



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Julian Hill MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRUCE



Meet up with Julian

Julian regularly attends local shopping precincts as a convenient way for you to raise any issues.

Drop by if you're in the area and have a few minutes to chat.

Saturday 20 April

- Brady Road shops, **Dandenong North**
- 8:45am to 9:45am
- Autumn Place shops, **Doveton**
(outside FoodWorks)
- 10:00am to 11:00am
- Parkhill Plaza, **Berwick** (outside Coles)
- 11:15am to 12:15pm
- Marco's IGA, Oakview Boulevard,
Narre Warren North
- 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- **Endeavour Hills** Shopping Centre
(near Woolworths)
- 1:45pm to 2:45pm
- Spring Square Shopping Centre, **Hallam**
(outside Coles)
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Sunday 21 April

- Casey Central Shopping Centre,
Narre Warren South (outside Coles)
- 1:00pm to 2:30pm
- **Dandenong** Coles, Princes Highway
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Tax cuts for all taxpayers

From 1 July the Albanese Labor government will deliver a tax cut for every Australian taxpayer to help with the cost of living.

In the Bruce electorate, 89% of taxpayers will be better off with Labor's tax cuts than under the Liberals' proposals.

Labor's tax cuts are a big win for working families, a big win for women, and a big win for middle Australia.

A childcare worker in Dandenong, a receptionist in Noble Park North, a registered nurse in Doveton, an office clerk in Eumemmerring, an office manager living in Narre Warren, a primary school teacher from Narre Warren North, an aged and disability carer from Berwick, an accounting clerk

from Endeavour Hills, a nurse or personal care worker living in Hallam, a check-out operator living in Dandenong North, a general administrator living in Lysterfield South — **all of these workers will be better off under Labor's plan.**

Cutting taxes for low and middle income earners is a central part of the government's economic plan. Along with boosting wages, bringing inflation under control, and driving fairer prices for Australian consumers.

So people earn more and keep more of what they earn.



Congratulations

Julian can arrange congratulations for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Depending on the occasion, messages of congratulation can be arranged from the Premier of Victoria, Prime Minister, Governor of Victoria, Governor-General, and the King for:

- 90th birthdays
- 100th birthdays
- 50th wedding anniversaries
- 60th wedding anniversaries
- 65th wedding anniversaries
- 70th wedding anniversaries.

Please contact Julian at least four weeks prior to the event.

Pensions Guide

Free information for older Australians

Julian Hill's Pensions Guide booklet contains up-to-date details about current entitlements, payments and services. Including:

- Age Pension
- Aged Care
- Carer Allowance
- Centrelink
- Seniors Health Card
- Concession cards
- Grandparent carers
- HomeCare Packages.

To get your free copy of the Pensions Guide, just call Julian on 9791 7770, or email julian.hill.mp@aph.gov.au

Please contact Julian anytime you want assistance, to discuss a local or national issue, or make a suggestion.

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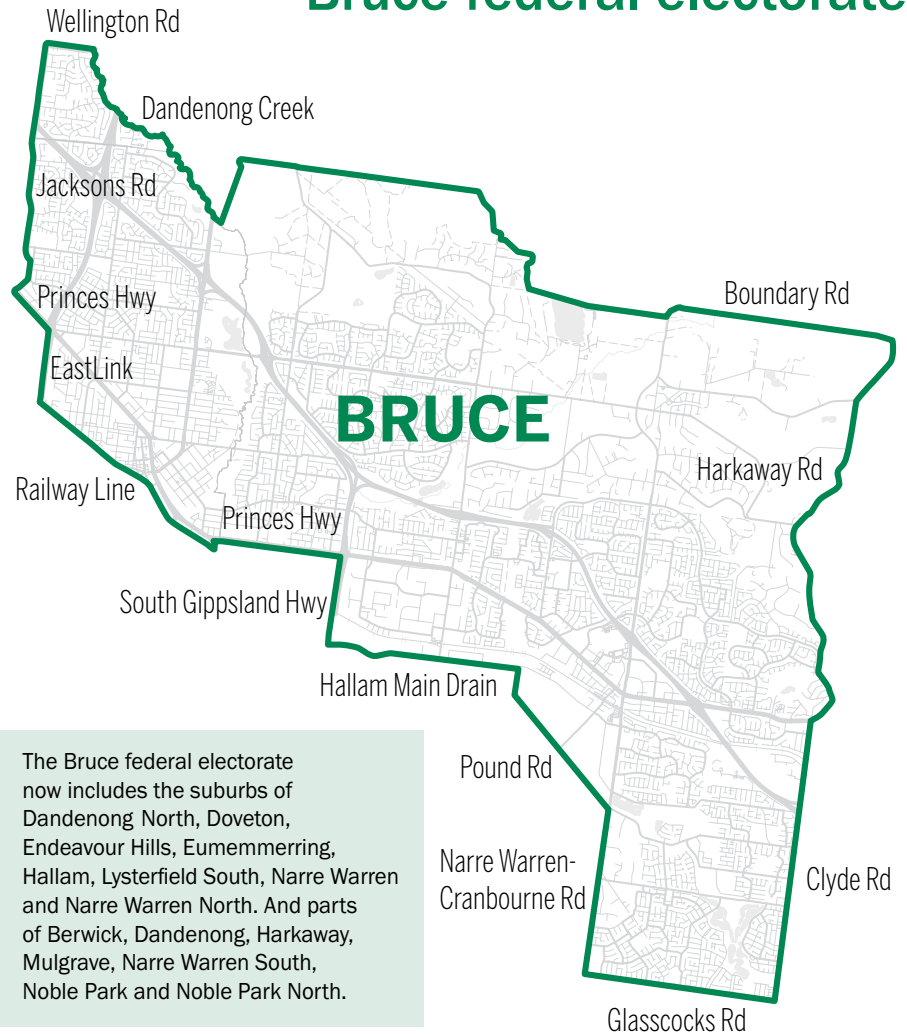
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Bruce federal electorate



