

A message from Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley

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MEMBER FOR OATLEY

February E-Newsletter

Glenlee Update

After many months of hard work and collaboration with Georges River Council and members of our community, **I am pleased to announce that an additional Interim Heritage Order has been provided for Glenlee.**

The additional Interim Heritage Order will span a further 12 months to allow time for additional assessment into the social, environmental and Indigenous significance of the precinct.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to protect the site, safeguard biodiversity and preserve our natural environment across the region.

I will continue to stand up for our community on this important issue and it is outstanding to see such strong support for protecting the precinct from all parts of the community.

COVID-19 Restrictions

Some restrictions are still in place to help manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across the State.

This includes:

Masks are still required in all indoor venues.

You must report a positive rapid antigen test (RAT) through Service NSW.

QR code check-ins are still required at venues including gyms, restaurants and retail stores.

Singing and dancing at night clubs is not permitted.

For more information, please [click below](#).

To join the more than 1700 local residents who have already signed my petition to have their voice heard, please click [here](#).



Mark at Glenlee

Parents NSW Vouchers

The NSW Government has launched the **Parents NSW voucher program** to reward and thank eligible households for their efforts to support learning from home in 2021.

One person from each eligible household can now apply for 5 separate \$50 vouchers worth \$250 in total.

They can be used seven days a week (including public holidays) **at Discover NSW businesses** for entertainment and recreation activities **and Stay NSW businesses** for accommodation bookings.

To be eligible as a parent, guardian or carer, you must have a child who was aged between 4.5 and 18 years and enrolled in school (including

COVID-19 Restrictions and Information

Free RSA Courses

The NSW Government is funding 5,000 fee-free Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) courses to support new workers to enter the hospitality industry.

These free courses are available now and free refresher courses are also available for anyone whose RSA

Competency Card has expired within the last two years, or will expire before 30 June.

This is a great opportunity for local residents to upskill and pursue a career in hospitality.

For more information, please click below.

Free RSA Courses

TAFE NSW) in 2021.

For more information and to apply for your vouchers, please click [here](#).



Mark with his wife Adla and oldest son James

COVID-19 Business Support Package

Businesses, workers and the performing arts sector are benefitting from a major financial support package of more than \$1 billion from the NSW Government.

The package includes financial support for small businesses to buy rapid antigen tests (RATs) to help keep their workers safe and a new Small Business Support Program to assist businesses to help keep their workers employed.

The Small Business Support Program helps businesses with an annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million with a decline in turnover of at least 40 per cent by providing a payment

Mental Health Sports Program

The NSW Government has announced the \$2.8 million Mental Health Sports Program for local sporting clubs to improve mental health and wellbeing across the State.

I strongly encourage local organisations to apply for funding to support our community as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clubs can now apply for grants of up to \$150,000 from now until 6 March 2022, for activities that provide mental health, resilience and wellbeing benefits to individuals and groups in NSW.

To start your application, please click below.

Mental Health Sports Program

More Local Nurses

More than 2,800 new graduates will soon start work across 130 NSW public hospitals and

covering up to 20 per cent of their weekly payroll.

These businesses will be provided with a lump sum payment with a minimum payment of \$500 per week and a maximum of \$5,000 per week.

In addition to this, the existing Small Business Fees, Charges and RAT Rebate will be increased by 50% from the current \$2,000 limit to \$3,000 and employing businesses will be able to use the rebate to obtain RATs.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Mark at Little Alley in Narwee

Before and After School Care Savings

Parents and carers of children enrolled in all primary schools in NSW will benefit from a new \$155 million program for Before and After School Care (BASC).

The program will assist families who use BASC

health facilities.

I am pleased to announce that St George Hospital is set to welcome 102 new graduate nurses and 3 more graduate midwives.

A further 49 graduate nurses and 5 more graduate midwives will also join Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital from next month.

This is outstanding news for our local public health facilities.

Acknowledging Our Local Heroes

As the Member for Oatley, I have the opportunity to speak in Parliament about local groups and individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to our community.

To see a list of those heroes, please click [here](#).



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services by providing a \$500 voucher to cover the parent gap fee component of their session fees.

The NSW Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to roll out the program, which will be delivered through Service NSW and will follow a similar premise to the current Dine and Discover Vouchers.

Parents can now apply for their vouchers and they are able to be used from 28 February.

This is a huge win for local families, particularly given the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Providers and customers can register and apply online via their MyServiceNSW account, in the app, or by visiting their nearest Service NSW.



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