



THE BRUCE BULLETIN

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A better future for all Australians

Australians deserve better than three more years of Scott Morrison refusing to take responsibility, going missing in action, and blaming others for his mistakes.

Since the Liberal Party has been in government, it's harder and costs more to see a doctor. Labor built Medicare, and only Labor can be trusted to strengthen Medicare.

The Morrison government has neglected older Australians and the aged care system for nearly a decade. The only way to make aged care better is to change the government.

A Labor government will stop the neglect and put dignity, quality, and humanity back into aged care. With nurses on-site for 24 hours every day, more carers, and good food.

Labor will also stop the rorting of Home Care fees, with a strict cap on administration and management fees.

Corruption in the federal government has been growing in

recent years, and the Liberals have failed to take any action to tackle it. Only a Labor government will establish an independent National Anti-Corruption Commission without delay.

After all the sacrifices made during the pandemic, bushfires and floods, Australians deserve a better government and a better future.

Cost of living skyrocketing

Under Scott Morrison's Liberal government, the costs of essential items like food, housing, and petrol are skyrocketing. And electricity prices are spiking.

Australians can't afford another three years of rising costs and falling real incomes.

Pensioners and older Australians are bearing the brunt of Scott Morrison's cost of living crisis.

Labor's practical plans to address the cost of living crisis include cheaper electricity, more affordable child care and cheaper medicines.

A Labor government will freeze deeming rates at their current levels

for two years, protecting access to social security payments.

And with a Labor government, an additional 50,000 older Australians will be eligible for a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card from 1 July.

Child care costs are putting more strain on Australian families. Fees are up 41 per cent under the Liberals' broken child care system. A Labor government will reduce the cost of child care and make it easier for working families to get ahead.

Labor will use Australia's abundant renewable energy to deliver cheaper power to homes and businesses.

Millions of Australians will save \$12.50 on medical scripts with



Labor's commitment to slash the cost of common medications.

To ensure all Australians have access to affordable medicines, a Labor government will list every drug recommended by the independent experts on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).



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Voting in the federal election



Where to vote in Bruce on election day Saturday 21 May

If you can't make it to a polling booth on Saturday 21 May, you can apply for a postal vote, or vote early. For more information about voting, visit www.brucelabor.com

POLLING BOOTHS ARE OPEN 8AM–6PM

Berwick

- Berwick College 65 Manuka Road
- Berwick Fields Primary School 35 Gwendoline Drive
- Berwick Lodge Primary School 139 Mansfield Street
- Timbarra Community Centre Timbarra Way
- Timbarra P-9 College 159 Parkhill Drive

Cranbourne North

- Alkira Secondary College 15 Nurture Ave

Dandenong

- Dandenong High School Ann Street
- Dandenong Primary School 174 Foster Street
- Dandenong West Primary School 32 Birdwood Ave

Dandenong North

- Dandenong Stadium 270 Stud Road
- Lyndale Greens Primary School 1 Oakwood Avenue
- Lyndale Secondary College 14 Halton Road
- Rosewood Downs Primary School 25 Murray Road
- Wooranna Park Primary School 89 Carlton Road

Doveton

- Doveton College 62 Tristiana Street
- Holy Family Parish 100 Power Road

Endeavour Hills

- Chalcot Lodge Primary School Primrose Hill Close
- Gleneagles Secondary College 58 Reema Boulevard
- James Cook Primary School 29 James Cook Drive
- Mossgiel Park Primary School 71 Scotsburn Way

- Southern Cross Primary School 1 David Collins Drive
- Thomas Mitchell Primary School Thomas Mitchell Drive

Hallam

- Hallam Gardens Children's Centre 26 Nettle Drive
- Hallam Primary School 24 Harmer Road

Hampton Park

- Kilberry Valley Primary School 96 Warana Drive

Harkaway

- Harkaway Primary School 65 King Road

Mulgrave

- Mulgrave Primary School 23 Gladeswood Drive

Narre Warren

- Fleetwood Primary School 97 Fleetwood Drive
- Fountain Gate Primary School 7 Prospect Hill Road
- Maramba Primary School Maramba Drive
- Oatlands Primary School 79 Kurrajong Road

