



A letter from Nick

It's been 12 months since I made the difficult decision to leave the Liberal Party and become an Independent MP.

As you know, this was an extremely difficult decision to make, but one which was made with the interests of my vast electorate at the core. My primary aim **is and has always been**, to achieve better outcomes for the people who live and work in MacKillop.

Twelve months on, I feel I am achieving more as your Independent MP. I have **continued** to traverse the region from Tailem Bend to Pinnaroo, down to Kalangadoo, across to Robe and everywhere in between, listening and learning from you. I have used this information to have robust discussions with Government, hold them to account for their decisions, and advocate for what's best for MacKillop.

Earlier this year I sent you an email seeking your views on the issues that you believe need to be addressed in MacKillop. I thank everyone who took the time to respond to this survey. The responses confirmed and solidified the issues that need to be addressed in the electorate – a lack of Doctors, the need for more road maintenance funding, better education and skills training, more childcare options, tourism upgrades and the environment.

The list may be long, and the challenges are real, but I am focussed on delivering results for the Electorate and the 38,000 people who live here.

As an MP who has spent most of my life living and working in MacKillop, I believe I am best placed to continue representing you in Parliament. I am **committed** to the region, I am **invested** in the region and I am **Always Here for MacKillop**.



Recently in Parliament



It has been a busy first half of the Parliamentary year. Every sitting day I have asked a question of the Government. Some of these ideas have come from you, my constituents via my Facebook page, others are issues that are regularly raised with my office staff. These have included questions on road maintenance, PATS funding, overtaking lanes and the use of locum doctors.

Since the start of the year, I have asked more than 50 questions of different Ministers. Each of these questions, and answers, have been uploaded to my website. To view, please click here: [Question Time | Nick McBride - Member for MacKillop](#) .

If there is something you want addressed, I urge you to contact my office. Parliament gives me an important avenue to openly question decisions that are being made by Government – in particular when it relates to MacKillop.

A spotlight on our important issues.



YourSay website is a place where you can influence government decisions. You can join active community having their say on government decisions that matter to them.

Currently there are three issues impacting our region on the website and I encourage you all to visit the website and have your say!

Energy and Mining on the Limestone Coast.

Have you been impacted by mining, quarrying, or energy projects, or do you have concerns about future projects? If so, the Government wants to hear from you. Consultation ends 8th July 2024 - so get in quick.

To have yourSAy - please click this link.

[Energy and Mining on the Limestone Coast | YourSAy](#)

Electoral reform and banning political donations.

The Government wants your views on the proposed changes and consultation closes 11th July 2024.

To have yourSAy - please click this link.

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Draft Commercial Kangaroo Management Plan 2025-2029.

The Government wants your feedback on this plan and consultation closes 15th September 2024.

To have yourSAy - please click this link.

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Robe Obelisk: Public meeting – 11th July - 7pm at the Robe Institute.

On the 19th June I spoke in Parliament about the future of the Robe Obelisk and the Council's decision not to pursue preservation efforts to prevent it from falling into the ocean.

I am pleased that the Council has now called a public meeting on the 11th July to discuss this matter further.

I have called on the State Government to assist where it can so that the future of this iconic landmark can be properly investigated and potential options to preserve or re-build are canvassed.

Out & About

I love being a part of the guided tours at Parliament house when schools from my electorate come to visit Adelaide.

This is Kingston Area School - my old school - in June for their school tour!

If your school would like to book a tour, please contact my office at mackillop@parliament.sa.gov.au and my team will be happy to schedule in your visit.

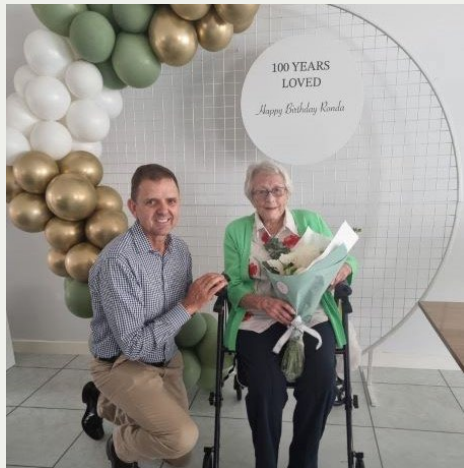


I have had the greatest pleasure helping these wonderful people in MacKillop celebrate their fabulous milestones.

Ronda Critchley, Phyllis Facey and Nora Sambell celebrating 100 years and Lorna Henstridge celebrating 110 years, making her the oldest woman in Australia!

Congratulations to these wonderful women – there must be something about the good country air that has contributed to your longevity!

Don't forget – if you have a milestone birthday (100 and above) – or anniversary (50 years and every five years thereafter) please contact my office to ensure that you receive your congratulatory messages from the King, Governor General, Prime Minister and Opposition Leader, State Premier and State Opposition Leader.



Our MacKillop Region

I have a very large electorate to cover, but one of the perks of that, is I get to travel throughout and see the many beautiful places across our MacKillop region.



Recently as I drove through Coonalpyn, I stopped to take in the beauty that is the Coonalpyn Silo Art by Artist Guido van Helten.

Take a look by clicking [Coonalpyn Silo Art \(australiansiloarttrail.com\)](http://australiansiloarttrail.com)

Back in April, I was so fortunate to head to Lameroo and take in some of the artistry by Smug as he worked.

Absolutely stunning work and it can be seen by clicking [Lameroo Silo Art \(australiansiloarttrail.com\)](http://australiansiloarttrail.com)



Before I go

Have you received a copy of the 2024 Seniors Card Directory?

Within this directory you will find discounts and deals throughout South Australia.

Also included is information on the 4c per litre off at United Fuel and how to sign up.

If you haven't received your copy as yet please contact my office as we would be happy to send you one! Alternatively, pop into the office and collect one.

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