

# BROCK's BULLETIN

Hon Geoff Brock Independent Member of Parliament for FROME ELECTORATE

## Frome's Regional News November 2019



*Christmas 2019 is not far away and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and ask you to take care over the upcoming festive season. If you require assistance with any State issues, please contact my office.*

*Geoff*



### Saddleworth Craft Group

Geoff joined the ladies at the Saddleworth Oval Grounds and took part in learning some of the activities. He was treated to wonderful home made treats for morning tea. The group meet regularly and make various craft items including, Knitting,



Crochet, Wool Spinning, Stamp Making, Artistic Painting to list a few.

### Mintaro

Geoff attended the **Mintaro Progress Association AGM** and enjoyed the company of L to R - John Faulkner, Bec Holland, Brett Holland & Hamish Gosse.



### Road Safety Groups win back \$500 annually

These groups in our communities actively work towards improving the safety on our roads. Geoff welcomed the opportunity to advocate and write to the Minister to have this amount reinstated for administrative costs, a great outcome for all Road Safety Groups.

### Hamley Bridge Life Membership of the Woorroora Bowls Association



Congratulations to Les Stott (103 yrs) and Joe Tily (97 yrs) who were awarded Life Membership in July 2019.

### Upcoming Listening Posts

Monday - 18 November 2019

**Clare** - Stan Scott Meeting Room - 10am to 2pm

Monday 9 December 2019

**Hamley Bridge** - Gallery 14, Light St - 10.30am to 12.30pm

**Owen** - Town Hall Meeting Room, Railway Tce - 1pm to 2.30pm





## Hart Field Day

The Mesonet Weather Station was launched, the online platform now in operation collects data from a network of 40 automatic weather stations across the Mid North, Northern Adelaide Plains and Northern Yorke Peninsula. The new technology aims to reduce the risk of spray drift caused by inversions. Geoff was instrumental in obtaining \$1.4m in government funding for this project.



*Geoff chats with Mark Stanley member of the Alliance Group who were the first to bring this issue to Geoff's attention.*

*Sarah Noack shows Geoff how to utilise the Mesonet Monitoring System app.*

## School Bus Review Lags

Geoff Brock MP has been lobbying the State Government requesting a review of the Department of Education School Transport Policy to allow students, no matter where they live or which school they attend, to board a school bus.

This is a critical issue in rural areas, where buses pass rural properties but are not allowed to pick up students who may attend private schools or a different Government school than the one closest to them. The Government undertook a review which was completed in February this year.

After another question to the Minister, Geoff was advised that the Department is still analysing the responses.

Whilst Geoff welcomes the review to consider widening the Policy to include the possibility of using school buses for the broader community, it is frustrating that a decision has still not been finalised.

## Motor Neurone Disease Assoc. of SA (MND SA)

MND are the first point of contact for anyone in SA, after being given an MND diagnosis. Fundraising is the primary source of income for this not-for-profit small team.

To organize a fundraising event for MND SA or just make a donation, call on 08 8234 8448 they will happily assist. MND SA also publish regular newsletters and they can be emailed or posted by contacting them. MNDSA team take this opportunity to thank the Hon Geoff Brock

for his ongoing support and welcome any enquiries about MND SA via phone or email to: [admin@mndsa.org.au](mailto:admin@mndsa.org.au)

*Meet the Team Left to Right Emma, Karen, Jerry, Ash, Narelle, Maeghan, Front Row Brooke & Carlye*



## Commission of Inquiry (Land Access in the Mining industry) Bill 2019

Geoff introduced this Bill to bring clarity to the State Government's controversial mining bill, because no previous bill has been able to satisfy all parties. The new Bill would investigate land access regimes under the Mining Act 1971 and the Opal Mining Act 1995 and proposes that the inquiry be held away from politics and also that the commissioner be an independent person.

The Bill will give an opportunity to look into the policies of not only interstate but also overseas jurisdictions and how they are able to achieve best practice and balance the rights of landowners. Geoff had discussions with the South Australian Chamber of Mines & Energy and Grain Producers SA. A review would be welcomed by both associations and this Bill will allay concerns from everyone in both these sectors.

## Riverton RSL

Established on 16 September 1919, after various locations finally settled on Torrens Road in 1958. Geoff unveiled a new World War 1 Honour Board. The RSL are part of the Field of Remembrance days in collaboration with Riverton Primary and High School.

*Geoff with Mayor Wayne Thomas and Rowan Ramsey MP*



## Crystal Brook RSL

Celebrated 100 years on 25 August 2019, commemorating Corporal Arthur Percy Sullivan who received a VC for bravery 100 years ago. A memorial wall dedicated to the service and sacrifice made by the men and women of Crystal Brook who had served in all conflicts past and future was unveiled by the Governor.

