



Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston



Around the South

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The Rudd Labor Government's Economic Security Strategy includes:

- ✓ First Home Owners Grant doubled from \$7,000 to \$14,000
- ✓ \$21,000 grant for first home buyers who purchase newly constructed homes
- ✓ \$1,400 for single pensioners and \$2,100 for couples*
- ✓ \$1,000 for people receiving the Carer Allowance
- ✓ \$1,000 for each eligible child of families who receive Family Tax Benefit A
- ✓ Funding for 56,000 new training places

*This includes Age pensioners, Carer payment recipients, Veterans' pensioners, DSP recipients and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Holders.

Decisive and early action to protect our economy for families

Kevin Rudd and Amanda Rishworth know the global financial crisis is placing increasing pressure on family budgets already stretched by the rising cost of living.



That's why when it came to making the practical decisions to help working families balance their budgets and stimulate economic growth, the Rudd Government delivered \$3.9 billion to families with children.

The support will be delivered to families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part (A) through a one-off payment of \$1,000 for each eligible child in their care.

Families with dependent children who receive Youth Allowance, Abstudy or a benefit from the Veterans' Children's Scheme will also get the \$1000 one-off payment.



Kevin Rudd is taking decisive and early action to protect our economy from the global financial crisis

✓ \$1,400 for single pensioners and \$2,100 for couples

✓ \$1,000 for people receiving the Carer Allowance

Economic Security Strategy for pensioners, seniors and carers

Kevin Rudd and Amanda Rishworth know that life has been getting tougher for many people on a fixed income.

That's why the Rudd Government has taken decisive and early action to protect the Australian economy from the global financial crisis which started in the United States.



The Government's Economic Security Strategy provides lump sum payments to assist Aged Pensioners, Veterans, Disability Support Pensioners and Carers. This assistance builds on the additional support provided to pensioners in the Government's first budget, but also recognises that many pensioners are calling for more help now.

Self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card will receive the same lump sum payments as pensioners in recognition of the tough economic circumstances they currently face.

The Rudd Labor Government's Economic Security Package will include:

- \$1,400 for single pensioners.
- \$2,100 for couples.

This includes age pensioners, DSP recipients, carer payment recipients and Veteran pensioners. Payments will be made automatically from 8 December 2008.



Seaford Rail Extension

Amanda would like to thank all Kingston residents who helped lobby the State Government for the train extension to Seaford.

By working together our efforts have paid off. The State Government has announced the Seaford rail extension is one of South Australia's priority projects for the Federal Building Australia Fund.

Amanda has played an active role in lobbying both the State Government and the federal body Infrastructure Australia in mobilising support for a rail extension to Seaford since her election in 2007.

Amanda's recent letter to the State Minister for Transport, the Hon Patrick Conlon, outlined why the rail extension to Seaford was vital to Kingston, highlighting issues of convenience, equality and environmentalism.

Amanda is hopeful we can see this vital transport investment get off the ground in the future, to the benefit of all Southern Adelaide residents.



The Rudd Government is investing more than ever before on critical infrastructure

Fast tracking the Rudd Government's Nation Building agenda means investing now to help Australia weather the current global economic climate.


Our infrastructure investment program includes:

- ✓ An Education Revolution,
- ✓ High-speed broadband roll-out,
- ✓ A long term plan for health and hospitals, including a GP Superclinic.

These investments will be targeted at boosting productivity, to support sustained growth both now and into the future.



 First Home Owners Grant doubled from \$7,000 to \$14,000

 \$21,000 grant for first home buyers who purchase newly constructed homes

Economic Security Strategy to assist first homebuyers

Kevin Rudd and Amanda Rishworth are responding to the challenge of housing affordability and stimulating residential construction activity through the First Home Owners Boost.

Under the First Home Owners Boost:

- First home buyers who purchase established homes will have their grant doubled from \$7,000 to \$14,000.
- First home buyers who purchase a newly constructed home will receive an extra \$14,000 to take their grant to \$21,000.

This will apply for all contracts entered between 14 October 08 & 30 June 09.

This measure builds on the Government's \$2.2 billion worth of housing initiatives in the 2008-09 Budget, including:

- A National Rental Affordability Scheme to build 50,000 new affordable rental properties.
- A Housing Affordability Fund to reduce the cost of bringing new homes to market.
- First Home Saver Accounts to encourage young people to save for a new home.

