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\$\$ BOOM IN MITCHAM

LOCAL schools, roads and community clubs have, over the last four years, received the biggest lift in investment by State Government in 25 years.

Schools have received millions of dollars of capital works funding for major rebuilds - with a total of \$70m spent in Mitcham and the Hills.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students received almost \$10 million for new STEM facilities.

Long overdue road upgrades have been funded including the \$3.5 million Blackwood Roundabout, \$20-\$30m Springbank Road intersection realignment, and further millions spent on safety improvements to Main Road and Belair Road.

Community clubs have received record funding grants, for everything from women's change-rooms to local community projects.

"This is the first time in my 21 years in Parliament that I have seen local schools, local community



UP AND RUNNING: Millions spent on sporting clubs for new change-room funding

clubs, sporting and residents' groups in a position to present sound investment arguments to government which deliver results," said Local Independent Member of Parliament Martin Hamilton-Smith.

"Since Waite became a

marginal seat - we are no longer taken for granted - it is good to see the love in the air!"

City of Mitcham Mayor Glenn Spear echoed this sentiment in a statement on Facebook.

"Mitcham is doing fab-

ulously well with receiving recent State Government (funding) for key projects in our area, including; St Mary's Club upgrades, Mitcham Library refurbishment, Springbank Road and most recently the Blackwood roundabout upgrade."

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.9%

The State Government is growing five key industries in South Australia that will provide the jobs of tomorrow. They include:



SHIPBUILDING AND DEFENCE

We've won the future subs contract. Now we must ensure that South Australians get the bulk of the jobs.



RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINING

From mineral exploration to building Australia's biggest battery, the state is on the cutting edge of technology.



TOURISM, FOOD AND WINE

South Australia's regions produce some of the most sought-after produce and tourism experiences in the world.



HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

The state-of-the-art Health and Biomedical Precinct on North Terrace is already a world leader in research.



IT AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

The State Government is transitioning workers into high-tech industries to create jobs for today and for tomorrow.

LOCAL MP RETIRES

Waite MP Martin Hamilton-Smith has announced he will not re-contest the March 2018 election.

Mr Hamilton-Smith said after 45 years of public service, 24 as an army officer and 21 in Parliament, it was time to step back from politics to focus on family and new challenges.

Mr Hamilton-Smith served 17 years as a member of the

state Liberals, including as Liberal Leader. He resigned from the party in 2014 to become an independent liberal.

He then agreed to serve as a Minister in the Weatherill Labor Government as an independent conservative.

"Most of our local successes have occurred in the last four years. I said I would get new investment into local schools, roads and community

groups and I have delivered. \$100 million is a big figure," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

"It has been an honour to serve such a gracious and good-spirited community."

"I have seen so many volunteers and local community heroes work tirelessly on our behalf. Thank you to them all."

"I wish everyone the best in the years ahead," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.



2018 SENIORS CARD DISCOUNT BOOKLET - AVAILABLE NOW

The 2018 Seniors Card Discount Directory, Your Lifestyle Guide, is full of potential benefits and opportunities. Discounts, special offers and information are all provided by local businesses that have chosen to lend their support to more than 370,000 Seniors Card Members across the state.

Pick up your copy at the Waite Electorate Office - 2/212 Belair Road, Hawthorn 5062

SA JOBS

OVAL VISION A WINNER

IN 2007, the idea of a completely renewed, world class sporting oval in the heart of Adelaide was a dream.

Moving football from West Lakes to the City was seen as too difficult - at the time, the State Government, the SANFL, SACA and most stakeholders didn't want it.

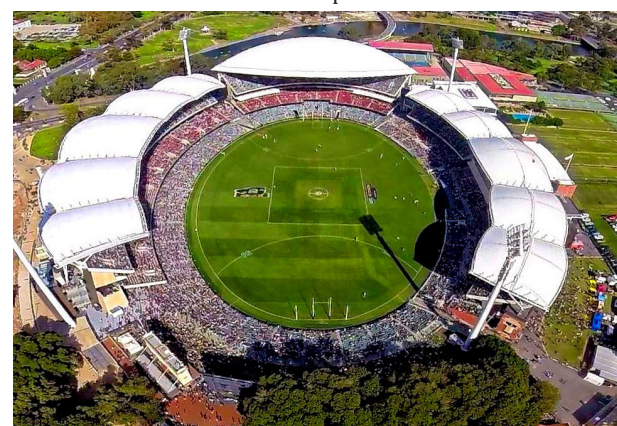
Then Opposition Leader Martin Hamilton-Smith took up the challenge and pushed the idea strongly.

