



**James Griffin MP**  
MEMBER FOR MANLY

# Our community, **your MP**



## *Dear Resident,*

As we move through the second half of 2026, I wanted to share some of the recent projects, local wins and important issues I'm working on for Dee Why.

Dee Why continues to grow as one of the Northern Beaches' most vibrant communities. With that growth comes exciting opportunities, but also challenges. Whether it's ensuring new housing is supported by the right infrastructure, improving community safety or securing funding for our local sporting clubs, I remain committed to standing up for Dee Why and delivering practical outcomes for our area.

## Planning for Dee Why's Future

There is no doubt we need more housing across the Northern Beaches, but increased density must be matched by investment in the roads, public transport and community infrastructure needed to support it. I have consistently raised concerns in the NSW Parliament and directly with the Minister for Planning about the impact of the Minns Labor Government's planning reforms on Dee Why. Our existing road network is already under pressure, and without improved transport connections, further development risks placing even greater strain on local infrastructure. I have also called on the NSW Government and Transport for NSW to investigate options to improve public transport, including better connections between Dee Why, Frenchs Forest and the Chatswood Metro. I'll continue advocating to ensure our community receives the infrastructure investment it deserves.

## Expanded Shark Drone Program

Following recent shark-related incidents at Dee Why and Manly, I joined fellow Northern Beaches MPs in calling for stronger shark surveillance across our coastline.

I'm pleased the NSW Government has responded by investing an additional **\$34 million** to expand the Shark Management Program. From 1 July, drone surveillance now operates 365 days a year, with coverage extended from 26 to 38 beaches stretching from Palm Beach to Cronulla. North Steyne remains one of the key drone bases supporting our local coastline. While entering the ocean will always carry some risk, these additional safety measures provide greater reassurance for local swimmers, surfers and families enjoying our beaches.



## ✓ Investing in Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

I am pleased that funding has been secured for Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club, including **\$58,830** to replace deteriorating sections of the clubhouse roof and **\$88,461** to upgrade the Club's Nippers and Patrol Kitchen to provide a safer, functional space for Nipper families and patrolling members.

An additional **\$40,000** has also been secured to improve the Club's first aid room, strengthening its emergency response capabilities and ensuring lifesavers and volunteers have the facilities they need to continue keeping our community safe.



## Community Safety in Dee Why

Thank you to everyone who contacted me regarding the alleged assault at James Meehan Reserve and broader concerns about antisocial behaviour in and around Dee Why. Following the incident, Northern Beaches Police Area Command arrested an individual which is a welcome step. Police have also completed a safety inspection of James Meehan Reserve and will provide Council with recommendations, including consideration of additional lighting and CCTV.

I remain in close contact with Northern Beaches Police throughout this process and will continue working with them and Council to crack down on this behaviour and improve community safety. Acts of theft, violence and intimidation will not be tolerated in our community, and I encourage anyone who witnesses criminal activity to report it to Police immediately.



## Supporting Local Grassroots Sport



Local sporting clubs play an important role in bringing our community together, and I'm pleased to have secured **\$14,455** for the **Manly Warringah Wolves AFL Club** to install a new electronic scoreboard at Weldon Oval. Ensuring our clubs have modern equipment and facilities will support growing participation in grassroots sport and provide an overall

better experience for players, volunteers and spectators.

I'm also pleased to have secured funding to encourage greater participation by girls and young women in surfing. **Freshwater Boardriders Club** received **\$6,800** to deliver its Junior Girls Participation and Development Program, while **Girls Boardrider Fraternity Inc.** secured **\$3,680** for coaching and judging courses, helping develop the next generation of local surfers.

## Update on Bus Services

Thank you to those who have written to me to discuss the current issues with the bus services. I know that many of you are fed up and that being able to get to work and school on time is not a luxury but a basic expectation. I have relayed the community's concerns and flagged problematic routes such as the 176x and 177x directly with the Minister for Transport and my office remains in daily communication with Keolis Downer (the operator). As it has been explained to me, right now, Sydney is short 179 drivers and our area is getting hit the hardest, leaving routes across the network susceptible to last minute cancellations. Between Keolis Downer and the Government, more steps need to be taken to improve services, reduce the driver deficit and make jobs more attractive locally. I've called on the Government to act now and explore all options – including terminating the bus contract if the operator is not meeting its obligations.



Whether it's advocating for better transport, ensuring growth is properly planned, improving community safety or investing in local sporting facilities, I'm committed to delivering practical outcomes that make Dee Why an even better place to live.

As always, if there's an issue affecting you or your family, or simply something you would like to raise, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



## New Changerooms Delivered at Frank Gray Oval

I was proud to secure **\$500,000** from the former NSW Coalition Government to deliver the new changerooms at Frank Gray Oval. The previous building was no longer fit for purpose and lacked female changerooms. The completed facility now includes four team changerooms, female amenities, an umpires' room and a modern canteen, ensuring local sporting clubs have facilities that meet the needs of today's growing community.



## Improving E-Bike Safety

Unsafe e-bike riding continues to be one of the issues I hear about most from local residents. While e-bikes provide a convenient transport option for many people, too many locals have experienced dangerous riding, near misses and intimidating behaviour, and it's clear current laws haven't kept pace. That's why I'm calling for mandatory licence plates for riders under 18 and commercial delivery riders. Giving police and members of the public the ability to identify dangerous riders would improve accountability, strengthen enforcement and deter unsafe behaviour. I will continue to push the Minns Labor Government to adopt these practical reforms.

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