Dear Friend,

Hello and welcome to the June edition of my e-newsletter. Please feel free to forward this to your family and friends who may be interested in State Government activities in and around Prahran.

I am pleased to inform you that the Planning Minister has approved the proposed new Stonnington planning scheme. This scheme will apply the tough new Neighbourhood Residential Zone to much of our municipality which will protect our low rise heritage precincts from the rampant development encouraged by Melbourne 2030 under the previous Government.

It is a great win for our community and it will ensure that the neighbourhoods we all love will be forever protected.

You can read more about the new residential zones [here](#).

This weekend, I’ll be chatting with locals in South Yarra at my regular street stall about the Melbourne Rail Link and plans for a new underground station at Domain. Please stop by if you need assistance with anything or would like to provide feedback.

Date: Saturday 21st June

Time: 11:30am

Location: Corner Domain Road and Park Street, South Yarra

Best wishes,

[Signature]

Queens Rd / St Kilda Rd Traffic Forum

A number of residents have recently approached me regarding traffic congestion on Queens Lane. It appears that traffic congestion in this precinct is at an unacceptably high level which makes it difficult for residents during peak hours.

Recently, I met with the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Gary Blackwood and representatives from VicRoads to seek a solution to the concerns raised by residents. To further progress these
residents. To further progress these discussions, I will be holding a community forum where you can provide your feedback on traffic congestion in the area or raise any other issue.

Date: Thursday 19th June, 2014
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Tradeblock Café, Victorian College for the Deaf, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne (entrance is on High Street)

I look forward to seeing you there.

Chapel Street Information Kiosks Launched

Visitors to our vibrant area will be able to fully explore one of Melbourne’s premier shopping and tourism drawcards following this week’s launch of outdoor information kiosks in Chapel Street.

These two new 24-hour kiosks will significantly improve the overall experience for visitors exploring Chapel Street’s wealth of famous fashion outlets, entertainment venues, restaurants and bars.

The Chapel Street Outdoor Information Kiosks will:

- Increase visitor dispersal from South Yarra to Prahran and Windsor;
- Improve the visitor experience for the area by providing a site map, visitor routes and local business directory;
- Promote local businesses in a single market platform;
- Provide an interactive medium for businesses to communicate directly with potential customers; and
- Include an advertising touch point that allows visitors to find out about current promotions and products.

South Yarra to St Kilda Water Main Renewal

Melbourne Water is planning to replace a three kilometre water main between South Yarra and St Kilda and is inviting members of the community to hear more about the project at three information sessions in June.

The new main will provide water to around 97,000 homes and businesses from South Yarra to Port Melbourne and will serve current and future demand. The existing water main was constructed in the 1890s, making it one of Melbourne’s oldest operational water mains. We expect construction to start in the second half of 2014 and works will take a year to complete.

Further information about the project and the community information sessions can be found here.

Wireless Mobile Coverage Extended in City Loop

Premier Denis Napthine has recently announced that the Victorian Coalition Government has reached an agreement with Optus, Telstra and Vodafone to extend mobile coverage to the City Loop tunnels.

For the first time, metro rail passengers will have high-quality mobile coverage throughout the City Loop tunnels and its underground stations. By the end of 2014, Phase 1 will deliver 3G wireless services. Phase 2 in 2015 will deliver the full solution for all carriers to provide 4G wireless...
This project builds on the improvements to the metropolitan rail system already implemented by the Coalition Government. Since coming to government we have improved on-time performance, reduced overcrowding and from next year we will be making public transport cheaper through reducing the cost of travel across Zones 1 and 2 to the same cost as Zone 1.

In Parliament

In Parliament, I have recently spoken about:

- Protective Services Officers at Hawksburn Station;
- Coal seam gas exploration;
- Planning zone reforms;
- Better Hearing Australia; and
- The 2014/15 State Budget.

To view all of my speeches in Parliament, click here.

After each Parliamentary sitting week, I post a summary of the proceedings on my website here.

An archived list of all Bills debated during this term of Government can be accessed here.