE Foundation assisting children and young people in care.



### Food on the Move

The City of Stirling is currently hosting a "Food on the Move" Food Vehicle Trial to offer affordable dining options for residents and create new opportunities for community interaction. From pizza to coffee to German sausages, vendors will pop up all over the city in nine different locations from now until October 2016. For a complete roster of the food vehicle trial locations and vendors please visit [www.stirling.wa.gov.au/mobilefood](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/mobilefood)