The First Home Owners Boost responds to the housing affordability challenge and will help strengthen residential investment activity in Australia.

This initiative will help strengthen the Australian economy during the global financial crisis to help protect Australians during the difficult global economic times that lie ahead.

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Community Noticeboard

Street Corner Meetings

Amanda regularly holds street corner meetings that will give you a chance to have your say about issues in your local area.

In the next few months, Amanda will be holding meetings in:

- **January-Sheidow Pk**
- **February - Sellicks Beach**
- **March - Willunga**

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 **Moana**

Shopping Centre Stalls

Keep an eye out on Thursdays for Amanda's regular shopping centre stalls throughout the South including Seaford and Aldinga Beach Shopping Centre.





Amanda joined over 120 enthusiastic Feet on the Street team members at the City to Bay fun run to raise funds to support Southern Junction's work with disadvantaged families and individuals in the South.

- City to Bay Fun Run – Raising money for Southern Junction
- Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Final
- Willunga Country Fire Service 50th Birthday
- Sellicks Hill Quarry
- Green Corp Project Launch
- Seaford/Moana NHW Breakfast
- Willunga Markets
- Sellicks Area Residents Association
- McLaren Vale Business Association Award Night
- Queen Scout Certification Ceremony
- Happy Valley Tennis Club
- Onkaparinga Council Christmas Pageant
- Reynella East Year 12 Graduation
- Waste Nott Recycling Store Grand Opening

Celebrating Australia

- Christies Beach/Noarlunga RSL Peacekeeping Plaques Unveiling
- Onkaparinga Citizenship Ceremony

If your community group or organisation requires an Australian flag (including Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags), please contact Amanda's office on 8186 2588.

Active in our Community

Since the last edition of Around the South in October Amanda has continued to listen to the community by visiting many Southern Adelaide organisations, shopping centres and forums, including:

Street Corner Meetings

- Glenloth Drive, Happy Valley
- Calomba Drive, Happy Valley
- Alders Drive, Happy Valley
- Cheam Drive, Reynella
- Castle Street, Reynella
- Sampson Cres, Old Reynella
- Southgate Plaza Shopping Centre Mobile Office
- Defence Service Medal Presentation
- Seaford Shopping Centre
- Southern Housing Round Table

Helping build stronger Communities

- 2008 Festival of Music Night
- Morphett Vale Memorial Bowling Clubrooms

Forums hosted by Amanda

- Sport Achievement Award Presentation



Be a Green Hero

NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TELEPHONE

MOBILE

EMAIL



If you would like to become a Green Hero & receive regular green tips and funding updates, please fill in the slip, tear off and post to:

Amanda Rishworth MP
Federal Member for Kingston

232 Main South Road
Morphett Vale SA 5162

Amanda recognises Southern Adelaide Residents' Sporting Achievements

On 29 September, the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hon Kate Ellis joined Amanda to formally recognise 12 Southern Adelaide residents sporting achievements and contributions to community sport.

The Australian Government Sport Achievement Award was introduced to recognise outstanding sporting performances, achievements and contributions made by community members.

Kieran Modra who recently returned from his sixth Paralympic Games was also awarded the Australian Government Sport Achievement Award. Mr Modra's passion for cycling enabled him to win gold in the individual pursuit and bronze in the 1km time trial.

Amanda extends her congratulations to all athletes, coaches and club members who were nominated by their local sporting club for their important work of fostering a strong and healthy community.



Chamber News

On 22nd September Amanda paid tribute to the many surf lifesavers that patrol our local beaches every year. Amanda joined the Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club when she was 11 and encourages others in our community to consider joining one of the five Surf Life Saving Clubs in Southern Adelaide.

If you would like to become a member of a Surf Life Saving Club please call the State Surf House on 8354 6900.

Amanda has also been a strong voice for Southern Adelaide residents advocating for a number of important issues in Parliament such as:

- National Rental Affordable Scheme Bill 2008
- Water Amendment Bill
- Management of Credit Cards
- Feet on the Street
- Safe Work Australia Bill 2008
- Public Transport in the South

To view Amanda's speeches visit
www.rishworth.com.au



Amanda congratulating Kieran Modra on his successful 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games