



Cronulla Update

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It's an honour to be back as your MP for Cronulla after the March state election. Only a tiny proportion of citizens get to serve in Parliament and I'm conscious of the huge responsibility this brings!

I'm continuing as Attorney General and have taken on the extra role of Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. I'm also leading the Stronger Communities cluster of ministers (covering my own portfolios plus Police, Emergency Services, Corrections, Counter Terrorism, Families and Communities, Disability Services, Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans). ■

Sutherland Hospital upgrade

- ✓ The NSW government is investing over \$81m to build **8 new operating theatres** (replacing 6 old ones) and **2 endoscopy suites** at Sutherland Hospital, helping more Shire patients have their surgery faster and closer to home.
- ✓ Over the next 4 years our Local Health District will also receive at least **773 new staff**, including 116 doctors and 502 nurses and midwives.
- ✓ In 2017 the NSW government completed the \$63m Sutherland Hospital redevelopment, which included a new emergency department, additional inpatient beds, and support spaces.
- ✓ Last year the NSW government completed the Caringbah Ambulance Superstation, part of the \$150m Sydney Ambulance Infrastructure Strategy. ■



With Sutherland Hospital staff at the upgrade announcement



Opal Card savings

The NSW government is **slashing the weekly Opal cap from \$63.20 to \$50** from 1 July. This will save, for example, up to \$563 per year for commuters from Cronulla or Woolooware to the city or from Caringbah or Miranda to North Sydney. ■

Reducing the cost of living

The NSW government is helping ease the cost of living with more than **70 rebates and savings (www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living)** including:

- ✓ Energy Switch
- ✓ Creative Kids
- ✓ Active Kids
- ✓ CTP Green Slip Refund
- ✓ Fair Go for Safe Drivers
- ✓ Toll Relief
- ✓ Pensioner Travel Vouchers
- ✓ Transport Concessions for Tertiary Students
- ✓ Appliance Replacement Offer
- ✓ Apprentice Registration Rebate
- ✓ First Home Owner Grant
- ✓ No Interest Loans Scheme. ■



Sutherland to Cronulla bike/foot path

It's full peddle ahead for the "SCATL" – the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link, an 11km off-road shared bike and foot path.

The NSW government has started building stage 1 (Sutherland-Kirrawee), with completion expected within 9 months.

The rest of the SCATL will come on line in stages from 2021. Overall completion is targeted for 2023. There'll be extensive community consultation on the Kirrawee-Cronulla route.

This will be part of a wider network which includes the Woollooware Bay path, which was co-funded by the NSW government and Sutherland Shire Council. ■



SCATL announcement with Transport and Roads Minister Andrew Constance

Gannons Road bridge replacement and widening

NSW government work to widen the Gannons Road rail bridge has started.

The major work is scheduled for mid-year. Some road and track disruptions will take place during this time.

Sutherland Shire Council says it expects to complete the road widening underneath this year. This will allow 2 lanes in each direction plus bike and pedestrian access, to fix a notorious bottleneck. ■



With Transport and Roads Minister Andrew Constance at early Gannons Road work

Other transport and road projects

These include:

- ✓ T4 train line upgrade to increase capacity by up to 30% – due for completion first half of 2020s
- ✓ F6 motorway stage 1 south to Kogarah – due for completion 2024
- ✓ Elouera Road and Kingsway intersection upgrade – due this year
- ✓ Upgrades of Princes Highway between Acacia Road and the Boulevard – in progress
- ✓ Taren Point Road, Captain Cook Drive and The Boulevard intersection upgrade – in progress. ■

Greening the Shire

Barren Sutherland Shire streets will benefit from over **2,800 trees** being planted by Sutherland Shire Council with a \$620,000+ grant from the NSW government.

It's part of the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney initiative (5milliontrees.nsw.gov.au) – planting 5 million trees in Sydney by 2030.

