



# GRIFFITHS FOR GOYDER

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## Steven Griffiths MP JP

Member for Goyder

Shadow Minister for Employment, Training & Further Education  
Shadow Minister for Youth  
Shadow Minister for Gambling  
Shadow Minister for Regional Development



Assisting with State issues including:

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- Transport
- Health
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- Education
- Regional Development
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## Dear Residents of Goyder

It has been a privilege to serve as the Member for Goyder since the State election in March 2006, taking over from the long serving John Meier. Being the Member for Goyder is the most important role I play in Parliament and I thank you for the opportunity to represent our local community and your interests.

In addition to my role as Member for Goyder and being your representative and voice in State Parliament, I have responsibility for four portfolio's, Shadow Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, Shadow Minister for Youth, Shadow Minister for Gambling, and have recently been appointed as Shadow Minister for Regional Development.

While all are important, having lived in regional areas all my life I am particularly keen to do all I can on improving economic growth, job creation, investment and exports for country SA.

It will be my job to liaise with the State's 13 regional development boards and converse with local industries and business adviser services to ensure regional South Australia is meeting its full economic and business growth potential.



**ABOVE: Steven at home with his wife Donna, daughter Kelsey and son Tyler (and dog Barley).**

## Tramline Protest



Approximately 300 people turned up to the tramline protest on the steps of Parliament House on 21st February 2007 to listen to speakers including Opposition Leader Iain Evans, and Opposition transport spokesman Martin Hamilton-Smith.

The main message was that the \$31 million tramline should be low on a list of priorities that includes water infrastructure, hospitals and policing.

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## Narungga language official launch at Moonta



**ABOVE: Point Pearce school Children at the launch**

On Friday, 9 February 2007, I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend the official launch of the new Narungga language resources, held at the Moonta Town Hall.

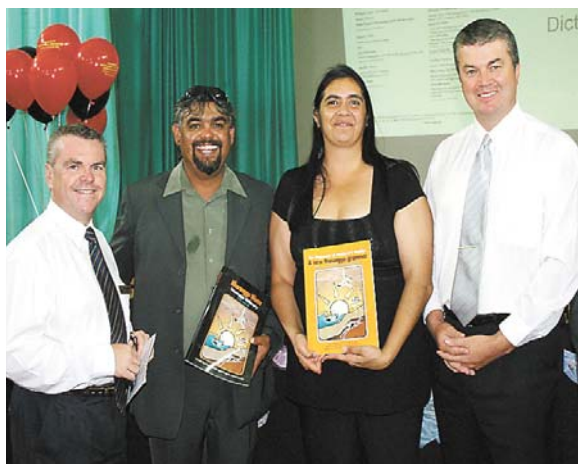
The launch celebrated an extensive seven year project undertaken by the Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association, with the assistance of dedicated reference group members, Narungga community and supporters who worked hard to help revive the Narungga language.

It is pleasing to see much

of the Narungga language has been re-discovered and resources have been put together to ensure the historical language is not lost and future generations continue to develop the language.

Resources include a children's dictionary, a set of children's readers and games, a grammar book, map, DVD and a group of trained Narungga language speakers.

The pride shown by the Narungga community, including Point Pearce school children certainly was inspirational.



**ABOVE: At the official launch, DCCC Mayor, Mr Paul Thomas, Mr Shane Warrior, Ms Tanla Wanganeen & Steven Griffiths, Member for Goyder.**

## Port Vincent Aquatics Centre



In a proposed State Budget cut of approximately \$2 million the Rann government is reviewing 11 aquatic centres for closure throughout South Australia, including Port Vincent. I believe it is financial management gone mad and it makes me question whether the government had decided to target our youth all in the name of contributing to the retention of the AAA credit rating.

A petition signed by almost 17,000 residents of South Australia, requesting the House of Assembly to urge the government to recognise aquatics as a legitimate and important part of the school curriculum and maintain funding to school swimming and aquatics programs, was presented in Parliament during February 2007.

The Port Vincent Aquatics Centre provides swimming programs for an estimated 5,000 children a year, and the 11 aquatic centres throughout the State may well be a result of South Australia having the lowest drowning rate in Australia.

If the centre were to close at the hands of the State Governments, job losses will be unmeasurable. It is estimated that 200 direct jobs across the State will be affected, with 20 of these jobs being at the Port Vincent Aquatics Centre. It is probable that more jobs losses within our community will occur as a consequence.

The funding cuts affect country people far more than those in the metropolitan area who have alternatives to the programs offered through schools.

It certainly will be devastating if the State Government proceed with the cuts and any of the 11 aquatic centres in SA close. The result will hurt our children and economic, regional and tourism growth.



*Photo's courtesy of Port Vincent Aquatics Centre*

## Equal Opportunity (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill



The Rann Government introduced the Equal Opportunity (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill on 26 October 2006 but it was deferred at the request of the Liberal Opposition to provide more time for public consultation as the Bill greatly encroached on an individual's rights to free speech.

The Liberal Party does not condone the vilification and victimisation of any group, but under Labor's proposed revised definition of the Bill members of community organisations such as churches could be prosecuted.

It has been one of the more significant and controversial Bills debated in Parliament and has caused a lot of agitation within the community. The State Liberals are opposed to much of the Bill as it seeks to legislate political correctness.

