



# Unley Outlook

## David Pisoni MP

*A strong voice for our community*

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### Special points of interest:

- Malvern Police Station has now re-opened at 259 Unley Rd, Malvern. Open 8am-9pm 7 days Phone 8272 0000
- To help you navigate government departments, access Service SA on either 13 23 24 or [www.service.sa.gov.au](http://www.service.sa.gov.au)

This is my first newsletter as your new Member for Unley. I am very proud to be your representative in the State Parliament, and plan to be an active Member, both in the community and in Parliament.

Since the election I have been establishing my new office at **372 Unley Road** as a point of contact for you.

In Parliament, I have been raising local issues like Storm Water Management and Unley Road as well as broader issues like Childhood Obesity and Youth Training. A full list of my Parliamentary

contributions is included in this newsletter (page 3).

I have also been conducting tours of Parliament House for local schools, attending local functions to which I've had the privilege to be invited and responding to the needs of Unley community groups and constituents. In addition to this, I have been pleased to have represented the Liberal leader Iain Evans at various functions.

Many of you I have met through my door knocking and community activities: for those I have not yet



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had a chance to meet, I hope to in the near future .

To help you get to know me, I have included a brief personal summary, for your perusal (page 2).

David

## Power Blackouts in Unley

On 17th April large areas of Unley, including all or parts of Malvern, Millswood, Goodwood, Unley Park, Kings Park and Hyde Park lost power for up to 12 hours.

Conversations I had with ETSA technicians on the streets of Unley on the 17<sup>th</sup> and with Sue Filby (General Manager Services ETSA) the next day, led me to believe that uncleared

foliage overhanging power lines remained the major culprit, exacerbated of course by the effect of rain on this foliage.

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## The Unley Road upgrade — long overdue



David with Unley Volunteer, Pamela Hill at 2006 SA Volunteer Day Celebration

An ongoing local issue which I've been pursuing and one about which I've long been passionate, is the much delayed upgrade of Unley Road.

In order to find out just why this project has fallen off the radar under Labor I have asked several questions of the Minister for Transport, Conlon and Treasurer Foley as well as speaking on the issue in a Grievance Debate on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Six years ago, in response to serious and ongoing safety concerns and lobbying by local stakeholders (community groups like the Unley Main Street Association) the Unley Council initiated a planning study into improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Significant resources from Unley Council, Department of Transport,

Planning SA and local groups resulted in completed plan diagrams which received a positive response from stakeholders. The plans included some road widening to allow dedicated right turn filters and safer crossing points for pedestrians.

This work was of course to take place in conjunction with the undergrounding of powerlines to maximise cost benefits and minimise traffic disruption.

Unfortunately, despite the gathering momentum, the project was shelved when the Rann Labor government was elected in 2002.

When asked about the Unley Road upgrade recently, Transport Minister Conlon said it was a Liberal government plan, **"It has never been ours."**

It is a pity that the Minister sees road and pedestrian safety in Unley as a political issue.

### The Unley Road upgrade project was shelved by the Rann government



David with Unley Road Traders

### David Pisoni—a personal summary

My background is in small business. After completing an apprenticeship, I started my own business at the age of 21, manufacturing and retailing.

My interest in politics began when I joined the Young Liberals 20 years ago, leading

eventually to my decision in 2005 to seek pre-selection for the seat of Unley.

I have met many of you while doorknocking and this has enabled me to listen to and understand your concerns.

Over the past 15

years, I have been heavily involved in Unley: through community activities, in business and as a volunteer. Now, through the confidence you've shown in me on 18 March I look forward to continuing this work in a professional capacity.

David Pisoni MP



With Unley Meals on Wheels volunteers



## Where has all the GST revenue gone?

A recent study entitled 'Opportunity Squandered' by the Institute of Public Affairs' respected economist **Dr. Mike Nahan** has highlighted how state governments in Australia have mismanaged the significantly increased revenue flow (9% per annum) made possible by the Howard Government's GST and the massive windfall gains in stamp duty (a growth of over 73 %!) from property sales in the housing boom (see Budget Breakfast invitation below).

Instead of responsibly

investing these funds in improving South Australia's infrastructure, "the main focus of the States' spending spree has been public service salaries."

In South Australia for example, of the \$5.5 billion in extra GST, \$4.9 billion (89%), was spent on public servants.

Instead of honouring agreements made with the Howard Federal government to cut state taxes and pass these on to South Australians the Rann government has kept the extra tax yet delivered minimal improved efficiencies.

Access Economics predicts a 'borrowing binge' to cover this poor management: an estimated \$244 million for 2005-06 to fund current projects.

With the State budget significantly delayed by sloppy bookkeeping it seems that fiscal bungling, spin and Treasurer Foley's 'gobbledegook' have allowed a golden opportunity for infrastructure and service delivery reform in South Australia to be squandered.

Thank you Treasurer Foley!



Mike Nahan, Senior Fellow IPA. PhD Economics Australian National Uni

## State Budget Breakfast 28th September 2006

Time	7 am til 9 am
Place	Top Room, Arkaba Hotel 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton
Guest Speaker	Mike Nahan, Senior Fellow, Institute of Public Affairs Author "Opportunity Squandered"
Topic	Where has all the money gone? What lies ahead?
Cost	\$60 / head (\$550 / table of 10)

## Parliamentary contributions April-May 2006

<b>Questions</b>	Unley Road Pedestrian Crossings	Shop Trading Hours
Brownhill & Keswick Creeks Flood Mitigation Study	<b>Speeches</b>	Unley Road (Upgrade)
Unley Road Upgrade	Brownhill and Keswick Creeks ; Flooding	Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Associated Newsletter (Misrepresentation of Workplace reform)
Schools, Technical Studies (Rainforest Timbers)	Childhood Obesity Training (Apprenticeship) Logo,	

### Quote:

Some see private enterprise as a predatory target to be shot, others as a cow to be milked, but few are those who see it as a sturdy horse pulling the wagon.

Winston Churchill



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(cont from page 1) In response to this ongoing problem and the many enquiries at my office from concerned constituents, I sought assurances from both Lew Owens, CEO of ETSA and Unley Council that necessary vegetation trimming under the agreement between the two bodies was being undertaken. Lew Owens confirmed that; ***“...responsibility for vegetation clearance in the Unley area lies with Unley Council under a specific formal arrangement.”***

Having reconfirmed its accountability to resolve any current problems, the Council accelerated its pruning so that; ***“...the entire current clearance program in Unley will be completed by May 31...”***

The Acting Chief Executive Officer at Unley Council Paul Sutton confirmed with me that, following the power interruptions, Council staff and ETSA had again met and that two crews of qualified arborists were working as quickly as possible to resolve an issue regarded by Council to be of ***“utmost importance”***.

In my maiden speech to the Parliament I noted that Gil Langley, the famous Australian test cricketer who was elected to this seat in 1962, mentioned with some pride in his maiden speech the uninterrupted supply of power to the homes of Unley. It is my intention to be the squeaky wheel on this issue and to pursue accountability in the provision of an uninterrupted power supply to the people of Unley.

**Queen's Birthday Honours**



Congratulations to the following Unley constituents who received awards in this years Queen's Birthday Honours

Goodwood - service to sociology  
Emeritus Professor Peter Angas Parsons, Parkside - Science  
Dr John Lane Waddy, Fullarton - Cardiology

Parkside – Julian Burns Trust  
The Reverend Thomas Theodore Reuther, Myrtle Bank – Lutheran Church

**Member of the Order of Australia (AM)**  
Emeritus Professor Riaz Ul Hassan,

**Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)**  
Julian Andre Burton,

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