*State president RSL SAINT Cheryl Cates, Amanda Bowman, Crystal Brook RSL president Scott Bowman, Governor Hieu Van Le AC, Grey MP Rowan Ramsey, Tahnee Alexander, Ivan Venning, Frome MP Geoff Brock and Mayor Leon Stephens are with the newly unveiled war memorial in Crystal Brook.*





## Blyth

Geoff was pleased to attend the opening of the New Green and Element Protection Facilities at Blyth Bowling Club. What a wonderful difference these additions will make to players comfort and enjoyment of the sport. *Geoff with Rodney Reid Mayor of Wakefield Regional Council, Club President Ian Walker and Coordinator Brian Eime.*



## Lions Club Second Hand Furniture Shop in Clare



*Jeanette Nunn and Lions District Govenor Phil Bowman with Geoff*

Opening comes after 12 months of hard work, thanks to community support from local businesses and funds from a grant, assisted in completing the project. Located on Harriet Street it aims to play a key role and help the disadvantaged purchase furniture at an affordable price. It will also act as a fundraising outlet for Lions to continue to deliver projects to the community.

## Grants (Active Club Program) Recipients



### Riverton, Saddleworth, Marrabel United Netball Club

\$5,000, the money will be used for Coaching and equipment. *Geoff with President Paige Rowett and Gail McIntyre Secretary*



### Riverton Bowling Club

Successfully received \$21,500 grant from the Active Club Program to upgrade floodlighting. *Pictured with Geoff are Mark Griffiths, President, Leon Schwartz, Pam Volkert and Daryl Mullin.*



### Gulnare/Redhill Football Club

Representatives Daniel and Greg Hayes accept \$25,000 for upgrading Oval Lighting and install Solar Panels at the Club rooms. Community Members are to be commended for the work done over the past 5 years to improve the grounds and facilities.



### Clare Golf Club

\$5,000 Equipment Grant. *Geoff with Liz Hollitt and Mike Gierke*

## Sweet Liberty Swing

This initiative by the Lions Club of Port Pirie to provide a swing for disabled children was met with positivity by the Premier when Geoff wrote requesting consideration for funding. \$8,500 cheque was presented by Dan van Holst Pellekaan on behalf of the State Government to the Lions Club of Port Pirie. They expect to complete construction this year.







## A Year to Celebrate Our History

### Stockport 175th Anniversary

Geoff with Allen and Natalie Fyfe and Mayor Wayne Thomas. Some of Allen's ancestors were some of the original residents of Stockport.



### The Port Pirie National Trust 50 years.

Geoff was proud to launch the day for the public to enjoy the day's activities to celebrate this significant occasion. Pictured with Vice Chair, Peter Millbank



### Manoora Catholic Church Celebrates 150 Years.

Tony Griffin launches his book 'St Anthony of Padua Manoora'.

### Koolunga 150th Anniversary

The 15th of July 1869 the hundred of Koolunga was declared and the township was surveyed and pegged out in 1875. The first hotel was built in 1876 and the Koolunga Bridge was opened to traffic in 1879. An original sugar gum tree remains which was planted in 1893 and sourced from the Bundaleer Forest, making it over 120 years old.

Geoff was honoured to unveil the 150th Commemorative Plaque pictured with Paul Jones, Koolunga Development Board Chairperson.



### Redhill Celebrate 150 Years -

Mayor Leon Stephens, Governor Hieu Van Le, Allan Zubrinich (Deputy Mayor) Geoff and Frank Hayes (Chair Redhill Development Assoc.)

**Lutheran Church Port Pirie 100th Celebrations -** Bev Argent, Geoff, Heather and David Burger, Mayor Leon Stephens, and Pastor Brian Keller



## Georgetown

Listening Post was held at Georgetown in September, Geoff took in a visit to the Bowling Club with Nicky Dutton and met with Ken Roskell and Lyle Burns from Loadmaster Trailers.



## Are you looking to purchase a Dog or Cat?

### Did you know:

- All Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) registered dogs born in South Australia are provided with a registration number commencing with a 5100\*\*\*\*\* and a pedigree certificate.
- All dogs sold are to be microchipped, vaccinated and the breeder is to disclose any health or hereditary issues which are known to the breed

- Irrespective of the parents designer breeds such as the Labradoodle, Cockadoodle and Pugalier etc, are all cross breeds and can not be issued with ANKC pedigree registration certificates.

For more information contact the DOGS SA via email at: [info@dogssa.com.au](mailto:info@dogssa.com.au) or go to their website at [www.dogssa.com.au](http://www.dogssa.com.au)



## Lymphoedema - Compression Garment Subsidy Scheme

Geoff strongly lobbied for the Lymphoedema Support Group of South Australia and is pleased a business case has been developed. SA Health are currently establishing an advisory group with key stakeholders to inform and support implementation of the Compression Garment Subsidy Scheme. The first meeting of the government advisory group is being held in October 2019. Geoff looks forward to continuing to support sufferers of Lymphoedema and will be closely monitoring progress of the Subsidy Scheme going forward.

