

# Investing in Local Families



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## Member for Oatley

### Delivering Locally

# St George Hospital *Upgrades*

Welcome to the March 2024 newsletter. Since the NSW Election in March last year, I have continued to listen and work hard for our community, both locally and in the NSW Parliament.

We have reached an exciting new milestone with the Stage 3 Redevelopment of St George Hospital. **Work is well underway on the new ambulatory care building** and is due to be completed in late 2026.

The \$411 million St George Hospital Stage 3 Redevelopment will provide **an important boost to healthcare services for locals**. This will support the needs of our community both now and into the future.

Residents also need better access to parking facilities around the hospital. To boost the availability of parking,

the Stage 3 redevelopment will also **deliver a new underground carpark**.

From the very first artist's impression to now, this project has been sensational to follow. Thanks to the record **\$740 million funding** from the former Liberal Government, St George Hospital has become one of the best medical facilities in not only the State, but the entire nation.

I have been proud to support this stunning local facility during my time in Government and I look forward to continuing to do so in 2024.



## New field for Renown Park

Last year, we provided **\$850,000 worth of funding to upgrade field two at Renown Park**. This will see significant improvements to the space, benefiting local sporting organisations and the wider community.

Sport is the backbone of our local community. Upgrading our sporting infrastructure is crucial to nurturing the talents of young athletes, whilst promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for everyone in our community.

**I will continue to push for more upgrades to sporting facilities right across our local area.**



## Olds Park Skatepark

The Olds Park Skatepark and Netball Court Precinct is **now open for local kids!** This is a huge win for families in our community.

I was happy to deliver more than \$1 million worth of funding to get this project underway.

Both the Skatepark and Netball Courts have been buzzing with activity every time I have visited with my kids.

I would like to thank everyone who campaigned alongside me to make this happen. This project represents **my commitment to investing in spaces for local families.**



## Hurstville Grove Infants – New Playground

Teachers and students in our community deserve the best in terms of facilities. That is why I was pleased to open a **brand-new playground at Hurstville Grove Infants School** last year.

This state-of-the-art facility includes sensory trails, a rope bridge, multi-level obstacles and a fairy circus climbing structure.

I would like to thank everyone who **supported the campaign to get this project off the ground**, and particularly the wonderful teachers at Hurstville Grove Infants School, former principal Kylie McKinnon and current principal Kym Ferrario, for their hard work.



## Celebrating Vaughn Arambatzis: Our community's 'Young Citizen of the Year'

Both myself and Georges River Council recognised Vaughn Arambatzis, who was named our local **'Young Citizen of the Year'**.

Vaughn has a strong commitment to recycling and is an active volunteer for the Sydney Dogs and Cats home. Since starting in 2020, he has collected over 35,000 drink containers, which were donated to multiple charities across New South Wales.

Community heroes like Vaughn **help our local area to thrive**. I am so proud of the work he has done and continues to do within the St George area.

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# Investing in Local Roads and Infrastructure



# Cost-of-Living Relief



I know that times are tough, and many families are struggling with the rising costs of groceries, fuel and other expenses. Tackling this issue locally remains a top priority for me in 2024.

The NSW Labor Government has continued to cut vital relief programs, such as the Active Kids and Back to School vouchers. I will continue to fight on behalf of locals, to ensure that Labor does not put any further pressure on the family budget.

I hope you can join me in the fight by visiting my website and signing a petition today!



## Book an appointment with a Savings Finder Specialist

I would like to remind everyone in my community to book their **free 45-minute appointment with a Savings Finder specialist.**

Under the previous Liberal Government, we introduced this initiative to help you **maximise your savings potential.**

The experts can help you access all the rebates, vouchers and discounts that you and your family may be eligible for.

I encourage you to book online via the ServiceNSW website, or by calling 13 77 88.



## George Street and Forest Road Intersection at Penshurst

I recently met with residents to discuss their concerns surrounding the intersection of George Street and Forest Road in Penshurst.

This is an **incredibly dangerous intersection**, due to the constant heavy flow of traffic, which makes it near-impossible to make a safe turn onto Forest Road from George Street, or vice-versa.

After hearing from the community, I am pleased to say that Georges River Council has answered the call. They are now requesting that the **NSW Government conduct a traffic investigation at this intersection.**

I look forward to watching the progress of this study and urge the NSW Government to consider the safety of motorists within my community.

## Mortdale Heights Road Access Update

Accessing Mortdale Heights from Boundary Road remains a **significant challenge for locals**, due to congestion at peak times.

That is why I'm campaigning to have a **roundabout installed on Roberts Avenue**, to provide safer access for residents. I have written to the Minister for Roads, calling on the NSW Government to commit to funding this project.

A roundabout in this location would improve overall traffic flow, leading to lower wait times to enter Roberts Avenue in both directions. **I will keep up the fight** to ensure that our local roads are as safe and congestion free as they can be!



## King Georges Road Widening

Significant progress is being made on the long-awaited widening of King Georges Road. After nearly four decades of lobbying the Government, I am pleased to say **these upgrades are finally taking shape.**

This \$160 million project was jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments and will provide travel-time savings of up to 40%. This **will reduce travel times for motorists** commuting to work, home and school, compared to what was previously possible.

I look forward to watching construction progress throughout the year. Work is expected to be completed by late 2024, weather permitting.

## Back-to-School Voucher Campaign

The NSW Labor Government has **cut over \$193 million worth of Back-to-School vouchers.** This is despite the cost-of-living crisis which is impacting everyone across the State.

I have started a petition, calling on the Labor Government to **reinstate this vital program.**

I know this will hit our community particularly hard. We want to send a message to the Labor Government: **our children's futures are non-negotiable.**

**Join me in the fight and sign the petition via the QR code.**