

More money for Mayo under Gonski 2.0

The 66 schools in Mayo will all pocket extra money from the \$1.5 billion in additional Federal funds promised for South Australia in the next decade under the Gonski 2.0 education reforms, according to local Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie.

The Nick Xenophon Team has successfully advocated for changes to the Government's original Gonski 2.0 legislation which will benefit all Australian children, including - I am pleased to say - the 22,000 students in Mayo," Rebekha said.

"Our negotiations put an extra \$4.9 billion into the reforms, increasing the funding pool from \$18.6 billion to \$23.5 billion - that includes an additional \$424 million for South Australia's 718 schools, taking the total injection of funds from the Gonski reforms to \$1.5

billion for the State. "But more importantly, NXT has lobbied for the bulk of those increases to be rolled out to Australia's underfunded schools in the next six years rather than being stretched over the 10 years of the reforms.

"We didn't think it was fair that children who started school next year would have to wait until they were 15 to experience the full benefits of the funding reforms. "If the Bill hadn't passed, it would have taken 150 years for over-funded schools to reach parity with underfunded

schools." Rebekha said the Minister's office had been unable to provide exact funding calculations for each individual school in Mayo under the Gonski 2.0 amendments, which were passed during a marathon sitting of Parliament late last week.

"However, I know from original figures provided by Minister Birmingham that funding across Government, Independent and Catholic schools in Mayo was going to increase, on average, from \$4301 per student in 2017 to \$6936 in 2027."

"Now there is now more money in the funding pool so that can only be good news for our students."

Mayo has 21,815 students enrolled in 49 Government schools, 14 independent schools and three Catholic schools.

Besides the funding increase and the shorter transition period for underfunded schools, NXT also secured agreements from the Government to set up a National Schools Resourcing Board to review funding methodology.

"One of the first tasks of the Board will be to review the Socio Economic Standard calculations to make sure the Government's funding methodology best reflects parents' capacity to pay."

Rebekha said.

"NXT also lobbied for measures to ensure states and territories met their obligations to contribute to schools funding."

"This means that by 2023 all schools in Australia will receive at least 95% of their target Schooling Resource Standard funding."

Helping local businesses reach global markets

More than \$370,000 will assist 16 South Australian small and medium sized businesses to market and develop export opportunities in new global markets.

Announced this week by Investment and Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith, the latest round of the state government's Export Partnership Program includes funding for businesses in the food and wine, education, manufacturing and ICT sectors, operating across the metropolitan area and regional South Australia.

Among the 16 recipients, Woodstock Wines in McLaren Vale has received \$50,000 to tailor its marketing approach to new customers in Europe. The Export Partnership Program provides funding assistance for small and medium-sized

businesses to access new global markets through marketing and export development opportunities.

Current and aspiring exporters can apply for funding of up to \$50,000 for eligible projects and activities, and grants may be used to support coaching, training, market intelligence and mentoring in order to plan for international opportunities and build their export capability.

Since March 2015, the EPP has seen a strong and continuing demand with a total of 360 applications received, and more than \$3.6 million in grants assisting local

businesses.

Investment and Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith said the Export Partnership Program is vital for small businesses to grow and make their mark internationally, creating jobs back home. Since it began in 2015, the Export Partnership Program has contributed to a significant increase in export sales in South Australia and has helped local businesses seize new opportunities.

Woodstock Wines General Manager

Simon Spier said Woodstock aims to further expand our export distribution into key markets in Europe and we intend to use the EPP funding to vary our marketing approach in relation to expected revenue and market size.

Trade shows and international visits are critically important to our key export markets. We also aim to work closely with our distribution partners through advertising and marketing, tastings, and social media campaigns.

Council's short-term change, long-term gain

Alexandrina Council is moving to ensure it has a strong and sustainable future to better serve the community.

New Chief Executive Officer Glenn Rappensberg has begun implementing key changes to the Council's structure, including the creation of a new General Manager's role to drive Council's vital economic, innovation and cultural strategies.

Mr Rappensberg says restructuring Council now will deliver long-term benefits for the Alexandrina community.

"Within five years, Alexandrina Council will have a \$50 million budget and have a central leadership role within a billion-dollar regional economy with a population of more than 27000," he says. "We're also in the unique position of being the custodians of multiple environments - from coastal to agricultural - so we need to consider

Sustainable Agriculture Round Table, Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism, Goolwa What? Precinct Board, Economic Development Panel, and Development Advisory Panel," he says.

"It's very clear our community is passionate about the region and is strongly committed to participating. "I've received welcome and important advice about a range of Council issues, as well as our future strategy, and I very much appreciate the ideas and energy generated at these meetings."

Council will undertake a series of steps, including research in strategic trends, review of existing work flows and managerial portfolios and consideration of feedback from elected members and staff. The longer-term structure is expected to be in place by March 2018.

State Government's Fund My Community wins UN honour

South Australia's world-leading investment and commitment to involving the public in the democratic process, has seen the State Government's Fund My Community program win the 2017 United Nations Public Service Award.

The accolade follows the announcement of an unprecedented \$40 million in funding in the recent State Budget to expand its range of programs expressly designed to give South Australians the power to make the decisions that will help or improve their communities.

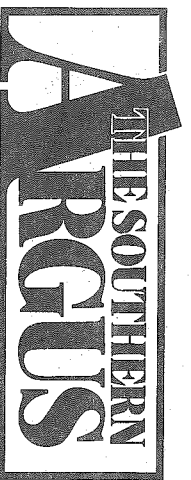
The UN award - for ideas that make a positive change in society - was bestowed on Friday night for promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in-the public service, and recognises the State's foremost national role in contributing to the improvement of public administration in Australia.

Through the current round of Fund My Community, already more than 2500 South Australians have decided how best to allocate \$1 million of State Government

of our most important goals is to involve more South Australians in the decisions that lead to better lives for them and their communities.

"I'm thrilled the United Nations recognises the work we've done in this field, and has singled out Fund My Community as an inspiration for others working in the public service. "The projects awarded funding this year will better the lives of many South Australians, and as we roll out our world-leading Budget commitment of \$40 million, many, many more will be improved."

Communities and Social Inclusion Minister Zoe Bettison said. "Fund My Community has gathered momentum since its inception and that's because it has given every South Australian a voice in government decision-making. "This year's ideas attracted a record 2,566 votes from people who are involved in funding, and supporting, solutions to the challenges faced by their communities."



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Coroner recommends Leila's Lifeline

Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick, is extremely pleased with the recommendation of Deputy State Coroner Anthony Schapel, who supports the establishment of Leila's Lifeline.

"Miss Leila Baartse-Harkin tragically passed away after several trips to different hospitals failed to identify an internal injury she sustained as a result of a playground accident," said Mr Pederick.

"After meeting with Leila's mother, Edie, I introduced a motion to the State Parliament on 6th September last year, calling on the State Government to implement a patient escalation policy and for it to be named Leila's Lifeline."

"I was honoured to be introducing this motion to Parliament and I commend Leila's family for their courage and determination throughout this whole process. "The motion received bipartisan support from

the Government and Leila's family have been persistently working with SA Health to see the implementation of Leila's Lifeline.

"Recommendation 19 of the coronal findings states "I indicate that the Court specifically endorses this suggested recommendation and further recommends that the initiative and dedicated service be publicly described as Leila's Lifeline."

"I now call on the State Labor Government to implement this title so Leila's name and memory can live on through the policy Leila's Lifeline, and potentially provide others with a life-saving second chance," said Mr Pederick.