



Cronulla Update

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Thank you Cronulla!

I'm enormously grateful to you for re-electing me as your Member of Parliament.

There's still much work to be done for our community and I look forward to working together in the years ahead.

It was also an extraordinary honour to serve NSW as Attorney General for over six years and before that as Environment Minister for nearly two years.

Now as the newly elected NSW Liberal Leader, I'll continue to represent the interests of my Cronulla constituents, while working with my colleagues to hold the new Labor Government to account and to make a constructive contribution to public policy in this State.

How can I help you?

As your local Member of Parliament, on State government issues I can:

- ✓ Represent you in Parliament
- ✓ Take your problem directly to the appropriate Minister, or, where possible, agency
- ✓ Put you in touch with a service that can help you
- ✓ Help you apply for funding for your group or community
- ✓ Work with you to make democracy work for us all.



Cronulla High School upgrade

Construction of new state-of-the-art facilities at Cronulla High School is now underway, planned and funded by the previous NSW Government.

The major upgrade will deliver 10 new permanent learning spaces, a new canteen, administration areas, and upgraded student and staff amenities.

Thank you to Principal Tony Ibrahim, Cronulla High staff and members of the P&C for their input into the design. Their work will mean the school has impressive and fit for purpose facilities to meet the needs of the school community for many years to come.

In addition to this project, the hall is being upgraded and expanded by around 50%. This will allow all students to be accommodated inside the hall at the one time.



Lucy Speakman at Greenhills Beach

Sydney Dogs and Cats Home funding

I was pleased to announce \$12 million in funding from the previous NSW Government for the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home to build a new state-of-the-art facility at Kurnell.

The new shelter will be constructed on land provided by the previous NSW Government in 2018. It will be a nation-leading facility to support best practice in animal management, responsible reuniting and rehoming of homeless pets, and the delivery of outreach programs to vulnerable people in the community.

This is 'pawsome' news for animal welfare. It's also great news for the mental and physical wellbeing of humans – companion animals have a huge positive impact on our lives.

My golden retriever Lucy is a graduate of Sydney Dogs and Cats Home and I have seen first-hand the extraordinary work done by the team there.

Hospital and ambulance update

A new MRI machine at Sutherland Hospital since February brings faster care to inpatients who no longer need to be transferred to St George Hospital or private providers for diagnostic scans.

The MRI has been delivered as part of the new operating theatre complex, which includes eight new operating theatres, two procedure rooms, short stay surgical facilities, recovery area and a sterilising department.



The new digital hybrid operating theatre

Four new operating theatres opened in March allowing for the refurbishment of existing facilities to take place, which will see four other theatres renovated by early next year.



With 2023 medical interns

One of the operating theatres is a combination of a traditional theatre and is known as a digital hybrid operating room with an image guided interventional suite. This combination allows for highly complex, advanced surgical procedures.

The new MRI and operating theatre complex is part of \$160 million of investments in Sutherland Hospital by the previous NSW Government, which includes the new emergency department, general ward and new carpark.

In February the previous NSW Government also announced a new ambulance station in or around Sutherland, to complement the Caringbah ambulance superstation which it opened in 2018.

Kamay ferry wharves update

Construction of the Kamay wharves project, to replace the previous ferry wharves at Kurnell and La Perouse, will start in July.

This follows the project receiving final planning approval from the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The replacement wharves will allow a ferry connection between Kurnell and La Perouse for the first time in over 45 years. The ferry will allow people to access Kamay Botany Bay National Park by water. The wharves could also be used by small commercial vessels and recreational boats and people wanting to fish from the wharves.

This project is part of the previous NSW Government's investment of over \$70 million (plus \$25 million funding from the Commonwealth) in upgrading Kamay Botany Bay National Park



facilities, including a new visitor centre (construction starting this year), new public art (installed) and new whale watching platform (completed), as well as previously upgraded walking tracks.

It also complements the previous NSW Government's Great Southern Walk project, with a 67km walking track from Kurnell to Sublime Point (with ferry link from Cronulla to Bundeena).

The wharves will help recognition and enjoyment of the park as a site of enormous cultural, historical and environmental significance.

Cronulla Women of the Year

Grays Point's Lisa Tilsed and Cronulla's Adriarn Crane are the joint 2023 Cronulla Women of the Year.

They are the founders of Wondering Women, who are engaging members in a range of activities and causes to help enrich the lives of women of all ages. It's testament to their hard work and enthusiasm that the organisation has grown to more than 2,100 members across the Sutherland Shire and a further 250 in the Bayside area.

You can find out more about Wondering Women on their Facebook page.



Cronulla seniors awards

Patron of North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club and surf lifesaving servant for 65 years, Warren Rennie AM is the 2023 Cronulla Senior of the Year.

Warren's enthusiasm comes from knowing that surf lifesaving is about saving lives and his unwavering commitment over such a long time is an inspiration to so many people.

Warren typifies the amazing volunteer spirit we have in the Shire. I congratulate him and the other finalists and all of our local seniors for the valuable volunteer work they do for so many organisations and groups.

The six other finalists were:

- **Laraine Lucas, Cronulla**
Service to SRE (special religious education).
- **Pat Pender, Caringbah**
Service to community radio 2SSR.
- **Richard Pinker, Caringbah South**
Service to Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club.
- **Robert Short, Burraneer**
Service to Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club.
- **Jan Taylor, Grays Point**
Service to Sutherland Shire Council Bushcare and Community Nursery.
- **Ian Toll, Gymea**
Service to Elouera Surf Life Saving Club and 55 years as a Justice of the Peace.