Narre Warren North

- Narre Warren North Primary School 15 A'Beckett Road

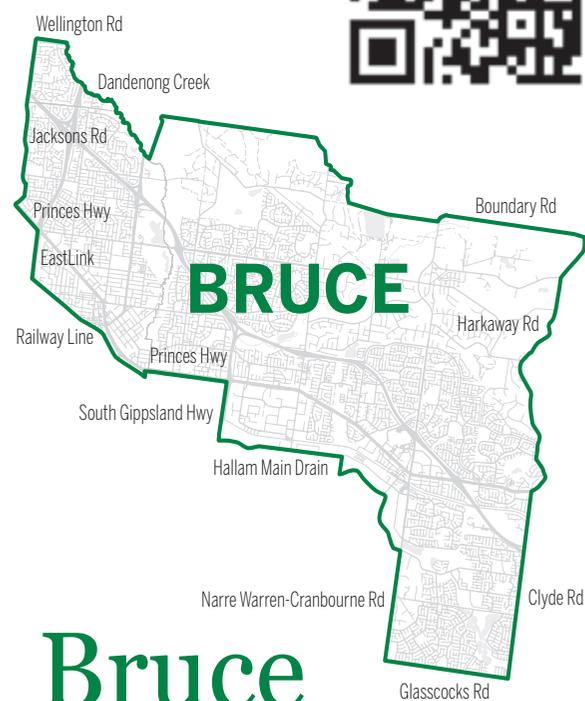
Narre Warren South

- Hillsmeade Primary School 82 The Promenade

Noble Park North

- Carwatha College 43 Browns Road
- Silvertown Primary School 77 Jacksons Road

Scan this QR code for your nearest polling booth



Bruce electorate

Following the 2021 redistribution, Bruce now includes the suburbs of:

Dandenong North, Doveton, Endeavour Hills, Eumemmerring, Hallam, Lysterfield South, Narre Warren and Narre Warren North. And parts of Berwick, Dandenong, Harkaway, Mulgrave, Narre Warren South, Noble Park and Noble Park North.



Fixing aged care

The Morrison government has neglected older Australians and the aged care system for nearly a decade. It's a national disgrace.

The Aged Care Royal Commission found a crisis of neglect. That's why they chose to name their first report 'Neglect'.

Labor's practical plans will make aged care better, end the neglect and ensure older Australians receive the quality care they deserve. Including:

- registered nurses on-site 24/7
- more carers with more time to care
- better food for residents
- backing a pay rise for aged care workers
- more transparency, so taxpayers' money goes on caring for residents
- heavy penalties to stop dodgy providers.

A nurse in every nursing home and more time to care

Labor will put nurses back into nursing homes. With a registered nurse in every home – 24/7 – and increased care time.

Too many aged care residents are stranded in soiled beds, denied adequate help to shower and eat, or missing out on wound care and medication management.

The Aged Care Royal Commission found unacceptable staffing levels in over half of nursing homes.

Despite these clear calls for action, the Morrison government has refused to deliver the Royal Commission's recommendations for increased nurses and care workers.

A Labor government will ensure dedicated nursing home staff have the care time they need.



Better food in aged care

Labor will improve food in aged care through new food standards – restoring dignity for aged care residents.

Too many aged care residents are being served the same poor quality and overprocessed food day after day, resulting in high malnutrition rates.

Labor's plan will see all aged care residents get fresh, nutritious, tasty food.

The Aged Care Royal Commission found up to two-thirds of aged care residents are at risk of malnourishment – literally starving in the care of their government.

A Labor Government will join forces with leading Australian cook Maggie Beer to ensure aged care residents get healthy, high-quality meals. Training for key staff will help ensure every aged care resident gets the food they need and deserve.



Heavy penalties to protect older Australians

An Albanese Labor government will introduce tough penalties to stop dodgy aged care providers from neglecting or mistreating residents.

Including jail time for aged care providers who deliberately breach the general duty of care they owe to their residents.

Labor would also create a new aged care complaints commissioner to deal thoroughly with complaints against providers.

Cap on Home Care management fees

A Labor government will stop the rorting of Home Care fees by placing a cap on administration and management fees. So Home Care users can be confident their money is going directly to care – not management bonuses.



Strengthening Medicare

Making it easier to see a doctor

Since the Liberals have been in government, seeing a doctor is harder and costs more.

Cutting Medicare is in the Liberal Party's DNA. You can never trust the Liberals with Medicare.

All Australians deserve access to universal, prompt, and world-class medical care. Labor built Medicare, and Labor will always protect it.

Almost a decade of Liberal neglect means that primary care is in crisis, particularly in outer suburbs.

Demand for healthcare is increasing. More GPs and other health care professionals are urgently needed.

Labor will strengthen Medicare and make it easier for Australians to see a doctor.

Scott Morrison has chosen a new Health Minister who thinks Medicare needs to be cut.

