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



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New high school takes shape in Edmondson Park



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

Progress is well underway on a new high school for Edmondson Park.

A topping out ceremony was held in September to mark the next significant milestone in the delivery of the new Edmondson Park High School, with the building's structural phase now complete.

The new high school, located adjacent to Edmondson Park Public School, will include 37 modern classrooms, three support learning classrooms, and a range of world-

class education facilities including science, technology, performing arts, and fitness hubs, a library, canteen, sports field and multi-sports courts and lecture theatre.

Edmondson Park High School will accommodate up to 800 students and include fit-for-purpose classrooms and core facilities to meet enrolment demand and support our area's growing population.

The project is on track for completion by Day 1, Term 1, 2027.

The new school will mean more opportunities for local students, reduced travel time and access to modern facilities. I look forward to the first intake of students in 2027.

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2025-26 Budget is delivering \$3.9 billion for new and upgraded schools in Western Sydney. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world-class public education.

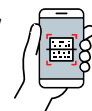


With Federal Member for Werriwa, Anne Stanley MP.



With Director Educational Leadership, Dace Elletson, (left), Anne Stanley MP and Principal Gareth Smith.

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Glenfield House gives older homeless women hope

A partnership initiative launched in September is providing much-needed accommodation for homeless older women in our community.

The launch of Glenfield House is a partnership between the NSW Government, Whiddon Group in Glenfield, Women's Community Shelters, Hume Housing, Urban Property and Housing All Australians to support some of our most vulnerable community members.

The initiative was made possible thanks to a \$446,450 grant under the NSW Government's new Homelessness Innovation Fund to Women's Community Shelters for the establishment of transitional 'meanwhile use' semi-self-contained accommodation for women aged over 55 experiencing homelessness.

The project showcases the repurposing of an old vacant aged care building owned by the Whiddon Group for transitional housing. Glenfield House can accommodate up to 28 women facing homelessness per night.

It is fantastic to see the NSW Government working with a broad range of partners to deliver improved services for homeless

Officially opening Glenfield House with Minister for Homelessness and Minister for Housing, Rose Jackson MLC and CEO Women's Community Shelters, Annabelle Daniel OAM (centre). ▶



▲ With Minister for Homelessness and Minister for Housing, Rose Jackson MLC and CEO Women's Community Shelters, Annabelle Daniel OAM inspecting Glenfield House.

With Mayor of Campbelltown, Councillor Darcy Lound, CEO Women's Community Shelters, Annabelle Daniel OAM and CEO Whiddon Group, Chris Mamarellis. ▶

women in the Macquarie Fields electorate.

Census data has indicated older women have been the fastest growing demographic at risk of or experiencing homelessness since 2011.

No one should have to choose between

their safety and their home, which is why projects like Glenfield House – which provide dignity, stability and compassion – are so important.

I welcome this addition to our community, which will provide real, meaningful support to women across our local area.



Station upgrade makes progress

Work is progressing at Macquarie Fields Station, with a recent burst of behind-the-scenes progress in mid-September when the station was closed during a period of trackwork.

Concrete foundations have been laid, a new electrical transformer has been installed which will power the station and the new lifts, and old canopies have been removed to make way for the new entry way and lifts.

Transport is continuing to hold community site tours for the project. Register for the next tour of the station to see firsthand the progress and benefits the project will bring and ask questions directly to the project team, by calling **1800 684 490** or emailing projects@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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



Artists' impressions of Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade, subject to change.



Ajuga School goes green



▲ With Director Educational Leadership, Dace Elletson, leader of Green Guardians Antonia Taylor, and Principal Leah Smileski.



▲ Inspecting Ajuga School's Tiny Forest project.



▲ Sustainability is the key focus of Ajuga School.

Congratulations Ajuga School on being awarded the Public Education Foundation's Secretary's Award for Outstanding School Achievement for its Green Guardians initiative.

The school has been working with the Georges River Environmental Education Centre to offer environmental education activities for its students, and this has resulted in some fabulous outcomes. Ajuga School supports students with a complex trauma background and/or autism.

Ajuga School is one of only 24 schools in Australia to receive the internationally recognised Eco-Schools Green Flag award, which is an outstanding achievement.

