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**Dear Residents,**

**Since March 2011, the NSW Government has been delivering real change for NSW, including in the Davidson electorate.**

Under the leadership of Premier Barry O'Farrell, we are revitalising the economy, re-establishing quality services, renovating infrastructure, restoring accountability and strengthening our local environment and communities. These communities

are diverse, as reflected in the international flavour on page 2 of this newsletter.

Infrastructure expenditure includes a record \$4.7 billion for hospitals, including commencement of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest. The Government is delivering 565 more hospital beds, hiring an extra 1,011 nurses, recruiting an additional 550 police officers and

900 new literacy and numeracy teachers. I also welcome reforms to political donation laws and the ban on lobbyist success fees.

Please visit **www.premier.nsw.gov.au** for a detailed list of achievements. I hope more good news will be announced in the budget on 12 June.

Yours sincerely,



## PREMIER ADDRESSES DAVIDSON BREAKFAST

Over 200 people attended my 6th Annual Davidson Business Breakfast with Premier O'Farrell as guest speaker. The Premier spoke on the Government's achievements in its first year and plans for the future. The breakfast in the NSW Parliament House Dining Room attracted business people, community leaders, individual supporters and 20 state parliamentarians.

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## WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

As Chairman of the NSW Public Accounts Committee, it was my pleasure to welcome delegates to the third Public Sector Forum for the Australasian Council of Auditors-General and the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors. Attendees included NSW Auditor-General Peter Achterstraat (back) and various international visitors.



## THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

With seven other women, Sue Hume of St Ives set off recently to climb to the base camp of Mount Everest – an altitude of 5,364 metres. The aim was for two of the group to scale the world’s highest peak in the hope of raising \$500,000 for the work of Sunnyfield, which helps facilitate greater independence for people with disabilities. Scaling the mountain is physically draining, potentially dangerous and involves financial sacrifice – not unlike the mountains climbed every day by parents and children with disabilities.

## FRIENDS OF ARMENIA

As Chair of the NSW Parliamentary Friends of Armenia Group, I recently hosted a meeting to discuss a range of Armenian-Australian issues. They included recognition of the Armenian Genocide, Armenian community events and economic activity between Australia and Armenia. The meeting was attended by local Armenian community leadership and NSW Parliamentarians across the political spectrum.



## JEWISH COMMUNITY FORUMS

I am pleased to be involved in Parliamentary forums that consider the interests and concerns of Jewish Australians, particularly as many people with a Jewish background live in St Ives. These forums help provide serious, respectful and meaningful exchange with the local Jewish community.

## KOREAN COMMUNITY DINNER

Friends and members of the Australian Korean community recently invited me to a dinner at Turrumurra. The dinner was hosted by Attorney-General Greg Smith and attended by Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Victor Dominello. Other Members of Parliament also attended, along with leaders of the Australian Korean community. NSW is Australia’s most culturally diverse state with our population hailing from more than 200 nations.





## FUN RUN SETS NEW RECORDS

Over 2,100 runners registered for this year's Lindfield Rotary Fun Run, setting a new record for participants and funds raised. I joined other local MPs Barry O'Farrell and Paul Fletcher in pounding the streets to help raise almost \$50,000 for Rotary Projects, including the Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS).

Other beneficiaries include the Peer Support Program at Killara High School and the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA) for Year 11 students. I was pleased to present some of the trophies at the end of a most successful event.

## REDUCING PACIFIC HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

Local Coalition MPs have formed the Missing Link Action Network to fight for the building of the F3-M2 Link as a matter of high priority. The F3-M2 link would benefit those travelling to and from the Central Coast and relieve pressure on Pacific Highway traffic for local residents.

## KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL



My strong lobbying to upgrade Killara High School has continued as we approach this month's budget. Originally built to house 1,080 students, the school has been struggling to meet the needs of over 1,500 students, including through the use of 20 demountable classrooms.

I have made repeated calls to build a new classroom block and upgrade facilities. Encouragingly, Education Minister Adrian Piccoli visited the school last month (see pictures).



## SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

Two of the largest retirement villages in Davidson have just reached a major milestone. Glenaeon Retirement Village and the Belrose Country Club, both adjoining Forest Way, have just celebrated 25 years of providing specially designed living facilities for the over 55s.



At a time when the so-called baby boomers are nearing retirement age, and the population is generally becoming older, excellent facilities such as those at Glenaeon and the Belrose Country Club will be in greater demand.

Parliamentary acknowledgement speeches can be found on my web page, [www.jonathancodea.com.au](http://www.jonathancodea.com.au)

*2012 Glenaeon ANZAC Service with Ken Snelling (seated) and Ralph Schubert.*

## MAINTAINING THE POWER

Ausgrid has been upgrading electricity infrastructure in Belrose, Frenchs Forest and Davidson. Over the next 12 months Ausgrid is spending \$2.5 million to replace high voltage powerlines and direct some low voltage powerlines underground to minimise the risk of outages caused by trees. A number of substations are also being replaced with the work expected to be completed in 12 months. The news will be welcomed by many in the area who have suffered a higher than average number of outages in recent years.



## SPORTS MINISTER DELIVERS



NSW Sports Minister Graham Annesley was special guest at an open forum in Belrose – and didn't come empty handed. President of the Belrose/Terrey Hills Raiders Soccer Club, Neville Drake, was thrilled to receive \$30,795 towards upgrading lighting at Wyatt Reserve in Belrose. The funding will help increase the availability and quality

of local sport and recreation facilities and hopefully encourage more of us to be active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kevin Callinan of St Ives for receiving a Community Service Award in this year's NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards. Kevin has undertaken substantial voluntary work with many community organisations. These include the highly successful Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop, known as 'The Shed', established partly with State Government funding.

The St Ives Shed would not be a reality, let alone the success it is today, without the dedication, hard work and strong leadership of Kevin Callinan.

## DISABILITY CAMPAIGNER

I joined East Hills MP Glenn Brookes outside NSW Parliament House to flag away 87 year old roller skater Tony Stevens. Tony pushed a friend in a wheelchair as he headed to Canberra to highlight the need for a national disabilities insurance scheme. I am truly inspired by Tony's sustained and passionate work on behalf of children with a disability. In Canberra, Tony launched his book, *The Last Gamble & The Years Between*, further highlighting the need for an insurance scheme to guarantee the long term financial needs of handicapped children.



## PARLIAMENTARY PERFORMANCE



**In the term of the current parliament, I have delivered over 60 speeches on a wide range of subjects. Recent contributions include the following topics:**

- Carbon Tax
- Ku-ring-gai Planning
- Northern Sydney Public Infrastructure
- The missing F3 to M2 Link
- Health Care Services
- Davidson Electorate Schools
- Toastmasters International
- Glenaeon Retirement Village
- Belrose Country Club
- Sportsmanship and Charity
- Public Accounts Committee Work

The text of these speeches and other information can be accessed through my website, [www.jonathanodea.com.au](http://www.jonathanodea.com.au)

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## 2012 NSW WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION



Councillor Julie Sutton is my nominee for NSW Woman of the Year in recognition of her inspirational and dedicated service to the local Warringah Community. She has served on Warringah Council over more than 30 years and in 1995 was elected its first female Mayor.

Julie has contributed through many council committees including those supporting the Forest Community Association, Glen Street Theatre, Garigal National Park and the preservation of Narrabeen Lagoon. She is also a loyal supporter of the Rural Fire Service, the State Emergency Service and Surf Life Saving. Julie is patron of many local sporting, cultural and community groups. She will retire as a councillor in September.

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM CBPP FUNDING

Eleven community groups in Davidson will benefit from \$300,000 in NSW funding under the latest Community Building Partnerships Program. The largest grant of \$65,000 will go to the Pymble-Turramurra Kindergarten while Warringah Council will receive \$59,600 to improve playground facilities at Undula Reserve in Belrose. Other recipients are Lifeline at Gordon (see picture below), East Lindfield Girl Guides, 1st East Roseville Scouts, St Martin's Church at Killara as well as the St Ives, Killara Park, Gordon Community and Barra Brui Pre-Schools. Our community will benefit from these capital works once completed.



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