



Crewther's Corner

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Delivering for Dunkley

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Editorial

Welcome to Crewther's Corner, outlining some of the exciting things happening in the Dunkley electorate.

I'd particularly like to welcome first-time readers in Carrum Downs, Skye and Sandhurst, with the Australian Electoral Commission recently deciding to bring the whole of these fantastic suburbs into the boundaries of Dunkley! At the same time, I'm sad to be losing the wonderful residents of Mornington and Baxter from Dunkley.

This edition I thought I'd do something a little different. Instead of telling you myself what has been happening, I've shared some articles, magazine clippings and feedback from community members so you can hear from others about some projects and activities in Dunkley.

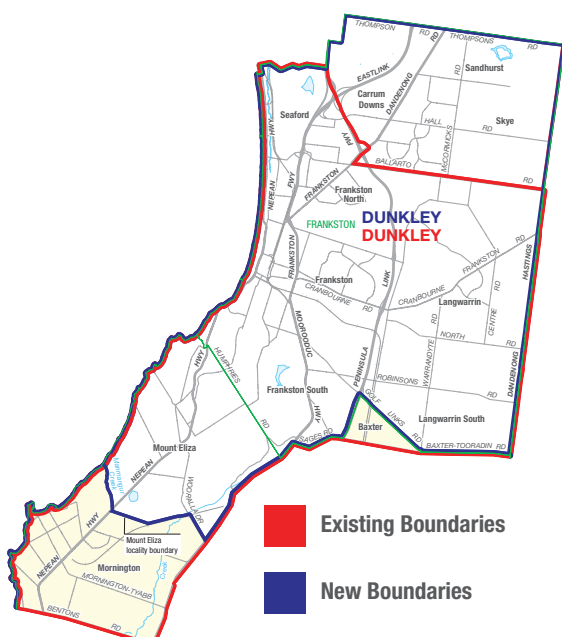
A few highlights though are the \$453 million Federal and State Liberal funding secured towards extending metro rail from Frankston-Baxter, including electrification, duplication, new stations at Frankston East (Frankston Hospital/Monash Uni) and Langwarrin, an upgraded Baxter station, and park-and-ride.

Together we've also achieved the return of the meals service for the homeless and disadvantaged from October, being run by City Life (now Frankston Life) and the Frankston Churches Breakfast Club from Chisholm TAFE. Spinraza has also been listed on the PBS to save the lives of children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, funds have been achieved for Tourette Syndrome camps, and the Modern Slavery Bill has been put through Parliament through my work as the Chair of Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee.

Please contact me at any time if you or your family ever need help with anything!

Yours Sincerely

Chris Crewther MP
Federal Member for Dunkley



Federal and State Liberals secure \$453 million towards the Frankston to Baxter Electrification



Prime Minister Scott Morrison MP, Ginevra Hosking from Committee for Greater Frankston and Chris Crewther MP talking about the benefits of the rail project for Frankston Hospital



Michael Lamb, Liberal candidate for Frankston, Opposition Leader Matthew Guy MP and Shadow Public Transport Minister David Davis MP announcing State Liberal funding

Mike Hast

Federal Budget – and the winner is: Frankston!

[Prime Minister and then] Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison confirmed funding of \$225 million to extend the metropolitan electrified train line from Frankston to Baxter during his Budget speech on Tuesday night 8 May. Mr Morrison's speech was broadcast live on ABC TV and radio. It was the first time in living memory "Frankston" had been mentioned by a federal Treasurer during his Budget presentation.

Fred Harrison, president of advocacy group Committee for Greater Frankston, emailed committee board members next morning: "What wonderful news in the Budget last night. I saw it live and almost fell off my chair when the Treasurer specifically mentioned the Frankston to Baxter train line. A mighty effort from [Dunkley MP] Chris Crewther to help get this up. We're not there yet but a fantastic starting point. Now we need the state government to match the amount."

