

Trish Draper's

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Listening to the Community and Achieving for South Australia

Since my last Newsletter, my office has received many replies of support for the Alice Springs to Darwin Rail link. I wish to thank all those people who took the time to fill in the tear off slip that was in the August edition of *Makin News and Views*. It has given me great pleasure to inform the Prime Minister of the high level of support for the project by the people of Makin. The Prime Minister has announced Federal Government funding for the project so the dream of seeing a north/south railway link will finally become reality. More information on this important project will be found in future editions.

This edition also announces the first recipients of the Makin Community Service Awards. I would like to thank those members of our community who nominated the very worthy recipients of the first Makin Community Service Awards. I will be conducting a ceremony to present the awardees with Certificates of Appreciation in the near future. If you would like

to nominate someone who has undertaken outstanding volunteer service for our community please write me a letter detailing the work done by the person you wish to nominate and their contact details. Further successful nominations will be announced in future editions of *Makin News and Views*.

Aged Care Reform is an important issue for our community. I have met with the Prime Minister and the Treasurer, on several occasions, to discuss the issue of accommodation bonds for nursing homes. The Prime Minister has announced changes to the reforms which are detailed on page two.

Finally, I would like to congratulate those local young people who gained credits and distinctions in the recent Maths, Science and English competitions.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Salvation Army Christmas Tree



The Salvation Army, along with many other charities, do a magnificent job for those in our community who are in need. Last Christmas we collected items of food and toys, which were distributed by the Ingle Farm Salvation Army to local families in need. I invite you to participate in this year's Christmas Hamper and place a gift or item of food beneath the tree in my electorate office. Your gift may help to make Christmas time a joyous occasion for a local family and put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.



Draper takes Crows Support to Canberra

Much to the dismay of her Victorian colleagues Trish Draper proudly displayed her support for the Adelaide Crows Football Club by wearing a Crows scarf in Federal Parliament during the AFL finals series. As a proud South Australian Trish was not deterred, despite many Victorian Members complaining to the Speaker. The Crows victory over St Kilda was a fantastic effort and proves, once again, that South Australians can not only match it with the best but can win against heavy odds. Well done Malcolm Blight and the Adelaide Crows!

Too much violence on television - Draper

Even before her election to Parliament Trish Draper had earned a reputation for taking a stand against violence on television and film. She led the charge against the screening of the film "Salo" which contained scenes of horrific violence against children. Since her election, Trish has received numerous complaints from constituents concerning the easy availability to young children of sexually explicit material. Trish has taken these concerns to the Federal Attorney General and the Office of Film and Literature Classification and has gained the support of many of her colleagues for her efforts.

Young Media Australia recently launched its *Talking Back kit* for media consumers, at which Trish Draper was a special guest. The kit contains information on how consumers can comment or complain to the media in Australia about inappropriate television programs for children.

Below: Trish Draper with Mrs Lynette Ninio, S.A. Attorney General Mr Trevor Griffin MLC & Young Media Australia executive director Ms Barbara Biggins at the Talking Back kit launch



School Art Competition

Trish Draper extends an invitation to all schools in her electorate of Makin to submit their students works of art for public display within her electorate office. The St Francis Xavier School's Year 6 and 7 classes submitted some excellent examples of their talented students' art work (see above). There will be a competition and Trish will present the winning students with a Certificate of Congratulations and make a donation to the school library. If your school would like to display student artwork in the Makin office and participate in this competition please contact Trish in her office on 8265 2236.

Makin Community Service Awards

Trish Draper has announced the first of her Makin Community Service Award winners. They are:

Mr Phillip Alderton of Modbury
Mrs Gisela Packer of Para Vista
Ms Patricia Arnold of Surrey Downs
Mr Peter Rogers of the 42nd Street Cafe

Trish will be presenting the above people with Certificates of Appreciation.

Trish Draper....Out and About in Making

Flag Presented to St Francis Xavier School

Trish Draper always enjoys visiting the schools in her electorate, particularly on the occasions when she can present them with an Australian Flag, as she recently did on a visit to St Francis Xavier School (pictured right). If your school needs a Flag please contact Trish on 8265 2236.



Draper Launches Job Placement, Employment and Training Project in Pooraka

Hopes of local homeless, unemployed young people received a boost when Trish Draper launched the new Job Placement, Employment and Training Project on 24th October. The project will be administered by the Salvation Army Ingle Farm Community Service.

