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Community Update

Live Love Local Event

The incredible Leopold community spirit was on display last month at the Live Love Leopold Community Day at Leopold Primary School.

With great tunes from DJ Fuzzy Logic (aka Ryan from GenU Connections), many stalls run by local organisations and a great attendance of local Leopold residents coming by, it was a wonderful event that brought the community together.

A very big thank you to Leopold Primary School, especially Principal Stuart Bott, and the amazing volunteers and committee members who invested their time and hard work to put this day together, and ensured it ran smoothly. I had a lot of fun speaking with everyone and making slime with the kids!

Road Maintenance Blitz

Recently, a major road maintenance blitz was announced to rebuild, repair and resurface major state roads.

With around 70% of funding going towards regional Victorian roads, this funding includes projects on the Bellarine, including works along Bellarine Highway between Wallington and Leopold. More information about these projects will be available soon.

Road maintenance and safety has always been a big focus of mine since coming into this role, however since chairing a Road Safety Behaviours Inquiry last year where I heard from community members and road safety experts across Victoria, my passion and advocacy for safety on our Bellarine roads has only grown.

I am proud to say that the Bellarine has many road projects currently underway including:

- Further safety rails for Bellarine Highway.
- Upgrades for Murradoc Road in St Leonards.
- Grubb Road and Smithton Grove intersection upgrade.
- A new intersection at Stacey's Road and Barwon Heads Road.
- Upcoming pedestrian wombat crossing for Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove roundabouts.
- Stage 2 of Barwon Heads Road Upgrade.

Recently, a new roundabout and pedestrian upgrades were also completed at the intersection of Bay Shore Avenue and Jetty Road in Clifton Springs, ensuring the busy intersection is now safer for drivers and pedestrians, as well as boat users who are entering the harbour.

Major arterial roads are state managed roads, whereas smaller suburban roads are the responsibility of the local council. However, either way I will continue to advocate for the road investment and maintenance that we need for the Bellarine, including Melaluka Rd and the Hwy intersection, which I have spoken to Department of Transport about and applied to the Federal Government's Black Spot Program.

There is always more to do, so if you have any concerns regarding roads across the Bellarine, don't hesitate to contact my office.