After years of arguing the case, everyone eventually agreed, including the State Government.

In 2009 the Adelaide Oval reinvention plan was announced - fulfilling the city stadium dream.

The \$535m million project was wrapped up in 2014 to national acclaim - receiving one of the state's most coveted honours, the Jack McConnell Award for Public Architecture.

Early proponent of the new Adelaide Oval Martin Hamilton-Smith said that the build has been great for locals and tourists.



"As we have seen during the Ashes Test, this oval is now a global attraction and a smashing success - generating hundreds of millions of dollars," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

"I was very proud to be able to lead the charge on this, albeit from opposition at the time."

"It's an example of how an Opposition with a plan and with a vision can bring about change through solid policy debate and bipartisan-ship."

"In this case, both the Liberal Opposition and the Labor Government were able to deliver something substantial with the support of football, cricket, and the community," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

The oval has generated 10's of millions of dollars into the economy and is a national and international icon.

The India Pakistan match during the 2015 World Cup was at capacity with a viewing audience of over 1.3 billion.

Elite sport at this oval inspires our kids.



BUSINESS GRANTS

FORMER Minister for Small Business and Local MP Martin Hamilton-Smith has called for local small businesses to apply for a raft of grants available from State Government including:

Excellence in Small Business Fund

The Excellence in Small Business Fund supports programs and initiatives that help South Australian businesses to grow, operate sustainably and create jobs.

Grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 will be awarded on a minimum 1:1 (dollar for dollar) matched funding basis.

Job Accelerator Grant Program

Businesses can now register for a Job Accelerator Grant to assist in employing additional full-time, part-time and casual employees in South Australia, with up to \$10,000 (\$5000 per year) available for every new job created.

\$200 million Future Jobs Fund

A minimum of \$100,000 and up to a maximum of \$10 million loans are available per proposal.

Shipbuilding, defence, renewable energy, mining, tourism, food and wine, health, biomedical research, IT and advanced manufacturing are all future industries eligible for the fund.

Export Partnership Program

Whether you are an established or aspiring exporter, support is available to help take your business further.

The Export Partnership Program provides funding assistance for small and medium-sized businesses to access new global markets through marketing and export development opportunities.

Small business is a principle employer in the electorate of Waite.

Locally, the Mitcham Shopping Centre comprises dozens of shops and a cinema complex.

Other small business

centres include Blackwood Shopping Precinct, Belair shops and Coromandel Valley shops.

The variety of small to medium enterprises (SME) include motor vehicle industry, new and used car sales, mechanical repair and auto electrical.

Retail of all kinds is an important employer across the precinct.

Small Business helpline

You can call the Small Business Helpline for quick and easy access to workplace relations advice - 13 13 94

For info on these grants and more visit
<http://www.grantassist.sa.gov.au/business>

STUDENT SURGE

THE NUMBER of international students living and studying in SA has grown in recent years and is on target to reach 35,500 students.

China is the largest contributor, followed by India and South East Asian countries.

Students are attending universities, schools, TAFE and private vocational schools including English language training.

Many are living in Mitcham and the Hills and studying at Flinders and local high schools. Former Minister for International Students, Martin Hamilton-Smith MP believes that although this is a good result, the state can do better yet.

"Education is now our second biggest export at \$1.09 billion."

Trade and Investment Martin Hamilton-Smith said this success is partly due to the State Government's innovative trade mission schedule.

"SA now has solid international representatives around the world and an annual program of outbound and inbound trade missions," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

"According to Austrade and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, South Australia is leading the charge of all the states by our international engagement."

