



Moon Festival showcases our vibrant community

Cabramatta, once again, hosted the annual Moon Festival, bringing together our diverse community to celebrate with cultural performances, singing, dancing and the very best Asian cuisine in the country.

Drawing over 90,000 visitors to this amazing event in Western Sydney, Channel 7 again showcased the best of our diversity and multiculturalism to the wider Sydney community.



Chris writes

Spring has welcomed many festivals to our community – the annual **Moon Festival**, the **Harmony Walk** and the **City Peace Day**, all celebrating friendship, diversity and community.

On the political front, much has happened. The local rollout of the NDIS being a high point, down to the continuation of cuts to TAFE and aged care.

With the 45th Parliament sworn in, the Turnbull Government has managed to lose control of the House on three occasions, as well as supporting a Labor amendment criticising the Government for its failure to close tax loopholes.

Regardless of politics, people elected to Parliament should take their responsibilities seriously. Ducking off early, leaving without permission, failing to pay attention to matters before the Parliament is just not good enough. People are entitled to expect better of their elected representatives.

Good luck in your HSC exams

During the HSC examination period, I wish all students the very best of luck. If you believe in yourself anything is possible!

The HSC period can be nerve racking and the expectation to achieve can be daunting. Just know that to do your best is all that matters. Headspace, the national youth mental health foundation offers study tips and ways in which you can reduce study anxiety and stress. Feel free to visit their website on <https://headspace.org.au/young-people/surviving-school-exams-and-stress/> **BEST OF LUCK!**

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Chris Hayes

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FOWLER

LOCAL NEWS



White Ribbon Day

Along with Detective Chief Inspector Darren Newman and Quynh Truong, the Multicultural Community Liaison Officer at Cabramatta LAC, I recently took part in a TV interview about the importance of combating domestic violence.

IN AUSTRALIA, 1 IN 3 WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, AND 1 IN 5 WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

As a White Ribbon Ambassador, I know we cannot relax in our efforts to eradicate violence against women. On 25 November, White Ribbon Day, I urge men in our community to join me in taking the oath, **I will stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women, and never be silent or condone violence against women.**

Australia's campaign to stop violence against women

White Ribbon



Our thanks to Reverend Father Patrick McAuliffe

Rev Father Pat McAuliffe of Sacred Heart Catholic Church celebrated his 60th anniversary of entering the priesthood.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Father Mac has given tireless service to the Fairfield Cabramatta PCYC, as the basketball and boxing coach and serving as President of the PCYC over the past 25 years and lifetime patron.



With Rev McAuliffe at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cabramatta.

National Disability Insurance Scheme rollout

Labor's NDIS initiative to ensure people with disabilities receive the support they need to reach their full potential, is a relief for local families. By 2019, the Scheme will support 460,000 Australians with a disability.



The NDIS rollout in the Liverpool and Fairfield areas commenced in July, however, many local organisations have expressed concern about the various aspects of the service.

Grace Fava of Autism Advisory Support Service, while welcoming the initiative, has raised issues about the NDIS portal and its compatibility for people from non-English speaking backgrounds. Similarly, the CEO of Disability South West, Sean Langshaw, has raised concerns regarding delays in the system and ease of access for local families.

However, the Turnbull Government has recently sacked the Chairman of the NDIS Board and intends to corporatise the body. I fear to ignore the social responsibility of NDIS in favour of a business approach, may impact negatively on families coping with disability.

For more information about the NDIS and what to do to get NDIS Ready, visit www.ndis.gov.au or call 1800 800 110.

UPDATES & EVENT

Police Remembrance Day



Thursday 29 September marked **National Police Remembrance Day**, a time to pause and honour all our police who lost their lives in the course of their duties.

This event was also an opportunity to show our appreciation to the men and women brave enough to wear the police uniform and prepared to risk their lives in order to protect our community.

In NSW this year, sadly there were two deaths in the police family, Sergeant Geoffrey Richardson, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident en route to an incident and Mr Curtis Cheng, who was shot in front of Police Headquarters in Parramatta during a terrorist attack.

We are indebted for their service.

Wall to Wall Ride

Once again, I participated in the annual **'Wall 2 Wall Ride'** together with hundreds of police and their supporters in the remembrance ride for the fallen.

We rode from our respective States to Canberra with over 2,000 motorcyclists, to raise funds for Police Legacy. The funds will be used to assist the families of police officers killed in the line of duty.



With Cabramatta LAC Crime Manager, Detective Chief Inspector Darren Newman.



With local Members of Parliament, Chris Bowen MP and Anne Stanley MP and Gough's son, Nicholas Whitlam.

Unveiling the new Gough Whitlam Place

The opening of Gough Whitlam Place was the commemoration of a giant of Australian politics and one of Cabramatta's most prominent residents, Gough Whitlam. Gough's son, Nicholas Whitlam and his family attended the opening.

Jobsupport at McDonalds



Jobsupport helps people with moderate intellectual disability, into suitable employment. Over the past 30 years, Jobsupport has helped over 700 people into jobs throughout Sydney.

Lee McGillivray has been employed with McDonalds, Moorebank for over 15 years and is a star performer. Thanks to Peter Meadows and his team at McDonalds for being so committed to this great initiative, helping people to reach their full potential and changing lives for the better.



With Lee at McDonald's Moorebank.

