

# PAUL SCULLY'S WOLLONGONG

# WRAP UP



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## Free Gong Shuttle saved!

Thanks to you Wollongong, together we have saved the Gong Shuttle.



We signed petitions and held a public rally in the Wollongong Mall, to tell the Berejiklian Government just what we all thought of its plan to introduce Opal fares on the free Gong Shuttle service.

After months of hard work and negotiations, an agreement has finally been reached where the Gong Shuttle will remain free and continue to operate 7 days a week on its existing routes, which includes stops at the University of Wollongong, Innovation Campus, Wollongong CBD and Wollongong Hospital.

There will be minor changes to the timetable on Sundays and public holidays. On these days, Gong Shuttle services will run between 9.40am and 5.20pm, instead of starting at 8am and finishing at 6pm. Buses will continue to run every 20 minutes.

The agreement between Transport for NSW, the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council makes sure that the Gong Shuttle service remains free.



## Does the NSW Government have some of your money?

There's more than \$380 million of your money, waiting to be claimed from deceased estates, dividends, bonds and overpayments, according to Revenue NSW.

So what are you waiting for?

Go to [www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/ucm/search](http://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/ucm/search) to see if any of the unclaimed money is yours.

And if you haven't already got your greenslip refund, don't forget to claim it online at

[www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/claim-ctp-green-slip-refund](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/claim-ctp-green-slip-refund) or at the Wollongong or Warrawong Service NSW offices.

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# Three simple steps to help ease train overcrowding

## Passenger demand on the South Coast Line has increased by 15% over the last 12 months

Commuters are crammed into carriages and on peak afternoon services from Central to Wollongong, it is simply impossible to find a seat.

Passengers are forced to stand for long distances, sit on train toilets and in some cases people even bring their own portable chairs. It's just not good enough.

The Berejiklian Government says we need to wait until the new intercity fleet is delivered before overcrowding can be addressed. Recently the Government admitted for the first time that the new intercity fleet won't be available for South Coast Line services until at least 2021, and it looks like there will be less seats too.

We need to keep up the pressure on the Berejiklian Government to address overcrowding on our trains.



**I HAVE PROPOSED AN IMMEDIATE THREE STEP PLAN TO THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IF IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY, CAN HELP EASE OVERCROWDING NOW:**

- ▶ Always announce the pick-up only condition at Central Station prior to departure and at each pick-up only station;
- ▶ Provide additional station staff at pick-up stations to remind passengers that the station is a pick-up only station, especially for the 3.24pm and 3.54pm services from Central Station; and
- ▶ Commit to redeploy carriages from the existing Central Coast and Newcastle Line services to the South Coast Line, immediately upon the introduction of the new intercity fleet in 2019.

# NSW Budget disappointment for Wollongong



Despite handing the Berejiklian Government \$52 million in stamp duty in the 9 months between 1 April 2017 and 31 January 2018, the budget provided very little to the third largest city in New South Wales.

The 2018-19 NSW Budget actually spends less in Wollongong than any of the previous budgets under the Berejiklian Government over the last seven years.

The budget is complacent about the future of New South Wales' third largest city.

And the Treasurer still refuses to even step foot in Wollongong.

In contrast, NSW Labor has outlined a \$225 million Illawarra Jobs Action Plan, which will build on Wollongong's strengths and invest in its future.

Under **NSW Labor's Illawarra Jobs Action Plan**, Wollongong will finally attract the investment needed to upgrade road and rail transport links with south-west Sydney, create jobs, increase business opportunities, and give the people of Wollongong a fair share from the taxes they pay.



# New LNG plant at Port Kembla

**Recently a private consortium announced that Port Kembla had been chosen as the site for the development of a new liquified natural gas facility.**

The decision is a boost of confidence in the growth potential of the Port of Port Kembla.

This new investment is worth between \$200-\$300 million, will create jobs, and will help reduce energy prices for the Illawarra's industries and households, supporting even more jobs.

The Port of Port Kembla is a key regional asset for Wollongong and is already the largest vehicle import facility in NSW. The Port supports more than 5,200 jobs in the region.

Through the approval process, we need to be sure that the project meets all environmental and safety standards.

This adds to the need to complete the Maldon-Dombarton rail link – a key infrastructure project – linking the Port of Port Kembla to the third largest economy in NSW: south-west Sydney.

**NSW Labor has committed \$50 million in funding to help progress the completion of the Maldon-Dombarton project in cooperation with the private sector.**



**Wollongong MP, Paul Scully with Deputy NSW Labor Leader, Michael Daley MP, and Shadow Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, Adam Searle MLC at Port Kembla boat ramp.**

## Needed: Consistent definition for Wollongong

**NSW Labor will put an end to the Wollongong funding lock-out by developing and using a consistent definition of Wollongong and other major centres outside of Sydney.**

Over nearly eight years, the Berejiklian Government has excluded Wollongong, Newcastle and other major centres from some funding programs.

We are included in some funding programs by being defined as part of 'metropolitan' Sydney, forced to compete against the might of Sydney and Western Sydney – unsuccessfully.

At other times we are regional and on other occasions we have been left out altogether.

I've proposed that a third funding category for funding programs should be introduced which recognises the relative size of major centres like Wollongong and Newcastle compared to smaller regional and rural areas, and in comparison to the size of greater Sydney.

**A consistent definition for Wollongong is required and I'm pleased that under NSW Labor, we'll start getting a fair go.**

# 2018 Local Sport Grant Funding

## APPLICATIONS OPEN

**Local sporting grants are available annually for local sporting organisations to help reduce barriers to participation in sport and encourage people to get involved in their local community sporting clubs and events.**

The program aims to promote on-going participation in local sporting groups, as well as assisting clubs in providing quality services to their members and the community.

Applications for funding are now open and will close on Friday, 24 August 2018.

Before applying, applicants must read the program guidelines to check that both their organisation and proposed project are eligible for funding.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS ONLINE AT: [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport)**



Paul Scully with the Junior Stingrays.



## Show your support for Unanderra Station lifts



**The Berejiklian Government didn't lift its game and fund lifts for Unanderra Station in its last budget but you can show your support for the lifts by joining the "Bridge the Bridge" walk on Saturday, 28 July 2018.**

The "Bridge the Bridge" community walk will take place to coincide with the official opening of the Nan Tien Temple's Bridge.

The walk will start at Unanderra Station at 9.30am (registration from 9am) and end at the NanTien Temple Bridge opening ceremony on the Temple grounds.

Show your support for getting access to Unanderra Station for everyone by joining this community walk.

**"I will be joining in because I am determined to see lifts built at Unanderra Station."**

### HERE TO HELP

**Paul Scully MP, Your State Member for Wollongong**

If I can help with any State Government matters please call my office

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