



Angie **BELL** MP  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MONCRIEFF

*Hi, do you have a moment?*

## To the good people of Moncrieff,



In an unprecedented time in our history, I would like to reassure you that my office is here to serve you.

For now, social distancing is part of our everyday lives and downloading the COVIDSafe app is our best defence to keep our city safe.

I acknowledge that there are many families and businesses doing it really tough and I am committed to our community, small business, education, development and tourism sectors to provide extra assistance and leadership during this challenging time.

Along with federal government support to those affected by COVID-19, we will get through this crisis and we will rebuild the heart of our beautiful city.

Thank you for the sacrifices you are making to keep our community safe.

My warmest regards,

Angie Bell MP  
Federal Member for Moncrieff

## City Heart Taskforce Convened

I've established the City Heart Taskforce to work across key industry sectors to develop a coordinated framework to hasten our recovery and rebuild our city heart. The Taskforce features the ability to speak with one collective voice to all levels of government and community.



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## Business Resource Hub and Help Finder

If you are a small business owner, sole trader or not-for-profit and have been affected by COVID-19, I've put together resources and easy tools to support you.

Has your business been affected by COVID-19?

Use the Business Resource Hub and Help Finder

Visit: [angiebell.com.au/business-helpfinder](https://angiebell.com.au/business-helpfinder)



**\$760,000 funding injection  
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Angie Bell MP at St Johns Crisis Centre.

## Funding Boost for Community Organisations

The Morrison Government has provided a \$760,000 funding injection to local charities and community organisations to support Gold Coasters in the wake of the coronavirus economic downturn.

Local MP Angie Bell said the funding boost was in recognition of this time where there is increased financial vulnerability.

"There are many Gold Coasters doing it tough right now, which is why I am pleased the Morrison Government has delivered this funding to support emergency cash payments, food, everyday bills, transportation and school supplies," Ms Bell said.

"A number of people reaching out to these services may never have needed this type of assistance before, so we need to make sure we have the right support in place to help them through this period.

"It will also enable these organisations to streamline supply chains, increase workforce capacity including volunteers, increase telephone support and outreach through home visits to safely drop off items such as vouchers and food parcels and to implement and extend home delivery services."

If you are in need of assistance, visit the interactive map at [angiebell.com.au/local-support-in-moncrieff/](http://angiebell.com.au/local-support-in-moncrieff/) to see a range of support services.

## Work Begins on the Next Stage of Light Rail

Fences have gone up near Pacific Fair to create a construction compound for the next stage of the \$709 million Gold Coast Light Rail project.

Local MP Angie Bell said the Morrison Government would continue to deliver major projects that support jobs during its response to COVID-19.

"This is part of the \$170 million of funding that I announced when the Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack visited in November," Ms Bell said.

"The link between Broadbeach and Burleigh will create over 700 jobs at a time when we need them most and improve connectivity, making our city an even better place to live.

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Angie Bell MP with Deputy Prime Minister the Hon Michael McCormack MP at Broadbeach South light rail station.



## Funding Lifeline for Gold Coast Theme Parks and Zoos



Angie Bell MP with Sunnie at Sea World.

Gold Coast theme parks will receive a funding lifeline with the Morrison Government unveiling a nationwide \$94.6 million support package to help them get through the COVID-19 crisis.

This funding will assist exhibiting zoos and aquariums with the fixed operational costs associated with caring for their animals. It will also help to ensure they can remain viable and ready to welcome visitors when restrictions are eased.

Local MP Angie Bell said the initiative will provide vital assistance for the city's exhibiting zoos and theme parks that have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is a lifeline for Gold Coast theme parks where revenue has dried up as a result of the impacts of COVID-19," Ms Bell said.

"At the beginning of this crisis, I held a meeting with Village Roadshow, Dreamworld and the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, to discuss how best to support our tourism icons during this time to ensure they can bounce back once restrictions ease.

"Our theme parks are a major drawcard for our region and deliver huge positive flow on effects to our local economy.

