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Cronulla Update

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Welcome to this update on local issues and projects as well as the great things being done by people in our community.

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The new walkway hugging the cliffs at Hungry Point

Hungry Point clifftop walkway open

Cronulla now has one of Sydney’s most beautiful and accessible coastal walks, following the opening of the Hungry Point clifftop walkway at the end of last year.

The walkway, extending from the southern end of the Esplanade, was funded and largely designed under the previous Liberal Government. I thank Sutherland Shire Council for its partnership in project management and the volunteers on the former Hungry Point Reserve Trust who dedicated countless hours towards their vision.

The opening has been much anticipated locally and it’s been great to meet people on the walkway who were so enthusiastic to have this new and special community asset. You can read more about the walkway inside this newsletter.



New Kurnell visitor centre

Kamay update

The revamp of amenities at Kamay Botany Bay National Park continues, with visitors already enjoying a range of improvements and with further upgrades taking shape and nearing completion.

They are part of a package of improvements in the Park planned and funded under the previous state and federal Liberal Governments to mark the 250th anniversary of Cook's landing and the first east coast encounter between European and Aboriginal people.

Kamay has always been a great place to visit, but the upgrades to facilities are making it an even better location for locals and tourists. Following the opening of facilities including the new whale watching platform, ferry wharf and also the new amenities and carpark at the Cricket Pitch area, other upgrades in the park are now being completed.

As well as the work mentioned below, there will also be upgraded signage and interpretation, as well as relocation of the replica anchor that was formerly at the park entrance at Kurnell to a new location within Kamay.

Kurnell visitor centre

Construction of the new Kurnell visitor centre is well advanced ahead of its expected opening this year.

The new centre will offer visitors better facilities and a new exhibition space that will see the four Gweagal spears taken from the site in 1770 returned to Kurnell.

Commemoration Flat

The Commemoration Flat area has been modernised with work on a package of new facilities now complete.

Following the opening of the new amenities building in 2025 with a water refill station and outdoor showers, work finished recently on new barbeques and picnic shelters along with reconstruction of the carpark.

Construction of new pathways within Commemoration Flat is complete, creating an accessible connection from Monument Track and the Botany Bay foreshore to the Commemoration Flat carpark, new visitor centre and upgraded Cricket Pitch precinct.



Foreshore revetment

A new revetment along the Botany Bay foreshore will replace the sandbags which have been in place since 2018, when a major storm event threatened to erode the foreshore. A revetment is a permanent structure which protects the foreshore from storm surges and tides. This work is nearing completion and will provide permanent and stable protection to the foreshore between the new wharf and Commemoration Flat.



Some of the crowd enjoying the opening walk



Cutting the ribbon with Mayor Jack Boyd

Spectacular views from new walkway

The Hungry Point clifftop walkway extends the Esplanade to offer views of Port Hacking across to Bundeena and Maianbar.

The new elevated walkway is a suspended boardwalk, accessible directly from within Hungry Point Reserve, from Cowra Place or by following the Esplanade in a westerly direction from Salmon Haul Reserve.

The site incorporates interpretive signage, seating, an accessible viewing platform and bush regeneration, enhancing the reserve's environmental value and visitor experience.

The walkway leads to a viewing platform at the southern tip of the Cronulla peninsula. New stairs provide a link from the walkway to Hungry Point Reserve and you can then continue through to Darook Park Reserve on Gunnamatta Bay.

Many have commented since the opening that the walkway would have been even better had the Labor Government not cancelled the final section through to Darook Park.

I'm hopeful that with community support a future government will complete the full walkway.

Hungry Point – did you know?

- It is thought that the name Hungry Point came about after Cronulla's beaches were referred to as Hungry Corner in the 1870s.
- Hungry Point was an important meeting place for Aboriginal people, with extensive shell middens and multiple rick shelters showing evidence of occupation along the western and southern foreshores.
- The site was home to the first marine investigation establishment in Australia from the early 1900s, with spawning ponds and a fish hatchery established to investigate the biology and ecology of marine life.
- Hungry Point was the base of Commonwealth fisheries investigations from 1939, including under the CSIRO and later as a NSW fisheries research centre.
- It's one of a limited number of surviving migrant hostels built after World War 2 as part of the post war migration program.

E-bikes

E-bikes are a very convenient and popular form of transport, but the stories of reckless and sometimes intimidating e-bike use continue to escalate.

Existing laws simply aren't being enforced. It's important we keep the pressure on the Minns Labor Government to bring regulation for the safe use of e-bikes up to date, to make detection and law enforcement easier and safety education more widespread. The Government has announced moving to enhance police seizure and destruction

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 or scan QR code 

powers, but without much detail, and more needs to be done. I've launched a petition calling for a statewide no-cost or low-cost compulsory online education and registration system (with plates) especially for young e-bike riders.

