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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

### Paws to Consider Adopting

On International Dog Day, Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock and RSPCA CEO, Steve Coleman encouraged prospective dog owners to 'adopt not shop' for their new pet. Helping spread the word were some delightful furry friends. Visit the NSW Pet Registry ([petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://petregistry.nsw.gov.au)) and RSPCA ([rspca.org.au](http://rspca.org.au)) websites.



#### Dear Resident,

While the local area needs to contribute to higher residential density for a growing population, overdevelopment should be resisted.

That is why I am pleased Ku-ring-gai Council has reduced its Lindfield Village Hub project proposal from fourteen to nine storeys.

The Village Hub and Village Green projects at Lindfield both include extra community facilities and services,

including State Government-funded commuter parking.

Good developments elsewhere in the electorate should also be of sensible size and scale, respect existing local character and be supported by appropriate infrastructure.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas season and a happy 2020.



### Bushfire Hazard Worries?

RFS have the power to assess and act on complaints.

#### Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Fire Control

Phone: 9883 2000 Email: [HKHMS@RFS.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HKHMS@RFS.nsw.gov.au)

#### Northern Beaches Fire Control

Phone: 9450 3000

Email: [northernbeaches@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northernbeaches@rfs.nsw.gov.au)

Castle Cove is a Fire and Rescue NSW area.

#### Willoughby Council Hazard Reduction Team

Phone: 9777 1000

Search 'Ecological Burns' on [willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

*Merry Christmas*



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## Local Heroes

The people who revived two children who almost drowned at Narrabeen Lagoon, were recognised at the Northern Beaches Police Area Command award day. Another person was awarded for coming to the aid of an injured officer. Congratulations to police and civilians who were honoured.

Farewell to Detective Superintendent Dave Darcy, retiring in February 2020 after more than 37 years of service in the NSW Police Force.



## My Community Project Winners

The Davidson electorate voted for two projects to be funded by the NSW Government My Community Project. The winners are \$200,000 to renovate the St Ives High School's 50-year-old community hall and \$33,000 to install extra lighting at Warrimoo Oval St Ives to improve safety.



## Have a Beachsafe Summer

Surf Life Saving Australia recommends swimming at patrolled beaches, between the red and yellow flags. Their Beachsafe app is a summer essential with detailed information about every Australian beach. See <https://beachsafe.org.au/surf-safety> or download the app in the App Store or Play Store.

## Pink Ribbon Fundraiser

Giovana Arrarte of Lindfield recently hosted a fundraiser for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Present were members of the Australian Peruvian community and many locals including Bradfield MP Paul Fletcher, Senator Hollie Hughes, Councillor Christine Kay, and myself.



## 40 Years of Caring

The Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) in St Ives has celebrated 40 years of community caring. Congratulations to the board, CEO Michele Bell and a huge team of generous volunteers.

## FOKE Milestone

2019 marked the 25th anniversary of Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment (FOKE).

Kudos to FOKE President, Kathy Cowley, and past President Anne Carroll, for their leadership.

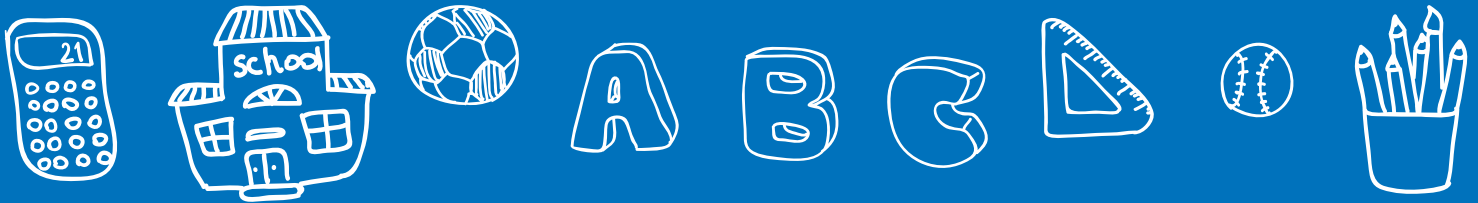


## Sports Grants

The Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club and the Lindfield Rugby Club Juniors and Seniors recently received NSW Government Sports Grants of \$4,500 each. The Lindfield Rugby Club plan to increase participation by women and assist underprivileged children to play sport. The Lindfield Bowling Club have installed grab rails and posts to allow bowlers like Merv Blanch, 94, to continue to play safely.







## Dame Marie Bashir Peace Award

Killara High School Social Justice Committee President, Kate Aston, was recently the proud recipient of a 2019 Dame Marie Bashir Peace Award.



## Education Reform Have Your Say

Proposed changes to the school curriculum include less emphasis on HSC exams, and primary school content focused more on literacy and numeracy. Have your say online by 13 December 2019. [nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au](http://nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au)



## Grant for High School Costs

Forestville RSL sub-branch are offering a \$1,000 grant towards school costs for eligible Year 6 students entering high school in 2020 [forestvillersl.org.au/schools-grants](http://forestvillersl.org.au/schools-grants)



## Economics Passion


 Alex Symonds, an economics teacher at Masada College, is a recipient of a 2020 NSW Premier's Teaching Scholarship. The \$15,000 scholarship will fund a study tour.



