

## PAUL SCULLY'S WOLLONGONG

## WRAP UP



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## Unanderra & Towradgi stations get funding lift-off

**Unanderra and Towradgi Stations have received funding allocations in the 2020-21 NSW Budget, delivered in November last year.**

During the 2016 Wollongong by-election I said that I was determined to secure funding to finally upgrade Unanderra and I have delivered on my pledge with the first \$2.6 million of funding secured towards to the project.

It has been a very long fight by the local communities at Unanderra and its surrounding suburbs, to have the Unanderra Station upgraded and lifts built.

**Years of protests, public rallies, letter-writing, petitions and meetings have finally paid off.**

I want to particularly thank the Unanderra Access Group, disability groups and our local community from all over the Illawarra, for strongly supporting my persistent efforts to convince the Government that upgrading Unanderra Station needed to be done.

With the funding allocated for the Stations, work on the upgrade and building the new lifts is expected to start by mid-2021. The lifts should be ready to use in 2022.

### THE UNANDERRA STATION UPGRADE WILL INCLUDE:

- ✔ three new lifts to connect Berkeley Road (east), Berkeley Road (west) and the station platform to the existing footbridge
- ✔ upgrades to kiss and ride on Berkeley Road (east and west) including seating and improved access paths
- ✔ improvements to three existing accessible parking spaces on Berkeley Road (west) widening of the existing footpath on Berkeley Road (west)
- ✔ new handrails and treads on all stairs
- ✔ additional lighting and CCTV.



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF UNANDERRA STATION

### TOWRADGI STATION WILL ALSO BE UPGRADED AND INCLUDE:

- ✔ a new footbridge over the rail corridor connecting the platforms of Towradgi Station
- ✔ two new lifts which will have three stops including platform level, road/pedestrian level and footbridge level
- ✔ new footpaths to connect Towradgi Road and Weber Crescent to the station and the new footbridge, as well as footpaths to the new accessible car spaces and kiss and ride
- ✔ two accessible parking spaces and a kiss and ride zone on Weber Crescent
- ✔ new stairs on either side of the footbridge
- ✔ replacement of the existing station toilet with a new family accessible toilet
- ✔ replacement of platform shelters
- ✔ minor upgrading and widening of the station platforms
- ✔ ancillary upgrades such as upgrades to CCTV and lighting, handrails, drainage works, landscaping, wayfinding and signage.
- ✔ construction of a new station services equipment room adjacent to Weber Crescent.



# Illawarra declared a renewable energy zone

The New South Wales Parliament passed the *Electricity Infrastructure Bill 2020* in November.

NSW Labor successfully put Australian-made, locally produced Illawarra steel at the heart of the state's electricity infrastructure future after intense negotiations with the NSW Government.

More than 650,000 tonnes of steel will be needed to deliver electricity infrastructure in these new Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) across the state. I was also able to have the Illawarra region declared as one of those REZs.

This means that the Illawarra and steel, and other components produced locally, will be central to addressing climate change in NSW.

Thanks to NSW Labor amendments, a NSW Renewable Energy Sector Board will be established, which will include steel manufacturing and fabrication representatives as well as trade union representatives.

Its primary role will be to design the framework for the procurement, manufacture and construction of electricity infrastructure – generation, transmission, and storage – maximising locally produced and supplied goods and services, including Illawarra produced steel.

NSW Labor amendments, also agreed to by the NSW Government, will establish an Electricity Infrastructure Jobs Advocate whose primary role will be to work with the Illawarra, Hunter



and other regions to develop strategies and incentives to encourage investment, workplace development, employment, training, education and business development opportunities.

The Jobs Advocate will also provide advice on the road, rail and port infrastructure required in the regions to promote electricity generation, storage and network technologies.

I am pleased to have played a central role, as the Member for Wollongong and Labor's Shadow Minister for Natural Resources, in the intense negotiations with the NSW Government, which has led the way to making sure it is LAW to use Illawarra produced steel in one of the biggest electricity infrastructure investments we have seen.

