



Cronulla Update

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The redeveloped Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club was officially opened recently. Read about the work being done as part of the NSW Government's investment in local surf clubs on page 2.



Help with the cost of living

The NSW Government is supporting family budgets and stimulating the economic recovery from COVID-19 with a range of vouchers and other support available.

This Cronulla Update runs through some of the help available and how you can access the savings.

Surf clubs update

Our local Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSCs) have recently opened or started work on new and improved facilities to help the clubs and their members to continue to do their vital work, while also providing new facilities for the community to enjoy.

Cronulla SLSC opened its redeveloped and refurbished clubhouse last month.

The new clubhouse provides modern facilities for members and the community and also makes sure it complies with current building and safety standards.

The NSW Government provided \$500,000 towards the cost of the renovations, which will meet the modern day needs of the club and the community.

The new building provides members with state-of-the-art facilities so they can continue to provide the voluntary lifesaving service on Cronulla Beach they have been doing for 115 years.



North Cronulla SLSC celebrated the start of construction of its new club with a ceremonial sod turn.

The project will provide a much needed modern operational facility for the club's hardworking volunteers.

The NSW Government supported the project with grants totalling \$500,000.



Elouera SLSC marked the completion of its lower ground floor renovations that will help with the training and development of its members along with providing better facilities for the community.

A NSW Government grant of \$320,000 helped fund the project, which includes improved amenities for women and special needs nippers, a new gymnasium and new training and first aid rooms.



Cost of living help

As NSW recovers from the impacts of COVID-19, there's a range of savings available to help ease the cost of living.

You can use a savings finder to discover savings relevant to you by visiting service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living or by scanning the QR code below.

These are some of the savings you may be eligible for:

Stay NSW vouchers provide \$50 off the cost of staying at hotels, motels, caravan parks and other accommodation.

Parents NSW vouchers offer parents, carers or guardians of school-enrolled children who supported home learning in 2021 with \$250 worth of vouchers to use for accommodation bookings or entertainment and recreation activities.

First Lap vouchers provide \$100 towards the cost of swimming lessons for children aged three to six years not enrolled in school, or in kindergarten in 2021 or 2022.

Active Kids vouchers are two lots of \$100 to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

Creative Kids vouchers offer \$100 for registration, participation and tuition costs for a range of creative activities.

Dine NSW vouchers have been expanded to offer each person aged 18 and over a third \$25 voucher to use for dining at restaurants, wineries, pubs or for takeaway meals.

Discover NSW vouchers have been expanded to offer each person aged 18 and over a third \$25 voucher for entertainment and recreation.



Before and After School Care (BASC) vouchers offer families \$500 per child to support the cost of accessing BASC services. The voucher is to be used to cover the cost of the parent gap fee under the Child Care Subsidy.

Small business support is available for eligible businesses, sole traders or not-for-profit organisations impacted by the Omicron wave of COVID-19, with payments of between \$750 and \$5,000 per week.

Free rapid antigen test (RAT) kit packs are available for students and staff through schools to use when families consider necessary so they have peace of mind.

You can apply for vouchers through the Service NSW app on your smartphone, at service.nsw.gov.au, or by phoning 13 77 88



Cronulla Seagulls clubhouse upgrade



Players from Cronulla Seagulls Football Club are enjoying new change rooms at Woollooware Oval with the support of a \$250,000 grant from the NSW Government.

I recently joined Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres to open the new facilities that will mean safe and secure change rooms are available for women of all ages.

The upgrade also means the Seagulls clubhouse is fully accessible for people with disability.

Sutherland Hospital upgrade

Construction of new state-of-the-art operating theatres and a new MRI suite is on schedule at Sutherland Hospital.

The new and refurbished Sutherland Hospital operating theatre complex will increase the number of operating and procedures rooms from six to ten and include a new surgical short stay unit, a new MRI suite and new central sterilising services.

The \$88.5 million upgrade will give Sutherland Hospital a first-class operating theatre complex that will significantly improve the patient experience and cater to a growing population well into the future.



The world-class MRI facility brings this vital service closer to home for Sutherland Shire residents. The MRI facility is due to be open to patients in 2023 and the operating theatre complex is scheduled for completion in 2024.

Lennox is the 'One to Watch'



Nine-year-old Caringbah schoolgirl and snack crusader Lennox Wade won the One to Watch Award at the NSW Women of the Year Awards.

Lennox is the founder of kids' food charity Snacktember, which rallies people from all over Australia to donate snacks for children in need. You can follow Lennox's efforts to help others through Snacktember's Facebook and Instagram. Congratulations and well done Lennox!

Cronulla Woman of the Year

Rebecca Hinshelwood, a 29-year-old volunteer of the Kurnell Rural Fire Service who's the local President and Deputy Captain, is the 2022 Cronulla Woman of the Year.

As a leader in the RFS, Rebecca is a great role model for women in an organisation that has traditionally had more male volunteers.

Rebecca has balanced her work as a leader and frontline firefighter with the Kurnell RFS, with raising her daughters and a career as a nurse. Congratulations Rebecca.



Cronulla Senior of the Year

John Stoffels is the Cronulla Senior of the Year for 2022.

John has been an enthusiastic community volunteer for more than 50 years, with involvement in both football and softball and more recently with fundraising through the Woollooware Golf Club's annual golf day for Legacy.

