



Amanda Rishworth MP

Federal Member for Kingston

Around the South

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Anzac Day 2008

Australians are justly proud of its veterans and ex-service men and women. As Anzac Day approaches, the Government urges all Australians to attend or participate in one of the many services that honour our veterans and the serving members of the Australian Defence Force.

Anzac Day 2008 again will be a day of commemoration marked across the nation and all over the world. As 2008 is the 90th anniversary of the end of World War I, the focus of overseas commemorations will be the Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux in France. This once only event is to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the recapture of the village of Villers-

Bretonneux by Australian Forces on 25 April 1918.

The Government is committed to listening to our veterans and ex-servicemen and women and believe that the provision of robust services and support is a sincere way to demonstrate gratitude and recognition of the bravery and sacrifice of these Australian men and women.



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

For retired servicemen Bob Hansford, John Cameron, Phil Williams and John Machell (pictured with Amanda), ANZAC Day is about remembering fellow soldiers who passed away.

These ex-servicemen are part of the South's large veteran community.

Each ANZAC Day and during other commemorations, they carry three flags, representing the loss of Captain Barry Donald, Major George Constable and Second Lieutenant Allen Jellie.

Amanda Rishworth MP was pleased to be able to assist them by providing new Australian national flags to help them keep the memory of these fallen soldiers alive.

“There is perhaps no greater duty that we as a nation and as a parliament have than to honour, remember and express our gratitude to those Australians who have served in the defence of our nation in times of war, because our security and liberty have not come without a price.”

Kevin Rudd, 13 August 2007



See page 3 for a list of local Anzac Day Dawn Services

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Amanda is fighting for the South in Canberra

Despite only being a member of Parliament for a few months, Amanda Rishworth MP has hit the ground running fighting for the South in Canberra.

In Parliament, Amanda has used her experience as a former practising psychologist to passionately defend Medicare and the right of all Australians to medical care regardless of their income. She also spoke about the importance of protecting the Australian tradition of a 'fair go' in our workplaces.

Amanda has also recognised the contribution of a number of community groups and individuals in Parliament including the Fleurieu Cancer Network, the achievement of Adelaide Icicle Magic and the contribution made by CFS volunteers to fighting the recent bushfires at Willunga.

If there is an issue that you think Amanda should raise with the Australian Government or in Parliament, you should call Amanda's electorate office on 8186 2588.



Honouring their service

Amanda presented the Australian Defence Medal to ex-service men and women on 14 April 2008.

The Australian Defence Medal was established to recognise current and former Australian Defence Force Regular and Reserve personnel, volunteer and National Servicemen, who have served four years, completed an enlistment period, or re-enlisted since the end of World War II on 3 September 1945

Amanda was honoured to be given the opportunity to formally recognise the Australian Defence Medal recipients (pictured at right with Vivienne Barker).

Also, the Australian Government was pleased to provide financial assistance to the Morphett Vale RSL to create the Korean War Memorial Plinth at the City of Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens. The Plinth will be dedicated at a Youth Vigil in the South on 24 April.

Another project that the Australian Government was pleased to assist was helping improve the McLaren Vale & District RSL redevelopment. The Government invested \$12,677 in improving the facilities at the RSL.



If your club or community group needs an Australian national flag, contact Amanda's office on 8186 2588.



Amanda Rishworth MP, Joan Trembath and the Minister for Ageing, the Hon Justine Elliot MP

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES IN YOUR AREA

Port Noarlunga and Christies Beach

- RSL Clubrooms on the Esplanade at Port Noarlunga
- Service commences at 5:30AM

Morphett Vale, Reynella and Woodcroft

- City of Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens, Corner of Main South Road and Flaxmill Roads, Morphett Vale
- Service commences at 6:00AM

McLaren Vale

- McLaren Vale Memorial Park, Gemmel Tassie Reserve, Valley View Drive, McLaren Vale
- Service commences at 6:15AM

Willunga

- Main Rd (opposite Alma Hotel), Willunga
- Service commences at 6:15AM



volunteers building our community

On 27 February 2008, Amanda and the Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot recognised Joan Trembath of Morphett Vale for her outstanding contribution to improving the lives of senior Australians.

