



# Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston



Around the **South**

**JUNE 2008**

## Kingston Local 2020 Summit

Amanda thanks the Southern Adelaide community for making the local 2020 summit, held at Old Reynella, a success. Participants had a broad range of creative ideas on building a modern Australia – both at a local and a national level.

### Key issues raised included

- Developing a national Charter of Consumer Rights
- Increase Public Transport infrastructure to help cut carbon emissions
- Grassroots investment assisting pensioners and low income earners battle climate change in their own homes and reduce the cost of power bills
- Program for medical students to encourage doctors to work in areas of need

This reflects many of the issues which Amanda discussed with residents during the election campaign.

The Kingston 2020 Summit was about placing all participants thoughts and ideas on the record and ensuring the South played a part in the national summit, which took place on 19 and 20 April.

Amanda looks forward to helping achieve the goals from the Kingston and Australia 2020 summit and working with Kevin Rudd to strengthen Australia's future. The Kingston summit discussed the same ten key areas as Australia 2020 – the economy, the nation's infrastructure, our environment, our farmers, healthcare, indigenous Australians, the arts, national security, improving the system of government and strengthening our communities.

Amanda also attended a number of successful school 2020 summits in the Kingston electorate including, Reynella East K-7 School, Southern Vales Christian College, Antonio Catholic School, Christies Beach Primary and Braeview Primary School.

All ideas from the Kingston and local school summits were submitted to the Australia 2020 summit for discussion.



## \$55 Billion for Working Families

**Special Budget 2008  
Liftout Inside**

Phil and Susie have a combined income of \$87,000. They have 2 children – Chloe aged 4 and Oscar aged 6 – and will receive a tax cut of **\$1,050** per year. This family can also claim up to **\$1,630** in education and childcare refunds. The Rudd Government's Budget means a family like this is up to **\$2,680** a year better off.

The *Grocery Price Inquiry* and the *National FuelWatch Scheme* will also help Susie and Phil get a better deal at the checkout and bowser.



**This family  
\$52 a week  
better off**

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**Amanda in Seaford**  
Collecting for the Red Shield Appeal

## Amanda thanks the South for digging deep for the **Salvos**

Amanda thanks the residents in the South for once again banding together to support the Red Shield Appeal. As of 26 May, the South contributed over \$21,000, which is an encouraging increase on last year's collections.

Amanda hit the pavement on Saturday 24 May 2008, knocking on Seaford Rise residents to help raise money for over one million Australians in need.

Amanda was eager to take part in the Salvation Army's major annual fundraising drive to help reach the national target for 2008 of \$68 million.

Residents in the South dug deep to support the Red Shield Appeal. Amanda was overwhelmed and greatly appreciated Seaford Rise resident's generous contributions.

Amanda has witnessed firsthand the invaluable contribution the Salvation Army's volunteers

make in our community and the recent Red Shield Appeal was of no exception.

Amanda joined over 200 people from all over the South who volunteered their time to help raise vital funds for the Salvation Army.

The Rudd Government and Amanda thank the outstanding contribution volunteers and organisations like the Salvation Army play in supporting our communities.

If you would like to volunteer, or make a donation to the Salvation Army please call 13 72 58 or visit [www.salvationarmy.org.au](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au)

## Community Noticeboard

### Street Corner Meetings

Amanda regularly holds street corner meetings that will give you a chance to have your say about national issues in your local area. In the next few months, Amanda will be holding meetings in:

- **July - Hallett Cove**
- **August - Noarlunga**
- **September - Happy Valley**

More details about the meetings will be sent to residents closer to the events.

### Doorknocking

Over the next few weeks, Amanda will be doorknocking in **Woodcroft**. Amanda will send a notice to tell you when she will be coming to visit residents.

### Shopping Centre Stalls

Keep an eye out on Thursdays for Amanda's regular shopping centre stalls throughout the South

**If your club or community group would like to feature on the Community Noticeboard, give Amanda's office a call on 8186 2588**





A Special Community Newsletter from **Amanda Rishworth MP** Federal Member for Kingston

## Amanda Rishworth and Kevin Rudd are delivering for working families in the South

Working families in the South are doing it tough due to the rising cost of essential items such as housing, childcare, food and petrol.

The Rudd Government understands this and is taking action by delivering a \$55 billion *Working Families Support Package*.

**In this Budget the Rudd Government delivers for working families**

- **\$46.7 billion of tax relief** directed at low-to-



middle income families. Also, changes to the *Medicare Levy Surcharge* mean people on average incomes will no longer be penalised for not taking out private health insurance.

