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## A message from Alby

Welcome to the first edition of The Schultz Hume Bulletin for 2004.

I hope your Christmas was a safe and happy one and that you, like me, are ready for a big year ahead.

As you may know, I spent much of my holiday season visiting doctors and specialists about my eye.

For those of you who might not have heard, an accident with some hydrochloric acid in late November left me with a serious burn to my left eye.

While I have accepted the fact that I will not see from that eye again, right now I am concentrating on doing all I can to repair the significant damage caused by the acid so that I will be able to keep my eye intact.

Although the accident meant I had to cancel many of my commitments during the latter part of the year, I am pleased to report that I am now feeling much better and back at work.

I returned to Parliament in February and while it has been very difficult for me to drive because my right eye is still traumatised, I am now attending functions in the electorate thanks to my wife Gloria, who is driving me as required until my right eye is able to cope.

Gloria and I would like to sincerely thank all of those people who telephoned, sent cards and thoughts of good wishes after the accident.

I have been truly inspired by the good will and generosity in our community.

While my injury has been

frustrating, it has ensured that I will forever maintain a one-eyed approach to serving the people of Hume.

On that issue, I am pleased to report that I have been endorsed by the Liberal Party to contest this year's election.

I am looking forward to the campaign and to contesting the seat of Hume for a third term.

I think I have achieved a great deal in my years as both a State and Federal member and I plan to continue representing the people of Hume with the same vigour and commitment I have practiced all my political life.

Inside this edition of The Bulletin are details of a \$5 million project I recently secured to help make the roads in my electorate safer. There's also some information about my new website, which I would encourage you all to visit.

## INSIDE this issue ...

- \$5 million for essential road work
- Alby launches his new website
- Latest funding for Hume

## plus ...

- Anniversaries, birthdays and Hume heroes



Alby spent Christmas and the new year recovering after seriously burning his left eye in a chemical accident.

Photo: Cootamundra Herald

## Design a patch and WIN!

Since injuring his eye, Alby has been wearing an eye patch to protect his eye from the sun and dust. And he'd like everyone's help in designing a new one that is light, cool and befitting a one-eyed politician.

To be eligible to win a bottle of premium red wine signed by Alby and the Prime Minister simply design and make Alby a new eye patch and post it to:

Design a patch competition, PO Box 700, Goulburn NSW 2580.

The winner will be announced in the local press and the next Bulletin.

Note: You must be over 18 to claim the prize.

# A win for Hume

## \$5 million secured for road work

Member for Hume Alby Schultz was elated recently when he announced Federal Government funding for the upgrade of two major intersections of the Hume Highway north of Goulburn.

"Work will commence as soon as possible on a \$5 million upgrade of the Towrang and Carrick road intersections," Mr Schultz said.

The project, which has been a priority for Mr Schultz since he came into office in 1998, became a reality in January when the new Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads Senator The Hon Ian Campbell rubber-stamped the funding.

"I am just delighted by

this outcome and I thank the new minister for giving this project the attention it deserves," Mr Schultz said.

"While I had raised this issue numerous times with the previous minister and in Parliament, it took just one visit to Senator Campbell late last year for him to realise the serious safety issues surrounding these two intersections," Mr Schultz said.

Mr Schultz said the project, which will be put out to tender, would be funded under the Government's national highways budget.

Work would include widening of the Hume Highway to provide an 11m concrete median, full seagull intersections at

both Towrang and Carrick roads and improved acceleration and deceleration lanes for traffic entering and leaving the two roads.

**“... it took just one visit to Senator Campbell late last year for him to realise the serious safety issues surrounding these two intersections ...”**

"This was the option most strongly supported by the local community," Mr Schultz said.

Mr Schultz said information from the Department of Transport and Regional Services indicate an environmental assessment, including a heritage study, would be conducted before work

on the project could commence.

One of the major stumbling blocks during planning for this project was the existence of convict heritage relics along both sides of the road, which are protected by the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975.

These items include culverts, an arched stone bridge, graves, powder magazine, the stockade and a later hotel site all linked to the construction of the original Great South Road.

