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COMMUNITY NEWS



“I met equestrian champion Lill Mitchell and her horse Sox training at Jilliby and presented her with a Local Sporting Champion grant. The grants are provided through the Australian Institute of Sport. You can visit their website or contact my office for information.”

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A message from Emma

It's been a busy start to 2018 with visits to schools to congratulate school leaders, present new flags and talk to students. I was particularly pleased to officially open The Lakes College at Blue Haven, an initiative of Father Riley's Youth Off The Streets, which has this year enrolled 24 students in years 9 and 10.

I continue to meet with community groups and business people, and

was delighted to take part in International Women's Day events and the inaugural Central Coast Festival of Women.

I met our two new police district commanders, Superintendent John Gralton and Superintendent Tony Joice, and am pleased to hear they have proactive policing initiatives under way.

My office continues to help many constituents with Federal Government issues – mainly in regard to the NDIS, NBN and Centrelink.

In Parliament I spoke up for our community, calling on fair funding

for schools, better support for young people looking for work, and help for veterans and their families.

Budgets are about choices and priorities, and Labor has called on the Turnbull Government to properly fund hospitals and schools, and to put the needs of families and pensioners first.

I am continuing to work hard for you. Please be in touch if I can help. You can read my media releases and view my Parliamentary speeches on my website www.emmamcbride.com.au and follow my activities on Facebook.



NSW GOVERNMENT MUST NOT CUT WYONG TAFE



More than 1000 people a year have enrolled in Outreach programs at Wyong TAFE and it is outrageous that the NSW Government has axed them.

I joined with my state colleagues Member for Wyong David Harris, Member for The Entrance David Mehan, and Member for Gosford Liesl Tesch, to call on the NSW

Government to stop the closure of Wyong TAFE Outreach Programs.

I applaud Councillor Lisa Matthews for gaining the backing of Central Coast Council in this call, and acknowledge the support of State Shadow Minister Prue Car and the NSW Teachers Federation.

TAFE Outreach has been running since 1976, offering introductory

courses in information technology, vocational skills and personal development.

These programs are vital for the long-term unemployed, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability, sole parents and young people at risk.

We will continue to fight for TAFE.



URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS

The number of people on the Coast without a home grew 34.6 per cent between the 2011 and the 2016 Census, and the community of Wyong was particularly affected.

I cannot praise enough the dedicated services such as the Salvation Army's Oasis Centre Wyong, and Coast Shelter, but they are stretched to the limit. Oasis has a great team of volunteers, including Grant pictured above, who showed me around the garden and the woodwork shed.

In Australia, everyone should have a home. The housing affordability crisis impacts everyone, from home buyers to renters, forcing the most vulnerable onto the street or into overcrowded homes.

The Turnbull Government must use the Budget to boost frontline services that support them.

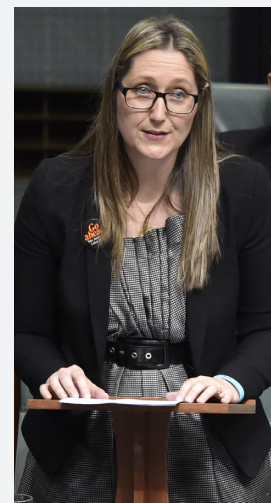
MINISTER FRYDENBERG MUST STOP WALLARAH 2 COAL MINE

The future of the Central Coast's drinking water now sits with the Federal Government, which will assess the Wallarah 2 Coal Project proposal under the Environment, Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act following the Planning Assessment Commission's recommendation for approval.

The go-ahead will depend on Federal Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg's decision about the mine's impact on threatened species and water resources. We have until September 7 to convince him to stop the mine. You can email josh.frydenberg.mp@aph.gov.au

In Federal Parliament I called on Minister Frydenberg to put science ahead of politics and stop the mine, and in the NSW Parliament my Labor colleagues, led by Member for Wyong David Harris, have been vocal in their opposition.

Please, if you are against this mine, tell Minister Frydenberg to stop it.



TOUKLEY 50 PLUS – BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

What a great celebration at Toukley 50 Plus Leisure and Learning Centre for the club's 40th birthday last month.

Incredibly, the club still has 12 of its founding members.

