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Dear resident,

With the NSW economy leading the nation and our Budget in surplus, the NSW Government is investing the benefits of the State's success back into local communities right across NSW.

The NSW Budget 2017-18 delivers more than ever before on the things that matter: health, education, roads and transport, support for families, help for those who need it most, and the right conditions for businesses to grow.

Meanwhile our major infrastructure program is surging ahead, laying the new foundations for the thriving NSW of the future.

This Budget delivers more for our communities through:

- A strong economy – outpacing other states in economic growth, the lowest unemployment in the nation, and more investment to support industry and small business.
- Connecting our state – investing \$41.4 billion on road and public transport infrastructure to unclog our cities and get you home sooner.
- World-class healthcare and hospitals - A record \$23.2 billion in 2017-18 on new hospitals, hospital upgrades, and thousands more nurses, doctors and midwives.
- Investing in education – delivering on the future of our kids through over 1,000 more teachers and a \$4.2 billion funding boost for new schools and upgraded facilities.
- Helping families with the cost of living - more help for first home buyers, making early childhood education affordable for everyone, and the Active Kids Rebate giving parents \$100 per school child per year.

This Budget is for everyone in NSW, whether you live in our cities or regions. It cements our vision for new infrastructure and quality services and will make NSW a stronger, better community for all.

*Regards,  
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# Budget Overview . 2017

Stronger Communities, Stronger NSW

## CONNECTING OUR STATE

Major investment in WestConnex, Pacific Highway upgrades, and significant investments in Western Sydney roads to connect our state.

## WORLD-CLASS HEALTHCARE AND HOSPITALS

A responsive, caring and innovative healthcare system through \$7.7 billion investment into health infrastructure.

## MAKING HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE

Stamp duty exemptions and new home grants for first home buyers to get them into the market.

## KEEPING SYDNEY MOVING

Sydney Metro Northwest, Eastern Suburbs light rail, Sydney Metro City & Southwest rail.

## HELPING FAMILIES WITH THE COST OF LIVING

\$217 million to reduce the cost of early childhood education and the Active Kids Rebate giving parents \$100 per school child per year.

## MORE SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS

A massive \$4.2 billion investment in new schools and school upgrades to deliver high quality education.



# LIGHT RAIL



## Light Rail Stop Design

A full-scale light rail stop prototype was completed in April, to demonstrate the architectural design and finishes of the future stops.

The prototype was used to test and confirm useability, accessibility, materials, details and fabrication before construction of the 19 stops along the route. Material used for the construction of the prototype will later be dismantled and used within actual stops.

The stops will each feature bronze canopies to provide weather protection, as well as seating and integrated ticketing systems. Each stop has been designed to suit individual locations and complement surroundings such as heritage buildings and natural environments, while ensuring they are fully accessible and user friendly.

World-leading architects, Grimshaw, who have won more than 200 awards for their work around the globe, designed the new light rail stops.

## CBD and South East Light Rail – Construction Update

Construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail is forging ahead, with about 6.2km of track now in place across the 12km route – including more than 5km in the South East.

Track installation marks the end of major utility investigation and relocation, a complex and time-consuming task, so represents a significant milestone for the project.

Work is underway in 29 of 31 construction zones and the first light rail stop, the Alison Road stop between Anzac Parade and Darley Road, is also under construction.

In Randwick, the structures of two substations have been completed: in Alison Road near Wansey Road, and in the Randwick Stabling Yard. These substations are now being fitted out with the electrical equipment that will power the light rail. In High Cross Park, excavation is being carried out for the underground substation.

The first light rail vehicles will be delivered, ready for the testing and commissioning process to begin, later this year. The new light rail is on track for operation in early 2019.

## Randwick Local Business Guide

Transport for NSW has released a Randwick local business guide, to support businesses during construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail.

The Local Guide to Randwick features 54 local businesses near the light rail route as well as hospitals and shopping centres in the area, and has been distributed to local businesses and residents.

The guide is just one of the initiatives Transport for NSW has in place to support businesses, encourage the community to utilise services, and keep the area thriving during the construction period.

The Local Guide to Randwick is available to download at [www.mysydneycbd.com.au/supporting-business](http://www.mysydneycbd.com.au/supporting-business) or contact my office.



# COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Thirteen projects shared in a total of \$200,000 through the NSW Government's 2016 round of the Community Building Partnership program, improving on day to day activities of many within the Coogee electorate.

In addition to the direct benefit provided to the many community based organisations, I also hope that local construction and trades benefit as the infrastructure is built, refurbished and improved.

I thank the community for the strong level of interest and look forward to watching as this funding grows community projects and centres in the coming months.

The 2017 program is now open and for more information please visit <http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/> or contact my office.

<b>Bondi Junction Waverly RSL Sub Branch Club Limited</b>	Function room furniture upgrade	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club (Waverley) Inc.</b>	Waverley oval sight screens and football nets	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Bronte Surf Life Saving Club</b>	Air conditioning installation to community & education room	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>St. Nicolas' Anglican Church</b>	Access ramp with safety fencing	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Randwick Boys' High School Parents &amp; Citizens Association</b>	Refurbishment of outdoor basketball court	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>South Coogee Bowling Club</b>	Shaded deck area for family and community use	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>The Junction Neighbourhood Centre Inc.</b>	Enhancing community gathering space @ the orange room South Coogee	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Bronte Activity Centre Inc.</b>	Sofffall for play fort	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Clovelly Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd.</b>	Access passageways, disabled toilet and shower, reconstruct men's toilet	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Multiple District 201 of Lions Club International Inc.</b>	Coogee Lions 10 year anniversary community project	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Coogee Legion Ex-Service Club Limited</b>	Refurbish (war) memorial area	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Randwick Girls High School Parents and Citizens Assoc.</b>	Community facilities enhancement project	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b>South Coogee Public School Parents &amp; Citizens Assoc.</b>	South Coogee Public School Community Grasslands	<b>\$30,000</b>

## SPORT GRANTS

The Coogee Electorate has received \$28,450 through the 2016/17 Local Sport Grant Program.

The main aim of this program is to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport and active recreation in NSW. Sport is a huge part of our way of life and the NSW Government recognises how important it is to our communities, for both social and health reasons. I am committed to delivering the best infrastructure to the people of NSW and I look forward to seeing the benefits of this upgrade for the community.

Successful organisations are:

- **Bronte Bowling Club** \$2,950 for the purchase of wet weather jackets
- **Bronte Surf Lifesaving Club** \$2000 for the purchase of a new rescue boat trailer
- **Clovelly Bowling Club** \$3000 for surface upgrades to bowling greens
- **Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club** \$13500 for security and gymnasium upgrades
- **Waverley Rugby Club** \$2000 for the men's team development program.
- **Waverley Rugby and Football Club** \$5000 to purchase new uniforms for the men's under 21s program.



## FAMILIES SET TO BENEFIT FROM ACTIVE KIDS REBATE



Thousands of school children across Coogee will benefit from a new \$100 rebate for sporting and fitness related costs announced as part of the NSW Budget.

The 2017-2018 Budget will ensure every family with school aged children will be eligible for the 'Active Kids Rebate' with \$207 million allocated across four years.

Our Active Kids Rebate will put \$100 per school aged child back in the pocket of every parent to help cover the cost of getting their kids into sport.

Thanks to the Government's strong economic and financial management, and its successful reform agenda, we're now able to make sport more accessible and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

Whether your active child plays sport such as netball, football or basketball; swimming classes or lessons or gymnastics or athletics, this is a huge boost to families and an initiative I'm extremely proud of.

Parents will be able to register online and can take a sports voucher to a registered sports club or provider to receive their rebate.

More details on the NSW Office of Sport website <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/>.

## LIFE SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS FOR SPORTS CLUBS

Community Sports Clubs in Coogee will be among those across the state eligible to apply for a fifty per cent co-funding contribution for a lifesaving defibrillator.

As part of the 2017-2018 Budget, \$4 million will be allocated over four years to assist sporting clubs across NSW purchase and maintain Automatic External Defibrillators (AED).

The first eight minutes after a person has a cardiac arrest are the most critical and early access to CPR and defibrillation can increase the likelihood of survival by up to 75 percent.

We will be rolling out more than 2,500 AEDs over the next four years, under the Local Sports Defibrillation Program, which will also see community members trained in how to use them.

For more information please contact my office on 9398 1822.



