



Cronulla Update

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Sutherland Hospital update

Infrastructure upgrade works at Sutherland Hospital commenced this month, ahead of main works on the \$88.5 million upgrades to Sutherland Hospital.

These infrastructure upgrade works include relocating and upgrading in-ground services as well as clearing and preparing the site for main works construction.

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, in partnership with Health Infrastructure, hospital staff, clinicians and consumers, has been busy finalising the upgrade designs.

The NSW Government has invested \$81.5 million to redevelop the Sutherland Hospital operating theatre complex with an additional \$7 million to procure and enable installation of an MRI. Main works are targeted to begin at the end of the year.



Local schools update

11 schools in the Cronulla electorate have received funding for new and improved facilities as part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Metro Renewal Program.

The Metro Renewal Program will provide a government co-contribution of between 50 and 80% for school infrastructure improvements to high priority schools in metropolitan areas.

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion in its school building program over the next four years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

- ✓ **Burraneer Bay Public School** (playground upgrade)
- ✓ **Caringbah High School** (construction of new COLA)
- ✓ **Caringbah North Public School** (carpark upgrade)
- ✓ **Caringbah Public School** (new covered walkways)
- ✓ **Cronulla High School** (hall upgrade)
- ✓ **Cronulla Public School** (update of communication system)
- ✓ **Kirrawee High School** (toilet upgrades)
- ✓ **Kurnell Public School** (COLA and shade structures)
- ✓ **Laguna Street Public School** (new covered walkways)
- ✓ **Woolooware Public School** (carpark upgrade)
- ✓ **Yowie Bay Public School** (admin upgrade)

Shire students will also receive assistance to catch up on their education post pandemic from 95 dedicated tutors, thanks to the NSW Government's \$337 million COVID catch-up tuition program.

First electric bus for the Sutherland Shire

The NSW Government has committed to transition its fleet of 8,000 diesel and gas buses across the state to zero emission technology.

Last month I helped launch Transdev's first electric bus for the Sutherland Shire. It will operate on the 971 route from Cronulla to Hurstville via Blakehurst, Miranda and Caringbah.

In addition to being much better for the environment than their diesel counterparts, these buses deliver a much quieter ride for customers with less noise pollution on local streets.

More than 50 electric buses will roll out across greater Sydney over the course of this year.



Sutherland Shire new police recruits

I recently welcomed seven new probationary constables commencing duties in the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command.

The seven recruits were sworn in as probationary constables at an attestation ceremony for Class 346 at the Goulburn Police Academy.

Class 346 includes 149 men and 55 women. 17 are Australian Defence Force veterans.

The NSW Government is investing \$583 million to introduce 1,500 extra police over four years to enhance community safety across NSW.



Cronulla traffic

Traffic congestion around the Cronulla CBD remains a problem, especially on busy weekends.

There are only two roads in and out of South Cronulla (Croydon Street/Cronulla Street and Gerrale Street). They are only one lane each way, interrupted with roundabouts and busy pedestrian crossings.

One solution might be construction of a bypass via Tonkin Street to Searl Road. I have asked Sutherland Shire Council to investigate and advise me on the costs and feasibility of this road link proposal. It would have to preserve the iconic Tonkin Oval. I am interested in what the community thinks.

Although this is also largely a Council matter, I'm interested in what the community thinks about an underpass outside Cronulla station instead of a pedestrian crossing.



COVID-19

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

Local sports grants

Congratulations to the ten organisations in the Cronulla electorate that have been successful in the 2020-21 Local Sports Grants Program.

The small grants will support these organisations – and their hard-working teams of volunteers – to increase participation, provide training, purchase equipment and improve facilities.

Grant recipients:

- ✓ **Caringbah Redbacks Football Club** (new goals)
- ✓ **Cronulla Golf Club** (water chillers around the course)
- ✓ **Cronulla Seagulls** (facilitation of training and purchase of club shirts for new coaches)
- ✓ **Cronulla Sharks Netball Club** (uniforms for junior players)
- ✓ **Cronulla Triathlon Club** (online coaching training programs)
- ✓ **Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club** (uniforms and paddle equipment)
- ✓ **Port Hacking Dragon Boat Club** (paddle oars, PFDs and modification to two canoes)
- ✓ **Port Hacking Open Sailing Club** (new support vessel for junior training)
- ✓ **South Cronulla Bowling and Recreation Club** (new shade structures around the bowling greens)
- ✓ **Southside Malibu Club Cronulla** (funding to host the Spring Classic Malibu Longboard Surfing Competition)



Coastal and estuary grant – Gymea Bay

Sutherland Shire Council will receive \$75,000 under the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants Program to improve the ecological health and water quality at Gymea Bay.

The funding will be used to improve general habitat conditions, minimise erosion, protect Endangered Ecological Communities and improve public access to the foreshore.

Since 2016 the NSW Government has provided more than \$260,000 to Sutherland Shire Council to assist it in its coastline management.



With Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock

Plastic Free Cronulla



With Kal Glanznig from Plastic Free Cronulla

As part of Clean Up Australia Day, I made a pledge to become an accredited Plastic Free Cronulla ‘Office Champion’.

