



# GRIFFITHS FOR GOYDER

WORKING FOR YOU IN GOYDER



**Steven Griffiths MP**  
**Member for Goyder**



## 2,396 sign road funding petitions

A petition signed by 2,396 people calling on the State Government to provide additional funding for roads throughout the Goyder electorate was presented in Parliament on Thursday, 29 October 2009.

Since being elected as the Member for Goyder in 2006 I have contacted the Minister for Transport many times pleading with the State Government to provide additional funding for vital repair and maintenance works to be carried out on the many deteriorating roads that exist within the electorate.

After meeting with Transport SA representatives in August to discuss State Government controlled road networks it was evident that recent repairs to a section of the St Vincent Highway would exhaust most of the funds allocated to Goyder this year.

The lack of funding means other roads needing attention within the Adelaide Plains and Yorke Peninsula will continue to deteriorate and put lives at risk.

Transport Minister Patrick Conlon has also reiterated that Transport SA have no plans to review speed limits on several Yorke Peninsula roads to increase the limit from 100km/h to 110km/h - clearly due to their poor condition.

The RAA has identified there is a \$200 million backlog on road maintenance in SA and our electorate needs a large share of that.

It is now up to the State Government to respond following the petition being presented to them. It will be contemptible for them to continue to ignore South Australians and their families who travel on regional roads.

I am certain you will agree with me that it is time the city-centric Rann Government invested in our regional communities rather than wasting money on government advertising and trams.



■ Steven studies the petition calling for additional funding for our roads.

## Health Advisory Councils

There are three Health Advisory Councils (HAC) within the Goyder electorate; Balaklava-Riverton, Northern Yorke Peninsula and Yorke Peninsula.

Currently input from the community into a 10 year health service plan is being sought. For the plan to identify the needs of the community accurately, I encourage you to have your say. It is important that your ideas for making our community a healthier place are submitted to your local HAC (particularly after the Country Health Plan threatened to downgrade services throughout regional SA last year).

To complete a [10 Year Health Service Survey](http://www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au) visit [www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au](http://www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au) and follow the links to your relevant region or contact the Goyder Electorate office on 8832 2455 for your local HAC details.

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## Tourism worth millions to our region

In November a new 'Recharge Getaways' tourism campaign inspiring South Australians to holiday at home was launched.

\$7.8 million on tourism marketing will be spent this year to promote our State throughout Australia.

Tourism within our region is vital in supporting small business and providing people with jobs locally.

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of South Australia and the figures prove many agree.

In 2008 there were an estimated 475,000 overnight visitors to the Yorke Peninsula tourism region who stayed more than 1.7 million nights, with an estimated total spending of \$139 million.

With increasing tourist numbers comes an increasing need for a diverse range of accommodation options.

Recently I had the honour of officially opening a new Bed and Breakfast at Moonta, "Amelia's", which is the result of several years of hard work by Tim and Elaine Love to bring one of the original cottages up to an exceptionally high standard of accommodation.

It is a marvellous effort by Tim and Elaine and "Amelia's" is just one of the many wonderful accommodation options our region offers to ensure visitors enjoy their experience within the area.

The work being done in our region to invest in holiday and short break accommodation is a credit to all involved.

More information on accommodation options and visitor attractions on Yorke Peninsula and the Adelaide Plains can be obtained from the following websites:

[www.southaustralia.com/YorkePeninsula](http://www.southaustralia.com/YorkePeninsula)

[www.adelaideplainsmarketing.com.au](http://www.adelaideplainsmarketing.com.au)

or phone the local Visitor Information Centre:

Copper Coast - **1800 654 991**

Yorke Peninsula - **1800 202 445**



**Above:** Steven and Donna Griffiths at the opening of "Amelia's" Bed and Breakfast at Moonta with proprietors Tim and Elaine Love.



**Right:** Steven presents Mick Vort-Ronald with a Parliamentary Medalion in recognition of the many years of service to the tourism industry within the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula region.

## It was great to see you at the 2009 YP Field Days



The Yorke Peninsula Field Days held at Paskeville at the end of September were an amazing success again this year.

It was great to speak to so many different people over the three day event.

Together with my staff we were able to chat to hundreds of people and listen to some of the current government issues that are of concern to them.

Certainly within the Goyder Electorate roads and water are at the top of the list!

As your local State Member of Parliament I encourage you to contact my office if you require assistance with any State Government matter. My staff and I are here to help.

I commend the efforts of all involved in making the YP Field Days a success, from committee members to volunteers. Without the hard work you put in we wouldn't have an event that gains such great recognition.

**Left:** Steven catches up with Ian & Kate Gunn at his site at the YPFD in September.

## ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

The devastating Victorian bushfires in February this year, and indeed the recent fires on Yorke Peninsula including Paskeville and Curramulka, have provided a renewed focus for bushfire preparedness in South Australia.

In March a Bushfire Task Force was established and initiatives and recommendations put forward by the Task Force have now been implemented to raise South Australia to a increased state of fire readiness.