"I am informed these studies and finalisation of the design could take about 18 months but that work on this project will commence as soon as possible," Mr Schultz said.

"In the meantime I would like to once again thank Senator Campbell for taking such a commonsense approach to this serious public safety issue and for acting so quickly," Mr Schultz said.



The dangerous intersection of Towrang Road and the Hume Highway will receive a \$5 million upgrade.

### Did you know ... illicit drugs

**Product:** Stimulants, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, Ritalin, Dexamphetamine, Tenuate, MDMA (ecstasy).

**Street name:** uppers, ice, crank, speed, meth, crystal, whizz, snow, goee, shabu, MDMA, E, eccy, xtc, love drug, eggs, point, paste, base, zip.

**Symptoms:** excitability, tremors, insomnia, sweating, dry mouth and lips, dilated pupils, weight loss, paranoia, hallucinations, cracked teeth through grinding.

**Potential consequences:** weight loss, chronic sleep problems, high blood pressure, paranoia, anxiety, nervousness, decreased emotional control, severe depression, violent behaviour, death from heart failure or suicide, nerve cell damage.

The Australian Government has committed more than \$1 billion to getting *Tough on Drugs* since 1997

# All you need to know is now online

Have you ever thought about contacting your local member about a problem but you didn't know where to start? Or you weren't sure whether or not they could help.

Well, Alby now has a website designed specifically to help you find the answers you are looking for.

By visiting [www.albyschultz.com.au](http://www.albyschultz.com.au) you can now learn all about your Federal member, his role as a member of the House of Representatives and how he can assist you in your dealings with Federal departments and agencies.

You can download information such as the Commonwealth Seniors' Guide, the School Leavers' Guide and the most recent information for veterans.

If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone anniversary or birthday, you can print out the all forms you'll need to request messages from Alby, the Prime Minister and the Queen.

By visiting the website you will also have an opportunity to register your views on important Federal issues in



Alby's online poll.

If there's an area you're particularly interested in, for example drugs or benefits for seniors, you can register your name and address so Alby can send you regular updates.

Also on the site are links to the most common websites that you, as a constituent, may need. These include GrantsLink, the Commonwealth Ombudsman and the Commonwealth On-line Directory.

Finally, you can check Alby's website for all the latest news and what's been happening in Parliament. It's all at [www.albyschultz.com.au](http://www.albyschultz.com.au).

## Hume heroes



Saluting our quiet achievers

### SISTER DOMINICA SHEAHAN The Sisters of Mercy, Young

Sister Dominica Sheahan, or Sister Dom as she is known to the locals in Young, is truly one of God's soldiers.

For more than 50 years she has, through the Sisters of Mercy, provided love, guidance and support to families in NSW.

Sister Dom entered the Goulburn congregation of the Sisters of Mercy as a registered nurse in 1950 and was professed as a sister on 15 May 1953.

She has worked tirelessly in Albury (six years), Cootamundra (13 years) and Young (26 years) to care for the sick and provide support for their families.

Her roles have included registered nurse, director of nursing and sister administrator.

Sister Dom semi-retired in 1997 and now lives at Catherine View Gardens, in Young.

She has continued her ministry through pastoral visits in Young and the surrounding region.

"Sister Dom is an exceptional person who inspires me with her capacity to give and to continue giving not only to the people of Young but to everyone she

meets. She's an angel in the truest sense," Alby said.



**Sister Dominica Sheahan, of the Sisters of Mercy, has for many years given her time freely for the people of Young and district.**

*Photo: The Young Witness*



GrantsLINK

[www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)

GrantsLINK makes it easier to find suitable and relevant grants for your community projects from the many Commonwealth grants that are available. GrantsLINK also helps you find the best source of funding and assists you to complete application forms.

### The Kokoda campaign

[www.charlielynn.com](http://www.charlielynn.com)

If Gallipoli symbolises the Anzac spirit in World War I, then the Kokoda Trail, where 50 years ago a handful of young Australian Diggers stemmed the onslaught of Japan's Imperial Army, is its World War II equivalent.

