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Building Our Community Together

One of the best things about my role is helping local community volunteer groups see their dreams come true.

Every day there are groups of volunteers involved in a wide range of community organisations doing their bit to help make our communities better places to live. Many groups have big plans for projects and spend a lot of their time fundraising. Sometimes it takes years to build up enough money to get projects off the ground.

The Community Building Partnership (CBP) program, first delivered by a Labor Government in 2010, provides each state electorate with up to \$300,000 to help local communities. The CBP is a very popular program and each year there are many more applications than there are total funds.

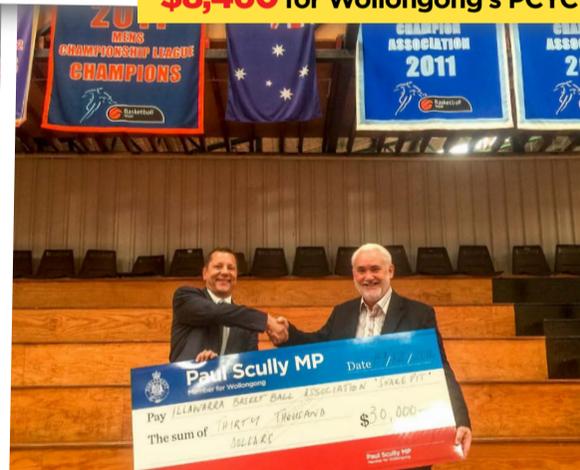
As your local MP, I try to spread the amount of funding available under the CBP to as many of our local community groups, so as many projects as possible have an opportunity to share in the funding available.

I recently announced successful CBP projects for 2016. Projects are underway right now and must meet strict deadlines for completion so community groups can enjoy the benefits of each project as quickly as possible. CBP funding for 2017 are expected to open again later this year.

I encourage volunteer, not-for-profit community groups based in the Wollongong electorate to start thinking about possible projects to apply for. Feel free to contact me on 4226 5700 for more information.



\$8,460 for Wollongong's PCYC



\$30,000 for Illawarra Basketball Assoc. Ltd



\$27,500 for Community Gateway Wollongong Hub

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	\$ AMOUNT
Wollongong City Council	Wollongong Seniors Kitchen McKinnon Park Sportsfield lighting	\$30,000 \$18,000
Illawarra Live Steamers Co-op Ltd	Purchase two fabricated metal awnings	\$7,000
Wollongong West Street Centre Inc	Improving outdoor spaces – taking therapy into the sunshine	\$10,135
Life Education NSW Ltd	Mobile learning centre touch screen supporting children with learning challenges	\$7,906
Illawarra Sports Stadium	Storeroom construction Improved community access	\$10,000 \$3,000
Collegians Rugby League Football Club	Sporting field lighting J. J. Kelly Park	\$40,000
Illawarra Basketball Association Ltd	Better facilities to enhance basketball quality & participation	\$30,000
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd	Replace and upgrade of lighting at PCYC Wollongong	\$8,460
George Cross Falcons Community Centre Inc	Install a new industrial oven	\$9,000
Towradgi Public School P&C Association	Softfall for Safety (Part 2)	\$20,000
Wollongong Saints Women's AFL Club	Thomas Dalton Park AFL field goal posts and fencing	\$18,871
Surf Life Saving Illawarra Inc	Rescue Water Craft upgrade and trailer	\$19,500
Community Gateway Incorporated	Community Gateway Wollongong Hub improvements to disability access	\$27,500
The Shepherd Centre for Deaf Children	Renovations for the Shepherd Centre	\$20,000
The Scout Association of Australia, NSW	Refurbishment of kitchen at Lake Heights Community Hall	\$10,000
Flagstaff	Facility improvements to build independence skills for people with disability	\$10,628

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Unanderra Station lifts are about fairness

I am determined to see the Unanderra Station lifts built – our community has waited too long. Providing the lifts is now simply about fairness.



In March, in one of my first acts as your local MP in the Legislative Assembly, I moved a Notice of Motion calling on the NSW Government to stop playing politics on this important issue.

