

Russell Northe MLA

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Community
Newsletter



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LOCAL CLUBS IN LATROBE VALLEY RECEIVE FUNDING BOOST

Many sports and active recreation clubs across Latrobe Valley will benefit from funding as part of the second round of VicHealth's Active Club Grants program.

The grants, of up to \$3,000 each, aim to increase physical activity by making it easier for clubs to reach out to new participants and fund items or equipment that help them to improve safety.

These grants help clubs with expenses that are necessary, but sometimes not justifiable through tight budgets. It is fantastic that these clubs have been recognised for their role played within the community, and I commend them on receiving this funding.

In Victoria, half of all adults do not get enough exercise. As well as the physical benefits, research also shows that sport builds community pride and loyalty and offers people the chance to get involved, providing them with a positive sense of self-worth.

Regular physical activity not only protects against many illnesses, it also makes us mentally healthy, alert and resilient against the stresses of modern life.

The following clubs were among a total of 296 across Victoria to share in more than \$694,000 worth of VicHealth Active Club Grants:

Morwell Tigers Junior Football Club - \$2,912

Morwell Football Netball Club - \$2,880

Morwell Croquet Club - \$2,478

Yallourn North Bowling Club Inc - \$2,067

Morwell Cricket Club - \$1,947

Moe Golf Club - \$650

Morwell Netball Association - \$520

For more information about VicHealth's Active Clubs Grants, go to www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/activeclub

Out & About



With Member for Narracan, Gary Blackwood, President of Make Moe Glow, Marilyn May and Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath at the official launch of the Moe 2015/16 Itineraries Group Travel.



Great to call past LV Enterprises with my colleague, Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath and get a first hand look at the new 3D printer from Guy Webb.

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New website

My new website has now gone live at www.russellnorthe.com.au

The new site is mobile friendly, contains copies of media releases, a sign up for my digital community newsletter and community events.

If you have a community event that you would like displayed on my website please email through details to russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au

You can also keep up to date via my Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/russell.northe> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/RussellNortheMP> pages



Visit from Leader of the Nationals, Peter Walsh



Pleased to have Peter Walsh, Leader of the Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture in town recently to visit some local businesses. Peter, Melina Bath (Member for Eastern Victoria Region) and I visited Australian Paper's De-Inking Plant and Lion Dairy Australia, both businesses have previously received funding from the Coalition Government.

2015 REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARDS KICK OFF

The Regional Achievement and Community Awards have been launched for 2015.

The awards encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contribution individuals, businesses, groups and organisations are making in regional and rural Victoria.

The Awards highlight the valuable contribution people make towards building a stronger and better local community. There are many wonderful initiatives that deserve to be honoured with a nomination.

Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award
- VACC Regional Safety Award
- Parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award
- Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award
- Ricoh Australia Customer Service Award
- Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award
- Federation Training Gippsland Regional Achiever Award
- South West TAFE and Deakin University South West Regional Achiever Award
- Regional Development Victoria Leadership and Innovation Award
- MOA Benchmarking Community Service in Aged Care Award

We have many individuals, groups, programs and businesses worthy of nomination in Gippsland, so I encourage the community to make a nomination.

Category winners will each receive \$2,000 from Bank of Melbourne or an airtime package on the Prime 7 network.

Nominations close on Friday 24 July 2015. For more information about the Awards or to nominate you can phone 03 9720 1638 or visit <http://www.awardsaustralia.com/regional-achievement-community-awards/vic>



IN PARLIAMENT

Last month in Parliament I spoke on:

Morwell Fire Brigade

I had the opportunity in Parliament to recognise the Morwell Fire Brigade's centenary of service to our community and our wonderful ladies auxiliary.

Barrier Breakers

I raised concerns in respect to Barrier Breakers and the cessation of funding from 1 July 2015. The Coalition Government previously provided \$100,000 in funding and pledged \$120,000 if re-elected in November 2014.

Morwell Rotary Club Changeover Dinner

I had the opportunity in Parliament to recognise the efforts of the Morwell Rotary Club and congratulate past and present Presidents, Tom Shanahan and Jen Rowley on the wonderful work they do.

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