

A Snapshot of my Work Representing You in State Parliament

16th Annual Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition

On 22 September, I had the pleasure of hosting the 16th annual 'Bear Pit' public speaking competition in the NSW Parliament Chamber. It's always a highlight seeing the best young speakers from our local public and Catholic schools showcase their skills in the very forum where NSW laws are made. The judges had their work cut out for them this year, and all the students who competed should be immensely proud of their efforts.



Northern Beaches Women's Shelter Luncheon

As Patron of the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter, it was an honour to again host the dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters of this incredible organisation at NSW Parliament for the Annual Patron's Luncheon. This event is a very special opportunity to express a heartfelt thanks to all those who contribute so generously to the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter. Their help ensures the Shelter continues to provide essential services to women and children facing domestic violence in our community.

NSW and the AI Opportunity: Business Sydney Keynote Address

In my role as Shadow Minister for Energy and Digital, I recently delivered a keynote address to Business Sydney on how NSW can lead Australia in Artificial Intelligence. Rather than waiting for Canberra to set the pace, we must think big and act fast. AI brings major challenges, but even greater opportunities, particularly in preparing our students and workforce for the future. A NSW Coalition Government would establish a dedicated Minister for Artificial Intelligence to ensure our state leads this technological transformation.



Beachwatch Saved

Last year, the NSW Government announced it would cut Beachwatch - the state's water testing program responsible for monitoring and keeping our beaches clean. Following strong pressure from the community, local councils and groups like Surfers for Climate, the NSW Government has now backed down and agreed to reinstate funding for two years. Beachwatch is essential to protecting public health, and the decision to cut its funding was short-sighted. While the two-year extension is welcome, I'll continue to push for long-term funding to secure the future of this vital program.

Yours sincerely,

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Our community, your MP



Dear Resident,

In this newsletter, you'll find updates on the delivery of new community infrastructure and over \$750,000 in funding secured to upgrade facilities across our local schools, sporting clubs and community organisations. You'll also read about local challenges and issues I'm working on, from e-bike safety and illegal tobacconists to planning reforms and pressures on local small businesses. I'm working hard every day to fight for the issues that matter to you.



Closing Down Illicit Tobacco and Vape Shops in our Community



In May, I launched a petition demanding action against illegal tobacconists in our area. Nearly 2,000 locals signed it. These stores profit from addiction and deliberately target young people with dangerous products.

Our petition sparked real change. The NSW Opposition introduced a bill with tough new penalties—fines up to \$1.5 million and jail time. Working with the Government, we got these laws passed in September. They're among the strongest in the country. As a result, shops are being inspected by NSW Health and if in breach, closed.

Dealing With E-Bikes

If used responsibly, E-bikes have the potential to be a cost-effective and clean alternative mode of transport, but it is clear that the regulatory framework has simply not kept pace with the proliferation of these bikes. Many are easily modified to exceed legal speed limits, creating real enforcement challenges. Following an inquiry launched by the Opposition, the Government announced new speed limits and investment in education programs and infrastructure. These steps are welcome, but the response simply doesn't go far enough. Right now, there is a serious lack of detail from the Government on how these rules will be enforced on the ground. As a result, I've launched a community survey on a proposed licensing scheme requiring e-bikes ridden by under-18s to be registered and display a small number plate. This practical measure would make it easier for Council, Police and the community to support and enforce compliance. If you wish to share your views, **please scan the QR code to the right.**



Planning Reforms Must Include Investment in Local Transport

The Minns Labor Government has introduced major changes to planning laws, including new low and mid-rise housing reforms. The NSW Opposition supports the Government's aim to increase the supply of homes, but it must be matched by the appropriate investment in transport and community infrastructure to ensure that growth is sustainable. This means ensuring our schools can accommodate increased enrolments, our health services are equipped and our bus network is not placed under further strain. In NSW Parliament, I've called on the Government to develop a comprehensive transport plan for the Northern Beaches as a matter of urgency and fast-track the release of the long-overdue review of our roads network which was promised following the cancellation of the Beaches Link Tunnel. I will continue to hold the NSW Government to account on this.



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Future Manly Community Survey Now Live

Take 5 or so minutes to complete my electorate wide survey and help shape what our community looks like for the next ten years and beyond.

I want to ensure that your priorities, ideas and ambition for our neighbourhoods help inform the work that I do on your behalf in the Parliament.

You can also fill out the survey simply by visiting www.futuremanly.com



Funding Wins Delivered for our Local Organisations

✔ **Manly Cove Launch Club - Roof and Gutter Repairs**
\$16,168 has been secured to repair the roof, guttering, balcony, and rusted handrails at Manly Cove Launch Club. These works improve safety and usability for members and visitors.

✔ **Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club - Furniture Replacement**
 Freshwater SLSC will replace old furniture in members' areas with **\$10,000** in funding. Volunteers and club members can enjoy upgraded spaces while continuing to support beach safety.

✔ **North Harbour Sailing Club - Roof Replacement**
 North Harbour Sailing Club has received **\$30,000** to replace its roof and conduct related maintenance. This ensures the club remains safe, functional, and welcoming for local sailors.

✔ **Saltwater Veterans Sailing Project - Dedicated Vessel**
\$45,000 has been allocated to purchase a dedicated sail training vessel for current and former ADF members and their families. The project promotes wellbeing, social connection, and engagement through sailing.

✔ **Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club - First Aid Room Upgrade**
 Dee Why SLSC will use **\$40,000** to enhance its First Aid Room and medical response capabilities. This investment strengthens the club's ability to respond quickly to emergencies on local beaches.

✔ **Sailability NSW - New Sailing Vessel**
 Sailability NSW has received **\$20,000** to purchase a new sailing vessel and dinghy. The funding increases participation for people with disabilities and supports inclusive recreational opportunities.

✔ **Balgowlah North Public School P&C - Year 6 Outdoor Learning Area**
\$15,000 will go toward creating an outdoor learning area for Year 6 students. This provides engaging, flexible spaces to enhance hands-on learning.

✔ **Manly Yacht Club - Boat Cranes and Safety Improvements**
 Manly Yacht Club will replace old boat cranes and improve safety infrastructure with **\$41,200** in funding. These upgrades allow members to enjoy sailing safely and maintain high operational standards.

✔ **Manly Freshwater Catholic Parish - Parish Hall Chairs**
\$11,900 will replace old chairs in the Parish Hall, improving comfort and accessibility for community events.

✔ **North Steyne Boardriders Club - Equipment Trailer**
\$14,000 has been awarded to replace the club's old equipment trailer. This funding ensures safe transport of boards and gear for competitions and training.

✔ **Manly Life Saving Club - 4WD Emergency Response Vehicle**
 Manly Life Saving Club will purchase a 4WD emergency response vehicle with **\$45,371** in funding. This vital upgrade enhances rapid response to emergencies on local beaches.

✔ **Seaforth Football Club - Training Equipment and Development Courses**
\$18,875 will help Seaforth Football Club purchase additional training equipment and improve development courses, supporting player growth and participation across all ages.

✔ **Manly Savers Rugby Club - Drainage and Clubhouse Upgrades**
\$62,865 will address drainage issues and upgrade Keirle Park's clubhouse into a multi-use community venue. These improvements benefit both the club and local residents.

✔ **Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club - Junior Dinghies**
 Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club will use **\$65,000** to purchase new junior sailing dinghies, supporting youth participation and fostering the next generation of sailors.

✔ **Balgowlah Heights Public School P&C - Peer Support Benches**
\$11,360 has been allocated to install new benches for the school's Peer Support Program, promoting student wellbeing and social connection.

Local Infrastructure Delivered



Queenscliff Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Construction has now commenced on the long-awaited pedestrian and cycle bridge at Queenscliff Lagoon. Made possible by **\$3.95 million** in funding provided by the former Coalition Government, this bridge will provide a safe alternative for joggers, cyclists, prams, wheelchairs and students walking to school - linking Manly to Brookvale.



Curl Curl Boardwalk Extension - Delivered

With funding secured under the former Government, the new Curl Curl Boardwalk extension is now open, connecting South Curl Curl Beach with the iconic Fisherman's Walk. Pedestrians can now bypass the busy headland carpark, with ramps added for pram and wheelchair access - a great win for locals and visitors alike and a project I am proud to have supported



Michaela Howie Playground - Dee Why Delivered

The Michaela Howie Playground at Dee Why beach is now open, honouring the memory of Michaela and her parents. Secured with **\$250,000** in state government funding, it provides a safe, engaging space for young families in the community.



Seaforth Public School Playground - Delivered

I was proud to support Seaforth Public School in securing a brand-new playground, funded by the NSW Government. This upgrade improves outdoor learning and play opportunities for students. My thanks to the efforts of the P&C and school staff.

Outdoor Dining Fees

Like many of you, I was disappointed to see a majority of the Northern Beaches Councillors vote to remove seating from the local Manly cafe, Rollers. We should be encouraging outdoor dining and family-friendly vibrancy.

This decision has reignited debate about the fees being paid by cafes and restaurants in our electorate, some of the highest in the state, and whether they should be changed in line with winter and summer patronage figures.

I will continue to work alongside the Manly Chamber of Commerce so that our local businesses get a fair deal from Council.

More Funding Wins:

Bareena Park Tennis Club - Court Resurfacing

Bareena Park Tennis Club will receive **\$50,000** to replace worn court surfaces. This upgrade ensures safer play and encourages active lifestyles while supporting the long-term sustainability of the club.

Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club - Centre of Excellence Fit-Out

The Manly Warringah Gymnastics Club has been allocated **\$300,000** to contribute to the fit out its new Centre of Excellence. This funding ensures the club can continue nurturing local talent while offering high-quality facilities for athletes of all ages.



83rd Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service

In June, the 83rd Anniversary of the Defence of Sydney was commemorated at North Head, marking the Japanese attack on Sydney Harbour in 1942. It was an honour to host Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW, who delivered a moving address to local schools, veterans and dignitaries. It is a privilege to work alongside the Australia Remembers Northern Beaches and North Shore Committee as Patron to organise such a significant local commemorative event.