



Cronulla Update

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I'm pleased to update you on activity in our community in the last few months, including local projects reaching completion.

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New Kurnell visitor centre

An artist's impression of inside the new visitor centre at Kurnell; find out more about the plans for construction on page 2.

Cost of living help

With household budgets under pressure because of the increased cost of living, take the time to check you've claimed the savings available to you.

There are NSW Government rebates and vouchers available, mostly started under the previous Liberal Government.

To find rebates and vouchers relevant to you, scan the QR code below to visit the Service NSW Cost of Living Hub.



Local project updates

Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell

Kamay Botany Bay National Park is iconic for its history – the point of first East Coast contact between Aboriginal people and Europeans – and its beautiful and diverse natural environment.

In good news:

- The new amenities building now being built at Commemoration Flat is due to be finished this month.
- Construction of the new **visitor centre**, announced and funded under the NSW Liberals, starts soon. Completion is expected by the end of 2025.
- There will also be visitor centre car park improvements, a new Cricket Pitch car park and amenities building, as well as new picnic tables and shelters, barbecues, bins, seating, outdoor showers and drinking fountains.
- The new visitor centre will be home to four **Gweagal spears** being returned from England. James Cook and crew took these from Kurnell in 1770.
- Construction of new **ferry wharves** at Kurnell and La Perouse is well advanced and due for completion later this year.

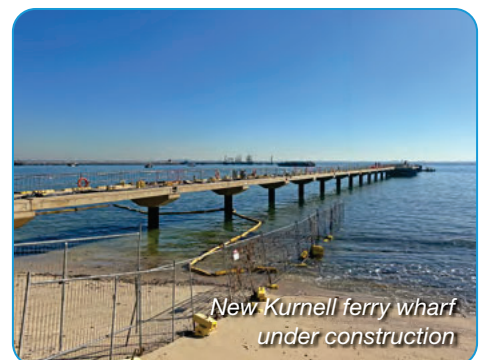
In disappointing news:

- The Minns Labor Government has downgraded the visitor centre plan.
- The Government is dragging the chain on calling for expressions of interest to operate services to connect the new wharves. The former Liberal Government had planned to call for expressions of interest during construction to try to get services up and running as soon as possible after the wharves are finished.

Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL)

The 3km Stage 2 East section of the off-road Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) for cyclists and pedestrians is now open between Jackson Avenue Miranda and the intersection of Denman Avenue and Gannons Road on the Caringbah/Woolooware boundary.

Design and investigation work for Stage 2 West between Kirrawee and Miranda continues; a preferred route is expected to be ready for consultation later this year. Stage 3 through Woolooware and Cronulla is in the early planning and design phase. The completion of Stage 2 East follows the earlier construction of Stage 1, a 1.3km section between Sutherland and Kirrawee.



Cronulla High School

Cronulla High School upgrades, planned and funded under the NSW Liberals, have reached a further milestone with the school hall expansion now completed. This follows on from the opening of the new 'M Block' for the start of the 2024 school year. The new block includes six new advanced teaching spaces, new staff facilities, modern student bathrooms and a new canteen. Work is in progress on the new 'L Block' that will provide new administration, reception and toilet facilities on the ground floor, along with four new teaching spaces, a multi-purpose learning room, a veranda and toilets on the first floor. This new building is expected to be finished in late 2024. Renovations of existing buildings will follow and are due to be completed next year.



M6 Stage 1

More than 70% of tunnelling is now complete on the new M6 Stage 1 twin tunnels. The M6 Stage 1, planned and funded under the NSW Liberals, will connect President Avenue at Kogarah to the M8 via twin tunnels, linking southern Sydney to the wider motorway network. It is due to open to traffic next year.



Sutherland Hospital

The \$81.5 million Sutherland Hospital Operating Theatre Complex, planned, funded and largely completed under the NSW Liberals, is now complete. The MRI suite and new theatres building were completed last year. Refurbishment of existing theatres area was completed this year. Along with the new MRI machine, the completed project includes eight new operating theatres and two procedure rooms, a new surgical short stay unit and recovery areas, new staff amenities and workspaces and a new central sterilising services department.



St George Hospital

Work continues on the \$411 million St George Hospital Stage 3 Redevelopment, planned and funded under the previous NSW Liberal Government. This will bring together a range of day only, ambulatory and outpatient services, improving accessibility for patients and their carers, particularly those less mobile or who have chronic health conditions. Completion is due in 2026.

Great Southern Walk

The NSW Liberals in government initiated the Great Southern Walk, a new 67km multi-day walking experience from Kamay Botany Bay National Park, through Royal National Park and into the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area. The walk will take visitors through stunning coastal landscapes and places of national heritage significance. Track upgrades are continuing as part of bringing the overall walk together, along with planning for an 'overnight precinct' at Maddens Plains.

