



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Julian Hill MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRUCE



Meet up with Julian

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

Saturday 2 May

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

Sunday 3 May

- The Avenue Shopping Centre,
Linden Tree Way, **Cranbourne North**
11:00am to 11:45am
- Casey Central Shopping Centre,
Narre Warren South (outside Woolworths)
12 noon to 1:15pm
- Spring Square Shopping Centre, **Hallam**
(outside Coles)
1:45pm to 2:30pm

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

Focused on helping with the cost-of-living

The federal Labor government's number one priority is taking action to ease cost-of-living pressures. At the same time as continuing to strengthen Medicare and help Australians to get into their own home sooner.

There are another two tax cuts coming in 2026 and 2027. And all workers will receive a minimum annual tax deduction of \$1,000.

Labor has made healthcare cheaper with more bulk billing, free Medicare Urgent Care Clinics and \$25 medicines.

First home buyers can now purchase with just a 5% deposit. And no mortgage insurance.

There's still much more to do. The federal government is looking at every practical measure to shield Australians from the worst of the current global uncertainty.

Social Security payments boost

From 20 March, more than 5 million social security recipients benefit from indexation of a range of payments and allowances.

People receiving the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Parenting Payment and JobSeeker Payment can expect to see a boost in their payments.

Those receiving the full single rate of Age Pension, Disability Support Pension or Carer Payment will

see a \$22.20 increase to their fortnightly payment.

Nearly one million renters will also benefit from increases to Commonwealth Rent Assistance, with maximum rates now over 50% higher since Labor came to government.



Congratulations

Julian Hill can arrange congratulations for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Depending on the occasion, messages of congratulation can be arranged from the Prime Minister, Premier of Victoria, 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
- Support at Home program.

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

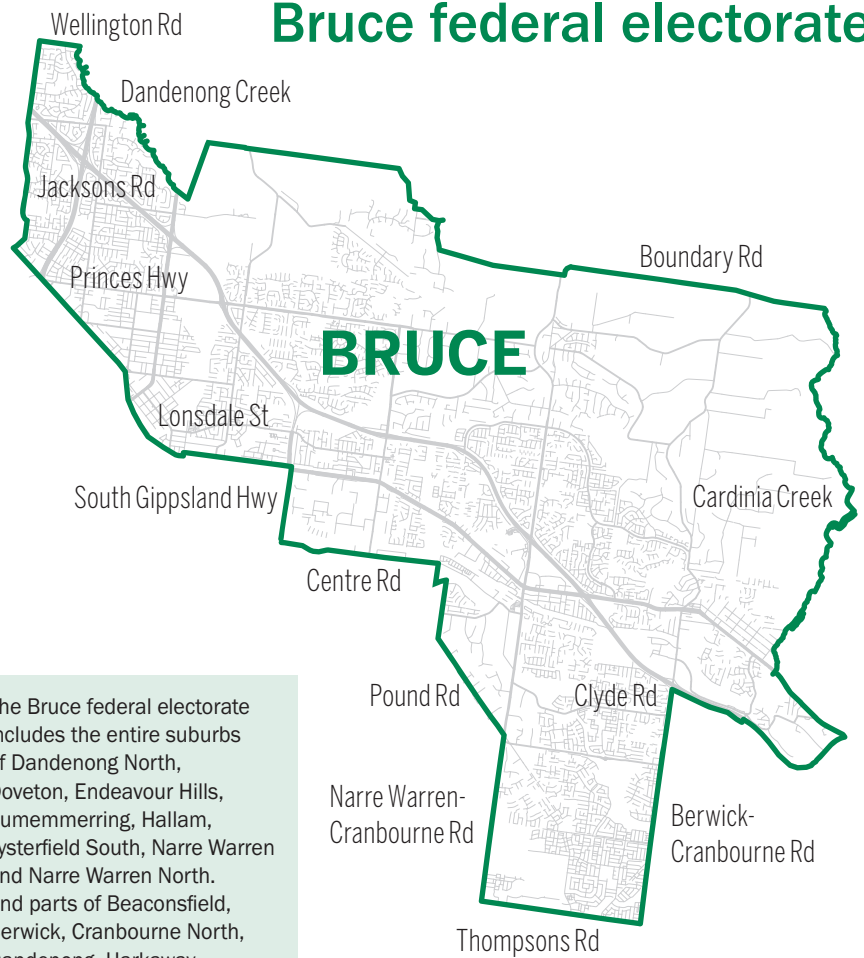
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Bruce federal electorate



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



Julian Hill is here to help you

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

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





COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY 2026

Saturday 25th April 2026 marks the 111th anniversary of landings of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli and commemorates all Australians who have served in times of peace and war.

