



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Julian Hill MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRUCE



Meet up with Julian

Julian regularly attends local shopping precincts as a convenient way for you to raise any issues.

Sunday 10 November

- Casey Central Shopping Centre, **Narre Warren South** (outside Coles) 12:45pm to 1:45pm
- Parkhill Plaza, **Berwick** (outside Coles) 2:00pm to 3:00pm
- Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre (near Woolworths) 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Saturday 16 November

- Autumn Place shops, **Doveton** (outside FoodWorks) 8:45am to 9:30am
- Brady Road shops, **Dandenong North** 9:45am to 10:30am
- Spring Square Shopping Centre, **Hallam** (outside Coles) 10:45am to 11:30am
- Marco's IGA, Oakview Boulevard, **Narre Warren North** 11:45am to 12:30pm

Drop by if you're in the area and have a few minutes to chat.

A million new jobs

The latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that **1,039,300 jobs** have been created since the federal Labor government came to office in 2022. In the last month alone **64,100 jobs** were created.

These results are a tribute to Australian workers and employers, and a testament to the government's focus on responsible economic management.

This is the first time ever in Australia's history that any government has overseen the creation of a million new jobs in a single parliamentary term.

The majority of the new jobs are full-time, around half are for women, with a record low pay

gap now between women and men.

There's nothing more important than having a properly paid job. And that's what the federal government is delivering. Labor wants you to earn more and keep more of what you earn.

In harsh contrast, Peter Dutton would make life harder for people, by cutting wages and conditions and making it easier to get sacked.



New Dandenong headspace centre

headspace centres are one-stop-shops for young people who need help with mental health.

headspace provides free early intervention support to help people aged 12 to 25 years old get back on track. There are headspace centres in Dandenong and Narre Warren, as well as online and telephone support. Visit www.headspace.org.au or call **1800 650 890**.

Congratulations

Julian can arrange congratulations for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Depending on the occasion, messages of congratulation can be arranged from the Prime Minister, Premier of Victoria, Governor of Victoria, Governor-General, and the King for:

- 90th birthdays
- 100th birthdays
- 50th wedding anniversaries
- 60th wedding anniversaries
- 65th wedding anniversaries
- 70th wedding anniversaries.

Please contact Julian at least four weeks prior to the event.

Pensions Guide Free information for older Australians

Julian Hill's Pensions Guide booklet contains up-to-date details about current entitlements, payments and services. Including:

- Age Pension
- Aged Care
- Carer Allowance
- Centrelink
- Seniors Health Card
- Concession cards
- Grandparent carers
- HomeCare Packages.

To get your free copy of the Pensions Guide, just call Julian on 9791 7770, or email julian.hill.mp@aph.gov.au

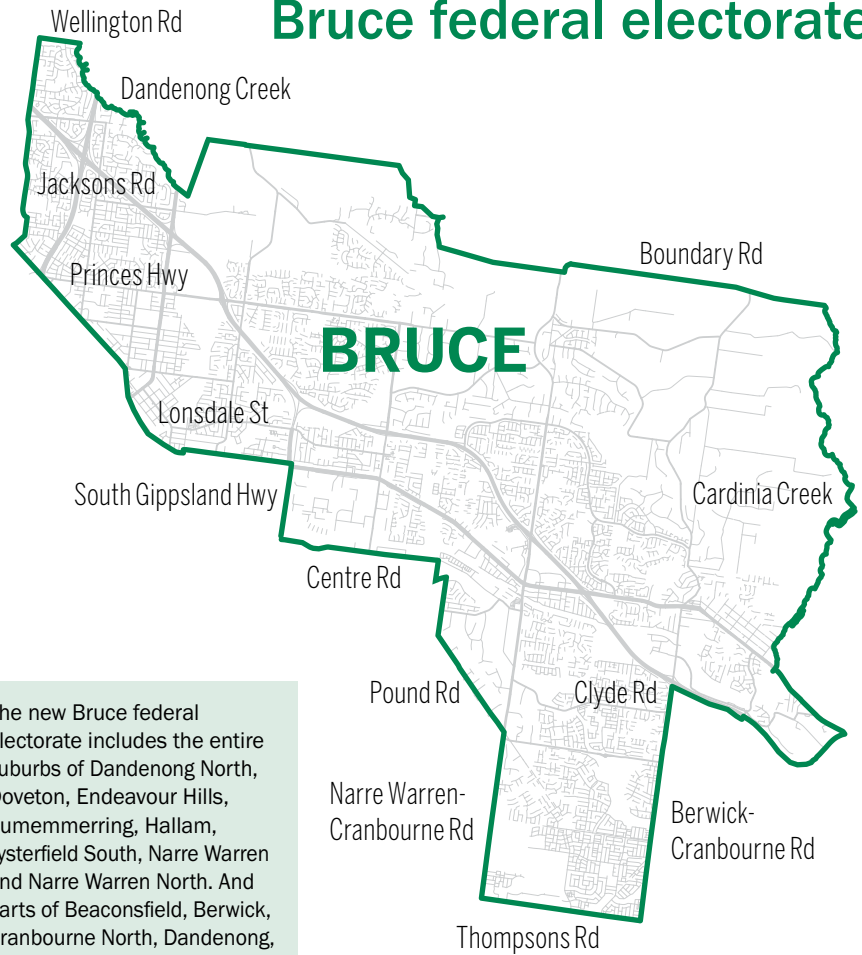
Please contact Julian anytime you want assistance, to discuss a local or national issue, or make a suggestion.

