

# Cronulla Update

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## COVID-19

2020 has been our toughest year since World War II. Over summer, our communities were devastated by bushfires and floods, after years of drought. Then the global COVID-19 pandemic hit us and totally changed our daily lives, at least temporarily.

The NSW Government had to introduce extreme measures in response to the pandemic. It's been difficult for everyone as we navigated our way through this social and economic disruption.

As restrictions ease, social distancing and personal hygiene are more crucial than ever. The virus has not gone away. There is still no cure. It can be deadly:

- **Constantly clean your hands** with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser.
- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or use your elbow, not your hands.
- **Avoid touching your face** and shaking hands with others.
- **Stay 1.5 metres apart.**

- **If you feel unwell** or have even only mild symptoms, get tested. COVID-19 testing locations at: <https://bit.ly/2ZUfuw5>
- Download the COVIDSafe app: <https://www.covidsafe.gov.au/>

My sincere thanks to everyone for your efforts to meet the COVID-19 challenge. Stay safe! ■



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# COVID-19 support

The NSW Government's number one focus is to safeguard the health of our people but we also need to protect jobs and support the economy.

NSW is providing around \$11 billion in economic support designed to protect the community and support jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Increased health funding

- ✓ **Boosting our health system** by providing an extra \$800 million

## Tax relief for business

- ✓ **Supporting NSW businesses** through a \$4 billion Payroll Tax Relief Package, including \$450 million of payroll tax waived

## Supporting small business

- ✓ **\$10,000 grants for small business** struggling with COVID-19
- ✓ **Land tax relief for landlords** passing on rental relief to small commercial tenants
- ✓ **Waiving a range of fees** for small businesses

## Supporting local jobs

- ✓ **\$3 billion acceleration fund** for job-creating projects
- ✓ **Hiring an extra 1,000 people** to work at Service NSW
- ✓ **Hiring an extra 3,000** full-time cleaners
- ✓ **Boosting employment** by bringing forward \$500 million of capital works and maintenance

## Support for the vulnerable

- ✓ **Land tax relief for landlords** passing on rental relief to residential tenants
- ✓ **Protecting renters** financially disadvantaged by COVID-19 through a moratorium
- ✓ **Boosting temporary accommodation** and private rental assistance packages
- ✓ **Increasing our help to households** with their energy bills
- ✓ **Boosting mental health services**, including 180 additional mental health workers

For more detailed information, see the NSW Government's comprehensive COVID-19 portal at: [www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19) or contact Service NSW's 24/7 hotline on 13 77 88. ■

# Local grants update

Ten local community groups in the Cronulla electorate shared \$300,000 funding from the latest round of the NSW Government's **Community Building Partnership** program.

## The successful applicants for the Cronulla electorate are:

- ✓ **GyMEA Bay Public School P&C** (playground equipment and audio upgrade) – \$77,000
- ✓ **Lilli Pilli Public School P&C** (refurbish netball/basketball courts) – \$51,000
- ✓ **Laguna Street Public School P&C** (children's play area) – \$33,500
- ✓ **Cronulla South Public School P&C** (refurbish student toilet blocks) – \$30,000
- ✓ **Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association** (Solander playing fields cricket nets) – \$21,000
- ✓ **St Aloysius Catholic Parish Cronulla** (new meeting room for community use) – \$20,000
- ✓ **Cronulla Public School P&C** (sheltered aluminium park settings) – \$20,000
- ✓ **Sutherland Shire Football Association** (floodlighting smart controls Lilli Pilli Oval, Tonkin Oval and Woolooware Oval) – \$18,000
- ✓ **Caringbah North Public School P&C** (electrical upgrades/insulation/air-conditioning/solar panels) – \$15,500
- ✓ **Cronulla Seagulls Football Club** (Woolooware Oval seating upgrade) – \$8,000
- ✓ **Sutherland Shire Football Association** (portable goal posts at Solander Playing Fields) – \$6,000



