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**Dear Resident,**

The NSW Government has honoured more than 200 election commitments since the last election, delivering more new hospitals, schools and record jobs growth. Under Premier Gladys Berejiklian, we are determined to build on the strong economic, infrastructure and services record for the benefit of all, including across Northern Sydney.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals have transformed the state from the worst ranked economy to the nation's strongest performer, delivering new infrastructure and improved services. With the budget in surplus, NSW is poised to deliver even more services, including the new Northern Beaches Hospital and related roadworks. Construction is well underway on the NorthConnex project and preliminary work has commenced to relieve traffic congestion through the promised Beaches Link Tunnel, for which I strongly lobbied. A major new school at the Lindfield UTS site will also open in early 2019, reducing school population pressures.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there were two extensive and published independent reviews recommending local council amalgamations, together with considerable consultation processes over four years. However, a court case involving Ku-ring-gai Council recently found the NSW Government should also have fully released a further KPMG report it commissioned.

The matter of the remaining mergers in Sydney metropolitan areas continues to be addressed by government. My personal stance has been that, while sensible mergers warrant support, some have been questionable and proper processes should be followed. The enclosed 2017 Davidson Survey includes a question on council amalgamations. I would appreciate further feedback on this issue and other matters to help me represent your interests.

Yours sincerely,

*Jonathan O'Dea*





## LONG SERVING COUNCILLOR HONOURED

Willoughby Councillor, Judith Rutherford was honoured with the Special Achievement Award at the 2017 Minister's Awards for Women in Local Government. Councillor Rutherford has served on Willoughby Council for more than 20 years, including as Deputy Mayor. She currently chairs the Council's Cultural Events Committee and co-chairs its Multicultural Committee.

Judith is also a leader in promoting Asian Culture and Arts; founded one of the earliest Neighbourhood Watch Groups; helped reactivate the Castle Cove Progress Association; and helped found other community organisations.

Judith provides an ongoing positive role model for women aspiring to leadership roles, especially in Local Government as well as in the arts and music sectors. She was presented with her award by Local Government Minister, Gabrielle Upton.

## LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Namoi Dougall served for six years as Chair of the Board of Management for the Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS). She continues to serve as an active Board member, helping young people and their families address challenges presented by adolescent mental health problems. These include bullying, depression, family break-downs, anger, school/exam stress, substance abuse, self-harm, anxiety and suicidal thoughts.

KYDS provides confidential counselling and a range of support programs for families and schools. Namoi's commitment and leadership has assisted many young people

in our local area and beyond. The award was presented by the Minister for Women, Tanya Davies. KYDS can be contacted via: [www.kyds.org.au](http://www.kyds.org.au)

## CHARITY WORKER HONOURED



For more than six years, John Clement of Forestville has organised Charity Cabarets for Bear Cottage at Manly – the only hospice in NSW dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting or terminal conditions. Over \$11,000 was raised last year and Northern Beaches Council recently named the Charity Cabarets the 'Event of the Year'. John's wife, Sue, also makes vital contributions through her administrative skills and catering.

The NSW Government recently announced new recurrent funding of \$2 million a year for a new Big Bear Cottage to provide similar services for young adults up to 30 years of age.



## » SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The popular NSW Government Community Building Partnership (CBP) Program continues to deliver benefits across the electorate. The Gordon Baptist Church recently opened a major redevelopment, which includes the extension of a hall, new offices, a counselling suite, meeting rooms, multi-purpose spaces, a lift and accessible toilets. A \$40,000 NSW Government grant helped remodel the entry and lobby area, as well as enhance sound proofing and acoustics. A further \$3,000 was provided to assist with the installation of hearing loops in two auditoriums. The official opening was attended by church leaders and local MPs.



## SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS

The NSW Government's \$5 million School Zone Flashing Lights program is boosting pedestrian safety around our local schools. Additional flashing lights have been installed at Frenchs Forest, Belrose, Lindfield, Roseville and St Ives Public Schools, Killara and St Ives High Schools, Roseville College and Sydney Grammar Preparatory School. More school zone flashing lights will be installed at Castle Cove and Gordon East Public Schools this month. Another \$5 million has been allocated for additional pedestrian safety infrastructure such as raised zebra crossings around schools.



## NEW HOSPITAL ON TRACK

Construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital remains on schedule. The main building has reached its maximum height, with recent focus on the internal fitout and arrival of major equipment. When completed in late 2018, the 488 public and private bed hospital will provide local residents with improved access to a wide range of modern health services.



## NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Northern motorists will soon benefit from a wide range of local road projects, including the Beaches Link Tunnel, the upgrade of Boundary Street at Roseville and the NorthConnex project linking the M1 and M2.

Accompanying the major upgrade of the Warringah Road precinct are new pedestrian bridges at the Forest Way intersection and at Starkey Street. The upgrades will benefit motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

An upgrade is also planned for Forest Way at the intersections of Garigal and Mona Vale Roads.

For Northern Beaches commuters, a new double-decker B-Line service will begin later this year, featuring nine modern bus stops and commuter carparks to help improve 'park and ride' travel to and from the city.



## »»» AUSTRALIA MY COUNTRY

Last month Forestville RSL Club hosted the annual 'Australia My Country' competition for local students from years 3 to 10. The RSL Sub-branch encouraged students to further understand the meaning of ANZAC by entering an essay, poem or art work reflecting the ANZAC sacrifice. Congratulations to the winners.



