



# Cronulla Update

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*Welcoming Sutherland Hospital's newest interns*

## Sutherland Hospital update

Great hospitals need great doctors and nurses – and plenty of them.

Last month I was pleased to welcome new intern doctors who'll be launching a new phase in their careers at Sutherland Hospital.

Sutherland Hospital's 18 new recruits are among **1,041 intern doctors** commencing across NSW this year. This is the largest intake of any state or territory and a 35% increase on 2011.

The NSW Government is investing \$2.8 billion over four years in a record workforce boost of 8,300 frontline hospital staff, including 5,000 nurses and midwives. This will expand service capacity, while relieving pressure on our hardworking frontline staff.

The current \$88 million redevelopment of Sutherland Hospital features eight new **operating theatres** and two **endoscopy suites**. It includes \$7 million for construction of an MRI suite, with a new **MRI machine**.

A new emergency department was opened in 2018.



**Community survey – Have your say**

As your local state member, I'm keen to hear what issues concern our community. Please complete my short online survey at [markspeakman.com.au/community-survey](https://markspeakman.com.au/community-survey)

# Trains update

The NSW Government is investing more than \$5 billion in the *More Trains, More Services* program, which will transform the rail network and give customers more reliable and more frequent services.

Under this program, the T4 Illawarra line is set to benefit from a **30% increase** in peak services in the first half of the 2020s, allowing capacity for an additional 6,000 travellers in peak periods.

The NSW Government recently announced \$110 million to deliver the first digital signalling on Sydney's rail network, between Sutherland and Cronulla. This new technology allows the track and train to talk to each other continuously,



enabling controllers to make best use of available track space. It will also enable the network to recover more quickly when an incident occurs.

# Buses update

**More than 115 extra weekly bus services have now been added to route 977 between Caringbah and Lilli Pilli:**

- ✓ Every 15 minutes in the AM and PM peak (previously every 30-60 minutes).
- ✓ Every 30 minutes in weekday off-peak periods and on Saturdays (previously up to 90 minutes).
- ✓ Every 60 minutes on Sundays (previously every 120-150 minutes).
- ✓ Extended service hours during evenings on both weekdays and weekends.

**The route 987 Cronulla to Kurnell bus service has now doubled, with around 70 extra weekly services:**

- ✓ Customers have a service every 30 minutes in peak AM and PM periods, with services every 60 minutes in off-peak.
- ✓ The first trip departs from Cronulla rail station at 5.45am and the last departs at 8.30pm.
- ✓ Saturday services depart Cronulla rail station from 7am, with a service every 60 minutes until the last trip at 8.00pm.
- ✓ On Sundays, the first trip departs at 7.45am, with a service every 60 minutes until the last trip at 6.45pm.



Customers can plan their journey at [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

# Environment update

## Cape Solander whale watching platform

The NSW Government is installing a new whale watching platform at Cape Solander Kurnell, one of Sydney's premier whale watching locations.

The 240sqm platform will accommodate up to 60 spectators at a time. Risk to visitors will be reduced with new seating that will provide a better viewing experience than the open rock platform. New barriers and warning signs to limit access to the rock platform and cliff edges from the viewing areas will be installed to reduce risk to visitors.

The project is due for completion in time for this year's whale watching season.



## State of the Beaches

The overall water quality results for Cronulla electorate beaches in the Beachwatch State of the Beaches most recent report are very pleasing.

All ocean beaches between Greenhills and Oak Park were rated "very good", the highest available ranking. This means that these sites had excellent water quality, indicating they are "suitable for swimming almost all the time".

Boat Harbour was rated "good" (generally good water quality and suitable for swimming most of the time). All monitored beaches in Port Hacking were rated "good" except Jibbon ("very good") and GyMEA Bay ("fair").

The NSW Government has spent over \$45 million on odour control and reliability upgrades at the Cronulla Waste Water Treatment Plant.



