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The NSW budget, delivered on 17 June under Premier Mike Baird, ensures continued delivery of crucial new infrastructure, improved frontline services and protection for vulnerable members of our community.

As previously announced, construction of a modern Northern Beaches Hospital will commence at Frenchs Forest in early 2015 and be completed in 2018. A new \$400 million roads package will ensure that commuters greatly benefit through improved traffic flows on surrounding roads. There will be widening and other upgrades along Warringah Road, with visionary underpasses planned for its intersections with Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway.

The NSW budget makes financial allocations for various local projects. These include funds for the widening of Boundary Street near the Pacific Highway, new schools on the lower north shore, construction of a group home in Frenchs Forest for people with disabilities, as well as additional commuter parking and bus services. A general flyer on the budget, including a message from the Premier, is enclosed for your information.



More good budget news is the continuing Community Building Partnership Program. This popular program provides NSW Government funding to selected projects that demonstrate how improved or new capital facilities will deliver positive social, recreational or environmental outcomes for the local community. Applications are now open and can be made online at: [www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au](http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au) until 18 July.

Managing our own home budgets can be a challenge, including due to higher electricity prices. These are finally being brought under control, having risen 60% over 5 years under the previous Labor Government. NSW Government reform and increased retail electricity price competition mean that significant savings are now available to customers who negotiate electricity deals with providers. If you want to pay less and have been on a regulated price, I suggest that you visit [www.energymadeeasy.gov.au](http://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au) for relevant information.

*Jonathan O'Dea*

# ERYLDENE CENTENARY


Historic home Eryldene at Gordon recently celebrated its Centenary. Eryldene Foundation Chair David Fairlie, Eryldene Trust Chair Karen Pedersen, Ku-ring-gai Mayor Jennifer Anderson and NSW Governor Marie Bashir are pictured.



The future of Eryldene relies heavily on community support and an appeal was launched on the evening to help provide ongoing care and maintenance of this classic, early 20th century home and garden. For more information, visit [www.eryldene.org.au](http://www.eryldene.org.au)



## FRESH TRACKS

 The Fresh Tracks Foundation works closely with the Royal Rehabilitation Centre to help young people with acquired brain injury to recover. Trying out new trike bikes at the launch of a rehabilitation program initiative at the St Ives HART Centre were Kevin Luu of East Lindfield and Liam Knight of Forestville.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to Don Wormald of Turramurra and Bill Hardman of Davidson, who received NSW Government Community Service Awards. Don's strong commitment to removing unsightly graffiti has been a major influence on the growing success of the annual Graffiti Removal Day.

President of the Forestville RSL Sub-Branch, Bill Hardman has championed reforms locally, as well as through the RSL's District and State Councils. He also performs outstanding voluntary work in the broader community. I was pleased to present Bill with his Community Service Award at the recent 60th Anniversary Dinner of the Forestville RSL Sub-Branch, which was also attended by Member for Wakehurst, Brad Hazzard.



## SENIOR CITIZENS' ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Outstanding contributions to the welfare of our senior citizens have been recognised with awards to Bob Knox and Rosemary Hickey. Bob is the Director of the Respect for Seniors Program, developed through the St Ives Uniting Church. Rosemary is a much valued volunteer at Wesley Gardens Aged Care at Belrose and is pictured with its Service Manager, Joy Cullis.



# LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

NSW Parliament's Leadership Program invites student leaders from NSW secondary schools to visit Parliament House and develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings.

Recently visiting from the Davidson electorate were leaders from St Ives, Killara and Davidson High Schools as well as Covenant Christian School and Roseville College.



# WEEDS MANAGEMENT

The NSW Government allocated more than \$11 million this financial year for ongoing noxious weed control. Weeds like Asparagus Fern (pictured courtesy of Sydney Weeds Committees) can become a serious problem. For information on weed control, visit [www.sydneyweeds.org.au](http://www.sydneyweeds.org.au) or contact your local council.



