

Let's back Anoulack

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

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Festival brings Ingleburn Alive!

Ingleburn was once again the centre of attention and activity when the annual Ingleburn Alive Festival was held on 11 March.



It was great to see so many locals out and about enjoying the day.

As always, the camel rides were a great success and the centre stage was full of wonderful talent to keep the crowds well and truly entertained. The night ended with a wonderful display of fireworks.

Wedding bells!



Thank you to everyone for all your kind messages of support for Anna and I on our wedding day earlier this year.

One of the great pleasures of my job is to organise congratulatory messages for those celebrating special occasions.

Examples of congratulatory messages I can arrange include 50th wedding anniversary, 50th plus anniversary, 80th plus birthday, 90th birthday and 90th plus birthday.

If you or someone you know has reached a special celebratory occasion, please contact my office for details about how we can help with these special messages.

THE FIGHT CONTINUES

The fight to save Hurlstone and its farm from development at Glenfield continues.

I will continue to make the Liberal Party and National Party accountable for their appalling backflip which would see Hurlstone's farm sold off to developers.

I wrote to Campbelltown Council objecting to the development application (DA) for the site which would see a number of the agricultural buildings demolished. The DA is the first step in preparing the property for its sale and subdivision.

Please contact my office for more information.

#handsoffhurlstone

And the Scenic Hills...

For as long as I can remember, protecting Campbelltown's Scenic Hills from development has been non-negotiable.

As they say, once it's gone, it's gone forever. If the Liberal Government allows the proposed cemetery to go ahead, there will be nothing left of our precious green corridor and environmental heritage. The Scenic Hills is part of our heritage and our future.

I will continue the fight to save the Scenic Hills from destruction.

Local Woman of the Year

Few have done more than Sandra McDonald to raise awareness around the issue of mental health. Sandra's interest and passion know no bounds.

I recently had the honour of presenting Sandra with the 2017 Local Woman of the Year Award in recognition of her ongoing and commendable work as an advocate for mental health.

In 2004, Sandra established the Beautiful Minds Community Committee (a sub-committee of One Door Mental Health). Then, in 2008, Beautiful Minds in partnership with One Door Mental Health opened Harmony House in Bradbury – a facility that provides day to day support for those living with mental illness. Beautiful Minds has also transformed the outdoor space at Waratah House. Through Beautiful Minds, Sandra is now working to improve Birunji, the acute 20 bed youth mental health unit attached to Campbelltown Hospital.

Beautiful Minds also conducts fundraising activities throughout the year, including the Mad Hatters Annual Dinner and Waratah Day.

Congratulations to Sandra on this well-deserved award. Our community and State is all the better as a result of her achievements. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Sandra and Beautiful Minds to achieve more in this area because mental health matters.

For more information, visit www.beautifulminds.net.au



**SANDRA
MCDONALD**

Grant money available

YES, YOU READ RIGHT

The Community Building Partnership (CBP) program runs every year with the aim of enhancing community facilities and encouraging community participation.

Successful projects under the program should deliver positive social, environmental, inclusive or recreational outcomes.

Each year the Macquarie Fields electorate is allocated \$300,000 under the program.

To apply, applicants must be either NSW Councils or incorporated, community based not-for-profit organisations.

To find out more about this terrific program please call my office or visit communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au



Ingleburn Bowling Club is grateful for its CBP grant used to build new sun shades.

Schools suffer in the heat

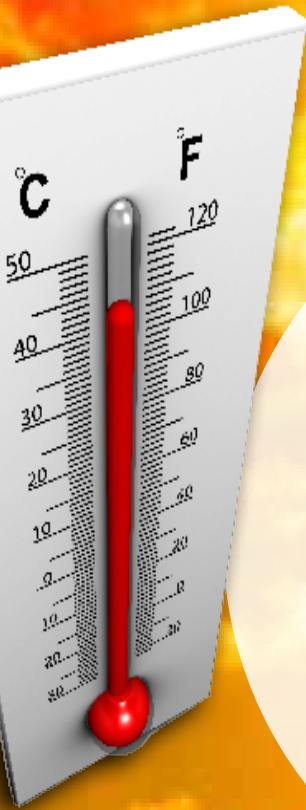
It appears our local public schools are on average not hot enough to automatically qualify for air conditioning for our students and their teachers.

To be eligible for air-conditioning, schools must have an average maximum January temperature of 33 degrees Celsius or higher. Those schools with an average maximum temperature between 30 and 33 degrees Celsius are apparently eligible to apply for air conditioning for their hottest spaces.

THIS IS SIMPLY RIDICULOUS.

This year's heat wave in February, when we roasted with temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius, shows the current policy is outdated and needs revisiting.

I will continue to raise this issue with the Minister for Education to ensure that our children and teachers *get the air-conditioned classrooms they deserve.*



Chat with Anoulack...



PETER JAKOBSSON

Campbelltown City Council's 2017 Citizen of the Year is Peter Jakobsson. Peter is a familiar face, having played with the Ingleburn RSL and Campbelltown Community Pipe Band at local events for more than 20 years.

HOW DID YOU COME TO PLAY THE BAGPIPES?

I was first introduced to the bagpipes in Sweden in the 1970s where I lived for 13 years in my early 20s. I was born in Sweden to a Swedish dad and an Australian mum, and moved to Macquarie Fields as a toddler. I followed in my dad's footsteps by joining the Swedish Merchant Navy and travelling the world. While living in Sweden, I started the Gothenburg City Pipe Band and so started my long association with the bagpipes.

DO YOU STILL HAVE A CONNECTION TO SWEDEN?

Yes. I still have relatives in Sweden and visit the country every few years. I am also fluent in the Swedish language.

YOUR MUM'S FAMILY ARE DESCENDANTS OF THE FIRST FLEET?

My mum, Helen, is a descendant of Joseph Hatton, who travelled to Australia on the *Scarborough* in 1787. The *Scarborough* was the second-largest ship selected for the First Fleet after the *Alexander*.

LEARNING THE BAGPIPES CAN'T BE EASY?

Like any musical instrument, the key is practice, practice and more practice. As long as you enjoy playing and persevere, you'll reap many rewards. As well as performing at local citizenship ceremonies, on ANZAC Day and marching in the Fisher's Ghost Street Parade, I've also had opportunities to perform overseas including at a special concert in Campbelltown's Sister City of Koshigaya, Japan in 2012.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT PLAYING?

Music affects the brain in many positive ways – makes you smarter, happier and more productive at any age. The band is like family and I appreciate all of the opportunities I've had as a result of being actively involved with the group.

WHAT ARE YOUR RECOLLECTIONS OF GROWING UP IN THE AREA?

I was one of the first students to attend Macquarie Fields Public School when it opened its doors in 1957. I went on to Ingleburn High School and remember having lots of Scottish friends, which might explain why I was always drawn

to the bagpipes. The area has changed dramatically since I was a youngster and it has certainly grown. It's a great community and I'm proud to have raised my family here and still call it home. Janet (Peter's wife) and I have three children and eight grandchildren and we love the area.



Peter with his mum, Helen.

The Ingleburn RSL and Campbelltown Community Pipe Band invite people of all ages to join.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT PETER ON 0418 403 141

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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

