

Trish Draper's

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PETROL EXCISE WIN

From the Member's Desk

FOR MAKIN

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Makin residents who took the time and trouble to sign the petrol excise petition.

The petition with 9,600 signatures was presented in the House of Representatives on December 7th 2000. It was a great win for Makin constituents, families and small businesses to have the excise reduced.

I am delighted with the Prime Minister's decision particularly in relation to the abolition of half yearly indexation.

As this year is the International Year of Volunteers, page three of this newsletter contains information on how to nominate one of our many unsung heroes for recognition for their invaluable service to our community.

Once again, thank you to all the people in Makin who signed the petrol petition to make a difference for our community.

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Labor's half-yearly indexation of Petrol Excise ABOLISHED to keep petrol tax and petrol prices down.

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1.5 cents per litre REDUCTION in petrol excise to help reduce the cost of petrol.

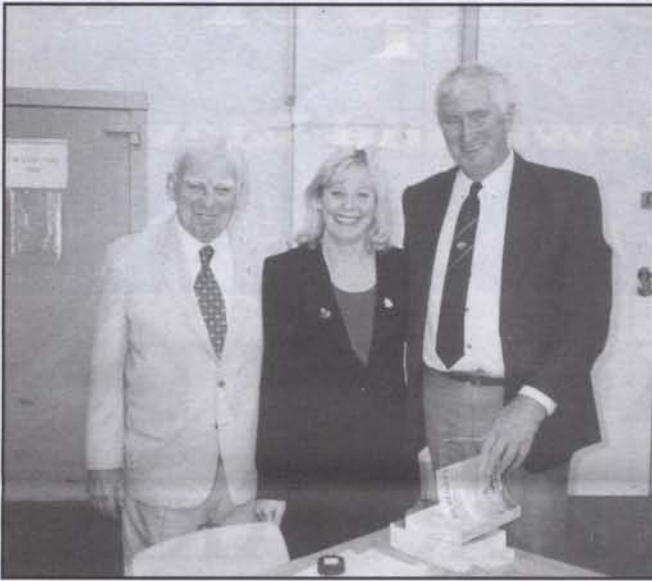
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ACCC price watchdog given special powers to MONITOR petrol prices including the differences between city and country and examine if a cap can be placed on price fluctuations.

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An INQUIRY will be held into the issue of fuel taxation in Australia.

BORNEO: Australia's Proud But Tragic Heritage



Bruce Ruxton AM OBE and Dr Kevin Smith at the book launch of Borneo: Australia's Proud but Tragic Heritage.

Last month at the Torrens Parade Ground, Bruce Ruxton launched Dr Kevin Smith's second edition of his book about the evidence of what occurred in Borneo during those years of captivity. His book includes many illustrations and an excellent narrative depicting the first year in Sandakan POW Camp, reconnaissance operations PYTHON and AGUS and the death marches to Ranau.

Only 218 of 2,030 Australian POWs who were sent to Borneo after the 1942 surrender at Singapore survived to return home. The remaining POWs died from starvation, malnutrition, disease, illness and beatings.

Lest we forget.

Makin Art Gallery

We will be continuing our Makin Art Gallery this year and Trish's looking forward to displaying art work from local schools within the electorate.

Both Keller Road Primary School and Ardtornish Primary School were the two schools that displayed their art work in the Makin Art Gallery towards the end of last year. It is always wonderful to see that we have such great artists within the electorate and as our children are so precious it is important that we take the time to acknowledge how much we appreciate them.

Thank you to Ardtornish and Keller Road Primary School for their students excellent contribution to last years Makin Art Gallery.



Aspiring young artists, parents and teachers of Ardtornish Primary School with Trish at the Makin Art Gallery presentation late last year.

The St Agnes Italian Village Nursing Home

The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, Minister for Aged Care, visited the Italian Village Nursing Home and the Adelaide Senior Citizens Village in St Agnes on the 2nd March 2001. The Minister highly commended the efforts of the Italian Benevolent Foundation as one of the largest providers of aged care services for people of a non- English speaking background in South Australia.

The Minister and Mrs Draper undertook a site visit, observed lifestyle programs and talked with residents and families. Last year Trish was able to present the Italian Village with their Certificate of Accreditation and discussed with management their future plans for new allocations and accreditation.



Minister Bishop with Trish Draper and residents at the Italian Village nursing home.

The dedicated staff and volunteers at both homes deserve well founded recognition for achieving accreditation and demonstrating their commitment to older Australians in their care.

Asthma Friendly Schools Program

Asthma is one of Australia's most prevalent diseases, especially among school children where it affects one in four primary children and one in seven secondary school children. Evidence also shows an increasing prevalence and perhaps severity of asthma among our kids.

The Federal Government has provided funding of \$1.2 million over two years to Asthma Australia and State/Territory Asthma Foundations to run **the Asthma Friendly Schools Program**. This program seeks to educate the whole school—students, teachers and parents—about self- management of asthma.

It will also ensure that a school is properly equipped to deal with an attack when and if it does happen, and that the school community understands emergency asthma procedures.

If you would like further information about the program please contact the Makin electorate office.