More tree canopy means more shade, cooler suburbs, more habitats for wildlife, lower carbon emissions, prettier suburbs and even higher property values. ■



With Open Space and Parklands Commissioner Fiona Morrison

Hungry Point Reserve

Hungry Point Reserve Cronulla is now **open to the public.**

The NSW government is funding a **spectacular clifftop walk** around the reserve, connecting the Cronulla Esplanade with Darook Park. At lower tides people can walk along the Gunnamatta Bay beach to complete an entire loop of the South Cronulla peninsula.

The NSW government has invested over \$11 million upgrading the Royal National Park Coast Track (which runs from Otford to Bundeena); has already upgraded the Cape Baily Track in Kamay Botany Bay National Park; and (with the federal government) is funding new ferry wharves at Kurnell and La Perouse. This will create a great walk from Otford to South Head (with 2 ferry legs Bundeena-Cronulla and Kurnell-La Perouse). ■



With the Hungry Point board



Hungry Point and Darook Park

2019 Women of the Year Awards

Congratulations to the 2019 Cronulla Woman of the Year **Shirley Smith!**

Shirley has been a committee member of the Caringbah RSL Sub Branch since 2005 and President for the past five years. She has a long history with the defence forces, having served as an army nurse. Shirley is also actively involved in raising funds for numerous other community projects.



2019 Cronulla WOTY
Shirley Smith

Ruan Sims was a state finalist for NSW Woman of the Year. Ruan is a firefighter, professional rugby league player, media commentator, NRL Ambassador, role model and domestic violence and mental health advocate.

Kate Fitzsimons was a state finalist for NSW Young Woman of the Year. Kate is the Director of the Nicole Fitzsimons Foundation, which teaches young Australians about

the importance of travel safety overseas and also financially helps talented young performing artists and sportspeople. Kate was the 2018 Cronulla Woman of the Year.

Sharlene McKenzie was a state finalist for the NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year. Sharlene has worked in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of south-east Sydney for the past 10 years, and is now with 3Bridges Community. ■



With Kate Fitzsimons, Erin Molan, Ruan Sims and Jackie Sims

Walk the Walls

Walk the Walls is coming to Cronulla from 8 to 10 November.

Co-funded by the NSW government and Sutherland Shire Council, it will build on the success of Caringbah last year, turning grimy grotty **graffiti** ridden walls into stunning street art.



Cronulla graffiti site with Mayor Carmelo Pesce



Part of Caringbah Walk the Walls

Police update

The safety and security of our local community has been boosted with 9 new police recruits joining the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command in May.

Policing is a high priority for the NSW government, with our state having some of the lowest crime rates in a generation.

Recorded crime rates for the Sutherland Shire across the 17 major categories remained stable or trending down over the 2 year period to December 2018.

Community survey – Have your say

As your local member, I'm keen to hear what issues concern you and your family. Filling in and submitting this survey allows me to represent you better in Parliament.

YOU CAN ALSO FILL OUT A SURVEY ONLINE AT

<https://www.markspeakman.com.au/survey-have-your-say>

1. Please number (from 1 onwards as far as you wish to go) the State government issues most important to you.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing cost of living pressures | <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE and vocational training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating more local jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tackling anti-social behaviour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving our hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Building road infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing the number of police | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping small business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving our environment | <input type="checkbox"/> More affordable housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Sentencing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making government more accountable | <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting illicit drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investing in children's education | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

2. What is the most important issue to fix in our local community?

3. Please complete the following details so I can keep in touch with you.

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Street Address	<input type="text"/>		
Suburb	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		

Please return completed survey to PO Box 125, Cronulla NSW 2230.

Out and about



*Democracy sausage
Caringbah Public School*



*Woolooware and Caringbah
High Schools student leaders*



*Clean Up Australia Day
with Civic Disability*



*Launching Bruce Watt's
history of the Dharawal people*



Shark Island Swim day



Cronulla Rotary BBQ



Relay for Life



Meeting of Two Cultures, Kurnell



*Interstate Surf Boat
Championships, Elouera*



Sylvanvale Pre WWII Car Show



Woolooware Golf Club Legacy Day



GyMEA Anglican Church

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