Minister Elliot and Amanda presented a plaque to an overwhelmed Ms Trembath at the Hostel in Morphett Vale.

Amanda nominated Joan Trembath as a worthy recipient of the award due to her long and continued volunteer service in the local community.

The Rudd Government and Amanda value the contribution of volunteers like Joan and the important role they play in shaping our nation.

For the past 11 years Joan has been assisting residents

at Elkanah Nursing Home and Hostel. Now in her 70s, Joan still actively provides assistance and support to residents.

Joan Trembath has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of senior residents in our community. Congratulations Joan!

If you know a volunteer who deserves to be recognised, contact Amanda's electorate office on 8186 2588 or send her an e-mail at Amanda.Rishworth.MP@aph.gov.au.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Street Corner Meetings

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

- May - Morphett Vale
- June - Christies Beach
- July - Hallett Cove

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 **Sheidow Park**. 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 Notice-board, give Amanda's office a call on 8186 2588



Amanda Rishworth MP with Leon Bignell MP at a street corner meeting in Woodcroft



Amanda Rishworth MP speaking to students at Southern Vales Christian College's 2020 Summit



Amanda Rishworth MP congratulating Mr Arthur & Mrs Patricia Lawson of Morphett Vale on their 60th wedding anniversary



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

- Willunga High
- Gave a presentation at the Year 12 O'Day at Seaford 6-12 School
- Hackham West Primary
- Willunga Primary
- Christies Beach High
- Christies Beach Primary 2020 Summit
- Braeview Primary School's 2020 Summit
- Southern Vales Christian School's 2020 Summit
- Reynella East High
- Hallett Cove R-12 School presentation night
- Seaford Preschool
- Opening of Woodcroft College's new middle school
- St John Apostle School
- Australian Technical College - Adelaide South
- Tatachilla College
- Tree planting at Reynella East Primary School
- Opening ceremony of the Science Summer Schools programme at Flinders University

Stalls at Shopping Centres

- Aldinga Beach Shopping Centre
- Woolworths Old Reynella
- Coles Hackham

Street Corner Meetings

- Hendrix Cres, Woodcroft
- Dressage Av, Woodcroft
- Potter Drive, Woodcroft
- Grand Blvd, Seaford

- Robertson Rd, Seaford
- Quadrant Tce, Seaford

Celebrating Australia

- Citizenship ceremony in the City of Marion
- Citizenship ceremony in the City of Onkaparinga
- Australia Day celebrations with the Cities of Marion and Onkaparinga
- Australia Day Breakfast at Aldinga Community Centre
- Flag presentation at Local Kids Blossom Vale Childcare Centre

Helping build stronger communities

- Kingston 2020 Ideas Summit
- Opening ceremony of Hallett Cove Shopping Centre
- Honoured a volunteer at Elkanah Retirement Village, Morphett Vale
- Spoke at Seaford Districts Residents Association meeting
- Official opening of Seaford Eldercare
- Attended grand opening of Southern ACH Group - Christies Beach
- Regional World Youth Day event at South Adelaide Football Club
- Opening of new McLaren Vale Station of the SA Ambulance Service
- Men's South Talk Meeting at Aldinga Community Centre
- Attended the Shave for Children with Leukaemia at Aldinga Aeroclub
- Launched the Fleurieu Cancer

Network at Noarlunga Health Village

Supporting sporting and recreation clubs

- 2008 Surf Life Savers' Junior Championship
- T-Ball Presentation Night at McLaren Flat
- Visited the Southern Adelaide Football Club
- Presentation at Onkaparinga Rugby Club
- 10 Brilliant Years of the Tour Down Under at Willunga
- Little Athletics Family Fun Day at Hallett Cove
- Launch of the Southern District Cricket Club's concept to promote "Beyond Blue"
- Presentation to National Skating Competitors at the Noarlunga Ice Skating Centre
- Met the Seaford Meadows Scouts Group