Medicare Urgent Care Clinics

Labor will roll out at least 50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics to provide bulk-billed services delivered by doctors and nurses. You won't need your wallet – just your Medicare card.

The Urgent Care Clinics will be based in existing GP clinics and community health centres and open longer hours, seven days a week.



They will provide a whole range of medical services for life's unexpected events, whether it's a broken bone, cut, insect bite or an ear infection.

These walk-in urgent care clinics will help take the pressure off hospital emergency departments, which have been under enormous strain since the pandemic.

Labor will also:

- change the rules to allow outer metro communities to recruit more doctors
- expand the newborn screening program, increasing the number of screened conditions from around 25 to 80
- improve pandemic preparedness and response by establishing an Australian Centre for Disease Control.

Cutting the cost of medicine

Costs of living are soaring, with many Australians cutting back on essentials to make ends meet. Forcing some people to choose between filling prescriptions for potentially life-saving medicines and providing food and shelter for their families.

Millions of Australians will save \$12.50 on medical scripts with a Labor government. Labor has committed to cutting medication costs by reducing the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) co-payment.

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

With a Labor government, an additional 50,000 older Australians will be eligible for a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card from 1 July 2022.

The income test for access to a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card will increase to \$90,000 a year for singles and \$144,000 a year for couples.

The Commonwealth Seniors Health Card brings benefits such as cheaper medicines, bulk-billed doctor visits and other discounts.

Before every election, the Liberals say they won't cut Medicare. But after every election, they cut Medicare.



NEWS

A future made in Australia



Australia needs to be a country that makes things again. After almost a decade of sending manufacturing offshore and neglecting Australian workers, we've seen the consequences: fewer jobs, missed opportunities, and a nation left exposed when coronavirus hit.

Labor has a comprehensive plan to create jobs, boost vital skills by investing in education and training, bring industry expertise back onshore and supercharge national productivity.

A Labor Government will rebuild our proud manufacturing industry and build a future made here in Australia.

A country that makes things again

Australia is blessed with natural resources, but under the Liberals we're missing out on opportunities to value add and employ Australians in manufacturing.

A Labor government will provide up to \$15 billion to invest in job-creating projects through loans, equity and guarantees in resources, agriculture, transport, medical science, defence capability, enabling capabilities and renewables and low emissions technologies.

Labor will invest in our manufacturing sector and get the cheapest energy to where it's needed by upgrading the outdated energy grid. With cheap and abundant renewable energy, our manufacturing sector will create more good jobs for Australians.

Buy Australian

Too many Australian businesses are missing out on billions of dollars of Government contracts that are going to international competitors.

Government spending on contracts is a significant economic driver in Australia, totalling nearly \$190 billion over the last three financial years.

Labor will maximise the use of Australian-made goods, products and materials in Commonwealth contracts as we roll out our plans to invest in a Future Made in Australia.

Training more apprentices

It's shocking that after nearly 10 years of this Liberal government, 70,000 fewer people are doing apprenticeships or traineeships.

Labor will train thousands of workers by mandating one in ten workers on major government projects is an apprentice, trainee or cadet.

Fixing the NBN

The Liberals' mismanagement of the NBN has caused Australia to trail behind other developed countries on average broadband speed, slipping to 59th in the world.

Labor will secure more Australian families and businesses quality, high-speed internet by expanding full-fibre NBN access to 1.5 million premises.

Labor will also keep the NBN in public hands, keeping internet costs for families affordable while ensuring improvements to the network.

Local Defence jobs will come first

To keep Australians safe and our region peaceful, we will need to invest in defence. A Labor Government will prioritise local jobs for defence contracts with our Defence Industry Development Strategy.

Over the next decade, there is \$270 billion of defence spending on the books. Labor will create jobs and boost local defence manufacturing by maximising local content.