The school's sustainability program and

Green Guardians initiative is one of many programs the school has created to support its students at school, leading to higher rates of engagement.

Ajuga School is also excited about its upcoming Tiny Forest project. Ajuga will be one – possibly the first – school that Earthwatch has approved for this project.

I congratulate Ajuga School and highly commend principal Leah Smileski, the staff, students and all those involved on these fantastic initiatives.

Congratulations to James Meehan High School on receiving the Public Education Foundation's Secretary's Award for Outstanding School Achievement for its Middle School and Innovative Transition Program.

The exemplary program helps provide a smooth transition from primary to high school through a strong learning culture, homerooms, and enhanced teacher practice.

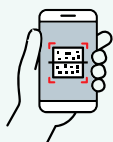


COST OF LIVING HUB

Looking for ways to stretch your budget or make the most of your money with tips and tools?

Visit the NSW Government's Cost of Living Hub, making it easier to find rebates and vouchers to save you money.

Scan the QR code to learn more. ▶



RENTAL REFORMS

The Minns Labor Government is making renting fairer across our State. We have ushered in a new era of stability and security for the 2.3 million renters in NSW, while giving certainty and clarity to owners.

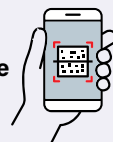
Reforms to date include:

- ✓ Ending no-grounds evictions.
- ✓ Making it easier to have pets in rentals.
- ✓ Limiting rent increases to once per year.
- ✓ Banning fees for background checks.

More rental reforms underway will:

- ✓ Protect renters' data that is irrelevant to someone's ability to pay rent; and
- ✓ Give victim-survivors of domestic and family violence greater power to leave unsafe homes, without financial penalty.

Scan the QR code to learn more about these historic reforms making renting fairer in NSW. ▶



Ingleburn Public School champions... Again

Incredibly proud of our Ingleburn Public School students who competed at the Universal Robotics Challenge world final in Japan in September and came third overall.

This wonderful achievement continues Ingleburn Public School's winning streak. The school made history when it placed third on the world stage in 2024 – the first and only Australian team to achieve a podium finish in the history of the robotics world finals.

Now that legacy continues in 2025 with the new team of Year 5 and Year 6 students, including Harper Taylor, Noboneeta Kamal, Sarah Wiltshire and Emily Winnacott, gaining a well-earned place as well.

The team was supported by the wonderful and caring teachers, Ms Melinda Phan, Ms Sandra Nguyen, and Ms Tina Truong. Ingleburn Public School continues to lead the way in preparing students for a future driven by innovation and global engagement. Congratulations to all involved on this fantastic initiative and great achievement.



OUT AND ABOUT



▲ Celebrated NSW Ambulance Appreciation Day on 19 September with a visit to Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station to acknowledge our local paramedics and NSW Ambulance staff and say a very big 'thank you' for the extraordinary work they do every day.



▲ With David Moncrieff MP catching up with my good friends at Mac Fields Salvos who do so much great work for our community.



▲ Always enjoy catching up with constituents at my mobile offices in the electorate. ▲

TAFE Study Hub

The Macquarie Fields Suburban Study Hub is now open.

Located in the TAFE NSW Macquarie Fields campus, the hub offers:

- ✓ Dedicated study spaces with high-speed internet.
- ✓ Academic and personal support services.
- ✓ Tailored learning assistance.

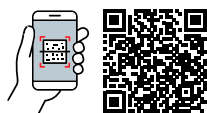
The Study Hub is a great initiative of the Federal and State Governments to ensure students in our western suburbs have access to study options close to home.

I was delighted to tour the hub recently and learn more about the diverse range of courses on offer at Macquarie Fields TAFE.

To learn more about the Study Hub, scan the QR code. ▶

With TAFE Services Coordinator Melissa Lefterys (left) and Manager TAFE Services Rebecca Whitford. ▶

The new Suburban Study Hub at Macquarie Fields TAFE. ▶



PCYC secures grant

I'm excited to announce that PCYC Campbelltown has been successful in securing a \$15,000 grant through the Community Building Partnership program.

