

# GOLDSTEIN INDEPENDENT

**INDEPENDENCE IS THE DIFFERENCE.**

Beaumaris | Bentleigh | Black Rock | Brighton | Brighton East | Caulfield South | Cheltenham | Elsternwick  
Gardenvale | Glenhuntly | Hampton | Hampton East | Highett | McKinnon | Ormond | Patterson | Sandringham

## Climate action: We can't say we didn't know

Record temperatures, floods, fires, disaster and sea ice melting in the Antarctic. We know climate action is nowhere near done yet, and everywhere we look at the government's response, there's less than meets the eye.

Let's look at what the government is doing, not what it's saying. Or, at least consider the double speak happening.

And unfortunately, sea dumping legislation presented to Parliament recently with its gimmicky and misleading subtitle – “using new technologies to fight climate change” – is the latest case in point.

The aspirations for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) are hardly new, but they are yet to be realised – if they ever will.

Yet they are central to this legislation.

Billions have been spent on CCS around the world – including around four billion here in Australia – to little end.

And while the Resources Minister champions CCS – other ministers are apparently agnostic. In which case, why are we committing to this very uncertain path if they don't believe in it?

Hardly a ringing endorsement and worthy of close scrutiny.

*At last year's election neither of the major parties really wanted to move on climate change. It was community pressure that made it happen.*

Labor to their credit then did advocate for a reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions of 43 percent by 2030, but that is still less than eminent experts state is needed if we are to have a hope of getting to net zero by mid-century.

Yet still, we are giving with one hand and taking with the other, cancelling out the beginnings of good policy with bad as we seek to store CO2 under the seabed to enable NEW projects.

Forget about net zero. This makes zero sense.

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**ABOVE:** Emperor penguins face catastrophic breeding failure from loss of sea ice, as reported by BAS in August 2023. The Snow Hill colony is the most northerly colony of Emperor penguins, with the warmest average temperatures, therefore it is likely to be the most vulnerable to climate change. Image Supplied: British Antarctic Survey/Peter Fretwell

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### Acknowledgement of Country

Zoe Daniel and her office acknowledge the original custodians of the land on which we meet and work, including the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation and the traditional owners of other lands and nations within this country. We acknowledge elders past, present and emerging. Sovereignty was never ceded.

# A note from Zoe Daniel MP



**ABOVE:** Independent Federal Member for Goldstein

## Voice to parliament

This year we have a once in a generation opportunity to help unify our country with a referendum to change our constitution to recognise First Nations people with a Voice to Parliament.

To explain more about that and answer some of the common questions that I have had myself, and that I have been asked, I made a video series that you can view on my website here <https://zoedaniel.com.au/policies/the-voice> or scan the QR code on Page 3.

**I will be voting YES.**

## Climate Action

I remain deeply concerned that our progress towards net zero is slipping behind, even on the government's 43% commitment to reductions by 2030. I will continue to raise questions about progress and how, when and where the government intends to bridge the gap, and to vote against bills that are in direct contradiction to our climate targets.

## Cost of living and housing relief

With a large percentage of people in Goldstein being renters, and others now starting to face tough mortgage pressure, I have convened a Housing Roundtable to directly examine the issues of housing supply, affordability and relief, and will keep our community informed of policy and real world solutions to this critical issue.

## Continued from Page 1 – Climate Action

In the months before the last election, communities around the country got together to activate campaigns which led to the election of the largest crossbench in the recent history of the House – with more effective and more rapid action on climate change central to that result.

Yet even with that outcome, even as Europe and Canada burn, we continue to try to have our cake and eat it too.

This approach will not fix the problem. And this is just one of a growing list of problematic legislation.

There are already real questions, for example, about the effectiveness and accountability of the government's Safeguard Mechanism.

Will it really require the nation's 200 or so biggest polluters to change their carbon-heavy habits?

Or will it enable them to use suspect carbon credits to try to account their way to net zero?

The challenge of climate change is not an accounting exercise; it does not allow us to change our behaviour at the margins to balance some imaginary book.

*It requires fundamental and rapid changes in the way we act – as individuals, as families, as communities, as companies, as governments, as leaders.*

The same goes for the Nature Repair Market legislation, which runs the risk of becoming a market for offsets rather than a nature building scheme.

It is barely a few months since the International Energy Agency declared that we must stop the exploitation and development of new oil and gas resources if we are to have a hope of achieving net zero by 2050.