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Fighting corruption

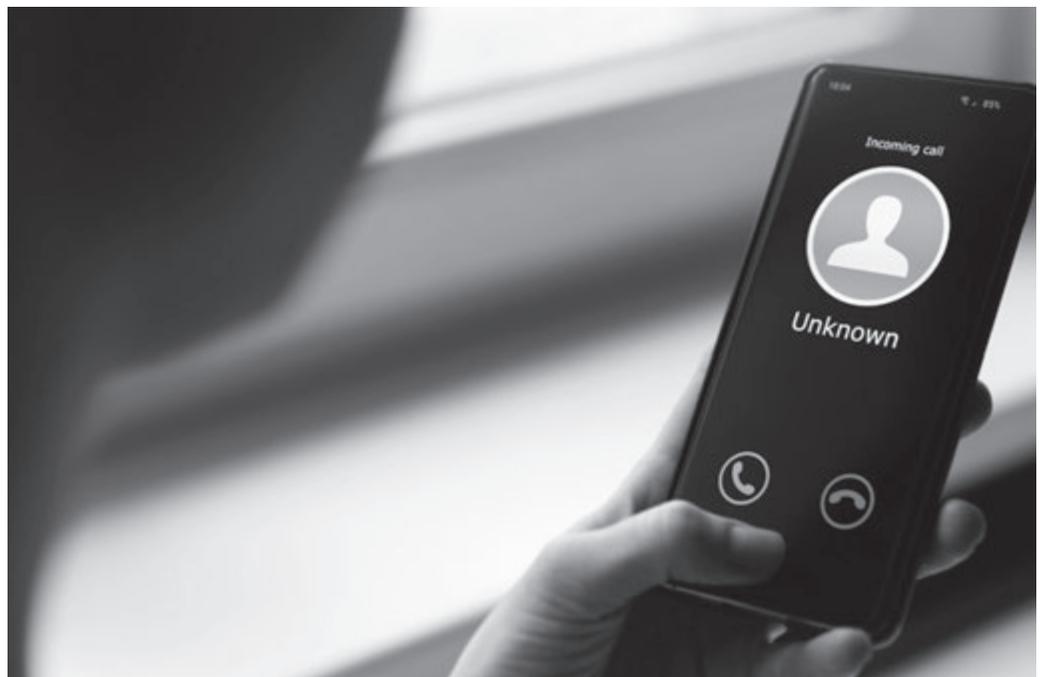
Corruption in the federal government has been rising in recent years. Australia urgently needs a robust anti-corruption commission to restore integrity and protect taxpayers' money.

A Labor government will end Scott Morrison's tolerance for corruption and restore trust in government by establishing a transparent and independent National Anti-Corruption Commission.

Every Australian State and Territory has already established an anti-corruption commission. But, despite overwhelming public support, there is still no anti-corruption commission at the federal level.

In December 2018, the Morrison government was finally embarrassed into committing to a 'Commonwealth Integrity Commission'. However, three years later, they have failed to honour that commitment.

The National Anti-Corruption Commission to be established by Labor will investigate serious and systemic corruption in the federal government. It will operate with all the independence, resources and powers of a standing Royal Commission.



Protecting against online scams

With more consumers and businesses online, many Australians have been targeted by scammers.

Cybercrime is estimated to have cost the economy \$33 billion last year alone.

A Labor government will establish a National Anti-Scam Centre bringing together law enforcement, banks, telecommunications providers and consumer advocates to defend

Australian consumers and small businesses against scammers.

Labor will also ensure that the technology platforms that profit from the sale of online advertising are made responsible for the prompt removal of scam advertising from their sites.



A Robodebt Royal Commission this year

A Labor government would establish a Royal Commission into Robodebt to discover the truth of the Morrison government's illegal scheme and ensure a disaster like this never happens again.

Fake debt notices were sent to vulnerable Australians for money they did not owe.

The Morrison government has consistently denied, obstructed and covered up the origins of the Robodebt scandal and refused to take responsibility.

Only when Labor organised a class action was a \$1.8 billion settlement made to repay victims and keep

ministers out of the witness box.

The illegal and immoral Robodebt scheme caused serious harm to many Australian families – contributing to stress, anxiety, destitution and even suicide.

A Labor Government would ask a Royal Commission to:

- investigate the harm caused to law-abiding Australians

- discover who was responsible for establishing the illegal scheme
- investigate the handling of complaints about Robodebt
- determine how much the implementation, suspension and wind-back of the scheme cost taxpayers
- investigate the use of third-party debt collectors under the Robodebt scheme.