\$90 BILLION BUILD IN SA



DEFENCE JOBS SAVED

FOUR years ago, it looked as though Australia's ability to build naval warships would go the same way as Holden; down the gurgler.

As a result of pressure from the South Australian State Government, leading a national debate, the Federal Government caved in and \$90 billion of naval shipbuilding works, including 12 submarines, nine frigates and at least two offshore patrol vessels, are now secured.

Former Minister for Defence Industries and local state Independent MP Martin Hamilton-Smith, who was given the task of leading the campaign by the Premier, said this was a big SA win.

"This was a closely run argument," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

"In 2014 the Abbott Coalition Government were within weeks of axing the entire industry in favour of building subs and frigates overseas."

"As a result of SA standing up for itself, jobs as engineers and tradesmen are now secured for young people who may presently be in primary school."

"My 24 years as a senior officer in the Army convinced me that we can defend the nation and build the nation by creating a vibrant defence industry and it was both a challenge and an honour to

help fight to save these jobs."

There will be up to 6000 positions created in SA around the ship building industry and many more in the supply chain around the nation.

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) has also taken delivery of the PA Poseidon Surveillance Aircraft to replace the P3 Orion.

Woomera is being upgraded, The Triton UAV is destined for Edinburgh and the 1st Armoured Regiment has relocated to Adelaide.

"I was able to help achieve this success because I was a Minister in Government, not in opposition," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Following careful reflection I am announcing that I will not contest the March 17 election.

The support and encouragement from everyone in the existing and redistributed electorate of Waite over 21 years is greatly appreciated.

I always found the local community work as an MP to be the most rewarding. I entered Parliament to serve the community I grew up in. I have tried to improve things.

Representing you as a Minister in the Kerrin Government in 2001-2002 and as a Minister in the Weatherill Government 2014-2018 was a privilege.

On entering Parliament in 1997 I swore an oath that I would loyally serve the people of South Australia. That oath made no mention of party machines, factions, and political theatre.

The politics of politics I found quite frustrating.

In 2014, after 17 years representing the State Liberals, most of it lost in opposition, I decided I could best serve you as an Independent MP, supporting the government of the day to do a better job.

The fact is there are good people on both sides of politics and by working together, rather than by fighting each other, we can get things done.

The pages of this Express point to some of the things I have been able to achieve on your behalf as a Minister these past four years.

These pages also outline \$100 million worth of new initiatives made possible as a consequence of my decision to become an Independent and to make Waite a marginal seat.

Let there be no doubt that much of this would not have happened if I had remained in opposition with the Liberals.



Some people leave politics having been uncontroversial but having achieved nothing. I chose a different path.

I have done my best. I have made a small contribution to improving the future for our children and our grandchildren.

The most rewarding part of that has been working with the wonderful people of this community in which I grew up.

The teachers, parents, doctors and nurses, public servants, small business people, volunteers, the elderly and the young - you are all shining stars.

Whether it was seeing Meals on Wheels deliver to those in need, our many volunteers protect our creeks, parks and open spaces, or our service groups - like Rotary, Lions and others; all is given in good spirit.

I look forward to seeing our local schools being rebuilt, our local roads re-engineered, and local sporting and community clubs investing in their future.

At a state level I have helped to create new jobs, attract new investment and grow the future. We in Waite have made a difference.

Good luck with your decisions at the 17 March election. I wish the new MP the very best.

This truly is an inspiring community with it's best years yet to come. Thank you.

WORLD MARKET DEMANDS AUSSIE MADE GOODS



A RECORD number of jobs now hinge on selling our goods and services to the world.

South Australia's total exports are currently above \$15 billion, with our top 5 trading partners including China, the US, India, South East Asia and North Asia.

The wine industry, education, mining, health industries, IT and many other industries all now employ more workers to export their goods and services.

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MEMORIAL WALK BUILT

MORE than 60,000 Australians died on active service during World War I.

The first Mitcham man to die was Henry Dawson Tutt after whom Tutt Avenue was named.

South Australia's nationally renowned Centenary of ANZAC Memorial Walk along Kintore Avenue almost never happened.

Three levels of government were arguing amongst themselves about funding and approvals.