Bushcare's Major Day Out also provides hands-on experience in weed management and tips on how to help maintain a weed-free natural environment. To take part on 7 September,

visit [www.bushcaresmajordayout.org](http://www.bushcaresmajordayout.org) for more details.

# OPAL CARD

Following the introduction of Opal Cards on all trains and ferries, the North Shore area was the first in Sydney to accept them on local buses. Benefits of the Opal card include daily travel caps and free travel on any mode of public transport after eight paid journeys a week. More than 2.5 million free Opal trips have already been taken and over 280,000 Opal Cards have been registered.



# SMALL BIZ CONNECT

The Small Biz Connect bus (below left) recently visited Lindfield to help small business develop skills to thrive.

This NSW Government program recently assisted Ivy and Rose Flowers at Frenchs Forest, where Aboriginal-owner Amanda Zanchi met with Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business John Barilaro, Regional Advisor Ian Mackay and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello (below right). For more details visit:

[www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au](http://www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au)



# OUTSTANDING YOUTH

Our young people are our future and many of them have achieved notable successes. Congratulations to Samuel Mart of Masada College on being the Lions Club of St Ives Youth of the Year.



Those recently acknowledged for leadership skills, academic achievements and a commitment to community service by Belrose Rotary Club (pictured below with President, Alf Guy) are (L-R back row) Meagan Osinga, Brooke Topschij and Cheyenne Dyer and (front row) Maddi Van Es, and Ben Masterton.

Congratulations also to Year 12 student, Scott Watts of St Ives, who is one of only three students selected by the National Youth Science Forum to represent Australia at the International Science Summer School Heidelberg in July.



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My Blood Type is:

My Allergies are:

# NEWS BITES

## Business Breakfast

This year's Davidson Business Breakfast at NSW Parliament House attracted over 270 people who received insights into the views of now Treasurer, Andrew Constance. The function provided some support to Belrose-based charity, Live Connection Aid.



## New Graffiti Laws

New laws make it easier for police and courts to deal with graffiti offenders. The Graffiti Control Amendment Act makes graffiti laws simpler for police to apply and will mean more offenders receive clean-up orders.



This year's Graffiti Removal Day will be held on Sunday, 26 October through Rotary Downunder. More information is at:

[www.graffitiremovalday.org.au](http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au)

## Glenrose Update

The long-awaited Glenrose Shopping Centre redevelopment proposal from Woolworths will be considered by the Joint Regional Planning Panel on 8 July. Pending approval, Woolworths will take over the site and seek a construction partner, with a view to commencing construction as soon as possible.



## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Emergency police, Ambulance, Fire ..... **000**  
 SES ..... **13 25 00**  
 Lifeline ..... **13 11 14**  
 Crime Stoppers ..... **1800 333 000**  
 Electricity (Ausgrid) ..... **13 13 88**  
 Gas ..... **13 19 09**  
 Sydney Water Emergency Service .. **13 20 90**  
 Brought to you by Jonathan O'Dea MP, Member for Davidson

# INTERNATIONAL LINKS

On 27 June, I will host the opening dinner of the Australia China Economics, Trade and Culture Association (ACETCA) in NSW Parliament House. This organisation helps strengthen economic, trade and cultural ties between Australia and China.

Many people of Chinese background have chosen to make their home in the Davidson electorate and earlier this year I joined community leaders and performers in celebrating the Chinese New Year (see picture below).



# VISION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

NSW Infrastructure for the 22nd Century was the focus of a forum at NSW Parliament House hosted by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). It provided an opportunity for Members of Parliament and stakeholders to hear from experts and discuss vital issues. As PAC Chair, I advocated providing the right infrastructure as the bedrock of future growth and prosperity. We owe it to following generations to plan for the long-term, well beyond the next election cycle.



# PARLIAMENTARY PERFORMANCE



In 2014, I have spoken more than 40 times in NSW Parliament on a wide variety of issues. The text of these speeches can be accessed through my website:

[www.jonathancodea.com.au](http://www.jonathancodea.com.au)

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