



# Burwood Report Card - Interim

Policies/projects funded/delivered in first two years

- ✓ \$3.2 million for works on the Alamein Line
- ✓ \$12 million for works on the Glen Waverley Line
- ✓ New Timetables have led to extra train trips per weekday across the rail network, resulting in an increase in train trips along the Alamein, Glen Waverley and Belgrave / Lilydale lines
- ✓ \$1.5 million for the Riversdale Road level crossing with its tramway square renewed
- ✓ New link running under Warrigal Road was officially opened
- ✓ Funding for planning the removal of level crossing at Burke Road, Glen Iris
- ✓ \$500,000 refurbishment of the Ashburton Police Station
- ✓ Planning and development for a new Police Station at Mount Waverley
- ✓ \$8 million Fire Station in Glen Iris
- ✓ \$10,000 Security Upgrade at Jordan Reserve
- ✓ \$300,000 towards upgraded facilities at Bennettswood Reserve
- ✓ Riversdale Soccer Club Hartwell Reserve Lighting
- ✓ \$1,000 Uniform grants to the Ashburton Bowls Club and the Ashwood Wolves Basketball Club
- ✓ \$360,000 works on the embankment of Gardiners creek
- ✓ \$84,000 for Whitehorse Council to recycle waste
- ✓ \$120,000 grants to Monash and Boroondara Councils for energy efficient projects
- ✓ The new \$447.5 million Box Hill Hospital redevelopment
- ✓ \$15.8 million for the Children's Hospital at the Monash Medical Centre
- ✓ \$250,000 to the Ashburton Library redevelopment
- ✓ \$8,000 grant to Power Neighbourhood House for upgrade to computer lab and ICT training
- ✓ \$49,500 in 2011 to Learn Local Organisation Alamein Neighbourhood House
- ✓ \$22,913 in 2012 to Learn Local Organisation Alamein Neighbourhood House
- ✓ \$50,000 grant to Waverley Adult Literacy Program
- ✓ \$43,155 Community Support Grant for the Ashburton Harmony Project
- ✓ \$3,844 grant to Bennettswood Neighbourhood House to install ICT equipment and programs
- ✓ New Mens Shed at Alamein station
- ✓ \$5,000 grant to Craig Family Centre for upgrade of the 'Teapot Kitchen Garden'
- ✓ \$5,000 grant for Box Hill Neighbourhood House redesign and improvement of an existing garden and outdoor space
- ✓ \$1,200 grant to Burwood War Widows and Widowed Mothers Association
- ✓ \$10.5 million Ashwood College redevelopment
- ✓ \$6 million redevelopment of Ashburton Primary School
- ✓ \$2.8 million Wattle Park Primary School redevelopment
- ✓ Completed the \$6.8 million redevelopment of Hartwell Primary School
- ✓ 5Star Sustainability Certification for Solway Primary School
- ✓ \$10,000 Community Safety Grants for Ashburton Primary School and Ashwood Reserve
- ✓ \$20,000 Japanese Languages grants for Ashburton Primary School
- ✓ \$2000 each to Solway, Glen Iris and St Dominics Primary Schools for eSmart cyberbullying program
- ✓ \$300,000 towards upgraded facilities at Surrey Hills Baptist Children's Centre
- ✓ \$2,500 grants in 2011 to all community based Kindergartens
- ✓ Securing the lease for Wattle Hill Kindergarten for a further 3 years
- ✓ \$72,000 over three years for Monash's Quicksound Productions from the popular FReeZA grants program.
- ✓ \$57,600 over three years for Whitehorse FReeZA grants program
- ✓ \$72,000 over three years for the Boroondara FReeZA Program
- ✓ \$8.4 million noise abatement trial, using innovative noise absorbing materials on the Monash Freeway
- ✓ Introduced interim planning controls for neighbourhood activity centres

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## Where's Wattsy?

### Mobile Office Sites and Dates:

- Friday, 1st of February 2013 7am-8am  
Jordanville Station, Windsor Avenue, Mt Waverley
- Friday, 8th of February 2013 7am-8am  
Holmesglen Station, Malvern East
- Friday, 15th of February 2013 7am-8am  
Ashburton Station, Welfare Parade, Ashburton
- Friday, 22nd of February 2013 7am-8am  
Burwood Station, Norwood Street, Glen Iris



Graham speaking to Students at Parliament House

### Young Truth Seekers at Parliament

Student representatives from both independent and public schools attended the first Burwood Youth Forum at Parliament House in October with the Minister for Youth Affairs, the Honourable Ryan Smith. It was a great opportunity for young people to raise issues that they felt were relevant to them. Topics from a diverse range of issues were discussed; such as Cyber Bullying, Public Transport, Education and TAFE funding, even to areas of federal significance such as the Marriage Act. Due to its success another forum is being planned for next year.

## Independent Reports shows Baillieu Government Leading Nation in Vocational Education Investment

Victoria invests more in vocational education and training than any other state.

With a population that comprises 24 per cent of all Australians, Victoria provided 33 per cent of all State and Territory funding for vocational education delivery and support last year.



The Baillieu Government also provided 34 per cent of all investment in property, plant and equipment services, delivering this nation-leading investment efficiently and effectively, while at the same time spending \$187 million less on administration than New South Wales.

These figures from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research reflect the Baillieu Government's vision and commitment to creating a highly skilled and employable workforce, through significant investment in vocational training.

Over the next four years, the Baillieu Government will invest almost \$5 billion in training subsidies alone, including a new investment of \$1.033 billion. This is a record ongoing investment.



