

Russell Northe MLA

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Community
Newsletter



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ANZAC DAY 2010



Darren Chester and Russell Northe with Traralgon RSL President Jim Saddington

April 25 brings with it many emotions for Australians.

I had the honour of attending a number of the services within the Morwell Electorate, and they each captured the sentiments of the day perfectly. Anzac Day is a time all members of the community can come together in a show of solidarity for our country, and our countrymen and women.

ANZAC Day is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

This year marks some significant anniversaries for Australia including the 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign, 65th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific as well as 50 years since the end of the Malayan Emergency and 60 years since the start of the Korean War. Many communities will be holding special ceremonies throughout the year marking these anniversaries.

The legacy of Anzac lies at the spiritual heart of his great nation – an eternal possession we should value and cherish always. It embodies the values of courage, determination and mateship, characteristics which define us all as Australians.

It is on Anzac Day that we remember the young lives lost and pay tribute to those Australians who have proudly served our country.

Their bravery has helped to enshrine Anzac Day as an occasion of remembrance and a time of reflection for all Australians.

As the years go on, it is essential that we encourage young Australians to understand the Anzac story and to ensure that it is passed to future generations.

Lest we forget.

Grants up for grabs

With a wide range of State and Federal Government grants available, Russell Northe has urged community members to search for funding opportunities through various outlets.

"There are a number of resources available, and you may be eligible for a grant if you are involved in a community group, sporting club, non-profit organisation, or you can apply as an individual with an interest in a certain area.

"The following websites are a good place to start when looking at available grants:

- <http://www.grants.dpced.vic.gov.au/>
- <http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>
- <http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx>
- <http://www.ausport.gov.au>

"I highly encourage everyone to check these websites whenever possible, because a number of grants have limited timeframes to apply and you may miss out.

"If you require any further information on applying for grants, or if you are seeking a letter of support, please feel welcome to contact my office at any time on 5133 9088."



Out & About



Russell with Peter McShane, Churchill Lions Club, Ruth Place, Churchill and District News, Alan Scarlett, Monash University, and Ed Vermeulen, Latrobe City Council.



Russell with the School Captains, House Captains and Prefects from Commercial Road Primary School, Morwell.



Russell with Max Williams from the Royal Exchange Hotel Cork Club.



Russell at ECG Traralgon's Graduation Ceremony with ECG CEO Bernadette O'Connor, Student of the Year Deirdre Morley, ECG Trainer Jo Sharp.

\$23.5 MILLION TO IMPROVE GIPPSLAND CANCER SERVICES

The Nationals Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester and State Member for Morwell Russell Northe have welcomed a \$23.5 million investment to improve and increase access to cancer treatment for local patients at the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre (GCCC) and Rotary Centenary House.

The plan will see \$22 million spent on the expansion of the GCCC to provide an additional 414 radiation treatments and 8000 chemotherapy treatments per year.

A further \$1.5 million will go towards the Stage Two expansion at Rotary Centenary House to construct nine family units for recovering cancer patients from right across Gippsland. "The opening of the GCCC four years ago was a significant step forward in improving access to cancer treatment for Gippsland patients," Mr Chester said.

"Local patients have shared with me their positive experiences as a result of being able to access such high quality care and treatment whilst remaining in their local community rather than travelling to Melbourne."

Mr Chester said particular commendation should go to the committee of Rotary Centenary House and wider Latrobe Valley community who have worked tirelessly to fundraise for the facility.

"We are lucky to have such an outstanding asset in Latrobe Valley as Rotary Centenary House and I am pleased the Minister has recognised the outstanding and selfless efforts of the committee and local community in establishing the facility," Mr Chester said.

Mr Northe paid tribute to the staff of both facilities that provide exceptional care and treatment for hundreds of patients from right across Gippsland each year.

"Being diagnosed with cancer has a huge impact on one's family and friends and in regional areas particularly, it can affect the whole community," Mr Northe said.

"I'm sure the expansion of both facilities will go a long way towards making sure more Gippslanders have local access to high quality care and cancer treatment."



Russell Northe and Darren Chester discuss hospital funding with Peter Craighead, CEO, Latrobe Regional Hospital.

IN PARLIAMENT THIS MONTH



Russell Northe spoke on the following issues:

- The need to increase bed numbers at Latrobe Regional Hospital
- Ensuring that Gippsland/Latrobe Valley receives its fair share of funding from the Government's proposed increase in landfill levies
- The Coalition's plan for providing additional police resources for Victoria
- Enhancing the rights for Victims of Crime
- The role regional Victoria will play as Victoria's population grows into the future

Click on 'Speeches' on Russell Northe's website to view his Parliament contributions.

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