The committee was set up 16 months ago and one of its key priorities was the rail extension. Committee for Greater Frankston CEO Ginevra Hosking said the \$225 million in federal money "is the first serious commitment to a vital regional project". Ms Hosking acknowledged the role of federal MP Chris Crewther: "Mr Crewther secured \$3 million of federal money for a business case, which the state government is undertaking, and now money in the Budget towards its construction. It's a great result."

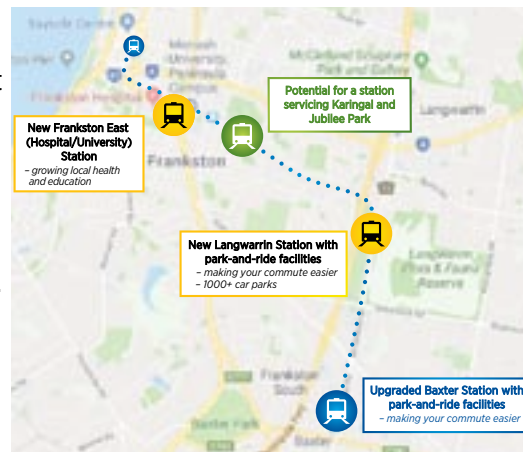
In a statement, Mr Crewther, who was elected to federal Parliament at the July 2016 general election and replaced the retiring Bruce Billson, who was Dunkley MP for almost 20 years, said he had been advocating for the rail project "before my election to Parliament".

"The ... \$225 million [will] get works underway on electrification and duplication ... which is crucial for our local area." He said the project would reduce commuting times

for "many residents in Frankston City and the Mornington Peninsula".

"I call on the Andrews Labor Government to match our \$225 million with Victorian state funding of at least the same amount," Mr Crewther stated.

"This will mean a train station right on [people's] doorsteps, park and ride closer to your home, freeing up parking around Frankston, Kananook, Seaford and Frankston Hospital, [train] stabling at Baxter, connectivity, jobs and more."



Announcement: State Liberals match federal rail money

TUESDAY 17 July was another red letter day for Greater Frankston when the Victorian Opposition promised to match the federal government's \$225 million to build twin electrified tracks from Frankston to Baxter.

Opposition leader Matthew Guy was joined by [then] Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull when making the announcement at Baxter station.

Mr Guy said if the Liberal National Coalition won the state election in November, his government would match the \$225 million allocated in the federal government's Budget in May to extend the metropolitan train line and build a new station to service Frankston Hospital/Monash University and one at Langwarrin. Baxter station would be upgraded.

"This is a hugely important piece of

infrastructure. It's vital to improve mass transit across the city and across the state," Mr Turnbull said.

The [then] Prime Minister said the project would "ensure commuters on the Mornington Peninsula can get home to their families sooner and safer as well as bringing them closer to more employment opportunities as well as educational and health facilities".


Committee for Greater Frankston president Fred Harrison (CEO of Ritchies supermarkets) said the Liberal Party at both state and federal levels had shown great foresight in backing the rail project to support the region's growing population. "Extending the line will radically transform public transport in our region, driving job creation, getting cars off congested roads, and making better use of public and private assets like Frankston Hospital and Monash University," he said. "We hope state and federal Labor get on board soon."

Committee chief executive Ginevra Hosking said Liberal Dunkley MP Chris Crewther and Liberal state candidate Michael Lamb had been instrumental in securing this funding.

The state government is currently working on the rail extension business case, which has been funded by \$3 million from the federal government. It is due to be completed in early 2019.


In a statement, Dunkley federal MP Chris Crewther said the extension would be the "largest infrastructure investment in the history of the Dunkley, Carrum and Frankston electorates". It would create more than 4000 local jobs, reduce car emissions and improve connectivity.

