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Dobell Community News

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Message from Emma

It's an honour to be appointed Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Shadow Assistant Minister for Carers by Labor Leader Anthony Albanese.

I'd like to thank the many people who voted for me as their federal representative, allowing me to champion two issues I am passionate about - improving mental health services and supporting carers.

As a former specialist mental health pharmacist, Chief Pharmacist at Wyong Hospital, Deputy Director of Pharmacy for the Central Coast Local Health District, and as a carer for my dad, I know how important these issues are.

I promise to be a strong advocate to improve the mental health of people with lived experience of mental illness, their families and carers. I will stand up for Australia's millions of carers so their needs are better met.

I will draw on my professional background and experience as a carer to help improve the lives of people who most need our support. I look forward to working with Shadow Minister for Health, Chris Bowen, and with Bill Shorten, Shadow Minister for the NDIS.

A total of 117,206 people vote in Dobell and I want to know what is important to each and every one of you. What matters to you? How can I best represent you?

That is why I am launching my new Dobell Community Survey.

When Anthony Albanese became Labor's leader in May, he set out on a national listening tour to hear from people across Australia.

"We have two ears and one mouth and we should do a lot more listening than we do talking at this stage in the cycle," he told one journalist, and I agree.

I hope my new Dobell Community Survey will capture the opinions of many local people. Complete the survey and have your say. Don't hold back!

My office is always available to help with federal government matters. Just call, email or visit. We are on Level 2 of the Mariners Building at Tuggerah if you'd like to call in.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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DEAN ACHIEVES HIS WORK DREAM

With help from my office Dean McKenzie of Wadalba, a disability support pension recipient (DSP), was able to achieve his work goals.

Dean completed Year 12 two and half years ago and had been supported through a school leavers' program (SLES). Dean had a goal of finding eight hours of work per week.

His NDIS Plan was reviewed last January and a request was made for "finding and keeping a job" funding to be included. This request was denied by his NDIS planner who deemed it not "reasonable and necessary".

The problem was Dean was receiving support from another program but it only amounted to 30 minutes to one hour per week. My office helped convince the NDIA that funding for finding and keeping a job was a reasonable and necessary part of Dean's NDIS plan.

Dean met with Julie Maloney from Fairhaven CoPack in April and was invited to do work experience. He



was keen to keep working with them, but Fairhaven required him to have "finding and keeping a job" funding as they are an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE).

A "Change of Circumstances" form was lodged with the NDIS and I was happy to provide a letter of support for Dean.

It took until May for the NDIA to escalate this request following a letter of offer from Fairhaven. On June 3, Dean's mother Heather wrote to me: "Today, Julie Maloney from Fairhaven and I were notified by the NDIS that Finding and Keeping a Job funding has been granted for Dean.

"He can take up the offer of employment with Fairhaven. This is a great result for Dean and we are very thankful to you and to everyone involved."

Problems with the NDIS remain the most common reason people ask my office for help including delays having plans finalised and services delivered; inconsistencies in assessments from one year to the next; and delays in receiving equipment.

Participants and carers have told me that the paperwork alone is a full time job. Contact my office if you need help with the NDIS.

Pictured: Emma with Dean McKenzie (left) working at Fairhaven, Tuggerah

OUT AND ABOUT

It has been a busy few months in Dobell. Here are a few highlights:



July 5, catching up with Wyoming Public School at Parliament House, Canberra



July 1, Official swearing in as a member of the 46th Commonwealth Parliament, Canberra



June 16, dedication of the Tony Sheridan OAM Walk at The Entrance



July 8, Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary's 73rd annual general meeting

SEPTEMBER IS DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH



GRANT MCBRIDE MEMORY WALK

JOIN US IN A RACE AGAINST DEMENTIA

10am Sunday 22nd September
Saltwater Park, Tuggerah Pde, Long Jetty

REGISTER NOW: EMMAMCBRIDE.COM.AU
First 50 to register will receive a free Memory Walk T-shirt

I hope you will join me on Sunday, September 22, for the second annual Grant McBride Memory Walk and Jog.

There are 447,115 Australians living with dementia and almost 1.5 million Australians involved in their care (according to Dementia Australia).

In 2018 I launched the Grant McBride Memory Walk and Jog and

honour of my late father Grant and the thousands of local people living with dementia and those who love them.

In Australia today dementia is the leading cause of death among

women and third leading cause for men - this must change.

Please join me on Sunday, 22 September at Salt Water Park Long Jetty to help raise awareness and vital funds to support the work of Dementia Australia.

If you can't make it on the day but are keen to show your support become a Dementia Friend via dementiafriendly.org.au

TIME: 10am, Sunday 22 September

LOCATION: Saltwater Creek Park, Tuggerah Parade, Long Jetty (next to Liberty playground)

Choose your distance: 7km; 4km; or 1km

Remember to bring your water bottle and hat.

All welcome! Bring your family, friends, neighbours and dogs!

FIX OUR ROADS!

Dobell residents are angry that the northern areas of the Central Coast will only see \$5.7 million in roads funding from the Federal Government over the next three years.

Louise McDougall of Killarney Vale was disappointed that her street, Lucinda Avenue, was not on the list of federally-funded projects when it's been due for an upgrade since 2016.

