

Out and about

In Morialta



San Giorgio Martire Festa at St Francis of Assisi Church, Newton.



The recent Crime Prevention and Safety forum I hosted in conjunction with Campbelltown Council.



Checking out the new facilities at Stradbroke Primary School thanks to its \$7 million upgrade.



Work nears completion on the new Athelstone Football Club rooms!



Athelstone Community Garden open garden - first and third Saturday of every month at Padulesi Park.



Supporting the work of the Rostrevor Lions Club



With the Liberal team at the Radio Italiana Uno fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees



Highbury Primary School 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Instagram

Follow @JohnGardnerMP on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or YouTube if you'd like to check out what I'm up to.



johngardnermp Popular with my kids at the Magill Sunrise Rotary markets this morning!



johngardnermp It was an honour to spend some time chatting with Wally Tkachuk this afternoon while out and about in Highbury.

Originally from Ukraine, Wally came to Australia in 1949 as a young man and over the last 73 years he has contributed so much to our community. Thanks for the vareniki!



johngardnermp Families in Athelstone are blessed with a wonderful team of educators at Athelstone Preschool. Thanks to Director Stacy and all the staff for everything you do.

Our Community

Morialta News

Magill Village Project

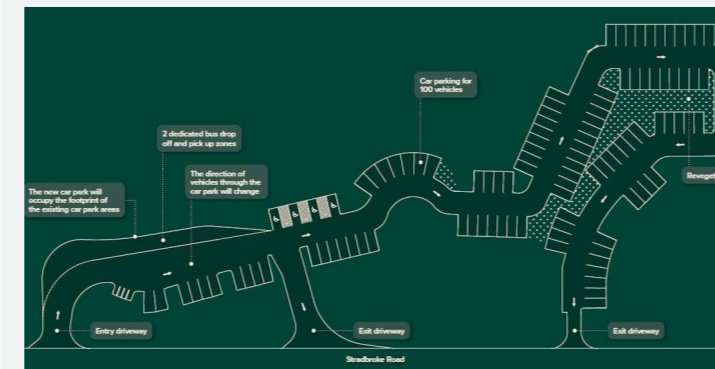
This is a highly anticipated and long awaited project, which began development in November 2021. An exciting joint venture between Local, State and Federal Governments - with the previous Liberal Government contributing \$6 million towards the project.

This project will deliver significant economic benefit to the area, particularly the many small businesses along Magill Road. The revitalised streetscape will vastly improve the experience for shoppers, pedestrians, residents and cyclists, encouraging more people to shop, visit and live in the precinct. It is expected to be completed by late 2022.



Morialta Playground Carpark

Fences have gone up on Stradbroke Road as the carpark for the Mukanthi Playground at Morialta Park is undergoing an upgrade - made possible by Liberal Leader David Speirs when he was environment Minister. Details follow from National Parks and Wildlife:



If your family loves to explore the popular Mukanthi Nature Play Space at Morialta Conservation Park, you'll soon benefit from an upgraded car park and safer access to the playground... but it's best to find

an alternative play area until the works are completed in October. We'll let you know when the works are complete and the car park is re-opened with expanded parking capacity. To learn more about these works and any changes in visitor access while construction is underway, visit the website: <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/new-in-sa-national-parks/community-access-to-national-parks>

Adelaide Hills/Campbelltown Council Boundaries

As residents in Woodforde and the Hills part of Rostrevor are aware, the Campbelltown Council is seeking consideration of an adjustment to the Council boundaries to incorporate these areas, currently within the Adelaide Hills Council. This independent process, managed by the SA Local Government Boundaries Commission, is relatively new. Given the interest in our community, I thought an update would be timely.

At the time of writing, the Commission is giving consideration as to whether an inquiry into Campbelltown's proposal will be allowed or not. If they allow an inquiry, the Commission has previously suggested it would likely not take place until after the Council elections at the end of this year. Many residents have expressed interest in having their views heard, and it is at this point that the Commission has determined that engagement with the community will take place as part of their thorough investigation into the proposal.

For those residents who have previously written to me to share their views, I will ensure that these are passed on to the Commission to aid in their decision making process. However when we get to this point I would encourage any interested resident to respond directly to the Commission too. There's still a lot of water to go under the bridge yet before the Commission reaches a decision point, but I will provide a further update in the next newsletter if an inquiry is proceeding.

Morialta Matters

Thank you to all Morialta residents for choosing me as your local MP for the fourth time. I offer congratulations to the other candidates and thank them for their credible service to our community.

The recent state and federal election results saw changes in Government at both levels. As someone who was a Minister in the Marshall Liberal Government, I am proud that we were able to deliver a number of key projects for our state.

The abolition of payroll tax for small business, the development of Lot Fourteen providing national leadership for our space, cyber and defence sectors, and our investment in critical infrastructure were all important. And despite the exhausting ups and downs of the pandemic, if you were going to choose one place to stay for the two years of COVID, I am yet to hear anyone identify a better place than South Australia.

Nevertheless I recognise that many people in our community were not happy with the government, whether in our priorities, our decisions, or our communications. All governments do make mistakes and I have been listening with both ears to hear those messages.

As an Opposition we need to learn from those mistakes and move forward with purpose. We have important work to do and will hold the Government to account for their delivery of their promises. We will offer constructive suggestions when we see a better way. We will present an optimistic and principled alternative vision for our state at the next election.

We have a fresh, new Liberal Leadership team, led by David Speirs as our Opposition Leader with Nicola Centofanti and Jing Lee as Leader and Deputy in the Legislative Council.