"They bring thousands of visitors to the Gold Coast who then spend millions of dollars visiting other attractions, staying in local hotels and dining in local restaurants. This is a big boost for our city and the tourism industry on our road to recovery."

## Great News for Southport Yacht Club!

International superyachts will be able to sail into the Gold Coast Seaway permanently as soon as international borders reopen in a coup for the Gold Coast boating and tourism industries as the city starts to look towards the road to recovery.

Local MP Angie Bell said the permanent border clearing station that she worked to deliver is a vote of confidence for the Gold Coast during these tough times.

"This is one more step in building the Gold Coast as one of the world's great superyacht destinations as we look

forward to the road to recovery for our city," Ms Bell said.

Southport Yacht Club General Manager Brett James said this was an immense win for the Gold Coast and the local tourism industry.

"A single super-yacht is worth thousands of dollars to the Gold Coast economy per day," Mr James said.

"It is very clear that super yachts throughout the world want to come to Australia once restrictions are lifted, which will assist tourism especially on the Gold Coast."



Angie Bell MP with Southport Yacht Club General Manager Brett James.

## Supporting Business with a COVIDSafe Resource Kit

I am dedicated to providing business with the tools necessary to operate in a COVIDSafe environment. You can download the resources at [angiebell.com.au](http://angiebell.com.au) or collect a kit complete with the framework, checklists and posters, from my office.



Angie Bell MP visiting Turner Engineering at Nerang with Kirsten Jackson.

## Community Cabinet Formed

In the first week of the COVID-19 crisis, I established the Moncrieff Community Cabinet made up of community leaders, multi-cultural and faith based organisations. This was to ensure the heart of the Gold Coast is working together to share trusted sources of information and to provide feedback to the Federal Government through my office.

## Supporting Those in Need

It is also a privilege to work with the Gold Coast Community Fund to ensure organisations such as Havafeed, the Lynne Richardson Community Centre, and the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre can continue to help many more than usual across our community.

## Congratulatory Message

If you, a loved one or a close friend is celebrating a significant birthday (90th and beyond) or wedding anniversary (50th and beyond), you can request a personal congratulations from the Prime Minister, Governor-General or The Queen.

Please visit [angiebell.com.au](http://angiebell.com.au) for services and resources.



### #LoveYourLocal Facebook Posts

There are thousands of businesses across the heart of the Gold Coast that have re-opened and are adapting and adhering to social distancing measures. I encourage everyone to shop locally because you will save jobs and livelihoods to ensure the Gold Coast comes back stronger than ever.

If you would like to be featured as one of our great local businesses please email [angie.bell.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:angie.bell.mp@aph.gov.au)

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## Moncrieff Community Support Map

On my website I have listed a range of community services available to support you if you need a helping hand. Please visit [angiebell.com.au/local-support-in-moncrieff](http://angiebell.com.au/local-support-in-moncrieff)

### Senior Support

Senior Australians, their families and carers can call a dedicated free line that supports mental health impacts of COVID-19.

The support line will operate Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from 8.30am to 6pm.

**1800 171 866**

### Youth Support

**headspace** provides information, support and services to young people, aged 12-25 years and their families and friends across Australia.

**1800 650 890 or  
[headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au)**

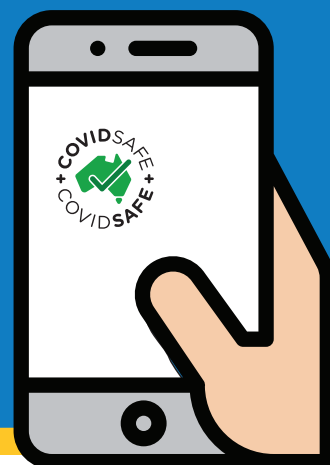
### Coronavirus Health Information Line

**1800 020 080**  
Operates 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week.

## Keep Gold Coast Safe

Help stop the spread and save lives

### Download Now



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