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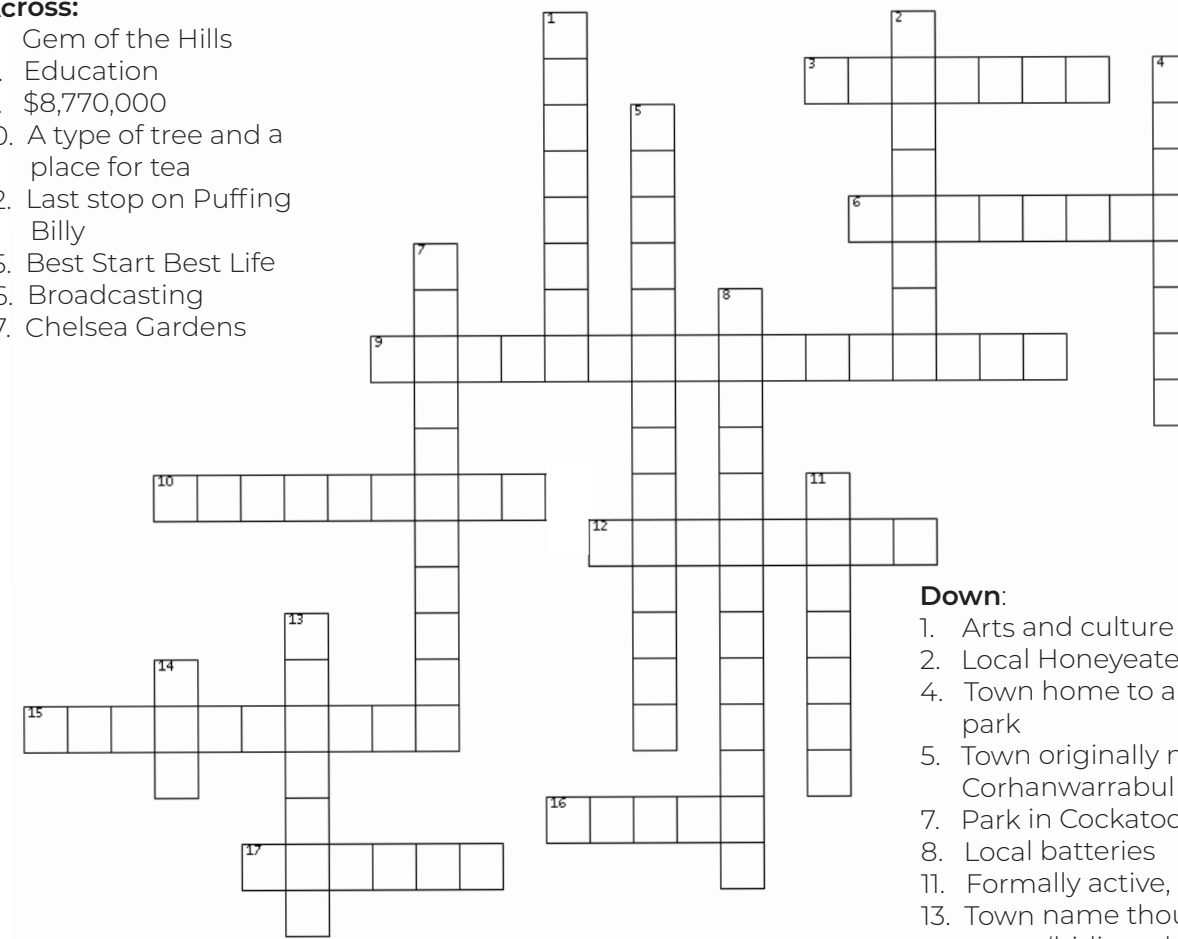
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MONBULK CROSSWORD

Across:

- 3. Gem of the Hills
- 6. Education
- 9. \$8,770,000
- 10. A type of tree and a place for tea
- 12. Last stop on Puffing Billy
- 15. Best Start Best Life
- 16. Broadcasting
- 17. Chelsea Gardens



Down:

- 1. Arts and culture hub
- 2. Local Honeyeater
- 4. Town home to a new car-park
- 5. Town originally named Corhanwarrabul
- 7. Park in Cockatoo
- 8. Local batteries
- 11. Formally active, now extinct
- 13. Town name thought to mean 'hiding place'
- 14. Victorian Power Company

Across: 1. Burrenjal 2. Heintzel 3. Emerald Secondary 4. Belmont Secondary 5. Mount Chisholm 6. Teaching 7. Alton Towers 8. Neighbourhood 11. Volcano 13. Monbulk 14. SFC
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Current Project Update

Driving across the hills, you will notice works happening everywhere! The Andrews Labor Government has been making significant investments in our community from day one.

