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THANK YOU WOLLONGONG
for working together

**It's been a tough year, but we're not in the clear yet.
 Feeling unwell? Get tested.**

REMEMBER TO KEEP COVID SAFE:

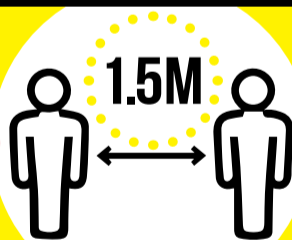
- ▶ Wash your hands regularly;
- ▶ Practice social distancing; and
- ▶ If you have a cough, fever, sore throat or shortness of breath, get tested and self isolate.



Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap

GOOD HYGIENE CAN PREVENT INFECTION

Distance yourself 1.5 metres from others



The bushfires hit our neighbours on the South Coast, the COVID-19 virus pandemic has shutdown businesses, impacted on jobs, effected our schools and forced us to isolate from family and friends.

By following the health advice, practicing physical distancing, and doing simple things like regularly washing of hands, we have managed to keep the virus under control in Wollongong so far.

“Although we have all felt the stresses and uncertainty of the last few months, I want to thank everyone in Wollongong for working together during this crisis.”

Remember there is a COVID-19 testing clinic at Wollongong Hospital, back of Lawson House on Loftus Street, open from 8.30am to 5pm, seven days a week. No referral or appointment is necessary. Results are notified to patients as quickly as possible, usually within hours.

Labor launches NSW Made campaign

Each year the NSW Government spends over \$34 billion on buying goods and services.

Unfortunately, over the last 10 years the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government have used this money to buy things from overseas rather than those made here.

The Government has bought ferries made in China and Indonesia; buses from Malaysia; trains from South Korea; Metro carriages from India and light rail from France and Spain.

The Government even imported steel to build the International Convention Centre in Sydney, while we make steel right here in Port Kembla.

NSW Labor will introduce legislation into Parliament to boost local jobs by making sure local businesses are given priority on major taxpayer funded projects including roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and renewable energy projects.

In NSW we mine our natural resources, ship them overseas and then import a finished product back at a higher price – when we know that we can do better and support jobs throughout NSW.

**NSW MADE:
SUPPORTING
LOCAL
JOBS**



It's time the Government supported local jobs and local businesses by buying NSW MADE goods and services.

“Work from Wollongong” plan

Every weekday more than 20,000 people leave Wollongong for work, when improvements in technology, tested during the COVID pandemic, shows that many of them don't have to.



**STATE
OFFICE BLOCK
WOLLONGONG**

“I've called on the Government to provide space in Wollongong that would allow public sector workers to work locally on some days instead of commuting daily to Sydney.”

More people working from Wollongong will benefit those workers who won't be forced to commute as well as increasing local retail and hospitality spending, further supporting local jobs when we need it most.

The last few months show that working remotely is possible and is actually preferred by many workers.

Many employers are seeing the benefits too.

Many local public sector workers who travelled by car or train into Sydney every day have been directed or encouraged to work from home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This should now be a permanent choice for locally-based non-frontline public sector workers.

This “Work from Wollongong” plan would also set an example for the private sector.

This would take the pressure off congested roads and public transport, take the pressure off families and provide a local economic boost.

Making the journey to school safer

Improving footpaths, pedestrian and school crossings and more crossing supervisors topped the list of suggestions that would help make walking and riding to school safer according to my Wollongong School Safety Survey.

“I was very pleased to receive nearly 300 responses from parents, carers, school children and school staff during Term 1.”

A top priority was improvements to crossings and more supervisors by 28 per cent of respondents, followed by better driver behaviour around schools by 11 percent of respondents and upgrading footpaths by another 10 percent of those surveyed.

I have now discussed the safer school suggestions from the survey



with Wollongong City Council as well as Transport for NSW, the Department of Education and local Police. Together we are working on ways to make improvements.

You can check out the Wollongong School Safety Survey online at www.paulscullymp.com.au or by contacting my office on 4226 5700.

Sports grants announced

Local sporting groups in the area have been awarded a share of \$60,000 of funding under the 2019-20 Local Sport Grant Program.



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Tennis, netball, swimming, cycling, football, baseball, rugby league and surf lifesaving clubs round out the recipients of the sporting grants aimed at improving infrastructure and purchasing new equipment to help attract and retain players.

SPORTING CLUBS SHARING IN THE FUNDING INCLUDED:

- ▶ Unanderra Tennis Club (\$13,000),
- ▶ Port Kembla Football Club (\$7,503),
- ▶ Berkeley Netball Club (\$4,500),
- ▶ Wests Aquatic Swim Club (\$5,000),
- ▶ Windang Surf Club (\$3,878),
- ▶ Illawarra Cycle Club, (\$4,400),
- ▶ Port Kembla Amateur Swimming Club (\$4,450),
- ▶ Illawarra District Table Tennis Association (\$1,600),
- ▶ Pirates Junior Baseball Club (\$4,635),
- ▶ Greater Southern Region Rugby League (\$6,534), and
- ▶ Port Kembla Sailing Club (\$4,499).

I encourage the clubs to shop locally wherever possible to buy equipment and other items funded by these grants.

This year's funding is all the more important so we can help boost local businesses and help support local jobs.

Unanderra Station Update



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Transport for NSW has reported on the community consultations following the release of the concept design to upgrade Unanderra Station, including building its much-needed lifts.

KEY THEMES FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS INCLUDED:

- ▶ support for the upgrade project
- ▶ consideration of canopies on the footbridge
- ▶ questions around additional commuter parking

- ▶ consideration of CCTV and lighting
- ▶ consideration of additional Opal card readers.

Now that consultations have been completed, the project moves to the next stages of final planning approvals, funding allocation and the award of the contract to deliver the upgrade.

Construction work is still expected to start in mid-2021 and the lifts should be ready to use in 2022.

I thank everyone who provided their comments so we can make sure we get this long-awaited upgrade spot on.

HERE TO HELP

Paul Scully MP, Your State Member for Wollongong

If I can help with any State Government matters please call my office on **(02) 4226 5700** or send an email to wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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