

NDIS coming to **Western Sydney**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be rolled out in South West Sydney, including Liverpool and Fairfield, from July next year.



At the DisabilTea event in 2011

This is a monumental step for Australians with disability, their families and carers and goes a long way to fix a system that was seen as underfunded, unfair, fragmented and inefficient.

It is one of the most important initiatives of the former Labor Government.

The NDIS will ensure people with disability receive the support they need, when they need it in order to live productive and successful lives and will give a peace of mind to parents of children with disability.

Ours is an area of great need with a high proportion of residents living with disability due to the high cost of care. In fact, 52 percent of all NSW families who live with autism live within a 20 kilometre radius of Liverpool CBD.

Living with disability comes at a high cost for the individual, the family and the community. It is time we shared the responsibility.

History will judge our generation on how we relate to and include people with disability.

Carers' Week Show We care

We recently celebrated **Carers' Week.**



This is a time to recognise the vital role carers play in our community.

Carers make an enormous contribution and huge sacrifices, often putting their own lives on hold while looking after friends or loved ones.

Too often their role and contribution goes unnoticed, other than by the immediate family. In Fowler, there are over 13,000 people looking after family members, people with disability, illnesses as well as the elderly.

Caring should be a shared responsibility between carers, family and the community as our society is a reflection on how we look after our most vulnerable members.

We care for all the unpaid carers in our community.

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LOCAL NEWS

White Ribbon Day

Since the beginning of this year, sixty-three women were killed by their partner or ex-partner in Australia. They represent the most tragic group within the 1 in 3 Australian women who experience violence in their lifetime.

These statistics are an immediate call to action to address societal attitudes that allow violence against women to continue.

As White Ribbon Day approaches on 25 November, I urge all Australian men to take the oath never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

This year, Cabramatta Police, together with a number of community organisations, is organising a White Ribbon Day March on 25 November, from Cabra-vale Memorial Park down Railway Parade and towards Freedom Plaza.

This march will raise awareness and send a message that our community does not tolerate domestic violence under any circumstance.

I give a Gonski

The Federal Liberal Government's decision to abandon the Gonski reform into education and impose a \$30 billion cut to funding for schools will hurt students and jeopardise the future competitiveness of our nation.



It will particularly hurt the most vulnerable, including students with disability, who need the extra attention and support.

Research by Children with Disability Australia shows that one in four children with disability have been denied

enrolment, almost one in five only attend school part-time, and 68 percent of parents believed their children do not receive adequate support at school. The needs-based Gonski reform, initiated by the previous Labor Government, was an important step in ensuring no Australian child is left behind.

Western Sydney Airport

The Federal Government is committed to an airport at Badgerys Creek. While many are attracted by the prospect of local jobs, there is still concern given that the Government has determined that the airport will be a 24/7 hour operation and that no curfew will apply.

A curfew operates at Sydney to protect the residents of the inner city, North Shore and the Shire. The people of Liverpool and Western Sydney deserve nothing less.

While the Government plans for Badgerys Creek to be serviced by buses, Labor is committed to a rail link to exist from the date of operation. For residents and the travelling public, a rail link is essential.



UPDATES & EVENT

Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance

Last month I joined hundreds of police officers and their supporters in the annual motorcycle *Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance*, converging on Canberra.

The ride was a memorial to the brave officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The event was an opportunity to acknowledge the unique and often dangerous nature of police work. Protecting the community is not easy and those brave enough to wear the police uniform deserve our gratitude.

National Police Remembrance Day, observed annually on the 29th of September, was a time to pause and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The bravery of our police and their dedication to serving and protecting our community should be nationally acknowledged and never taken for granted. We are forever in their debt.



Chris with Cabramatta LAC Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Darren Newman, who also took part in the ride

On behalf of a grateful community, I want to assure police officers, in particular our local police in Liverpool, Green Valley, Cabramatta and Fairfield Local Area Commands, that their efforts are appreciated.

Stop cuts to penalty rates

I recently hosted the **Fair Work Taskforce in Cabramatta to discuss the Liberal Government's planned cuts to penalty rates.**



Fair Work Taskforce discussing the impact of penalty rate cuts on families

Unemployment is climbing with Western Sydney experiencing on average a rate of 9.4%, and families are now under significant financial pressure.

The Taskforce was established by Labor MPs in response to talk of introducing anti-worker legislation and possible cuts to penalty rates. Cutting rates of pay will not help families or the economy.

The Cabramatta Hearing focused on conditions in the health and aged care sector with workers from local hospitals present.

Threats to penalty rates represent a slippery slope towards lower working conditions and standard of living for people across Australia.

Mental Health Week

During October we observed the **National Mental Health Week**, a week dedicated to raising awareness of mental health issues and breaking down the stigma associated with mental illness.

Nearly one in five Australian adults will experience mental ill-health each year and nearly half of our adult population will experience a mental illness at some point during their lives.

Evidence shows that people who get the support they need, when they need it, are far better equipped to lead contributing

lives through participation in work activities and community involvement.

The Liberal Government has a long way to go to ensure Australia's mental health system is strong and capable of providing the care and support Australians with mental health issues need.



Celebrating Cabramatta Moon Festival

This year's Cabramatta moon festival brought our community together for a day of music, food and activities for young and old to enjoy. It really demonstrated what is great about our diverse local community.



With the representatives from 'Vietnam Vision'

I am very proud to represent the most multicultural community in Australia and one of the largest Asian communities outside of Asia itself. The Moon Festival reminds us of the importance of nurturing the multicultural nature of our community.

Multiculturalism is about building a shared sense of nationhood forged through

mutual respect, common values and a commitment to fairness.

I commend the work of Fairfield City Council and the organising committee, in putting on this wonderful event. I also thank the Police, SES and the Fire Brigade who gave up their time to keep our community safe.

Happy Birthday Ted

Happy birthday to the oldest Fowler resident!

Ted Wale turned 105 this year and we recently held a party in his honour. Ted is still a prominent local artist and regularly speaks to young people about his experience of growing up in Australia.



Cabramatta West

90th Birthday

Mrs Lillian Nolan, Ashcroft

Mr Stephen Maros, Sadleir

Congratulations

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr Andrea and Mrs Nicoletta Vicaretti, Mount Pritchard

Mr Thuy Trong Than and Mrs Lien Thi Kim Tran, Green Valley

Mr David and Mrs Janette Hannaford, Canley Vale

60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr Stephen and Mrs Ilona Maros, Sadleir

Mr Laurence and Mrs Maureen Higgins, Mount Pritchard

Mr Phillip Vincent and Mrs Doreen Frances Coleman, Liverpool

Mr Dennis and Mrs Valerie Hardy, Cabramatta

Mr Milan and Mrs Dragica Draskovic, St Johns Park

70th Wedding Anniversary

Mr Tien Nhung Do and Mrs Thi Huong Le, Cabramatta West

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Keeping in touch via Facebook

I recently decided to join Facebook as an added way of keeping in touch with the community and delivering a better service.

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