NSW Parliamentarian Charlie Lynn has, among other things, established The Kokoda Track Foundation to provide health, educational and sporting assistance to the descendants of the 'fuzzy-wuzzy angels' who live along the track.

# Recent funding announcements

## \$5.06M FOR AGED CARE

The Australian Government last month announced 65 new aged care places and grant funding for three capital works projects.

- ▶ Blue Hills Village of Menangle has been allocated 38 low care places (valued at \$532,646).
- ▶ Goulburn Masonic Village of Goulburn has been allocated two low care places (valued at \$28,034).
- ▶ Kenilworth Nursing Home of Bowral has been allocated 10 low care places (valued at \$140,170) and 15 high care residential places (valued at \$625,815).
- ▶ Burrowa House of Boorowa has been allocated capital funding of \$45,000.
- ▶ Harley Nursing Home of Crookwell has been allocated a capital grant of \$890,000.
- ▶ Gwen Warmington Lodge of Yass has been awarded \$2.8 million for its relocation.

## \$750,000 FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Colo Vale and Hill Top public schools have been allocated \$750,000 between them for capital works projects.

## \$270,000 ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Across the Hume electorate, 21 projects have been allocated grants totalling more than \$270,000.

Successful applications ranged from Landcare projects for forest regeneration, to private applications to help replace trees lost during the drought.

## \$57,620 TO SUPPORT ELDERLY

Baptist Community Services has been allocated five new aged care places for its Home Flexi Care service based in Goulburn. The funding will help provide services such as showering, shopping, housework and light maintenance as well as meals and transport.

## \$74,252 FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

Students in Goulburn, Young and the Southern Highlands will receive help during the transition from school to work or further study under Local Community Partnerships.

## \$173,500 IN EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Eleven businesses in the electorate of Hume have been allocated \$173,500 as part of the Export Market Development Grants program. Successful applicants for the grants were:

- ▶ Alpaca International Australia Pty Ltd of Mittagong
- ▶ Ballyk.Com Pty Ltd of Bowral
- ▶ Chris and Toni Tarakson of Bowral
- ▶ Corbally Stourton Contemporary Art Pty Ltd of Taralga
- ▶ ECS International Pty Ltd of Mittagong
- ▶ Futurebet Racecourse Services Pty Ltd of Thirlmere
- ▶ Interplay Multimedia Pty Ltd of Mittagong
- ▶ Majura Import and Export Company Pty Ltd of Koorawatha
- ▶ Panda Ranch (Trading) Pty Ltd of Thirlmere
- ▶ Robert Armstrong and Charles Badham of Peelwood, and
- ▶ Scribbly Graphics Pty Ltd of Thirlmere.

The Howard Government has set a target to double the number of Australian exporters by 2006.

## \$6.4M TO BOOST ROAD SAFETY

The Federal Roads Minister has committed \$1.4 million from the National Highway Safety and Urgent Minor Works Program to upgrade the intersection of Thornford Road and the Federal Highway, south of Goulburn.

He has also committed \$5 million to the upgrade of the intersections of Towrang and Carrick roads with the Hume Highway.

### *Wedding anniversaries*

**Leon and Doreen Pomroy of Mittagong - 60 years**  
**Barry and Pamela Wood of Bowral - 50 years**  
**Eric and Betty Rudd of Orangeville - 60 years**  
**Allan and Sheila Butterworth of Harden - 50 years**  
**Charles and Rose Tidyman of Bargo - 55 years**  
**Kevin and Ada Collins of Crookwell - 50 years**  
**Robert and Dorothy Priestley of Bowral - 50 years**  
**Harry and Edna Gurnett of Tahmoor - 60 years**  
**Keith and Valerie Cootes of Young - 50 years**  
**Frank and Ethel Taylor of Oakdale - 60 years**

### *Birthdays*

**Victor Orville Shumack of Harden - 94 years**

### **Celebrating a milestone?**

**My office can arrange for congratulatory messages to be sent to couples celebrating their 50th, 60th and subsequent wedding anniversaries and also to people celebrating their 90th or 100th birthdays**  
**To find out more, simply contact my office or visit [www.albyschultz.com.au](http://www.albyschultz.com.au)**