Lilli Pilli Public School



Glenn McGrath Oval Caringbah

Eight sporting organisations in the Cronulla electorate shared funding from the NSW Government's **2020 Local Sports Grant** program: Cronulla Seagulls Football Club, Cronulla Sutherland Baseball Club, Elouera

Boardriders Club, GyMEA Bay Cricket Club, North Cronulla Junior Boardriders Club, Southern Sydney Swim Team Swimming Club, St George Sutherland Women's Cricket Club and Sutherland District Cricket Club. ■





## Kamay Botany Bay National Park update

New public art to commemorate the 250th anniversary of James Cook’s landing at Kurnell has been installed as part of the first stage of the \$50 million Kamay Botany Bay National Park upgrade.

The installations reflect the meeting 250 years ago of the oldest living culture in the world with the European culture and scientific inquiry of Cook and his crew. See my opinion piece in *The Leader* at <https://bit.ly/2yPPDu6>

The *Wi-Yanga and Gurung The Whales* and the *Nawi/Canoes* reflect our shared history – from ship and from shore. The whale is the dreaming figure for the Dharawal speaking people and represents a spiritual connection between the natural elements of land and ocean. The *Eyes of the Land and the Sea* is representative of the bones of a whale and the ribs of a ship.

### Other planned upgrades include:

- Reinstating the ferry wharves at Kurnell and La Perouse.
- A new visitor centre including space for a museum grade exhibition area, café and education area.
- Construction of the Foreshore Loop, an 850m circuit including a disabled-accessible pathway.

- Alpha House conservation works.
- Restoration works to stabilise the 1870 Cook obelisk.
- A botanical collection garden for historically significant plant species from the area.
- Upgrade of Commemoration Flat with new picnic tables, barbeques and accessible pathways.

For more information, see the Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell Master Plan at: <https://bit.ly/2MgKcaH> ■



*New Kamay Botany Bay National Park public art*

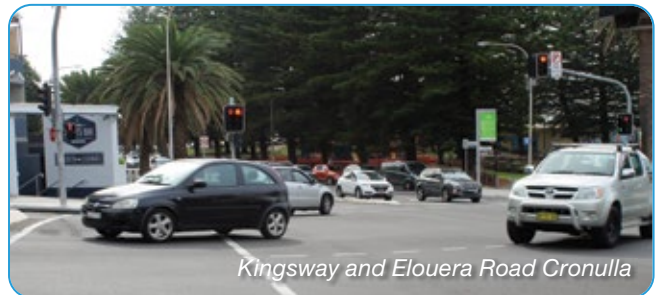
# Roads update

The **Gannons Road** widening under the rail bridge is expected to be completed this month. The road project has been jointly funded by the NSW Government and Sutherland Shire Council. The NSW Government replaced the old rail bridge in July 2019 to allow Council to widen the road to two lanes in each direction.



## Other recent road improvements:

- The **Kingsway and Elouera Road Cronulla** intersection upgrade – a second right turn lane on Elouera Road, easing congestion for motorists.
- New traffic lights at the intersection of the **Kingsway and Woolooware Road Woolooware**.
- **Taren Point Road, Captain Cook Drive and The Boulevarde Caringbah** intersection upgrade – second right turn lane on Taren Point Road turning into The Boulevarde.



## Work in progress:

- Upgrading the **Princes Highway** between Acacia Road and The Boulevarde.
- **M6 stage 1** south to Kogarah – tenders have been invited (estimated cost \$2.2-\$2.6 billion); expected to open to traffic in 2025. ■



# Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link update

The first stage of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) is now open, with the completion of the 1.7km off-road pedestrian/bike pathway between Sutherland and Kirrawee.

Planning continues on future stages of the project between Kirrawee and Cronulla.

Site investigations were completed late last year. Transport for NSW will engage with the community so that locals can have their say on the concept plans.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3gHUYEQ> ■



# Cronulla Senior of the Year

**Joan Robb** is the 2020 Cronulla Senior of the Year.

Joan has volunteered with BeConnected/ Neighbourhood Aid for over 24 years. She has held many roles including treasurer and member of the management committee. Joan volunteers to take clients out and assists them with their shopping. She also interacts with clients providing support with activities and outings.

