



Image: Announcing \$3.6m for equitable and accessible playing fields and parks at the Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Club.

# Clare O'Neil MP

## Winter Reflection

### Dear resident,

I want to firstly start this newsletter with a big THANK YOU. Just two months ago, I had the huge honour of being officially declared the Member for Hotham following the Federal Election in May. Even though it was my fifth time, hearing those words still makes me emotional. Fighting for this community is the privilege of my life. Hotham is where I live, work and where I'm raising my three kids. It's my home and I couldn't be prouder to represent and serve this community so, again, thank you.

Over the last term, my office and I have had the chance again to support constituents in moments that really matter – whether it was helping someone access a new wheelchair, secure a crisis payment or connect with the services they needed. I've shared cost-of-living support and grant opportunities, championed reforms, delivered investments across Hotham and created new ways for the community to be heard- like forums on women's health and the NDIS. These connections, and their real impact, are what keep me going.

As we begin this second term of the Albanese Labor Government, I'm more energised than ever. Our country is facing some big challenges, but we've also been given a clear and strong mandate by Australians to keep building a fairer and stronger future.

I hope to see you out and about this term – whether at a school or club visit, checking out new investments in Hotham (more on those in this newsletter!) or just around the parks, pools or shops with my kids and dogs!

If you ever need help with Federal services – like Medicare, My Aged Care, the NDIS or Centrelink – my office can help you.

As always, stay in touch.

– Clare

Federal Member for Hotham





# Local investment news

A new term is a chance to build on what our community says matters most. I was proud to announce these investment commitments over the election campaign, shaped by real conversations and local advocacy.

## Equitable playing fields

Great to join the Hon Anika Wells MP, local mayors, council reps and Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball players to announce a \$3.6 million Albanese Labor Government commitment for more inclusive, accessible parks in Hotham.



Each project receives \$900K for:

- **Bailey Reserve**, Bentleigh East: New changerooms and lighting for women's sports.
- **Ross Reserve**, Noble Park: Female-friendly changerooms and shade for athletics.
- **Princes Highway Reserve**, Oakleigh East: Accessible playground and sensory garden.
- **Namatjira Reserve**, Clayton South: Security lighting, distance markers and outdoor gym.

## Australian Ukrainian Community Centre upgrade

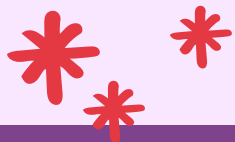
The Hon Julian Hill MP and I attended the Ukrainian Folklore Festival to announce a \$225K Albanese Labor Government grant for urgent repairs and upgrades to the vibrant Ukrainian Community Centre in Noble Park. The centre is a vital hub, hosting study spaces, a seniors' club, English classes for refugees and a parish meeting place.

## Supporting the Greek Australian community

The Albanese Labor Government will invest \$4.5 million to build a Greek cultural hub in Oakleigh, including a new Cultural and Language Enrichment Centre to preserve heritage and unite the community.







# Hotham Highlights



## Orthodox Easter Art

Judging the egg dyeing and decorating competition at Fronditha Care in Mulgrave for Orthodox Easter - such creativity on display, it was tough to choose a winner. One of them was Electra!



## SECL and their supportive network

Always enjoy catching up with South East Community Links, including Peter McNamara, and their key partners like Peninsula Community Legal Centre and Jackie Galloway. Their support - from financial counselling to legal help - makes a real difference in people's lives when times are tough.



## The Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool is open!

The Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool is officially open! As part of the Albanese Labor Government, we secured \$15 million to make this redevelopment happen. A big thank you to Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah, the last Member for Higgins and now Victorian Senator, for her hard work on this project and fighting for federal funding.



## Celebrating Maha Shivaratri

A wonderful Maha Shivaratri celebration at Shri Venkata Krishna Brundavana Temple in Murrumbidgee. Honoured to receive a blessing and celebrate a community that reflects Hotham's rich diversity, generosity, and tradition.





## Remembering our ANZACs

It was an honour to join the community at the Oakleigh Cenotaph to remember all who have served and still serve. Thanks to the Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL for a moving dawn service - and to everyone who stayed for a cuppa and a chat after.



## Melbourne Kannada Sangha

At the Melbourne Kannada Sangha's New Year celebrations in Noble Park, I learned how the community has preserved Kannada culture, language, and heritage for over 40 years. I also had the chance to tour their library, which houses more than 2,000 Kannada books!

## National Volunteers Week with SEMVAC

SEMVAC - AKA South Eastern Melbourne Vietnamese Associations Council - is a vibrant hub of culture, care and community - powered by its dedicated volunteers, like Vivienne.



## The new Jack Edwards Reserve Pavilion is almost complete

The Albanese Labor Government contributed \$2M towards to construction.



It will be home to Oakleigh Cannons Football Club and Chisholm United Football Club.



# Labor's plan: supporting you

Hotham backed another term of the Albanese Labor Government - thank you. We've laid the ground work and now we can get on with delivering more.

We're building a future with no one held back and no one left behind. Tax cuts. Stronger Medicare. More affordable homes. Real help with the cost of living. We're getting it done.

## Here's how...



### Helping with the cost of living

- Another two tax cuts for every taxpayer
- Making price gouging at supermarkets illegal
- \$1k instant tax deduction available to every worker
- More energy bill relief for every household
- Backing another pay rise for low-paid workers



### Backing our students

- Cutting 20% off student debt
- Making free TAFE permanent
- \$10k cash for apprentices
- Cheaper child care
- Fully funding every public school in Australia



### A home of your own

- Building 100,000 homes exclusively for first home buyers
- 5% deposits for first home buyers
- Delivering Australia's biggest ever housing build



### Strengthening Medicare

- 50 new Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (we've already opened 87)
- \$25 PBS medicines, less for concession card holders
- Record funding for women's health
- Backing men's health with a \$32 million investment
- A new 24/7 Medicare telehealth service for all Australians
- Making it easier to see a GP for free







## The Wiggles come to Noble Park!

The Noble Park Community Centre always hosts a great celebration, but it was extra special when Fox FM's 'Brekky in the Burbs' came to town.

Safe to say this was my kids' all-time favourite work event... because The Wiggles was there! The turnout was incredible, with many families and locals dropping by to kick off their days.

Huge thanks to the sponsors and volunteers for the coffee and toasties, and congrats to the NPCC team for keeping the community spirit alive!



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