Together with my colleagues, I have received hundreds of letters from people urging me not to support the Bill. In this case one would hope the Government takes notice of the public concern this Bill has caused. We as Opposition have not managed to stop the legislation – although we voted against it in the House of Assembly the government had the numbers to win and the Second Reading passed.

This Bill is now in "Committee" stage which is where we have the opportunity to ask detailed questions on the individual clauses. It is expected that the Committee debate will now be delayed until the new parliament commences in May and that the Bill will by then be significantly amended.

## Primo skills must stay in Goyder

On the evening of Friday, 23 February 2007, a devastating fire gutted and caused an estimated damage bill of \$15 million to the Primo Abattoirs at Port Wakefield.

Management of Primo and the smallgoods industry are to be commended on their marvellous efforts following the disaster to ensure as many of their workers are placed back into the workforce while the facility is rebuilt.

An enormous amount of work has gone into developing a plan to provide Primo workers with temporary jobs. Currently 230 employees are working at the smallgoods site at Royal Park, 55 people are working at Murray Bridge and 20 others continue to be based at Port Wakefield.

With an estimated timeframe of 12 months to rebuild the Primo site at Port Wakefield it is vital that all of the skilled workers are retained.

I am aware that Primo has plans to further invest in the Port Wakefield plant and potentially employ around 700 people in the coming years, but it will need skilled workers to do this.

Primo have taken responsible steps to look after their workers who continue to use their skills within the industry.

## Goyder Electorate Office moves to Maitland

In January 2007 the Goyder Electorate Office moved from Wallaroo, to 51 Robert Street, Maitland. The building is shared with the Yorke Regional Development Board, making the office a very helpful and informative service to all constituents.

Having my office in Maitland makes it easier for me to travel throughout the Goyder electorate as it is centrally located.

My preference is to meet with constituents in person to discuss their issues and I am more than willing to travel throughout the electorate to do this.



ABOVE: Goyder Electorate Office staff, **Skye Launer, Kim Phillbey and trainee, Diantha Geroudis.**

The fire has been devastating for Primo, its employees and the communities in the region but the strength and determination of all involved to get the plant operating again is truly inspirational.

I trust Primo will rebuild the site at Port Wakefield and can continue to prosper regional South Australia and the local community.

*Photo courtesy of the Plains Producer*



ABOVE: **Steven Griffiths on-site at Primo after the disaster.**

## Regional Development

Goyder is a developing region and is creating many exciting opportunities for both business and local residents.

After a recent expansion, Balco's annual turnover has reached \$30 million dollars. Not bad for a company turning over just \$250,000 only 10 years ago. Balco's Managing Directors and staff continue to work hard making Balco an Adelaide Plains success story.

Wakefield Waters developer, Andrew Chapman, is excited about the proposed development of up to 3000 residential blocks planned to be built on the southern side of the existing township of Port Wakefield.

The investment by developers to construct a \$250 million international coastal resort at Port Hughes, "The Dunes", is a significant outcome for the Copper Coast region and our State as a whole. The Dunes project will provide up to 500 jobs throughout the construction stages and the spin-offs will be enormous.

The Wallaroo to Lucky Bay ferry service commenced in December 2006. The strong demand for the facility has established the operation as a huge success with almost 30,000 people using the ferry service in this time. The new larger ferry, Sea Scape 1, commenced operation on Monday 2 April 2007.



**ABOVE: Making development happen - Mayor James Maitland, Warwick Welsh, Paul Lederer & Robert Lederer from Primo, Member for Goyder Steven Griffiths & Phil Barry.**



**ABOVE: Andrew Chapman show the plans of Wakefield Waters & Steven takes a look at Balco operations.**

## Police

The lack of police numbers in regional SA is an ongoing issue and one that has not been addressed by the Government.

In 2004 the then Minister for Police, Kevin Foley, announced that an extra 200 police would be recruited over an 18 month period. It is totally unacceptable that now three years later nothing has been done to combat problems with police numbers regional areas have had to put up with for years.

The Government has promised 400 extra police in its second term but the Opposition is regularly hearing from people in country areas who are asking where are these extra police? Police Minister Holloway admits that it is getting harder to attract police to country SA but does not have the answers to fix the problem. The Opposition has lobbied the government on this issue and I will continue to put pressure on the Minister for Police to ensure regional SA is policed appropriately.



## Goyder

*The State Electorate of Goyder*

This regional district includes all of Yorke Peninsula and Adelaide Plains north of the Light River. Approximately 30,000 people live in the Goyder electorate.

**Area:** approx. 10 406.4km<sup>2</sup>



### Grants & Funding

Contact us for information on grants including:

- Recreation and Sport Facilities Program
- Active Club
- Premier's Community Initiatives
- SA History Fund
- Community Benefit SA
- Senior's Grants
- Arts SA
- SA Tourism

I am able to assist with letters of support to accompany grant applications.

Useful link: [www.grants.ord.sa.gov.au](http://www.grants.ord.sa.gov.au)

### Federal Government

Within the boundaries of the State seat of Goyder there are two Federal seats; Barry Wakelin MP is the Federal Member for Grey and David Fawcett is the Federal Member for Wakefield.

### Local Government

There are five council districts within the Goyder Electorate; District Council of Yorke Peninsula, District Council of the Copper Coast, District Council of Barunga West, Wakefield Regional Council and District Council of Mallala.