Mike Hast is a freelance journalist currently writing for the Committee for Greater Frankston. The Committee for Greater Frankston is independently funded and bipartisan, and brings together prominent local business and community leaders to drive strategic change. The full versions of these articles can be read at <https://c4gf.com.au/>



**CHRIS CREWTER MP, WITH
THE FEDERAL & STATE LIBERALS**

**Building metro rail to Frankston East
(Hospital/University), Langwarrin,
Baxter & surrounds**





FRANKLY FRANKSTON

Chris committed to delivering for Dunkley

Two years ago, 32-year old Chris Crewther, accompanied by wife Grace and daughter Yasmin, stepped out of the Australian Electoral Commission office in Frankston as the new Dunkley federal Liberal MP and the youngest member of the House of Representatives.

Chris's predecessor, Bruce Billson, had held the seat for 20 years, and while Chris has drawn on Bruce's legacy, he has forged his own path and identity in working hard to deliver for the residents of Dunkley.

To that end, Chris has secured \$228 million towards building the biggest infrastructure project in Dunkley's history — the extension of the Metro rail line from Frankston to Baxter.

As a local resident, Chris and his family also believe this area has the best of the city, the country and the coast. Chris also views fatherhood as hugely important in his role as an MP in understanding the needs of families. His particular emphasis on opportunities for young people to engage in the community has led to major advocacy and funding for sporting, education and training facilities and more.

"People want the best opportunities in life for themselves, their kids, their grandkids and their families," he says. "I'll keep on working as hard as I can, hand in hand with the local community, to achieve this vision for them and for Dunkley."

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Big win for Ally's family in budget

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A SEAFORD family feels like it won the lottery in this month's federal budget but "the win" has nothing to do with putting cash into their hip pocket.

The Clarke family is rapt that daughter Ally, 10, has "a second chance at life" thanks to a federal government decision to add a drug treatment for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison announced that Spinraza will be available on the PBS. It would otherwise cost families more than \$365,000 each year.

Ally's mother Georgia Clarke told *The Times* last year the drug is financially out of reach for most families ("New drug for Ally and all would be 'life changer'", *The Times* 20/11/17).

Mrs Clarke was overjoyed in the wake of the 2018-19 federal budget announced on Tuesday 8 May.

"For our family, it's a second chance at life. We're on a different path now," she said.

"We've basically been given our daughter's life back and it's amazing. It's the best feeling in the world."

Mrs Clarke said it was upsetting to see Ally "get weaker, not stronger" as she grew up and the Spinraza treatment, administered by lumbar puncture injection three times a year, will "put the brakes on" the impact of spinal muscular atrophy, a genetic disorder that causes

extreme fatigue and lack of muscle strength.

"For Ally, it means the sort of things like going to school, and spending time with her friends, and walking ... things we all take for granted."

She thanked federal Dunkley Liberal MP Chris Crewther, Flinders Liberal MP and Health Minister Greg Hunt and Mr Morrison who "listened to our story — really listened" before making the drug manufactured by Biogen available to families on the PBS.

"They've acted so credit where credit is due," Mrs Clarke said.

Mr Hunt, Mr Crewther and Mr Morrison met Ally at Frankston Hospital on Friday 11 May.

Mr Hunt said putting Spinraza on the PBS would allow young patients like Ally Clarke to "have a full, long, rich life".

"[If it wasn't on the PBS] the drug would otherwise have cost \$367,000, which no Australian family, apart from a fortunate few, could afford. In this budget, we've committed \$240 million to give Ally and other children [with SMA] access to life-saving and life-changing treatment."

Mrs Clarke also thanked SMA Australia and the Royal Children's Hospital for support and Spinraza manufacturer Biogen alongside the politicians who made the drug available on the PBS.

"They've given Ally and a generation of children with spinal muscular atrophy a quality of life not possible without this treatment."



Brighter future: Georgia Clarke has thanked politicians for listening to the plight of spinal muscular atrophy afflicted Ally. Picture: Gary Sissons

Frankston Times, 21 May 2018

Green Army turns their attention to Kananook Creek

Paul Davies

The Green Army has done a great job helping to enhance the creek reserve and walking track. Thank you to Chris Crewther MP for organising the funding for this project. The work achieved would have taken years for volunteers, so very likely would never have been done. They are an impressive group of people with a very able supervisor at the helm. There's no way our fragile volunteer group could have done this work.