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Bruce federal electorate



The new Bruce federal electorate includes the entire suburbs of Dandenong North, Doveton, Endeavour Hills, Eumemmerring, Hallam, Lysterfield South, Narre Warren and Narre Warren North. And parts of Beaconsfield, Berwick, Cranbourne North, Dandenong, Harkaway, Mulgrave, Narre Warren South, Noble Park, and Noble Park North.



Julian is here to help you

As your representative in the Australian parliament and the Albanese government, Julian Hill is available to assist you with anything involving the federal government.

Julian is also here to help if you or your family encounter problems with government services.



Setting a minimum age for social media

The federal government will introduce a minimum age for access to social media to ensure Australian children are better protected from online harm and parents are supported.

Social media is causing harm and taking kids away from real friends and real experiences. And impacting on their safety and mental and physical health. Big tech companies should be held to account.

Parents want real solutions to help ensure young people can use the internet in a safe and positive way that supports their learning and their lives.



Getting on with upgrading Clyde Road

Construction work has started on the Clyde Road major upgrade to transform the way drivers get on and off the freeway and around this busy part of Berwick.

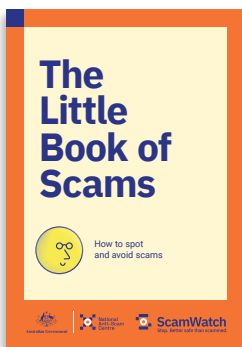
More lanes are being added on Clyde Road between the Princes Freeway and Kangan Drive, the existing overpass is being widened from 6 to 10 lanes, and the Kangan Drive and freeway intersections are being upgraded.

To enhance pedestrian safety, new and improved shared walking and cycling paths will be delivered as part of the upgrade.

Little Book of Scams

The Little Book of Scams is a great tool to help learn about scams, including:

- the most common scams to watch out for
- the different ways scammers can contact you
- the tools scammers use to deceive you
- the warning signs
- how to protect yourself against scams
- where you can find help.



The latest edition of The Little Book of Scams is now available in English and translated into 17 other languages. You can download it from www.scamwatch.gov.au or get the printed booklet posted to you for free by calling Julian Hill on 9791 7770 or email julian.hill.mp@aph.gov.au.



Artist's impression of the completed project.



Delightful event in Berwick with the South East Bangladeshi Cultural Foundation.



Thanking the dedicated Dandenong Hospital staff at the Rapid Relief Team free BBQ.



Celebrating 75 years of Australia Citizenship

The concept of Australian Citizenship was basically invented 75 years ago through the Nationality and Citizenship Act.

Before 1949 we were still considered to be British subjects in the then British Empire. But in 1949, the story of Australia, which goes back at least 60,000 years, had an important new chapter added to it. The first Australian citizenship ceremony took place at Albert Hall in Canberra.

In the 75 years since 1949, more than six million people, from over 200 nations across the globe have become Australian citizens. Today, over half of Australia's citizens have either been born overseas or have a parent born overseas.

The contribution to our society and economy of successive generations of migrants who have come to our shores is truly extraordinary. Every town, every suburb, every sporting club in our nation charts the success stories of migrants who have worked to build their lives and build a better Australia.

Whether we are citizens through birth or because we have chosen Australia as our new home, Australian citizenship is the common legal bond that binds us as a people. We all get one vote and are equal under the law.



Citizenship Ceremony with Melbourne Football Club at Casey Fields.



Media diversity matters

Bruce is one of the most multicultural places in Australia, and indeed the entire world. Embracing people from over 150 countries, speaking over 200 languages, with over 100 faith traditions.