The Cronulla electorate office team then swiftly did away with wasteful single-use plastics (bags, water bottles, straws, cutlery, containers, and takeaway coffee cups) in favour of reusable or compostable alternatives. We were proud to become the group’s first accredited Plastic Free Office Champion.

For more information about Plastic Free Cronulla – an initiative of the Cronulla Chamber of Commerce – including steps to become a Plastic Free Champion, visit www.plasticfreecronulla.com.au

Hungry Point Reserve update

New interpretative signage at Hungry Point Reserve Cronulla will help bring alive for visitors the long and interesting history of the site.

It remains an important indigenous site for the Dharawal people who fished the rich waters of the Port Hacking estuary. Their campfire middens and unique engraved rock art are important features of the river mouth explained by the signs.

The European occupation of the site as a fisheries research station and migrant hostel are also featured in the signs. Many Shire families can trace back parents and grandparents who settled in the Shire after a stint at Hungry Point. Many will also have memories of the various fisheries bodies that occupied the site.

A new walkway around the Point, funded by the NSW Government, will join the Esplanade with Darook Park.



Cronulla Woman of the Year

Long-time Rotarian Cathy Mason of Kirrawee is the 2021 Cronulla Woman of the Year.

This award is deserving recognition of Cathy's generous community service over many years, both locally and overseas.

Among other roles, Cathy has previously served as President of the Rotary Clubs of Gynea and Caringbah; Chairperson for Rotary's Police Officer of the Year Awards; Director of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards; PR & Marketing Manager for the Sutherland Shire Relay for Life; and she was instrumental in establishing Rotary's 'Adopt-A-Town' program in 2018 to support communities impacted by natural disasters.

Congratulations, Cathy, on your wonderful achievements!



With Cathy Mason and husband Richard

Cronulla Senior of the Year

Gail Erskine of Woollooware is the 2021 Cronulla Senior of the Year, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to children's literature in NSW.

Whether in her professional life as a school teacher, or during the 30 years she's been involved with the Children's Book Council of Australia – NSW Branch, Gail has always sought ways to foster a love of reading among children and to encourage imaginative literary production.

Gail's energy, resilience and creativity are remarkable. Her fundamental belief in the transformative power of children's writing

has shaped her life's work and inspired a love of reading among thousands of children.

The other finalists in the 2021 NSW Seniors Festival Local Achievement Awards were:

- Joy Burns – Grays Point Public School volunteer
- Reg Chirgwin OAM and Shirley Chirgwin OAM – Sutherland Hospital garden kiosk volunteers
- Carolyn Davis – Kurnell photographer and volunteer
- Rina Mandarano – Stella Maris Cronulla volunteer



With Gail Erskine, other finalists and their supporters

News in brief

- ✓ The NSW Government is helping to ease the cost of living with **more than 70 rebates and savings**: <https://bit.ly/33VeZCB>
- ✓ **Dine & Discover vouchers** are valid until 30 June 2021: <https://bit.ly/3ogZEG8>
- ✓ The **new Suicide Prevention Outreach Team**, based at Sutherland Hospital, provides mobile outreach support to people experiencing a crisis triggered by a change in situation, such as job loss, relationship problems, legal challenges or death of a loved one: <https://bit.ly/3xYyY1j>
- ✓ Submissions on the proposed Kirrawee to Caringbah section of the **Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL)** closed on 17 May. More detailed plans for the project are planned to be on public display in the second half of 2021: <https://bit.ly/3eExktQ>
- ✓ **NSW Health's Early Intervention and Prevention of Chronic Lymphoedema** pilot program is now set to be rolled out in St George and Sutherland Hospitals: <https://bit.ly/3uSLttr>
- ✓ **Three Aboriginal spears taken by James Cook's crew**, currently housed in Cambridge's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, will be repatriated to Australia.
- ✓ The design and construction contract has been awarded for the **M6 motorway Stage 1** south to Kogarah.
- ✓ The NSW Government has granted **Cronulla RSL Sub Branch** \$10,000 for conservation work on the Monro Park war memorial.

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- ✓ NSW will be the first Australian state or territory to have a **mandatory notification of data breach scheme** to protect personal information: <https://bit.ly/3bvTmNr>
- ✓ The second stage of the **NSW-led review of national defamation laws** will examine the extent to which platforms such as search engines and social media sites should be liable for reputation-damaging material published online: <https://bit.ly/3fpZHer>
- ✓ Hundreds of domestic violence victim-survivors have contacted support services following the NSW Government's **'Speak Out' campaign**, with the positive impact prompting another round of the campaign to commence: <https://bit.ly/33RH269>
- ✓ **Digital birth certificates** could soon be a reality, with the NSW Government spearheading a cross-jurisdictional project to develop a national digital birth certificate: <https://bit.ly/33SHKQk>
- ✓ **Sexual consent laws** will be strengthened and simplified in NSW: <https://bit.ly/3i106a6>

Out and about



Local business – Britton Maritime Systems



Anzac Day with Lilli Pilli Public School



Cronulla Polar Bears season launch



Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club



Meeting of Two Cultures



Relay for Life



Local social housing



Sutherland Shire SES



Launch of The Family Co.



Cronulla and Woolooware High School student leaders



Shire Football season launch

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