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Community Newsletter



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\$200,324 BOOST FOR SCHOOLS IN THE MORWELL ELECTORATE

The Victorian Coalition Government is investing a total of \$200,324 on maintenance at three schools in the Morwell electorate.

The Victorian Coalition Government's significant funding boost to three schools as part of a broader \$23 million investment in school maintenance across Victoria.

The money will go towards upgrading schools buildings which have been identified as needing maintenance works.

- Kosciuszko Street Primary School, Traralgon will receive \$92,978 towards maintenance for the school's Block A building.
- Yinnar Primary School will receive \$100,375 towards maintenance for the school's Block A building.
- Yinnar South Primary School will receive \$6,971 towards maintenance of one of the school's relocatable buildings.



Russell with George Telford, Yinnar Primary School principal advising what some of the school maintenance funding will be used on.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS DRIFFIELD COMMUNITY MEMORIAL

The Victorian Coalition Government is investing \$10,400 from the \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund in a memorial to commemorate the history of the township of Driffield.

The aim of the Emerging Driffield Interpretation project is to create an informative and attractive historical display to be located on a prominent roadside reserve near Yinnar, beside the Strzelecki Highway, which overlooks the original location of the township.

Latrobe City Council will contribute \$5,000 towards the project, with the balance of funds and in-kind support provided by Yinnar and District Community Association and the Mirboo North and District Community Bank.

Russell with Yinnar and District Community Association member, John Harris and Driffield resident Barry Bond looking at plans for the memorial project.



Out & About



Great to recently catch up with representatives of the Gippsland International Women's Group and the Senior Citizens of the Greek Orthodox Church, to advise they will each receive \$5,000 to assist with transport to and from activities.



Russell with members of the Churchill and District Community Association to announce \$8,000 to combat graffiti at the underpass in Churchill. The project will involve the appointment of an artist to produce a mural.

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NEW FIRE STATION FOR GLENGARRY EAST AND COWWARR

New CFA stations have been officially opened at Glengarry East and Cowwarr boosting emergency response capabilities for the region.

The Coalition is building a better and safer Victoria and enhancing emergency response capabilities for Morwell and surrounding areas.

The new \$275,000 Cowwarr fire station, along with the \$233,000 Glengarry East fire station form part of the Victorian Coalition Government's commitment to invest \$125 million over the past three years to upgrade 250 CFA stations across the state.

The new stations would provide both brigades with enhanced facilities, increasing their capacity to protect the local community.

These new stations will be a great community resource and have been designed to meet the region's current and future needs.

It will help the Cowwarr and Glengarry East Fire Brigades increase community protection as well as lift brigade morale.

These stations now provide both brigades with a one-and-a-half bay motor rooms, improved meeting and training facilities, water tanks, improved amenities and hard surfaces for car parking.



Top - Russell with Cowwarr Captain, Andrew Iseppi at the official opening of the Cowwarr CFA station.

Bottom - Russell with Glengarry East Captain, Scott Langley at the official opening of the Glengarry East CFA station.



NEW CENTRE REENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LATROBE VALLEY

I recently had the pleasure of officially opening the new alternative learning centre for disengaged students from the Latrobe Valley.

The Latrobe Valley Flexible Learning Option (FLO), in Princes Drive, Morwell, begun delivering customised learning at the start of Term 3 and now has 38 students.

The FLO was established through a partnership between the three main government secondary colleges: Lowanna College, Kurnai College and Traralgon College.

The Latrobe Valley FLO is focused on reconnecting young people with education, engaging them in learning, and providing the individual support they need to overcome obstacles to successfully participate and complete an education or training pathway.

The FLO's strong links with existing government and community programs will lead to between life opportunities for disengaged young people from the Latrobe Valley.

The Flexible Learning Option received \$572,046 in Victorian Government funding for the new alternative learning centre.



Russell with FLO students and Principal, Brett Pedlow at the official opening of the Flexible Learning Option.

OUTBOUND CALL CENTRE DIALS UP JOBS FOR MORWELL

The Victorian Coalition Government has invested \$50,000 from the Regional Growth Fund towards the \$350,000 expansion of an outbound call centre at Morwell, which will boost the local economy and create jobs.

Spectrum Sales Business Expansion Project includes a \$350,000 centre investment involving fit-out, staff recruitment and training.

The expanded Morwell call centre currently has 44 full-time equivalent jobs and with continued business growth, the site will potentially employ up to 100 people in Gippsland in 2015.

Spectrum Sales recently was awarded a significant out-bound tele-sales service contract, and chose Morwell as the preferred location to deliver this contract, with support provided by the Coalition Government.

The growth of Spectrum Sales is a great economic boost for the Latrobe Valley region.



Russell with staff from Spectrum Sales announcing a \$50,000 investment involving a fit-out, staff recruitment and training.

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