




Speech by

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ASHGROVE ELECTORATE

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (9.16 pm): The first couple of months in the Ashgrove electorate have been fast and furious and a lot of fun. I spend every Friday and most of my weekends in the electorate and tonight I want to update the House on the great things I have had the privilege to be involved in. Meeting with constituents and groups in the electorate office and listening to their issues and concerns is a top priority. I love that there are so many passionate people in the electorate in touch with their community and working hard for what they believe in. Meeting with representatives from local sporting groups, listening to the stories from parents with kids with a disability and hearing the enthusiasm of people from our historical societies and environment groups all inspire me to work hard for the electorate. I have been making my way around to all 19 schools in the electorate where I have been meeting one-on-one with the principals and in some cases the representatives of the P&Cs and P&Fs. I have also chatted with some of the school leaders and taken tours of the campuses so I can get a true appreciation for not only the school's physical needs, but also all the great initiatives the schools and students have underway.

I have also taken part in many great events, celebrations and meetings such as the Valley District Cricket Club's annual trophy presentation night; the Mitchelton State High School open day and market day; GPS v University rugby match and ladies day; The Gap Scout Group AGM; Mater Dei 2012 Trivia Olympics night; Picabeen Community Association 20th birthday celebrations; Rotary Club of Ashgrove/The Gap changeover dinner; KindyNews mums' brunch; the Oakleigh State School Anzac Day ceremony; St Peter Chanel School fundraiser dinner dance; guest storyteller last week at The Gap State School; Book Week; 30th Anniversary of Greening Australia; official opening of the new headquarters of the 1st Division building at Enoggera Barracks; and, most recently, the Gaythorne RSL Sub Branch Annual Vietnam Veteran's Day commemoration service.

Of course, I also really enjoy setting up my Community Corner on Saturday mornings where lots of people have been coming to say hi and chat about what is important to them. I have been down at The Gap Village, the Samford Road and Wardell Street intersection, the Ashgrove shops and Brookside Shopping Centre. Each month, I also host a meet and greet, where I invite a group of like people, businesses or organisations to the electorate office and, over drinks and nibbles, we discuss issues and ideas, and people provide feedback to me on the government's initiatives.

As people in the Ashgrove electorate know, delivering on election commitments is paramount. From the upgrade of the Samford Road and Wardell Street intersection to installing flashing school zone lights and an equipment storage shed for The Gap's Little Athletics, from a \$5 million sporting hall at The Gap State High School to \$3 million worth of new classrooms at the Ashgrove State School, all are a priority and are on the way to being delivered.