The Kananook Creek Association recently was lucky enough to be able to host the graduation for the participants in the recent Green Army project. All seven participants were presented with their certificates by Cr. Colin Hampton, Mayor of Frankston. This serves to underscore the importance in which local government and the community hold such projects as the Green Army. It serves



as a great learning experience and helps improve social infrastructure. It's a true win-win for all involved.

It is fair to say that the Green Army has done a great job along the creek and in other areas where they've worked. My personal assessment is that they are all quality people looking for a career direction in life and have been very much willing and productive participants in this project. The Green Army is a very legitimate community infrastructure



and personal development experience. The work they've done over the first half of this year would have taken KCA volunteers years to do. The work has been documented along the way with photos, but they really don't do any justice to the magnitude of their work.

KCA extends its thanks and best wishes to all who participated. We'd also like to thank Chris Crewther MP - Federal Member for Dunkley for orchestrating the funding for this

programme and we're also deeply indebted to the council reserves staff who were actively involved. Good job all. Members of the community, we hope you enjoy the fruits of everybody's labour.

Paul Davies is the president of the Kananook Creek Association, who worked with the Green Army on this project to revitalise and rejuvenate Kananook Creek earlier this year

Robyn Latimer

Our profile has been heightened in areas that can affect change for us as a small organisation. We have recently received funding support for our camps making them secure for two years. Major support this year has come from the Federal Government (notably our first ever federal funding in 29 years of operation) via a grant of \$136,000 covering 60% of our national camp program for two years. The other 40% is covered through a collection of fundraising, grants and attendee deposits.

This support is largely due to the formation of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Tourette Syndrome (TS) by Chris Crewther in 2016. That has permitted us access to hold an event in Parliament House each year. Last October we presented our camp program with Chris Crewther MP to Minister Hunt and other MPs, who were very moved by the people in the TS community who attended. Thank you to all who came to the event, to show people with TS as real people and to show your support for TSAA's activities.

Thank you to all those who lobbied and campaigned and to those who responded. Thank you to TSAA Patron Chris Crewther MP, the Member for Dunkley, the Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt and his team for meeting

\$136,000 in federal funding for Tourette Syndrome camps nationwide

with TSAA, guiding us, and recognising the value of our services in community health.

I really believe our future is bright as more people now know what Tourette Syndrome is, and more people know about TSAA and what we do as the only organisation in Australia supporting people with TS, making our voice louder. Once we are heard we cannot be denied as a community in need of support and recognition of service.

Robyn Latimer is the President of the Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia (TSAA).



Helping hands: Chisholm TAFE students help prepare meals at a new Life-Gate Kitchen trailer last month. Picture: Yanni

Breakfast club forms for needy

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BREAKFAST for the homeless and disadvantaged will be served up at Frankston's Chisholm TAFE campus after the education institute stepped up to the plate to host a meals service from October.

City Life, now known as Frankston Life, will partner with the Frankston Churches Breakfast Club and other providers to dish up meals at Building N of the Frankston campus.

City Life and the breakfast club stopped providing meals to the needy in July 2016 before the charity's leased Clyde Street Mall premises, were demolished to make way for a new apartment building.

Frankston Council provided an interim meals service at community centres

but this ended last month. "At Chisholm, we believe in engaging with, and supporting the local community, and are proud to be involved with this initiative," Chisholm CEO Dr Rick Ede said.

Federal Liberal Dunkley MP Chris Crewther said the meals service hosted at Chisholm's Frankston campus is "the result of many months of hard work that I've initiated and coordinated in conjunction with several local passionate organisations and people".

