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COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Minns Labor Government's long-term plan to fix the NSW Economy



Confront the **housing crisis** facing NSW.



Rebuild **essential services** after 12 years of neglect.



Help with **cost-of-living** pressures.



Pay down the previous **Liberal Government's debt** after wasteful spending and mismanagement of the State's finances.



Ensure we have reliable, **renewable energy** after a decade of inaction and indecision.

Dear Resident,

My Government understands that people in NSW are doing it tough right now and it's becoming increasingly difficult for families to make ends meet.

We hear your concerns and are working hard to find ways to help.

When we were elected in March, we committed to the people of NSW that we would end the previous Government's wasteful spending and direct it to where people need it most.

We have a long-term plan to repair, reprioritise and rebuild the NSW economy.

In our first budget we have laid the foundation for a better, more secure future for NSW in three key ways:

- **Rebuilding our essential health and education services by addressing the recruitment and retention crisis in our schools and hospitals;**
- **Confronting the housing affordability crisis by reducing red tape to build more new homes, providing immediate support for renters and first-home buyers; and**
- **Supporting households with energy bill relief and starting the long-term reform of our energy market to put downward pressure on prices into the future.**

We are a Government with a clear focus on managing our finances responsibly so we can provide support when you need it most and improve the essential services that we all rely on, now and into the future.

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PAUL SCULLY MP DELIVERING FOR WOLLONGONG

- 1 **Wollongong Hospital upgrades**
 \$7.85 million to purchase a new CT scanner & MRI machine for Wollongong Hospital. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 2 **Wollongong Hospital upgrades**
 \$2 million to improve radiation treatment services for cancer patients. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 3 **Wollongong Hospital upgrades**
 \$12 million for detailed planning and design work for the future redevelopment of Wollongong Hospital. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 4 **Warrawong Community Health Centre**
 \$20 million of funding towards Warrawong Community Health Centre. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 5 **Entry and exit ramps M1 Motorway Dapto**
 \$10 million to commence planning for entry and exit ramps on the M1 Princes Motorway Dapto. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 6 **Saving King St land from sale**
 Stopping the sale of public land at King Street in Warrawong. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 7 **Securing energy supply**
 Establishing the Energy Security Corporation to drive investment in stable and affordable renewable energy. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 8 **Investing in healthcare workers**
 Committing \$2.5 billion to recruit and retain health workers. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 9 **Making teachers permanent**
 Making more than 200 teachers and support staff permanent in local schools. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 10 **Fee relief for childcare**
 Provides \$500 of fee relief per child for 3-year-olds in Long Day Care settings. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 11 **Public sector wage rise**
 Provides wage rises for an estimated 10,250 public employees. ✓ UNDERWAY
- 12 **Cost of living energy relief**
 Offers energy bill relief to an estimated 13,020 eligible households. ✓ UNDERWAY

Electorate of Wollongong



New Ambulance Station at Fairy Meadow



Construction is now underway on a new state-of-the-art ambulance station, which will be co-located on at the University of Wollongong's Innovation Campus in Fairy Meadow. The station will feature internal parking for up to five emergency ambulance vehicles, a wash bay, administration and office areas, staff rest facilities, logistics and storage spaces. The new Fairy Meadow Ambulance Station is expected to be completed in early 2024, to provide additional services to the city's northern suburbs.

Kanahooka Boat Ramp & Dix's Wharf



Kanahooka boat ramp jetties and Dix's Wharf at Lake Heights have finally been repaired and re-opened to the public. The upgrades have bought these jetties to modern standards with the replacement of the timber decks with non-slip mesh at Kanahooka and the construction of a new garden and green space at Dix's Wharf. Once again, residents and visitors in the Illawarra will be able to access these facilities and take advantage of the wonderful Lake Illawarra.

Warrawong Community Health Centre

Plans are progressing for the new Warrawong Community Health Centre to be built on the grounds of the Port Kembla Hospital. The new Warrawong Community Health Centre will bring together a range of services including community mental health, drug and alcohol, community nursing and child and family services, all working together to provide services in one purpose-built facility. This adds to a dedicated commitment to improve local health services for our region. Plans are expected to be lodged later this year with construction planned to start in 2024.

Berkeley Sports Club lighting upgrades

Recently the Berkeley Sports Club completed their lighting upgrades with funding from the NSW Government's Female Friendly Community Sports Facilities and Lighting Upgrade Fund in conjunction with money from the club itself and Wollongong City Council. Women's sporting teams, along with other grassroots sports, will be able to undertake late night training and competition games – something they were unable to do previously across winter months.

Metro Wollongong Health Precinct

By 2030 it is expected that there will be more than 30,000 additional hospital admissions across the Illawarra, so Wollongong Hospital will have to expand its footprint. The Department of Planning and Environment will be developing the Metro Wollongong Health Precinct Strategy, which will help to identify ways to improve access to Wollongong Hospital, to nearby medical facilities and better connect the health precinct with public transport and the CBD. The plan will also incorporate options for health worker housing. Community feedback and ideas will be sought later this year.



Community Noticeboard

Unanderra Station lifts delivered!

It took much longer than it should have but in June lifts were finally opened at Unanderra Station – ending the 72 step struggle to the platform forever!

One of the reasons I stood for election, and my first pledge, was to improve access to Unanderra Station so that everyone could get on a train at their local station.

Since my election I have campaigned alongside Rebecca Schmidt-Lachlan, Richard Kramer, the Unanderra Station Access Group, local unions, community groups and businesses to get lifts built.

I raised the lack of access for people with disability, the aged, people with mobility problems or people with strollers or bags multiple times on the floor of Parliament, in the media and with three different Premiers.

Together the community rallied, and time and time again called out the previous government for prioritising stations with far fewer passengers over the needs of our own.

And together we made enough noise for the previous Government to cave and fund the station upgrade.

Today when people arrive at Unanderra Station, they are greeted by a new modern pedestrian footbridge, three lifts to the platform and improved lighting and security.

What you won't find is the old footbridge – it is gone, never to return.

Thank you to everyone who, over more than a decade of campaigning signed a petition, attended a rally or wrote a letter supporting the lifts – we would not have achieved this without working together.



ALWAYS HERE TO HELP



If I can help with any State Government matter please contact me at my office on (02) 4226 5700 or email at wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au