Last December a Parliamentary Committee, on which the NSW Government has a majority membership published a report which found that a “lack of access to bus stops and train stations can stop seniors and people with a disability from using public transport.”

The Unanderra Access Group, the Illawarra Disability Alliance (IDA) and many others have been making the very same points for years.

Following a Freedom of Information (Fol) request it is now clear that decisions on the upgrade of Unanderra Station are politically based.

Fol documents show that under Transport Access Program (TAP) criteria, Unanderra Station has been ranked higher than other similar stations across NSW for upgrades. Yet other stations have been upgraded while Unanderra Station still waits.

I recently started gathering petition signatures from the residents of Unanderra, Berkeley, Farmborough Heights, Cordeaux Heights and Figtree to put added pressure on the Government to see sense and deliver the lifts at Unanderra Station. I appreciate the strong support of so many in our community who want to see our elderly, mothers with prams, and people with a disability treated fairly.

YOU CAN SIGN THE PETITION
by contacting me on
4226 5700 OR sign online at
paulscullymp.com.au/campaigns/unanderra-station-lifts/

NSW Labor's policy is to provide up to \$25 million to build the lifts in the first budget of a NSW Labor Government. It's time that Premier Berejiklian and Transport Minister Constance matched this commitment in the June Budget.

The only people standing between our community and access for everyone at Unanderra station are the Premier and the Minister for Transport.

Labor moves to secure NSW Steel Industry



NSW Labor has introduced an historic Private Members Bill into the Legislative Assembly, which would secure the sustainability of the local steel industry and steel jobs. The Securing NSW Steel Industry Bill 2017 will:

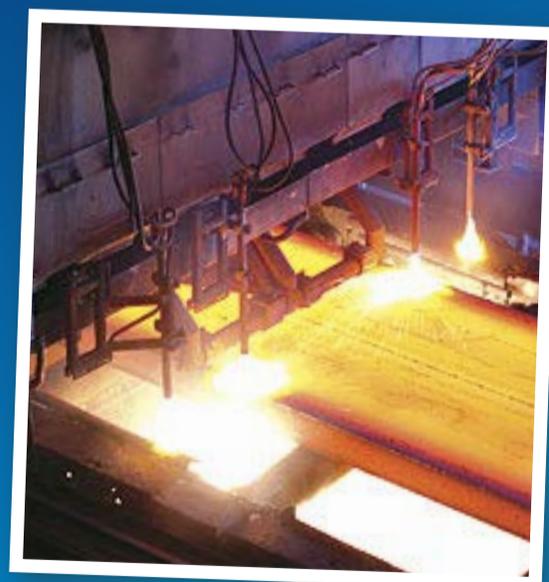
- ▶ Mandate the use of at least 90 per cent Australian-made steel in all publicly funded infrastructure across NSW;
- ▶ Establish a NSW Steel Industry Advocate to certify the use of Australian-made steel and monitor compliance, and;
- ▶ Locate the NSW Steel Industry Advocate in the Illawarra.

Two years ago the future of steel-making in the Illawarra was under direct threat as BlueScope Steel management considered the closure of the Port Kembla steel works.

Had management made that decision, the impact on our community would have been widespread and devastating.

Up to 10,000 jobs would have been lost and \$3 billion each year wiped off the value of the Illawarra's local economy. Steel production is still facing challenging times. Workers and unions made very tough decisions to save as many jobs as possible in the steel industry in the Illawarra in October 2015.

The steel industry in the Illawarra needs as



much help as possible to stay competitive and sustainable. Labor Governments have always provided a helping hand to the steel industry since it was restructured in the 1980s. In the Securing NSW Steel Industry Bill 2017, NSW Labor is showing its strong support once again for one of the Illawarra's most important foundation industries and the thousands of local jobs which rely on its continuing success.

LABOR'S PLANS FOR ILLAWARRA JOBS

NSW Labor will invest in the Illawarra's future to help create more jobs in the region.