## COOGEE SET TO BENEFIT FROM \$4 MILLION SURF CLUB FUNDING BOOST



Surf Life Clubs across Coogee will soon be able to share in a \$4 million boost to surf club facilities funding. Members of Surf Life Saving Clubs put their lives on the line to patrol our beaches to save the lives of locals, visitors and tourists.

From nippers to senior patrollers, members of Surf Life Saving Clubs provide an amazing service to the people of NSW.

This \$4 million boost will bring significant upgrades to surf club facilities, improving access for volunteer surf life savers who give up their time to keep people safe in Coogee.

Clubs in Coogee eligible for funding grants for improvements include:

- Bronte Surf Life Saving Club
- Coogee Surf Life Saving Club
- Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club
- Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club

Surf Life Saving Clubs are home base for our tens of thousands of volunteer lifesavers patrolling our beaches, allowing all age groups to learn about and contribute to water safety.

We rely on the skill and passion of volunteer surf lifesavers to provide this service and this vital injection of funding will ensure lifesavers have the support they need to do their important work through improving the standard and quality of Surf Life Saving Clubs in NSW.

## \$720 MILLION FOR PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

The NSW Government has committed to an unprecedented investment in health infrastructure for Eastern Sydney to deliver state-of-the-art health and education facilities in Randwick.

The \$720 million funding investment will deliver the first major upgrade of the Prince of Wales Hospital in 20 years.

Randwick will be a global centre of excellence and a showpiece of the record \$7.7 billion investment in health infrastructure announced in the Budget.

This redevelopment will make the area one of Australia's leading centres for health and wellbeing, integrating health services with research, education

and teaching to drive innovation, and be an economic powerhouse for Sydney.

The Randwick Campus redevelopment is being led by the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (Prince of Wales Hospital) in collaboration with the Sydney Children's Hospital, Royal Hospital for Women and UNSW.

The redevelopment will include a new emergency department, extra beds, new operating theatres, and expanded rehabilitation and ambulatory care facilities.

People in Sydney's east and south east and the doctors, nurses and allied health staff who support them are already providing excellence in health care but now it's time to provide excellence in the hospital infrastructure.



This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to redefine Prince of Wales Hospital and develop it into a world class centre for public healthcare, research and education, all with great transport infrastructure, guaranteeing this hospital a fantastic future.

## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

World-class health care and medical research will be brought together under one roof at the new \$114 million Bright Building at the Randwick Hospitals Campus.

The 10-storey Bright Building was officially opened by Premier Gladys Berejiklian and myself in April.

The NSW Government is committed to delivering world's best practice when it comes to health services and the Bright Building is state-of-the-art.

As well as improving care for cancer patients and adolescents and young adults with chronic illnesses, it will be home to cutting edge medical research.



The Bright Building encompasses Prince of Wales Hospital's Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre (NCCC), the University of New South Wales Scientia Clinical Research facility and an expansion of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, including an Australian-first outpatient service for adolescents and young adults.

The project has been funded by the NSW Government (\$46.2 million), Commonwealth Government (\$3.5 million), UNSW (\$11 million), Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation, Nelune Foundation and Prince of Wales Cancer Services fundraising initiatives (\$23.5 million), and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (\$29.8 million) with the support of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

As well as ensuring patients have access to the best treatments, the community will benefit from the high-quality medical experts this facility will attract. The research undertaken here will translate to improved treatments and clinical care now and into the future.

## PRINCE OF WALES WELCOMES NEW INTERN DOCTORS

It was a great pleasure to welcome 42 new medical graduates who will undertake a year-long internship at Prince of Wales Hospital in 2017.

I'm so pleased these new doctors will undertake their internship at our local hospital. Every intern will benefit from the support and direction of our clinicians.

NSW funds more medical intern positions than any other state or territory. In 2017, 992 interns

will start at hospitals around the state up from 983 in 2016. This record number of intern doctors represents a funding commitment by the NSW Government of \$107 million. The 2017 cohort of interns also includes 12 Aboriginal medical graduates.

NSW guarantees intern positions to all domestic medical graduates of NSW universities. As well, NSW provides internships to many graduates from interstate universities and, where possible, international full-fee paying medical graduates.



# SUPPORTING FAMILIES

## \$217 MILLION FOR PRE-SCHOOL FEE RELIEF

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This is an unprecedented investment in early childhood education by the NSW Government and delivers on our commitment to reinvest our economic success into supporting families.

