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Dear Residents,

Thank you for your tremendous support in the NSW election on 26 March. The two-party preferred margin in Davidson increased from 24.7% to an amazing 36.5%, making the seat's margin the second strongest in NSW after Premier O'Farrell's neighbouring seat of Ku-ring-gai (37%).

Many hard working volunteers and enthusiastic supporters helped bring about such an overwhelming result. I am committed to work as hard as ever for all in the Davidson electorate, regardless of political persuasion. Fortunately, I now do so as part of a new government.



Following an historic victory, the new O'Farrell Government has implemented its 100 Day Action Plan, delivering on many commitments and initiatives announced in the election campaign. These will help to reinvigorate the NSW economy and improve people's lives.

The new government is embracing the future with fresh vision and enthusiastic energy to deliver better outcomes for the people of Davidson and across NSW. Some details of the Government's new program are outlined in a message from Premier O'Farrell on the back page of this newsletter.

Despite downtime due to the election, the new Parliament will sit on more days in 2011 than in 2010. If you would like to see Parliament in action on a sitting day, please contact my office.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE CHAIR



I welcome my appointment as Chairman of the NSW Public Accounts Committee.

This is a crucial Parliamentary Committee that recommends improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of government activities.

Another key role of the Committee is to follow up aspects of the NSW Auditor-General's reports to Parliament. It may also receive referrals from Ministers, the Legislative Assembly and the Auditor-General to undertake inquiries.

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RESPECT FOR SENIORS

Minister for Ageing, Andrew Constance, recently spoke at the Uniting Church's annual 'Respect for Seniors' celebration at St Ives. The 'Wear Purple Day' also acknowledged World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



During an associated speech in Parliament, I highlighted the 2006 census showing more than 22% of the Davidson population was over 60 – well above the Sydney average of 16.7%.

All levels of government need to play their part in providing services to benefit the well-being and lifestyle of older persons. "The Shed" at St Ives is a shining example of State and Local Governments working together for this purpose.

In my speech I recognised many of the Davidson institutions which service our senior community, while also highlighting the need to maintain services for those wishing to remain in their family home.

CATCH A TRAIN

Davidson train commuters are already enjoying upgraded facilities at the modernised Lindfield railway station. I am also lobbying for upgrades of Roseville and Pymble stations.

In the meantime, the O'Farrell Government has moved quickly to lower train fares for regular commuters by as much as \$240 a year.



Jonathan O'Dea, Member for Mackellar, Bronwyn Bishop, Order recipient Paul Couvret and Warringah Mayor, Michael Regan

DISTINGUISHED CONSTITUENTS HONOURED

Belrose resident, Paul Couvret OAM has been presented with the Netherlands' Royal Order of Orange-Nassau by Queen Beatrix through the Consul-General.

Paul was in the Dutch Navy when he became a Japanese prisoner of war. He was just six kilometres away when the atomic bomb fell on Nagasaki in 1945. He immigrated to Australia in 1949 and became a school teacher. He served as a Warringah Shire Councillor, Shire President and Vice President of the Local Government Association. He is still President of the Netherlands Ex-Service Men and Women's Association in Australia.

Congratulations to Paul and to local residents Anthony and Carmel Smith, Muriel McCabe, Mark Scott, Geoffrey Ainsworth, David Barnsdall, Ronald Cragg and Jeffrey Cree who were all named in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List.

INFRASTRUCTURE NSW

A major initiative of the O'Farrell Government has been the establishment of Infrastructure NSW. It will play a key role in advising the government on infrastructure delivery, best practice and funding. Infrastructure NSW will identify and prioritise which roads, rail lines and other infrastructure NSW needs to pursue.

Projects under consideration include the long-awaited, 'missing link' between the F3 and M2, which would help reduce traffic on the Pacific Highway. It should be noted, however, that the 2011 Federal Budget unfortunately deferred a commitment of \$150 million towards this project until 2015-16.

HI-TECH DAVIDSON CLASSROOMS

A rollout of new, hi-tech, interactive whiteboards will benefit a number of schools in the Davidson electorate. The boards, which capitalise on the digital revolution, help create a great learning environment for both students and teachers.

St Ives North and Roseville Public Schools will receive 3 each, Lindfield East and Frenchs Forest Public Schools will receive 2 each while Kambora, Belrose and Pymble Public Schools each will receive one new board. Ultimately the State Government will provide 4,300 of the digital whiteboards to 1,000 schools across NSW.

LOCAL SPORT

As the Member for Davidson, I attend many local community functions, including sporting events. One of the highest participant local sports is netball and it was my pleasure to take part in another official opening of a new netball season in Ku-ring-gai.

I wish all sporting organisers and players across the electorate a very successful season.



Jonathan O'Dea, Ku-ring-gai Netball Association President Kathy Staggs and Patron Brenda Williams

NEW HEALTH AND TRANSPORT INITIATIVES



The Government has promised to start construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest within its first term. \$125 million has been allocated to commence the project, which will ultimately deliver a new major hospital on Davidson's doorstep, complemented by Mona Vale and Royal North Shore Hospitals.