*At the heart of the reason for the sea dumping legislation is Santos' Barossa development which yields gas with a very high 18 percent CO2 content.*

To make this giant project more environmentally palatable Santos is proposing to export its CO2 via a proposed CCS facility at Middle Arm in Darwin to the depleted Bayu Undan gas field off Timor l'Este.

Let's look at what we already know about the real-world record of CCS in Australia.

The Gorgon gas development in Western Australia was supposed to be our poster child for CCS – approved on condition that the company capture 80 percent of emissions, around four million tonnes of CO2 a year.

And with 60 million dollars of our money to help the scheme.

So, what's the record?

*Gorgon injected 1.6 million tonnes into the ground beneath Barrow Island last financial year, down from 2.2 million tonnes in 2020/21 and 2.7 million tonnes the year before. It's going backwards.*

Look at what is being done, not at what is being said.

# Referendum and Voting Information

## Where, when and how Australian citizens in or away from Goldstein can vote in the referendum

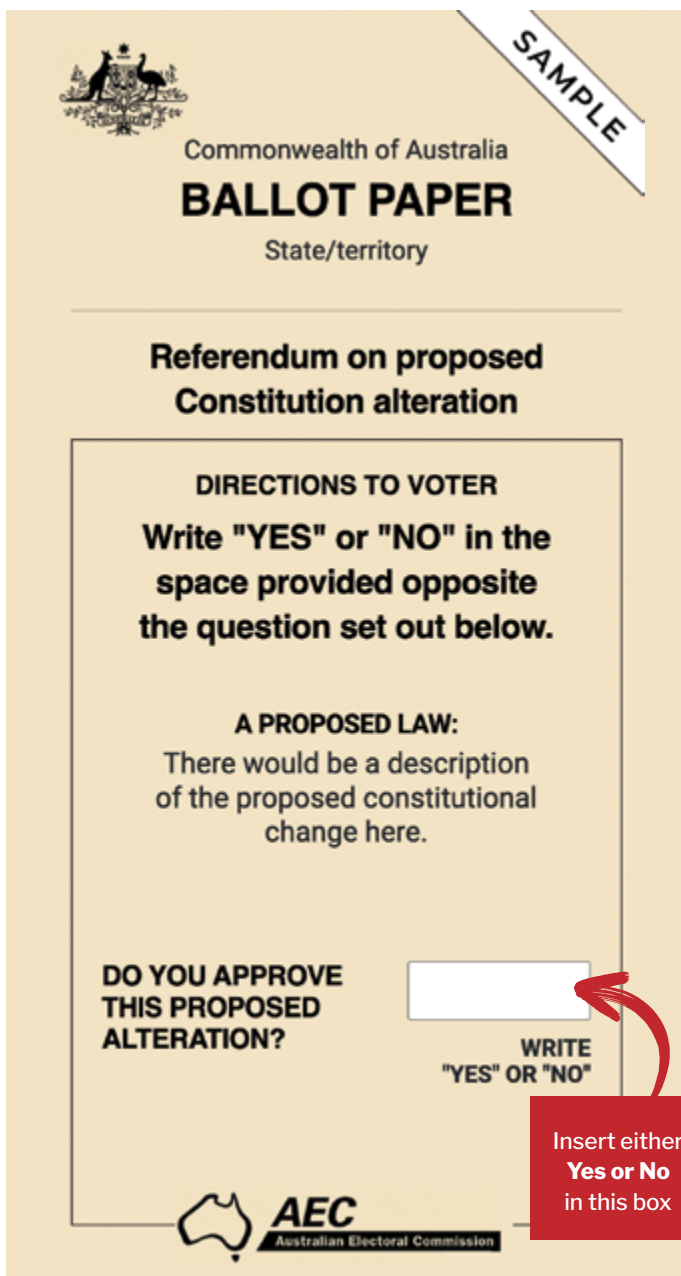
Australians will vote on a referendum to alter our Constitution on 14 October, 2023.

**Voting is compulsory for all Australians aged 18 years and over.**

Check your enrolment at the Australian Electoral Commission website [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au):

### The referendum question:

On referendum day, voters will be asked to vote 'yes' or 'no' on a single question to change our Constitution. A sample of the ballot paper from the AEC, and the question is reproduced here for information purposes.