Former Minister for Veterans Affairs and local MP Martin Hamilton-Smith got the project back on track.

After extensive community consultation, including court action, the Dardanelles Memorial is to be relocated from the South parklands to the Kintore Avenue site.

"This \$10 million project came in on budget and on time and is a worthy testament to the many sacrifices made by South Australian veterans in wartime."

"I was worried in 2014 when I became the Minister for Veterans that this project would not proceed because of funding, uncertainty and red tape between Federal, State and Local Government"

Martin Hamilton-Smith, himself a veteran, said.

"But we cleared the way and got it done. Now it's there forever."

Locally, Mitcham Primary School recently opened and upgraded their own memorial walk that honours and commemorates ex-students who lost their lives in combat.

A book commissioned by Mr Hamilton-Smith titled *Valour and Violets* by Robert Kearney and Sharon Cleary, provides a history of SA's contribution to World War I. It launched at Torrens Training Depot on January 31.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED IN FOUR YEARS



\$20-30m new Springbank/Daws intersection



\$5m Mitcham Library rebuild



Urrbrae Wetlands - \$150,000



Upper Sturt CFS siren fixed



Unley High School received \$20 million for upgrades



Urrbrae House preserved and protected

\$20 million for **Unley High School.**

\$5 million for **Mitcham Primary School.**

\$1 million in road resurfacing.

\$1.09 million towards the **Mitcham Library** redevelopment.

\$440,000 for new facilities at **Sturt District Cricket Club (Price Memorial Oval).**

Increasing frequency of **Belair train line** on weekends.

\$2 million upgrade to **Springbank Road.**

\$20-30 million to re-align the problematic intersections on **Daws Road / Springbank Road.**

A new vision for the **Repat site.**

\$407,950 for new facilities at **St Mary's Sports Association (St Mary's Oval).**

\$487,790 for new facilities for **Cumberland United Women's Football Club.**

\$150,00 for **Eden Hills Primary School's** new playground.

\$3.5 million new **Blackwood Roundabout** upgrade - works to begin early 2018.

\$10 million for **Blackwood High School.**

\$150,000 for new playground in the heart of **Blackwood, on Waite Street Reserve.**

Nature-based tourism at **Wittunga Botanic Garden** - functions, events, food and wine.

Improved pedestrian access through **Blackwood Centre.**

\$30,000 **Blackwood Memorial Hall** repair and preservation.

Sturt Linear Trail stage 3 completed.

Improved water source at **Blackwood Forest Recreation Park.**

\$5,000 for a kitchen upgrade at **Church of Christ, Blackwood.**

Supporting rapid innovation through the **Tonley Precinct.**

\$200,000 for **Aboriginal heritage.**

\$3.5m **Blackwood Roundabout** upgrade



Gov funded artwork at Blackwood Railway Station - Artist: Elizabeth Close

\$100 million of new investment

Helped **Netherby Kindy** relocate to Waite. Private Members Bill saved Arboretum in 2000 - \$874,000

\$150,000 for new toilet facilities at **Urrbrae Wetlands.**

\$142,000 to remove weeds and protect grey box grassy woodland.

\$140 million **Brownhill Keswick Creek Stormwater Management Plan.**

\$200,000 for new **Brownhill Creek** Pedestrian bridge.

\$150,000 for a new nature playground in **Belair.**

\$609,000 **Penno Parade** upgrade.

Job accelerator grants on \$10,000 to small businesses who employ new staff.

Nature-based tourism in **Belair National Park** at Old Government House.

\$15,450 **Eden Hills Scout Hall** Upgrade.

New emergency siren at **Upper Sturt CFS Shed.**

Extensive payroll tax rebates for businesses with payroll under \$1million.

\$154 million upgrade of **Flinders Hospital.** Flinders cements its reputation as a centre for complex care with \$3.5 million for two new operating theatres. A new 1,820 space car park and new rehab centres.



