

Let's back Anoulack

A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields

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Motor registry closure a disgrace

The Baird Government's decision to close the **Ingleburn Motor Registry** is an insult to our community.



Residents supporting my campaign to keep the Ingleburn Motor Registry open.

Our growing community needs more services – not cuts!

When you consider that the Baird Government has also decided to close the Campbelltown Motor Registry, it means that all of Campbelltown is now without this basic and essential service.

Those with mobility and access issues will be among the hardest hit. Elderly people with a modified licence can only drive up to 15 kilometres, making the trip to Gregory Hills impossible for many in our community.

I am not prepared to sit idly by and see our community get ripped off.

I am grateful to the 2,100 residents who signed my petition about this important issue. In addition, I received more than 2,000 tear off slips from residents who also wanted to lodge their protest. This was a magnificent effort – a big thank you to all.

I proudly presented the petition to the Parliament on 13 October and on the same day spoke about our community's anger and concern.

You can read my speech at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au or view it online via my Facebook page.

Unfortunately to date, Mr Baird – who is also the Minister for Western Sydney – has not yet agreed to my request for an urgent meeting.

Our community deserves its fair share. Why must our community travel great distance – at personal expense and inconvenience – to access a basic government service in an area few can even find on a map? It is unfair and defies logic.

Please be assured that I will continue to fight for our fair share of services, and I will hold the Baird Government to account for this bad decision.

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Problem solving champions



Curran Public School students with items from the care package for local pre-schoolers.

Students from Years 5 and 6 at **Curran Public School** in Macquarie Fields have recently been named **National Junior Future Problem Solving Champions** after winning their division at a competition in Brisbane.

The students developed a care package for local pre-school children to help with their learning in preparation for 'big school'. The package includes supplies of stationery, books, worksheets and posters.

Congratulations to all of the students and teachers involved. We are very proud of them and their fantastic result. As a result of everyone's efforts, new kindergarten students at Curran Public School can look forward to a brighter future through a better start to their education.

The next step is to raise money to help the students attend the International Finals, to be held in the United States in June next year. If you'd like to help support their efforts, contact the school on 9605 4524.

Save our Scenic Hills

It seems the battle to save the **Scenic Hills** never ends.

This time, the Catholic Cemetery Trust has a plan to totally destroy the Scenic Hills by building a 136,000 plot cemetery on our iconic landmark.

Make no mistake, if the Baird Government allows this development to be approved, it will be the beginning of the end for our Scenic Hills.

For generations, Campbelltown City Council and the community have joined together to save the Scenic Hills. Now we need to join forces again against this latest threat.

The Scenic Hills provide a wonderful backdrop for our city and are steeped in heritage significance.

“ I am totally opposed to the Catholic Cemetery Trust's proposal. I am also opposed to the decision by the Minister for Planning to approve public exhibition of the proposal without having all the facts first. ”



The battle to save the Scenic Hills continues.

Club keeps on bowling

Over the years, **Ingleburn Bowling Club** has won as many tournaments as it has fostered friendships.



Jim Tattler (front) and other Ingleburn Bowling Club members.

The club co-hosted the State Men's Grade 2 Pennant finals this year, with eight of the 16 Zones from NSW participating. A Women's sixes open tournament is held each year, attracting some of Australia's best female bowlers. The Men's Ingleburn 15 point Handicap Fours is also held annually, and encourages higher grade bowlers to team up with less experienced players.

The club prides itself on a strong volunteer base. Promoting sport and friendship is all part of the game.

Ingleburn Bowling Club is a proud supporter of **Phoenix Cricket Club**, **Campbelltown Junior Darts Club** and local schools.

Local sports star

A big congratulations to Jack Morel of Macquarie Fields.



Jack has been selected to represent NSW in the U17s male softball team at the National Championships to be held in Perth in January 2016.

Jack also coaches tee ball and umpires softball. He was also recently selected for the South West Sydney Academy of Sport male softball team.

Good luck in Perth, Jack – here's hoping you hit a home run!

Access for all

It is appalling that this year's State Budget did not include any funding for the upgrade of **Macquarie Fields Railway Station**.



What about me, Mr Baird?

I have been at the station countless times and watched (and sometimes assisted) the elderly and those with heavy bags or prams struggle up the stairs to catch the train.

It is shameful that in 2015 a major suburban train station has no lift and no wheelchair access – just a towering stairway with more than 70 steps.

Macquarie Fields resident, Gary Jones, (pictured above) has osteoarthritis and uses a cane or walker. He regularly catches a bus to Ingleburn or Glenfield railway station to access a lift to travel on a train. "This is 2015, why don't we have a lift? The station should be accessible for everyone," Mr Jones said.

It is incomprehensible that the money could not be found for this important project. So, it's time to ramp up our campaign for a station upgrade and our fair share of services.

Accessibility for all is a must, and I will be lobbying for a station upgrade that meets everyone's needs. Next time I'm at the station with my mobile office, come say hello and tell me what you think.

Chat with Anoulack...

Featuring long-term Macquarie Fields residents (pictured below), 97 year old Sylvia Driscoll, her son Alan (back row with Anoulack), daughter Rosemary and son-in-law Russell Hoy (seated), with their dog, Misty. The family has been in the area for more than 92 years.

ANOULACK: What are your early recollections of Macquarie Fields?

SYLVIA: It was very quiet. There were no townhouses. It was just bush and you could hear the whistle of the steam trains. When the creek flooded, our suburb became like an island and we were surrounded by water.

ANOULACK: Times have certainly changed.

ALAN: Definitely more of a green vista in those days. I also recall that the 6th and 8th Division practised in these parts during World War Two.

ROSEMARY: I remember my grandparents' chook yard. There was a dairy farm which later converted to the McGarvie Smith Institute until it moved out of the area. Macquarie Fields House was a popular spot for visitors.

ANOULACK: What do you enjoy most about living in the area?



ALAN: A lot of services are close by. You can enjoy the relative quiet of the neighbourhood or have easy access to the city on the train. Thankfully, now though, there are no longer any level

crossings and you don't have to walk across the train tracks to access the platform. Lots of things have changed for the better.

HOW I CAN HELP YOU

As your local Member of Parliament, I can:

- ▶ Represent you in Parliament.
- ▶ Put you in touch with a service that can help you.
- ▶ Take your concern directly to the appropriate Minister or department to get a response.
- ▶ Advocate on behalf of the community for an improvement in service and facilities, or on State Government issues.
- ▶ Work with you to achieve positive outcomes for our community.

As your State Member, I deal with a range of issues, including but not limited to:

- ▶ Ageing and Disability
- ▶ Community Services
- ▶ Primary, Secondary Education and TAFE
- ▶ Fair Trading
- ▶ Transport
- ▶ Hospitals and Health
- ▶ Policing

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If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss State Government matters, please drop into the office or contact me on **9618 2077** or email macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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