Cronulla award winners

Cronulla Woman of the Year

Caringbah fundraising powerhouse **Julie McKinnery** is the 2024 Cronulla Woman of the Year.

Julie has raised more than \$75,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation through opening her home yearly for 'Julie's Biggest Pink Breakfast'.

Having fought off breast cancer twice, Julie's efforts extend beyond fundraising as she works to helping others facing similar challenges.

You can search 'Julie's Biggest Pink Breakfast' on Facebook for more information. The next breakfast is on 19 October.



With Cronulla Woman of the Year, Julie McKinnery

Senior of the Year

Volunteer chair and board member of Gymea Community Aid and Information Service **Kaye Herald** is the 2024 Cronulla Senior of the Year.

Kaye leads an organisation that is making a difference to the lives of people, including seniors and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

It was inspiring to learn of the volunteer work being done by the 13 finalists for Cronulla Senior of the Year; they're a snapshot of the extraordinary work done by seniors in the Shire. The other 2024 finalists were:



With Cronulla Senior of the Year, Kaye Herald

Dianne Batty, Kirrawee

Service to a range of community organisations and causes.

Nick Boes, Kurnell

66 years of service to the Kurnell community.

Sue Brannock, Caringbah

Service to Wanda Surf Life Saving Club.

Jill Cameron, Cronulla

Service to Elouera Surf Life Saving Club.

Stewart Cameron, Cronulla

Service to North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club.

Catherine Carmichael, Caringbah

Service through end of life care and support, care for women with young families.

Maureen Clark, Gymea Bay

Service to Dandelion Support Network.

Tony Dedda, Cronulla

Service to Crossroads Prison Ministries.

Daphne Lee, Miranda

Service to Gymea Anglican Church.

Ron Lucas, Gymea

Service to Grays Point community including Kids Hope.

Gary Rigney, Caringbah South

Service to Gymea United Football Club.

Alice Tierney, Caringbah

Service through physical culture classes.



With Cronulla Senior of the Year finalists

NSW Community Service Awards

Two passionate volunteers, Maureen Clark and Nick Boes, have received the 2024 NSW Community Service Awards for the Cronulla electorate.



With Maureen Clark and Shadow Seniors Minister Bronnie Taylor at the Cronulla Senior of the Year Awards

Maureen Clark, Gymea Bay

Maureen Clark is a volunteer team leader at Dandelion Support Network, where she's been part of its work to get donated clothing, furniture and other items to children and families in need since Dandelion started more than 12 years ago.

She has been an active supporter of fundraising, been a great mentor of new volunteers and is highly valued by everyone at Dandelion.



With Nick Boes and Principal Jo Graham at Kurnell Public School

Nick Boes, Kurnell

Nick Boes is a local treasure in Kurnell, having been a volunteer for a range of causes, projects and organisations there for an extraordinary 66 years. He is loved for his long list of volunteer work, including as member and captain of the then local bush fire brigade, leading the campaign to improve the look of Captain Cook Drive, and giving his time and money for students at Kurnell Public School.

News in brief

- The NSW Liberals have successfully agitated for an Upper House inquiry into **e-bikes**, including regulation and safety. This has been a major issue in the Cronulla electorate this year.
- The NSW Liberals welcome new **knife laws** to give police the power to use non-invasive wands to detect concealed knives, on public transport and in specifically declared places. Similar Queensland legislation saw over 500 concealed knives removed from public circulation in 12 months. However we would have preferred the legislation to apply across NSW generally, as we'd earlier called for.
- The NSW Liberals introduced a bill into Parliament to create a presumption of electronic monitoring where bail had been granted to someone facing a serious **domestic violence** charge, to suspend bail for a short period pending an appeal against the grant of bail in

serious domestic violence cases, and to ensure that magistrates rather than registrars deal with bail in serious personal violence cases. We subsequently supported the Government's own legislation, which in part picked up our ideas.

- In May, I spoke in Parliament on **domestic violence** generally; you can view the speech by scanning the QR code.



- Emergency department times are blowing out and fewer elective surgeries are being performed at **Sutherland Hospital**. In the March quarter, compared with the same quarter last year, emergency department treatments starting on time fell from 58.7% to 55.1%; the proportion of patients leaving within four hours fell from 50.4% to 47.9%; and the number of elective surgeries performed fell 4.4%.

