

Concerns over tree removal

WORLD War II memorial trees planted at Belvidere in 1946 face extermination as proposed works to upgrade an intersection in the town threatens their future.

Markers outlining the proposed upgrade run straight through the middle of the historical triangle of trees, which sit near the intersection of the Strathalbyn, Milang and Langhorne Creek roads.

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick said it was unfair and unnecessary for the trees to be demolished to make way for a new intersection.

"The proposed markings indicate that the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure are planning to decimate memorial trees planted in 1946 for soldiers in the Second World War, some of whom never returned home," he said.

"I understand the importance of an upgrade to the intersection, however there are other ways which these roads could be made safe without affecting the memorial and this is what I will be pursuing with the Government.

"Belvidere's sacred Soldiers' Memorial deserves the upmost respect, as it pays tribute to those who served and sacrificed their lives for our country."

About 70 outraged residents from the area attended a community forum last week, taking up the opportunity to voice their concerns to Mr Pederick who listened and acknowledged the significant history of the site.



On a mission: Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick stands at the Belvidere Soldiers' Memorial site inbetween markers which outline the upgrade of the Strathalbyn, Milang and Langhorne Creek roads intersection.

Mr Pederick told those present that he would do everything he could to stop the trees from being removed.

"I advised those present at the forum Thursday night (September 17) that as the Local Member I would converse with the three relevant ministers, those being the Minister for Transport, Road Safety and

Veterans Affairs," he said. "I have since contacted all three ministers and have spoken to two of them.

"The Minister for Transport Hon Stephen Mullifan MP has committed to further investigations for an alternate proposal put forth by the local residents at the community meeting on Thursday night."

Government transitions to new youth work assistance program

A NEW service will be established Australia-wide to help 15 to 21-year-olds who are not employed or in education.

There is expected to be one provider based in the Murray and South East employment region of South Australia but where exactly that would be located remains unknown.

The Transition to Work 2016-2020 service will provide pre-employment support to improve the work readiness of young people and to help them into work, apprenticeships or education by better understanding the workplace and developing the skills, attitudes and behaviours expected by employers.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin said

Transition to Work was a Federal budget promise which would support early school leavers improve their work-readiness or re-engage in education.

"Young people who leave school early are most at risk of long term unemployment and need more support than other job seekers to move into work or re-engage with education," he said.

The Transition to Work start up phase will see about 6000 early school leavers transition from jobactive to Transition to Work.

An exposure draft was released on Wednesday outlining the basic details of how the new Transition to Work service would work and the Federal Government's approach

to selecting organisations to deliver the service.

Mr Pasin said organisations would be selected to run the program on the basis of their track record in helping young people into work, the quality of their plans to deliver the new service and the strength of their networks with schools, local employers and other community organisations.

Comments on the proposal must be lodged by October 6.

Transition to Work Deeds will be offered up to 30 June 2020, with an option to extend for a further two years from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

Successful respondents would commence service delivery between January and April 2016.

Training, skills for South Australians

UNDER the State Government's Work-Ready policy, more than 1800 training places will be open for South Australians to complete a qualification and gain employment.

Through the training and jobs strategy, 24 private training providers will deliver the 16 Jobs

courses, such as literacy, numeracy, and introductory workplace skills; prevocational courses; and courses that lead directly into entry level jobs.

"The Jobs First approach provides for people to have greater