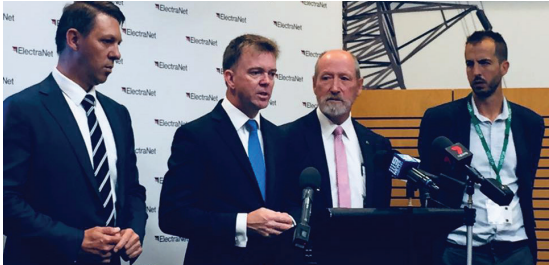


## Dalrymple Battery Shores Up YP Electricity



I was pleased to represent the energy Minister in Adelaide at the launch of the \$30m Dalrymple Substation grid-scale battery based near Stansbury on Yorke Peninsula. The Federal Government provided \$12m through ARENA toward the ElectraNet project. Strategically located where it can improve energy reliability for 4,500 households and businesses on the Yorke Peninsula, the battery can store 30MW, dispatchable at a rate of 8MW per hour. With 2,268 individual batteries linked to six transformers and 28 kilometres of cabling it can provide 2-3 hours of electricity to the local grid during an outage. Project by project, piece by piece we have been working

to draw SA's grid back from the edge, restore stability and put downward pressure on prices after Jay Weatherill's failed electricity experiment. Over-reliant on variable renewable technologies and with a lack of base-load and back-up power after the premature abandonment of Port Augusta, we have teetered on the edge with some of the world's most expensive and least reliable electricity. We are continuing to firm up renewable generation by encouraging investment in pumped hydro, more gas, a NSW interconnector and strategic battery placements like Dalrymple to rebuild our capacity and reduce prices. I continue to work strongly for reliable renewable electricity.

## Stand by for Medicare Mark Two

The rhetoric of Bill Shorten and confirmation in a speech to the National Press Club by Labor Shadow Minister for Health Catherine King indicates Labor will re-activate its "pack of lies" Medicare campaign during the next election. Its tactics of robo-calling pensioners in the last days of the 2016 campaign warning that the Liberals were going to sell Medicare was a new low point in political campaigns. An outright lie, it nonetheless scared vulnerable people and is widely believed to have cost the Coalition up to five seats. Last October Shorten said: "First they froze Medicare, then they cut funding to hospitals." In truth, it was Labor who froze Medicare, stripping the money from the budget forward estimates. The freeze stayed in place until last July when the Coalition re-introduced indexation. Hospitals, Medicare and the PBS have record levels of Federal funding and the Coalition has established the \$20bn Medical Research Future Fund which is already pumping millions into new research. Sit tight for more Labor lies!

## Butterfly Household Model of Care Improves Quality of Life for Dementia Residents

With Australia's population ageing, aged care is one of the fastest growing sectors. As Australians live longer and the incidence of dementia rises, retirees are demanding better and different options. At Port Broughton's Barunga Village they have taken a bold new path developing a Butterfly Household Care Model and when I was there recently to announce a \$476,300 Federal Aged Care Regional and Remote Infrastructure Grant, I took the opportunity to inspect the facility. Their model of care focuses on individuals and their place in the world rather than where they find themselves now. The environment is designed to make residents feel like they are home, with a family-type

atmosphere. Spaces are bright, colourful, and engaging, meals are taken when residents feel like it and they are encouraged to participate in normal household chores like cooking or laundry if they wish. Staff members have shed their uniforms and are trained to have positive social interactions and provide personal care for residents, in a loving and meaningful way. Butterfly Household Care is a concept developed in the UK twenty years ago and first brought to Australia by Barunga Village. The changes are exciting and I fully expect the model to expand as other operators take notice and public demand for this differentiated care regime rises.



Rowan was pleased to meet Bill and Melva Kerley, residents of Barunga Village, on a tour of the Butterfly house units with Director of Nursing Marilyn Hewitt.