- **Better access to health care** through the \$3.2 billion *Health and Hospital Reform Plan* including \$600 million to slash elective surgery waiting lists in public hospitals, \$220 million to establish *GP Super Clinics* in local communities including in the South and \$491 million *Teen Dental Plan*.
- **Accessible and affordable childcare** by increasing the *Child Care Rebate* from 30 per cent to 50 per cent.
- **Help with education costs** through the introduction of a new 50 per cent *Education Tax Refund*.
- **Reduced cost pressures on everyday items.** The *Grocery Price Inquiry* and the *National Fuel Watch Scheme* will help families in the South get a better deal at the checkout and the bowser.
- **If you would like information on what you will get out of this Budget please contact Amanda's office on 8186 2588 or [Amanda.Rishworth.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Rishworth.MP@aph.gov.au)**

## Budget08 delivering for the South

- \$7.5 million upgrade of the intersection of Victor Harbor Rd and Main South Road
- \$35 million Innovation and Investment fund to assist Mitisbushi employees
- \$6.74 million for Black Spot projects and Roads to Recovery for the local councils
- \$3.5 million water re-use project in the McLaren Vale region
- \$2 million for the Aldinga Recreation Centre
- \$8.9 million for the Flinders University of South Australia
- \$10 million for an upgrade of teaching facilities at the Flinders Medical Centre
- \$100,000 upgrade of the Onkaparinga Rugby Club
- \$900,000 to support small Business in the South Business Enterprise Centre





## Helping with child care costs

Accessing affordable, quality child care is essential to many working families in the South. The Rudd Government is taking steps to make sure the cost of child care is affordable by:

- Increasing the *Child Care Tax Rebate* from 30 per cent to 50 per cent. In addition to any Child Care Benefit payable, half a family's total out of pocket child care costs will be met every year.
- Capping the maximum out of pocket expenses claimable each year – \$7,500 per child.

To improve quality and access, the Government is investing:

- \$114.5 million to build planned child care centres in priority areas.
- \$22.2 million over four years to develop new national quality standards for child care.

## Helping with education costs

Amanda Rishworth understands that every parent wants to give their kids the best possible start in life.

That is why the Rudd Government is boosting assistance for working families to help cover education costs with the *Education Tax Refund*.

Eligible families will be able to claim education expenses up to:

- \$750 for each child undertaking primary studies (maximum refund of \$375 per child per year)
- \$1500 for each child undertaking secondary studies (maximum refund of \$750 per child per year)



## Delivering on Recreation for the South

Amanda Rishworth has succeeded in securing funding for sporting groups and recreation in Kingston

### Onkaparinga Rugby Club

- \$100,000 allocation for an upgrade of the Onkaparinga Rugby Football Club. Amanda says that this project was well overdue and the upgrade will help make the club larger and attract more members.

### Aldinga Recreation Centre

- \$2 million for the City of Onkaparinga over four years to build a new recreation centre in Aldinga. Amanda says that this project will help to encourage young people in the South to be more active.



## Improving your commute

Amanda Rishworth and Kevin Rudd are delivering on the commitment to upgrade the Victor Harbor Road and Main South Road Intersection.

This \$7.5 million upgrade of the intersection is expected to be completed by 2010 and significantly reduce the commute times from areas such as McLaren Vale and Willunga.

The upgrade will also include a widening of the Seaford Road intersection to help with the large new developments in Seaford Meadows.



## Supporting seniors to meet rising costs

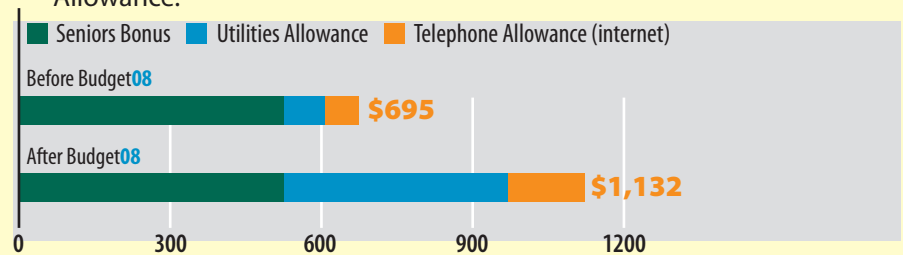
Under the Rudd Government, pensioners in the South will now be more than \$400 a year better off.

### To assist with the cost of household bills:

- The *Utilities Allowance* has been increased from \$107.20 per year to \$500 per year (and will be indexed annually) for those of age or service pension age in receipt of income support, and for people receiving the Mature Age Allowance, the Partner Allowance and the Widow Allowance.