Under the JPET program, which is a Howard Government employment growth initiative, the Salvation Army Ingle Farm Community Service has been provided with \$107,980 to fund its initiative on behalf of young homeless people in our local area. The Government recently announced that more than 8000 young people will benefit from the \$11 million jobs funding program through ninety nationwide projects. The local program will help young homeless people find housing and employment, and to restore their self esteem, while instilling in them the belief that there is a better future for themselves and their community.

In launching the program Trish Draper acknowledged the work of the Salvation Army which she described as a "shining beacon of light for many in the community".

Local Work for the Dole Project

The Tea Tree Gully Development Board's submission for a Work for the Dole project has been accepted by the Federal Government. As a result, the project to erect bus stop shelters in our local area will go ahead. This project will provide long term unemployed young people with experience and skills while, at the same time, providing the community with needed facilities.

Para Hills Primary School Family Fun Day

On Sunday, 26th October 1997 Trish Draper attended the Para Hills Primary School Family Fun Day at the invitation of Principal Ron Tyney.

Para Hills Primary had organised the event to give local families a chance to enjoy themselves in a leisurely picnic style atmosphere.

Entertainment included sporting, music and dance items (including a soccer match) and there were displays of vintage cars, hot rods, bikes and other hobbies.

The Family Fun Day was well attended and proved to be a great success.

In her last newsletter Trish Draper paid tribute to the volunteers in our community. To the volunteers who organised the Family Fun Day, Trish sends a special message of congratulations and thanks.

Government Gets Tough on Drugs

As a parent of three young children, I am very concerned about the drug problems in Australia. I do not want my children to grow up and use drugs, and I don't want any other parent to be subjected to that trauma either. At a community level, I am also concerned about the level of drug-related crimes that take place every day. The Howard Government's *Tough on Drugs* policy, announced by the Prime Minister in early November, is a positive and comprehensive plan to reduce the amount of drugs imported into Australia, toughen policing of illicit drug use, and to educate and support those in danger of becoming drug dependent.

Tough on Drugs will tackle illicit drug use in four ways:

Step One - Stopping the Trade

The Howard Government has committed an extra \$43.8 million over three years to be spent on intercepting illicit drugs - both those drugs being imported, and those that are within the Australian community. This money will provide:

- 54 more federal agents for the Australian Federal Police. This will see the establishment of three 'strike teams' to dismantle drug syndicates (\$15.5 million);
- Improved coastal surveillance in our northern waters, particularly in the Torres Strait (\$6.7 million);
- A National Heroin Signature Program to identify trafficking patterns for heroin (\$3.9 million);
- Improvement in the ability of the Government to monitor suspicious financial transactions (\$1.5 million);
- Additional Customs intelligence officers; and
- A variety of improvements to the communications systems currently used by Commonwealth law enforcement agencies.

Step Two - Educating Our Kids

Unfortunately, the reality is that no country in the world has been able to completely stop the flow of illicit drugs. That's why the Howard Government has moved to reduce the use of these drugs, and minimise the harm they cause, through an education programme for our kids. The programme will include:

- A Schools Drug Strategy to be developed in consultation with State and Territory Education Ministers, as well as health professionals and community organisations (\$7.4 million);
- A community grant programme for local drug prevention and education projects (\$4.8 million); and
- A 'one-stop-shop' to provide information to the community, to be run by a non-government organisation with real experience in the field (\$1.8 million).

Step Three - Helping Those Who Are Already Hooked

Sadly, education and prevention are no help to those who already have a drug problem. The Howard Government has taken a positive approach to help break the cycle of drug dependency and criminal behaviour. Included in these measures are:

- \$21.5 million towards establishing and operating new non-government treatment facilities; and
- Extra training for front-line professionals, such as doctors, hospital staff and police officers (\$3 million).

Step Four - Research

The Federal Government is providing an extra \$5.3 million in funding to support practical, new research and ways to reduce the harm that drugs cause. \$4 million of this money will be spent by the National Health & Medical Research Council, to achieve new ways of preventing and treating illicit drug use. \$1.3 million will also be provided for non-heroin trials.

The Coalition's *Tough On Drugs* policy is a strong plan of action. Heroin alone was responsible for at least 634 deaths in 1996, and it is time to tackle these problems head on.