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A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields – June 2025



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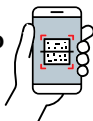
Local award winners

Ingleburn Knitting Group

I was honoured to present the Ingleburn Knitting Group with a 2025 NSW Seniors Local Achievement Award in recognition of their community contributions.

The Ingleburn Knitting Group has been going strong for more than 10 years. The group meets regularly at the Greg Percival Community Centre, and has created items for premature babies, our local hospitals, women's refuge centres and dementia patients.

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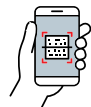
Jordan Huynh

Congratulations to Jordan Huynh of Macquarie Fields High School on receiving a NSW State Representative Award for his efforts in competitive swimming. Jordan suffers from a hereditary condition known as bi-lateral hand/foot malformation, which creates challenges to performing everyday physical activities.

Despite these challenges, Jordan is an accomplished multi-class swimmer who has represented Glenfield Public School, Macquarie Fields High School and Campbelltown Swimming Club at State and National level. Jordan has travelled all over Australia to compete and has ambitions to one day represent Australia at the Paralympics.

Our community is immensely proud of Jordan's extraordinary efforts and achievements.

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Message from Anoulack

Welcome to my latest community newsletter. This issue highlights reforms by the Minns Labor Government as well as exciting projects underway in the Macquarie Fields electorate.

I am pleased to report that the Minns Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to help make renting fairer by removing no-grounds evictions, making it easier to have pets in rental homes and ensuring that renters have a convenient fee-free way to pay their rent. You can read more about these reforms on page 2.

The long-awaited Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade and Edmondson Park High School project are now well underway. For the latest on these projects, see pages 3 and 4.

I'm thrilled that works are progressing on a public preschool at Sackville Street Public School and Curran Public School. Learn about these projects on page 3.

This issue features many wonderful people from our community. I'm always eager to hear from my community.

My Electorate Office is here to help. You can contact my office via email at macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au or visit my website at connectwithanoulack.com.

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through 2025, and I am humbled that this year marks 10 years as your local Member of Parliament.

It is an honour to represent our community in the NSW Parliament, and I thank you for your trust and support.

Anoulack Chanthivong
Member for Macquarie Fields

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FAIRER SYSTEM FOR RENTERS

The Minns Labor Government is making it easier for NSW's 2.3 million renters with the following reforms now in effect:

- No grounds evictions are now banned.
- It is now easier to have pets in rentals.
- Renters no longer have to pay additional fees when they pay their rent.

These new reforms build on laws passed in the NSW Parliament last year, which included:

- A limit to only one rent increase per year.
- A ban on renters paying for background checks when applying for a property.

They add to key initiatives already announced, including:

Establishing a \$6.6 million Portable Bonds Scheme: allowing eligible renters to move homes and digitally transfer their existing bonds. The scheme is expected to be up and running by the end of the year.

Establishing Rent Check: a new, free tool renters can use to help check whether the rent they're being asked to pay is fair.



A \$8.4 million Rental Taskforce: with investigators, inspectors and support teams to help renters and act on serious breaches of rental laws.

The rental market is tough at the moment, and NSW renters deserve the same certainty and security afforded to renters in other states.

Scan the QR code to keep up to date on what the Minns Labor Government is doing for renters. ►



Eid Exhibition

Wonderful to join Anne Stanley MP and community at the Minto Eid Exhibition earlier this year.

Great work Selima, Tariq and community organisers for bringing colour, fashion and small business to our local area.



PROBUS CLUB

The Macquarie Fields Probus Club provides an opportunity to discover new interests and unlimited possibilities in retirement.

Recent activities include a walk from Macquarie Fields to Ingleburn, as well as a visit to the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.

The group meets on the second Monday of each month from 10am at Glenquarie Library, 12 Brooks Road, Macquarie Fields. All welcome.

For more information, email Jenny via beejay2@bigpond.net.au



50 YEARS FOR JPS

Congratulations to Linda Reetz (pictured right) of Bow Bowling and Allen Williams (pictured left) of St Andrews on 50 years as a volunteer Justice of the Peace (JP) in the community. This is a fantastic milestone and I acknowledge the valuable public service both Linda and Allen have provided over many years.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL UNDERWAY



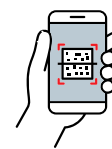
This image is a photomontage of Edmondson Park High School and is subject to detailed design.

The new Edmondson Park High School project is now underway. Earthworks are progressing and work has begun to install the foundations for the new school buildings.

Designs for the public domain works are being finalised. Upcoming works include installing new traffic features such as extended bus bays, pedestrian crossing, kiss and drop off areas and a new roundabout to the Buchan Avenue and Horrie Road intersection. Further structural works will continue over coming months.

The new high school will accommodate more than 800 students and include fit-for-purpose classrooms and core facilities to meet enrolment demand in Edmondson Park and support our growing community. The project is on track for completion by Day 1, Term 1 2027.

For more information, visit <http://edu.nsw.link/EPNHS> or scan the QR code. ▼



PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS FOR LOCAL KIDS

Work is underway for a new public preschool at Sackville Street Public School in Ingleburn and Curran Public School in Macquarie Fields.