Thank you to president Carmen Mouat and secretary Lyn Prpic for your warm welcome, to patrons Pat Mapperson and Muriel Dyke for helping me blow out the candles and cut the cake, and Cheryl Halpin for your poem.

I am so pleased to have been able to play a part in the club's ongoing success through a Federal Government Stronger Communities grant of \$10,000 to help with a new kitchen servery and coffee machine.

I look forward to returning for a cuppa, hopefully prepared by my colleague David Harris, the Member for Wyong, who is training to be a barista!



DEMOCRACY IN ACTION – A WIN ON THE NBN

Many of us have had problems connecting to the National Broadband Network, so I'm pleased to share a good news story.

The Central Coast Steiner School at Fountaindale is now connected to superfast internet.

Students wrote to me last year about the difficulty they and their teachers and administrative staff were having, and I was able to take Shadow Minister for Regional Communications Stephen Jones to the school to hear the problems first-hand.

Finally, the school's long-standing internet problems came to the attention of the Prime Minister when I asked him about it in Question Time, and, within 24 hours, technicians were at the school!

Student leader Arabella Zocher even gave evidence on behalf of her school to a Parliamentary Committee hearing on the NBN.



BUSINESSES BAND TOGETHER TO KEEP SHOPPERS LOCAL

More than 50 businesses attended two workshops I hosted in Toowoomba Bay with market researcher Ashley Watt, who founded the "Why Leave Town" shop local campaign.

There was a great vibe in the room as business people got to know each other and heard ideas about keeping shoppers spending their money locally.

Businesses attending were diverse and unique – everything from photography, to hairdressing, to artisan bread making.

Small businesses are big employers, and I am committed to helping them succeed.

And shopping locally creates jobs, boosts tourism, and helps our community.

LONG WAIT FOR HOME CARE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

More than 105,000 older Australians are waiting for home care packages, and some have been waiting for more than 12 months.

On the Central Coast, we have at least 750 older people in limbo.

I spoke in Parliament about Joan, who is 91, and waited more than 12 months last year for her home care package to come through.

When it did, there was a “glitch” that left her out of pocket \$2,700 a month for four months.

I am pleased to say that Joan’s issue is now sorted.

Her daughter Jane brought Joan in to meet me recently, and I was delighted to hear about the difference quality care at home can make to older Australians.

The Government has the opportunity in the May Budget to make more packages available, and it must do so.



FOOD MANUFACTURERS MAKE THEIR MARK

Sanitarium is a Central Coast success story – still going strong after 120 years and employing around 500 local people in research, development and manufacturing of its iconic products Weetbix, Up&Go and peanut butter.

Labor Shadow Assistant Minister for Manufacturing Nick Champion joined me on a tour of the Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing headquarters and factory at Berkeley Vale in March.

The Coast is known for food manufacturing – with brands such as Mars, Masterfoods, McCains and Tip Top.

I am pleased to see a partnership between the University of Newcastle, Regional Development Australia Central Coast and Central Coast Industry Connect has been established to enhance our reputation as a centre of excellence in food innovation.

PENSIONERS AND SENIORS KITS

My “Pensioners and Seniors Kit” has been updated to include the latest pension rates, deeming rates, and income and assets tests, as well as tips on home and personal security.

If you would like a copy of this free kit, please contact my office by phoning 4353 0127 or emailing emma.mcbride.mp@aph.gov.au

ANZAC Day Services 2018

THE ENTRANCE/LONG JETTY RSL SUB-BRANCH

Dawn service, 5.30am: Memorial Park, Marine Parade, The Entrance
Commemorative service, 11.30am: Memorial Park, Marine Parade, The Entrance

WYONG RSL SUB-BRANCH

Dawn service, 5.45am: Club Wyong RSL, Margaret Street, Wyong
Commemorative service, 9.15am: Wyong Town Park, Rankens Court, Wyong

TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

Dawn service, 5.20am: Club Toukley Cenotaph, Main Road, Toukley
Commemorative service, 9.45am: Club Toukley Cenotaph, Main Road, Toukley

OURIMBAH/LISAROW RSL SUB-BRANCH

Dawn service, 5.30am: Ourimbah Public School, 121 Pacific Highway, Ourimbah
Commemorative service, 2.30pm: Ourimbah Public School, 121 Pacific Highway, Ourimbah



Lest We Forget

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them.



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