South Australian State Election 2014

Prior to the State Election, Saturday March 15th 2014, ACHPER (SA) have sought information from political parties to inform and update our Members. Information including commitments and policies were sought in the areas of Education, Community Health, Sport and Recreation. ACHPER (SA) circulated our position statement on ‘the place of Health and Physical Education in the school curriculum’ to inform the political parties responses. Click here to view this position statement.

Information was sought from the SA Labor, Liberal Party, The Greens and Family First political parties, and their responses that were sent to ACHPER (SA) are summarised below. This information is current as at March 12, 2014.


Sport & Recreation:
- All primary school-age children will receive an annual be active voucher for $50 towards their sports club fees at a cost of $7.7 million over four years
- Open school facilities after hours to the community for sporting, adult education and other purposes.

Education:
- A re-elected Labor Government will work to ensure that those secondary schools with specialist Health and Physical Education teachers are sharing their expertise with primary schools in their local partnership. Labor will also work with ACHPER to identify future opportunities to develop programs to specifically provide for primary schools
- A re-elected Labor government will work with ACHPER, and other relevant stakeholders, to develop mandatory minimum physical education amounts – similar to the minimum instruction that Labor introduced for 2013 for numeracy, literacy and science
- The Premier’s be active Challenge provides incentives for students and schools to participate in daily physical activity. Approximately 300 schools (DECD and non DECD) participate in the Challenge each year
- The Labor Government confirms its intention to implement the Australian Curriculum and will therefore be taking a strengths based approach to Health and Physical Education
- Double funding for the Way2Go safe bike riding program
- Require new teaching graduates to have a Master’s degree from 2020
- Committed $85 million to building a new 1000-student high school on the current Royal Adelaide Hospital site, which would specialise in health and science studies and open in 2019

Health:
- A new organisation, Nature Play SA, will be established to increase the time that South Australian children spend playing outdoors in nature
- Pledged $6 million to build 20 outdoor learning areas at preschools and $1.6 million for the Botanic Garden to extend the Kitchen Garden program to visiting preschools

**Sport & Recreation:**
- Will increase funding for grass roots sport by $3.5 million per year, reversing the Labor Government cuts to the Community Recreation and Sports Facilities program from 2015/16
- The $50 million Community Infrastructure Fund will enable not-for-profit Clubs to work with their local Councils to upgrade local infrastructure. An effective interest rate subsidy of 3% will help improve the viability and affordability of infrastructure upgrades at not-for-profit clubs working in partnership with Councils
- A Liberal Government will reduce red tape for Clubs and the Sport and Recreation community. The legislative, regulatory and administrative framework applicable to sport and recreation Clubs will be reviewed and streamlined
- Will ensure that SAPSASA continues to receive annual funding to allow our primary school kids an athletic education
- Promised $4 million a year to lure more major events to Adelaide
- Committed $3 million towards a new basketball stadium planned for the southern suburbs

**Education:**
- If elected in March 2014, the Liberal Party will remove the responsibility for child protection from the Education Department and place it back with the Department of Families and Communities
- A Liberal Government will move quickly to appoint an independent Commissioner for Children and Young People with full investigative powers
- Will oversee the gradual transition of all state Year 7 students from primary schools on to high school sites from 2016
- If elected a Liberal Government will build a second Adelaide High School campus on West Terrace in the CBD, by inviting open tenders from interested parties

**Health:**
- A Liberal Government will provide $350,000 per annum to not-for-profit organisations to implement programs designed to combat self-harm and suicide. A boost to the number of available mental health beds will also be provided
- The Liberal Party will commit $1 million a year from 2014/15 for a major initiative to tackle cardiovascular disease and in particular to address the need for cardiac rehabilitation programs. As budget circumstances permit the Liberal Party will commit additional resources to this initiative
- The Liberal Party will also review the implications of the Labor Government’s cuts to preventative health programs as a result of the McCann Review. As budget circumstances allow the Liberal Party will commit funding to reinstate those programs which can be shown to have been the most effective preventative health programs


**Sport & Recreation:**
- The Greens have a ‘Walkable Cities’ initiative and aim to make our cities and suburbs pedestrian friendly
- Pledge to improve programmes and facilities, for both children and adults, that promote physical activity
The Greens want to develop a Pedestrian Strategy for Adelaide and major regional centres, as well as to look at areas where many people already walk to see if they can be enhanced by planting trees, reducing speed limits, or closing side streets to through traffic.

The ‘A Better Way for Cycling’ policy puts low-impact transport and personal fitness first. The Greens aim to make cycling more appealing by creating a safer environment for cyclists of all ages to create a healthier, active population.

The Greens want greater investment in community sport facilities, including sports equipment libraries for low-income Australians and believe participation in community sport is one of the simplest ways to help tackle obesity.

The Greens would ban gambling ads during sports broadcasts in kids’ viewing time, along with live odds, betting company sponsorship, and cash-for-comment.

Education:

- Ensure schools provide a healthy environment for learning, including nutritious canteen food and encouraging walking and cycling to school.

- The Greens want to ensure that physical activity, arts, music and drama have a strongly valued place in both the primary and secondary curriculum alongside numeracy, literacy and science.

- The Greens also want an increase in the number of specialist teachers and support services for students and pre-school children with special needs, including those with a disability or learning difficulty.

Health:

- The Greens will continue to advocate for a ban on junk-food advertising to children and for clearer labelling for food. Ban unhealthy food advertising on television during prime children viewing times.

- The Greens want to help implement and fund school kitchen gardens, prioritising funding for low-income areas.


No information was provided to the ACHPER (SA) Office prior to printing of this ACHPERTISER.

Please note: This is a summary of information received. Some editing of information received was undertaken to summarise these statements. For any further clarification or information please contact your local candidate or the political parties. ACHPER (SA) will continue to meet with Political parties after the election to seek to advocate for the focus areas in which our members work.

Respectfully submitted,

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