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Our community, your MP

Dear Resident,

In this local update, you'll read about local funding wins and key projects I've been working on for the Seaforth, Clontarf and Balgowlah Heights community.

✓ Funding Delivered for Bareena Park Tennis Court

I am proud to have secured **\$50,000** in NSW Government funding for Bareena Park Tennis Club to replace court surfaces. Bareena is a much-loved institution of Balgowlah Heights, and this funding will help strengthen participation, improve facilities, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the club.

✓ Funding Secured for Repairs at North Harbour Sailing Club

I recently secured **\$30,000** from the NSW Government for North Harbour Sailing Club. The funding will be used to cover a desperately needed roof replacement and other critical maintenance works.

✓ New Benches on the way at Balgowlah Heights Public School

\$11,360 in funding is on the way for the Balgowlah Heights Public School P&C to replace ageing benches and install new seating for students. This upgrade will provide safer, more comfortable spaces for students to gather, learn and connect during the school day.



Improving water quality at Clontarf

Following discussions with Sydney Water and strong advocacy from residents, work is now progressing to renourish Clontarf Beach to replace sand that was lost during previous sewerage overflows at the Syphon House. These works follow the below-ground diversion pipeline constructed last year which diverts wastewater out to middle harbour during wet weather events, to prevent sewerage flowing down the steps and across the beach.

✓ New Playground Area for Seaforth Public School

It was a pleasure to be invited to Seaforth Public School to officially open the new playground! I was delighted to help secure funding from the NSW Government for this important upgrade. Well done to the teachers, students and the hard-working P&C for all their efforts in advocating for this great addition to the school.



E-Bikes, more needs to be done

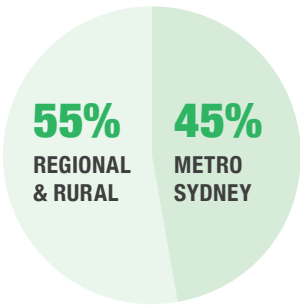
E-bike injuries are rising, and it is clear something needs to be done. The Minns Labor Government has introduced speed limits and vowed to dispose of illegal e-bikes, but without a way to identify offenders, enforcement remains near impossible. That is why I am calling for a mandatory license plate scheme for under-18 riders and commercial operators. This is a practical, low-cost reform to improve safety, enforcement, and accountability. I'm calling on the Minns Labor Government to adopt our policy now, rather than delay while injuries continue to mount.

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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