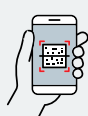
The new public preschools will provide a safe and engaging environment. They will feature specially designed rooms and a quality outdoor play area.



Curran Public Preschool

- ✓ Two preschool rooms.
- ✓ An outside play area.
- ✓ Administration area, amenities, staff kitchen and storage.
- ✓ Will accommodate up to 40 children per day.
- ✓ Anticipated to be completed for Day 1, Term 1 2027.

For more information, visit https://edu.nsw.link/Curran_Preschool or scan the QR code. ►



Sackville Street Public Preschool

- ✓ Three preschool rooms.
- ✓ An outside play area.
- ✓ Administration area, amenities, staff kitchen and storage.
- ✓ Will accommodate up to 60 children per day.
- ✓ Anticipated to be completed for Day 1, Term 1 2027.

For more information, visit http://edu.nsw.link/Sackville_Street_Preschool or scan the QR code. ►



ALL ON BOARD FOR STATION UPGRADE

I was delighted to join local residents and Transport for NSW staff at the first community tour of Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade in April.

The tour provided an opportunity for the community to view progress on the upgrade, which will include lifts, an upgraded station forecourt, greater pedestrian connections and improved lighting, CCTV, and wayfinding signage.

The Minns Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment in improving accessibility and safety at Macquarie Fields Station.

The Safe Accessible Transport Program aims to make public transport safe, inclusive and easy to use for all passengers, especially people with disability, older people, people with prams or luggage and others who may be experiencing mobility challenges.

Popular with residents eager for the long-awaited accessibility upgrade, the next tour in July is already at capacity. However, more tours will be held at a later date. Spaces are limited.

Since I was first elected in 2015, I have worked closely with our community to fight for our fair share of vital infrastructure. The Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade is a major win for our community, and I look forward to seeing this project take shape.

For more information, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/macquariefields or scan the QR code.



Project status

- ✓ Workshops with local people with disability and carers held recently. These workshops will continue to occur through the design process to provide an opportunity for valuable insights on accessibility needs.
- ✓ Excavation and concrete work for the new lifts, footbridge, stairs and retaining walls underway.
- ✓ Project completion expected in late 2026.

To register for an upcoming tour of the Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade, contact Transport for NSW on 1800 684 490 or email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au



2015
Ten years ago, our community campaign kicked off for lifts at Macquarie Fields Station. Local resident Gary Jones at the bottom of 70 steps at the station.



2025
The first community tour of the station upgrade in April was well-received and the next tour is already at capacity. Interest and excitement for this important infrastructure project is building.



UPGRADE UNDERWAY
Artists' impressions of the upgrade.

Construction starts at Bob Prenter Reserve

Works have started on a \$7.8 million upgrade to Bob Prenter Reserve in Macquarie Fields, transforming the site into a leading regional sporting precinct.

The project will deliver a new two-storey clubhouse, improved player facilities, female-friendly changerooms and a new amenities building underneath the existing grandstand.

Bob Prenter Reserve is home to the South West Sydney Blues AFL Club and NSW Gaelic Athletic Association while also being used for various sports by Macquarie Fields High School and the Campbelltown Zone Public School Sport Association.

Our growing community welcomes the Bob Prenter Reserve upgrade, which will enable seasoned sportspeople and up and coming juniors to experience outstanding facilities close to home.

The project is funded through \$5 million from the NSW Government's Multisport Community Facility Fund as well as a \$2.8 million contribution from Campbelltown City Council.



Artists' impressions of the upgrade.



Love dropping by the Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club.



Enjoying a sausage sizzle courtesy of Ingleburn Rotary.



With Jenny and Darko from The Silver Coin Project.



With Dr Mike Freeland MP and David Moncrieff MP.



The late Libero Soldatic and his wife Daisy.

Ingleburn comes alive

Wonderful to join in the community spirit of Ingleburn Alive again this year.

Another fantastic day showcasing local organisations and fun for all the family.

I would like to pay tribute to Libero (Fred) Soldatic, who passed away late last year. Libero joined the Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce in 1973 and was an active member throughout his life. Libero was one of the masterminds of the much-loved Ingleburn Alive festival and made an enormous contribution to Ingleburn over many years.

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Ingleburn students off to Japan

Ingleburn Public School has once again qualified to represent Australia at the prestigious Universal Robotics Challenge (URC) World Finals in Osaka Japan, continuing a legacy of excellence in STEM education and international competition.

In 2024, the school made history by placing third on the world stage—the first and only Australian team to achieve a podium finish in the history of the URC World Finals. This remarkable accomplishment placed Ingleburn Public School in the international spotlight and inspired a new generation of young innovators.

The journey continues in 2025, with a new team of Year 5 and 6 students—Harper

Taylor, Noboneeta Kamal, Sarah Wiltshire, and Emily Winnacott—who earned their place in this year's World Finals after placing second in the National Australian Finals.