The club will use the funding to establish an audiovisual youth space, featuring interactive gaming experiences, a large smart TV with streaming services including major sporting events, video conferencing equipment, furnishings and extensive electrical work to support equipment.

I was delighted to pop into the club recently and meet with Campbelltown Club Manager, Katie Langsford, and young people involved in one of the many programs the club offers.

To find out more about the PCYC or community grants, contact my office on 9618 2077.



▲ A community grant will see this space transformed into a dedicated youth audiovisual hub.

With PCYC Campbelltown Club Manager, Katie Langsford. ▶



Pembroke Park upgrade

Work has started on an upgrade of the district recreational space, Pembroke Park in Minto.

The \$485,000 upgrade is funded by Campbelltown City Council, with a contribution from the State Government through the Community Building Partnership grant program.

The project will further enhance the recreational space, providing a new playground and shade sail, flying fox, outdoor exercise equipment and landscaping. This will complement the existing climbing net.

The popular park is set in a natural bushland setting, and has barbecue facilities and picnic tables.

The upgrade will mean more local families can enjoy our open spaces for connection and recreational opportunities.

For more information on the project, scan the QR code. ▶



▲ With Mayor of Campbelltown, Cr Darcy Lound, at Pembroke Park in Minto.

Chat with Anoulack...

With ... Shawkat (Milie) Islam

Ingleburn's Shawkat (Milie) Islam is a committed local community member whose lifelong passion is promoting the Bangla language, culture and traditions. Principal of Bangla School Inc Bardia, Milie is highly respected in the community and has been involved in various community activities to promote literacy, cultural heritage and women's empowerment.



TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

I have been serving our community alongside my husband, Rafiq, for the past 15 years.

Seeing a need in the community, my husband and I established Bangla School Inc Bardia in 2021, where I serve as Principal and he is the President. Prior to this, I taught at the Campbelltown Bangla School for eight years. Throughout this journey, my husband has always supported and encouraged my involvement in various community work. Unfortunately, he is currently unwell and in hospital, and I deeply miss having him by my side as we continue this work together. He is also respected and admired for his contributions and achievements in the community.

WHY IS THE BANGLA SCHOOL IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The Bangla School connects me to my heritage and allows me to share our language, traditions, and customs with the next generation.

Our history reminds us of the sacrifices made to preserve our language, and my involvement in the Bangla School is about ensuring it continues for future generations.

I am proud of our students, teachers, and committee, and especially grateful for the ongoing support of parents who continue to bring their children to school. The school is not only about strengthening language, it is also about fostering cultural pride and community spirit.

HAVE YOU BEEN RECOGNISED FOR YOUR WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LOCAL AREA?

Yes. I am proud to say that I was a finalist in the Campbelltown Citizen of the Year 2021, which was an incredible honour.

YOU FEATURED IN A DOCUMENTARY PROJECT ORGANISED BY MULTICULTURAL NSW.

That is correct. Our school was fortunate to participate in a documentary project organised by the Association of Community Language Schools (ACLS) and funded by Multicultural NSW. The project, which is currently in production, highlights the vital role of community language schools across our state. Our school was selected because of its significant contributions in promoting multiculturalism and fostering community harmony.

THERE IS A LONG LIST OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

It is good to be involved, help others and contribute in any positive way. Some of my involvement includes the annual Cancer Council fundraising event, raising awareness of domestic and family violence, recognition by Fagun Hawa Inc. Australia for helping promote Bengali culture; Nritanjali Dance Academy Crest for efforts in promoting cultural programs, support for the Street Library initiative, Joyonti Utsab, and the Aus-Bangla Creative Women's Charity.

Promoting education, cultural connections and meaningful service to the community is what drives me every day, and I love it.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I love being with my husband, our two daughters, our sons-in-law, and our grandchildren. Family time means everything to me. I also enjoy gardening and baking, as well as researching and creating resources for our school, drawing on my professional background in education and my 30 years of experience working with children, not only in Australia but in Bangladesh and Germany prior to moving here. Finding new and engaging ways to teach is something I truly love. Beyond family, I deeply value the friendships we have built within this community. Whether at social gatherings or community events, spending time together strengthens the bonds that make our lives so meaningful in the home we have created far away from our homeland.

CONTACT ANOULACK

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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