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Dear Resident,

In my inaugural speech in the NSW Parliament earlier this year, I spoke on "Building on Traditions - Foundations for Tomorrow". Whilst recognising the importance and place of traditions, it is essential for us to also challenge the status quo in areas like care of our environment, investment in infrastructure (especially public transport) and better intergovernmental co-operation in areas like health and education. For a full transcript of my inaugural speech, please visit my website at www.jonathanodea.com.au

We are all challenged to preserve the best of the past, make the most of the present, while building on these for the future. This thinking gave birth to my new Davidson electorate logo. The three arrows represent yesterday, today and tomorrow. I want to help to continue "Building for Tomorrow".

In recent months I have been building communication lines and discussing local issues through meetings/visits with numerous schools, service clubs, youth and sports groups, church leaders, local area police commands, health professionals, transport providers, council bodies, business people, resident and environment groups, other community organisations and many individuals. If we are to properly build for the future then our local community needs to effectively work together.



Bush walking at Middle Harbour Creek in Garigal National Park, which links the two parts of the Davidson Electorate

I intend to draw on my previous senior private sector experience in representing our local area. One manifestation of this is the Davidson electorate office recently developing a quality management system that was certified to the international standard.

As a member of the State Parliamentary Liberal Party, I will continue to hold the NSW Government to account and demand similarly high standards of it.

query, concern or request you have and we would be delighted to assist.

Yours sincerely,

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Our existing hospitals continue to experience strains in servicing the health needs of people on the North Shore and Northern Beaches.

The proposed new hospital at Frenchs Forest has been supported by all sides of politics. In response to a question on notice in Parliament from me earlier this year, the NSW Health Minister indicated that the planning stage for the new hospital would be completed in 2007. This now appears highly unlikely, with construction to be delayed as with many other major NSW government projects (including the Royal North Shore Hospital upgrade).



I will continue to work with my MP colleagues, including Brad Hazzard, Mike Baird and Rob Stokes (pictured reviewing plans for Frenchs Forest Hospital with local health department officials) to pressure the government to deliver this much needed health system infrastructure for our northern region.

Local Government

Warringah Council is thankfully making plans for a return to democratic elections in September 2008. I also congratulate Council on its recent community consultation in planning and setting priorities for the future. The clear commitment of the Administrator to constructing new netball courts in Belrose is especially heartening. In Ku-ring-gai, the elected Councillors generally perform an

admirable but difficult job. Congratulations to Mayor Nick Ebbeck on his recent re-election and look forward to continuing to work with the Council over the next year. I particularly wish to help better protect items of conservation value and to address the unreasonable pressure from Minister Sartor and the NSW Government regarding urban consolidation development.



OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES



I have been pleased to have now visited most of the schools in the Davidson electorate, including Masada in St Ives (see picture with Principal Wendy Barel). I have been impressed with the high level of commitment and involvement from our local school communities.

I particularly congratulate Davidson High School, as well as Belrose, Kambora, Mimosa, Terrey Hills and Wakehurst primary schools on recently launching the new "Davidson Community of Schools". For various schools in Roseville, Lindfield and Killara I am particularly conscious of land pressures and the need to secure more recreational space. I also look forward to hosting many local primary school student leaders for a visit to NSW Parliament House in the coming month.

Public Meetings

Over the past six weeks I have convened and chaired two public meetings in the electorate. The first related to a new sporting/gun shop in Roseville Chase. This forum (see picture) considered the appropriateness of the shop location and helped prompt Ku-ring-gai Council to amend its notification policy. The second public meeting at St Ives addressed general issues on NSW ageing strategy as well as specific RTA proposals to change licensing rules for senior drivers (submissions to the RTA are open until 17 October). Both forums were well attended and I thank all those who participated.



Three local area commands cover the electorate of Davidson - Ku-ring-gai, North Shore and Northern Beaches. I have met with all three local area commanders and members of their police team and am pleased that we have such dedicated police to serve our community. I only wish that there were more local resources available to generate an even more visible police presence and to help address growing crime areas, including graffiti. I have asked questions about the issue of graffiti in NSW Parliament several times recently.

POLICE Presence

Miss World Australia from St Ives



Congratulations to local resident Caroline Pemberton of St Ives on being crowned Miss World Australia earlier this year.

Caroline has been busy with various charity trips and fundraising activities and will soon leave for China to compete in the Miss World 2007 contest.

Caroline has kindly agreed to be the special guest at a fundraising cocktail function I will host early next year, with all money raised going to the St Ives Spastic Centre.

Please contact my office if you are interested in attending or sponsoring this event.





Your response to this survey will help me better represent you in Parliament.

Listed below are some topics that are 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:	
Road infrastructure	Water management issues
Public transport	Crime, including drugs and graffiti
Hospitals & health issues	Small business issues
Overdevelopment & built environment	State taxes and charges
Climate change & natural environment	Schools & education issues
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1pm - 2pm

Next Tour:
Thursday
1 November 2007

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Thursday
6 December 2007

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