Labor pledges to move public sector jobs to Wollongong to create employment

Illawarra Mercury, 26.10.2016

The Illawarra is already a major contributor to the State and Australian economy delivering \$16.2 billion of value every year. Over the last thirty years, the Illawarra's economy has diversified and become a major player in manufacturing, education services, information technology, health, human services and tourism.

In the years ahead, the Illawarra must be ready to take advantage of new opportunities to create new jobs. Labor's Illawarra Jobs Action Plan outlines our approach to securing the future of Wollongong and creating more local job opportunities to strengthen our local economy through smart investments in our people and infrastructure.

LABOR'S ILLAWARRA JOBS ACTION PLAN REPRESENTS A \$230 MILLION INVESTMENT IN:

- ✓ Connections with South-West Sydney by linking the Illawarra with the new Second Sydney Airport by **upgrading the Appin Road and getting the**

Maldon-Dombarton rail link completed;

- ✓ **Upgrading the WIN Entertainment Centre;**
- ✓ Moving more than 200 jobs to Wollongong by **relocating Liquor and Gaming NSW;**
- ✓ **Upgrading the Mt Keira Summit Park;**
- ✓ Establishing new opportunities for innovation by **investing in an iMake Maker Space** at the Innovation Campus of the University of Wollongong; and;
- ✓ **Building a new Masters & Springhill Road Interchange** improving free traffic flow into Wollongong CBD and access to the Port of Port Kembla and BlueScope Steel.



Sporting groups big winners in \$50,000 grants



Sport plays a major part in our community and I was recently pleased to announce that nine local sporting groups shared in nearly \$50,000 funding under the Local Sports Grants Program.

Funding will help sporting groups deliver a range of projects in the fields of football, tennis, rugby league, rugby union, athletics, cycling and surf life-saving.

As your local MP, I've tried to support as many sporting codes and local organisations in the Wollongong electorate as possible. I'm so pleased that all of the sporting groups successful in this funding are widely respected grassroots organisations who serve their sporting community well.



Paul Scully with representatives of the Illawarra Cycle Club

Wollongong schools get flashing lights upgrade



Mt St Thomas Public School and St Brigid's Primary School at Gwynneville have benefited from the upgrade of flashing sign lights to improve safety within school zones.



Paul Scully standing under the new flashing lights at Mt St Thomas Public School

Nothing is more important than the safety of children and pedestrians near our local schools. Flashing lights are more effective in warning motorists that they are approaching a school zone and they should reduce their speed and be very careful.

Long wait for school maintenance **UNACCEPTABLE**

Decades to fix schools: MP Illawarra Mercury, 18.02.2017



Hundreds of schools across the state are facing a long wait for essential maintenance due to a lack of investment by the NSW Government.

In the Wollongong electorate, three local schools face a wait of over two decades to fix everything, including toilet blocks, carpet replacements, damaged roofs, replacing windows and painting. That means a child starting kindergarten at one of those schools this year is likely to have finished university or TAFE training before their school's current repairs are complete!

Freedom of Information (FoI) documents reveal that Towradgi Public, Warrawong Public and Farmborough Road Public Schools each face decades of waiting for repairs if current maintenance funding allocations are not reviewed. A further 19 other local schools face similar maintenance backlogs unless funding gaps are plugged.

It's simply not good enough for children in 21st century education to be learning in local schools which are crumbling around them as the NSW Government boasts about budget surpluses.

Port Kembla Community Investment Fund open

Following my public calls for release of more funds, the NSW Government has finally announced the opening of applications for Round Two of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund (PKCIF).



Applications are invited for community projects with a focus on public infrastructure, environment and precinct improvements. Project funding of at least \$10,000 and up to \$500,000 is available under the \$1 million Round Two of the PKCIF.

APPLICATIONS OPENED ON 31 MARCH 2017 AND WILL CLOSE ON 31 MAY 2017.

To obtain a PKCIF application kit, potential applicants must register their interest by contacting the NSW Department of Industry and meet with representatives of the Department to discuss eligibility and the proposed project.

CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON 4222 8338 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

HERE TO HELP

Paul Scully MP, Your State Member for Wollongong

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