At first Anzac Day gave people a chance to honour the original Anzacs. Then it became a day for those who had served in the First World War.

With Australians experiencing the Second World War, and wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations that have followed, Anzac Day has become an occasion to honour all those who have worn our country's uniform.

More than 2 million people have served Australia in all conflicts, wars and peace operations since 1914. It's also a time to remember the 103,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name.

The term 'Anzac' now expresses the characteristics that are seen as important to Australians and those serving in the Australian Defence Force – including courage, endurance, equality and mateship.

Lest we forget



Local Anzac services

Anzac service on Thursday 23 April 2026

Endeavour Hills Service

11:00am at the Endeavour Hills Peace Memorial in Heatherton Road

Anzac Day services on Saturday 25 April 2026

Berwick March and Service

10:30am assemble at the RSL in Langmore Lane for the march

11:00am service at the Berwick War Memorial in High Street

Dandenong Dawn Service

6:00am at the Pillars of Freedom (Palm Plaza), Clow Street (opposite Dandenong Market)

Dandenong March and Service

10:45am at the Pillars of Freedom (Palm Plaza), Clow Street (opposite Dandenong Market)

Narre Warren Dawn Service

6:00am at the Bunjil Place Memorial, 2 Patrick Northeast Drive

Narre Warren North Service

9:30am at the Narre Warren North Memorial, Memorial Drive

Keeping kids safe online

The Albanese government's world leading social media minimum age laws protect kids from harmful content and features like predatory algorithms, infinite scroll, likes and upvotes.

In the first few days of the new laws 4.7 million accounts were deactivated, restricted or removed. But there's more to do to keep kids safe online.

All social media platforms covered by the law must have robust, effective age-assurance systems in place, including preventing circumvention, or face fines of up to \$49.5 million.



Beware of personal loan scams

Scammers are posing as financial service providers and loan brokers online. They create fake websites, post ads on social media platforms and contact people directly offering personal loans.

When your application is 'approved' you'll receive an email requesting personal information and documents. You'll also be asked to pay an upfront insurance fee before any funds are released.

These scammers may impersonate existing Australian credit licence and financial service licence holders. They may even fraudulently quote ABN registration and credit licence information from ASIC to appear genuine.

Always verify who you're really dealing with. And check the contact by calling the organisation using a number you source yourself.

If you've had money or personal information stolen, contact your bank or card provider immediately. If you think your accounts have been compromised, change your passwords.

If you've been scammed or have provided personal information, call IDCARE 📞 **1800 595 160**.

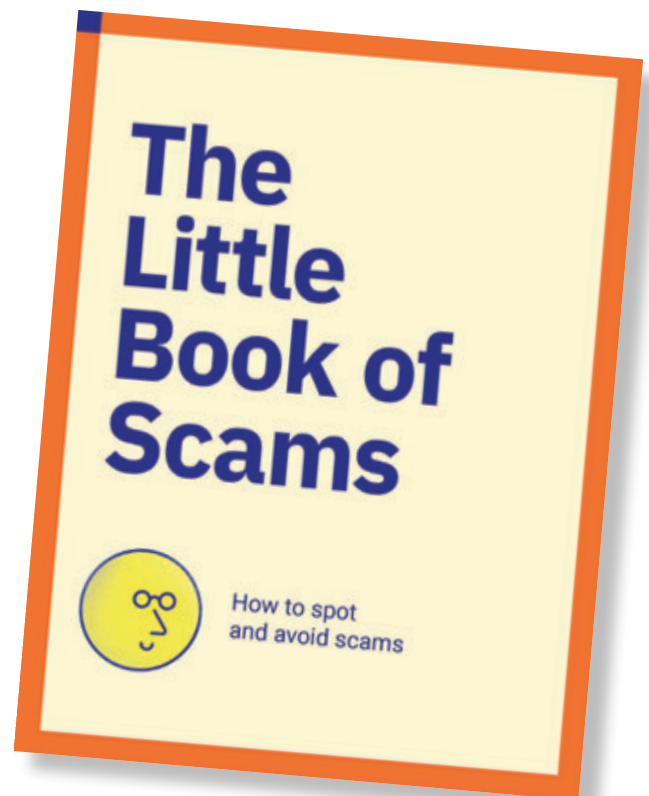
The Little Book of Scams

The Little Book of Scams is an important tool for people to learn about scams including:

