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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 in your area.

I'm committed to delivering improvements that enhance our local area, support our local clubs and volunteers, and ensure Freshwater and Curl Curl remain wonderful places to live, work and raise a family. Below you'll find a snapshot of some of the recent achievements and the work currently underway.

South Curl Curl Boardwalk a Local Success

It has been fantastic to see so many residents enjoying the completed boardwalk at South Curl Curl. I was proud to be part of the former NSW Coalition Government that funded this project, which has further enhanced one of the Northern Beaches' most spectacular coastal walks. The boardwalk has improved accessibility and safety around the headland carpark, creating an even better experience for locals and visitors alike.

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 165x 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.



Northern Beaches Bus Services

✓ 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 in Curl Curl.

The previous amenities had reached the end of their life and did not include female changerooms. The new facility now provides modern amenities including female changerooms, four team changerooms for home and away sides, an umpires' room and a modern canteen. These upgraded facilities will better support our local sporting clubs while encouraging greater participation by women and girls in community sport.



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Improving Safety Around E-Bikes

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.

Following concerns raised by residents about unsafe riding around the Abbott Road Netball Courts in Curl Curl, I can also advise that Council and NSW Police are undertaking a formal review of the site. In the meantime, police have increased patrols in response to recent incidents, and additional signage has been installed to deter unsafe riding while longer-term solutions are considered.



Supporting Our Local Surf Clubs

Our surf clubs are at the heart of our community, and I'm pleased to have helped secure funding for important local upgrades.

North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club has received **\$89,700** under the **Surf Club Facility Program** to upgrade the club's technological capabilities and strengthen security, protect assets, support training and community use, and improve operational sustainability.

South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club received **\$59,248** to assist with the costs of designing the redevelopment of the clubhouse.

I am also pleased to have secured **\$10,000** for **Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club** to upgrade furniture throughout the clubhouse, ensuring members and volunteers have facilities that reflect the outstanding service they provide to our community.



Improving Beach Safety

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. 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.



Supporting Local Grassroots Sport

Local sporting clubs play an important role in bringing our community together. I'm pleased to have secured **\$14,455** for the **Manly Warringah Wolves AFL Club** to install a new electronic scoreboard. Together with the recently completed changerooms, these upgrades will support growing participation and provide better facilities 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.



Whether it's investing in sporting facilities, supporting our surf clubs, improving public safety or enhancing community infrastructure, I'm committed to delivering practical outcomes that make a real difference for Freshwater and Curl Curl.

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.

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