Belgrave Carpark - Very soon it will be much easier for commuters across the Dandenong Ranges to travel into Melbourne for work, study and leisure. The new multi-deck car park with 640 spaces is expected to be completed later this year.

Angliss Hospital Stage II - We're investing \$112 million to expand the Angliss Hospital in Upper Ferntree Gully and early works including demolition have begun. The project will sustain approximately 330 construction jobs and is expected to be completed in 2025.

Chelsea Gardens at Olinda - This spectacular garden is really a sight to behold and will soon be open to the public. The Garden is a reimagining of the 'best in show' garden at the Chelsea Flower Show in the United Kingdom. The esteemed prize was won by locals Phillip Johnston and Wes Fleming.



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2023 Budget Newsletter

Hello, I'm Daniela.

It has been an honour to serve as your State Member of Parliament over the last six months. I'm looking forward to the next three and a half years **continuing to work for you.**

Three things about me:

I have been a **business owner, teacher and union official.** I believe in decent jobs for everyone and supporting small businesses to be great employers. I believe education is the doorway to wonderful opportunities. From pre-school to tertiary and further education, all forms of learning are important in ensuring we have the skills and knowledge to live well.

Mike and I are the **parents of two great teenagers**, a dog and two cats. Home is a madhouse! We met in the UK and my dad and maternal grandparents emigrated from Italy to Australia, so we understand what it takes to cross the seas to start a new life in a new land.

I love the arts and sport. I love to sing, but my pipes are a bit rusty nowadays! I was the secretary of our local soccer club and vice president of my daughter's kindergarten, so I know the importance of supporting community organisations.

Budget Wins for Monbulk!

- \$8.77 million funded for **Emerald Secondary College**
- \$3 million for **St John the Baptist Primary School, Ferntree Gully**
- \$2 million for pavilion upgrades at **Wally Tew Reserve**
- Getting started on rebuilding **Maroondah Hospital** - the new QEII.
- **Women's Health Clinic** at Casey and Maroondah Hospitals
- **Variable speed signs** outside Gembrook Primary School
- Up to \$400,000 for upgrades to the **Alma Treloar Reserve Dog Park** in Cockatoo
- **Neighbourhood batteries** across the Dandenong Ranges and beyond!
- \$200,000 for **Treasuring our Trees**
- \$100,000 for **Knox Infolink**
- \$60,000 for **Philanthropic Collective**
- \$50,000 for **3MDR Mountain District Radio 97.1**
- \$50,000 for **Burrinja Cultural Centre**
- \$50,000 for **Foothills Community Care**

More info inside...

" I am proud to present the 2023 State Budget to you and excited for these incredible projects to get underway "



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Health



The 2023 State Budget includes significant funding for health infrastructure in the outer-east.

Every Victorian should be able to get the healthcare they need, when they need it, close to home. That's why we're **starting works to redevelop and expand Maroondah Hospital** - and renaming it after the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The State Budget continues to fund **Priority Primary Care Clinics**. These clinics provide exceptional urgent care and take pressure off emergency rooms, ensuring that patients receive the care they need in a timely and efficient manner.

New comprehensive **Women's Health Clinics at Maroondah and Casey Hospitals** will change the way women's health issues are treated, providing care and support for conditions like endometriosis, pelvic pain, polycystic ovary syndrome, perimenopause and menopause.

We are committed to investing in the health and wellbeing of our community and these initiatives continue the significant work we have already done.

Education

The Andrews Labor Government has announced a significant investment in education across the Dandenong Ranges.

One of the highlights of the budget is the **\$8.77 million upgrade to Emerald Secondary College**. This funding will be used to modernise and transform the school's facilities, providing students with access to state-of-the-art resources.