## Left Activists Threaten our Farming Future

Activist group Aussie Farms recently produced an error-riddled map pinpointing five thousand Australian farmers and implying they cruelly exploit their animals. It is a dangerous intrusion into the privacy of farmers going about business in a lawful and caring manner. Aussie Farms oppose "exploitation and ownership" of animals and urge supporters to target properties and collect footage to be posted on their website. Almost certainly this will lead to cases of trespass, present bio-security threats and elevate risks to staff and family of operators. It is placing enormous stress on these families. Aussie Farms' aim and that of similar organisations like PETA is to mobilise their online supporters to spread biased and misleading information on the internet in ever increasing circles. The underlying aim is to ban the use and ownership of animals. Unfortunately their "repeat the lie so often it is eventually accepted as the truth" approach has been a very successful tactic for Green leftist activists. By presenting seemingly plausible concerns they can well-meaning people into joining groups unaware of their underlying aims. I urge people to be wary of what they support online. Activist groups operating in this area oppose all use of animals and the tactics of misinformation across the world have altered consumer behaviour. This tactic has all but destroyed international markets for kangaroo leather and meat. Consequently we no longer harvest our sustainable quota. Numbers have exploded, drought has driven them ever further south, they progressively denude farms and rangelands, inflict enormous environmental damage and eventually die a cruel death from starvation. Aussie Farms are just the latest protagonists. Even their name is grossly misleading; Anti Aussie Farms would be more descript. They would destroy farming if they could and I am pushing for them to lose their tax-free status.

## Supporting Higher Education



Rowan inspecting the Whyalla Innovation Hub with Paul Havelberg, Peter Borda and Chris Cowley.

More than \$3m has been provided from the Federal Government for infrastructure and operating finance for the Uni Hub - Spencer Gulf located in the old town library in Port Pirie. With degree courses on offer from Central Queensland University and Flinders University, it is a fantastic opportunity to access university study closer to home and will provide stronger chances of keeping skilled individuals we need to power our communities. The first students have already started. And in Whyalla we have provided half a million dollars to help UniSA set up a one million dollar Regional Innovation Hub to nurture start-ups. UniSA's Adelaide innovation hub has been a roaring success and this will give our regional inventors and budding entrepreneurs a place to discuss, explore and grow their ideas.

## APY Lands Visit



Rowan was recently in the APY Lands to catch up with APY Land Council Board Members. The council has expanded to include more female members. Rowan had good discussions on many issues ranging on the closure of Mintabie, housing and camel numbers.

## Business Breakfast in Dublin



The Adelaide Plains Business Breakfast was held at Andrew and Julie Koch's business Clean Grain in Dublin earlier this month. Clean Grain is a great new business which has been operating for about a year.

## Heywire Winners in Canberra



Rowan was pleased to meet the 2019 Heywire winners in Parliament, particularly Megan Stephens from Cummins who wrote of migrating from Scotland and the associated climate and culture challenge this presents, she is pictured with Alan Loveday from Wellington East.

## Cultana Expansion



Rowan and Assistant Defence Minister David Fawcett inspected the new Cultana Defence Facility recently. Together they worked to ensure local people had a fair share of the work and were delighted that of the latest \$41m stage, 75% was completed by businesses in the area.

## Jamestown



'The Diggers' Walk' along beautiful Belalie Creek in Jamestown has received a \$6950 Saluting Their Service grant. Rowan caught up with key drivers Keith and Yvonne Woit to check out the interesting walk.

## Texas Chair



The NDIS is the biggest government assistance program ever rolled out in the nation. It is a good program, but as with anything, sometimes there are hiccups. Rowan was pleased to be able to assist Port Pirie's Texas Wilson and his Mum Jeanette Flynn to get his new wheelchair.

Port Pirie  
104 Ellen Street  
Tel: 8633 1744

## Port Pirie Sports Precinct



Governor Hieu Van Le opened the wonderful new Port Pirie sports facilities. Mayor Leon Stephens paid tribute to all involved in its development with special mention of project manager Jeff Adams. Also pictured is Debra Stephens. The Federal Government contributed \$5m to this project.

## Equine Therapy Dublin



Rowan visited Julie Walker and Rob Langdon's equine therapy service near Dublin. They use horse familiarisation and handling to assist returned service people adjust to life after the forces. They work with organisations like Hearts 4 Heroes and Heroes on the Homefront.

## Lucky Bay



It was party time at Lucky Bay for its 100th birthday celebrations. A huge crowd enjoyed catching up with old friends. Great effort by Lucky Bay Shack Owners Association. Rowan congratulating President Sue Chase and Rob McFarlane.

## Port Lincoln



Rowan visited Toybox Community Childcare Centre to inform them they had been awarded a \$7500 grant for their new storage shed and cubby house which is part of their backyard renovations. He is pictured with Director Lisa Yancic and assistant director Melissa Retsas and children from the centre.

