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MEMBER FOR MANLY



Our community, **your MP**

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the Winter 2026 edition of my community newsletter. In this edition, you'll find updates on funding for local surf clubs and sporting groups, progress on key infrastructure, and updates on the issues I'm actively fighting for on your behalf. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if I can ever be of assistance to you and your family.



Stamping Down on Illegal Tobacconists

Last year, I launched a petition, supported by nearly 2,000 local residents, calling for action on the growing number of illicit tobacco and vape stores. The Government responded, and new laws now give the authorities the power to shut down shops selling illegal products, along with stronger penalties and possible prison sentences. We are now seeing results locally, with three stores recently closed in Dee Why and one in Seaforth for selling illicit tobacco products. These operators deliberately target young people and undermine legitimate local businesses, and I will continue to push for stronger enforcement.

New Equipment Trailer Secured for North Steyne Boardriders

I was proud to secure \$14,000 in funding for North Steyne Boardriders Club to replace their old equipment trailer.

The new trailer will make a practical difference for the Club, improving the way they transport and store essential equipment for competitions, including BBQs, tents, desks, speakers and other gear. It means safer and more efficient travel to competitions, better organisation on the ground, and less time spent managing logistics so the Club can focus on running events and competing.

North Steyne Boardriders are a valued part of our local beaches community, with a strong tradition of supporting surfers, volunteers and community events. It is great to be able to back their continued growth and ensure they have the resources they need to keep doing what they do best.



Lest We Forget: 2026 Northern Beaches Anzac Day Services

This ANZAC Day, it was a privilege to attend services across the Manly electorate, joining our community in honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation. Our area has a proud history of service, and I thank our local RSLs and sub-branches, community organisations, and most importantly our current and former servicemen and women for their service and for keeping the ANZAC spirit alive on the Northern Beaches.

Manly Hospo Get-together



Times are tough for our hospitality industry right now, so it was great to bring local businesses and operators together for my annual 'hospo' gathering to connect and discuss current industry challenges and opportunities. Thank you to Adam and the team at Hotel Steyne for hosting, and to everyone who came along. With rising costs and reduced patronage, we need to do all we can to support our local cafes, pubs and restaurants to stay open and trading – particularly during the quieter Winter months.

E-Bikes – more needs to be done



I am hearing increasing concerns from residents about the use of e-bikes across the Manly area. More cycle infrastructure is needed - but it's also clear that current laws haven't kept pace. While injuries mount, the NSW Labor Government has responded by introducing speed limits – however, the real challenge remains enforcement.

Without a way to identify riders who break the rules or put others in harm's way, any new rules or regulations will be difficult for authorities to enforce. That is why I am calling for a mandatory license plate scheme for under-18 riders and commercial and food delivery operators. This would be a low-cost, practical measure to improve accountability, safety and enforcement – linking under minors to a responsible adult and mandating road rules education in schools. It won't solve every issue, but it's a step in the right direction and I'm calling on the Minns Labor Government to adopt our proposal urgently.

Meet Manly's Local Woman of the Year: Megan Maack



It is a privilege to nominate Megan Maack as Manly's Local Woman of the Year for 2026. As founder and CEO of the Childhood Dementia Initiative, Megan has spearheaded efforts to raise awareness and advocate for funding and crucial research to transform outcomes for children and families affected by childhood dementia. Megan's advocacy is deeply shaped by her lived experience, and I congratulate her on this thoroughly deserved recognition. Our local community can be proud to stand behind her as an outstanding advocate, mother and role model to young women across the Northern Beaches.

New Changeroom Facilities Delivered at Curl Curl



I was proud to secure **\$500,000** from the former Coalition Government to upgrade the facilities at Frank Gray Oval in Curl Curl. The previous structure was no longer fit for purpose and had no female changerooms. The new facilities are now complete, and include a modern canteen, female changerooms, an umpire area, and four separate change room areas to accommodate Home and Away teams.

North Steyne SLSC Upgrades Commence



In May 2025, I announced that I had secured **\$181,583** in funding from the NSW Government under the Surf Club Facility Program to deliver urgent upgrades to North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club.

I am delighted to report that these works are now underway in conjunction with Northern Beaches Council and will ensure exterior upgrades, new guttering/fascia, and upgrading internal walls.

Transport Update for the Northern Beaches

Last year in NSW Parliament, I called on the State Labor Government to release the Northern Beaches Road Network Review. Pleasingly, Transport for NSW is seeking community feedback on what road and traffic improvements you want to see delivered. Have your say by emailing projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visiting Transport's website.



Manly Town Hall Redevelopment



I welcome Northern Beaches Council's decision to unanimously support progressing the redevelopment of Manly Town Hall to the Expression of Interest (EOI) phase. Manly deserves a multi-purpose theatre and live entertainment venue that preserves the building's heritage significance while retaining public ownership. Moving to the EOI phase is a positive step that invites strong ideas and helps secure the best outcome for our community. I have been proud to advocate for this outcome, and I look forward to seeing the project progress.

WORKING FOR YOU.



Queenscliff Cycle and Pedestrian Bridge Across Manly Lagoon Delivered



I'm excited to see the Queenscliff pedestrian and cycling bridge nearing completion - a project I was proud to secure **\$3.95 million** in funding for in 2023. Connecting Aitken Ave and Hinkler Park and spanning across Manly Lagoon, the new bridge will provide a safer route for walkers, cyclists, and those using wheelchairs and prams, replacing the narrow and unsafe footpath along Pittwater Road.

Yours sincerely,

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Over-55 Affordable Women's Housing to be Delivered at Former Queenscliff Health Centre



It was wonderful to attend and speak at the midway point celebration for the transformation of the former Queenscliff Community Health Centre on Pittwater Road into social affordable housing. I was proud to be a part of the former Coalition Government that first identified the site for adaptive reuse rather than being sold. The housing will honour the building's heritage and house up to 37 residents, prioritising women over the age of 55 – the most at risk group when it comes to homelessness. We desperately need affordable housing on the Northern Beaches, and this is a great outcome for the community.



Funding Secured For Local Sports Clubs



Getting out to support the Manly Wolves at their Anti-Violence Round

I am proud to have secured funding for **five local sporting organisations** under the NSW Government's Local Sports Grant Program 2026. This funding will make a real difference, improving facilities, boosting participation across all ages, genders and abilities, and supporting more locals to lead healthy, social and active lives.

- ✓ **Manly Warringah Wolves AFL**
\$14,455 for a portable electronic scoreboard for AFL and cricket.
- ✓ **Manly Warringah Softball Association**
\$3,836 for Project Shades
- ✓ **Freshwater Boardriders Club**
\$6,800 for a Junior Girls Participation and Development Program.
- ✓ **Girls Boardrider Fraternity Inc**
\$3,680 for annual coaching and judging courses.
- ✓ **Northern Beaches Dragon Boat Club**
\$15,090 for training equipment.

**More Funding Delivered:
\$50,000 Secured for Sportsfield
Lighting at Keirle Park, Manly**



Retaining Wall Secured at Little Manly Beach to Prevent Sand Drift and Beach Erosion



Thank you to residents who contacted me about ongoing sand drift at Little Manly Beach, with strong winds pushing sand into nearby streets and drains. I raised this with Northern Beaches Council, and I'm pleased a retaining wall is now being built to keep sand on the beach, along with replacement of the rusted boat ramp gate. This is a positive outcome for the Little Manly community and will help better manage sand movement and protect local infrastructure.

Acknowledging Lifeline Northern Beaches for their great work in the community following recent shark incidents in Manly and Dee Why

