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## Dobell Community News

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### Commuter parking for Tuggerah

**A Labor Government will invest \$15 million in new carparks at Tuggerah, Gosford and Woy Woy stations, Bill Shorten announced in July.**

It was a coup for the Coast to be the first project announced under Labor's \$300 million National Park and Ride Fund, and recognises how many commuters we have and the daily challenge of finding a car park.

Labor candidate for Robertson Anne Charlton and I have been talking to Bill about this issue, and Labor has listened.

After Bill's announcement, I met with David Harris, the State Member for Wyong and Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, and Mayor of the Central Coast Jane Smith, who welcomed Labor's funding commitment.

In its operational plan for 2017-2018, the council resolved to investigate and design a multi-storey carpark at Tuggerah Station by June 2019.

A future Labor Government will work with the council to see the parking is delivered.

As well as parking, people have talked to me about the need for a lift at Tuggerah Station.

Our State MPs, Member for Wyong David Harris, Member for The Entrance David Mehan, and Member for Gosford Liesl Tesch, will continue to pressure the NSW Government to deliver the lift.

### Message from Emma

The long wait for home care packages and the age pension, the NDIS and the NBN are the main reasons people contact my office for help.

I can help individuals with their particular issues and lobby the Government to make changes where they are needed.

Importantly, I can also tell Bill Shorten and our Shadow Ministers what issues are important to you.

We are announcing policies, and we are ready for Government.

Unlike the Liberals, Labor will not increase the pension age to 70 or abolish the energy supplement.

Labor will restore the Government's cuts to hospitals and schools, abolish the cap on student places at universities, and deliver a much-needed boost to TAFE and to apprenticeships.

Labor will clamp down on dodgy labour hire companies and restore penalty rates.

Labor will introduce an NBN service guarantee that will deliver better for small business and for consumers.

Labor will stand up for workers and for those who need a hand.

**Please be in touch if I can help.**

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## TAFE is safe in Labor hands

**TAFE has always been a trusted pathway to a secure career, but it has been decimated under the Liberals and regions like ours have been hard hit.**

Labor TAFE spokesperson Senator Doug Cameron joined me in Wyong in June to spell out Labor's commitment to rebuilding TAFE and apprenticeships.

We will invest \$100 million in a Building TAFE for the Future Fund to revitalise campuses, scrap upfront fees for 100,000 students, and guarantee two-thirds of vocational education and training funding goes to TAFE.

We will ensure one in 10 jobs on Commonwealth priority projects goes to an apprentice, and provide 10,000 pre-apprentice programs for young people, and 20,000 for older workers.



## Small business, not big banks

Following the release of the Federal Budget, Shadow Minister for Finance Jim Chalmers visited Wyong's Nexus Smart Hub in May to break down the budget for businesses on the Coast.

We have 22,000 businesses on the Coast, and the vast majority are small businesses, with more than half sole traders.

Rather than giving \$80 billion to big business and the banks, Labor's focus is on tax relief for small businesses, and making sure people have the money in their pockets to support our local businesses.

## Your car, your choice – helping mechanics to help you

Shadow Minister for Competition and Productivity Andrew Leigh launched Labor's "Your Car Your Choice" policy on the Central Coast in May at Coasteer Automotive in Tuggerah Business Park.

The policy will make car manufacturers share their technical information so that vehicles can be serviced by any mechanic.

Independent mechanics outnumber dealers four to one. This policy will help them fix your car, making repairs and servicing cheaper.

No one tells you which car to buy, so why should anyone tell you where to get it serviced?







With Sharon Claydon MP and Dr Mike Freeland MP at Bupa Bateau Bay for the Senior Smiles program.

## Aged care on the agenda

I brought Labor's Medicare Taskforce chair Sharon Claydon MP and secretary Dr Mike Freeland MP to The Entrance in July for a roundtable on aged care, in particular the long wait for home care packages.

We also visited Bupa Bateau Bay to see the University of Newcastle's "Senior Smiles" oral hygiene program in action, and to join in the Wednesday "Intergenerational Playgroup".