Kadina  
43 Taylor Street  
Tel: 8821 4366

## Crystal Brook Basketball Club Funding



The Crystal Brook Basketball Club was rapt to receive \$22k from the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund to replace their ageing basketball towers. Rowan took the opportunity to throw the ball around with a few young stars of tomorrow.

## Wirrabara Sports Funding



Very excited representatives from Wirrabara sporting groups met Rowan when he announced a \$113k Community Sports Infrastructure grant. They faced losing netball and tennis in the town because of the condition of the courts, this grant means the courts can now be upgraded.

## Indigenous Rangers in Canberra



This program is delivering great results in remote indigenous communities for employment and the environment. The Oak Valley team was in Parliament to mark 20 years of the Indigenous Protected Areas Program. The first one was near Nepabunna in the Flinders Ranges.

## Ardrossan Caravan Park



The Ardrossan Caravan Park now has two new luxury cabins with the assistance of a \$75k Building Better Regions grant. Its a credit to the Progress Association which operates the park. Rowan discussed the project with Chairperson Richard Carruthers and Margie Gaisford.

Whyalla  
45a Playford Avenue  
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# Rowan Ramsey Federal Member for Grey



Grey, a great place to live and work...

## Labor, Liberal - Differences Could not be More Stark

### Labor's promises

- \$200b in new taxes
- \$55b retiree Tax
- Hitting family truckies with the RSRT
- Promising to run the country like a union
- More than half the front bench would be ex-union officials

### Liberal Record

- Budget back in surplus after Labor's mess
- Biggest tax cuts in a generation
- Record jobs growth
- Keeping our borders secure
- \$75b infrastructure spend
- Record spending on health, education & aged care

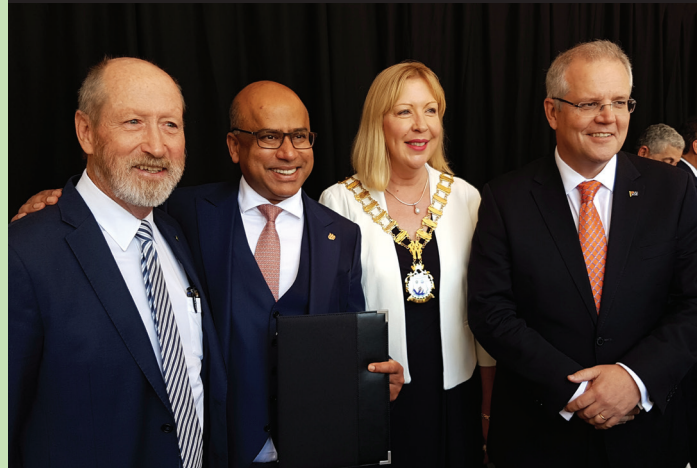
### The Health of the Nation Relies on a Healthy Economy

Liberals believe in growing the economy to fund spending. Labor believes in higher taxes on hard-working people to fund spending.

### Labor's Retiree Tax

Labor's Retiree Tax assaults those who have worked hard and put a little bit away. Shorten's plan targets those with the most modest savings, a tax the wealthy are likely to avoid because they have a diversified investment plan, or if they don't, they soon will. Those who have other sources of income, perhaps bank interest or property rentals will not be taxed. Those who have a modest investment in shares, will. It would not be a tax on the rich, it would be a tax on hard-working Australians. It is unfair, immoral and should be abandoned.

## Prime Minister's Visit to Whyalla Shows Commitment to the City



I was very pleased to host Prime Minister Scott Morrison in Whyalla in December to celebrate the signing of contracts to begin the rejuvenation of the steel plant. GFG Alliance chief Sanjeev Gupta's \$600m commitment to build a new rolling mill and lifting blast furnace production by adding direct injection of pulverised coal are the first steps of moving the steel plant into the twenty first century and ensure its longevity. The Whyalla City Council also unveiled its plans to continue to make Whyalla a great place to live and work. I am extremely pleased Federal Government orders for Whyalla steel keep rolling in. The \$20m order for 105km of the Inland Rail project is just the first section of the new 1700km rail line. Work continues on the 600km Adelaide to Tarcoola line and construction is underway at Osborne South Shipyard in Adelaide with Osborne North to go. It's an exciting time!

## More Projects Delivered in Grey



Broughton Valley  
Road Bridge \$192,096



Upper Spencer Gulf  
Uni Hub \$3m



Rocky River Bridge  
& Passing Lanes  
\$7.1m



Port Lincoln  
headspace funding



## Mobile Offices in New Areas of Grey

Many of my constituents would know Grey has expanded to the south. In an effort to introduce myself and get across the local issues I have held mobile offices/politics in the pub events in: Riverton, Auburn, Clare, Balaklava, Owen, Hamley Bridge, Roseworthy, Mallala, Two Wells, Lewiston and Tarlee and visited many other places.



**Meeting with the Light Regional Council**  
- Kieren Chappell, June Austin, Mayor Bill O'Brien, Cr Deane Rohrlach, Richard Dodson and Richard Michael.



**Visiting Hamley Bridge Rest Home with John Knoblauch, David Adcock and Ian Jenkin.**



**Having a discussion outside the Balaklava newsagency with Colin Stewart and Kadina staff member Courtney Stephens.**



**Outside the Roseworthy Post Office with local farmer Peter Kemp who also runs a trucking business.**



**Catching up with locals in the Owen Arms Hotel and chatting with owners Cath and Ian (Space) Gregory.**



**Two Wells is a busy place and expanding with a 2000 home subdivision underway. Rowan met with locals on the verandah of the IGA.**



**Rowan held a mobile office at the Emporium Bakehouse in Riverton and enjoyed great coffee. Rowan is talking with Craig Dawes, Grant Hovey and Kevin Cockshell.**



**Learning of the issues associated with flood mitigation planning at Lewiston. Rowan is chatting with Anna and Michael Mazzeo and John Pligi.**



**Meeting Adelaide Plains Council members Joe Daniele, John Lush, Kay Boon, Marcus Strudwicke, Terry-Anne Keen, CEO James Miller and Mayor Mark Wasley.**

### Social Media Can Be Misleading

Electronic communication is the great disrupter of our time. It enables individuals at home to anonymously express views, often regurgitated rubbish, on a global platform. Its rise has led to the demise of traditional news services whose reputations and financial viability have been dependent on presenting accurate services. Electronic opinion does not rely on a retail income and generally does not employ journalists to investigate the truth. Consequently the main news platform for millions of Australians is riddled with distortions, half-truths and lies. Highly political lobbying groups are utilising misleading material on electronic platforms which sometimes on the surface have

admirable aims, but are more about selling regime change. GetUp! is the most prominent of these organisations, but they have a great number of stable-mates, both from the left and right of politics. It is easy on these mediums to distort or cherry pick "facts" on any number of subjects. Their motives are not always obvious. Before we blindly repeat what we have been fed we should **check the source**. Similarly "facts" from think tanks like the Australia Institute who claim to be independent, but have inbuilt political bias. While their information should be considered, it needs to be read with that knowledge. Check the points presented, do not assume they are correct.

### Roxby Downs Celebrates 30 Years



**Roxby Downs was buzzing for its 30 year celebration and Rowan enjoyed catching up with workers and their families. He is pictured with new resident Lisa Lock and her son Heath. Rowan also toured the above-ground plant and participated in the unveiling of the Big Sleepy Lizard above the entrance to the Roxby Downs Community Centre.**

### Wudinna Area School Wind-Up

**Rowan attended several end of year school events in December where he presented his School Community Award to worthy winners. He particularly enjoyed the students' dancing at an event held in Apex Park Wudinna and performances of Wallaroo Primary School students at their wind-up.**



## Weakening in Border Management Indicates what Will Happen under a Shorten Government

Parliament in February was dominated by the "medivac bill". Amid claims and counter claims, it is worth explaining what it actually means. Since our election in 2013 the Coalition Government has emptied mainland detention centres, closing 19. All children on Manus and Nauru have been either moved to Australia or immigrated to the US which has taken more than 450 of a promised 1250 asylum seekers for resettlement. Family units have been kept intact. More than 700 people have come to Australia for medical treatment. Many never return with human rights lawyers tying them up in our legal system. On Manus and Nauru the asylum seekers have freedom of movement and the medical staff to patient ratio would be the envy of any community in Grey. Labor's legislative changes allow any two doctors to authorise transfer of an applicant to Australia for medical treatment or examination. The responsible Minister previously had the right to refuse entry on grounds of character, of those facing charges of criminal activity awaiting sentencing and those convicted of crimes and who have served less than a year in jail. Those rights have been removed. The Minister has just 72 hours to respond. Those rejected on medical grounds will be referred immediately to a volunteer medical board, appointed by the Minister, which can overrule the Minister. There is little likelihood transferees will ever be returned to either Manus or Nauru. There are 265 asylum seekers the US has refused to take as part of their resettlement deal, we will be unable to stop them coming to Australia. Labor says this legislation will not send a signal to people smugglers because it applies only to those currently on Manus and Nauru but they cannot say what they would do if new people arrive. I often hear people say more people come to Australia by plane than by boat so what's the problem. Those who come by plane do not drown, they have passports, the authorities know who they are and most are deported. The situation is quite different and able to be controlled. On expert advice the Government is re-opening Christmas Island at a cost of \$1.4b over the next five years. We are informed three hundred have already obtained medical recommendations for transfer in anticipation of the changes which will have to be processed in 72 hours when the legislation receives its assent. Labor is also committed to dismantling Temporary Protection Visas which along with off-shore detention and boat turn-backs have been the tools used to fix the people smuggling trade. Labor maintain little has changed, but if that is the case, why did they do it? Almost certainly if they win government they will be severely tested.