Caring for our environment

- Desalination Plant Community Forum at South Adelaide Football Club
- Presented an Australian Government grant to the EnviroKids programme at the Willunga Environment Centre
- Central Coast Forum

If your local community group would like to invite Amanda to an event or a meeting, contact Amanda's office on 8186 2588 or send her an email at Amanda.Rishworth.MP@aph.gov.au

New duty Senator for South

Senator Annette Hurley is the new Duty Senator for Kingston.

Annette attended school in Mt Gambier before moving to Adelaide where she completed a Bachelor of Science at Adelaide University. Annette went on to work with a hospital based pathology service before moving into administrative areas in the arts, merchant banking and mining related services.

Annette was elected to the South Australian Parliament as the Member for Napier from 1993 to 2002, rising to become Deputy Leader of the Opposition in 1997.

In October 2004 Annette made the transition to Federal politics with her election to the Senate. Annette



currently serves on several Senate Committees including the Economics Committee and Regional, Rural Affairs & Transport Committee.

Senator Hurley is married with one son, Patrick. Her areas of interest include immigration and multicultural affairs;

rural development; climate change and the future of the manufacturing sector in South Australia.

If you have any questions or feedback don't hesitate to contact Senator Hurley on 8132 1072.

One million Australian kids to benefit from Teen Dental Plan

Local families in the South are set to benefit from the Rudd Government's *Teen Dental Plan* that will assist over one million Australian teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 with dental costs.

The cost of a comprehensive dental check up – comprising oral examination, clean, scale, and x-ray – is around \$290. Under the *Teen Dental Plan*, eligible families will be able to claim up to \$150 towards the cost of an annual dental preventative check for each of their teenage children.

Statistics show that as many as one in three Australian's avoid attending a dentist because of cost, this funding will provide a welcome relief for working families struggling to cover the cost of visiting a dentist.

Most primary school children receive school dental services; however, these services are not as widely available to teenagers. This program will

directly target teenagers and encourage young adults to continue to look after their teeth once they move out of home.

Under the Rudd Government's *Teen Dental Plan*, over one million 12–17 year old teenagers in families eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or in receipt of Abstudy or Youth Allowance will be eligible.

Families will receive a voucher advising them of their eligibility for a Dental rebate of up to \$150 per year for a preventative dental check. The Rudd Government's *Teen Dental Plan* will be implemented from 1 July 2008.



first 150 days

Achievements

of the Rudd Government

\$10 billion deal to save Murray Darling delivered

The Rudd Government has ended the blame game and delivered a deal to create an independent authority to manage the Murray Darling Basin. Also, we've already invested \$50 million to purchase water from willing sellers to return to the Murray Darling system

Lowering the cost of living

The Rudd Government is committed to helping working families make ends meet – we've already announced **First Home Saver Accounts**, to help Australians save for their first home, and provided greater support to older Australians by increasing the Utilities and Telephone Allowance from 20 March.

Better hospitals & more GPs

The Rudd Government is committed to improved health services and better hospitals so that working families receive the services they deserve – we've already invested \$150 million in an effort to fund 25,000 additional elective surgery procedures for those waiting beyond clinically recommended times and started work on implementing **GP Super Clinics** across the country, including one for the South.

Fighting inflation and building economic growth

The Rudd Government's five point plan to fight inflation is designed to put downward pressure on interest rates through:

- **Strong budget surpluses**
- **Encouraging private savings**
- **Tackling the skills shortages** – we've already brought forward 20,000 new training places
- **Tackling infrastructure bottlenecks**

- **Lifting productivity and workforce participation**

More investment in schools, TAFEs and universities

The Rudd Government has already begun implementing its program for an **Education Revolution** – we've commenced the roll-out of trades training centres in secondary schools and started implementing a \$1 billion Computers in Schools package. The Rudd Government has brought forward an additional 20,000 training places to address the skills shortage.