"In May 2016 we received a letter from Wyong Council stating the road and drainage infrastructure in our area would be upgraded but we are still waiting," Ms McDougall said. "I have since put in requests to find out where the works are up to; we are paying a lot of rates for the privilege of living here but we are still waiting for our road to be fixed," she said.

Lucinda Avenue was on the list of roads that Labor intended to fund if elected in May. That list was the result of consultation with Central Coast Council to improve safety,



ease congestion and clear its maintenance backlog.

Public transport is limited on the Coast and many are dependent on their cars.

We asked locals to nominate the roads most in need of repair. Here's their list: Pacific Highway, Wyong; Central Coast Highway, Forresters Beach; Enterprise Drive, Fountaindale; Warnervale

Road; Georgina Avenue, Gorokan; Hiawatha Road, Woongarah; Lucinda Avenue, Killarney Vale; and The Corso, Toukley-Gorokan.

Of those roads, only three are listed in road renewal projects by Central Coast Council and only one, The Corso, will receive federal funding. I am calling on the Federal Government to bring forward infrastructure spending to stimulate the floundering economy by fixing our roads on the Central Coast.

This Liberal Government should fast-track urgently needed works on the Coast.

Scott Morrison needs to put safety ahead of politics and invest more money in Dobell's local roads. Find out more about the #fixourroads campaign on my facebook page.



Toukley Cenotaph upgrade expected to be completed for Remembrance Day

Cenotaph upgrade

I was pleased to support the Toukley RSL Sub-branch to secure funding for the Cenotaph.

Toukley RSL Sub-branch President, Bob Wilson, tells me works commenced in July and were expected to be completed within eight to 10 weeks.

Work will include an eternal flame, designed by local artist Leasha Craig which I am looking forward to lighting on Remembrance Day.



Emma speaking during the condolence motion for the late Bob Hawke.

From the House: Vale Bob Hawke

It was an honour to speak about former Prime Minister Bob Hawke as part of a day of commemorations on 3 July, at Parliament House.

During the condolence motion I said: "On December 14, 1986, Prime Minister Hawke officially opened the federally-funded Mooney Mooney Creek Bridge, the main road link between Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter.

"Thousands of people walked across the bridge that day. It was the biggest bridge opening in NSW since the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It was a massive celebration and ... Prime Minister Hawke conducted the band.

"He also paid our region the following compliment saying it was: 'Not just one of the most beautiful parts of Australia, but you could go just about anywhere in the world and you're not going to

find anything much more beautiful than this'."

"Bob Hawke made many memorable visits to the Central Coast but the legacy of his reforms also resonate... His reintroduction of universal public health care in the form of Medicare was one of the most significant Hawke reforms for communities like Coast. Before Medicare working families on the Coast either went without medical attention or could be forced into poverty to pay for a hospital stay.

"Bob Hawke's push to increase the number of children finishing high school was another of his reforms with far-reaching significance on the Central Coast....This focus on school retention meant that many young people on the Central Coast during the 1980s and early 1990s were the first in their families to complete high school."

FAQ - Why is the NSW Government going to make us pay to park at Wyong Hospital?

The NSW Government says it needs to start charging people to park at Wyong Hospital to cover the cost of building new car parks.

The State Member for Wyong, David Harris, and the Member for The Entrance, David Mehan, have been gathering signatures on a petition to stop paid parking at our hospital. We will continue to campaign against parking charges at Wyong Hospital. 10,000 people have already signed the petition.

To add your name to our petition to the NSW Government visit my office.

What you might pay*:

- 0 to 15 mins FREE
- 15 mins to 1 hour \$6.70
- 1 to 2 hours \$9.90
- 2 to 3 hours \$13.30
- 3 to 4 hours \$15.50
- 4 to 5 hours \$17.80
- Over 5 hours \$19.90

Maximum daily fee \$19.90

*Based on Gosford Hospital parking fees



How can I help?

- Can I help you with Centrelink, Medicare, NDIS, Taxation, Defence & Veterans Affairs, or Education and Training?
- Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary? We can organise a message for you.
- Does your school or community organisation need a flag?

PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Tell me what's important to you!

For each topic listed below, please tick a box between 1 and 5 in order of importance to you. Please add any comments or suggestions.

CREATING LOCAL JOBS AND THE STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY

Not important

1

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Very Important

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Your comment

BRINGING DOWN THE COST OF LIVING

Not important

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Very Important

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Your comment

RAISING PENSIONS

Not important

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Very Important

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Your comment

FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND TAFES

Not important

1

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Very Important

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Your comment

FUNDING LOCAL HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES

Not important

1

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Very Important

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Your comment

UPGRADING LOCAL ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Not important

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Very Important

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Your comment

PROTECTING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Not important

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Very Important

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Your comment



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS

Not important

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Very Important

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Your comment

IMPROVING THE NDIS

Not important

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Very Important

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Your comment

IS THERE ANOTHER ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO RAISE?

Your comment

IF YOU COULD FIX ONE PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Your comment

IF I COULD RAISE ONE ISSUE FOR YOU IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Your comment

YOUR DETAILS

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is important to me.

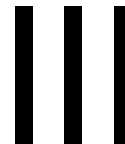
Once you've completed your survey please return it to:

**Community Survey, PO Box 3763
Tuggerah, NSW, 2259 or scan and email it to Emma.McBride.MP@aph.gov.au
Subject: community survey**

You can complete the survey online at **www.emmamcbride.com.au**

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No stamp required if posted in Australia



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