Community recognition

These are the latest people, groups and organisations from the Cronulla electorate to whom I've paid tribute for their achievements and contributions to the community, so far in Parliament this year:

John Gonzalez ESM (Australia Day honour for service to State Emergency Service)

Carol Provan OAM (Australia Day honour for service to local government and the community)

Andrew McKellar ESM (Australia Day honour for service to surf lifesaving)

Late John (Wes) Owsnett OAM (posthumous Australia Day honour for service to the community through a range of roles)

Jenson Wade (Shire Young Citizen of the Year)

Blakey Johnston (Shire Citizen of the Year)

Late Nona Henderson (40 year volunteer in Sutherland Shire)

Late Janette Gould (local singing teacher and performer)

Lizzy Sargeant, Miccy Sargeant, Luke Maggiore, Lara Saunders (Laps4Lizzy fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation)

Late Ernest Schmatt AM PSM (NSW justice system)

Julie McKinnery (Cronulla Woman of the Year)

Kaye Herald (Cronulla Senior of the Year)

Stewart Cameron, Maureen Clark, Nick Boes, Dianne Batty, Catherine Carmichael, Alice Tierney, Sue Brannock, Ron Lucas, Daphne Lee, Jill Cameron, Gary Rigney, Tony Dedda (Cronulla Senior of the Year finalists)

Late Jim Cook (Cronulla Rotary Club)

Giulio Di Stefano (long service as Sutherland Shire Football Association treasurer)

Cronulla Surf Festival (fundraiser for Chumpy Pullin Foundation)

Caringbah Baptist Church (70th anniversary)



Port Hacking Putters (annual regatta promoting boating safety)

BAYCARE Gymea Bay (local volunteers looking after Gymea Bay Baths Reserve)



Elyse Riordan and Fiona Butlin (State Emergency Service volunteers recognised for bravery)

Port Hacking Outrigger Canoe Club (30th anniversary)

Ebony Springall (Sydney surf lifesaving clubs Junior Lifesaver of the Year)

Woolooware Golf Club (annual charity golf day for Sydney Legacy)

Tirion Wilkinson and Chloe McKenzie-Matteson (Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation fundraising)

Sutherland Shire Relay for Life (successful 23rd fundraiser for Cancer Council)

Helen Lakatos (community volunteer and author of new book 'Izzy the Jerusalem Donkey')

Kobe Sorensen (Australian World Life Saving Championships team)

Gymea Anglican Church Mobile Food Pantry (5th anniversary)

Cronulla High School (World's Greatest Shave)

Late Paul Dobson (founding and life member of Kurnell Stingrays JRLFC)

Tammin Lampret (Australian Oceania Athletics Championships team)

Mason McGroder (Australian World Under 20 Athletics Championships team)

Michael Evans, Angelo Nicholson, Stephen Pratt, Barry Vandenberg, Dr Alan Watson AM (50 years JP service)

Nic Watkins (retiring President of Cronulla Sutherland Water Polo Club)

Jy Hibbert (under 18 Australian All Schools Tennis Team)

Community building partnership grants

The long-time Community Building Partnership Program provides grants for community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes.

These are the local not-for-profit community organisations who have been awarded grants in the latest round of the program.

Cronulla Public School P&C – shade covers for school playground – \$46,310

Lilli Pilli Public School P&C – shade canopy for primary school playground – \$40,000

Grays Point Preschool Kindergarten – bathroom upgrade – \$30,000

Port Hacking Open Sailing Club – inflatable support boat for junior sailing programs – \$25,000

Cronulla Sharks Water Polo Club – clubhouse refurbishment and audio visual system – \$23,000

Burraneer Bay Public School P&C – multi purpose play area and seating – \$20,000

Elouera Surf Life Saving Club – building access control system – \$20,000

Shire Woodworking Club – computer numerical controlled woodwork routing machine – \$19,000

St Aloysius Catholic Church Cronulla – refurbishment of audio-visual system for Thornton Community Hall – \$18,000

Cronulla Caringbah Sharks JRLFC – aluminium seating at club grounds – \$15,000

Cronulla High School P&C – school hall kitchen upgrade – \$13,335

Lilli Pilli Football Club – monitored defibrillators at club grounds – \$11,980



Cronulla Sharks Water Polo Club



Lilli Pilli Football Club

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club – electronic security system for rescue training shed – \$10,000

Kurnell Catamaran Club – trailer for rescue vessel – \$8,138

Have your say

As your local MP I'm keen to know what issues are of most concern to you and your family.

I would appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to complete my community survey by scanning the QR code or visiting

<https://bit.ly/surveyforcronulla>



Out and about



Cronulla Rotary Club



Burraneer Bay Public School



Wooloware High School



Clean Up Australia Day



Project Youth



Cronulla Sharks



Botany Bay Family History Society



Dementia Australia Walk, Wanda



Cronulla Chamber of Commerce



Sutherland Shire Relay for Life



With Jenson Wade, Shire Young Citizen of the Year, and Lennox Wade



New Shire police recruits

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