In September, the team will travel to Osaka, Japan to compete against the world's best in robotics and innovation. They will be supported by teachers Miss Melinda Phan, Ms Sandra Nguyen, and Ms Tina Truong.

This achievement reflects the school's strong commitment to fostering creativity, collaboration, and excellence in STEM learning. Ingleburn Public School continues to lead the way in preparing students for a future driven by innovation and global engagement.



Back (l-r): Emily Winnacott, Sarah Wiltshire
Front (l-r): Noboneeta Kamal, Harper Taylor

Local Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Cheryl Paradella of Macquarie Fields on being awarded Local Woman of the Year 2025.

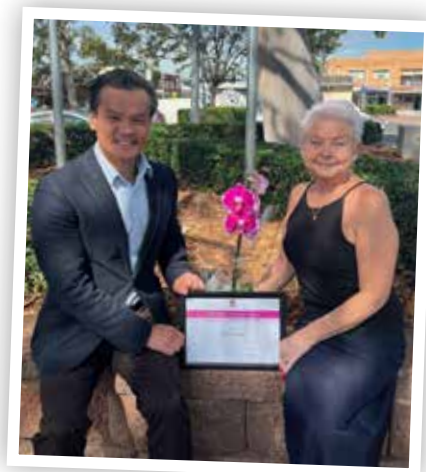
Cheryl is a dedicated volunteer for local mental health charity Beautiful Minds Macarthur and has been its president since 2018. Cheryl is committed to improving the lives of those living with mental illness.

Cheryl is also the community liaison officer at Glenfield Park School and works closely with families across the Hilltop group of schools for special purposes. Cheryl offers invaluable support to families with children of complex needs. Cheryl is also a community representative for the South

Western Sydney Local Health District, assisting with inpatient and community carer peer support.

Cheryl is a passionate advocate for carers and is a qualified foster carer and counsellor. Cheryl has worked in early childhood education and adult education for over 30 years. Cheryl has contributed enormously to our community, and I commend her advocacy and passion for helping others.

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Chat with Anoulack...

With ... Mal Fruean

A strong and passionate advocate for Pasifika communities and for cultural diversity, Mal Fruean has dedicated more than 30 years to community work in south-west Sydney, including 12 years as manager of South West Multicultural and Community Centre in Minto. Mal is also chair of the NSW Council for Pacific Communities and was this year appointed to the Australian Multicultural Council.

CONGRATULATIONS MAL ON YOUR NEW ROLE. TELL US MORE ABOUT HOW IT IS GOING.

It is a great honour and privilege to be one of only 14 Australians selected to sit on the Australian Multicultural Council to provide insights and advice to the Commonwealth Government. I'm deeply committed to this role, driven by my passion for fostering a vibrant multicultural community. Australia's diversity is one of its strengths and we are stronger together.

YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS EXTENSIVE.

I am a long-standing member of several advisory councils, including the Police Multicultural Advisory Council, Parramatta Powerhouse Advisory Council, Pacific Collections Advisory Council – Australian Museum, the NSW Office of Sports Multicultural Advisory Council and the Women's Advisory Council – Blacktown City Council. I am also a stakeholder on the federal Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme and assisted in establishing the Interim Pacific Islands National Councils for Australia.

I am also Chair of the NSW Council for Pacific Communities, a peak body for collaborative work with government and Pacific communities across NSW.

YOU'RE CERTAINLY AN INSPIRATIONAL AND RESPECTED LEADER. WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO THIS WORK?

I'm a proud Maori woman. I always encourage people to be proud of their culture, but also engage in the beautiful

diversity we have in NSW. It's a blessing to do this work, and the reward is being able to open up a pathway for people. I genuinely take a personal interest in everyone who walks through the door. I enjoy giving back to the community because they give me so much. I'm very passionate about the work I do. Helping people and making a difference – big or small – drives me every day.

YOU LIVE AND WORK IN MINTO. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

We're a big-hearted community – generous and always willing to help others. Over the years, our local area has grown considerably and there have been many changes. But the people have not lost that sense of coming together to support one another through thick and thin.

AS CEO OF THE SOUTH WEST MULTICULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (SWMACC), WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU'RE MOST PROUD OF?

I'm particularly proud of our food relief programs, and the centre's efforts to help released prisoners reintegrate with society. Services at the hub include the CHILL Hub Choose How I Look at Life, support groups, cultural engagement meetings and a seniors group. If needed, I help connect people with our extensive network of trusted social workers, caseworkers and other service providers.

YOU'VE LONG LIVED IN MINTO.

Yes, my husband Charlie and I raised our family here and now we are enjoying



Mal is an inspirational local woman. ▲

watching our grandkids grow up. Minto is a vibrant, diverse community and I am excited about what the future holds.

WHEN YOU GET A RARE SPARE MOMENT, WHAT DO YOU ENJOY IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

In our downtime, we enjoy train rides to the city, then hop on the ferry around our beautiful harbour. Spending time at the beach, near the water, is the best place to be and going on adventures with our grandkids.



▲ At the SWMACC centre in Minto, celebrating culture and community.

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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:

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