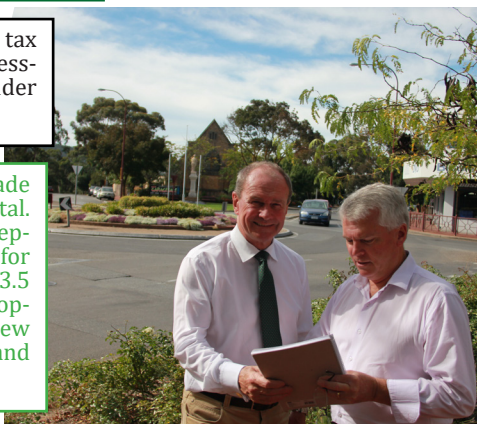
Local resident at \$5m Library upgrade



Active Club Grants awarded to Sturt Baseball



Road upgrades on Grange Road

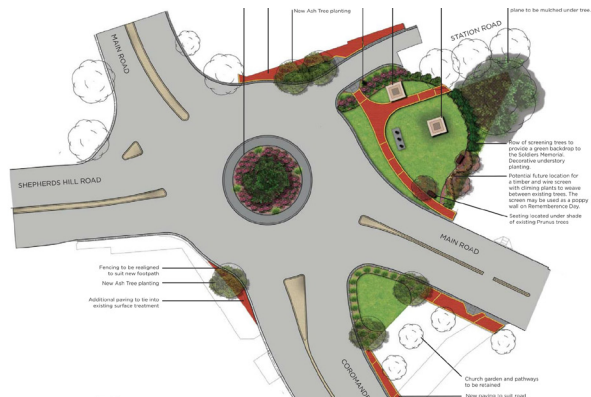


\$3.5m Blackwood Roundabout upgrade



A bright future for Wittunga Botanic Gardens

COMMUNITIES



BLACKWOOD ROUNDABOUT

The Weatherill State Government has stepped in to fund a new Blackwood Roundabout at the request of Independent Member for Waite, Martin Hamilton-Smith MP.

The long overdue works were won after meetings arranged between community stakeholders with Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan at Parliament House by Mr Hamilton-Smith in mid 2017.

"It was quite a struggle to get this project put into the budget, but the community presented a sound case and delivered it well," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

"Once Blackwood was redistributed into the seat of Waite, I felt it was my responsibility to go in hard for the funding."

The plan adds slip-lanes, modifies Station Road, improves pedestrian access, and improves amenity.



SPRINGBANK / DAWS ROAD INTERSECTION

A MASSIVE \$20-30 million realignment of Springbank / Daws Road intersection will deliver ground breaking change to Mitcham.

After more than 20 years of lobbying by local independent MP for Waite Martin Hamilton-Smith, the intersection redesign has been funded by the state government.

The first community forum to consult on the plan was held on November 27,

hosted by Mr Hamilton-Smith and Transport Minister Mullighan.

Concept plans realign the intersections into a single, more conventional, intersection.

The project will reduce

congestion and traffic delays, increase traffic flow and efficiency, improve road safety, include dedicated bicycle lanes and employment opportunities.

The Council and locals have welcomed the news.



WOMEN'S SPORT LIFT

A \$10 MILLION grant program to renew and build new female change-rooms opens February 10 this year.

Sporting clubs across the state are being encouraged to apply for the lucrative funding.

The Female Facilities Grant was established by the State Government to help clubs upgrade and improve their change-rooms.

Big local winners so far include Cumberland United Women's Football Club, based at the Women's Memorial Playing Field, which received more than \$480,000.

Next was St Mary's Sports Association, based at Kenilworth oval, which are using their \$407,000 grant to partly fund a full club-room rebuild.

The site, currently shared by Kenilworth Football Club and the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association of Australia, will be transformed into a modern sporting hub.

The third local winner is the Sturt District Cricket Club which received \$440,000.

Local Waite MP Martin Hamilton-Smith said these upgrades were long overdue

and that Waite had achieved a better outcome than many of the other 46 electorates across the state.

"For too long, women in sport have often been forced to use second-rate facilities," Mr Hamilton-Smith said.

"This fourth round of funding is up for grabs and I am encouraging applicants who missed out in earlier rounds to resubmit their applications - which I am keen to support."

"Now that Waite has become a marginal seat for the first time in decades, we are getting the attention we have been seeking."