Fairer workplaces

The Rudd Government is committed to building a modern workplace relations system that rewards hard work, provides fairness to employees and flexibility for employers and boosts productivity growth. We've already passed legislation to stop the signing of new AWAs and ensure that new agreements meet a genuine no-disadvantage test.

Decisive action on climate

The Rudd Government is taking decisive action on climate change through ratifying the Kyoto Protocol and setting out initial design principles for a comprehensive and effective emissions trading system.

Better deal for Indigenous Australians

The Rudd Government is committed to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians on health, education and employment – we've already taken steps to forge a new partnership by honouring our commitment to issue a formal apology to the Stolen Generations in the Federal Parliament

BOOST FOR SENIORS AND CARERS

Seniors, carers and people with disabilities have started to benefit from increased and more regular financial payments since the Rudd Government increased the utilities allowance to **\$500 per year**.

Around 4.5 million people receiving income support will also benefit from a rise in the adult pension and allowance rates from the end of March 2008.

Local pensioners, carers, disability support pensioners and self-funded retirees will all be better off with the increases in the Utilities Allowance, Seniors Concession Allowance and Telephone Allowance.

The 1.7 per cent CPI increase will equate to an annual increase of \$236.60 for single pensioners and \$200.20 for each member of a pensioner couple.

Labor committed to helping carers, seniors and people with disabilities make ends meet and that's what we're delivering.

From 20 March, eligible residents around the South start receiving increased allowances.



willunga fire community comes together

In Parliament, Amanda took time to highlight how the South banded together to fight the Willunga bushfires.

More than 200 fire fighters were involved on 13 March 2008, in fighting the significant Willunga fire. Most of the fire fighters were volunteers, who put aside their day jobs to save the lives and property of others and to protect the natural environment.

Nine fire fighters were injured and tragically, one house was destroyed near Range Road. Although the Willunga fires had a horrific impact on our community, Amanda said that it was gratifying to see the vast outpouring of support for injured fire fighters and the family who lost their home in the fire.

Most disappointingly of all, reports since the fire suggest that it is possible that the fire could have been deliberately lit. Amanda told Parliament that this action was the lowest of the lows and that she hopes that the despicable perpetrators of this offence are quickly found by the Police and brought to justice.

Amanda paid particular tribute to the CFS Brigades within the electorate of Kingston:

- Sellicks Beach
- Willunga
- Aldinga Beach
- Range/Hope Forest
- Blewitt Springs
- McLaren Vale
- McLaren Flat
- Seaford

- Morphet Vale
- Happy Valley

Amanda also paid tribute to the SES, St John's Ambulance, the SA Ambulance Service, the Salvation Army, SA Police and Forestry SA. A special mention was made of the Salvation Army, who ensured that all the fire-fighters and volunteers were fed.

On the day of the fires, Amanda was pleased to have the opportunity with Leon Bignell MP and Gay Thompson MP to lend a helping hand to the Salvation Army and pack lunches for the fire crews.

Amanda is very proud of all volunteers and organisation that came together when it was most needed to defend the safety of our community.

\$80 million in investment after Mitsubishi closure

The Rudd Government has delivered \$35 million to the \$80 million assistance package to the South following the closure of Mitsubishi's Tonsley Park plant.

Developed in conjunction with the SA Government, the package includes intensive labour adjustment assistance to former Mitsubishi employees plus investing in projects and infrastructure that will bring more jobs to the South.

In her maiden speech, Amanda paid tribute to the 930 workers who will lose their jobs as a result of the plant's closure and said that the priority now is to ensure that they receive the assistance that they need to move forward with their lives.



CFS crews bravely fought the March Willunga bushfires.
Photo: Chris Sedunary