# SPORTS FUNDING

Seven local sporting groups have benefitted from more than \$37,000 of funding under the Local Sport Grant Program. East Roseville Bowling Club, the Forest Districts AFL, Killara & District Softball Club, Killara Bowling Club, Killara Lawn Tennis Club, and Roseville Junior Rugby Union all received grants.

St Ives Junior Cricket Club, which recently held its Presentation Day (pictured), received the largest grant of \$17,000 towards a coach education program, an upgrade to the Hassall Park cricket pitch and a 'girls in cricket' promotion.



## TALENTED SPORTSWOMAN

Local young sportswoman, Brianna Worsfold was recently recognised in NSW Parliament for her exceptional sporting achievements. At the 2016 School Sport Australia Track and Field Championship in Sydney, the 11 year old won gold in shotput, silver in the combined event (comprising 100 metres, 800 metres, shotput and long jump), and silver in the medley relay. At the 2015 State Championship, Brianna was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Perpetual Trophy for the most outstanding athlete. She is coached by two former Olympians and may be one herself one day.



## KU-RING-GAI LITTLE ATHLETICS

2017 marks the 40th season for Ku-ring-gai Little Athletics Centre with 622 children achieving excellent results. At a state level, participants received 11 Gold, 15 Silver and 10 Bronze Medals; and another 35 top 8 finishes. Jack McFadden, Riley Hemsworth and Jessica Maciver were selected for the NSW State team at the Australian Little Athletics Championships in April, winning two Golds, a Silver and a Bronze.



## GOLFERS ON BALL FOR STUDENTS

Roseville Golf Club's Gold Mashie Tournament raised \$6,000 this year for Lindfield's Cromehurst (Special) School. Club President, Jim Screen (pictured far right) presented a cheque to School Assistant Principal, Janice Crocker (second from left), with sponsor representatives present. The annual tournament also assists the Club to conduct golfing clinics for students at East Lindfield and Roseville Public Schools.



# 2017 DAVIDSON ELECTORATE SURVEY

## HAVE YOUR SAY



Listed below are some topics frequently raised with me by the people of Davidson. Please number any or all of these issues in the order of their importance to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road infrastructure                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water management issues           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public transport                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime, including drugs & graffiti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals & health issues            | <input type="checkbox"/> Small business issues             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overdevelopment & built environment  | <input type="checkbox"/> State taxes and charges           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change & natural environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools & education issues        |

Please also provide your feedback about the following:

**Do you support the recent actual or proposed merging of your council area?**

- YES       NO       NOT SURE

**Should government sanction a form of voluntary assisted suicide (euthanasia)?**

- YES       NO       NOT SURE

**How do you rate Jonathan O'Dea as your local NSW Member of Parliament?  
Please circle a number (10 is highest rating).**

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

**How do you rate the performance of the current NSW Government?  
Please circle a number (10 is highest rating).**

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**Is there any other issue that particularly concerns you?**

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**Thank you for your time.**

# EXPANDED NATIONAL PARK

10 hectares of bushland with strong environmental value is being added to Garigal National Park. Having worked on the local initiative for some years, I know the transfer will be welcomed by many. The ecologically significant land is adjacent to the former Belrose landfill site and its transfer reflects the NSW Government's commitment to preserving native flora and fauna for future generations.



## Electronic Newsletter

To receive this newsletter electronically in future, please email: [davidson@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:davidson@parliament.nsw.gov.au) with the word "Newsletter" in the subject line, providing your name and address.

## PARLIAMENTARY PERFORMANCE



So far in 2017 I have addressed the NSW Parliament on behalf of the people of Davidson on almost 40 occasions. Since first being elected in 2007, I have spoken more than 650 times. My speeches can be found at: [www.jonathanodea.com.au](http://www.jonathanodea.com.au)

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

The NSW Government has announced new commonsense criminal justice reforms to make our communities safer. Four key reforms encourage: early guilty pleas; stronger sentencing; stronger and better management of parole; and better management of high risk sex and violent offenders.

The reforms build on NSW Government initiatives since 2011, which include ensuring dealers and manufacturers of the drug ice can face life sentences, increasing the maximum sentences for child sex offenders and creating a new offence for causing 'one-punch' fatalities.



## GST REVIEW WELCOME

The NSW Government has welcomed the Federal Treasurer's announcement of a review into the distribution of GST revenue among the states.

The NSW Government has consistently called for a system which rewards rather than penalises governments that get the fundamentals right, exercise budget discipline and pursue productive reforms to stimulate their economies. The Commonwealth Grants Commission's 2017 report shows NSW would receive \$2.4 billion more next financial year if GST revenue was distributed on a per-capita basis.

## GREEN SLIP REFORMS



Around \$180 will be shaved off the average Green Slip for motorists under the NSW Government's CTP reforms. The current scheme has delivered just 45 cents in every Green Slip dollar to injured road users, with the rest going to scheme costs such as legal fees, insurer profits and medical fees. Over the last decade, Green Slip prices have increased by 85 per cent, with the average Davidson motorist now paying \$700. This is simply unfair and motorists deserve better.

The new scheme will be fairer and more affordable, whilst ensuring injured road users receive adequate support. It is expected to come into effect in December 2017. To find out how much you could save, visit <http://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/green-slips/ctp-green-slip-reforms/green-slip-check>

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