

DELIVERING FOR LAVERTON



Sunshine College – Sunshine West

Celebrated International Women's Day at Sunshine College



Filipino Community of Victoria

Hosted some of our amazing **Filipino community** in Parliament



Masjid IMCV – Baitul Ma'mur

Joined our lovely Indonesian Islamic community to celebrate **Ramadan**



Jennings Street School

Delivering a \$9.4 million upgrade to this special needs school



Glengala Primary School

Construction is underway for an on-site Kinder – **Opening 2026**



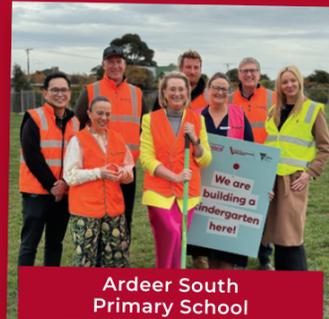
East African Women's Foundation

Honoured to have the Premier join us for a **cooking class**



Sunshine Heights Cricket Club

Delivered an **\$85k electronic scoreboard** for this amazing club



Ardeer South Primary School

Construction is underway for an on-site Kinder – **Opening 2026**



Braybrook Library

Spent time **learning Auslan** with some of our youngest students



Premiers Diwali Reception

Celebrated **Diwali** with Victoria's Indian community



154 Bus – Truganina

Thrilled to announce the start of the **154 bus** for December 7 2025



Quang Minh Buddhist Temple

Honoured to attend the **Mid-Autumn festival** in Braybrook

AN UPDATE FROM

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December 2025

2025 has been an eventful year, and our Government has been working hard on delivering for folks right across Victoria, including for our community here in Melbourne's West.

This year will mark the completion of **two of our biggest transport infrastructure projects in the State—the Metro Tunnel and the West Gate Tunnel**, both of which will deliver real improvements to getting around for westies, whether you catch a train into the CBD or drive your car over the Yarra. And this summer, you'll be able to enjoy these new projects for **free on weekends** from early Dec to Feb 1.

Works are also coming to a close on our **biggest health infrastructure investment in Melbourne's West**, with the New Footscray Hospital looking set to open its doors in February 2026 and works on the **new Emergency Department at Werribee Mercy** well underway.

We know that for so many families, being able to work from home has been an absolute life saver. That's why our Government will be moving to protect a worker's **right to work from home** for at least two days a week if they are able to do so.

We're so pleased to see that **Bemin Secondary College**—Truganina's first high school—**received \$37 million** in funding from this year's State Budget to deliver Stage 2.

And on kinders, we've been hard at work on delivering our Government's Best Start, Best Life reforms, which saw us open Muyan ELC, one of our first new Early Learning Centres which is now operating right next to Sunshine Primary School. And we're set to get another two next year at **Glengala Primary School** and **Ardeer South Primary School** respectively, meaning more opportunities for the youngest in our communities.

With 2025 set to come to an end, we would personally like to wish you all a safe and very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**. We can't wait to see you again in 2026.

Best wishes,

Sarah Connolly & Lizzie Blandthorn

COST OF LIVING

We know the cost-of-living is challenging right now. Here are some of the ways we're helping to ease the burden and get more people into employment:



\$400 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund



Free Glasses & Dental in Schools



\$100 Power Saving Bonus*



Free Public Transport**



Free TAFE

And so much more!

SEE THE FULL LIST HERE



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* for eligible concession card holders

** for children under 18 everyday and seniors on weekends

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SUNSHINE | SUNSHINE WEST | TOTTENHAM | TRUGANINA | WILLIAMS LANDING**

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EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD

KINDER & EARLY CHILDCARE UPDATES 2025



COMPLETED

- ✓ **Muyan Early Learning Centre (Sunshine)** – Now Open

UNDERWAY

- ✓ **Ardeer South Primary School Kinder**
Construction Underway, Opens 2026
- ✓ **Glengala Primary School Kinder**
Construction Underway, Opens 2026
- ✓ **YMCA Truganina South ELC**
\$133k Upgrade, Planning Underway

SCHOOL UPGRADES 2025



UNDERWAY

- ✓ \$37 million to **Bemin Secondary College** – Stage 2 Expansion
- ✓ \$500,000 to **Sunshine Heights Primary School** – New Toilets
- ✓ \$367,000 to **Dinjerra Primary School** – New Sports Facilities
- ✓ \$500,000 to **Ardeer Primary School** – New Toilets
- ✓ \$485,000 to **Western English Language School** – New Toilets



COMMUNITY SAFETY

We're taking strong action to keep our community safe

- ✓ **Toughening Victoria's bail laws** to protect our community from serious repeat offenders
- ✓ Criminalising 'Post and Boast' performance crime to **disincentivise criminal activity**
- ✓ **Banning machetes** and taking thousands of dangerous weapons off our streets
- ✓ Introducing **Adult Time for violent crimes** committed by serious youth offenders
- ✓ **Continuing to support programs** that keep Victorians out of the justice system in the first place



HEALTH & INFRASTRUCTURE

NEW AND UPGRADED HOSPITALS & HEALTH SERVICES



NEW FOOTSCRAY HOSPITAL

- **Opening February 2026**
- \$1.5 billion invested
- Supporting 15,000 patients once fully operational

SUNSHINE HOSPITAL

- **Women's Health Hub** – Now Open
- **Public Fertility Care Clinic** – Supporting Families



WERRIBEE MERCY HOSPITAL

- **Construction complete** in 2026
- Doubling the Emergency Department
- Supporting an additional 25,000 patients annually

OTHER HEALTH UPDATES

- **Melton Hospital** – Major construction complete in 2029
- **Point Cook Community Hospital** – Early works underway
- **Community Pharmacy Pilot** – Now supplying contraceptive care for women without a prescription

TRANSPORT UPDATES

WEST GATE TUNNEL

- Opens December 2025
- Cutting 20 minutes of travel time from the West
- More than 14 km of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths

SUNSHINE SUPERHUB

- Early work underway
- Major Construction starting 2026, opens 2030
- Delivered via Melbourne Airport Rail

NEW ALBION STATION

- Planning underway
- Community Reference Group coming soon
- Delivered via Melbourne Airport Rail

METRO TUNNEL

- Opens early December 2025
- 5 new train stations
- Delivering turn-up-and-go services for the first time



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION



- ✓ **State Electricity Commission (SEC)** – Now powering schools, hospitals, trains, and more!
- ✓ **500,000 Trees for a Cooler and Greener West** – Project Complete
- ✓ **\$23k delivered** to the Friends of Kororoit Creek for tree plantings
- ✓ Delivering **100 neighbourhood batteries** across Victoria
- ✓ **42% of Victoria's energy** generated came from renewables in 2024, exceeding our 40% target by 2025