### Clontarf Coming to Grey

I am extremely pleased to welcome Clontarf to three places in the electorate. Clontarf is a not-for-profit organisation that works in partnership with schools to improve the attendance, retention and behaviour of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys. It harnesses the students' existing passion for Australian Rules Football, which is used to attract the boys to school and keep them there. The pilot academies will be established at Port Augusta Secondary School and Port Lincoln High School, as well as a Whyalla academy that will work with local secondary schools. I have had considerable contact with Clontarf Foundation Chief Executive Gerard Neesham (former Fremantle coach) and I am very impressed with the outstanding success of the program in improving education, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects. The program is supported by the Commonwealth Government, the State Government and the private sector.

### Mt Barry Station



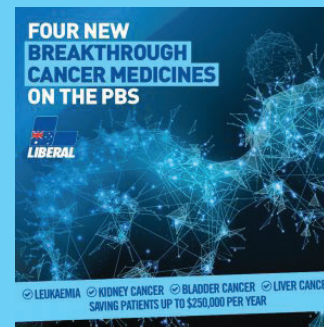
**A 45 degree day did not deter people from attending a very informative NRM Group Field Day held at Mt Barry Station (halfway between Coober Pedy and Oodnadatta) recently. Water management, feed potential and practical cattle testing were amongst the items of the day.**

## Liberal Record on Health is Outstanding

Since the Liberal Coalition Government has been in government we have listed more than 2,000 new or amended items on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). This represents an average of around 30 listings per month—or one each day—at an overall cost of around \$10.6b. Our commitment to the PBS is rock solid. Together with Medicare, it is a foundation of our world-class healthcare system. Our Government's strong economic management means we are providing Australian patients with access to life-saving and life-changing medicines quicker than ever before. In contrast, Labor stopped listing medicines on the PBS in 2011 due to their poor fiscal management.

**A few of the most recent announcements;**  
**Cancer:** In the last few weeks the Government has announced an investment of more than \$200m to list four new breakthrough cancer treatments on the PBS, saving patients up to a quarter of a million dollars a year.  
**Heart:** From 1 April this year, a new dedicated Medicare Benefits Schedule item for heart health checks will support GPs and patients in assessing cardiovascular risk. The Government is deeply committed to tackling Australia's biggest killer – heart disease. One Australian dies of cardiovascular disease every 12 minutes, with one Australian experiencing a heart attack or stroke every five minutes.

**Congenital heart disease** is the leading cause of death for infants in this country. The \$26 million Heartkids Project will involve support of \$6m for the National Action Plan to allow Heartkids to implement it in terms of teaching, training, education, awareness, prevention and also a \$20m competitive research grant round to support our finest specialists as they save and protect lives.  
**Diabetes:** From the start of March 37,000 Australians living with type 1 diabetes will have free access to glucose monitoring following the Government's announcement in November last year. I remain committed to fighting for this to be extended to all those type 1 diabetics who need it.