Community breakfasts will be hosted at Chisholm TAFE's Frankston campus on Monday and Thursday mornings, 7-9am, from 1 October. Frankston mayor Cr Colin Hampton said while council has no direct involvement in the establishment of a breakfast service "we support its progress and look forward to a successful venture".

"Council has had a long-standing commitment to supporting community breakfasts through our grants program," Cr Hampton said.

Mr Crewther thanked Theodora's Cheerful Givers, Life-Gate Inc, That's The Thing About Fishing, John Paul College, Community Support Frankston, Frankston Council, the Seaford Housing Action Coalition (SHAC) "and others" for help with the breakfast service.

"Once those initial meals are up and running, and we have got the settings right, we will then look to expand upon the meals offered as well as the organisations involved in providing meals at the one location," he said.

Frankston Times, 16 July 2018

Support for small business essential from elected representatives



Deputy PM Michael McCormack and Chris Crewther MP speaking with Tony Cimorelli and Don Cristiano, who lost his business due to Labor's delayed Young Street works.

Tony Cimorelli

Chris Crewther has been a real friend to small businesses since he was elected in 2016. The State Labor government's

delayed Young Street works and related activities in the Frankston CAD have caused many businesses to close, restructure or move away.

The impact on families has been horrible and the overall works still haven't finished. There has been too much disruption for too long. Every empty shop you see is a broken dream, the loss of jobs, the loss of a house, stress to the point of a nervous breakdown, thoughts of suicide and broken marriages due to financial stress. Paul Edbrooke, the Labor Member for Frankston, does not care about small business or Frankston.

Throughout this Chris Crewther has always been available to talk to us,

coming to meetings in support of us and advocating on our behalf. He has listened to our concerns and acted as a Member of Parliament should do. Frankston needs good leadership from this man-made disaster.

Frankston needs unity and leadership from the leaders that are on the side of Frankston. Chris Crewther is on the side of Frankston, and on the side of small business.

Unfortunately a lot of what's happened as a result of the disruption can't be changed. People can't be brought back and businesses that have folded have left many emotional scars for local traders.

Some businesses just fail because their best is just not good enough, but many businesses have very good operators with strong dedication and they can't break even but still persist.

We are trying to move forward with positivity and address the changes as a community, but you don't forget who spared the time to listen to you when all that you have worked for is put at risk. Fortunately we've had Chris Crewther around to support us.

Tony Cimorelli is a local Frankston business owner who has been significantly affected by Labor's delayed works in Young Street.



Mount Eliza celebrates safer school trips

The Mount Eliza Primary School community is celebrating after winning a long battle to improve safety around school pick-up and drop-off times.

Families are now able to safely drop off and collect their children thanks to a new asphalt carpark on Canadian Bay Rd, with space for at least 40 vehicles. The Federal Government invested \$280,000 in the project and Mornington Peninsula Shire contributed \$70,000.

It's a development that Room to Move steering committee chairwoman Claire Sullivan described as a reminder "not to underestimate our individual capacity to create change for the better".

"For decades, parents at Mount Eliza Primary School have complained about the congestion," Ms Sullivan said. "A school newsletter from June 1972 refers to the problem at the time. A number of problems have confounded the chaos

that has occurred during drop-off and pick-up times. These issues include the fact that the school remains uncapped and unzoned. It is a school where an 80km/h, six-lane highway was not originally intended to be later built around it."

The carpark was opened on March 2. "During the election campaign, (Dunkley federal Liberal MP) Chris Crewther was the only candidate who took the time to listen and understand the issue of concern," Ms Sullivan said. "With his pledge of funds at the time, and the support of his voters, the local parent community have come to benefit from his tireless efforts to see this venture come to fruition."

Mornington state Liberal MP David Morris described the carpark as a significant win for the school community. "This carpark is vital for the safety of drivers, parents and students of the schools in Mount Eliza, in particular Mount Eliza Primary School," Mr Morris said. "It will also ease congestion on Nepean Highway during school pick-up and drop-off times."

