# Out and About with *Wattsy*

CHATTING WITH A LUTHIER AT MATONS GUITARS

WITH ASHWOOD NETBALL'S B&F WINNER SARAH

HAVING A LAUGH WITH THE KIDS AT ASHWOOD SCHOOL

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE MEETS FORMER STUDENT CRAIG ONDARCHIE & MYSELF AT PARLIAMENT

OPENING OF THE GREENS AT BURWOOD DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

BOX HILL UNITED MINIROOS GALA DAY, WITH MICHAEL SUKKAR MP & CR DAVENPORT

RIDE ALONG WITH WAVERLEY HELP MATES

PARK ARTISTS EXHIBITION AT THE BOX HILL SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE WITH TEACHER PATRICIA

AIDEN, THE WINNER OF MY LOLLIE JAR COMPETITION

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY AT GLEN IRIS PRIMARY

DISNEY TRIVIA WITH WHITEHORSE ROTARACT

PLANTING A TREE WITH FRIENDS OF GARDINERS CREEK VALLEY & ROTARY

LISTENING TO SING AUSTRALIA AT PARLIAMENT

MESSIN' AROUND WITH IAIN ON 3WBC 94.4FM

CAMELLIA & GARDEN SHOW WITH MICHAEL GIDLEY MP & WAVERLEY GARDEN CLUB

JOINED THE CAST OF CAMBERWELL SHOWTIME

WITH THE PRINCIPAL OF ST BENEDICTS AT THE ART SHOW OPENING

ATTENDING MT WAVERLEY CITY SOCCER PRESENTATION NIGHT

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# *Watt's Cracking?*

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

## Graham Watt MP
Member for Burwood

# Merry Christmas

Christmas, like the song by Andy Williams, "It's the most wonderful time of the year", is a time of frivolity and laughter. It is also a time to take stock of the year just passed, and of the year ahead.

Christmas is a time of sharing with family and friends. While I will be enjoying the time with my boys I will also be sparing a thought for those less fortunate.

Over the coming summer and into the New Year we will face a number of challenges - some foreseen, like bushfires, others not. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the people who will be working through this festive season, the staff of our emergency services and hospitals, without who we would not have a Happy New Year.

It has been a pleasure working throughout the year with all of those in the local community who've strived to improve the area in which we live.

I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Warmest regards

Graham Watt MP

## Liberals commit to protect neighbourhoods

Earlier this year the Andrews Labor Government introduced changes to planning laws giving greater access to property developers. These changes removed a number of protections that were introduced by the former Liberal/National Coalition Government and implemented by local councils.

Neighbourhood charm and amenity is what makes our local suburbs great places to live and raise a family. That is why the protection of local suburban character is so important to many residents. Councils also need the certainty that their decisions on any given planning application will not be overturned by VCAT.

Once again it has been left to the Liberal/National Coalition to protect local neighbourhoods. We will re-introduce planning laws that gave certainty to local residents and councils.

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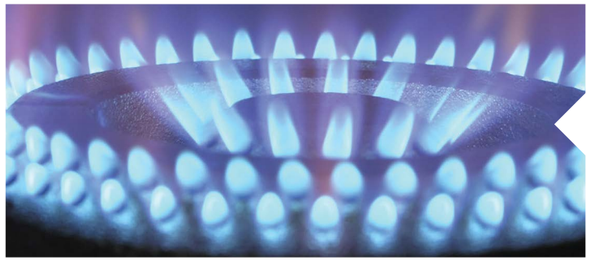


## We'll keep Victoria cooking with gas

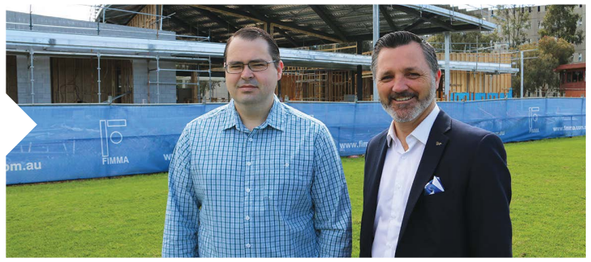
Victoria is facing a shortage of gas. This means higher electricity, heating and cooking costs for households and businesses. The gas industry has existed in Victoria for decades and has been partly responsible for our state's position as Australia's low-cost energy power house.

The Victorian Liberal/Nationals will legislate to allow onshore conventional gas exploration and production.

## Kicking goals at Bennettswood Pavilion

I joined local Whitehorse Councillor Andrew Davenport to inspect the works on the new pavilion at Bennettswood Reserve.

The upgrade was made possible with an initial $300,000 from the former Liberal/ National Government. When completed, this facility will be home to a number of local sporting clubs including Emmaus St Leos O.C.F.C.



## Parkhill Primary regeneration

My 2014 commitment for the $5 million redevelopment of Parkhill Primary School is about to be realised, with works well underway.

It was fantastic to tour the school with Acting Principal Elaine Brady to see the progress and discuss any outstanding issues. This has been a great example of successful community advocacy.

## $140m for Palliative Care

I recently spent the day out with the compassionate staff of Eastern Palliative Care to find out first-hand the demands for this kind of service.

That is why I am proud that the Victorian Liberal/National Coalition has committed to provide an extra $140 million for palliative care.

*Watts on your mind?* Community Survey

Please take the time to complete the survey below.
**Hearing your concerns helps me better represent your needs and will keep me informed of what's happening.**

| | Agree | Disagree | Unsure |
|---|---|---|---|
| Human induced climate change is real | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I am willing to pay higher power bills for renewable energy | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Crime is out of control | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I support tougher penalties for criminals | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| There is too much graffiti in our neighbourhood | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| There is too much overdevelopment in my neighbourhood | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Public transport is unreliable | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Melbourne should have a train line to the Airport | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I support euthanasia | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Religious organisations should be allowed to employ on the basis of religious beliefs | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| I support the 26th of January as Australia Day | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| The Government should do more to create local jobs | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| The Andrews Labor Government should not have spent more than $1b to cancel the East West Link contract | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Melbourne's road network is inadequate | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| City Link tolls should not be extended for an extra 15 years, just to pay for the Andrews Government's Western Suburbs road project | ○ | ○ | ○ |

If you could fix any problem in the local area, what would it be?

Please complete the details below so I can get in touch with you and keep you informed.

Title

Name

Address

Mobile

Email

Do you speak a language other than English at home, If so what?

### Mail your survey in or fill it out online

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### POLICE SORELY NEEDED AT STATIONS

I recently stood alongside the Shadow Minister for Police, the Hon. Edward O'Donohue MP, and members of the Ashburton community outside the closed Ashburton Police Station in protest over the lack of police.

Have your say in calling for an increase in Police numbers by filling the online petition at:
**www.grahamwatt.com.au/supportmorepolice/**

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES IN DOUBT

Victoria faces the prospect of blackouts this summer as a result of the Andrews Labor Government's decision to force the closure of Hazelwood Power Station. The closure has sent energy bills soaring by on average at least $300 per household this year.

Have your say by filling the online petition at:
**www.grahamwatt.com.au/affordablepower/**

### CRIME SKYROCKETS IN VICTORIA

Since the election of the Andrews Labor Government, crime in Victoria has increased by 16%. Locally we are not faring any better with crime in Boroondara up 23.34%, Monash up 19.03% and Whitehorse up 14.53%.

Have your say on sentencing and crime by filling out my online survey at:
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