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I am extremely humbled to be re-elected as the Member for Goyder and honoured to be able to represent you again over the next four year term.

Since being elected into State Parliament in 2006 I have worked very hard in my role and I am grateful that people within the electorate have supported me in my work.

I acknowledge that there are many improvements needed for our communities in Goyder and I will continue to fight for the improvement of our road networks, upgrading of the water supply and for our health and social services.

Contact from constituents about local and personal issues is also a very large and important part of my job. I do my best to assist everyone who contacts me and find it very satisfying when I am able to help.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to working for you for the next four years as the Member for Goyder.



Donna and Steven Griffiths pictured with newly elected Liberal MLC, Jing Lee (left) on election night.

Draft 10 Year Health Service Plans open for public comment

Country Health SA's Draft 10 Year Health Service Plans for Yorke Peninsula and the Lower North are currently open for public comment.

The Draft Plans have been developed following the release of Minister Hill and the Rann Labor Government's Country Health Care Plan in 2008 which threatened to cut health services throughout regional South Australia.

It was at this time that communities made it clear to the State Government that they wanted to be involved in the planning of their health services. As a result Health Advisory Council's (HAC's) were established throughout the regions.

Last year the HAC's were charged with the responsibility of preparing 10 Year Health Service Plans for their local region. Within the Goyder Electorate there are three HAC's; Yorke Peninsula, Northern Yorke Peninsula and Balaklava Riverton, of which I have a representative on each to keep me informed of the discussions that are occurring.

Through the work of the HAC's, including consultation with the community and stakeholders, information has been gathered to identify both the service delivery gaps and the health priorities faced by the community.

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In both Draft Plans it has been clearly identified that communities do not want to lose the services they already have. I too believe it is crucial that we retain the health services that currently exist as once a service is lost it is usually a very hard fight to get it reinstated.

Members of the community have indicated the gaps in our health services include timely access to local GP's, mental health (drug and alcohol services), disability, aged care and transport assistance to access medical appointments/treatment.

These issues are addressed in the Draft Plans but I believe more details on the actions required need to be outlined for improvements to occur within these services.

I urge everyone to review their local 10 Year Health Service Plan and make comment. Closing date for submissions is Friday, 4 June 2010.

For a copy of the Draft 10 Year Health Service Plan for Yorke Peninsula or a copy of the 10 Year Health Service Plan for the Lower North please contact my office or visit www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au and visit the Yorke Peninsula or Balaklava Riverton HAC page.

Coobowie School Retreat

Photo courtesy of YPCT



Former students: Rosemary Agnew, Raelene Morris & Steven.

I attended the opening of the Coobowie School Retreat recently. As a former student of the Coobowie Primary School it was fantastic to see the work that has been carried out over three years to transform the school building into tourist accommodation.

The School Retreat is a fine example of the wonderful work undertaken to benefit tourism within the region by the many proactive communities in our electorate.

Marine Parks



In February Marine Park Local Advisory Groups within the region called on the community to be involved in the planning of the local marine parks.

Public comment was invited and people were encouraged to have their say on the sanctuary zones that will be established within each marine park. (The feedback form is still available online at <http://marineparkssa.ning.com>)

Information collected from the community is currently being collated and the second meeting of Marine Park Local Advisory Groups will be held at the end of May at the following locations:

Upper Gulf St Vincent

Tuesday, 25 May 2010
Parham Sports Club, from 5-9pm

Western Yorke Peninsula

Wednesday, 26 May 2010
Minlaton Town Hall, from 5-9pm

Lower Yorke Peninsula

Thursday, 27 May 2010
Edithburgh Institute Supper Room, from 5-9pm

I believe conservation of our marine environment is vital to preserve it for future generations, however I believe it is important that our marine parks are developed so recreational and professional fisherman have access to our waters.

It is also important to remember that recreational fishing is vital to tourism on Yorke Peninsula which injects millions of dollars into the local economy each year.

SA History Week (21 - 30 May 2010)

SA History Week is a great opportunity for all South Australian communities to showcase their part in South Australia's rich and diverse history.

Within our Goyder Electorate there is plenty happening. Visit the Balaklava Museum to experience working demonstrations, such as chaff-cutting, ploughing and blacksmithing. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of council amalgamation a concert reminiscent of times past will be held at the Mallala Institute. Celebrate the history of Avon and the 50th birthday of the local district hall.

Perhaps take a visit to the Copper Coast, there is much to see and do with a history rich in mining and agriculture. In fact this year it is 150 years since copper was first discovered in the area. Go back in time at the Stansbury Museum where a local history display will be held in the original school room and headmaster's residence.

Well done to everyone involved in planning and presenting events on our local history. For more information on events being held during SA History Week visit www.historyweek.sa.gov.au

SA Water's Long Term Plan for Yorke Peninsula

SA Water's Draft Yorke Peninsula Long Term Plan has been released for public comment.

The Draft Plan has been released following SA Water sending out feedback forms to every property owner on Yorke Peninsula last year calling for people to be involved in the planning process. Approximately 630 forms were returned including suggestions relating to stormwater harvesting, desalination, water for development, infrastructure augmentation and private water harvesting schemes (rainwater tanks).

The Long Term Plan for Yorke Peninsula looks at current and projected potable water use and reviews options for the future to ensure demand can be met for the next 30 years.

Water is the most important issue facing all South Australian's. The burden imposed on the River Murray for our water supply is enormous and it is vital alternate options are developed to diversify our water sources.

