

# Trish Draper's

## Makin News and Views

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### From the Members Desk

**Anzac Day**, each year is an opportunity for Australians to honour all veterans who have served their country and laid down their lives in the defence of the democracy we enjoy today.

And this year I once again joined Makin's veterans to honour those who gave so much for Australia – providing a reminder that their service is our heritage, honoured, remembered and treasured.

It is now 84 years since the ANZACs landed at Gallipoli and began the legend which became a defining moment in our growth as a nation. The ANZACs have come to stand for the principles of freedom and democracy for which they fought. They went to war not knowing if they would come home but strong in the belief that these values were worth defending. That legacy has been upheld in the years since by thousands of Australians who have given their all in the service of their country.

In this day and age it falls to us to take on the responsibility passed to us from previous generations, the continuing need to meet our debt and commemorate the service and sacrifice of our veterans well into the next century and beyond.

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### Salvation Army Doorknock Appeal

*\* Red Shield Appeal \**

23 – 30 May 1999

The Salvation Army seeks doorknockers each year in the Makin electorate area. Trish joined with her staff again this year to doorknock in the Tea Tree Gully and Ingle Farm area.

Trish would like to extend her thanks to the many generous constituents who so kindly donated to our Salvation Army Christmas Appeal last year.

### St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal

**Urgent** donations of food, clothing, furniture, blankets, heaters are required to assist in the Appeal.

Makin residents can lodge their donations by calling 82766133 and goods will be collected. You can also donate goods by placing them in the St Vinnies bins in all Catholic Church yards and in most shopping centres.

St Vincent De Paul also provide financial counselling and assistance on a needs basis. *Any residents requiring assistance should contact headquarters on 82126311.*

### Lauren Clements represents Australia in the US

Trish had the pleasure of presenting an Australian Flag to Lauren Clements of Golden Grove who recently travelled to the United States as a member of the Australian Drill Dance Team.

Lauren is a Year 9 student at The Heights School and has been a member of the Valley View Calisthenics Club for nearly 12 years, representing the State in 1995, 1996 and 1998. Lauren and her team-mates participated in competitions in Dallas, Texas and Long Beach, California.

*Trish is pictured below with Lauren and her family.*





## AusAID Certificates of Appreciation

Trish recently had the pleasure of congratulating several Makin residents on being awarded an AusAID Certificate of Appreciation to formally acknowledge the contribution they have made to Australia's overseas aid program.

The following Makin residents were recently presented with their Certificates in recognition of their contributions.

**Warren & Janne Marwood - Wynn Vale**

**Robyn Overall - Para Hills**

**Margaret Secombe - Redwood Park**

**Paula Brinkley - Surrey Downs**

**Barry Fiedler - Holden Hill**

**Jennifer Kuyper - Tea Tree Gully**

**Chris Pearson - Yatala Vale**

**Helen Willmer - Vista**

Our volunteers have played a vital role in the Australian Government's overseas aid program, delivering practical assistance to help others. Indeed for many people in developing countries, volunteers are their first contact with Australia.

Of course, on their return home, volunteers help to enrich our own society through the benefit of their experience and the links they have built with people in other countries.

## Schools visit Parliament House

Groups of Students from **The Heights** and **Banksia Park High School** recently visited Parliament House in Canberra to learn more about the political process.

Trish has recently met with the students and presented them with certificates as mementos of their visit to the Nation's capital.

By visiting Parliament House, students are given an opportunity to learn first hand about our system of government and the democratic process.

The next *Makin News and Views* will feature photos of the students who visited Parliament House.

If your school is planning a trip to Canberra you should contact Trish's office to obtain a copy of the *Classroom Canberra Planner* which provides valuable information for visiting schools.

## RSL Sub-Branch formed at Lutheran Homes

On Friday 22 January almost 100 ex-services men and women and residents of Lutheran Homes at Hope Valley came together with other residents and guests for the inaugural meeting of the first ever RSL sub-branch formed in a retirement village in SA.