- The *Telephone Allowance* has been increased from \$88 to \$132 per year for those with an Internet connection.
- The *Seniors Concession Allowance* has been increased from \$218 per year to \$500 per year (with annual indexation) to assist those self funded retirees with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

**These payments will now be paid quarterly to make sure the money is there when the household bills arrive.**



## Standing up for our Environment

Amanda Rishworth is standing up for the South in Canberra and has succeeded in delivering funding for the environment in the South.

\$3.5 million is being delivered for a water re-use project in the McLaren Vale region saving 500 million litres per year.

In addition Amanda has delivered a total of \$100,000 for the cities of Onkaparinga and Marion to help the South battle climate change.





## Amanda Rishworth and Kevin Rudd help with cost of living expenses

Amanda Rishworth understands the pressures on working families. More and more of the family income is being eaten away by mortgage repayments, rent, groceries and petrol.

Measures in this years Budget to control cost of living pressures include:

### Making housing more affordable

The Rudd Government is making it easier for families to save for and buy their first home (*First Home Saver Accounts*), increasing the supply of affordable rental housing (the *National Rental Affordability Scheme*) and boosting housing supply (the *Housing Affordability Fund*).

### National Fuel Watch

A *National FuelWatch Scheme* to help you find the cheapest fuel will commence in December 2008.

Under the scheme petrol stations will be required to advise the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) of their next day's prices by 2pm and keep prices at this level for 24 hours.

Motorists will be able to find out petrol prices for the next day simply by making a phone call or logging onto a website – so families can know where and when to buy the cheapest fuel in their area.

### Grocery Price Monitoring

The Rudd Government believes more can be done to ensure that working families have access to a competitive market for everyday food items.

The ACCC have been directed to conduct an inquiry into the competitiveness of grocery prices in Australia – from the farm gate to the checkout counter.

The ACCC will also provide a monthly survey of prices for typical grocery baskets across Australia. This will help your family find the cheapest supermarket chain in your area.

**In addition the Rudd Labor Government has delivered an economically responsible Budget to declare war on inflation and put downward pressure on interest rates.**

The 2008 Budget sets out a long term plan to build a stronger economy that delivers for working families.

For more information on the Rudd Government Budget or how it will benefit you and your family please contact my office on:

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We also have a range of Fact Sheets providing information on the Budget and if you would like any information please contact us.

## Active in our Community

Amanda has never believed in being one of those politicians that you only ever see around elections. Amanda has been working hard across the electorate, holding street corner meetings, shopping centre visits, visiting schools, clubs and community groups and talking to people all around the south, such as:

### Visiting Schools

- Woodcroft College – Student leader forum
- Reynella Primary School Open Day
- Officially opened the new Tatchilla Lutheran College Buildings
- McLaren Vale Primary School
- Woodcroft School Skipping Competition

### Street Corner Visits

- Brodie Crescent, Christies Beach
- Brixton Street, Christies Beach
- Dorothea Street, Christies Beach
- Weaver Drive, Morphett Vale
- Randell Road, Morphett Vale
- Conington Cres, Morphett Vale

### Forums Hosted by Amanda

- International Development Forum with the Hon Bob McMullan
- Kingston Local 2020 Summit

### Helping build stronger Communities

- Official Launch of Christies Beach Australian Hearing Centre
- Noarlunga Centrelink Opening
- Mission Australia Launch – Christies Beach
- Southern Sea & Vines Residential Conference
- Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Annual Dinner
- Aldinga Scrub Visit
- Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Watch meeting
- Hackham West Neighbourhood Watch Biggest Morning Tea
- Doorknocking for Red Shield Appeal in Seaford Rise Area
- Naming of the Changing Station Cottage Launch

### Celebrating Australia

- Flag Presentation at Seaford Rise Primary School
- Citizenship ceremony in the City of Onkaparinga
- Citizenship ceremony in the City of Marion

### Remembering their Service

- ANZAC Youth Vigil – City of Onkaparinga Memorial Garden
- Port Noarlunga and Christies Beach RSL Dawn Service
- The Loyal Orange Institution - Hackham ANZAC Service
- Commemorative Anzac Service - Morphett Vale RSL

### Standing up for the South in Parliament

- Acknowledged creation of Fleurieu Cancer Support Network and their contribution to sufferers in the South.
- Spoke in favor of the Health Insurance Amendment (90 Day Pay Doctor Cheque Scheme) Bill 2008
- Supported the introduction of legislation to create First Home Saver Accounts, which will help people in the South save for their first home.
- Placed on public record key issues raised at the local Kingston and school 2020 summits.