The Bruce federal electorate now includes the suburbs of Dandenong North, Doveton, Endeavour Hills, Eumemmerring, Hallam, Lysterfield South, Narre Warren and Narre Warren North. And parts of Berwick, Dandenong, Harkaway, Mulgrave, Narre Warren South, Noble Park and Noble Park North.



Julian is here to help you

As your representative in the Australian parliament and the Albanese government, Julian Hill is available to assist you with anything involving the federal government.

Julian is also here to help if you or your family encounter problems with government services.



Protecting superannuation for the future

To strengthen and maximise the benefits of Australia's super system, the federal government is enshrining the objective of superannuation in legislation.

The new legislation clearly defines the objective of super as “to preserve savings to deliver income for a dignified retirement, alongside government support, in an equitable and sustainable way.”

The last decade saw the former Liberal government raid the superannuation system for its own purposes. With a devastating impact on the savings of millions of Australians. Legislating an objective for super will help prevent this from happening again.

Labor championed an increase in workers' pay through the legislated increase in superannuation, which the former Liberal government were trying to get rid of. They were trying to cut workers' pay by: cutting penalty rates; not giving people their pay rises; and trying to cut superannuation.

Decades ago, only the lucky few had access to superannuation. Everyone else was condemned to the age pension and whatever savings they'd managed to squirrel away.

It was the Hawke and Keating Labor governments in the 1980s and 1990s that created the superannuation system Australians enjoy today.

Labor will always defend the superannuation system as being good for workers, good for everyday Australians in their retirement, and good for the nation's economy.



Afri-Aus Care Mamas urban garden in central Dandenong.

Keeping wages moving

One of the best ways to ensure workers can deal with cost of living pressures is to ensure they earn enough to provide for their loved ones and to get ahead.

At this year's annual wage review, the Albanese government has again recommended to the Fair Work Commission that workers' wages should not be allowed to go backwards.

While there has been a return to real wages growth earlier than forecast, many Australians are still under pressure – particularly low paid workers.

The Labor government's ongoing focus is helping people earn more and keep more of what they earn.

Benefits indexation boost

Around five million Australians received a boost to their social security payments when indexation took effect on 20 March.

Pension recipients are some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, many having worked all their lives contributing to our society or caring for a loved one.

The government is determined to assist with cost of living pressures and help people when they need it most.



Opening The Bridge's new warehouse, a social enterprise providing jobs for people of all abilities.



Community Morning Tea with Doveton locals.

Power bills trending down

Retail energy bill benchmarks are trending downwards after the biggest global energy crisis in 50 years. The Victorian Default Offer shows an average reduction of 6.4% for residential customers.

This is encouraging news, but there's more to do to get cheaper energy for families and businesses.

The Albanese government urgently capped skyrocketing coal and gas prices during the crisis. And rolled out bill relief to around five million households and small businesses.

The government is getting on with its 82% renewables by 2030 plan to deliver reliable and affordable energy as increasingly unreliable coal-fired power generators are expected to close in the next decade.

Simple ideas to save energy

There are many simple, no-cost things you can do yourself right now to save energy, save money, and help the environment.

Minimise hot water use

- wash clothes in cold water and wait until there is a full load
- only run the dishwasher when it's full
- fit a low-flow showerhead
- keep showers short.

Choose efficient appliances

- look for the Energy Rating when you're buying a new fridge, freezer, television, washing machine, clothes dryer, dishwasher, or air-conditioner.

High star rated models can cost a little more, but choosing a cheaper less energy-efficient product could end up costing more in the long run.

Use appliances wisely

- turn off appliances at the wall when they are not in use
- get rid of any additional fridges and freezers that are not really needed
- dry clothes on the line rather than in the dryer.

Heating and cooling efficiently

- close internal doors and only heat or cool the rooms you're using
- consider setting your heating thermostat to 18 to 20°C in winter and 25 to 27°C in summer

For each degree heating or cooling is increased, energy use will increase by about 5% to 10%.