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- Burwood Report Card
- \$10.5 million Ashwood College works
- Alamein Train Line

## Building Futures – A Baillieu Government Initiative

We are at the end of another year and it is hard to believe it's been just two years as your local Member of Parliament. It's time to look back at how far we have come and the progress we have made together as state.

### We have completed or funded, all of my election commitments.

The Baillieu Government has also met most of our election commitments and is in the process of implementing the rest. This shows that Victoria has a Government that is achieving the very policies that it was elected on and has not compromised our platform for political expediency, something rare for an Australian Government.

Victoria remains one of the most vibrant States in Australia with a AAA credit rating and a budget position that is the envy of everyone including a deficit ridden Commonwealth.

The financial statements for our first full year show just how well run the budget has been with the surplus 0.008 percent more than predicted in the 2011/12 budget, a remarkable achievement by any standards.

It is with these facts in mind that the next 2 years of our term in office can be viewed with continued optimism.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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Minister for Health the Hon David Davis & Graham Watt MP at the Box Hill Redevelopment Site

### Box Hill Hospital Redevelopment Gains Extra Floor

Minister for Health the Hon David Davis was on hand to announce that, thanks to substantial savings, the Baillieu Government's \$447.5 million redevelopment of Box Hill Hospital will now feature a ninth floor to be built. This will be built for the same price.

This means that all the 200 additional beds planned for Box Hill will be housed under the one roof, delivering more efficient and higher quality services to patients.

Under the old plan, two adult wards and a paediatric ward would have remained in the old hospital, but due to the savings the new 16-bed paediatric ward will now have additional patient and parent accommodation, with play spaces for younger children and activity areas for older children and adolescents.

The additional floor was made possible thanks to the government's investment strategy for the project which has led to cost savings. This is in stark contrast to the previous Labor Government's mismanagement of projects. The Box Hill Hospital redevelopment is one of the first projects to be delivered by the Baillieu Government's 'value for money' approach to major project construction.



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**" I play footy for the Chadstone Synners Disability teams. We provide sport for those with a disability. I want to thank Graham for helping us get upgrades to our ground, such as shutters. It really makes a difference. If you want to join our club, you can contact Bill on 0414 536 175 "** , Stephen Whitehead



### Ashwood College Rebuild Begins

After extensive planning, consultation and preparation by the school community, the Department of

Education, and a personal election commitment that I gave in 2010, the Baillieu Government has delivered on another of our major policy initiatives, the \$10.5 million Ashwood College redevelopment.

Melbcom Pty Ltd was awarded the tender for the Ashwood College Buildings Modernisation Project with phase one of works commencing on Monday 12 November 2012.

The project will deliver welcome additions to the College which will complement the Performing Arts and new Science Centre. It will provide state of the art facilities for local students.

### Alamein Line gets Governments Attention

After campaigning strongly on the Alamein train line with revelations from the previous Labor Government of plans to downgrade the line, the Baillieu Government has been committed to improving the line.

This commitment has already seen \$4.7 million spent on upgrading the line and we have delivered extra services for commuters.

Since July, we have seen

- replacement of the Riversdale Road level crossing with its tramway square



Graham talks to a resident at his stall

### Delivering the Message at Activation

It was great to meet with so many of the residents at the Ashwood/Chadstone Family Fun Day, also known as Activation.

Our information stall was well visited and gave me the opportunity to catch up on many local issues in the area. Many of the residents who availed themselves of this service were very appreciative of the information and services that a State Member of Parliament is able to provide.

There will be another stall set up for both the Ashburton and Burwood Festivals on 24 February and 5 May 2013, respectively.



Tour of Redevelopment Site

### Ashburton Primary School Works Underway

The \$6 million redevelopment of Ashburton Primary School has begun in earnest.

The school will retain its traditional front, double storey, red brick façade but be almost unrecognisable from behind with modern buildings. This will fulfil a Baillieu Government commitment to revitalise our state schools.

The works are occurring on a functioning school site to minimise disruptions to students. Arrangements have been made with the school community to alternate from the older buildings to the newly refurbished ones as the redevelopment gathers pace. The works will continue well into the New Year.



Graham and Workers on site discuss works

*Working hard to improve local services*

### A better health deal

### Investing in education

### Fixing public transport

### Tough new laws to curb violence

### Restoring integrity in planning



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- ✓ Announced over \$2.5 billion of new health and hospital capital initiatives as part of the 2011-12 Victorian Budget
- ✓ The largest increase in police numbers during a single term of government
- ✓ Statutory minimum sentences for gross acts of violence
- ✓ Abolished suspended sentences for all serious crimes in higher courts and abolish home detention
- ✓ Commenced building 1,600 new public housing properties
- ✓ \$420 million over 5 years to protect vulnerable children
- ✓ Invested \$1.2 billion in Victoria's training system this year which will rise to over \$1.3 billion next year
- ✓ \$408 million to upgrade schools
- ✓ Launched a new four-year, \$76.7 million Homelessness Action Plan
- ✓ Funded major investments in safe schools including \$124 million for 150 additional Primary Welfare Officers
- ✓ \$41.5 million to provide free kindergarten in the year before school for more than 18,300 low income families through the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy
- ✓ Launched a \$26 million capital grants round for 2011-12, the largest grant round for early childhood infrastructure in Victoria's history
- ✓ New plan to co-ordinate a five-year \$1 billion works agenda for a cleaner Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay
- ✓ Extended the 17.5% annual electricity concessions from 6 months to 12 months
- ✓ \$5.8 billion Record infrastructure spend in 2012/13

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But we won't be spending \$240 Million a year of your taxpayer dollars to publicise them!