## Postal Voting

Postal voting is available for anyone not able to make it to vote in-person, either on voting day or during the early voting period.

Postal vote applications will close at 6:00pm on Wednesday 11 October 2023.



**To check your eligibility and how to lodge your vote**, scan this QR code for a link to the Australian Electoral Commission website to ensure you have the most accurate and up to date information on how to make your vote count.

## Overseas voting

Overseas voting centres will be available during the early voting period, which commences on Monday 2 October and runs for a two-week period leading up to referendum day. The opening dates and times will vary. Please continue to check the AEC website for updated information at <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/vote/overseas-voting.html>

## Voter services in residential aged care facilities

Voter services in residential care facilities will begin progressively from Monday 2nd October 2023. Information about mobile polling teams, including the time and date, will be provided by your facility's administration.

## Early voting

Early voting opens in Victoria from 2 October, 2023. More information on hours of operation and polling places can be found at [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au)

## Polling places

Polling places are constantly updated. Check the AEC website for up-to-date information for your area.

## The Voice Explainer information series

As your Independent member for Goldstein, I've consulted widely about the Voice, with people across our community, of all ages, and sought the advice of experts and people with lived experience.

I made this video series because democratic processes should be free, fair, and trusted, and conversations should be reasoned and reasonable.

I invite you to do the same, and hope this information is helpful as you consider your vote.



To view **The Voice Explainer video**, scan your camera on the QR code.

# Around Goldstein

## Where's Zoe?

This map is a visualisation of some of the places Zoe Daniel MP has conducted meetings, visits, consultations and attended community events in and around Goldstein recently.



## Some highlights include:

1. **Etz Chayim Progressive Synagogue** visit – Caulfield South
2. **Star of the Sea** social action team visit to the Electoral Office, resulting in tabling of their petition in Parliament
3. **Montclair Aged Care**, Brighton – visit to celebrate centenarian birthdays and discussions with staff
4. **Australian Childcare Alliance**, Glen Huntly – meeting with providers, staff and parents to discuss the true costs and/or savings of the new childcare subsidies
5. **Politics in the Pub Trivia Night**, McKinnon – a moment of political fun and trivia for volunteers and constituents
6. **Village Zero** progress meeting, Sandringham – for the pilot community battery project
7. **Central Schule** visit – Caulfield South
8. **Year 6 Youth Forum**, Beaumaris Secondary College – resulting in raising the matters of concern to these children in the Chamber in Canberra
9. **The Voice to Parliament Community Forum**, Glen Eira Town Hall – information session for the community
10. **Housing First** site visit to Halcyon development project, Brighton – to check in on the progress of converting 69 aged care units into 152 modern fully self-contained apartments.
11. **Street Meets** to meet constituents and hear their issues and concerns:
  12. Gardenvale
  13. Middle Brighton
  14. North Brighton
15. **Community Bank** Highett, Highett RSL – community impact night with local community groups
16. **BayCISS**, Hampton East – visit and discussions regarding community grants

## Community News

### Celebrating 30 Years of Men's Sheds and their work

The Australian Men's Shed group celebrated 30 years of Sheds in September.

The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part of Australian culture. It is a place where men from all walks of life meet, sometimes for a cuppa, always for company, and where they can use their skills to support their community, and one another and to learn new skills.

*Sheds help improve men's health and social connections and do wonderful work.*

Zoe recently connected with two Men's Sheds in Goldstein – the Bayside Men's Shed in Beaumaris and Brighton Men's Shed, with visits to the sheds and warm discussions with these men, sharing morning tea and a BBQ lunch at their premises.

Members of the two sheds very kindly created props for use when visiting local schools in Goldstein to deliver mock Parliaments and develop leadership amongst young people.

Brighton Men's shed created a beautiful timber despatch box and Bayside Men's shed created a replica of the Speaker's Mace.

**BELOW:** John Paul Young visits Canberra to celebrate 30 Years of Sheds – JPY and Zoe Daniel **TOP RIGHT:** Bayside Men's Shed mace – David Gill presents the mace to Zoe Daniel **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Brighton Men's Shed despatch box – John Spillarn, Zoe Daniel



# Community News

## Goldstein Success Story – CareAbout

CareAbout is a free service that guides people through the process of finding the right home care packages or residential aged care for their loved ones. Founder Kyra Bae-Snell, started CareAbout 7 years ago after caring for her grandmother Hazel and saw the need for quality aged care services. Kyra started writing simplified Aged Care contracts for people and then recruited her two brothers to help expand her work.

