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Bruce Billson

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR DUNKLEY

OUR DUNKLEY DESTINY



STRONG LOCAL LEADERSHIP

MAKING OUR STREETS SAFER

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

PROTECTING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

BOOSTING LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Strong local leadership *and a safe pair of hands...*

Bruce Billson has not only been your federal member for 17 years but he has also served as a Howard Government minister and is currently the Shadow Cabinet Minister for Small Business, Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs.

At 47 years of age Bruce is still eager to put back into the community of which he has been a member since going to primary school in Seaford and secondary school in The Pines. Bruce is

experienced and energised and his motto of 'positive, passionate and persistent' captures his approach to supporting the Dunkley community and his influence and advocacy at a national and international level.

In the past Bruce has been able to deliver a great deal for our local community including leading the multi-year campaign to build the Scoresby Freeway (now Eastlink) and Frankston

Bypass (now Peninsula Link), securing the future of Monash University in Frankston, more than \$11 million in roads funding, \$3 million for the 'Communities for Children' program, extra funding to keep the Medicentre after hours GP clinic at Frankston Hospital open and fundraising to establish Cube 37, renovate McClelland and the Mornington regional galleries and complete the Mornington basketball facility.



Having grown up in the local area and seen first hand the hardship, uncertainty and despair felt by too many during times of economic downturn and higher unemployment, we can't afford to go back there again. That's why I have never taken my eyes off the need to nurture local employment and economic opportunities for people of all ages.

DID YOU KNOW: Bruce coordinated Australia's response for the Howard Government following the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. Bruce as minister, also led the reform of veteran health care, compensation and pension arrangement and family support for those who have served our nation.



**Leading from the front to make sure
we have a strong and secure local community**

Bruce has successfully led campaigns to have Eastlink and Peninsula Link built.



Helping make our local streets and public spaces safer for residents and local businesses.



While local policing is a responsibility of State Government, Bruce is very supportive of local campaigns to get more police on the beat. Bruce continues to work collaboratively to support local initiatives to improve community safety, law and order.

In the past Bruce has delivered crucial support to local police and community safety by securing funding for closed-circuit TV systems for Mornington and Frankston.

Bruce believes the community has come a long way since the Dunkley Community Safety plan was initially rolled out but he realises more work still needs to be done in a number of areas so we can enjoy the very best that our local area has to offer.

That is why an elected Coalition Government is committed to expanding the Dunkley Community Safety plan with a \$759,000 pledge to fight crime and anti-social

behaviour with additional and upgraded closed-circuit TV systems in more areas with improved lighting.

Specific elements include:

- replacement and expansion of the CCTV network in Main St Mornington, activating and improving laneway lighting
- expanding the Frankston CAD CCTV network to the Kananook Creek precinct
- new CCTV systems for Mahogany Shops and Community Centre; Seaford Pier precinct and Station street shops and the Langwarrin commercial and recreation areas at Lloyd Park
- a communication link from Mt Eliza to the Mornington Police Station to enable the CCTV system roll-out to proceed
- a new anti-graffiti initiative including a specific purpose vehicle with a particular focus on Langwarrin

We all want and deserve to feel safe in our homes and as we go about our daily lives. To achieve this goal, we need to work together to harness the contribution of all of us. I will ensure that whatever Federal and personal help I can bring to this community-wide challenge makes a positive difference.

A photograph showing three men in a control room. On the left, a man in a dark blue police uniform with a 'Senior' name tag and a 'POLICE' patch on his sleeve is looking at a computer monitor. In the center, a man with glasses and a green and white striped tie is also looking at the monitor. On the far left, the profile of an older man's face is visible. The monitor displays a grid of CCTV camera feeds. The background shows a control room environment with shelves and equipment.

Working with you to deliver CCTV technology and practical support for local police

Making our streets safer is a high priority. That's why Bruce has been working to secure funding for local safety initiatives.

Family support *and strengthening our community...*



Bruce understands the importance of strong families. The Family Relationship Centre in Frankston, for which Bruce secured the funding, has been an outstanding success.

That's because Bruce knows community and recreational facilities provide the 'hardware' to help transform a 'place' into a 'community' while targeted programs provide the 'software' that enables our community and citizens to be their best and fulfil their potential.

The funding Bruce obtained to 'kick off' the 'Communities for Children' program for Belvedere Park, Frankston North and Karingal to create the new neighbourhood nurturing network's project responded to 'growing pains' of rapid housing expansion in Langwarrin and Mornington East.

I understand first hand the pressures on families and communities of the never-ending 'balancing act' of a busy life and the desire of all of us all to be 'connected' with our loved ones, our neighbourhood and our community.