**If you would like a copy of Amandas Speeches please contact her office on 8186 2588**

**If your local community group would like to invite Amanda to an event or meeting, contact Amanda's office on 8186 2588 or send her an email.**

## Volunteers In our Community

Edward Tesar, of Morphett Vale, has received overwhelming support from fellow members of our community as an invaluable volunteer in the South.

Noarlunga Volunteer Transport Service Inc (NVTs) operates from a small office within the Noarlunga Health Village, providing transport service to around 600 clients who have been assessed by their health professional as 'elderly and frail'.

The services provided by NVTs have been driven solely by volunteers like Mr Tesar. Mr Tesar volunteers two to three days per week at the NVTs, collating statistical and AGM reports.

Every year, Australians like Edward Tesar, give up 8 million hours of their time to volunteer to help others in our community.

Amanda is committed to supporting and sponsoring voluntary efforts like Mr Tesar's. Mr Tesar has given his time to the Southern Community for over seven years to benefit others. Edward's time is an invaluable gift and he is a true asset to our community.

Amanda congratulates Mr Edward Tesar on his nomination for being a vital volunteer in the South and wishes him all the very best in his important work of strengthening our community.

If you would like to join the current 80 Noarlunga Volunteer Transport Service Inc registered volunteers please call 8384 9279.



# Chamber News

Amanda acknowledges our community in Parliament

Amanda has used her time in Parliament to remember and acknowledge our invaluable community members.

On 17 March, Amanda recognised the commitment of the late Mollie Mildred Heffernan, of Christies Beach. Even in her late 80's, Mollie fought hard for the South as a valued community volunteer. Mollie will be remembered for her strong commitment to the community, especially for her successful fight in establishing the southern outreach office of the Royal Society for the Blind.

Mollie's support and friendship will be sadly missed in the Kingston electorate. Amanda offers her sincere condolences to Mollie's family.



Amanda stands up for the South in Canberra

## Amanda is fighting hard for the South on Parliamentary Committees.

Amanda has been appointed to three House of Representatives Standing Committees:

- Standing Committee on Health and Ageing.

The Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into obesity in Australia.

This Committee will recommend what governments, industry, individuals and the broader community can do to prevent and manage the obesity epidemic in children, youth and adults.

If you would like to have your say on this topic, contact Amanda's office by phone or email. To see submissions that have already been sent to the Committee, visit its website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/obesity/index.htm>

- Standing Committee on Communications and;
- Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation.

## Minister Joe Ludwig Supports the South

Minister Ludwig and Amanda officially opened the Christies Beach Australian Hearing Office and the new Noarlunga Centrelink centre on April 29 2008.

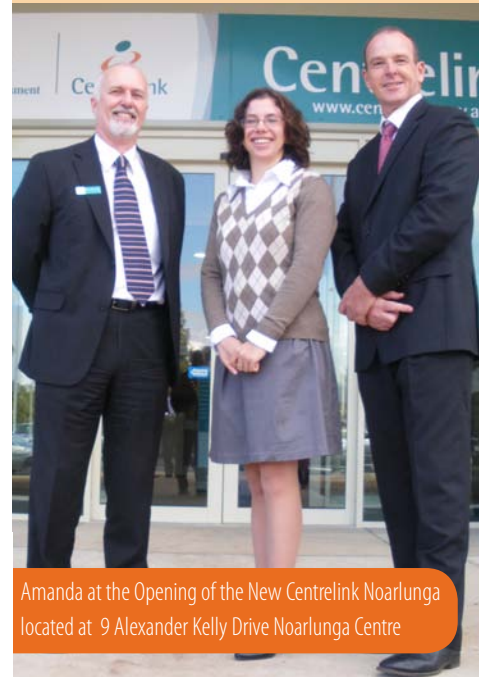
The high demand for hearing services in Christies Beach area has been met by the opening of the new Australian Hearing centre.

The new centre is a modern hearing facility and will provide local residents with the latest hearing aid technology.

More than 60 per cent of people aged over 60 have some sort of hearing loss and that statistic is set to rise with baby boomers reaching their 60s.

Hearing services are free or subsidised by the Rudd Government for many Australian aged pensioner and veterans.

Amanda encourages residents in the South to take advantage of this excellent service by visiting Australian Hearing Christies Beach, 114C Beach Road, or by calling 8383 8800.



Amanda at the Opening of the New Centrelink Noarlunga located at 9 Alexander Kelly Drive Noarlunga Centre