St John the Baptist Primary School in Ferntree Gully will receive **\$3 million** for an upgrade. This funding will be used to improve the school's infrastructure. These upgrades will provide students with new opportunities to learn and grow, helping them to achieve their full potential.

Variable speed signs will be installed **outside Gembrook Primary School** making it safer for students and the whole community.

Changes are also coming to Free TAFE - more courses are being offered and students can also access more than one course.



Monbulk Community Survey



The issues

Please tick the five issues that are most important to you

- The environment
- Cost of living
- Public transport
- Arts and culture
- Roads
- Healthcare
- Climate change mitigation
- Education
- Kinder and childcare
- Free Tafe
- Local economy
- Emergency services
- Parks and public spaces
- Mental health
- Police and community safety

Community

If you could change one thing about where we live, what would it be?

Your details

Name

Address

Home Phone

Mobile

E-mail

How would you like to be contacted?

- Mail
- Text or phonecall
- Email

Your work

- Full-time
- Unemployed
- Self-employed
- Part-time
- Pensioner
- Casual
- Student
- Retiree
- At home parent

Occupation

Community

Local families in **Cockatoo** and their four-legged friends will have improved places to stretch their legs, with the Andrews Labor Government delivering on its promise to **upgrade the dog park at Alma Treloar Reserve**.

This Budget includes **\$50,000** in funding for **Foothills Community Care**, supporting their mission of inclusivity by offering free hot meals and groceries to those in need. **The Philanthropic Collective** has been allocated **\$60,000**. This support will empower the organisation to continue their essential work, making a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families in need within our community.

Through these initiatives, the 2023 State Budget demonstrates a steadfast commitment to our well-being and growth. I am immensely proud of these investments that will foster inclusivity, resilience, and a stronger sense of community.

Sport

The budget has granted a substantial **\$2 million** for the much-needed upgrade of **Wally Tew Reserve in Ferntree Gully**. This investment will transform the reserve into a vibrant recreational hub, providing enhanced facilities and improved accessibility for all of us to enjoy.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

This year's budget allocation underscores the government's dedication to promoting creativity and community engagement.

The budget has allocated **\$50,000** in funding to the **Burrinja Cultural Centre**, a cherished local art gallery and theatre. This support will enable the centre to further nurture artistic expression, showcasing talent from within our community and beyond.

Connecting Cockatoo Communities will also receive **\$50,000** supporting the great work they do.

3MDR will receive **\$50,000** to help them keep supporting local artists.

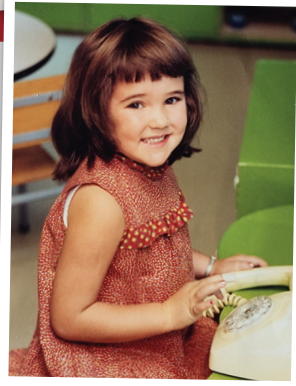


Early Childhood

The 2023 State Budget has invested a further **\$1.8 billion** into our **unprecedented Early Childhood reform** - giving our kids the best start and the best life with **Free Kinder**.

Currently, all three and four-year-old children in Victoria are eligible to access up to **15 hours of funded kindergarten** per week.

Over the next decade, Four-Year-Old Kindergarten will transition to 'Pre-Prep' - increasing to a universal **30-hour a week** program of play-based learning for every four-year-old child in Victoria.



Environment

Victorians remember the **State Electricity Commission (SEC)** - it meant a fair deal on your power prices and good, stable jobs for workers.

That's why we're bringing it back - to drive down power bills and create thousands of jobs in renewable, government-owned energy. An initial **\$1 billion investment in the SEC** will help deliver 4.5 gigawatts of power - the equivalent replacement capacity of Loy Yang A - through renewable energy projects. Bringing back the SEC won't just mean more renewable energy, lower power bills and reduced carbon emissions - it'll also help create 59,000 jobs.

This Budget goes a long way to achieving our ambitious emissions reduction targets for Victoria, aiming to **reduce our emissions by 50% by 2030** and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. We've put forward a plan to support the timber sector as it transitions away from native timber harvesting - backing long-term, sustainable jobs. We are committed to taking bold action to tackle climate change and protect our environment for future generations.



Parliament

What would you like me to raise in Parliament?

Fill in the survey online!



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