



# The Schultz Hume Bulletin



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## A word from Alby...

It has been a busy few months in the electorate of Hume. My government duties have required me to spend considerable time travelling interstate. This travel included public hearings that are an aspect of the National Bushfire Inquiry. In Hume I have had the pleasure of taking part in many community events and speaking with constituents about the various issues affecting them.

One of the issues raised is the lack of punishment in Australia for irresponsible people who indulge in the un-Australian action of desecrating the Australian flag. Many of my Parliamentary colleagues and I believe it is important that Australia ensures that its national symbol is protected and treated with the reverence, dignity and respect our flag deserves.

The Australian flag not only symbolises the values shared by all Australians it is also illustrative of our history and our culture, making it so much more endearing to the people of this great country. I was very pleased to recently support my Parliamentary colleague Trish Draper, the Member for Makin (SA), when she tabled a Private Member's Bill that seeks to protect Australian flags and punish those who vandalise them. Thousands of Australians have fought and died under the umbrella of our national flag, we all should remember that and respect this symbol of our country.

The Protection of Australian Flags Bill 2003, if passed, would amend the Flags Act 1953 to make it an offence to wantonly vandalise or burn the Australian flag. This bill would bring Australia into line with countries including New Zealand, Italy, Portugal, France and Austria. The bill would not impose prison sentences but rather fine people up to \$11,000 for breaking the law. As a proud member of the Australian National Flags Association I commend the Member for Makin for introducing this bill.

Speaking of Australian flags, my office is able to provide flags to people representing Australia overseas in an official capacity, such as students on overseas exchange, teachers and sportsmen and women. Non-profit and charitable organisations such as schools, sporting clubs and community organisations are also entitled to receive a flag if they write to me on their organisation's official letterhead with the request.

I was honoured to meet with 12-year-old Kids in the House delegate Sarah Hayes at Bowral and in Parliament House recently. In a manner mature beyond her years Sarah told me of her emotional journey with juvenile diabetes and the need for support to find a cure for this dangerous disease she lives with every day. Sarah won my support. This intelligent, sensitive young lady is a credit to her parents and her school and her personal account of her experience with diabetes will remain in my memory.

## WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE?

- Meet the Schultz team
- Telstra survey update
- How to drug proof your kids
- Latest funding for Hume

AND MUCH MORE!



Alby inspects the Billyrambidga Landcare project with Michael Studdart and John Jarvis.

# Meet the Schultz team



**Kathleen** maintains Alby's diary and her duties include Centrelink issues, child support, general office matters and constituent assistance.



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## Talking:

### the best defence against your kids taking drugs

Non-profit organisation Focus on the Family Australia has launched a new program for parents aimed at helping them learn how to talk to their children about drugs. *How to Drug Proof Your Kids* is a parenting program developed in consultation with families and professionals from the health, education and welfare sectors.

Sessions are being held throughout the Hume electorate, including in Goulburn, Young and Picton.

To find out details about your closest session, visit [www.dpyk.com](http://www.dpyk.com) and click on the link to 'find a parent program in your area'.

You can get a copy of the *How to Drug Proof Your Kids* booklet from selected Australia Post retail outlets or Medibank Private retail centres or call Focus on the Family Australia on 1300 300 361.

## Tips on how to drug proof your kids

- Avoid 'do as I say, not as I do' lines. Model the behaviour you want from your child and explain what different rules may apply to them than apply to you and other adults.
- Make sure they know the rules and consequences of breaking them. Kids understand rules and like having limits. When rules are broken, use it as a chance to talk about your concerns and why you have the rules.
- Know where your child is, who their friends are and the parents. This provides some protection to the child and you will know what is happening in the child's life.
- Tell them they're special and boost their self-esteem. Kids often have feelings of doubt and insecurity. Help them feel good about themselves. Encourage your child to talk through how they can solve problems themselves.
- Give them the power to go against their peers. Reinforce their power through small acts of individuality and responsibility, like letting them have a say in the clothes they like.
- Base drug messages on facts, not fear. Kids love facts, straight or weird. Feed their passion for learning with believe-it-or-not facts about drugs.
- Encourage them to participate in groups, hobbies, sport and activities. The more a child is involved with the community, the like likely there are to become dependent on drugs.
- Help them separate reality from fantasy. Watch TV and movies together, ask questions, listen to your child and help reinforce the difference between what is real and what is not.



# Giving something back to our veteran community

I recently had the pleasure of opening the new Men's Shed at Bowral Uniting Church. The Men's Shed has been developed with the assistance of \$16,400 in Federal Government funding from the Veteran and Community Grants scheme. It's a joint project being run by the Wingecarribee Health Association, Bowral Uniting Church and the Bowral and Mittagong RSL Sub-Branches.

The Men's Shed is a place for local veterans and other men to use their considerable skills in woodworking and metal turning to make a significant contribution to the community, as well as to socialise and learn new skills.

The Federal Government has allocated \$6.2 million over the next four years to Veteran and Community Grants projects. To find out how you can



Alby and the team who developed the Men's Shed in Bowral recently.