### Regional Aged Care Funding Boost

As a former Chairman of a hospital/aged care organisation, I retain a strong interest in the delivery of services for senior members of our community. While we are a lucky and wealthy country and provide some of the best services in the world, the challenge of meeting the needs of an ageing population will test us for years to come. Given a choice most of us would grow old in our own community, however, because of the small size of many country towns, achieving critical mass is difficult and there are huge financial challenges in running nursing home accommodation. Aged Care Minister Ken Wyatt has recognised the challenge of country delivery and recently announced a 30% increase in the Viability Supplement, a loading put in place to directly address this problem. He has also ploughed another \$40m into regional aged care infrastructure and a number of facilities in Grey have benefitted from this. On becoming Minister, Ken insisted aged care facilities share their waiting lists with the Commonwealth and uncovered a mass of unmet demand in the area of Home Care Packages. He has subsequently announced 30,000 new packages in the last nine months, making the point that we have only been able to afford these investments because of our success in building a stronger economy which is in turn paying the bills. We will spend more than \$20b on aged care this financial year and with the ageing of our population, costs have been rising at almost \$1bn a year. Aged care will continue to provide an enormous challenge, but one that we must meet. We have also had quite a number of local facilities benefit from the latest round of the Regional and

Remote Aged Care Infrastructure Grants. Substantial grants went to Barunga Village at Port Broughton, Edenfield's Nerrilda facility and AM Ramsay Village in Port Augusta, Eldercare in Maitland and Stansbury, Aboriginal and Community Care Services in the APY Lands, Helping Hand's Lealholme in Port Pirie, the EP Old Folks Home in Port Lincoln and Mt View Homes at Booleroo Centre. Total funding of more than \$3.5m. In the latest round of announcements 33 new beds have been placed with five providers in Grey- Nalya Lodge 9, Matthew Flinders 8, Park View 5, St Joseph's 3 and Willochra Home 8. Willochra Home was also successful in gaining a \$3m capital grant.

**EP Old Folks Home**



**Lealholme Port Pirie**



**Nerrilda Nursing Home Port Augusta**



### Pensioners Can Earn More

**Pensioners will soon be able to earn \$300 a fortnight without hurting their welfare payments under draft laws that passed the first hurdle of Parliament recently.**

### Veterans' Forums Across Grey



**Port Lincoln**



**Moonta**



**Port Augusta**

**Veterans in Port Lincoln, Port Augusta and the Copper Coast caught up with Rowan and Veterans' Affairs Minister Darren Chester in late January. It was a great opportunity to bring up concerns directly with the Minister. People were very pleased with his straightforward manner and deep understanding of the issues veterans face.**

### Bute/Alford & Robertstown Mobile Towers Up - Hawker to Receive Tower



**Hawker**

I am delighted to announce the Bute/Alford mobile phone tower has been turned on. This follows on from Robertstown which was activated in November last year. The Hawker community also welcomed the announcement a new mobile base station will be installed at Wonoka Hill. I am hoping we will have announcements of successful Round 4 projects soon, which will see even more areas in Grey with mobile service. So far Grey has gained 23 new towers with Round Four to be announced soon. I continue to advocate for continued funding for Mobile Black Spots in Grey.

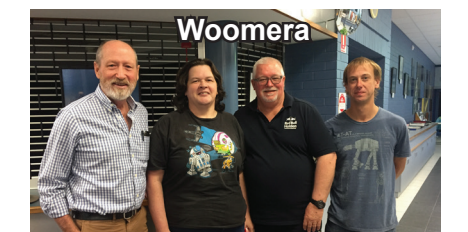
### Minister Visits Ceduna



Rowan joined Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion in Ceduna to announce a new deal for the Community Development Program which comes with local management and offers a far smarter incentive program to prospective employers. They visited the Youth Hub and the new Koonibba shop. The Federal Government Remote School Attendance Scheme has increased numbers by 20% at Koonibba and is being extended to Ceduna.

### Cashless Debit Card in Labor's Sights

Bill Shorten's announcement that Labor will unwind the Cashless Debit Card trials in Bundaberg and the WA Goldfields is astounding considering we clearly have a program that has proven to make a huge difference to communities. The before and after effects of the card in Ceduna where less welfare money is being spent on drugs, alcohol and gambling and more on food is proof it not only needs to be retained but expanded. Very positive results are emerging from the trials in Kalgoorlie. It is a disgrace Bill Shorten is more interested in preserving his vote in low income, high unemployment areas than he is about people's health, educational, safety and employment outcomes. Andrew (Twiggy) Forrest once said it is not the Australian taxpayer's job to fund people's drug taking, alcohol or gambling problems. He is right, but it is much more than this, it is about caring for adults and children affected by this behaviour. I have no doubt the card is saving lives.



**Woomera**

**Rowan visited Woomera in November and caught up with committed community members Heather Cleland, Kevin Hind, and Aiden Harris.**

**Robertstown**

