

Let's back Anoulack

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Carparking crisis! Commuters' needs ignored

Our railway station carparks are overflowing and the Baird Liberal Government doesn't care.



Commuter carparking is at crisis point. Discussing the issue with local resident, Philip Durbridge.



So many local residents commute to work on the train. But at all local railway stations, commuter carparking is now almost impossible to find – even at 7.30am.

Brand new stations such as Edmondson Park and Leppington are bursting at the seams. And the Baird Government's response? The same

spin every time about how our needs are being 'considered' as part of the Transport Access Plan.

This nonsense from the Government ignores the reality that you cannot encourage people to use public transport without providing them with the space to park their car. And it ignores the reality that the carparking problem will only get worse with new

houses and new estates being built every day.

Wake up, Baird Liberal Government! We need more than words – we need action! Commuter carparks are a necessity, not a luxury.

Rest assured I will not rest until this urgent issue is addressed.

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STOP THE SELL-OFF

The Baird Liberal Government's asset and privatisation agenda **MUST STOP.**

I am fed up with the Baird Liberal Government's plans to privatise and sell-off our most valuable community assets.

LET ME GIVE YOU A SAMPLE OF WHAT THE BAIRD LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SOLD OFF OR PRIVATISED:

- NSW Sport and Recreation Camps – **UP FOR SALE**
- Hurlstone Farm – **UP FOR SALE**
- 5 NSW Hospitals – **UP FOR PRIVATISATION**
- Land Titles Office – **UP FOR SALE**
- Ausgrid and Endeavour Energy – **SOLD**
- NSW Electricity Poles and Wires – **LEASED FOR 99 YEARS**
- Transgrid – **SOLD**
- Department of Lands and Education Building – **SOLD**
- Crown land – **UP FOR SALE**

And on top of this, you can add all those services he has closed down – like our Motor Registry Offices in Ingleburn, Campbelltown and Liverpool.

Where will it all end? Are our schools next?



JP service available

Justices of the Peace (JP) provide a vital community service.

Often they are called upon to witness signatures for statutory declarations and affidavits and verify that a photocopy is a true copy of the original.

My office is fortunate to have the services of a volunteer JP, Ray, who attends my office every Wednesday between the hours of 10am to 12 noon. No appointments are necessary, but it's always a good idea to ring beforehand – even volunteer JPs take a holiday sometimes!



VIEW Club – Good work and fun times

VIEW stands for the Voice, Interests and Education of Women.



There are more than 300 VIEW Clubs around Australia and the clubs are open to women of all ages.

The Clubs provide a great setting for women to meet, have fun, form friendships, and to have their voices heard on important issues.

On top of that, the Clubs also help raise funds for The Smith Family's 'Learning for Life' program. Nationally, more than 1,100 students are sponsored by VIEW Clubs – a tremendous effort which is making a lasting impact on young lives.

Locally, the Ingleburn VIEW Club celebrated its 50th birthday. It was a great celebration and a lot of fun and laughs were had by all. Congratulations to Ingleburn VIEW Club President Patricia Rafferty and her team on a job well done.



Bring back our Motor Registry office

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If Manly can have its own Motor Registry Service, then why can't we?

It's a fair question and one that I asked in Parliament recently given continued frustration in my electorate following the closure of the Ingleburn, Liverpool and Campbelltown Motor Registry offices.

Ironically, the Service NSW model being rolled out by the Baird Liberal Government across the State and championed as a 'new era in customer service' has not yet even made it to the Premier's own electorate of Manly! Like many in my community, I find the double standards of the Baird Liberal Government appalling.

It seems there is one rule for Baird and his Liberals, and another rule for us.

My community now has to travel further than ever to the Gregory Hills and Orange Grove Road Service Centres, with virtually no public transport access. In addition, opening hours were recently cut back.

IT'S WRONG. My community deserves better and I will continue to fight for our fair share. It's time Premier Baird – the Minister for Western Sydney – gave us just that.

100 Not Out!

Turning 100 is quite a milestone and I was delighted to recently celebrate this achievement with two of my constituents, Mrs Dantier and Mrs Poulter. Both ladies thoroughly enjoyed their respective celebrations and it was an honour to meet them both.

My office is able to organise congratulatory messages for significant birthday milestones and wedding anniversaries. **Please give my office a call for the details.**



Mrs Elsie Poulter.



Mrs Marie Dantier.

Robert Townson Public School turns 30!

My old primary school recently turned 30 and I was honoured to be invited back to join in the celebrations. It brought back lots of good memories and I even met up with some old friends!

Well done, RTPS!



Celebrating the school's milestone with the students.



Catching up with Alicia Poto and Mrs Sheryl Wheatley.

Minto Public School visit

Recently, Minto Public School visited Parliament House in Sydney. I was delighted to welcome the students and teachers to the Parliament and to speak to them about how laws are made and my work as their Local Member.



Minto Public School students at Parliament House.

Chat with Anoulack...

Retirement was short-lived for long-term Eschol Park resident and former primary school principal, Anne Sheldrick, when she took up an opportunity to help others through the Macarthur No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS).



How did you come to work at Macarthur NILS?

I was engaged with Macarthur NILS in a volunteer capacity for around two years. Prior to this, I had been retired for a year after more than 30 years teaching at public schools throughout south west Sydney, including as deputy principal of Campbelltown North, principal at Glenfield and Prestons. When a role became available to do microfinance work and coordinate volunteers at Macarthur NILS, I jumped at the chance and haven't looked back.

Who can apply for NILS?

NILS loans are only available to people on a low income. This includes, but is not limited to, anyone who receives support from Centrelink, holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pension Card. They must be living in the Campbelltown, Camden or

Wollondilly Local Government Areas (or adjoining postcodes). There are also special circumstance loans for people who have been incarcerated or are leaving a domestic violence situation. Eligibility criteria apply.

What can NILS cover?

Loans of up to \$1200 are available for purchasing new household items such as whitegoods and furniture, medical equipment, home computers/laptops or vehicle registration. There are no fees, no charges and no interest. There is no limit to the number of loans available.

Tell me about NILS' philosophy.

NILS' motto is Engage, Enable and Empower. Those on low incomes who use the service are treated with personal dignity and supported in gaining a degree of financial control and empowerment in their lives. It is a local project and works through the recycling of a pool of community money. As each person repays their loan that money becomes available for new loans. Macarthur NILS is a project of the Presentation Sisters and is run out of the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown. The NILS program in Australia had its roots in the Good Shepherd Sisters, and receives support from various government, business and community groups throughout Australia.

What do you enjoy about your role?

The opportunity to work with many dedicated volunteers, to give back to the community and help transform people's lives for the better.

How do you spend your spare time?

I enjoy reading, knitting, cooking and travelling, as well as spending time with my husband, Phil, and three sons. (Anne and Phil are due to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in February 2017.)

You're a big fan of the local area?

Yes, I am. Phil and I have lived in Eschol Park for 36 years and were among the suburb's first residents. We love the open space, the sense of community, the relaxed vibe and proximity to facilities. It's a wonderful place to call home.

To find out more about Macarthur NILS, phone 4625 6487 or visit www.macarthurnils.org.au



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