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Dear Resident,

2016 has been a strong year for the NSW economy. This benefits everyone in NSW and allows for vital investment in local infrastructure projects including schools, roads and the Northern Beaches Hospital, due to open in 2018.

The NSW Government continues to support local community groups through the Community Building Partnerships Program. This year Wakehurst Rugby Club will receive \$50,000 for a new playing surface, Ku-ring-gai Council will receive \$50,000 to upgrade the St Ives Youth & Community Centre, \$40,000 is allocated for new lighting at Wakehurst Football Club and Lindfield District Cricket Club will receive \$40,000 to redevelop the Lindfield Oval cricket nets. Local Scouts and Girl Guides, KU Children's Services in Killara, Life Education NSW, Gordon Baptist Church and Sunnyfield at St Ives will also receive funds for various projects.



While potential North Shore council amalgamations remain subject to legal challenge, the recent formation of the Northern Beaches Council has progressed well with broad community support.

I look forward to continuing my representation of the electorate in 2017 and wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

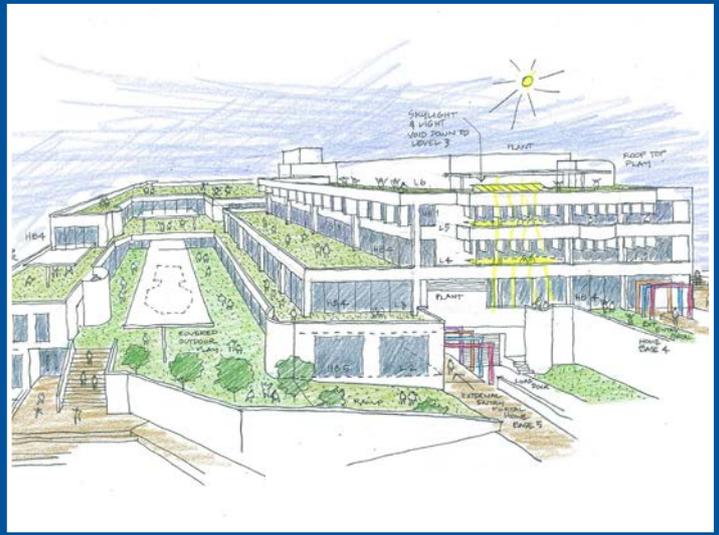
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NEW LINDFIELD SCHOOL

The NSW Department of Education has commenced detailed transport, bushfire and environmental investigations for a new state-of-the-art school on the former UTS site at Lindfield. The school will incorporate modern learning spaces and set new educational standards, accommodating over 2,000 K-12 students.

Six home base schools will be established with unique characteristics. The current design phase focuses on making the most of the existing buildings and spaces, with construction to begin mid-2017. Management of traffic in the area remains a key focus for the design team with further information to be made available next year.



GLENROSE UPDATE

Following the successful opening of Stage 1 of the \$60m redevelopment of Glenrose Village Shopping Centre at Belrose, Stage 2 is on track for completion in April 2017. Once complete, a further 8 specialty shops, an Aldi supermarket and a car wash will be added to the new Woolworths supermarket, specialty shops and dining retailers.



ACTIVATE LINDFIELD

Work is continuing to make Lindfield more attractive to shoppers, businesses, commuters and local residents through the Activate Lindfield project. The Lindfield Community Hub (see concept drawing) and the Lindfield Village Green will both feature underground commuter parking, funded by the NSW Government. The Community Hub will feature a modern new library, with the current library site designated for housing and a child care centre.



JPs HONoured

Two of the state's longest serving Justices of the Peace, John Bell and William Norton, were recently presented with commendation certificates for 50 years of service by Attorney General Gabrielle Upton. Thanks to them and all other local JPs who provide an important community service.



ST IVES ROTARY

The Rotary Club of St Ives continues to support our communities. This year the Club raised funds to support Lindfield's Cromehurst School for children with special needs. The Club also organises the annual St Ives Food and Wine Festival, next planned for 5 March 2017. Funds raised will flow to charities including 'Room to Read', which focuses on literacy and gender equality by building schools and libraries in developing countries.



DAVIDSON BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The annual Davidson Business Breakfast at Parliament House attracts a wide range of business and community leaders. This year, Stuart Ayres, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Sport delivered the keynote speech. A feature of the breakfast is a cheque presentation to a local charity. This year, the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter received funds for their excellent work in providing temporary supported accommodation for women in crisis.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Community volunteers make a valuable contribution towards improving our way of life through a wide and varied range of services. The Sydney North Regional Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony highlighted some outstanding local contributions. Recipients included David Jordan, Killara High P & C President (pictured with Principal, Jane Dennett) and the Raise Foundation which provides mentoring programs for young people facing profound challenges in their lives. Students at Killara, St Ives and Davidson High Schools have benefited from Raise programs. Congratulations to all recipients and to volunteers generally for their outstanding work.



SAFER PATHWAY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

From March 2017, local domestic violence victims will receive tailored, multi-agency support through the rollout of the *Safer Pathway* program in the Northern Beaches and Ku-ring-gai Police Commands.



Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Hon Pru Goward made the announcement at Gordon Police Station with Ku-ring-gai LAC Superintendent, Jenny Scholz, local MPs and service delivery personnel. The *Safer Pathway* program provides a streamlined, integrated referral pathway for victims considered 'at threat'.

POLICE HONoured

The safety and security we enjoy in our local community is largely due to the work of our NSW Police. We owe much to the men and women in blue, who often face challenging and dangerous situations. It is appropriate to honour those who have demonstrated outstanding service through the Local Area Command (LAC) Awards. Local MPs and former Council representatives joined with recipients at the Northern Beaches LAC Awards (pictured). Congratulations to all award recipients in the Northern Beaches, North Shore and Ku-ring-gai LACs.



FOSTER CARERS THANKED

The valuable work of foster carers was celebrated with a 'thank you' morning tea in Parliament House, hosted by Minister Brad Hazzard. Thousands of individuals and families have opened their homes to care for some of our most vulnerable children and young people – but many more homes are needed for emergency, respite, short-term and long-term care. For more information, visit www.fosteringnsw.com.au. Those attending the morning tea included Barnardos Chair, Gabrielle Trainor (pictured).



THANK A PARAMEDIC

Our paramedics on the front line attend to the injured and unwell, and save lives. At times they are called to difficult and tragic circumstances and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. This year's 'Thank a Paramedic Day' was celebrated at St Ives Ambulance Station with a visit from Health Minister Jillian Skinner, NSW Ambulance Commissioner Dominic Morgan, local paramedics and community members.



COMMITMENT TO SPORT

Many of us are committed to at least one sport, either as a player, a facilitator or a cheering spectator. Football NSW recently held their annual State Awards for those who had made a significant contribution to the promotion of the 'world game'. Among awardees were Tony Davies of the Manly Warringah Football Association and Penny Howell of the Northern Suburbs Football Association. Their awards recognise their outstanding service to the promotion and development of football in NSW.



SCHOOL LEADERS

Each year, Davidson electorate primary school leaders are invited to visit NSW Parliament. The students tour both Houses of Parliament and receive an overview of the Parliament's role and history. The afternoon concludes with the presentation of certificates and afternoon tea. Members of the public can report to the front desk for a free guided tour every Monday and Friday from 1.30pm.



DIGITAL SCHOOL WORKSHOP

A group of Davidson High Year 9 students attended an Adobe Digital School Workshop session in association with The Bully Project. The students learnt how to become 'upstanders' instead of 'bystanders' in the face of bullying, and how cutting edge multimedia tools can be used to support victims of bullying. The workshops follow a state-wide agreement, overseen by the Education Minister, to allow students access to certain Adobe Creative Cloud applications.



STRONG STATE OF THE ECONOMY

The NSW economy has dramatically turned around since 2011, setting new economic records and laying the foundation for a strong economic future.

For the first time in NSW's history, there is zero net debt. NSW has the lowest unemployment rate in Australia and record housing approvals. \$73.3 billion is being invested in new infrastructure over the next four years, with NSW's projected budget surpluses helping to secure a bright future.

Stronger NSW Economy



RECORD \$73.3 BILLION
investment in infrastructure
over four years



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HOUSING APPROVALS
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NSW
LIBERALS

COMMUNITY FUN RUNS

One of the most popular Davidson electorate fun runs is staged annually by members of the Lindfield Rotary Club, including David Blackwell (pictured on left) and Past District Governor Don Durie. The event provides a wonderful social occasion for all ages, encouraging fitness and raising funds for important Rotary projects. 5 and 10 kilometre events for casual walkers and joggers through to competitive runners will be held again on 9 April 2017.

Another event gaining popularity is 'Run Forest Run' which raises funds for Forestville Public School. Their third annual Fun Run and Fair will occur on 19 March 2017.



Electronic Newsletter

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PARLIAMENTARY PERFORMANCE



This year, I addressed the NSW Parliament on behalf of the people of Davidson 74 times. Since first being elected in 2007 I have spoken on almost 600 occasions. My speeches can be found by visiting:

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\$337 MILLION FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT



The NSW Government will invest \$337 million over four years towards state-wide litter reduction and waste management projects as part of the 'Waste Less, Recycle More' initiative. A cleaner environment is everyone's responsibility and benefits the whole community. Through this investment, the NSW Government is making it easier for households and business to do the right thing. Reducing litter volume by 40% by 2020 is one of Mike Baird's 'Premier's Priorities'.

THOUSANDS VISIT MEDIEVAL FAIRE



The success of this year's St Ives Medieval Faire flags a promising future. Over 12,000 people (up 30% on last year) experienced a medieval village with over 300 actors dressed in period costume. There were demonstrations of open fire cooking, ancient arts and trades, falconry, archery, the firing of a trebuchet and jousting.

The international jousting tournament attracted competitors from Norway, The Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia, and was broadcast live on Fox Sports. As the local MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, I congratulate all involved, including Ku-ring-gai Council.

STATE FLAGS

The NSW Government can provide a complimentary state flag to broad-based community groups that have the facilities to properly fly or display the flag. Surf Life Saving NSW Acting CEO Adam Weir recently received a flag at the organisation's Belrose headquarters.



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