Cronulla community service

Cronulla Chamber of Commerce president Mark Aprilovic has been recognised with a NSW Government community service award for his ongoing commitment as a volunteer.

Mark has been president of the Chamber since 2010 and an active member for almost 30 years. As a small business owner for more than 40 years he's been a keen advocate for local small business.

He has championed initiatives such as the Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival and Plastic Free Cronulla. Mark also volunteers his time for Surfrider Foundation Cronulla and has served as a member of the Hungry Point Land Manager committee. He is on the steering committee to create a Surfing Heritage and Cultural Centre in Cronulla.



SCATL update

Construction is underway on Stage 2 East of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) (bike and pedestrian path), from Jackson Avenue in central Miranda to Gannons Road Caringbah.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is continuing survey and design work along Denman Avenue to minimise impacts on vegetation during construction. For any tree removed during construction, TfNSW will work with Sutherland Shire Council to plant four new trees.

Planning and design for Stage 3 (through Woollooware and Cronulla) is due to commence later this year.

The entire SCATL project to connect Sutherland and Cronulla was fully funded by the previous NSW Government.

Design and investigation continue for Stage 2 West (Oak Road Kirrawee to Jackson Avenue Miranda) and it is expected to be ready for public display and consultation in the coming months.



Local sports grants

Eight community sport organisations across the Cronulla electorate are sharing in \$50,000 under the previous NSW Government's Local Sport Grant Program.

The projects funded by the grants will provide better equipment, facilities, training and events to help encourage kids and adults to get involved in sport and lead active and healthy lifestyles.

The projects receiving grants are:

- **Cronulla-Caringbah Sharks JRLFC** (canteen upgrade) \$10,000
- **Cronulla Youth Weight Training Association** (new carpet in training area) \$10,000
- **Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association** (new shade gazebos) \$10,000
- **Cronulla Seagulls Football Club** (covers for synthetic pitch area) \$6,367



With Shire surfing representatives

- **Cronulla Sharks Boardriders** (education and training for juniors) \$5,773
- **Surfing Sutherland Shire** (first aid and shark attack response training) \$3,610
- **Southside Malibu Club** (replacement of core equipment) \$2,250
- **Elouera Boardriders Club** (competition/event costs) \$2,000

North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club received a further \$382,000 grant from the previous NSW Government to continue upgrading its facilities to support the vital work its hard working volunteers do for the community.

The grant will help deliver new energy efficient and smart LED lighting and sensors; new CCTV and security and access system; and wi-fi, wired network and audio-visual devices throughout the facility to support training and education sessions.



With North Cronulla SLSC members

The latest grant brings NSW Government support for North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club capital works to more than \$1.3 million. The other Bate Bay clubs, Cronulla, Elouera and Wanda, have together received NSW Government capital works funding of more than \$1.4 million since 2011.



With Cronulla RSL sub-branch officials

Cronulla War Memorial upgrade

The Cronulla War Memorial has had a refresh thanks to the previous NSW Government's Community War Memorials Fund.

All plaques were removed and replaced plus a new one put in place dedicated to animals who served.

Community recognition

I have the privilege when NSW Parliament sits to recognise constituents or local organisations for their achievements and contributions to the community.

If there's an individual, group or organisation you believe could be recognised for a great achievement, work, or service, please contact my office.

Here are people, groups and organisations from the Cronulla electorate to whom I've paid tribute in Parliament so far in 2023.

- Blake Johnston (world record surf session for Chumpy Pullin Foundation)
- Shire Woodworking Club (recognising 25th anniversary)
- Sutherland Shire Relay for Life (cancer fundraising)
- SES Sutherland Shire
- Caringbah Public School (Bay Breeze Initiative)
- Caringbah Rotary (Adopt-a-Tree program)
- Mums of the Shire
- Cronulla Polar Bears Swimming Club
- Cronulla Community Cafe
- Late Reg Chirgwin OAM (Caringbah Rotary, Sutherland Hospital Kiosk)
- Late Ivor Lewis (pastoral care, Caringbah Baptist Church)
- Lucy Woolfman (Super Swim Challenge for the Starlight Children's Foundation)
- Elouera Surf Life Saving Club (SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence)
- North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club (2023 Australian Surf Life Saving Titles, SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence)
- Wanda Surf Life Saving Club (2023 Australian Surf Life Saving Titles, SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence)
- Cronulla Gropers (Super Swim Challenge for the Starlight Children's Foundation)
- Kurnell Catamaran Club
- Leanne Clarke OAM (Australia Day honour for service to community health)
- Barry Ezzy OAM (Australia Day honour for service to surf lifesaving)
- Geoffrey Forshaw OAM (Australia Day honour for service to surf lifesaving)
- Cronulla RSL (No Dog Left Behind)
- Shelly Beach Brass Monkeys and Else Sunrise Swimming Club (25th anniversary)



With Blake Johnston



Shire Woodworking Club
25th anniversary



With SES Sutherland
Shire volunteers

Out and about



Woolooware High School



Gymea Football Club



Sutherland Shire netball



Elouera SLSC pink patrol



Relay for Life



Caringbah North Public School



Meeting of Two Cultures



May citizenship ceremony



Clean Up Australia



Shire Premier League kickoff



Caringbah ambulance station



Caringbah RSL sub-Branch

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