

# Let's back Anoulack

A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields – February 2020



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## DOUBLE VICTORY FOR PEOPLE POWER!



With Werriwa MP Anne Stanley and local resident Surinder Singh.

- ✓ **Hurlstone Agricultural High School will remain at its rightful home in Glenfield.**
- ✓ **An extra 2000 car parking spaces for Edmondson Park Station.**

These victories are the result of long-running, hard-fought campaigns. Thank you to everyone for your support.

But there is still work to be done to save as much land as possible at Hurlstone and to make sure this Liberal Government keeps its car parking promises.

The fight for our community's fair share continues.

**More details inside.**



With former MP Andrew McDonald and former Hurlstone principal John Norris.

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# BUSHFIRES REVEAL COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The bushfires ravaging our state over the past few months have been horrific.

The loss of lives, homes, buildings and wildlife is tragic.

We will never forget the images of our RFS heroes placing their lives on the line to protect our community.

It is often when times are toughest that we see the best in community spirit. Seeing the mountains of donations being delivered to devastated communities has been truly inspirational.

Locally, The Silver Coin Project collected school supplies for children in Wollondilly who have suffered as a result of the bushfires.

A huge congratulations to Darko, Jenny and the whole team for their efforts!



Whilst the fight to save Hurlstone at Glenfield has been won, we now need to save as many hectares of green open space as possible.

## HURLSTONE TO STAY AT GLENFIELD

Thank you to everyone who supported my Hands off Hurlstone campaign over the past four years.

It has been a long and hard-fought campaign but we didn't back down and I look forward to Hurlstone maintaining its strong and proud tradition at Glenfield.

But the victory is bittersweet with the Liberal Government pushing ahead with plans to sell most of the school's land to developers.

More green open space will be swallowed up as part of a greedy land grab that is typical of this Government's obsession with overdevelopment.

**Help me keep up the fight. Sign my petition at [letsbackanoulack.com](http://letsbackanoulack.com).**



Extra car parking spaces can't come soon enough for frustrated residents like Surinder Singh.

## MORE PARKING TO COME AFTER LONG WAIT

There are two things I know about the parking crisis at Edmondson Park:

1. Commuters will welcome the announcement of an extra 2000 spaces after sustained community pressure.
2. Commuters will also be pulling their hair out in frustration for having to wait even longer for parking relief.

I have been fighting for this result, together with Werriwa MP Anne Stanley.

But can the Liberal Government be trusted to keep its word? It has already broken an election promise by failing to start construction on the new car park last year.

Rest assured, I will continue to keep the Government accountable.

# SCRAP UNFAIR HOLIDAY TAX!

Tolling companies seem intent on ruining holidays for families and retirees who tow caravans and boats or drive motor homes.

It is outrageous that motor homes and vehicles towing caravans, trailers or boats can now be tolled as much as B-Double trucks and semi-trailers on the M2 and M7.

The Liberal Government continues to sit on its hands and does nothing to stop the tolling giant from going after pensioners, retirees and families just to make more money.

This just isn't fair.

**Please contact my office on 9618 2077 – or pop in – to sign my petition against these unfair toll charges.**



With local members of the Sydney Caravan Club.

## AUSTRALIA DAY FUN

It was a pleasure to attend the Australia Day civic ceremony at Greg Percival Community Centre in Ingleburn.

Congratulations to all Australia Day Award recipients and a big thank you to the community groups such as the Ingleburn CWA, Ingleburn RSL & Campbelltown Pipes and Drums Band as well as Ingleburn Lions Club that helped make the festivities so enjoyable.



Ingleburn Lions Club.



With 2020 Campbelltown Citizen of the Year Emma Macfarlane.

## HAVE YOUR SAY IN SCHOOL SAFETY SURVEY

There are obvious health benefits for kids who walk or ride to school but many families have valid safety concerns.

That's why I have set up a short School Safety Survey for parents, carers, school staff, P&Cs and concerned local residents to report issues with traffic or safety around local schools.

I will use this information to push for action by the Liberal Government and local councils.

**Fill in the survey at [nswschoolsafety.com/macquariefields](https://nswschoolsafety.com/macquariefields)**



# Chat with Anoulack...

## With Ray and Pauline James OAM

Raby's Ray and Pauline James OAM are tireless workers for our veterans and the local community. Pauline was recently named as a recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia. It was fate that brought them to Raby yet history shows the family's roots were always firmly planted in the region.



### HOW DID YOU COME TO LIVE IN RABY?

**RAY:** Pauline and I met at a nurse's party. I was born in Babinda, north Queensland and Pauline was born in Coonamble in western NSW. I'm a Vietnam veteran and served in the Royal Australian Navy for over 20 years. I spent another 26 years in the Navy Reserves and retired in 2014, while serving as a police officer for 20 years. We lived in a house in Lurnea before moving to St Andrews in 1983, which was the result of a ballot. We moved to our current home in Raby in 1987. We have witnessed the area grow and change enormously.

### YOU WERE MARRIED AFTER ONLY FOUR WEEKS?

**PAULINE:** Yes, that's right. Two weeks later Ray sailed off to Vietnam. This year marks our 48th wedding anniversary. We've been blessed with two children, Leah and Paul, and three grandchildren – Caitlin, Harry and Jack.

### HELPING VETERANS HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY WORK.

**RAY:** Yes, of course. As a veteran, I

understand a lot of what our veterans go through, particularly when they are looking to leave active duty. Our son is a Timor veteran and a sergeant with the NSW Police Force, as well as a lawyer. I believe in working to increase awareness, resources and funding to support veterans' mental health. As the Acting President of the RSL NSW and State Vice President of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, I take an active interest in supporting veterans. Pauline and I live by the motto: 'We are here to give, not get.'

### PAULINE, TELL US ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

I've been a long-term member of the Ingleburn RSL Sub-branch's Women's Auxiliary and I am the current State Coordinator of NSW RSL Auxiliaries. I instigated the state-wide Lest We Forget Quilt project which raised money for DefenceCare. Quilts are displayed at The Australian War Memorial, Hyde Park War Memorial and Anzac House in Sydney. A quilt was presented to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex at the Invictus Games in 2018.



### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS, PAULINE?

I started the very first Navy playground at Waterloo in 1974. I was also instrumental in coordinating a large number of playgroups for veterans' children operating between Campbelltown and Liverpool. I've also worked closely with the Vietnamese community to raise \$85,000 for Vietnam veterans in the area.

### ANY OTHER TALENTS YOU WANT TO SHARE, PAULINE?

I have a secret rocky road recipe, which will remain a secret. I even made rocky road for Gough and Margaret Whitlam.

### PAULINE, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE RELATED TO THE FIRST FEMALE POLITICIAN APPOINTED TO THE NSW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Yes. My cousin, Catherine Green, was appointed to the Upper House in November 1931 by then Labor Premier Jack Lang.

### RAY, YOU DISCOVERED THAT YOUR ROOTS HAVE ALWAYS BELONGED IN THE CAMPBELLTOWN-MACARTHUR REGION.

Yes. My great-great-grandfather, Samuel Williams, was a convict at Glenwood. He later bought land at Sugarloaf. My great-grandmother, Annie Williams, was born in Campbelltown. So my roots have long belonged in Campbelltown and I will always call it home.

## 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 **9618 2077**, email [macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or visit [letsbackanoulack.com](http://letsbackanoulack.com)