Sharon and Mike met with members of the Central Coast Dementia Alliance, of which I am patron — a group that is doing great work to make the Coast more dementia-friendly.

Despite claiming a funding boost for aged care, the Turnbull Government has cut residential places to pay for more home care packages and it is not good enough.

This Government is letting down older Australians and it is hitting hard on the Coast, where one in five of us are over 65.

## Strong support for our hospitals



I am delighted that more than 1,000 people have already signed my petition to support public hospital funding!

A year ago we saved Wyong Hospital from privatisation — now we have to make sure Wyong Hospital, and every public hospital, is properly funded.

Labor will invest more in every public hospital — with an extra \$2.8 billion for more beds and shorter waiting lists.

Please sign the petition via [www.emmamcbride.com.au](http://www.emmamcbride.com.au)



## Calling young people aged 14-24

The mental health of young people on the Coast was the subject of a roundtable last month, which included psychologists, counsellors, support groups, schools, young people and organisations such as Lifeline, Headspace and ARAFMI.

We talked about the challenges — the lack of services and psychologists, family violence, unemployment and housing — but also about some positive projects happening in our schools and organisations.

As a pharmacist and former mental health worker, I have a strong interest in helping to improve the health and

wellbeing of our young people, and now I want to hear directly from them.

I will hold a Youth Mental Health Forum to coincide with Mental Health Month in October.

If you are aged 14 to 24 and would like to be involved, phone 4353 0127 or email me at [emma.mcbride.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:emma.mcbride.mp@aph.gov.au)



Lifeline: 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service:  
1300 659 467

Beyondblue: 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

Mens Line Australia: 1300 789 978



with DAVID HARRIS MP

with DAVID MEHAN MP

## Mobile Offices

Visit my Mobile Offices  
for help with Federal  
and State matters.

**Tuesday, Aug 28**  
**CHITTAWAY POINT**

9am-10am  
Sunshine Reserve

**WADALBA**

11am-12pm  
Outside Wadalba Coles

**WYONG**

1pm-2pm  
Wyong Neighbourhood Centre

**Wednesday, Aug 29**  
**WARNERVALE**

9am-10am  
Outside Warnies

**WATANOBBI**

11am-12pm  
Outside Watanobbi  
Community Centre

**Tuesday, Sept 4**  
**TUMBI UMBI**

9am-10am  
Jabiru Way

**Wednesday, Sept 5**  
**BATEAU BAY**

9am-10am  
Cresthaven Shopping Centre

**Thursday, Sept 6**  
**TOOWOON BAY**

9am-10am  
Swadling Park

**Friday, Sept 7**  
**THE ENTRANCE**

9am-10am  
Picnic Point Reserve

## GRANT MCBRIDE MEMORY WALK



**10am**  
**Sat 8 Sept**  
**SALTWATER**  
**CREEK PARK**  
**Tuggerah Pde**  
**Long Jetty**

**JOIN THE**  
**WALK AGAINST**  
**DEMENTIA**



## Register for my Memory Walk

**I lost my father Grant to  
younger onset dementia  
this year.**

On Saturday, September 8, I will  
hold a walk to raise money for  
Dementia Australia.

The Grant McBride Memory  
Walk, to support people living  
with dementia and those who  
care for them, will start and  
finish in Saltwater Creek Park,  
Long Jetty.

You can choose to walk, run or  
roll over 7km, 4km or 1km. You  
are encouraged to gain sponsors  
and bring the dog!

Dementia affects about 6,000  
people on the Coast, and that  
number is expected to reach  
14,000 by 2050.

Please join the walk against  
dementia on September 8.

Register via my website  
[www.emmamcbride.com.au](http://www.emmamcbride.com.au)

## How can I help?



- Do you need assistance with Centrelink, Medicare, NDIS, NBN, Taxation, Defence & Veterans Affairs, Education & Training?
- Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary?
- Does your school or community organisation need a flag?

PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE