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Our community, your MP

Dear Resident,

Dee Why is great part of the Northern Beaches and I'm fighting to make it even better. In this local update you'll read about some great wins and key projects and issues I've been working on. These include new community facilities and upgrades as well as cracking down on illegal tobacco and vape stores.

✔ Curl Curl Boardwalk Extension Complete

The new boardwalk at South Curl Curl is now open to the public. Whether you're walking, running or pushing a pram, this is a great outcome for our community and one I was proud to advocate for. Funded by the former NSW Coalition Government, the project links Curl Curl to the Fisherman's Walk, enabling pedestrians to safely bypass the busy headland carpark.

Shark Safety Update

Recent shark incidents in Manly and Dee Why have been extremely confronting for our community. I recently lobbied the NSW Government to invest in enhanced shark mitigation, and I welcome the additional **\$4.2 million** to strengthen safety measures. This includes new drone patrol locations at Long Reef, Dee Why, and North and South Curl Curl. They will operate seven days a week through to the end of the April school holidays. I will continue to push for expanding drone patrol hours to include dawn, when many people are surfing or ocean swimming, and further investment in emerging technologies to improve early detection and real-time alerts.

✔ Funding Secured for Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

I am pleased to have secured **\$40,000** from the State Government for Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club to overhaul its first aid room. This investment will improve medical response capabilities and equip our surf lifesavers with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities at Dee Why beach.



Michaela Howie Playground Opened

It's been fantastic to see so many local families enjoying the new Michaela Howie Playground at Dee Why Beach. I was proud to secure **\$250,000** in State Government funding to help deliver this safe, engaging space for kids, and it's wonderful to see it bringing our community together.

✔ Crackdown on Illegal Vape and Tobacco Stores in Dee Why

Last year, I launched a petition, backed by nearly 2,000 locals, to tackle the growing number of illicit tobacco and vape stores. The Government listened, and new laws now give authorities the power to close stores selling illegal products and impose penalties and prison sentences. We are already seeing results in Dee Why, with a convenience store recently closed for selling illicit tobacco products. These operators deliberately target young people and undermine legitimate local businesses, and I will continue pushing for strong enforcement.

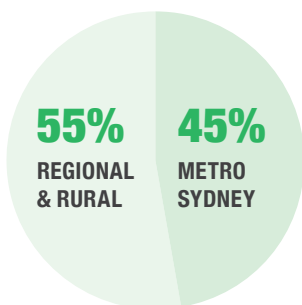


WHAT'S HAPPENING... at the Former Manly Hospital Site at North Head?

There is no project I am more proud of as the Member for Manly than the planning, funding and construction of the **Manly Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice (AYAH)** located on the old Manly Hospital site.

The old Manly Hospital site carries deep meaning. Generations were born there. Families said goodbye there. It was never just bricks and mortar, it was a place of care. That is why we can all be enormously proud of what exists there now, Australia's first and only young adults Hospice.

In 2023, the Hospice opened its doors. The \$19.5 million **AYAH** returned health services to the former hospital site and established Australia's first dedicated hospice for adolescents and young adults aged 16–30 who are facing life limiting illness. This was not an easy project. It required determination, funding advocacy and a clear community voice.



Since opening, the **AYAH** (which is run by NSW Health) has welcomed **346 ADMISSIONS FROM ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES**, 45% from metropolitan Sydney and 55% from regional and rural communities.

People facing complex conditions are cared for with expertise and compassion. Of the young people who use the Hospice:

- 60% neurological conditions
- 13% cancer
- 18% muscular disorders
- 7% childhood dementia

The wonderful team of nurses and specialists at **AYAH** often host 18th and 21st birthdays, graduations, and even weddings and funerals on-site. This allows families to stay together when it matters most, especially during end-of-life stays where time is critical. The Manly **AYAH** is more than a hospice; it is a place of comfort, care and connection.



STAGE TWO UNDERWAY... Manly Health and Wellbeing Precinct

The next phase will see the remainder of the site transformed into the Manly Health and Wellbeing Precinct, with the NSW Government appointing Aveo as the preferred delivery partner.

Following community and stakeholder consultation, the site will include a health and wellbeing centre, open green space and community areas, small-scale retail, independent retirement living, affordable housing and residential aged care. The heritage buildings will be adaptively reused, the rainforest preserved, and the site will remain publicly accessible.

A master plan and Environmental Impact Statement are being finalised with the concept State Significant Development Application expected before mid-2026. This will then go on public exhibition for community feedback. The creation of public open spaces, alongside various health and wellbeing services will breathe new life into this historic space, building on the **AYAH's** success. I will continue working with Aveo and NSW Health to ensure this becomes a legacy project that meets the community's needs and wishes.

As always, if there is a local issue you would like assistance with, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

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