Neighbourhood Watch launched

Police, representatives of our Chambers of Commerce, and local residents recently came together to launch a new Neighbourhood Watch initiative.



Neighbourhood Watch groups play a very important role in reducing crime and improving community safety.

By remaining vigilant, Neighbourhood Watch really makes a difference for the better in our community.

Be motorcycle aware –

Look twice for bikes

Motorcycle Awareness Week commenced on 15 October and is a time to appreciate that not all of us only drive cars.

Motorcycling is exciting and enjoyed by many, but it comes with a higher degree of risk. At this time, I encourage all road users to remember to “look twice for bikes” and together, let’s make our roads a safer place for all.



At Parliament House.

Dementia awareness

Dementia is a disorder that has a devastating impact on families. In Fowler there are over 17,000 people suffering from Dementia.

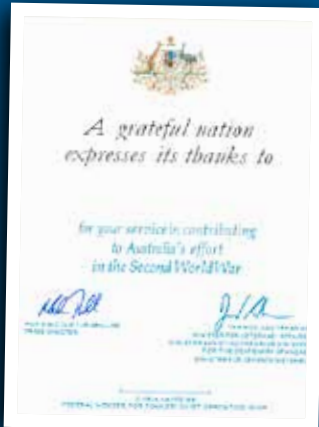
If you would like more information or would like to get help, contact the National Dementia Helpline on **1800 100 500**.



Saluting their Service

If you know someone who has served our country in a conflict zone and lives in my electorate of Fowler, they may be eligible for a certificate, Saluting their Service.

These certificates are a token of our nation's appreciation and gratitude for their service. Veterans or family members are able to apply for the certificate.



If you wish to nominate someone for their military service, please contact my office on 9726 3988.

Cuts to aged care hurt elderly

The Australian community is ageing, with the number of people aged 70 years or over estimated to grow from the current 2.5 million to 3.6 million by 2026. The demand for aged care services is expected to triple by 2050.

The Liberal Government's cuts of more than \$3 billion from aged care over the last three years is certainly not welcomed by the service providers who are struggling to deliver quality care for our aged.

Aged care should not be a political football and demands bipartisan support.

South West Legal Centre: Fighting the funding cuts

The Turnbull Government's 30% cuts to funding for South West Sydney Legal Centre will impact on our most vulnerable members of the community, who rely heavily on the centre's service. Many of these people are victims of domestic violence.

The team at Bonnie Support Services who do a great job in looking after women and children in need, say that restricted access to legal advice will impact badly on people and make it harder to look after victims of abuse. Labor will continue to fight against these cuts and protect our vulnerable citizens.



With Betty Green and An Le from Bonnie Support Services.

Standing firm on TAFE

The Liberal Government has given private providers \$5.4 billion regardless of graduation rates of students or whether the qualifications have led to employment opportunities. Now, the Australian Government is cutting \$2.75 billion from vocational education.



At Miller TAFE.

Labor is committed to a TAFE funding guarantee, ensuring that TAFE remains the preferred public provider of vocational education.

We need to train Australians for the jobs of the future, not support dodgy providers, and ensure proper standards are being met throughout the vocational education system.

Local Sporting Champions Grants

Does your child excel in sport? Would \$500 help with the cost of uniform, travel, accommodation or equipment? They may be eligible for a Local Sporting Champions Grant.

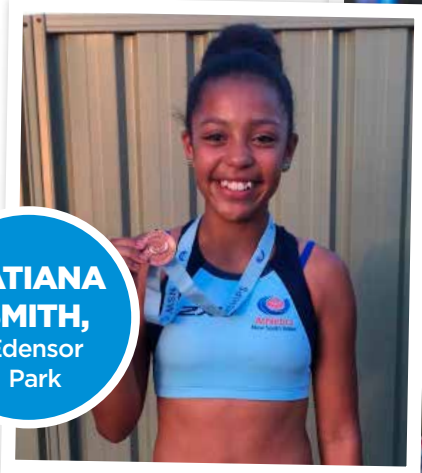
A number of young people received grants in Round 1, including:

- ▶ **Sophia Dagher**, Villawood
- ▶ **Tatiana Smith**, Edensor Park
- ▶ **Natalija Pavicevic**, Liverpool

Grants of \$500 are available and the Local Sporting Champions Grant is being offered to 12 – 18 year olds who have been selected to participate in State, National and International level as either an athlete, coach or official.

For further information on how to apply for a **Local Sporting Champions grant**, please contact my office on (02) 9726 3988.

TATIANA SMITH, Edensor Park



NATALIJA PAVICEVIC, Liverpool



Free Life Saving fridge magnet

With summer approaching, we enjoy our time at the beach or in pools. While swimming is fun, safety is important and knowing what to do in an emergency can save lives.

If you would like a **Keep Watch water safety magnet**, please contact my office on 9726 3988.



Congratulations

- 60th Wedding Anniversary**
Mr Bruce and Mrs Joan Vale, Liverpool
- 65th Wedding Anniversary**
Mr John Easten and Mrs Aileen Mary Binnie, Canley Heights
- 75th Wedding Anniversary**
Mr Ken and Mrs Nancy Gentz, Lansvale
- 100th Birthday**
Ms Klara Volar, St Johns Park

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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.

Follow me @ www.facebook.com/ChrisHayesMP to stay informed of my activities and to send me any of your thoughts or comments.