"Our success in these grant applications is evidence to the point."

Mr Hamilton-Smith said his next goal was to obtain funding for a renewal of the Women's Memorial Playing Fields in St Mary's.

"I have met with many local clubs interested in relocating to the site."

"I encourage any interested party to submit their expression of interest."

"These playing fields are a memorial to our courageous former service women, but they are also valued playing fields for women's sport. This facility deserves a boost."



POKIE\$ PAYING BACK

AN INITIATIVE that re-directs gambling machine profits is helping local active clubs fund new programs and equipment.

State Government grants of up to \$5,000 are available to sport or recreation clubs that do not have pokies on their premises.

The next round of funding opens in February 2018.

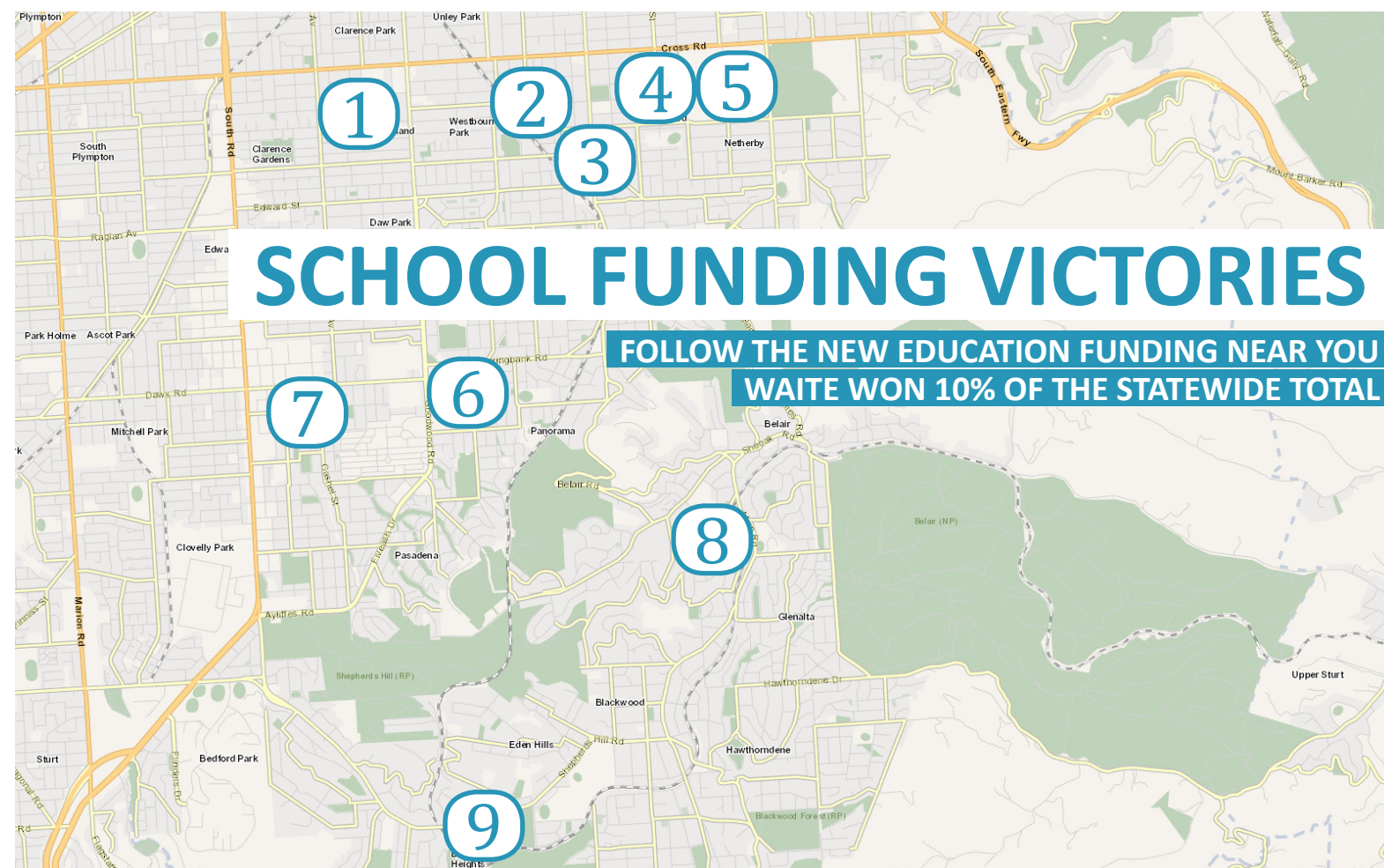
Clubs in the Waite electorate have been especially successfully winning Active Club Grants. They include;