Having been elected as Deputy Leader of the Opposition myself, I commit to all Morialta residents that I will never forget my first job is to be your local MP. It is a privilege to be your local MP. We live in the best part of the best city in the world, in my view, and I will continue to work hard to make our community stronger.

Morialta Matters: as more people get their news online and through social media. I endeavour to provide updates about our community and our state through Twitter, Instagram, Youtube and Facebook. You can find me on these sites "@JohnGardnerMP". From time to time I will also share important local news by email - if you'd like to be added to my distribution list please get in touch by emailing morialta@parliament.sa.gov.au.

I believe there is still an important place for community newsletters though, and will continue to produce Morialta Matters for all residents twice per year. I hope you find this edition interesting. As always please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any feedback or if there is anything I can help with!



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Our Community

Coming up in Morialta



Morialta Community Quiz Night Raising funds for Women's Safety Services SA Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service

Time: 6pm arrival for 6:30pm start

Date: 18th November 2022

Where: Athelstone Football Club

150 George Street, Paradise

Cost: \$25 pp or \$200 for table of 10

RSVP: TryBooking - <https://www.trybooking.com/CBKZO>
by phoning my office on 8365 4224 or using this QR code:



Morialta Community Forum Dementia Friendly Communities

Hosted with Campbelltown City Council
and Dementia Australia

Time: 11:00am

Date: 15th September 2022

Where: Campbelltown Function Centre

172 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor

RSVP: TryBooking - <https://www.trybooking.com/CBNAZ>
by phoning my office on 8365 4224 or using this QR code:



Our Community

Morialta Secondary College



The brand new school is being built to meet growing enrolment demand in Adelaide's eastern suburbs. It is being built on the former site of the Norwood Morialta High School Middle Campus. When complete, it will cater to 1200 students from year 7 to 12.

The college will be delivered in a staged approach with facilities for year 7's operational for 2023, and the remainder of the facilities completed for the 2024 academic year.

\$88.4 million will be invested in Morialta Secondary College to completely remove the site's ageing buildings and replace them with contemporary learning facilities.

The new school is designed as a community hub that will complement its surroundings.

It was a pleasure to join the new Minister recently to turn the first sod on construction and I thank him for the invitation.



Major local projects

Modbury Hospital



One of the key projects delivered by the former Marshall Liberal Government, of which I am particularly proud, was the redevelopment of Modbury Hospital. This \$98 million upgrade was the most significant in the history of the hospital.

Key improvements included:

- Expansion of the surgical floor to allow for more surgeries;
- Eight additional beds created in an Extended Emergency Care Unit (EECU)
- Co-locating the EECU with an upgraded 26 bed Short Stay General Medical Unit
- A new purpose-built 20-bed Palliative Care Unit to ensure patients are cared for in a suitable environment
- Relocating the Outpatients Department to allow more streamlined access in a more efficient location
- Reestablishment of a four-bed High Dependency Unit
- Updating of the façade to modern standards.

All South Australians deserve to have access to quality services you need, closer to home. I will continue to advocate strongly, alongside my colleague Ashton Hurn, the Shadow Minister for Health, to ensure that investment in health continues in our local area.

In the Parliament

Working for you

2022 - 23 State Budget

The new Government took an unusual step after forming government in announcing that they would release their first Budget within weeks of forming office. Usually after elections, a new government takes several months in order to ensure that any new programs in their election commitments, or savings for that matter, are able to be fully accounted for in the State Budget.

In theory the Government's early Budget sounds efficient. Having sat through dozens of hours of Parliamentary debate and Budget Estimates hearings, I regret to advise that very little detail about how the government will actually deliver on its commitments is apparent. So many government departments have been told that they will have to find millions of dollars in savings, but as yet very few of those savings have been identified.

We do know that a number of the new government's promises will be paid for by deferring or cancelling existing projects and grants. The most significant to be announced so far is the news that the North South Corridor project will be delayed by at least a year – perhaps more. I certainly don't remember that being announced before the election.

If you are interested in more detail about my reflections on the Budget, please contact my office and we will be happy to provide transcripts of the relevant Budget speeches. Alternatively, all my Parliamentary speeches and questions are also available to view at my YouTube channel - [youtube.com/johngardnermp](https://www.youtube.com/johngardnermp).

Cancel the corflute!



Not for the first time, the Liberal Opposition is putting legislation to the Parliament to ban election corflutes from public roads – effectively restricting them to private property or polling booths themselves (but also limiting the amount that parties and candidates can put on polling booths, so that everyone gets a fair opportunity to display themselves).

Other states don't do posters in the way they are done in SA. They are no good for the environment, and I reckon they've become increasingly toxic to our political culture too.

If you'd like to see the details of the proposal, provide feedback, or to show your support, head over to this quick survey: bit.ly/cancelthecorflute - or send an email with your feedback to my office at morialta@parliament.sa.gov.au. We announced the detail of this legislation ahead of the Parliament's winter break in order to give the public an opportunity to suggest any amendments you feel would improve the Bill.

Visit from the Ukrainian Ambassador

It was my honour, along with my colleague Hon Jing Lee MLC, to host Ukraine's Ambassador to Australia Vasyi Myroshnychenko in a visit to Parliament House earlier this year, along with leaders from our local Ukrainian community in South Australia. We were pleased that the Ambassador also had the opportunity to speak to the new Cabinet during the same visit.

Support for Ukraine in this most difficult period is bipartisan at a state and federal level, and is strong across the South Australian community, as shown by the significant levels of community fundraising throughout our state. His Excellency was most generous in his praise for the warmth and support shown by the South Australian community, in particular as we now welcome refugees from Ukraine into South Australia.

