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Mayo June E-newsletter

Dear

Welcome to the June edition of my Mayo E-newsletter.

Please find below a range of articles to keep you up to date with Mayo's latest news and my activities. As the Federal Member for Mayo, I am always accessible to my constituents, so please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any issues you would like to raise.

All my best,

Jamie Briggs MP

Reforms to the Murray Darling Basin

I recently wrote to the Chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority, Craig Knowles and spoke in Parliament regarding the reforms to the Murray Darling Basin. It is concerning that vested interests interstate are again propagating misinformation in an attempt to sideline the necessary reform. To watch the video of my speech to the Parliament, please [click here](#).

As I committed to at the last election, I will continue to loudly advocate for an evidence based plan to ensure the long term sustainability of the Murray Darling Basin.



Parliamentary inquiry into the detention network

The Coalition has welcomed the Government's back down to support the establishment of a major Parliamentary inquiry into Australia's detention facilities.

Reports relating to the management of the Inverbrackie detention facility have concerned me deeply in recent weeks. We have seen reports of violence, mistreatment of young detainees, cost blow outs and insufficient police powers, raising significant concerns about the management of the Inverbrackie facility. These are matters that will now be fully investigated by the Parliament to ensure that the system is being properly managed.

A Parliamentary inquiry will ensure at least some sunlight can get in and find out just what is happening in Australia's detention facilities.

Rail Freight in the Adelaide Hills

The Government has again ignored concerns of Adelaide Hills residents by giving approval to construct a new crossing loop at Verdun.

As part of its 2008 economic stimulus measures, the Federal Government allocated \$20 million to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) to build a new crossing loop on the current Adelaide Hills rail line. Local residents have raised significant concerns with the project and the impact it may have on the community, particularly with respect to increased noise pollution and bushfire risks. Unfortunately, these concerns have fallen on deaf ears.

It is my very strong view that the construction of this loop should not go ahead and that rather the funding should be allocated towards a long term plan, aimed at the removal of freight line from the Adelaide Hills. I recently raised my concerns regarding rail freight in the Hills on the ABC's 7:30 Report, to watch this video, please [click here](#).

Anniversary of Julia Gillard's leadership

On Sunday the Liberal Party released a new video to mark Julia Gillard's disastrous 52 weeks as Prime Minister.

Ms Gillard said the Government had "lost its way". One year on it's clear that this Labor Government is just a bunch of lemons – and it is Australian families who are left with the bitter taste:

- The cost of living is skyrocketing.
- Record debt and deficits are putting upward pressure on interest rates and inflation.
- The proposed mining tax is a mess.
- The East Timor processing centre was announced and later abandoned; its replacement, the Malaysia swap deal, has been condemned by both houses of Parliament.
- Even worse, the biggest lemon of all – Labor's new carbon tax – is still to come.

Twelve months on from Mr Rudd's brutal removal, this unstable and directionless Gillard Government has offered

no leadership, no plan and no sign that it has 'found its way'. Its only direction is coming from Bob Brown and the Greens.



Morning Tea with Adelaide Hills View Club

As your local Federal Member of Parliament, I recognise the valuable role that community organisations play. I know that dedicated volunteers operate most local community groups and I appreciate the work that you do for the betterment of the wider community. I recently held a morning tea in my office with the Adelaide Hills View Club, as part of my continued effort to engage with important local community organisations.

In order to support your organisation, I am keen to advise you of any funding or assistance that may be available to you from the Federal Government or simply any information which I think you should be aware of. As such, I would greatly appreciate it if you could fill in the form on my website, by clicking [here](#), so that I can keep in touch with your organisation.



Funding for Goolwa RSL

The Goolwa RSL Sub-branch has been granted \$50,000.00 under the Veteran and Community Grants program to undertake a project in Mayo. The grant will allow the sub-branch to construct new male, female and disabled toilets for the health and well-being of the veteran community in Goolwa.

The sub-branch, ably headed by Robert Plummer is a grateful recipient of such a grant and I congratulate them on their success. It was my pleasure to provide such a great community organisation with a letter of support to compliment their application.

Presenting Mayo's Veterans with Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation express the nation's gratitude to those who served in the defence forces or on the home front in the Second World War or in wars, conflicts and peace operations overseas since the Second World War. I have recently received a number of applications for Certificates of Appreciation from constituents and have taken the opportunity to present certificates to recipients, to pay tribute to the sacrifice made.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office to ascertain further information regarding the eligibility requirements. I look forward to presenting further certificates to Mayo's Veterans, so that I can convey the nations gratitude for their service.



Sporting grants up for grabs

I am pleased to announce that young sports men and woman throughout the electorate of Mayo are eligible to apply for sporting grants of up to \$3,000 under the Local Sporting Champions Program.

Under the initiative, successful individual applicants will receive \$500.00 and successful team applicants will receive \$3,000.00 to contribute towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing in a nominated sporting competition. The program is available to young people participating in state and national sporting championships as an athlete, coach or umpire.

If you know of any young sportsmen and women that are eligible, then please direct them to the Australian Sports Commission's website (www.ausport.gov.au/champions) to make an online application. I encourage all sporting groups that meet the criteria to apply for this financial assistance.

Jamie On Air

Each Wednesday morning at 6:45am, I participate in a regular radio interview on 891 ABC Radio, speaking with Matthew Abraham, David Bevan and Amanda Rishworth MP. Listen to each Wednesday's radio interivew, on my website, by clicking [here](#).

I also appear fortnightly on Sky News Agenda and ABC 24's 'Pollie Panel'. Videos, transcripts and audio of my appearances are available on my [website](#).





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