Dunkley federal Liberal MP Chris Crewther (second from right) opens the new carpark in Mount Eliza with representatives from Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mount Eliza Primary School and Room to Move. Photo: supplied

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Bins for compost

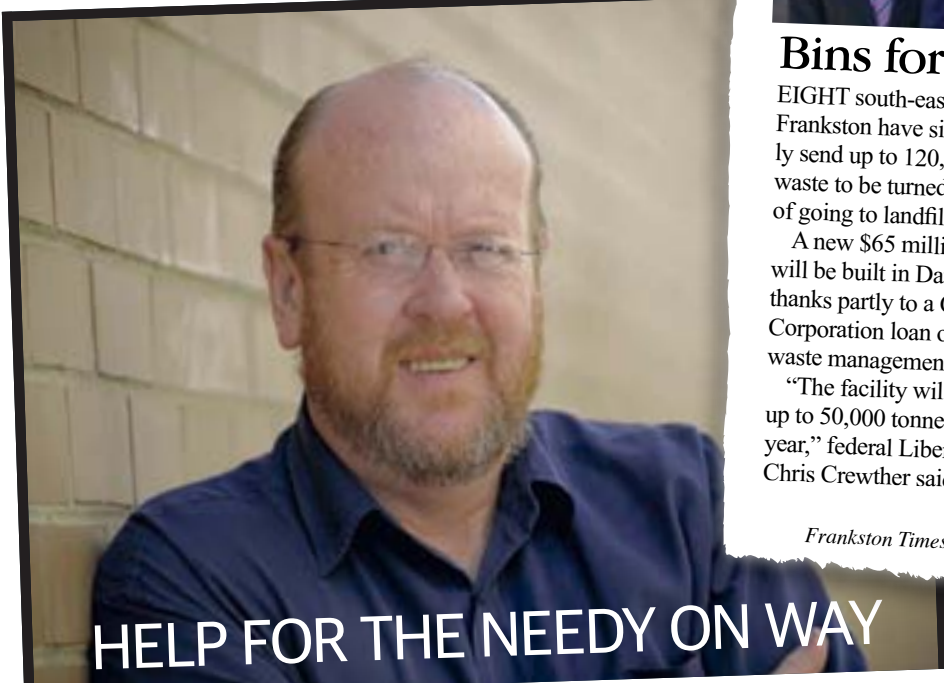
EIGHT south-east councils including Frankston have signed up to collectively send up to 120,000 tonnes of green waste to be turned into compost instead of going to landfill.

A new \$65 million composting hub will be built in Dandenong South thanks partly to a Clean Energy Finance Corporation loan of \$38 million to waste management company Sacyr.

"The facility will be able to produce up to 50,000 tonnes of compost each year," federal Liberal Dunkley MP Chris Crewther said.

Neil Walker

Frankston Times, 13 August 2018



HELP FOR THE NEEDY ON WAY

TWO key charities supporting Frankston's most vulnerable have taken a major step towards relaunching.

City Life and an allied group, the Frankston Churches Breakfast Club, shut down two years ago following an acrimonious spat with State Government officials over plans for a new base.

But an offer from Frankston Chisholm to use one of its buildings has the groups poised to restart their meals

service in October. City Life head Mark Whitby (pictured) said his group, which has been renamed Frankston Life Community, said the service would be more than a meals service to the homeless and disadvantaged — also providing vital companionship and support.

Breakfast club spokeswoman Trudy Poole said her group wanted to relaunch this year. "We have many willing volunteers and

will look at starting it two mornings a week and build up from there."

Dunkley federal MP Chris Crewther, who helped broker the deal involving the Chisholm building, said the return of the charities was great news for Frankston.