I am enormously proud of the region I represent in the NSW Parliament. It makes the best steel in the country and I want to see it used in every wind and solar farm, pumped-hydro,

hydrogen facilities and pipelines across New South Wales. At the moment much of the steel used in these projects is imported.

The multi-party support for NSW Labor's amendments to this legislation show that traditional industries – like the steel and coking coal industry and their workforces – with the renewables industry, can and must work together to take action on climate change.

The declaration of the Illawarra as a Renewable Energy Zone will also support the investment attraction, industry development and development of other technologies such as hydrogen, which will help to power our local, state and national economy into the future.

**Together we can build the electricity infrastructure necessary to deliver renewable energy to every household and business in the state; supporting existing jobs, and creating other well-paid job opportunities.**



# Wollongong electorate community and sport groups share in \$300,000 funding

The community group which provided food and care packages to the stranded crew of the Ruby Princess early last year is one of the big winners to share in the Wollongong electorate's \$300,000 Community Building Partnership (CBP) grants program for 2020.

The Mission to Seafarers at Port Kembla has been awarded \$13,000 to improve air conditioning and stormwater drainage at its facility on Darcy Road.

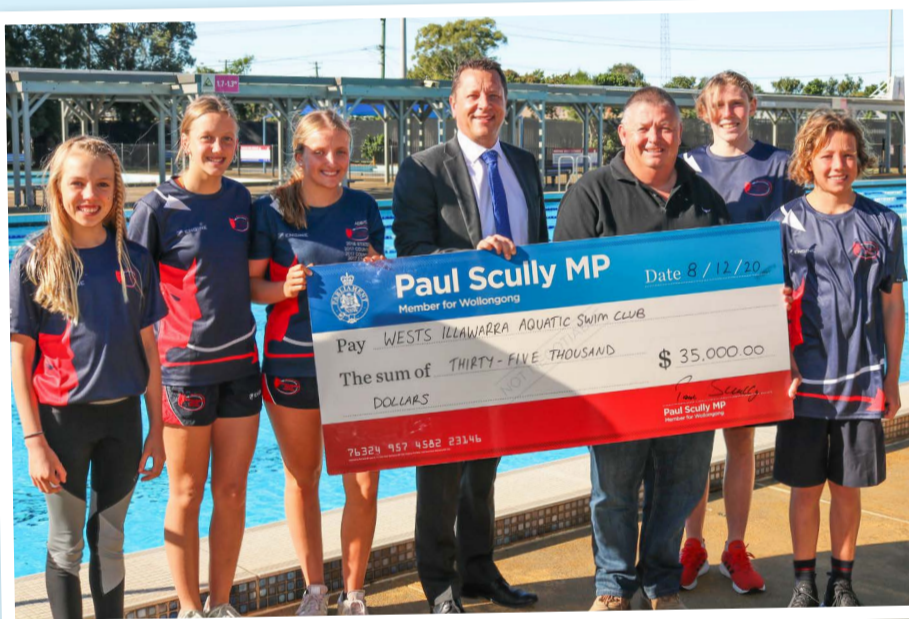
One of the best parts of my role as a local MP is working with local community and sporting groups to bring life to long-held dreams of local projects.

So many of our local community and sporting groups spend so much valuable time organising raffles and sausage

sizzles to raise funds for projects, which could take years for them to achieve.

I'm very pleased to be able to provide a boost to their incredible fundraising efforts with grants to local sporting and community groups across the Wollongong electorate.

The Community Building Partnership Program was first established by a NSW Labor Government in 2010.



## SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

- ✔ **Wests Illawarra Aquatic Swim Club** for replacement of starting platforms at Western Suburbs Swimming Pool **\$35,000**
- ✔ **Port Kembla Cricket Association** for bowling machine replacement and super sopper **\$6,748**
- ✔ **Australian Foundation for Disability** Sensory Room makeover and ceiling hoist for Wollongong Community Hub **\$12,636**
- ✔ **The Flagstaff Group Ltd** for lawn maintenance crew **\$7,687**
- ✔ **Illawarra Symphony Orchestra Pty Ltd** **\$8,946**
- ✔ **Australian Philippine Association Illawarra Inc.** to replace computer **\$4,000**
- ✔ **Project Contemporary Artspace** for gallery lights **\$10,050**
- ✔ **Wollongong City Surf Life Saving Club Inc.** for a patrol ATV **\$7,500**
- ✔ **Wollongong City Council** for Wiseman Park Playground upgrade **\$20,000**
- ✔ **Greenacres Disability Services** for security fencing to Community Life and Leisure Facility **\$7,979**
- ✔ **Illawarra Sports Stadium Ltd** for reducing carbon footprint for Illawarra Sports Stadium **\$35,000**
- ✔ **George Cross Falcons Community Centre Inc.** for special needs toilet **\$25,000**
- ✔ **Noah's Inclusion Services** for building an inclusive and dynamic therapy space in the Illawarra **\$7,447**
- ✔ **Wollongong Emergency Family Housing Inc. Hub** for basement conversion/ enhancement **\$18,513**
- ✔ **Towradgi Surf Life Saving Club Inc.** for installation of new solar power system **\$10,896**
- ✔ **The Mission to Seafarers Port Kembla Inc.** for air conditioning project and stormwater drainage **\$13,000**
- ✔ **Multicultural Aged Care Illawarra** for elders walking track **\$11,000**
- ✔ **Fernhill Junior Soccer Club** for BBQ upgrade **\$10,000**
- ✔ **St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Wollongong** for Solar project **\$12,098**
- ✔ **The Phoenix Theatre Inc.** for first impressions project **\$16,500**
- ✔ **Wollongong City Council** for Cringila Hills Shelter **\$20,000**



# ‘Work from Wollongong’

**PLAN ON THE WAY**

**NSW public servants living in Wollongong will be able to work locally more often as the NSW Government has agreed to implement a proposal based on my ‘Work from Wollongong’ plan.**



In May last year I suggested the Government examine whether space at the Wollongong State Office Block in Crown Street, or leasing another location, could be an option for public service workers to work locally periodically instead of commuting to Sydney CBD on a daily basis, as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

The Government has confirmed that my idea would be implemented as part of its ‘NSW Touchdown Office Network’. The response to the COVID-19 pandemic has provided an opportunity to re-think many things and the way we work must be high on that agenda.

My ‘Work from Wollongong’ strategy benefits public sector workers who won’t have to commute regularly and it will reduce escape spending to Sydney while helping the local economy in Wollongong – supporting other local jobs.

It also demonstrates to the private sector that it is viable to work from Wollongong. The point I’ve made to the Government is that working at a city location for public servants doesn’t necessarily mean it has to be in the Sydney CBD – it can also be in the Wollongong CBD.

**I’m pleased the Minister has seen merit in my proposal and I look forward to working with her to implement my ‘Work from Wollongong’ plan as part of the NSW Touchdown Office Network.**

## Lake Illawarra jetties to reopen for summer

**I have been able to secure \$3.8 million to have a number of the jetties on Lake Illawarra repaired and re-opened to the public, including the ones on King Street, Warrawong.**

Lake Illawarra is a great natural asset and I look forward to seeing people use the Lake’s jetties again as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who supported my campaign to have our jetties repaired & re-opened.



### Lake’s jetties up for repair

*Illawarra Mercury, 02/10/20*

### Warrawong jetty to reopen after repair

*Illawarra Mercury, 12/02/21*

**I INSISTED THE MINISTER VISIT TO SEE THE PROBLEMS FIRST HAND.**

**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](mailto:wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

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