Draught-proof your home

- sealing gaps around doors, floors, windows and skirting boards, and use a sand-filled or fabric 'sausage' draught-stopper.

For more information about saving energy, reducing your bills, and making your home more sustainable, visit www.energy.gov.au/households



Talking about the challenges for local manufacturers at Ace Wire Works in Hallam.



Augmented reality lab at Lyndale Secondary College in Dandenong North.



Discussing defence manufacturing at Australian Precision Technologies in Berwick.



Inspecting new blood diagnostic technology at the Haemokinesis manufacturing business in Hallam.



With Michael Prior from the Greater Dandenong SES at the inaugural Bruce Volunteer Recognition Awards.



Brilliant to meet Dandenong Primary School leaders for 2024 – the school’s 150th year of teaching and learning excellence.

Fighting back against scammers

The Albanese government’s hard work to protect Australians is now seeing scam losses fall.

Before the Albanese government came to office, Australians were losing over \$3 billion a year to scams. Scam losses had doubled and doubled again in the space of three years.

That trend has now reversed after the government implemented its election commitments to crack down on scammers and established the National Anti-Scam Centre.



Protect yourself from scams

Don’t give money or personal information if you’re unsure

Scammers will offer to help you or ask you to verify who you are. They will pretend to be from organisations you know and trust.

Ask yourself could the message or call be fake?

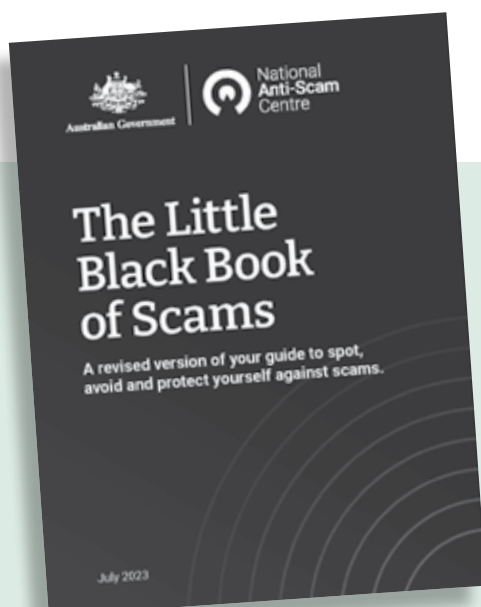
Never click a link in a message. Only contact businesses or government using contact information from their official website, or through their secure apps. If you’re not sure say no, hang up or delete.

Act quickly if something feels wrong

Contact your bank if you notice unusual activity or if a scammer gets your money or information. Seek help from IDCARE, report scams to Scamwatch, and cybercrime to ReportCyber.

What you can do to protect yourself today

- beware of anyone offering you easy money through investment or a job
- check invoices and bills by independently calling the business on the publicly listed number
- add steps to show who you are when you log into your online services (such as a code sent to your phone, a secret question, or your face)
- never provide your passwords or codes over the phone or via text to anyone
- report any suspicious activity to your bank immediately.



The Little Black Book of Scams booklet

includes the most common scams to watch out for, the ways scammers trick you, and where to get help.

To get your free copy of the booklet, call Julian Hill on **9791 7770** or email **julian.hill.mp@aph.gov.au**

For more information and advice

Scamwatch
www.scamwatch.gov.au

IDCARE
1800 595 160
www.idcare.org

ReportCyber
1300 292 371
www.cyber.gov.au

Fee-Free TAFE removing financial barriers

The Albanese government is providing a further \$414.1 million over 2024–2026 to states and territories to fund the delivery of at least another 300,000 Fee-Free TAFE and VET places.

Fee-Free TAFE is continuing to exceed targets, removing financial barriers so more Australians can learn new skills in areas where the economy needs them most.

New figures reveal 355,557 Australians enrolled in Fee-Free TAFE across Australia during 2023, smashing the initial first-year target of 180,000.

This includes:

- 82,400 enrolments in the care sector
- 31,200 enrolments in the technology and digital sector
- 24,200 enrolments in the construction sector
- 19,200 enrolments in early childhood education
- 14,600 enrolments in the agriculture sector

Fee-Free TAFE is transforming the lives of students from diverse backgrounds right across the country. And making sure there is a strong pipeline of workers to fill in-demand jobs.



Flag presentation at St Paul Apostle North School in Endeavour Hills.



Making Medicare stronger

With the biggest ever investment in Medicare, Australians are benefiting from the boost in bulk billing.

More than 180,000 additional trips to the GP being bulk billed a month across the country.

New Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (including at Narre Warren) are providing free care for urgent, non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses. Instead of having to go to the hospital emergency department. These new bulk-billed clinics will be open 7 days a week with extended hours, and all you'll need is your Medicare card.

The Albanese government's measures to make medicines cheaper have also delivered real cost-of-living relief. And the number of medicines available for a 60-day script has now doubled, with a total of 184 medicines now eligible.

Labor created Medicare. Only a Labor government will always protect and strengthen Medicare.



Learning new skills with the awesome Narre Warren Scouts.