Trish had the pleasure of attending the meeting and presenting an Australian flag to the sub-branch.

The ceremony was held in the beautiful retirement village church and included a moving act of remembrance for those who gave their lives in past wars.

*Trish with State President RSL Mr John Bailey, President of the Lutheran Homes sub-branch, Mr Gordon Chant, Lutheran Homes Manager, Mr Tim Gray and Mr D Phillips*



## Censorship or caring about our Children?

Many within our local community would be aware of my recent opposition to the screening of the film *Lolita*. On 8 March 1999, the Office of Film and Literature Classification classified the film R18+, effectively allowing the film to be screened for audiences for entertainment around the country.

The director worked to portray the paedophile sympathetically as someone audiences "could like, laugh at or feel for" even though he regularly sexually abuses his 14 year old step-daughter. Why would we as a society want mainstream acceptance of paedophile behaviour? My concern, and I believe many in our community are worried that there is perhaps a growing trend by some sections of the entertainment industry in producing films that exploit our young people and the theme of paedophilia purely for entertainment purposes and profit. Surely in this day and age, that is not a message we want to send to our young people.



## China/Australia Friendship Group visit China

Trish recently visited the People's Republic of China with her colleagues from the China/Australian Friendship Group. Trish was honoured to meet with several key Chinese officers in relation to opportunities for South Australia in China and vice versa. Among these people were Mr Liu Huaqui – Director, Central Foreign Affairs Office, Mr Yang Jiechi, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of course **Premier Zhu Rongji** stated that he greatly admired both our State, South Australia and Premier John Olsen. While in China, the friendship group had the opportunity to visit a Trade Exhibition which provides a superb market for SA business. Trish also visited the Australian Primary Health Care and Water Supply project in Tibet. South Australia has long regarded China as an important trade and investment market. It is now South Australia's largest export market, overtaking Japan in recent times.

### *Opportunities for SA companies and businesses include:*

- ✓ Information Technology, Consulting Services, Infrastructure Services, Education Service, Management Training, Aquaculture, and Horticulture
- ✓ Grains, shorn wool (greasy), wood (carbonised not carded or combed), liquefied butanes, crustaceans, liquefied propanes
- ✓ Crude materials; mineral fuels; food and live animals; manufactured goods; miscellaneous manufactured articles; machinery and transport equipment; beverage and tobacco; animals and vegetable oils; chemicals and related products.
- ✓ Establishment between SA Water Corporation and Shanghai Municipal Water Works Company promoting the SA Water Industry export to Shanghai and surrounding areas
- ✓ Medical research, road making technology; rapid building systems
- ✓ **Food for the Future** is an initiative by the State Government following on from the Federal Government's Supermarket to Asia program. With a 57% increase in food exports to China in the last year, South Australia is focussed on using our assets to give us a marketing advantage in the food sector.



*Trish is pictured with her parliamentary colleagues, Premier Zhu Rongji (to the left of Trish) and Australian Ambassador to China, Mr Rick Smith*



*Trish is pictured at the Australian funded Primary Health Care Clinic in Tibet*



## Employment for our Youth

### **JOBS PATHWAY PROGRAMME STARTS IN THE SALISBURY PLAINS REGION**

Trish recently had the honour of launching the Federal Government's Jobs Pathway Programme (JPP) for ten North and North East high schools under the NAREET banner.

"The Jobs Pathway Programme is a Federal Government initiative designed to assist school leavers to make a successful transition from school to the world of work, building on the strengths of school-based vocational programmes, often through partnerships involving schools, industry and the local community. In 1998-99, we expect some 25,000 eligible school leavers across Australia will be helped via Jobs Pathway Program."

"We also aim to give young people a strong message that the best way to secure their future is to invest their time and energy in building up skills and experience, as well as knowledge and awareness, in the pathways that lead to employment, in some cases while still at school."

High Schools involved in the program include **Para Hills, Salisbury East, Paralowie, Salisbury, Gawler, Parafield Gardens, Elizabeth Fremont, Smithfield Plains, Craigmore and Para West Adult Re-Entry**. For further information, please contact the Student Services Manager at one of these schools.