CareAbout started in Highett with a mission to help as many people as they could access quality care through relationships with quality providers – both for Home Care and Aged Care Homes.

Waiting times between being approved and receiving care packages look good on paper, yet CareAbout has found that it takes an average of four months for a comprehensive assessment, and this hidden wait time is causing serious issues.

*"These wait times are forcing families to make really difficult decisions. Every day waiting can be seen as a health risk for their loved ones, so many are forced to enter their loved ones into aged care homes when an earlier processed package would prevent it."*

**– Kyra Bae-Snell**

Kyra is proud to have initiated an older worker program, employing workers in the 68-73 year old age group, who may otherwise be ignored by employers.



**ABOVE:** Kyra Bae-Snell, Executive Director and Kylie Magrath, CEO of CareAbout.

## LATEST LOCAL ACTIONS

### Fair Funding for Schools – petitions



**Support Sandringham College: Urgent Action Needed for School Buildings**

Despite new additions such as a gymnasium, music facilities, and a canteen, there remains unfinished business.

*"It was so stressful when we had to find another classroom just before an exam because the ceiling had fallen in our regular classroom," expressed a concerned student, on the dire state of the school buildings.*

With approximately 1,000 students attending Sandringham College, it is undeniable that they deserve better. Sign the petition for increased funding to help this school.



**Sign the Sandringham College petition** by scanning your camera on the QR code.



**Brighton Primary School: A landmark in urgent need of funding**

Brighton Primary School stands as a symbol of forgotten potential, deprived of essential financial support.

*The school is in a dire situation with the decay of the ageing demountables that were hastily installed back in the 1970s.*

The time has come for a much-needed upgrade to ensure a bright future for the school and its students, which has served as a pillar of our community for generations.

Sign the petition for increased funding to help this school.



**Sign the Brighton Primary School petition** by scanning your camera on the QR code (scroll down to then find the link).

# Community News

## Community Grants

### Goldstein Grant finder

The Goldstein Grant Finder has been set up so you can efficiently search and have free access to the widest range of current grant opportunities from Federal, State, Local and philanthropic bodies.

Once you register you can search for grants and set up your profile to get regular alerts for possible grant opportunities.

**Register here:**

<https://goldstein.grantguru.com.au/>



Visit the **Grant Guru website** by scanning your camera on the QR code.



**ABOVE:** Morning tea at the Office of Zoe Daniel with Community Grant recipients and beneficiaries including Rotary Club of Brighton, BayCISS, Brighton Life Saving Club, Hampton Community Centre, Bayside Toy Library, and Bayside Community Emergency Relief.

## Youth Forum and Youth Parliament

Props created by the local Men's Sheds were recently used in two Goldstein Youth Forums facilitated by Zoe Daniel, one with grade 6 students from schools across Goldstein and the second in the Victorian Legislative Assembly for year 10 students. The issues of concern for Year 6 students were recycling and waste reduction, whilst the Year 10 students, on a show of hands agreed that mental health was the most important issue for youth.

*"It was great fun to be walked into the chamber, acting as Speaker, with my Electorate Officer Lerna brandishing our own Speaker's Mace as Serjeant-of-Arms. An experience made all the better for all Involved."*

**- Zoe**



**ABOVE:** Year 10 Youth Parliament – hosted at Victorian State Parliament Legislative Assembly.

# On your mind

## Beyond Robodebt – a dedicated Centrelink number for seniors

The public has become painfully aware of the damage inflicted upon so many Australians by the Robodebt system. But even as that issue fades from view, other problems persist.

Our Electorate Office in Goldstein receives many complaints from constituents about difficulties dealing with Centrelink, including:

- Lengthy delays when ringing Centrelink by phone – complaints include waiting an hour or two; engaged signals; dropped-out calls and indifferent staff
- Problems with the portal including uploading documents; particularly difficult for those with limited or minimal computer skills
- Difficulty navigating the website
- Problems for older people who have limited computer skills or lack of access to computers
- Problems tracking the status of appeals
- Difficulty accessing their MyGov account without mobile 2-step verification.

Goldstein constituent concerns are very real and the level of anxiety associated with accessing government services is exacerbated when dealing with financial stress, partner sickness and health conditions.