## Owen to Hamley Bridge Road

A great outcome after much lobbying it is great to finally see funding of \$500,000 will be allocated for works on the bend between Alma Road and Holman Road turn off about 800m, with plan of completion by March 2020.

## Bullying and Violence Prevention

The Sammy D Foundation receives funding from the Department of Education to provide educational programs for schools about Bullying, Violence, Alcohol and other Drugs. All schools are eligible to access a free presentation for up to 100 students:

Bullying and Violence Prevention (Years 5 - 7)  
Violence Prevention (Years 8 -12)  
Alcohol and Other Drug Education (Years 9 - 12)

For further information phone: 8374 1678 or email [info@sammyd.org.au](mailto:info@sammyd.org.au)

## Mid North Aviation Open Day

Geoff attended the Aviation Open Day at the Mid North Christian College in Port Pirie. This Aviation program is open to any student who has a desire to enter the aviation industry. SACE accredited course of study to students in years 10 & 11, the program runs for one week every term over two years. For more information: [www.midnorthcc.sa.edu.au/aviation-program](http://www.midnorthcc.sa.edu.au/aviation-program)

*Pictured with Geoff are Otto Bason - Aviation First Year Student; Kim Bennett - Aviation Engineering Teacher; Earl Longstaff - Flight Instructor; Jenny Avery - Aviation Theory Teacher; Cuan James - Past Aviation Student; Principal Nigel Bennett & Coralie Crosby - Aviation Coordinator.*



## Yackamoorundie Craft Shop

20th Birthday Celebrations. This shop is run by volunteers, pictured with Geoff is Janice Jones, Colleen Mulholland and Jill Burford.



## Governor's Civic Awards for Year 5 Students

Year 5 Students are invited to submit either an audio or written response on why it's important for young people to know about the establishment and early years of the South Australian Colony.

Visit: [www.education.sa.gov.au/governors-civics-awards-schools](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/governors-civics-awards-schools)

Schools can also nominate a group of students who have demonstrated outstanding civic involvement.

Entries Close Friday 6 December visit: [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au)

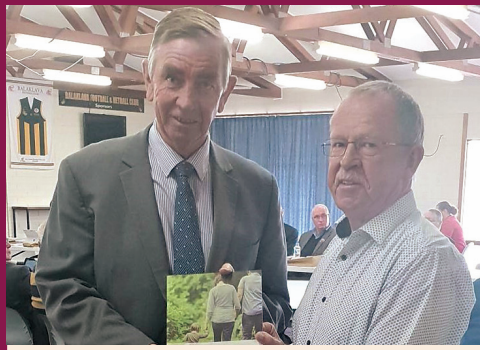


# Out and About in Our Community

**STEM Facilities** – Minister Gardner, Minister for Education opened the new Stem Facilities at Port Pirie West Primary School and the John Pirie Secondary School. Minister Gardner said the new facilities are imperative for students, to support the jobs that are being created. It is absolutely critical for our students to have access to these technologies as part of their curriculum and their learning.



Left: Geoff, Maciej Jankowski Deputy Principal JPSS, Rowan Ramsey MP and Minister Gardner, Minister for Education



**Balaklava** - Discussing the State Suicide Prevention Report with Hon John Dawkins, MLC at the Legatus meeting in Balaklava.



**Crystal Brook Show** Sal Caputo and Jim Richards with Geoff



The re-opening of the new Lifeline Retail Port Pirie shop aims to inspire the continuance of the ongoing community support received since opening more than 25 years ago. Geoff was pleased to attend the official Ribbon Cutting and expressed to the community how much their support is valued and appreciated.

Cheryl Williamson, Helen Dietman with Geoff.



**Geoff welcomed the Trafigura Mining Group** - L-R, Daniel Vanin Chief Officer, Jeremy Weir Chairman & CEO Trafigura Group, Matt Lynn Principal Metallurgist Trafigura.



## Port Pirie Golf Club

Men's Competition Day was held in August Geoff, a proud sponsor of the tournament was pleased to be part of the presentations. Grant Norton receives presentation from Geoff for winning one of the categories.



## Celebration of \$1m Drought Communities Program

Celebrations for 23 community projects completed in Wakefield Regional Council through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program. Geoff with Celebrity Chef Po Ling Yeow at the celebrations.



## Balaklava Show

Geoff with Mayor Rodney Reid and Show President Callum March



## Coonamia

Opening of the Solar Farm at Pirie Blocks Road - Renew Power Group.



**Crystal Brook Men's Shed Volunteers** at the Launch of Mid North Food Security Event at Crystal Brook.

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