Handy guide to government and community services

After Hours GP Helpline

Speak directly to a GP after assessment by a registered nurse
Tel: 1800 022 222

australia.gov.au

Find Australian government information and services
www.australia.gov.au

Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Report or make a complaint about email or SMS spam
Tel: 1300 850 115
www.acma.gov.au

Australian Electoral Commission

Conducts federal elections and maintains the electoral roll
Suite 5, 1-3 Compark Circuit Mulgrave
Tel: 13 2326
www.aec.gov.au

Australian Government Directory

Guide to organisations and key people in the Australian government
www.directory.gov.au

Better Health Channel

Information to improve the health and wellbeing
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Beyond Blue

Improving the lives of people affected by anxiety, depression, or suicide
Tel: 1300 224 636
www.beyondblue.org.au

Casey Hospital

62 Kangan Drive Berwick
Tel: 8768 1200
www.monashhealth.org

Centrelink

Social security payments & services
Dandenong Service Centre
27-29 Robinson Street Dandenong
Fountain Gate Service Centre
71 Webb Street Narre Warren
myGov help desk Tel: 13 2307
Multilingual phone service
Tel: 13 1202
Older Australians Tel: 13 2300
www.humanservices.gov.au

Dandenong Hospital

135 David Street Dandenong
Tel: 9554 1000
www.monashhealth.org

Do Not Call Register

Register phone numbers to reduce unsolicited telemarketing calls
Tel: 1300 792 958
www.donotcall.gov.au

Health Complaints Commissioner

Resolves complaints about healthcare and the handling of health information
570 Bourke Street Melbourne
Tel: 1300 582 113
www.hcc.vic.gov.au

Home Affairs

Citizenship, visas, immigration, border protection and national security
Tel: 13 1881
www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Lifeline

24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services
Tel: 13 1114
www.lifeline.org.au

Medicare

Payments for health care services or medicines
GPO Box 9822 Melbourne
Dandenong Service Centre
27-29 Robinson Street Dandenong
Fountain Gate Service Centre
71 Webb Street Narre Warren
Tel: 13 2011
www.humanservices.gov.au

Medicines Line

Information on prescription, over-the-counter, and complementary medicines
Tel: 1300 633 424
www.nps.org.au/medicines-line

Monash Health Community Dandenong

122 Thomas Street Dandenong
Tel: 9792 8100
www.monashhealth.org

My Aged Care

Information on aged care for yourself or someone you're caring for
Tel: 1800 200 422
www.myagedcare.gov.au

Neighbourhood Watch

Volunteer crime prevention and community safety group
Casey Tel: 0408 348 352
Greater Dandenong
Tel: 0407 325 030
www.nhw.com.au



NURSE-ON-CALL

Phone service providing immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse
Tel: 1300 60 60 24
www.health.vic.gov.au

Poisons Information Centre

What to do if poisoned, bitten or stung, overdosed or made a mistake with medicine
Tel: 13 1126
www.austin.org.au/poisons

SCAMwatch

How to recognise, avoid and report scams
www.scamwatch.gov.au

Seniors Card (Victoria)

Discounts for older Victorians on goods and services
Tel: 1300 797 210
www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au

Smartraveller

Travel advisory and consular information service
24-hour Consular Emergency Centre
Tel: 1300 555 135
smartraveller.gov.au

State Emergency Service (SES)

Flood, storm and earthquake emergency
Tel: 13 2500
www.ses.vic.gov.au

Suicide Call Back Service

Telephone and online counselling to people who are affected by suicide
Tel: 1300 659 467
www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Suicide Line

Counselling service for support to people at risk of suicide
Tel: 1300 651 251
www.suicideline.org.au

For more local government and community services including health, community safety, support and legal services, see the **handy guide** on Julian's website www.julianhillmp.com

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Stop Morrison's privatised cashless pension card

A Labor federal government would abolish the privatised cashless pension card.

Across Australia, people are being forced onto the cashless debit card. There are five main trial areas so far.

Unlike an ordinary bank debit card, it can only be used at shops approved by the government. So they can limit and control where, when, and how people spend their own money.

The Morrison government has already wasted \$70 million establishing the privatised pension control card, operated by a private company called Indue.

The government has spent over \$5,200 for each person currently on the card. That's more than some part-pensioners get in a year.



At every turn, the Liberals try to find more opportunities to give their corporate mates more profit from taxpayers' funds.

The public service, not corporations, should run the social security system and Centrelink for the benefit of pensioners who worked hard and paid taxes all their lives.



Protecting our environment

Australia's environment is in crisis, but the Morrison government doesn't have a plan to fix it.

For close to a decade, the Morrison government have attempted to weaken federal environment laws and cut 40% of funding from the environment department.

The Liberals and Nationals have cut environmental protection resources and have abandoned threatened species.

A Labor Government will work to protect the Great Barrier Reef from the threats of climate change and poor water quality. Including restoring rivers and creeks and doubling the number of Indigenous Rangers working to protect some of our most precious places, like the Daintree Rainforest.

Julian is here to help you

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

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

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

Congratulations

Julian can arrange congratulations for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

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

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

If possible, please contact Julian Hill six weeks before the event.

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