*A letter detailing many of the constituent complaints and anxiety has been sent by Zoe Daniel to Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, the minister for Social Services.*



### 132 300 Centrelink phone number for seniors

To assist those constituents who are having difficulties, Services Australia has established a dedicated Centrelink phone number for seniors.

If you really need to talk to a Centrelink officer or make an appointment with the Financial Information Service, then a telephone call to Centrelink might help you. Before you make that telephone call to Centrelink **be sure to have your CRN handy.**

## Puzzle

**Rules:** Discover words consisting of four letters or more. Each word must incorporate the central letter and use each letter only once. Uncover at least a single nine-letter word. Exclude informal expressions, words from other languages, capitalised proper nouns, apostrophes, and hyphens. Do not include verbs or plural words that conclude with "s".

**Clue:** *What does your Independent MP do?*

20 words: Good  
35 words: Very good  
36+ words: Excellent

T	R	E
E	P	N
E	R	S

Your words:

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# Local Events



## Markets

### Sandy Twilight Festival

Saturdays  
3pm–8pm  
Sandringham Beach Foreshore,  
Beach Road, Sandringham  
14 Oct | 11 Nov | 13 Jan | 3 Feb | 2 Mar

### Bayside Farmers Market

4th Saturday of every month,  
8am–1pm  
Trey Bit Reserve (Jetty Road)  
Sandringham  
28 Oct | 25 Nov | 23 Dec

### (NEW) Beaumaris Farmers Market

3rd Sunday of every month,  
9am–1pm  
Beaumaris North PS, Wood Street,  
Beaumaris  
15 Oct | 19 Nov | 17 Dec

### Bentleigh Sunday Market

Every Sunday morning,  
7am–12pm  
Bentleigh Railway Station Car Park,  
Bent Street  
(opposite Coles Supermarket)

### Brighton Farmers Market

3rd Saturday of the month  
8:30am–1pm  
St Andrew's Church  
228 Church Street, Brighton

### Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Community Market

1st Sunday of every month,  
9am–2pm  
Inner Course Reserve  
5 Nov | 3 Dec



## Beach Patrols and Love Our Streets (Clean Up)

Regular events, all suburbs.  
Check website for your suburb and monthly clean up times  
[www.beachpatrol.com.au](http://www.beachpatrol.com.au)  
E: [admin@beachpatrol.com.au](mailto:admin@beachpatrol.com.au)



## Festive Events

### Diwali Festival of Lights

Friday 10 November 2023,  
5pm–9pm  
Booran Reserve,  
Glen Huntly

### Carols in the Gardens

Friday 8 December 2023,  
4:30pm–8pm  
Rippon Lea Estate,  
Elsternwick

### Lighting of the Menorah

During Hanukkah (TBC),  
7:30pm–9pm  
Glen Eira Town Hall



## Music & Art

### Bayside Gallery

- Zoo Noses – Dr Nicola Hooper
- Returning – Jane Burton

Both exhibitions are showing until  
5 Nov 2023. Brighton Town Hall, Corner  
Carpenter and Wilson Street, Brighton  
Wednesday – Friday 11am–5pm  
Saturday – Sunday 1pm–5pm

### Always Live/End of the Line music festival – Sandy Village

2 December 2023,  
featuring Clare Bowditch



ABOVE: Dr Nicola Hooper practice explores zoonoses and the resulting relationship between humans and animals, particularly focusing upon our contradictory perceptions of animals in the context of fear of disease.

## Policy Progress

### PROSPERITY AND THE COST OF LIVING

*The office of Zoe Daniel MP ran a cost-of-living forum and multiple surveys to learn more about the pressures faced by Goldstein residents, including renters, to be able to bring real-life experiences to the ears of government.*

As a result of these, **Zoe is calling for a review of the whole tax system**, not just Stage 3 tax cuts.

Other crossbenchers in the Federal Parliament, along with Senator David Pocock are calling for the same. This is an evolving issue that promises to shake up the way we see revenue and spending in future years. Other actions include:

- Fighting to **have big gas and coal pay their fair share of tax** from their windfall profits
- **Housing supply** – pushed for the Housing Affordability Future Fund to be negotiated fairly between Greens and Labor, now achieved.
- **Childcare costs** – meeting directly with parents and childcare providers to determine if costs are really going down or not, whether workers are being paid properly and how to enable better access for families.
- **Housing** – meeting with housing agencies on the need for more affordable housing for women over 55 the most vulnerable group of people facing homelessness.
- **Students/graduates** – a fairer version of indexation for students with HECS and HELP debts



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel with a very happy Housing First resident, Diane Luxmoore.