It's also now NSW Liberals policy to introduce an e-bike licence plate scheme for riders under 18, delivery drivers and shared-service schemes.

GyMEA Bay Road carpark

I've launched a petition calling on the Minns Labor Government to reopen what was previously an unofficial commuter and shopper car park in GyMEA Bay Road GyMEA, just south of the intersection of President Avenue.

The large site on the M6 corridor provided parking until 2019, when it was closed after asbestos was discovered.

Plans to remediate the site and reopen it for public use started under the previous Liberal Government. The Minns Government advised me in 2024 that it expected assessment of options for Sutherland Shire Council to use the site as temporary public car parking and engagement with council to be complete by mid-2024.

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Then in August last year the Transport Minister advised me that remediation of the site was completed in June 2025 and that Transport for NSW will continue to work with Sutherland Shire Council on potential temporary uses for the site.

So I was astonished when it was reported in the Leader newspaper in late 2025 that Transport for NSW had ruled out reopening the site as car parking.

As remediation is complete, I can't see why the site can't go back to being used for parking like it was until 2019. This would be a big boost for local shopkeepers, commuters using GyMEA station and local community organisations holding community events.

T4 trains

Thank you to the more than 5,000 people who've now signed my petition standing against any moves by the Minns Government to axe or reduce express train services to and from stations on the T4 Cronulla Line.

I launched the petition after the Sydney Morning Herald reported last September that Government officials were working on plans to remove or reduce limited stops services between Cronulla line

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stations and the city and the Government failed to rule out doing this.

This month, under pressure, the Government appears for the first time to have ruled out reducing the number of such services. However, adding more stops to them (slowing them down) still appears to be on its agenda.

Community Building Partnership grants

The popular Community Building Partnership (CBP) grants program is expected to open soon for its 2026 round of applications.

I was delighted to announce Cronulla electorate recipients of the 2025 grants totalling almost \$450,000:

Civic Disability Services (facilities upgrade and accessibility improvement) \$66,225

Cronulla Public School P&C (construction of landscaped and covered yarning circle) \$50,000

Wanda Surf Life Saving Club (IT infrastructure upgrade) \$47,421

Lilli Pilli Public School P&C (shade canopy for outdoor learning and play area) \$35,000

Cronulla South Public School P&C (public address system upgrade for school hall and amphitheatre) \$31,191

Yowie Bay Public School P&C (chicken coop renovations) \$29,150

Kirrawee High School P&C (air conditioning in priority classrooms) \$26,300

GyMEA Bay Public School P&C (new water hydration stations) \$25,036

Port Hacking Dragon Boat Club (equipment upgrade) \$24,400

Laguna Street Public School P&C (resurfacing of netball courts) \$20,000

Cronulla Presbyterian Church (play area fence, shade system and operable wall) \$20,000

St Andrews Anglican Church Cronulla (people mover to support community events) \$20,000

St Aloysius Catholic Church Cronulla (solar battery system) \$15,500

Burraneer Bay Public School P&C (canteen and uniform shop upgrade) \$15,000



Lilli Pilli Public School



Yowie Bay Public School

Cronulla Sharks Boardriders (surfing competition infrastructure upgrade) \$10,986

Uniting Preschool Caringbah (shade sails) \$10,741

The CBP program is a great opportunity for local community organisations to apply for funding to support their community infrastructure projects big and small.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the program. You can also sign up for alerts to make sure you know when applications will be open.



Have your say

As your local MP I'm keen to know what issues are of most concern to you and your family.

I would appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to complete my community survey by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/surveyforcronulla



Community recognition

One of the best parts of my job as your local MP is recognising locals in Parliament for their achievements, good work or dedicated service through short 'Community Recognition Statements'.

These statements go into Hansard, which is the written record of all proceedings and debates.

I'd love to receive recommendations for people who could be recognised in this way. Please contact my office if you think someone you know or an organisation from the Cronulla electorate should have their contribution acknowledged.

Here are the statements I've made to recognise people in our community in the second half of 2025.