- the most common scams to watch out for
- the different ways scammers can contact you
- the tools scammers use to deceive you
- the warning signs
- how to protect yourself against scams
- where you can find help.

The best way to protect yourself against scams is through awareness and education.

To get a free copy of The Little Book of Scams posted to you, just call Julian on 📞 **9791 7770**, download (in English or translated into 17 languages) at www.scamwatch.gov.au/research-and-resources/the-little-book-of-scams or scan the QR code.



Saving more with cheaper home batteries

Cheaper home batteries are helping Australians get more value from their solar panels, cut power bills, and use more of the energy they generate themselves.

Home batteries help households store the energy they generate during the day and use it when they need it most, including during the evening peak.

More than a quarter of a million households, small businesses and community organisations have now installed a bill busting battery under the Albanese government's cheaper home batteries program.



A discount of around 30% is available on the upfront cost of installing a range of small-scale battery systems (5 kWh to 100 kWh).

Scan the QR code for further details.

Making it easier for first home buyers

Julian Hill and the federal Labor government are helping more Australians get into their first home sooner.

With the government guaranteeing part of first home buyers' loans, they can purchase with just a 5% deposit. And never pay a single dollar in mortgage insurance.

The 5% scheme will take years off the time it takes to save for a home loan deposit.



For more information about government programs to help first-time home buyers, visit www.firsthomebuyers.gov.au or scan the QR code.



Housing supply

The housing supply crisis can't be fixed overnight, but Labor is making progress.

The Albanese government's housing reforms include:

- an ambitious target of 1.2 million new homes over 5 years
- delivering 55,000 social and affordable homes
- cutting taxes to develop 80,000 new rental homes
- investing in free TAFE and the \$10,000 apprenticeship incentive.

In just six months there are already 3,415 new housing construction incentive program apprentices in Victoria – the most of any state.



Meeting the team at Doogood Australia, Casey Business of the Year 2025, in Doveton.



Visiting local manufacturer, Sure Seal Australia in Hallam.



Helping keep our nation safe with Australian Border Force.



Patting new four-legged friends at a community BBQ.



A special citizenship ceremony for Russian-born Australian tennis star Daria Kasatkina.



Flag presentation at Fleetwood Primary School in Narre Warren.



Presenting student leader badges at Tulliallan Primary School in Cranbourne North.



Taking part in the vibrant Holi festival of colours at Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple.

Embracing modern Australia

Australians still need things that we all have in common: principles that everyone is expected to sign up to; values we share; and events and moments broadly marked and celebrated together.

‘Progressive patriotism’ – as the Prime Minister has talked about – means pride in Australia and an unashamed, overt focus on an inclusive form of patriotism, striving for a shared Australian identity.

Proudly embracing modern Australia means not shying away from love of our country, traditions and common symbols. Inclusive patriotism helps to combat and blunt the rise and threat of right-wing authoritarianism and exclusive nationalism. Why on earth would we cede our flag, our national day and institutions as propaganda for extremists and the hard right?

We can all mark Anzac Day and treasure our British parliamentary democratic inheritance alongside Indigenous history and culture, and celebrate new people taking Australian citizenship as a welcome act of patriotism.



We can be concerned and not complacent about the moment we find ourselves in, but proud and optimistic about our future.

Extracts from Julian Hill's recent speech to the McKell Institute think tank.

Staying safe with the latest travel advice

Smartraveller, www.smartraveller.gov.au, from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, helps Australians travel overseas safely, reduce their risks and avoid problems.

Updated travel advisories are available for most countries around the world. With an overall advice level to each, based on the level of risk Australians may face there.

The smartraveller website provides:

- official travel advisories for 179 destinations
- general advice before you go
- advice for while you're away, especially when things go wrong overseas
- information about Australia's consular services.