All the local MPs and Mayors (pictured above) agree that there will need to be major associated roadworks at Frenchs Forest, including an upgrade to the busy intersection of Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway.

The new government will also investigate the introduction of a rapid bus transit system along Warringah Road and elsewhere to help improve traffic flow and reduce travel times.

PLANNING LAWS IMPROVED

In its first weeks the new government acted on promises to scrap the Ku-ring-gai Planning Panel and Part 3A provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The Labor-appointed Planning Panel had taken over assessment of many developments from Ku-ring-gai Council, while Part 3A gave the Planning Minister sweeping powers to override local councils on major projects.

Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, has also removed 'SEPP 53', returning control of dual occupancy development to Ku-ring-gai Council. He likewise scrapped the Affordable Housing SEPP, which had permitted non compliance with local planning controls.

All four planning initiatives reflect the Government's desire to re-empower local communities and democratically elected local councils. I also welcome the upcoming full review of NSW's planning legislation, which is expected to take around 18 months to complete.

FRENCHS FOREST LIONS

I acknowledge the outstanding work of the Frenchs Forest Lions Club as its members celebrate its 50th anniversary. The club is believed to have been the first service club in the Forest area, when the region was changing from small farm allotments to a suburban part of Sydney.



Over the past 50 years, the club has donated about \$2 million to various charities and organisations including local schools, youth groups, the disabled, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross, as well as to cancer research, Save Our Sight programs and medical research.

Congratulations to members past and present for their outstanding volunteer work and valuable contribution to our community. Enquiries to John on 9451 7007.

KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL

I welcome advice from new Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, that the upgrade of Killara High School is a high priority for regional capital works. The commitment followed my latest Parliamentary speech on the desperate need to address the school's accommodation shortage.

The Education Minister has advised early planning has commenced for major works to deliver permanent accommodation to replace up to 20 demountables and to reinstate recreational areas. The proposed works could include use of the University of Technology Sydney site at Lindfield.

I also recently convened an on-site public meeting to consider a proposal to construct a new hall for Killara Scouts on Crown land next to Koola Reserve, opposite Killara High School. This could be used by the school, Scouts and local community. Talks are continuing to finalise a lease on the reserve for passive recreation.





MESSAGE FROM PREMIER O'FARRELL

Since the election of a NSW Liberals & Nationals Government on 26 March, we have become the busiest government in Australia, delivering on dozens of commitments and initiatives to make people's lives better.

In our first 100 days, we have begun to rebuild the State's

economy, return quality services, start the building and renovation of infrastructure, restore accountability and protect our local environment and communities.

Early achievements include:

- Reducing monthly, quarterly and annual train fares for regular commuters
- Restoring accountability by ensuring the Parliament can never again be shut down early to avoid scrutiny
- Undertaking an audit of speed cameras
- Allowing people's petitions to be debated in Parliament
- Restoring local health decisions through Local Health Districts
- Axing Labor's homebuyers tax
- Strengthening police 'move on' powers for dealing with drunks



We are working to give families a reason to be proud of NSW again by building the infrastructure and restoring confidence in the state - to Make NSW Number One Again.

PARLIAMENTARY PERFORMANCE



Already this year I have spoken on numerous important matters, which have the potential to impact on the citizens of Davidson directly or indirectly.

They include:

- Killara High School
- Land at Royal North Shore Hospital
- Palliative Care Funding
- Medical Research
- Company Directors Liability Bill
- Work Health and Safety Bill
- Real Property Amendment Bill
- St Ives Special Needs Football
- Infrastructure NSW Bill
- Care for Seniors

The text of these speeches and other information can be readily accessed through my website, jonathandea.com.au

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A LIFELINE FOR LIFELINE

I welcome the NSW Government's provision of \$2 million in annual recurrent funding to support the vital work of Lifeline in providing counselling and other assistance to those in crisis.

The funding will help support 15 NSW Lifeline Call Centres, including one in my electorate at Gordon.

Over more than 47 years, it is difficult to know how many lives have been saved and people assisted by Lifeline but the demand continues, with an estimated 170,000 calls expected across NSW this year.

For crisis support, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or to support the work of Lifeline, visit www.lifeline.org.au



Jonathan O'Dea, Lifeline Patron John Brogden and Rugby League Legend Andrew Johns at a recent fundraiser for Lifeline

STOCKLAND GLENROSE UPDATE

Remediation works at the Stockland Glenrose shopping centre are progressing well, with stage one works almost complete. Stockland anticipates that stage two remediation works will soon be able to commence. These works are anticipated to take several months to complete.

Stockland continues to work through a number of design options for the proposed redevelopment of the centre. These plans will continue to be refined in the coming months, although there is not yet any confirmed timeframe for the plans to be submitted to Warringah Council.

FORESTVILLE ROAD SAFETY BOOST

The Government has installed a signalised pedestrian crossing in Forestville, at the busy intersection of Warringah Road and Brown Street. Following resident requests, my office lobbied for better access across Warringah Road, especially to reach city-bound bus stops in the morning. The project has the capacity to make a real difference to road safety and convenience for local Forestville residents.

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