Every single preschool across Coogee will benefit from this ongoing funding – which means this Government continues to back our kids and their families.

Start Strong links needs-based funding to 600 hours of enrolment in quality education

in the year before school to ensure more kids participate because we know how important it is.

To ensure this increase in funding has a real impact upon service affordability, community preschool services must pass on at least 75 per cent of the increased funding to parents.

NSW has a diverse early childhood education sector, and this Government is ensuring there is choice when it comes to quality services that meets individual needs.

Since the launch of Start Strong in January this year, more than half of all community preschools in NSW have changed their business model in response to the new funding program.

## MORE SUPPORT FOR OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Not-for-profit providers of out of school hours care can now receive up to \$30,000 to expand or establish new services for busy NSW families.

I recently joined NSW Premier Gladys Berejikilian and Minister for Early Childhood Sarah Mitchell at Randwick Public School to announce the NSW Government's \$20 million Before and After School Care Fund would be

expanded to include not-for-profit providers.

Many families rely on before and after school care to juggle busy work schedules and other commitment. Expanding the fund means extra support to encourage community organisations to offer out of school hours services and ease the burden in areas of high demand.

I understand families need flexibility, so we're providing a flexible approach that supports not-

for-profits, local councils and schools to provide more care options.

Randwick Public School used their \$30,000 grant to fund renovations that created 40 extra places.

I know how valued this service is in a school of 927 students, where many children have two working parents.

As part of these changes it is now possible for community organisations to pool their resources and prepare a joint proposal.

Since 2011, the NSW Liberal and National Government has spent more than \$1.6 billion in early childhood education - \$382 million this financial year alone.

More information is available online at [www.dec.nsw.gov.au/our-services/children-and-youth/out-of-hours-school-care-grant](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/our-services/children-and-youth/out-of-hours-school-care-grant).

## EXTRA CLASSROOMS AT BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

It was great to be back at Bondi Public School to hand the keys to Year 5 students for four new classrooms.

This is a fantastic win for the school community and I am proud to have played a part in making it happen. Schools should be for students and teachers not bureaucrats, so I made my position quite clear to the Education Minister

that the rooms be immediately handed back to the school.

A huge thank you to the principal Michael Jones, P&C President Camille Usher and P&C Vice President Rachel Blackley for their strong advocacy to get this great outcome. I look forward to visiting the school later in the year to see the children enjoying the space.



# NEW SCHEME TO DELIVER CHEAPER GREEN SLIPS

NSW motorists are set to benefit from a fairer and more affordable CTP Green Slip Scheme under a proposal by the NSW Government.

The changes will address problems with the current CTP scheme such as premium unaffordability, delays in payment of benefits to people injured on NSW roads, and reducing fraudulent and exaggerated claims that are driving up premiums.

State-wide average premiums will drop from \$650 to \$528. NSW motorists will shave

around \$120 off their Green Slip under the new scheme. Over the past decade, Green Slip prices have increased by 85 per cent, with the average Sydney motorist now paying \$703, and country motorists paying \$482.

The current scheme has become the least affordable in the country and just 45 cents in every Green Slip dollar is returned to those who need it most injured road users. The rest is chewed up in scheme costs including insurance super profits, legal fees and medical fees.

These changes will not only stop the ongoing increases in average premiums, they will stop

insurer super profits and actually reduce the cost of Green Slips for NSW motorists. This will provide a significant household saving to families in Coogee, who often need to insure multiple vehicles every year.

Make no mistake this is a big win for motorists. The new scheme will deliver fast access to benefits for those who are legitimately injured on our roads; it will reduce the exaggerated claims; it will deliver more of the premium dollar back to the most seriously injured; and it will deliver cheaper Green Slips.

## CTP Green Slip reforms



CHEAPER GREEN SLIP PRICES		MORE SUPPORT FOR INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS	
CHEAPER TAXI GREEN SLIP PRICES		GREATER % OF THE CTP DOLLAR TO INJURED PEOPLE	
REDUCED FRAUD		COVERAGE FOR ALL INJURED PEOPLE	
REDUCED INSURER PROFITS AND LEGAL COSTS		BETTER CLAIMS PROCESS	
WEEKLY INCOME PAYMENTS		FASTER ACCESS TO BENEFITS	