# Cost of living help

- ✓ The NSW Government is helping ease the cost of living with more than **70 rebates and savings**. Rebates and savings information are on one website, making it easier for citizens to cut costs on power bills, utilities, transport, health, sports and recreation. The Savings Finder tool allows you to identify which rebates and savings are relevant to you. Click through six simple questions to get a personalised list of savings. [www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living)
- ✓ The **Active Kids** program allows parents to access two \$100 vouchers for each school-age child per year, which can go towards the costs of registration, participation or membership for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. <https://bit.ly/37kSUiX>
- ✓ The **Creative Kids** program allows parents to access a \$100 voucher for each school-age child per year to use for creative and cultural learning activities outside of the school curriculum. <https://bit.ly/20ImKYh>

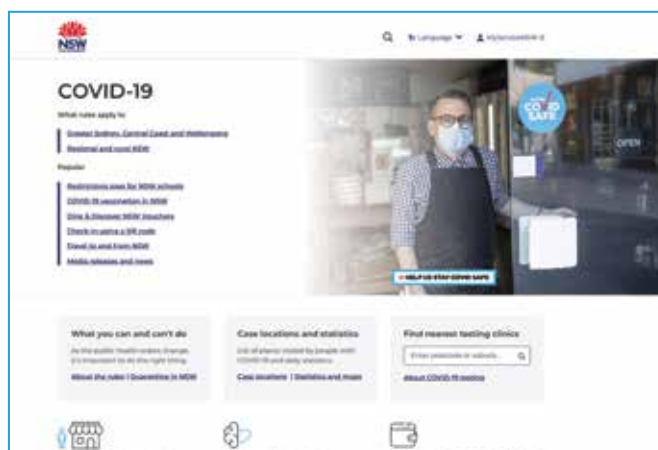


- ✓ The **Family Energy Rebate** helps eligible NSW family households with dependent children cover the costs of their energy bills. <https://bit.ly/2ZIBYia>

# COVID-19

All of us pulling together has put NSW in a strong position to keep making further changes towards a new 'COVID normal'. It's important for the ongoing control of COVID-19 in NSW that anyone with flu-like symptoms, no matter how mild, continues to get tested immediately and self-isolates until a negative test result is confirmed.

For the latest information, including restrictions and assistance, please visit the NSW Government's comprehensive COVID-19 portal at: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)



# Local grants update

13 local organisations in the Cronulla electorate secured funding from the NSW Government's 2020 Community Building Partnership program.

**Congratulations to these local organisations. I look forward to seeing how these projects make a difference to our community:**

- ✓ **Laguna Street Public School P&C** (covered walkways) – \$50,000
- ✓ **Burraneer Bay Public School P&C** (refurbish K-2 outdoor learning areas) – \$40,000
- ✓ **Woolooware High School P&C** (renovate multi-purpose hall) – \$35,000
- ✓ **Grays Point Public School P&C** (renovate community kitchen) – \$28,000
- ✓ **Kurnell Public School P&C** (shaded student seating for sports oval) – \$25,000
- ✓ **Woolooware Public School P&C** (playground for everyone) – \$25,000
- ✓ **GyMEA Bay Public School P&C** (sustainable outdoor learning space) – \$24,000
- ✓ **Caringbah High School P&C** (school hall roll out staging and under stage storage) – \$23,200
- ✓ **Civic Disability Services** (equipment to increase local employment opportunities) – \$20,000
- ✓ **Cronulla Sutherland Water Polo Club** (new scoreboard) – \$12,000
- ✓ **Cronulla Sutherland Baseball Club** (batting facility upgrade) – \$10,000
- ✓ **Jacaranda Preschool** (water tank for sustainability gardens) – \$5,000
- ✓ **Port Hacking Outrigger Club** (new canoe) – \$2,800



Laguna Street Public School



Woolooware Public School

**Burraneer Bay Public School's** playing oval has undergone an impressive transformation, helped by a \$200,000 grant from the NSW Government's My Community Project program. Congratulations to the P&C, which prepared a strong application and generated online community support.



Opening the resurfaced oval at Burraneer Bay Public School

# Marine Rescue

## New “Super Boat” for Cronulla

The Marine Rescue NSW Botany Port Hacking Unit, based in Cronulla, has received the first of three Marine Rescue NSW “Super Boats”, as part of a \$2.4 million investment in boating safety for NSW. Powered by three 325 horse power engines, Super Boats have the capacity to travel at speeds of up to 47kts.



