

# Trish Draper's

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## ***From the Member's Desk***

There has been some recent controversy over the release of drug testing kits that allow parents to test if children are using drugs.

I fully support any measure that will help us to remove the scourge of drugs from our homes and schools.

Anne Bressington from Drugbeat, Shay Louise House has recently travelled to Amsterdam and Sweden to compare the different approaches to tolerance of drugs in our society.

Sadly, Anne's findings are similar to those of myself and others who have seen first hand the devastation and impact caused by policies where drugs are tolerated in society as in Amsterdam, Holland.

In contrast, the Swedish 'zero tolerance' policy appears to be winning the Drugs War. Comparing the outcomes in both countries, I believe that the Swedish 'early intervention' model seems to be the best so far.

I will be launching our Tough on Drugs schools competition again in Makin soon, and I am delighted that Anne Bressington from Drugbeat has offered to make a presentation to all schools in the electorate as well as parent information evenings; details to be announced.

I will once again be meeting with all the Principals of secondary schools, church leaders, local police and youth workers in preparation for our Tough on Drugs campaign in Makin.

I believe that we cannot afford to be tolerant of drugs in our society. The war is not lost and as a community we need to continue to be tough on drugs. I am pleased that this policy has been implemented and continued by the Howard Government.

## **Prime Minister visits Makin**

I was greatly honoured to have the Prime Minister visit the electorate of Makin recently, for a Community Morning Tea at S'fera's on the Park Conference Centre.

The opportunity for all those who attended, to meet and exchange views and ideas with the Prime Minister was invaluable. I thank all those who attended for their thoughts on a range of issues that the Prime Minister has heard and can now take back to Canberra.



*The Prime Minister with skaters from Skate FX.*



*The Prime Minister with members of the T.T.G. RSL.*



## *Anzac Day Celebrations*

Trish attended the Tea Tree Gully RSL - Pre-Service on Sunday 22nd April 2001 and also attended the Salisbury RSL service on Anzac Day and is delighted to report that these important services were well attended.

Trish is concerned that the significance of Anzac Day, as the national day of commemoration, may be lessened with Kim Beazley's view that Australia Day should be moved to Anzac Day.

Anzac Day is Australia's national day of commemoration, a day that is enshrined in legislation, however its future would be unclear if a Beazley led Labor Party were to win the next election.

Trish is keen to reassure all Australians that a Coalition Government will protect the sanctity of Anzac Day.

## **Budget acknowledges POWs of Japan.**

The Howard Government has recognised the unique hardship endured by Australians held captive by Japan during World War II by making an ex gratia payment of \$25,000 to Australian service personnel and civilians who were held prisoner of war by Japan, in recognition of their suffering during World War II.

The payment will include their surviving spouses, bringing some degree of comfort to those who lost a loved one in the POW camps or supported their partners on their return to Australia. Payment will be made to those POWs, detainees and their widows/widowers who were alive on 1 January 2001.

### *LEST WE FORGET*

## *Adelaide Darwin Railway*

### **A land bridge to Asia... a nation building project... the Adelaide Darwin Railway is certainly much more than just another train track.**

It is the largest piece of public infrastructure since the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

It will complete the vital link between the populated south of the continent and the growing northern regions.

It will create a new corridor, joining all of Australia to the new Port of Darwin - a land bridge to Asia.

When complete, Australia's railway system will span the continent from East to West and South to North. This will complete plans formed a century ago. And it will generate jobs, trade and growth.

Construction will take three years and cost \$1.3billion - funded by private investors and the South Australian, Federal and Northern Territory Governments.

Building has begun with the turning of the first dirt north of Alice Springs. Over the 3-year construction phase of the railway, South Australia is likely to earn \$340-\$640 million in industry contracts, employment and other benefits.



More than a century in the making, this great rail project is finally happening.

