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TOOWONG HARRIERS LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

Federal Member for Ryan, Michael Johnson MP, has congratulated the Toowong Harriers Little Athletics Centre on reaching a special milestone – their 25th Anniversary!

The Centre celebrated 25 seasons of Little Athletics at their annual presentation day held in April at James Cook Park, Toowong. A keen supporter of the group, Mr Johnson sponsored and presented the *Michael Johnson High Achiever Award*.

"Firstly, I'd like to congratulate all of the outstanding local athletes who have competed throughout the season. You should all be extremely proud of your achievements," Mr Johnson said.

"The Toowong Harriers Little Athletics Centre should also be immensely proud of the 25 years they have spent supporting, developing and investing in our local athletes."

"A special mention should be given to Centre Manager, Lyle Bruce, for his tireless work with the Toowong Harriers," Mr Johnson said.



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Michael is pictured with local parents Ian and Shona Morris and their children.

VISIT TO LADY CILENTO PARENTING CENTRE

The Lady Cilento Parenting Centre (LCPC) at St Lucia received a recent visit from Federal Member, Michael Johnson, who wanted to learn more about the services offered to local families by the centre.

The Lady Cilento Parenting Centre is a community run parenting hub offering a range of services from Teacher led Playgroups, to Baby Groups, a Drop In Play Centre and a Parenting Program.

"The Centre provides important support to local families and I encourage parents wanting further information regarding services available to contact the centre on (07) 3870 7109," Mr Johnson said.



Michael Johnson is pictured above with local athletes, Annabel Ryan, Conor Lehane, Centre Manager Lyle Bruce, Cr Peter Matic and Cr Jane Prentice.

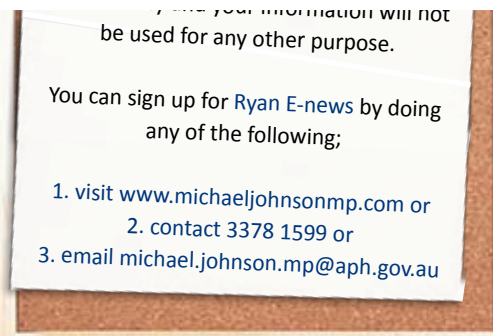


Do you have musical talent and want the opportunity to perform locally?

Then enter the "Ryan Rocks" Music Competition and Festival!

styles from rock to pop and country. Individual artists and bands are invited to enter.

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WOULD YOU PAY \$200 A MONTH FOR BROADBAND?

Under the most "optimistic case" broadband users will have to pay at least \$200 a month to use Labor's \$43 billion fibre to the premises broadband network, the CEO of Australia's third largest telecommunications company has predicted.

AAPT CEO Paul Broad provided ABCs Lateline Business program with detail regarding the likely costs of using Labor's network which the Government is either unable or unwilling to provide.

Mr Broad told Lateline on the 8 April 2009: "Well if you project yourself 10 years ahead, you have a \$43 billion investment. On any sort of reasonable return, say of 10 per cent, you've got to generate \$4.3 billion just to make a return on the investment. And you add up all the bits to run a wholesale and retail business, you'll see that the average punter will be paying something like \$200 a month for this service."

Mr Broad also told Lateline: "We couldn't see the economics stacking up for a fibre to the node, so we obviously don't see the economics stacking up for fibre to the home."

"Mr Broad's comments add to the growing concerns within the business community regarding the commercial viability of Labor's broadband proposal," Mr Johnson said.

"The reality is Labor cannot guarantee that a sufficient number of Australians will be prepared to pay premium prices to use this service, in order to make a \$43 billion project viable," Mr Johnson said.

"Without any detail or projections from the Government about likely take-up rates and costs the only information we have to go by is from the industry experts and analysts who have very real concerns," Mr Johnson said.

SENIOR AUSTRALIANS PAY THE PRICE OF LABOR'S DEBT TRAIN

The Coalition will oppose the Rudd Government's plan to strip 22,000 senior Australians of their entitlement to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC).

"At a time when many senior Australians are doing it incredibly tough, the Government is intent on pursuing their

plan to strip them of entitlements," Mr Johnson said.

Many senior Australians have had their life savings frozen by the Rudd Government's bungled handling of the bank deposit guarantee. Now Mr Rudd is determined to make life even tougher for them through a policy he did not disclose prior to the last election.

"There are a number of Ryan residents who have contacted me to express their concern."

Through the Harmer Pension Review, the Rudd Government appears to be looking at imposing tougher income and assets test rules, which may even force senior Australians out of their family homes.

"The Coalition Government worked hard for over a decade to pay off Labor's \$96 billion debt, which enabled us to extend support to senior Australians. After plunging Australians into debt, and without a clear economic strategy, Labor are making senior Australians pay the price and rolling back entitlements."

"The Opposition will continue to pressure the Government to drop plans to change eligibility for the CSHC," Mr Johnson said.

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