Photo: CSIRO

## Littlest Learners

Six local preschools and care centres in St Ives, Belrose and Gordon will receive grants of up to \$10,000 under the NSW Government's Quality Learning Environments program. Projects include indigenous education, a beehive and playground upgrades.

## Community Colleges Valued

A Community Colleges Australia report launched by NSW Skills Minister Geoff Lee shows significant over-performance on most measures in reaching vulnerable and disadvantaged students.



## Climate Change Resilience

Innovative projects in Davidson electorate to help reduce climate change impact can apply now for grants funded by the NSW Government Climate Change Fund. Community groups can partner with local councils to apply for individual grants of between \$10,000 and \$30,000. Apply by 31 January 2020, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y5caoass>







## Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden Festival

Sculpture Walk award winners were Anna Mango and Tarja Martin for 'Dew Drops and Spider Webs'. The junior first prize winner was Ruby Vassallo for 'Possum Magic'. Well done to all involved.



"Message Tree" – Matt McLarty



"See you round" – Janny Grant



## Ku-ring-gai Art Society

The work of many talented local artists was on display at the Ku-ring-gai Art Society's Annual Awards Exhibition at St Ives. One of the awards went to Afra Beukers.



Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock and Brady the Dulux dog helped promote Graffiti Removal Day.



## Research Gives Hope

On Daffodil Day, I joined Cancer Council NSW volunteers and Lindfield Rotary to sell daffodils at Lindfield station. Research has led to much better survival rates.



## Graffiti-busting

Northern Beaches Council has been granted \$50,000 to cut youth crime, such as graffiti. The funds are from the latest round of the NSW Government's \$10 million crime prevention grants program.

## Roseville Station Upgrade

A plan for community feedback will go on display in early 2020. Construction is expected to start at the end of 2020 and be completed within two years.



## It Takes a Village

Jill McLean is working hard to get people off their devices and interacting in person by starting Neighbourhood Connect in Lindfield. It has lots of activities, regular meetings and welcomes all ages and interests. Contact [jill.mclean@jarie.com.au](mailto:jill.mclean@jarie.com.au) To connect in your local area visit [www.neighbourhoodconnect.org.au](http://www.neighbourhoodconnect.org.au)





## Northern Beaches Road Upgrade

Significant progress has been made along Warringah Road, with all underpass bridges at their final stage. The Wakehurst Parkway underpass has broken through to the surface. The project should be completed mid-2020.



## Local Riders Eye Belrose

Construction of Belrose Mountain Bike Park is progressing and enthusiasts can look forward to some fun and challenging rides by mid-2020. The site will use 115,000 cubic metres of material excavated from the nearby roadworks.



## Pedestrian Safety in Oxford Falls

Traffic signals at the intersection of Wakehurst Parkway and Dreadnought Road in Oxford Falls have been upgraded by RMS to provide pedestrian protection against vehicles turning from Dreadnought Road onto Wakehurst Parkway. The change was made to improve pedestrian safety.



## Calming St Ives Traffic

With the help of \$424,000 in funding from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Ku-ring-gai Council are putting in traffic calming strategies for the shopping and bus interchange areas at St Ives, including a lower 40km speed limit.



## RFS AIDER Program



The AIDER (Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents) program from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is a free, one-off service to reduce bushfire hazards around your home. Phone 8741 4955 or [rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au) > plan-and-prepare > aider.



RFS research found a third of people at risk of bushfire don't have a fire plan. It takes just five minutes to improve or make a plan that could save your life. [www.myfireplan.com.au](https://www.myfireplan.com.au)

## Behind the Wheel? Stay Off Your Phone!

Cameras to spot drivers using phones are being rolled out across NSW. For the first three months, warning letters will be sent. After that, offending drivers will face a penalty of at least five demerits points and a \$344 fine.

Check the rules <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/mobilephones/know-the-rules>







## Parliamentary Representation



Since first being elected in 2007, I have addressed the NSW Parliament on your behalf over 850 times. I continue to strongly represent our local electorate while now also fulfilling the important parliamentary role of Speaker.

## The Winner Is..

Ku-ring-gai Councillor Christine Kay joined me to draw the raffle prize at the Corpus Christi Primary School Family Fun Fair. We also enjoyed a karate demonstration by the QKR Karate team from St Ives North.



## Connect With Me Online

To learn more about what's happening in the community:

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[www.facebook.com/jonathancodeamp](http://www.facebook.com/jonathancodeamp)
- follow me on Instagram  
[www.instagram.com/jonathancodeamp](http://www.instagram.com/jonathancodeamp)
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To receive this newsletter electronically in future, please complete the online form at <http://eepurl.com/c4PDg1>

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## Schools at Parliament


Many local school leaders have visited NSW Parliament in recent months.



## Sit Down For Chair Yoga

Seniors can enjoy the vitality of yoga and the comfort of a seat. Yoga for Seniors has a NSW Government grant to run Chair Yoga at St Ives during NSW Seniors Festival in February 2020. Phone 0456 263 334 or email [paula@yogafor seniors.com.au](mailto:paula@yogafor seniors.com.au)

## In Good Faith

 An informative and wide ranging discussion recently took place in the Davidson electorate office with local clergy from various faith traditions.



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