Key initiatives include:

- A new telephone and text messaging warning system—alerts relating to the most severe fire threats will be sent to landline and mobile phones for the 2009-10 bushfire season.
- The adoption of a new national framework for fire warnings which include an enhances Fire Danger Rating system incorporating a new category of Catastrophic (Code Red) and new warning categories.
- New legislation simplifying the rules about managing native vegetation for bushfire prevention.
- The introduction of a new theme - PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE, to reinforce the message that people won't survive a bushfire unless they are prepared and take the appropriate actions to survive.

Being 'Bushfire Ready' is a shared responsibility between governments and the community. Ensure that you are well prepared and stay informed to assist in making decisions to improve your safety and chances of survival. Information is available from:

**CFS website [www.cfs.gov.au](http://www.cfs.gov.au) or you can phone the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline: 1300 362 361**

## Television Reception

Television reception has been an ongoing issue for many years, particularly for those residing on the west coast of Yorke Peninsula and the Copper Coast, and is an issue that is raised with my office often.

Residents want an answer on if the Federal Government will make funding available to implement infrastructure in the region to improve television reception.

Senator Stephen Conroy, Federal Minister for Communications, has failed to provide a straight-forward answer following my many letters to him.

Furthermore, a petition relating to digital television services signed by 382 residents within the Copper Coast region presented to Senator Conroy earlier this year has also failed to prompt an informative response from the Federal Government.

The two key issues that have been raised relating to television reception are; the digital television switchover timetable and the commercial television broadcasting licence areas.

I am told that the government will ensure no viewers will lose access to television services in the process of switching to digital only broadcasting. In areas of signal deficiency this is a concern with residents.

Within the Goyder Electorate there are three broadcasting licence areas. The Kadina-Moonta-Wallaroo area are located within the Spencer Gulf North licence area, SYP communities are within the Remote Central and Eastern Australia licence area, and the regions between Hardwicke Bay and Port Hughes and the Adelaide Plains is within the Adelaide licence area.

Without the full details it is hard to understand how broadcasting services are licensed. If you are interested in obtaining more information please contact my office on 8832 2455.

I will continue to work to resolve the problems experienced with television reception.

## Our fantastic volunteers recognised at SA Great Regional Awards

YP Community Transport and Services were recognised at the SA Great Regional Awards held at Clare on 5 November 2009.

The award is very deserving and it is fantastic to see that the small group of dedicated volunteers have been acknowledged in such a way.

The group of volunteers are known as Bus Companions and provide support and care to all clients travelling to Adelaide for medical appointments on the Health Bus which runs five days a week.

Often for the Bus Companions and the driver it is a 12 hour day. Regional co-ordinator, Julie Mason, said the volunteers involved do a wonderful job and without them the service would not exist.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information about the Health Bus and the services it provides contact **1300 132 932**.



■ YP Community Transport & Services receive the Westpac Community Group Award at the SA Great Regional Awards In November.

## Apply for concessions online

Applying for concessions has been made faster and easier through an online concession application form.

If you receive an eligible payment from Centrelink or the Department for Veterans Affairs, you can now apply on-line for a concession on your council rates, water and sewerage rates and/or an energy concession at [www.sa.gov.au/concessions](http://www.sa.gov.au/concessions).

On 1 October 2009 the **Residential Parks Concessions Scheme** was introduced. Eligible residents of residential parks including caravan parks are now entitled to receive concessions on energy, water and council bills.

You may be eligible for one or more types of concession if you are:

- a pensioner
- live in a residential park
- a full time student
- receiving an eligible Centrelink benefit
- receive a benefit from the Department of Veteran's Affairs
- a low income earner (income limits apply)
- a Seniors Card holder

Concessions for Seniors Card Holders:

You may be eligible for the following State Government concessions:

- Council rates
- Emergency Services Levy
- Energy
- Land Tax
- Public Transport

Remember to visit [www.sa.gov.au/concessions](http://www.sa.gov.au/concessions) or phone the **Concessions Hotline on 1800 307 758**

## Grants



Above: Steven with SYP Active Kids at Yorketown who were successful in their application for an Active Club program grant for \$8,000.

On Friday, 6 November 2009, I visited the SYP Active Kids group at Yorketown. They were successful in their application for an Active Club grant. SYP Active Kids received \$8,000 through the program for the purchase of new equipment.

Within the Goyder Electorate the Arthurton Basketball Club was also successful in obtaining funding through the Active Club program for \$12,740 to go towards a fencing upgrade. The Hamley Bridge Cricket Club also received \$7,000 for equipment.

The Office for Recreation and Sport have several funding programs including:

**Active Club Program** - Open 27 March 2010 – Close 10 May 2010.

Provides financial assistance to South Australian not for profit community based active recreation and sporting organisations.

**Volunteer Scholarships** – Nominations for all categories will open early 2010.

- Wendy Ey Memorial Coaching Scholarships for Women
- Sport Coaching and Officiating Scholarships
- Individual Sport and Recreational Volunteer Scholarships
- Sport and Recreation Associations Volunteer Scholarships

For more information on these grants, including guidelines and application forms visit [www.recsport.sa.gov.au](http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au) or contact my office on **8832 2455**.

Different funding programs open throughout the year so don't forget to visit my website [www.stevengriffiths.net](http://www.stevengriffiths.net) for current grant and funding information.

I am also happy to assist with letters of support to go with applications for community projects.

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