Chisholm CEO Rick Ede said: "We believe in engaging with, and supporting the local community and are proud to be involved with this initiative"

Frankston Standard Leader, 23 July 2018

ScoMo's To Do List

- ✓ Budget \$228 million towards extending and duplicating metro rail to Frankston East (Hospital/ University), Langwarrin, Baxter & surrounds
- ✓ Lock in \$5 billion for CBD to Melbourne Airport rail link
- ✓ Fund Snowy 2.0
- ✓ List important drugs like Spinraza on the PBS to help children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- ✓ Secure record funding for education and health, including medicare
- ✓ Cut taxes down to 25% for small-medium businesses, that Labor plan to wind back
- ✓ Introduce personal income tax cuts and stop bracket creep
- ✓ Support the local craft beer industry by enabling them to compete with large producers
- ✓ Make childcare more affordable and accessible for more people with our new childcare package
- ✓ Support local sporting champions and community organisations, by continuing Local Sporting Champions and Stronger Communities grant programmes
- ✓ Budget for a surplus in 2019-20, the first since 2007, so we can start paying down debt and keep our AAA credit rating
- ✓ Start putting in place strong measures to cut energy costs and cost of living pressures
- ✓ Crack down on multinationals who don't pay their fair share of tax, through new multinational tax avoidance laws
- ✓ Initiate the Banking Royal Commission
- ✓ 14,000 extra aged home care packages and investment into mental health services for aged care residents
- ✓ Continuing franking credits for retirees and pensioners, that Labor plan to get rid of
- ✓ Deporting offenders that commit crimes and funding more frontline police
- ✓ Strong borders meaning controlled immigration, stopping drownings at sea and getting people out of detention
- ✓ Increased support for veterans, particularly through mental health services
- ✓ Bringing in a Modern Slavery Act to tackle forced marriage, human trafficking, sexual slavery, child trafficking and exploitation, and more
- ✓ Securing a record 1 million jobs since the Coalition was elected
- ✓ Increasing employment for young people with the Youth Jobs PaTH and apprenticeships
- ✓ Laws against paedophiles and cyberbullying
- ✓ Urgent extra drought assistance funding for farmers and bringing in new measures to help farmers through the drought



PM Scott Morrison chatting to St John's Primary School students



CHRIS CREWThER

Member for Dunkley in the
Australian House of Representatives
Australian Federal Parliament

Chris Crewther currently serves as Chair of the Foreign and Aid Sub-Committee, under the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. In 2017, this committee launched an inquiry into whether Australia should establish legislation to tackle modern slavery. Under his leadership, the Australian Modern Slavery Act was introduced. Modeled after the UK Modern Slavery Act, it will require organizations based or operating in Australia to report annually on the risks of modern slavery in their operations and supply chains.

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Life-Gate's 'Meals for Change' trailer out and about to help Frankston's vulnerable

Rev. Angel Roldán

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Chris Crewther MP for the Stronger Communities funding we received from the Department of Infrastructure, through Chris' facilitation.

We would never have known funding was available to charities such as Life-Gate if Chris hadn't informed us.

Thank you to Chris for his heart for the community and for the proactive way in which he communicates with local groups and charities about the opportunities that exist. Thank you to Chris for serving our community with the passion he does.

The \$10,000 we received through this grant program was put to very good use. We designed and built the 'MEALS for CHANGE' food trailer in order to provide hot meals to the homeless and needy within our community.

Our trailer has been out on the streets of Frankston at night since April. This wonderful resource has made life so much easier for our volunteers and outreach workers. It gives our team a real "buzz" to see the excitement and pleasure on a homeless person's face when they discover they can have a real espresso cappuccino and a home-cooked meal.

If it wasn't for the grant we received from the Federal Government, through

Chris' instigation and advocacy, this dream would never have become a reality for our outreach service. So thank you to Chris for his genuine heart for the community in which he serves, and for those in need. Please feel free to come and enjoy a snag with our team and friends when the Meals for Change trailer is out on the streets at night!

We also give our sincere thanks to Minister McVeigh for his role in approving and giving us this grant.

Rev. Angel Roldán is the Executive Director of Life-Gate Inc., a registered charity based in Frankston



Launching the new Meals for Change trailer

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