An elected Coalition Government will:

- invest \$650,000 in expanding and enhancing the Oncology Day Treatment Centre at Frankston Hospital.
- contribute \$800,000 to establish a youth hub in Mornington modelled on those in Hastings and Rosebud
- contribute \$225,000 to construct a Men's Shed and Community Hub in Langwarrin
- provide \$200,00 to ensure the \$3 million redevelopment of the Frankston Park/Dolphins Function Centre can be completed
- a foundation contribution of \$100,000 to kick start a community campaign to provide a commemorative site able to deal with the growing numbers paying tribute to our Veterans.



LANGWARRIN HALL

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**Support for our community
and people to be our best**

The family is the cornerstone of strong communities. That's why Bruce pursues innovative projects to support families.



Local environment protection *and local green armies...*

A Coalition Government will establish a 15,000 strong 'Green Army' across the country

We all proudly live in the greater Frankston/ Mornington Peninsula region because it offers a better quality of life and the appeal of our natural coastal environment.

The Coalition's Green Army policy is a plan to bring 15,000 people, the largest standing environmental workforce in Australia's history, to provide real and practical solutions to cleaning up riverbanks and creek beds, re-vegetating sand dunes, re-vegetating mangrove habitat among other environmental conservation remediation work. Green Army is also about training for young

people. Participants, aside from improving the environment, will receive a training wage, valuable work skills and formal training qualifications in different areas of environmental remediation.

Locally this mean cleaning up Kananook Creek and undertaking conservation work at the internationally recognised Seaford-Edithvale Wetlands, while in other areas like the many bushland areas and creek reserves in Langwarrin, Frankston and Mt Eliza this means removing weeds and undertaking fuel reduction work.

From long before my election to Parliament, I have focused on improving our neighbourhood amenity, preserving and regenerating our local environment and protecting our area's natural attributes from the impact of their own popularity and appeal.

An elected Coalition Government will establish four dedicated 'Green Army' teams to help nurture our local environment by helping to clean up Kananook Creek around Seaford and Frankston, support conservation work at Seaford Wetlands and weed and fuel reduction in bushland reserves in Frankston, Langwarrin and Mt Eliza.





Taking action to protect our local environment and preserve a better quality of life

Bruce is working hard to protect our environment and is excited by the prospect of 4 local Green Armies being setup.

PROTECTING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

More local jobs through *a renaissance in small business*

Bruce knows what it is like to run a small business, having owned and operated a small fine arts and craft store in Mornington with his wife Kate.

Sadly six years of Labor neglect has seen the number of people employed in small business decline by 412,000 while the number of employing small businesses had dropped by 3,000.

Locally under Labor the unemployment rate has increased from 4.3 per cent to 6.6 per cent and

in the six years since the Howard Government, the number of local employing small businesses has fallen.

This is a situation Bruce is keen to arrest by kick starting our local economy with a renaissance in small business.

As the Shadow Minister for Small Business, Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs Bruce has developed a comprehensive plan which will help put the business back into our local small businesses.

The plan starts with cutting the carbon tax to give consumers more cash in their pocket and confidence to spend.

Bruce knows that If there is more money going through the tills of our small businesses that gives them a greater incentive to employ local people and reduce the local unemployment which since the election of a Labor Government has climbed above the national average.



I have always believed that a person's potential is not determined by their postcode. Improving our local employment prospects via a more supportive economic and investment environment is key to ensuring local people can better access opportunities and to make it on their own.

An elected Coalition Government has committed \$1.25 million to support the redevelopment of the Frankston Foreshore and a further \$175,000 to update our tourist directional signage. It's a move which will make Frankston more attractive to visitors to spend time and money in our local economy which will create more much needed employment opportunities right on our own doorstep.



Bruce has plans to make our area even better so we can all plan for the future with confidence

Bruce knows small business is our local economy and integral in providing jobs for the future.

Bruce Billson's local plan to get more done together with the community in Dunkley under an elected Coalition Government:

- ✓ \$1.25 million to improve to the Frankston Foreshore and to turn it into a world-class destination
- ✓ \$800,000 to construct the Mornington Youth Centre
- ✓ \$759,000 to improve community safety with upgraded and additional CCTV and improved lighting and expanded anti-graffiti action plan
- ✓ \$175,000 contribution to complete Peninsula Link location and tourist directional signage
- ✓ \$650,000 to Peninsula Health to expand and enhance the Oncology Day Treatment Centre at Frankston Hospital
- ✓ \$225,000 to develop a new community hub and men's shed at Langwarrin
- ✓ \$200,000 to enable the completion of \$3m the Frankston Park/Dolphins Function Centre
- ✓ \$200,000 for resurfacing the synthetic athletics track at Ballam Park
- ✓ 4 dedicated 'Green Army' teams for Seaford, Langwarrin, Frankston and Mt Eliza
- ✓ \$100,000 foundation contribution for a new war memorial
- ✓ Re-open the dedicated Aged and Carer counter at Frankston Centrelink

I hope this booklet gives you a better idea of how we are working together to achieve real solutions to important issues here in our Dunkley community. There's still more to be done and I need your support so we can continue to fix local issues and secure a strong and prosperous economy, and a safe and secure future for our region.

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