For our communities to continue to grow and prosper water infrastructure is crucial. However, water and water infrastructure is lacking in many parts of the Goyder electorate. Currently there are 22 settlements on Yorke Peninsula without a reticulated water supply and deficient water infrastructure within the Adelaide Plains region continues to hamper industry expansion.

SA Water's Long Term Plan for Yorke Peninsula is open for public comment until Friday, 28 May 2010. For a copy of the Draft Plan contact the Goyder Electorate Office on 8832 2455 or visit www.sawater.com.au/SAWater/WhatsNew/MajorProjects/Yorke+Peninsula+Long+Term+Plan.htm

Copper Coast Water Augmentation Charges

SA Water's Copper Coast water augmentation charge rose from \$5,927 to \$9,310 per residential allotment in February 2010, a 57 per cent increase.

The decision by SA Water, which was signed off by the former Minister for Water Security, Karlene Maywald, will affect the price of residential land within the Copper Coast as developers pass on the cost.

SA Water implemented the augmentation charge to pay for future infrastructure between the holding reservoirs at Paskeville and the Copper Coast towns to accommodate projected increased demand through residential growth. However such a harsh increase makes it almost impossible for some development to occur.

Despite my numerous attempts for an explanation from the State Government on how such an enormous increase has been determined I am yet to be provided with a response. The lack of transparency is concerning.

Rex Minerals

One of the most exciting potential developments on Yorke Peninsula at the moment is Rex Minerals' copper-gold exploration at its Hillside site, south of Ardrossan near Pine Point.

Rex currently has six drill rigs at the site, which is indicative of just how seriously the company is taking its exploration effort there.

I meet regularly with the company's Managing Director, Steve Olsen and Government Relations Consultant Stephen Marlow and they keep me informed about the company's activities and plans. At our last meeting in early May, Mr Olsen told me there are many exploration targets along a 60-kilometre long strip parallel with the east coast of YP. It is possible that the current results at Hillside may be just the tip of an iceberg that would underpin the economic prosperity of YP for many, many years.

Community consultation and engagement will remain very important to Rex as it proceeds.

There's a lot to do before Rex is in a position to make a decision about mining but I'm comfortable that the company has a genuine commitment to work with the



Photo courtesy of Rex Minerals

Three of the six rigs currently operating at the Hillside site.

people of Yorke Peninsula in its planning.

An important part of this community engagement is the company's initiative in opening the doors of its Ardrossan office to the public on a regular basis to show some core samples and answer questions. The 'open office' is held on the second Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 5pm at 5a First Street, Ardrossan (next to the hospital op shop), the next date will be 9th June.

Grants

Move It! Making Communities Active Program opens Saturday 29 May 2010 and closes Saturday 12 July 2010.

The Move It program provides financial assistance to sport and active recreation organisations to run projects that target inactive people.

For more information go to www.recsport.sa.gov.au/grants-scholarships/move-it-program.html

Grant for Seniors - through the Office for the Ageing one off grants of up to \$5,000 to help older people be involved in their community and continue participating in activities of their choice are available. Funding is available for the purchase of equipment or materials, social or skill enhancing activities and fitness, sporting or educational programs.

Contact the Goyder Electorate office for more information on 8832 2455.

Community Benefit SA - opens Monday 26 July 2010 and closes on Monday 23 August 2010. Community Benefit SA assists disadvantaged individuals, families and communities by providing once-off project funding to incorporated, non-government, non profit, charitable and social welfare organisations.

For guidelines and application form go to www.dfc.sa.gov.au

Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program - opens 28 August 2010 and closes on 11 October 2010.

Funding for the development of new or existing sport or active recreation facilities. Sport and active recreation clubs/associations, Local Government Authorities and school councils are eligible to apply.

For guidelines and application form go to www.recsport.sa.gov.au or contact my office on 8832 2455.

Premier's Community Initiatives Fund - due to open in August 2010. *Keep an eye out!!*

Provides financial assistance for projects that benefit disadvantaged, disabled or socially isolated members of the community. Up to \$10,000 available to assist organisations to undertake a project.

Guidelines and application form available from www.premcab.sa.gov.au or phone my office for a copy.

Don't forget to visit my website www.stevengriffiths.net for grant and funding information.

I am also happy to assist with letters of support to go with applications for community projects contact the Goyder Electorate Office on 8832 2455.

NEXY Project

Photo courtesy of DTEI



Work on the Northern Expressway project is advancing ahead of schedule.

The Northern Expressway (NEXY) project is progressing ahead of schedule and the main alignment is due to be complete in September 2010.

Bridges at Port Wakefield Road, Penfield Road, Heaslip Road, Curtis Road, and Angle Vale Road, and an underpass at Two Wells Road have all be opened to minimise disruption on the local roads. Construction of all 15 major structures is nearing completion and the last bridge beams were placed on the Gawler River bridge in April.

The Northern Expressway website www.northernexpressway.sa.gov.au is regularly updated with all the latest news and traffic changes. If you would like any further information about the project you can also ring the **Information Line on 1300 658 621**.

Anzac Day



Photo courtesy of Carole Gill

Karen Schulz sings the National Anthem at the Pt Victoria Dawn Service.

ANZAC Day is a very special day for us all. It stirs up many emotions as we reflect on the significance of paying homage to those who fought, and continue to serve, to protect our freedom.

I can not even begin to imagine the emotions of the parents of these young Australian men and women who, in the prime of their lives, have served to ensure that the world is a safer place.

This year I had the honour of speaking at the Port Victoria Dawn Service. It makes me very proud to see the well attended Services around the nation.