### CLIMATE ACTION

#### In Canberra

- Amended legislation to ensure the 43% target for carbon reduction is a floor, not a ceiling in the laws setting goals for carbon reduction and continue to hold the government accountable to explain their actions and steps they are taking, given that in the last 12 months our emissions have actually risen.
- Pushed the government to amend the Safeguard Mechanism so that big polluters can't account their way to net zero with dodgy environmental offsets.
- Rejected the Sea Dumping Bill and carbon capture schemes because they will deliberately greenlight new gas production in direct contradiction to our climate targets.

#### Locally

- Worked to secure \$16.7m to transform Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve (formerly Elsternwick Park) into urban wetlands everyone can enjoy.
- Working with experts to investigate how Federal Govt can assist in water management and flood risks at Elwood Canal, and with stakeholders to improve the ecosystem in the Bay.
- Initiated an electorate-wide community battery project and zero waste pilot project at Sandringham.

# Policy Progress

## INTEGRITY

- NACC achieved – now holding government and public servants to account on Robodebt, conflicts of interest, big consultancy firm fees and political donations.
- Supported an open letter to the government to fix the law and drop the prosecution of whistleblowers.
- Gambling advertising ban – introduced a Private Members Bill that is gaining serious national traction to have gambling advertising banned due to its adverse impact on young people and families.
- Misinformation and disinformation legislation – as a community we urgently need to decide whether we want to have a measure of control over the information that we consume, while protecting freedom of expression and avoiding government overreach. The form of proposed laws on misinformation and disinformation must be carefully calibrated.
- Media reform and media diversity – fighting for a judicial inquiry into media diversity and kicked off a campaign for media reform.

## EQUALITY

### In Canberra

- Young people – sought and achieved additional funding for people suffering from eating disorders.

*The National Eating Disorders Strategy has now been released. It's a 10-year plan to step in, step up, step down and step out for people affected by eating disorders, which amounts to millions of Australians.*

But the next step that matters most is implementation, and that requires accountability from government. Zoe and Australians will be watching closely.

- Women – Ensuring women do not continue to be disadvantaged and are specifically included in legislation affecting their economic prosperity – whether that's for training, employment or industrial relations. This gender lens matters to address the financial disadvantage that women experience and has now been added to several major pieces of law.

### Locally

- Advocated for improved sporting change rooms across the whole electorate.
- Advocating for improved disabled access to facilities owned or managed by Bayside Council.



**ABOVE:** Zoe Daniel and Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care at the launch of the National Eating Disorders Strategy.

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Instagram: @zoedaniel

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/zoe-daniel](http://www.linkedin.com/in/zoe-daniel)

### Between editions

#### Zoe's 'Your Voice' Podcast

Tune in where all good podcasts are available.

#### 5 Minute Survey

We want to hear from you!



#### Fortnightly Newsletter

Sign up at [zoedaniel.com.au](http://zoedaniel.com.au) to receive updates via email.



### Volunteer with Zoe

We would be delighted to have you join our passionate team of volunteers creating positive change in Goldstein and Australia.



<https://zoedaniel.com.au/get-involved/volunteering>

## Events with Zoe

Meeting constituents, being in the community and visiting organisations and businesses is vital to the work of an MP to understand and represent what is important to Goldstein.

*In the coming months, Zoe Daniel and the electoral office team will continue to conduct broad consultation on housing, young people, climate action, energy and other issues and other topics.*

Constituents are very welcome to join in or invite Zoe to events if she is available. You can also bring others who might benefit from asking about policy priorities and their own concerns. These events are a great way to ask your questions directly.

Sign up to the e-newsletter for all forthcoming events, including forums and more opportunities to have a conversation on what matters to you or your neighbours. Follow Zoe Daniel MP on

socials for venue locations and times. Alternatively, you can contact the office directly on (03) 9557 4644.

- **31 October – Politics in the Club**
- **Street Meets**
- **Local events**

All Venues and Times will be updated in Zoe's website, eNewsletter and socials.

**A 5 minute 'Have Your Say' survey can be completed anytime. Scan the QR code on the left to go directly to it.**