Emeritus Professor Jason Middleton AO (King's birthday honour)

Detective Inspector Mardi Forsyth APM (King's birthday honour)

Aisling Pont and Maria Carr (authors of book to support young widows)

Lisa Curtis, Taylor Curtis and Kathryn Wakelin (creators of Run for Purpose)

Ethan Ball (Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association's Cricketer of the Year)

Craig Johnston (winner of Terra Australis Bike Epic)

Sutherland Shire SES (members assisting in northern NSW flood response)

Darryl Chappelow (30 years caring for Wanda and Greenhills Beaches)

Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival (successful 2025 event)

Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association (2024-25 season presentation)

Caringbah Sports Cricket Club (season 2024-25 club champions)

Noel Parkinson (NSW Community Service Award recipient)

Chris Barber (life membership of Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club)

Pauline Hall (knitting for charity)

Lilli Pilli FC W16As (State Cup and premiership title winners)

Caringbah Redbacks FC Men's Premier League team (State Cup winners)

Late John Stoffels (long-time sport and fundraising volunteer)

St Andrew's Anglican Church Cronulla (90th anniversary of church building)

Caringbah Rotary Markets (40th anniversary)

Jett Murphy, Asha-Jane Fordham, Sarah Davey, Quentin Lassauniere, Luke Logarzo (The Youth Partnership VET Excellence Awards winners)

The Sutherland Hospital School (60th anniversary)

Natalie Cooke (recipient of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher accreditation)

Late John Salmon OAM (community service through surf lifesaving and Bushcare)

Neil Tinker (2025 Southern Sydney Emergency Volunteer of the Year)

Blakey Johnston (surfing world record promoting youth mental health)

Late Monsignor Kerry Bayada (former Our Lady of Fatima Church Caringbah priest)

BFF 4 Change, Joshua Campbell, Quest Woolooware Bay (2025 Sydney Business Awards winners)

Margaret Clarke (50 years service to education)

Giulio Di Stefano (40 years service to Caringbah Redbacks Football Club)

Cronulla Public School (100 years on Burraneer Bay Road site)

St Phil's Anglican Church Caringbah (100th anniversary)

Cronulla RSL (Sprit of Anzac Award)

Caringbah Public School (100th anniversary)

North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club (centenary)



With Neil Tinker



Surfrider Foundation Cronulla

Surfrider Foundation Cronulla (Clean Up, Up Cronulla)

Anthony Sobb (published My Business is Now North)

Local Catholic parish communities (The Camino of St Joseph)

Lilli Pilli Football Club 16A girls (NSW Champion of Champions)

Caringbah Redbacks Football Club U21A men (NSW Champion of Champions)

Rotary Club of Caringbah (Shire Mental Health & Wellbeing Expo)

Port Hacking Little Athletics Centre (48th season opening)



Port Hacking Little Athletics

Jodie Marix-Evans (Sutherland Shire Football Association Merit Award)

Woolooware High School (2026 student leaders)

Kirrawee High School (2026 student leaders)

Cronulla High School (2026 student leaders)

Caringbah High School (2026 student leaders)

St Aloysius College Cronulla (2026 student leaders)

Our Lady of Mercy College Burraneer (2026 student leaders)

De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah (2026 student leaders)

Kirk Barden (Sutherland Shire Football Association Merit Award)

Cronulla RSL Sub Branch (centenary)

Steve Mace and Cooper Mace (Sutherland Shire Police Area Command Medal and Awards)

Parc Pavilion Cronulla (Metropolitan Hotel of the Year)

Kurnell Rural Fire Service volunteers (Sutherland District Awards)

Cronulla Triathlon Club (2025 World Triathlon Championship Finals success)

Cronulla RSL Football Club (Junior men's football champion club)

Caringbah Redbacks Football Club (Senior women's football champion club)

The Jacaranda Foundation (fundraising organisation launched to support The Sutherland Hospital)

Sutherland Shire Local Business Awards winners

Gibson Howlin Lawyers (Business of the Year award and the Professional Services award)

Tahlia Carlyle (Business Person of the Year)

Southern Sydney Mechanical (Automotive Services)

Cronulla Skin Sanctuary (Outstanding Beauty Services)

Infinite Abilities Performing Arts (Outstanding Performing Arts)

Antara on Wyralla Childcare and Preschool (Outstanding Early Childcare Centre)

The Investors Way (Sole Operator Award)

Cronulla Veterinary Clinic (Most Outstanding Pet Care)

TerryWhite Chemmart Caringbah (Best Pharmacy)

Commercial Freight and Logistics (Most Inclusive Employer)

Lauren Elyse & Co (Beauty Services)

Melissa Allen, Meredith Miller, Calpis family (raising awareness and funds for autism support)

Graham Cassidy (induction into Australian Surfing Hall of Fame)

Late Kevin Schreiber (former Sutherland Shire Mayor)

Late Ken Marslew AM (founder of anti violence charity Enough is Enough)

Jill Hubbard (50 year contribution to Caringbah Baptist Church)

Out and about



Shanon Bates, Shire Citizen of the Year



Sutherland Shire Business Chamber



Cronulla High School



Cronulla Beach listening post



North Cronulla SLSC centenary



Citizenship ceremony



Gymea Bay Public School



The Family Co domestic violence forum



Wooloware High School



Opening Gymea Anglican Church fair



Book launch at Sutherland Shire Historical Society



Cronulla Water Polo

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