- Adelaide Takemusu Aikido Club - \$5,000
- Mitcham Football Club Incorporated - \$12,000

- Sturt Baseball Club - \$17,285 & \$2,959
- Sturt District Cricket Club - \$3,800
- Dancing Association of South Australia - \$5,000
- Sturt Lacrosse Club - \$2,900
- Western Ireland Women's Gaelic Football - \$3,500
- Colonel Light Gardens Sports and Social Club - \$5,000
- Cumberland United Women's Football Club - \$6,120 & \$5,000
- Irish Australians Gaelic Football Club - \$4,000
- Netherby Tennis Club - \$5,000
- One50 - \$5,000
- Reade Park Croquet Club - \$1,350
- Scouts SA - Adelaide 2nd Unit - \$3,530
- Sturt Softball Club - \$5,000

More information can be found via the Office of Recreation and Sport
http://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding

SCHOOLS



SCHOOL FUNDING VICTORIES

FOLLOW THE NEW EDUCATION FUNDING NEAR YOU
 WAITE WON 10% OF THE STATEWIDE TOTAL

\$70million SCHOOL SPEND

1 WESTBOURNE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$5 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

2 MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

\$5 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

\$250,000 for Solar Panels to help reduce power bills and conserve energy usage.

3 MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$5 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

\$1 million for new Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) facilities.
 \$25,000 for LED lighting.

4 UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

\$20 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

\$2.5 million for new Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) facilities.
 \$250,000 for Solar Panels to help reduce power bills and conserve energy usage.

5 URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

\$10 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

\$2.5 million for new Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) facilities.
 \$250,000 for Solar Panels to help reduce power bills and conserve energy usage.

6 CLAPHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$1 million for new Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) facilities.

\$250,000 for Solar Panels to help reduce power bills and conserve energy usage.

7 PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL

\$10 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

8 BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$5 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.
 \$25,000 for LED lighting.

9 BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

\$7 million to improve, refurbish and expand facilities through the Building Better Schools program.

\$2.5 million for new Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) facilities.
 \$250,000 for Solar Panels to help reduce power bills and conserve energy usage.
 \$25,000 for LED lighting.

PRIVATE SCHOOL FUNDING BOOST

INDEPENDENT and Catholic schools will receive increased funding in 2018 due to a renewed commitment by the State Government.

Private schools who were found to be receiving less than other schools have had their funding increased - meaning the extra funding goes to the schools that need it most.

Locally, St John's Grammar is receiving an additional \$28,000 and St Peter's Lutheran an extra \$24,000.

Local MP Martin Hamilton-Smith said this change in funding will enable schools to deliver individualised learning, specialist support and a range of other initiatives to ensure every child receives every opportunity to succeed.

"Each school will be able to decide what they spend the money on," said Mr Hamilton-Smith.

"The decision by the Commonwealth Government to withdraw from the Gonski Agreement hurt our schools. The State is working to fix up the mistakes of the Federal Government."

FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

RECORD \$2M BOOST

THE WAITE electorate has won the second highest share of Fund My Neighbourhood grants of the 47 electorates across South Australia.

More than 33,000 South Australians cast over 122,000 votes for nearly 1700 neighbourhood improvement projects across the state.

The Fund My Neighbourhood grant scheme is based on the mantra that 'no-one knows your neighbourhood like you do'.

Local MP Martin Hamilton-Smith was enthusiastic in supporting the applications.

"We won the second highest share of grants for a reason; locals put good arguments forward and as a

marginal seat with an Independent MP working with the government, we are no longer being taken for granted."