The other finalists for 2022 in the Cronulla Seniors Awards were:

- Patricia Cudmore – St Vincent de Paul Society Sutherland Shire Regional President
- John Curtis – NSW State Emergency Service volunteer
- Michael Douglas – Sutherland Food Services volunteer including past president
- Ron Griffiths – Lilli Pilli Football Club volunteer
- Betty Jacobs – Kurnell Girl Guides and Pensioners Club volunteer
- Chris Murray – NSW State Emergency Service volunteer leading senior operator



- Norman 'Buzz' Piddington – North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club volunteer
- Neil Reynolds – Caringbah Baptist Church and Skillz4Me volunteer
- Russell Sullivan – Port Hacking Open Sailing Club rear commodore
- Brian Thompson – Elouera Surf Life Saving Club patron, Tradies director
- Peter Turbet – Sutherland Shire Council Bushcare volunteer, Fred Hollows Foundation worker and history author.

Congratulations to these dedicated volunteers.

News in brief

- ✓ **The Cronulla Jazz and Blues Festival is on again from 2 to 5 June.** The NSW Government is supporting the event with a grant of \$11,000: cronullajazzandbluesfestival.com
- ✓ 18 medical interns have been appointed to Sutherland Hospital, in a **record intake of more than 1,000 interns** across the state.
- ✓ Work has started on the mostly underground **M6 Stage 1 south to Kogarah**. It is **due to open to motorists in 2025**: caportal.com.au/rms/m6
- ✓ The NSW Government is **providing financial assistance** for people, businesses, farmers and not-for-profits **impacted by severe weather and flooding in NSW**: nsw.gov.au/floods
- ✓ NSW has posted its **lowest unemployment rate** since current records began, **falling 0.5% to 3.7% in February**. This is the lowest unemployment rate of any state.
- ✓ **Stronger environmental laws are now in place** to better protect the environment, prevent contamination and illegal dumping: <https://bit.ly/3qHZ1rq>
- ✓ The NSW Government's response to the closure of Origin Energy's Eraring Power Station will **support up to 3,700 jobs** in future energy and renewable energy: <https://bit.ly/3JPY7kk>
<https://bit.ly/3JQGnVL>

Attorney General update

- ✓ Common sense reforms to **make sexual consent laws easier to follow and ensure more effective prosecutions** of sexual offences will begin on 1 June 2022.
- ✓ Offenders whose criminal acts cause the loss of an unborn child **will face tougher sentences** under new criminal offences now in place. This will expressly **recognise the loss of an unborn child** as a unique injury for a pregnant woman and other family members: <https://bit.ly/3qKZTvE>
- ✓ The NSW Government is working on **reforms to outlaw coercive control** in current and former intimate partner relationships.
- ✓ Perpetrators of sexual violence and other criminals who've evaded the criminal justice system for many years, will now face the prospect of **tougher sentencing from NSW courts**.
- ✓ **New 'safe rooms' are being installed in NSW courthouses** to enable domestic violence complainants and other vulnerable witnesses to give their best evidence in court. This will help witnesses **avoid the stress of having to face their abuser** or family members in court.
- ✓ **Audio visual links are continuing to be installed in courts** across the state to enable more efficient court operations and reduce the time people have to wait for justice. By mid-2022 modern **audio visual links will have been fitted in almost 180 courthouses** since 2017.

Community Building Partnership grants

12 local organisations in the Cronulla electorate have secured a total of \$400,000 for projects through the NSW Government's 2021 Community Building Partnership Program.

The program funds infrastructure projects for improvements to facilities for hardworking local community groups.

The following projects were successful in the latest round of applications:

- ✓ **Cronulla South Public School P&C** (upgrade of classroom and outdoor learning space) \$70,000
- ✓ **Wanda Surf Life Saving Club** (upgrade to lift) \$50,000
- ✓ **Yowie Bay Public School P&C** (new nature adventure garden) \$50,000
- ✓ **Laguna Street Public School P&C** (upgraded outdoor seating area) \$45,000
- ✓ **Cronulla High School P&C** (motorised lighting winch system) \$40,000
- ✓ **Cronulla Recreation and Bowling Club** (updated sun protection shades) \$34,000
- ✓ **Cronulla Public School P&C** (water bottle refill stations) \$30,000
- ✓ **Woollooware High School P&C** (renovation of multi-purpose hall floors) \$30,000
- ✓ **Elouera Surf Life Saving Club** (ground floor refurbishment) \$20,000
- ✓ **Sunnyfield** (renovation and upgrade of kitchen at Caringbah) \$14,000



With Laguna Street principal Rosie di Mattia and P&C president Amanda South

- ✓ **St Aloysius Church, Cronulla** (refurbishment of audio visual system) \$12,000
- ✓ **Cronulla Seagulls Football Club** (outdoor shade and weather protection) \$5,000

I congratulate the local organisations that have been successful in their applications and look forward to seeing the difference these projects make to our community.

It was great to be able to open the refurbished netball and basketball courts at Lilli Pilli Public School, a project supported by a NSW Government Community Building Partnership grant.



With kindergarten, staff and P&C at Lilli Pilli PS

Community survey

I am keen as your local member to know what issues are of most concern to you and your family. Please take the time to complete my community survey by following the QR code or by visiting <https://bit.ly/3uBI9Uo>



Out and about



Shire Football launch



Clean Up Australia Day



Citizenship ceremony



2022 Australian Surf Rowers League



Dandelion Support Network



Port Hacking Little Athletics



North Cronulla Surf Club boat launch



St Vincent de Paul 100 years in the Shire



Sutherland Shire Citizen of the Year



Port Hacking Putters Regatta



Southside Malibu Club

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