Key requirements for this project are:

- ◆ 145,000 tonnes of steel rail
- ◆ 3,400 tonnes of structural steel
- ◆ 7.8 million rail fasteners and clips
- ◆ 2.2 million cubic metres of ballast
- ◆ 17 million cubic metres of earthworks
- ◆ 1,950,000 concrete sleepers
- ◆ 90,000 km of stressing wire
- ◆ 60 million litres of fuel
- ◆ 7,000 workers to make and supply materials and build the line.



## *Youth Week Celebrations*

In conjunction with the National Youth Week celebrations, Trish launched the 'Youth Resource Card' at Civic Park, Tea Tree Gully.

The Youth Card gives information to young people of services available and their contact phone numbers. The card will be distributed through schools and agencies working with young people from this area.

Other activities for Youth Week included a Skateboarding demonstration and competition, a Youth Issues forum and a Youth Bands Showcase.

It was pleasing to see that the three levels of Government (Local, State and Federal) have been involved

in promoting Youth Issues, together with community participation in the development of this Youth Week.

It was great to see local skate shop "Daily Grind" had provided support as had Jarrad Carr MC and local band YAKSPIT.



## *Living Faith Fellowship*

Trish was honoured to attend the opening of the New Church Complex for the Living Faith Fellowship on Saturday 12th May 2001 at 1238 North East Rd, St Agnes. The service was followed with an afternoon

tea which was most enjoyable. The music and the choir was enjoyed by everyone at the service. Thank you to the Pastors, Elders and the congregation who made me feel so welcome.

## *Modbury Special School Funding*



Trish was delighted to be able to announce \$700,000 in additional Federal Government funding for the Modbury Special School and the Modbury South Primary School - with \$580,000 being allocated to the Correa Learning Unit at Modbury Special School.

The Correa Learning Unit was opened on Friday 23rd March 2001 by Dr David Kemp, Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs together with the Federal Member for Makin, Trish Draper MP.

*Trish Draper MP at the official opening of the Modbury Special School Correa Learning Unit together with Dr David Kemp, and Principal Julie Aschberger.*



## Para Hills Bowling Junior Championship



Juniors from the Para Hills Bowling Club recently took part in the State Junior Championship Trials held on the 16th - 29th April 2001, at the Marion Bowling Club.

Trish would like to congratulate all junior participants who took part in the State trials.

*Junior State Trial participants from left to right: Donna Young, 16 yrs, Matthew Webber, 10 yrs, Hannah Webber, 7 yrs, Richard Farnworth, 14 yrs, Sally Field, 18 yrs, Matthew Hartwell, 14 yrs.*

## Opening of New Medicare Office in Modbury

Trish was pleased to attend and launch the opening of our new Medicare Office in Modbury, Tea Tree Plaza.

The new office is centrally and conveniently located near the Modbury interchange, serviced by public transport, making it easily accessible by all members of the community, particularly the frail and elderly.

Customers will benefit from the new 'sit-down' counters for elderly and disabled people - and for families with children.

Through the Modbury Medicare office, residents of Makin can access family payments and information through the Family Assistance Office as well as become organ donors by joining the Australians Organ Donor Register.



*Trish Draper MP, Doug Hall and Monica Lahm at the opening of the new Modbury Medicare Office at Tea Tree Plaza*

## New Apprenticeships - A Continuing Success

An independent study by Australia's leading research centre for vocational education and training has confirmed that the Howard Government's popular New Apprenticeships system continues to be an outstanding success.

New Apprenticeships combine practical work with structured training and offer participants nationally recognised qualifications and experience.

More young people than ever before are taking up New Apprenticeships. Nearly half of all teenage full-time employees are in a New Apprenticeship. Ninety per cent of New Apprenticeships are employed three

months after completion of their training, making them a first choice option for young people, in particular, to secure a great job and a career.

The Howard Government supports New Apprenticeships with financial incentives of up to \$4,400 for New Apprenticeships Employers. Trish would urge all employers in Makin to look into the benefits of New Apprenticeships.

Additional information can also be found at the New Apprenticeships website at [www.newapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.newapprenticeships.gov.au) or by calling 1800 639 629.