"Well done to everyone who participated."

View the full list of funded projects online at <https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/>

CRAFT GROUP CHAIRS

THURSDAY Craft activities based at Westbourne Park Uniting Church are attended by more than 260 people from the local and broader community.

The program offers a means of learning new skills, forming friendships, providing valuable support networks and supporting many charities.

The group needed fund-

ing to replace the existing heavy, non-stackable pews in the craft area, with 200 stackable chairs, including some with arms to cater for those with reduced mobility.

These will free up valuable space for more craft activities, allow the relocation of activities from unsuitable areas and, be easier to set up for craft and pack up.

FUNDED - \$80,000

WITTUNGA BOTANIC GARDENS NATURE PLAY



THE WITTUNGA Nature Play proposal will enhance the environment, connect children to nature, educate children and communities about flora and fauna.

It will create a place to

enhance social well-being and foster community stewardship, create opportunities to facilitate asset sharing and activate spaces for economic vitality.

FUNDED - \$80,000

MORTLOCK OVAL BBQ COMMUNITY



MORTLOCK Oval is a beautiful open space, playground and bike track.

It is a popular playground, with many families utilising it on the weekends, after school and school holidays.

Adding a BBQ area will

encourage more families to come, stay longer and create further memories.

Additionally, self cleaning toilets using rainwater tanks will help make the oval more appealing to families.

FUNDED - \$150,000

BELAIR NATURE PLAY

BELAIR is in need of better and more accessible playgrounds for kids and families.

There is only one on a main road, next to a petrol station - this wonderful area deserves better and so do our kids.

The beautiful natural surroundings will be perfect for a nature playground.

FUNDED - \$150,000

WOODYWEEDS BE GONE!

THERE is a significant area of remnant nationally endangered grey box grassy woodland in the public access area behind Carrick Hill.

Unfortunately, the health of this native habitat is being threatened by woody weeds.

This funding will remove woody weeds and create informative brochures and signage for the public.

This natural area is a wonderful attraction to locals and tourists alike.

FUNDED - \$142,100

BLACKWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

THE BLACKWOOD Memorial Hall is one of the two largest not-for-profit facilities in the Blackwood hills and surrounding districts - serving over 500 people a week.

With over 200 community groups in the area, the hall is used by a huge cross-section of locals.

The hall's exterior is in urgent need of repair and painting to keep it attractive.

This funding will help to improve and preserve this important and unique local building in the Blackwood district.

FUNDED - \$30,000

BLACKWOOD REC CENTRE AIR CONDITIONING



MORE than 700 athletes train in the Gymsports Hall every week, enduring freezing temperatures in winter and stifling heat in the summer.

In the past, classes had to be cancelled in extreme conditions due to work health

and safety concerns for staff and participants.

The new air conditioning will provide athletes and parent spectators with a comfortable environment to enjoy the Blackwood Recreation Centre.

FUNDED - \$122,235

UPGRADES TO HAWTHORN BOWLING CLUB



THE HAWTHORN Bowling Club has an actively growing membership and needs sun shade screening on four greens to make bowling more attractive and comfortable for older members of the community.

The bowling club is a

strong supporter of active ageing and this shade will help encourage bowls even in the heat.

The club's unreliable irrigation system will also be replaced with a more water efficient system.

FUNDED - \$15,450

BLACKWOOD PLAYGROUND

WAITE Street Reserve, located in heart of Blackwood, is a great location for a new playground.

Currently, the park is old, tired, and has broken equipment, and no shade.

This park has the potential to be a community hub and become far more popular with families when it has a playground.

FUNDED - \$150,000

ST MARY'S FOODBANK



ST MARY'S Foodbank currently provides food and other essentials to an average of 38 socially disadvantaged families each week.

There is greater demand in the community which cannot be met due to a lack of space and equipment.

The food and other essentials are available for dis-

tribution, but there is not space to receive, process and distribute them to meet the needs of more families.

St Mary's Foodbank is now a significant food distribution centre in the inner Southern suburbs, and is run solely by volunteers.

FUNDED - \$60,000