Marine Rescue Super Boat

## Marine Rescue App

Boaters can ensure they stay safe on NSW waters by logging on to the new Marine Rescue App each time they set sail.

The App notifies Marine Rescue of your position on the water, so that professionally trained and equipped search and rescue experts can watch out for you.

It also offers valuable safety tools and information that could help save lives in an emergency.

The App is suitable for Apple and Android mobile devices.



# News in brief



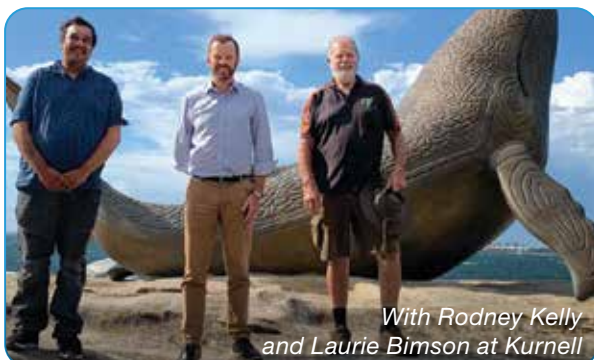
- ✓ The NSW Government will spend \$2.5 million to fund **dredging** work in the Port Hacking’s main navigation channels, making navigation easier and safer.
- ✓ The final design and the Environmental Impact Statement for reinstatement of **ferry wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell** will go on public exhibition later this year.
- ✓ Every NSW adult will be eligible for four \$25 vouchers to spend in participating businesses as part of the NSW Government’s **Dine & Discover** program. The program will boost local dining, arts and tourism businesses impacted by COVID-19. <https://bit.ly/3bjZhVf>
- ✓ More than 750km of new and upgraded walking tracks, 33 campground upgrades and 61 new and improved picnic areas will be delivered, as part of a record investment of \$257 million in NSW **national parks** infrastructure. <https://bit.ly/3ugDCpF>

# Attorney General / Domestic Violence update



With Cronulla Ferries owner, Carl Rogan

- ✓ The NSW Government has introduced Australia's toughest suite of **animal cruelty** penalties. <https://bit.ly/3qHS1bS>
- ✓ The **Digital Driver Licence** now has the same legal status as a plastic driver licence card. <https://bit.ly/3s4aQqk>
- ✓ A new pilot program will **help small businesses** that supply goods and services to larger businesses working for the NSW Government to be paid within 20 business days. <https://bit.ly/2Njv2Wd>
- ✓ I have called for the return of important **Aboriginal artefacts** from the UK to Australia. <https://bit.ly/3chxV2r>



With Rodney Kelly and Laurie Bimson at Kurnell

- ✓ Survivors of **institutional child abuse** could seek fairer compensation under proposed new laws even if they have already received a civil settlement. <https://bit.ly/37I0MRx>
- ✓ The NSW Government has a landmark new **suicide monitoring system** to provide up-to-date data for health and support services about suicide deaths across the state. <https://bit.ly/3jY7NNr>
- ✓ **Domestic violence victim-survivors and their companion animals** will have greater protections under recent Apprehended Domestic Violence Order reforms. The definition of 'intimidation' will cover harm to animals. <https://bit.ly/3bfXbWf>
- ✓ Recent legislative amendments allow complainants in **domestic violence** criminal proceedings to give evidence in closed courts or remotely via audio-visual link and avoid direct cross examination by a defendant. <https://bit.ly/3pDHrBL>
- ✓ A wider range of professionals will be able to support victims of **domestic violence** terminating their lease immediately and without penalty. <https://bit.ly/3jZve9h>
- ✓ **Adopted people** in NSW can now be issued with integrated birth certificates that include both their birth and adopted families. <https://bit.ly/3s2LqsX>

# Out and about



*Cronulla Sharks season launch*



*Grays Point Rural Fire Service*



*Cronulla Men's Probus  
40th anniversary*



*Australia Day citizenship ceremony*



*Clean-Up Australia Day*



*Gymea Bay Cricket Club*



*Jasper Arthur, Caringbah  
High School Captain*



*Congratulating JPs on 50 years' service*



*Port Hacking Putt Putt Regatta*



*Kurnell Men's Shed*



*New Solander Fields cricket nets*



*Port Hacking Little Athletics*