You can subscribe to receive email updates when travel advice for your destination changes, or critical alerts sent to your mobile during major incidents affecting Australians.

Scan the QR code to visit www.smartraveller.gov.au



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Local Bruce Volunteer Recognition Awards



Congratulations to the wonderful locals who received Bruce Volunteer Recognition Awards.

The annual awards acknowledge the exceptional services provided by volunteers locally. They work hard all year round to give back to Australia and people living in the Bruce electorate.

A big thank to all the local volunteers who give their time to help others in our community.

Volunteer Award recipients

- **Ahmed Faraz Gulzari**
Abu Talib Community Centre
- **Alemayehu Kube Warat, Bontu Mulisaa, Gammechu Bedada, Lelisse Fida**
Advocacy for Oromia
- **Andrew Simmons**
This Is I.T.
- **Annette Blaze, Bertie Erkanaike, Celeste Rulach, Franklyn Dorta Ekenaike, Sonia Peiris**
Volunteer Outreach Club
- **Catherine Bashford**
Dandenong Agricultural & Pastoral Society
- **Clesio Varudo, Victor Lemos**
Endeavour United Soccer Club
- **Committee Members**
Berwick and District Agricultural and Horticultural Society
- **David Hocking**
Doveton Tennis Club
- **Dr Lasantha Pethiyagoda, Omattage Prabath, Palitha Perera**
Sri Lankan Study Centre for Advancement of Technology and Social Welfare
- **Exhibition Pavilion Stewards**
Dandenong Agricultural and Pastoral Society
- **Gary Thomas Parsons**
Endeavour Hills Cricket Club
- **Jamila Rahufi**
Foundation Learning Centre
- **Jeannette Ghaly**
St Mina Hallam Scouts
- **Joanne Rosewall, Philippa Wilson**
Wellsprings for Women
- **Kay Pentland**
Refugee Resources Hub
- **Mansoor Kazi**
North Dandenong Cricket Club
- **Maree Parnel**
Narre Warren Football Netball Club
- **Margaret Ryan**
Casey North Community Support & Information Service
- **Maurice Hall**
Akoonah Park Men's Shed
- **Qixia Yu**
Melbourne South Eastern Region Friendship Group
- **Sajjad Askary, Sitarah Moh**
Australian Hazara Legal Network
- **Shahreen Hasan**
South East Volunteers
- **Shegofa Naseri, Somayah Ahmadi**
Federation of Hazara Councils of Australia
- **Susan Eede, Walter Whytcross**
City of Greater Dandenong Council Volunteer Program
- **Valerie Barnett**
Narre Warren & District Family History Group
- **Volunteers**
Country Women's Association Berwick Branch
- **Volunteers**
Australia Sri Lanka Welfare Guild



Checking out the new playground at Max Pawsey Reserve in Narre Warren.



Q&A session with Gleneagles Secondary College students in Endeavour Hills.



Making it easier to see a GP for free

The Albanese government is making the single largest investment in Medicare bulk billing since its creation over 40 years.

For the first time, incentives will be paid to GPs for every patient they bulk bill. Previously these incentives were only available to children under 16 and concession card holders.

This will mean 9 out of 10 GP visits will be bulk billed by 2030. Already 64% of GP practices in Bruce are fully bulk billing.

Cutting the cost of medicines



The federal Labor government has reduced the maximum cost of all PBS-listed medicines to \$25. And frozen costs at \$7.70 for pensioners and concession card holders.

This latest saving comes on top of lower thresholds for the PBS safety net, the introduction of 60-day prescriptions. And more life-changing, high-cost medicines are being included on the PBS.

Free Medicare Urgent Care Clinics

Medicare Urgent Care Clinics give people access to fast, high-quality, and completely free walk-in healthcare when they need it most.

These clinics are open seven days a week with extended hours. No appointment is needed and all services are bulk billed.

Dandenong Medicare Urgent Care Clinic
1/134 Logis Boulevard, Dandenong South
📞 9579 7933

Narre Warren Medicare Urgent Care Clinic
60 Victor Crescent, Narre Warren
📞 9771 2020



Presenting medals to winners at Berwick Little Athletics.



Meeting local families at the Dandenong North Community BBQ.



Learning to ride a camel at Afghan Culture Day in Dandenong.



With Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at the popular Dandenong Ramadan night market.