Alby visited Hill Top Public School recently to present a new Australian flag. He's pictured with principal John Morris, Ryan Bottin-Noonan, Karlie Van der Meer, Lisa Neville and Glen Fairweather.

## Telstra survey

apply for funding phone 1300 301 826 and ask for a copy of the Veteran and Community Grants booklet or contact the Department of Veterans Affairs on 133 254.

As many of you would be aware I have in recent months reinforced my stance against the Government's proposal to sell off the remaining 50.1 per cent of Telstra, following feedback from my constituents.

Since my survey on the issue went out to the electorate last month I've been inundated with responses - some for the sale and a great number against.

My electorate staff are still processing the final results and as soon as they are complete I will be presenting them to the Government.

As you might have heard, the House of Representatives voted on 21 August on the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill. As reported in the media, I was the only Coalition member to abstain from that vote.

While the bill was passed, it is likely to find opposition in the Senate, so the fight to retain Telstra is far from over.

You can still register your comments by phoning my office on 1300 301 826.

### Results so far

<b>For the sale:</b>	<b>6.73%</b>
<b>Against the sale:</b>	<b>91.56%</b>
<b>Don't mind:</b>	<b>1.71%</b>



## ON THE WEB

### The Clown Doctors

[www.clowndoctors.com.au](http://www.clowndoctors.com.au)

Operated by the Humour Foundation, Clown Doctors is a group dedicated to making sick children laugh again.

Clown Doctors regularly visit Sydney Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Westmead, spreading some fun and laughter.

Fund raising events for Clown Doctors are held regularly in the Southern Highlands and in other parts of Australia. Visit the website to find out more.

### Heywire

[www.abc.net.au/heywire](http://www.abc.net.au/heywire)

Heywire is a national youth initiative that gives young people in regional areas a chance to express their ideas, thoughts and concerns. Winning contributors have their stories broadcast on ABC Radio and on the Internet. Visit the website to find out how to enter.

# Recent funding announcements

## **\$3000 GRANT FOR KENMORE HOSPITAL MUSEUM MEMORIAL DISPLAY CABINET**

The Kenmore Hospital Museum will purchase a display cabinet for wartime memorabilia, with the help of a grant under the Federal Government's commemorations program Saluting Their Service. From 1942 to 1946 Kenmore Psychiatric Hospital was the 114 Australian General Hospital. When the museum was established it was decided to maintain a permanent army display. The display cabinet will hold many irreplaceable items used in the hospital from 1942 to 1946.

## **\$27,500 REGIONAL SOLUTIONS FUNDING FOR BINALONG RESCUE SQUAD**

The Binalong Rescue Squad has been granted funding towards the cost of buying a replacement four-wheel-drive rescue vehicle. The volunteer rescue squad in Binalong plays an important role in overcoming delays in the arrival of ambulance, police and fire services from other nearby towns when an accident occurs.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **Type 1 diabetes robs children of their childhood and makes them insulin dependent for life**

Type 1, or juvenile diabetes, cannot be prevented and there is no cure. For children with this disease life is a never-ending cycle of injections, blood tests, doctors and hospitals. In addition to the physical damage, Type 1 diabetes places a heavy emotional burden on the children and their families.

This disease is the number one cause of adult blindness and causes a four-fold increase in the chances of death from heart disease.

Type 1 diabetes shortens life expectancy by 15 years and is the sixth leading cause of death.

To find out more about juvenile diabetes contact the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on (02) 9966 0400.

## **\$18,881,434 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Local councils in the electorate of Hume will receive more money from the Federal Government for roads and the provision of services in 2003-2004. Almost \$19 million, a rise of 3.5 per cent, has been allocated to Boorowa, Crookwell, Goulburn, Gunning, Harden, Mulwaree, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, Yass and Young councils. Because this is untied funding, councils will be free to allocate the funds based on local priorities.

## **\$228,924 FOR SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMONWEALTH CARELINK CENTRES**

Residents of the Southern Highlands will continue to benefit from having a Commonwealth Carelink Centre in their area after the announcement of \$228,924 in ongoing funding. The Commonwealth Carelink Centre in Bowral provides information for older people, people with disabilities and for those who provide care and services.

### *Wedding anniversaries*

**Bruce & Grace Noble of Glenquarry - 50 years**  
**Ronald & Joan Ockenden of Bowral - 50 years**  
**Charles & Daphne Simpson, formerly of Goulburn - 50 years**  
**Noel & Elsie Shepherd of Marulan - 55 years**  
**James & Mabelle Walker of Goulburn - 60 years**  
**Jack & Ruve Howard of Young - 60 years**  
**Henry & Hazel Lees of Goulburn - 60 years**  
**Garnet & Linda Ezzy of Goulburn - 65 years**

### *Birthdays*

**Dorothy Pangbourn of Tahmoor - 90 years**  
**Cecily McGuinness of Crookwell - 90 years**  
**Mina McKay of Harden - 90 years**  
**Lindsay Weatherstone of Goulburn - 91 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.**