The other finalists were **Stephen Deards** and **Geoff Schuberg**.

Stephen has been a volunteer with Sutherland Shire Bushcare for 30 years. As well as the nine Sutherland Shire Bushcare groups with which he currently volunteers, Stephen also volunteers with two groups operating within the Kamay Botany Bay National Park.



Geoff has been the honorary secretary of the Cronulla RSL Sub-Branch for over 10 years. He also helps members with Department of Veterans' Affairs claims while he continues to be the face of the Cronulla Sub-Branch for the ANZAC Day dawn services and Remembrance Day and Vietnam Veteran's Day services. ■

# Cronulla Woman of the Year

**Margaret Corbett OAM** is the 2020 Cronulla Woman of the Year.

Margaret has been involved in netball for more than 40 years. She has held numerous NSW roles including selector, convenor, coaching director, state coach and NSW Institute of Sport head coach.

In 2006, Margaret became the seventh inductee into the Netball NSW Hall of Fame. The prestigious State League Coach of the Year Award was dedicated in her honour and is now named the Margaret Corbett State League Coach of the Year Award.

Margaret was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the 2013 Queen's Birthday honours list for services to netball. In 2019, she became the second person ever to be elevated to legend status by Netball NSW. ■



# Marine Rescue Training Academy at Hungry Point

The NSW Government will invest \$12 million in establishing Australia's first dedicated **marine rescue training centre** at Hungry Point Cronulla.

The volunteer-based Marine Rescue NSW will operate the Training Academy. The Academy will ensure the preservation of the heritage values of the Hungry Point Reserve and continue its use for maritime-related activities, while maintaining public access to the site's open parkland.

Up to 100 trainees each week will be able to attend. The Academy will be open to other emergency services whose personnel use vessels as part of their emergency response operations.



The NSW Government is also funding a picturesque **cliff-top walk** around the reserve. The walkway will provide the missing link between the Esplanade and Gunnamatta Bay. ■

## T4 Illawarra train line update

Last month the NSW Government signed two construction contracts worth about \$600 million to modernise and upgrade infrastructure on the Sydney rail network, which will create 550 new jobs.

The first works will be on T4 Illawarra, T8 Airport Line tunnel and South Coast lines. Construction will begin in mid-2021. From late 2022, there will be a 20% increase in total peak services on the T4 line, including an extra three services an hour in the peak for key hubs like Hurstville and Sutherland; and an additional capacity to carry 3,600 more customers in the peak.

A further stage will see the expansion of increased services to Cronulla, with the increase growing to 30% in total peak services across the T4 line during the peak. ■



# Boating update

A new **small craft-launching ramp** is open at **Lugano Avenue Burraneer**. It provides better access and safety for users of small craft such as kayaks, canoes and surf skis, a safe distance away from the existing offshore rescue boatshed and ramp.



Lugano Avenue small craft-launching ramp

The NSW Government contributed 75% of the cost and Sutherland Shire Council 25%.

The NSW Government also contributed \$950,000 to upgrade the **Tonkin Street boat ramp**, which opened late last year.

The upgrade included a new pontoon for users to launch small craft in Gunnamatta Bay. ■



Tonkin Street boat ramp

# Turn Up and Go bus

The NSW Government has extended the trial of the ‘Turn Up and Go’ high frequency bus service between **Lilli Pilli Point and Caringbah Station** to December 2020.

The 980 route bus trial operates every 10 minutes during the morning and afternoon peaks along Port Hacking Road Monday to Friday, 6:05am to 8:45am to Caringbah Station (Hay Ave shops bus stop) and 4:10pm to 8:10pm to Lilli Pilli Point.

Customers can tap on and off using their Opal card, credit and debit cards or linked smart devices. Opal bus fares apply and customers will receive all Opal travel rewards.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/36UKLAv> ■



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