*Trish is pictured left with Danielle Bonython (Para Hills), Gill Smith (Para Hills), Principal of Para Hills High School, Kevin Nitschke, Shaun Bavington (Para Hills), Scott Rice (Salisbury East) and Principal of Salisbury East High School, Wendy Teasdale-Smith*



### **INTERFACE Program Assisting Makin students**

Trish is pleased to advise that the **Industry Networked Transition Education Reaching Forward And Creating Enterprise Program (INTERFACE)** is providing valuable school to work services for Makin students attending the following High Schools:

**Banksia Park High School  
Gleeson College  
Kildare College  
Modbury High School  
Ross Smith Secondary School  
The Heights School  
Tyndale Christian School**

**Enfield High School  
Golden Grove High School  
King's Baptist Grammar School  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College  
St Paul's College  
Thomas Moore College  
Valley View Secondary School**

**Windsor Gardens Vocational College**

The INTERFACE Project is run by the Torrens Valley Vocational Education Services Inc. The organisation is made of many parts – 15 schools and their students and teachers, 58 employers and the Management Committee members who represent schools, businesses and community groups.

The aim of the INTERFACE project is

- To connect existing community structures
- To create strategies to increase employment and educational outcomes for secondary school students
- To enhance the existing partnerships between the program and local industries and community groups.

The INTERFACE Project is funded by the Australian Student Traineeship Foundation and Commonwealth School to Work Funding.



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## Education

- ▶ Increased funding of **\$870 million** for education over the next four years.
- ▶ **\$131.1 million** to raise literacy and numeracy standards (record \$869 million over four years).
- ▶ **\$77.7 million** Quality Teacher Programme over three years.
- ▶ Government schools to receive **\$1 billion** more over 2001-2004
- ▶ **\$153.1 million** for university research
- ▶ Investment in medical research increased by **\$614 million** over the next six years.

## Older Australians

- ▶ **\$209 million** additional funding over four years for hearing programmes.
- ▶ **\$82 million** over four years to further boost respite care services for carers of people with dementia and other cognitive and behavioural disorders.
- ▶ Mature Age Workers Project to investigate and report on barriers that mature age job seekers encounter in their search for employment.
- ▶ **\$41.2 million** over four years to provide single regional contact points across Australia for community care services.
- ▶ **\$110.5 million** over four years for new Medicare Benefits Schedule items for enhanced primary care.

## Tough on Drugs

- ▶ **\$301.5 million** over four years to catch drug traffickers and to tackle the problems associated with drug use.
- ▶ An additional **\$221 million** for early intervention and diversion initiatives to fight illicit drugs.

## Homelessness

- ▶ **\$60 million** funding for services to support young people at risk of homelessness.
- ▶ **\$25 million** for the Partnerships Against Domestic Violence initiative.



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### Recurrent Expenditure

- ▶ **\$30.6 billion** on Public Hospitals **over 5 years.**
- ▶ **\$2.8 billion** per year on the **Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)**
- ▶ **\$2.9 billion** per year for **135,000 residents** in **Hostels and Nursing Homes**

### Youth Employment

- ▶ **\$111 million** to double the number of Work for the Dole places to 50,000.
- ▶ **\$354 million** in 1999-2000 for New Apprenticeships with a total commitment of \$1.5 billion over four years.
- ▶ **\$60 million** will be provided to continue the Job Placement, Education and Training Program.

### Disabilities

- ▶ Extending **\$20 million** of respite support to carers of young people with disabilities.
- ▶ Increasing funding for the Continence Aids Scheme.

### Family Assistance

- ▶ Maximum level of Child Care assistance increased by **\$7.50 per week** for one child in care, **\$11** for two children and **\$32** for three or more children in care.
- ▶ **\$2.5 billion** for family assistance including increased educational assistance, health measures, marriage counselling, relationship support services for men, respite carers of disabled young people, and a support program for women returning to work after caring for children.