An Australian is anyone committed to our country and to the principle of mutual respect for other Australians. Despite our astounding human diversity, we have far more in common than we have difference.

But we need to show this through the stories we share on screen, on air and in print, the opinions we seek and offer, and the people who appear. Media Diversity Australia research in 2022 showed that more than 78% of TV reporters and presenters have an Anglo-Celtic background and only 6% have either an Indigenous or non-European background.

SBS found that multilingual audiences who feel represented in the news are more likely to feel a sense of belonging. It's interesting that SBS is Australia's most trusted news service.

There is so much for us as Australians to be proud of and celebrate. But in doing so we should also take stock. The truth is that many Australians from diverse backgrounds still don't get the fair go we all deserve and expect.



Mid-Autumn Festival fun. Tai Chi is great for physical and social wellbeing.



Happy playgroup for newly arrived families at Doveton College.



Visiting the Community Hub at Fleetwood Primary School in Narre Warren.



New netball courts and classrooms at Harkaway Hills College in Narre Warren North.



Chisholm TAFE at Berwick and Dandenong provides skills training for the jobs of the future.

Staying safe in extreme heat

Prevent heat-related health problems by keeping cool and staying hydrated during hot weather.

- use air conditioning if available
- electric fans can help cool the body when the indoor temperature is below 39°
- keep your skin wet using a spray bottle or damp sponge
- soak a towel in cool tap water and wrap it loosely around your head
- take cool showers or foot baths with cool tap water
- wrap ice cubes in a damp towel and drape around your neck
- wear light and loose-fitting clothing
- consider visiting an air-conditioned building such as a shopping centre or public library
- use blinds or curtains to block sun from shining directly through windows
- keep drinking water before you feel thirsty
- whenever you leave home always take a water bottle with you.

For more information, visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Download Australia's official weather app

Download the BOM Weather app for access to hourly and 7-day forecasts and warnings.

BOM Weather is free and ad free on mobile and tablet devices. Download from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Staying safe with the latest travel advice

Smartraveller, from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, helps Australians travel overseas safely, reduce their risks and avoid problems.

The www.smartraveller.gov.au website provides:

- official travel advisories for 178 destinations, with an advice level for each
- a subscription service for updates to travel advice
- general advice on a wide range of travel topics before you go
- general advice for while you're away, especially when things go wrong overseas
- information about Australia's consular services.

Updated travel advisories are available for most countries around the world. With an overall advice level to each, based on the level of risk Australians may face there. You can subscribe to get an email when the advice for your destinations is updated. This is a free service.

For 24-hour consular emergency assistance for Australians abroad, call **+61 2 6261 3305** from overseas or **1300 555 135** from within Australia.

Easing cost-of-living pressures

The federal government is firmly focused on helping people with the cost of living and fighting inflation.

Everyone who pays income tax is now getting a tax cut. All households are getting electricity bill rebates. And the government has got wages moving again.

Only Labor believes you deserve to earn more, and keep more of what you earn. That includes getting a fair go when you're shopping.

Holding the supermarkets to account

The ACCC has examined allegations of fake discounts on hundreds of products like snacks, dishwashing detergent, and mouthwash.

The government is providing the ACCC with more funding to crack down on supermarkets misleading customers.

Cracking down on 'shrinkflation'

The practice of 'shrinkflation' – where the size of a product is reduced but the price at the supermarket is the same or even increases – is becoming increasingly common.

That's why the government is strengthening the unit pricing rules to ensure supermarkets provide the information Australians need to find the best deal.

Unit pricing helps consumers spot good value by being able to see the price of products by volume, weight or per unit.

Tackling excessive card surcharges

The rise of electronic payments means that more Australians are getting slugged by surcharges.

Consumers shouldn't be penalised for using cards or digital payments, and small businesses shouldn't have to pay hefty fees just to get paid themselves.

The government has instructed the ACCC to tackle excessive surcharges, with further work underway to reduce payment fees.

Stopping rip offs from unfair practices

From concert tickets to hotel rooms and gym memberships, Australians are fed up with businesses using tricky tactics that make it difficult to end subscriptions, or add hidden fees to purchases.

The government is also taking action to stop businesses ripping off Australians by banning unfair trading practices under the Australian Consumer Law.



Irreecha Day Festival at Wilson Botanical Park, Berwick.



Hindu message of good over evil at the Dussehra Festival.



Unfurling the Premiership flag at Dandenong West Cricket Club.



At Lysterfield Lake. The annual Aussie Bird count enables people of all ages and experience head outdoors to have fun getting to know their local birds and collect information about the birds around us.