

A message from Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley

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2022-23 NSW Budget Update

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This week the NSW Government handed down the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

This year's Budget is focused on supporting local families by easing cost-of-living pressures, whilst also backing in the essential services that the people of NSW rely on.

At a local level, the NSW Budget will transform the lives of St George residents by investing in important capital infrastructure projects which will alleviate parking pressures and get people where they want to go sooner and safer. It will also ensure the continued redevelopment of St George Hospital into a world-class health facility.

I am proud to be part of a Government which is investing in what really matters to local families, ensuring a brighter future our community.

Yours sincerely,
Mark.



MARK COURE
MEMBER FOR OATLEY

Easing the Cost-of-Living

Rising cost-of-living pressures is one of the most challenging things facing local families at the moment.

**Supporting
Women's
Economic
Opportunities**

In recognition of this, the 2022-23 NSW Budget is

providing \$7.2 billion worth of cost-of-living measures to ease the strain on the household budget.

Some important measures include:

Toll Relief for local motorists

- **Motorists will receive a 40% rebate once they spend more than \$375 in a year.**
- Motorists will be able to **save up to \$750 a year on tolls** under this scheme.
- 300,000 extra drivers are set to benefit from this toll relief.

Energy bills relief

- Local families will be able to cut their energy bills with solar and home appliance upgrades thanks to a \$128 million program.
- **The Energy Bill Buster program will allow eligible households to claim up to 10 years worth of rebates to go towards a solar system or home appliance upgrade.**
- **Local households could save up to \$600 a year thanks to this program.**

Back to School Vouchers

- **This \$193 million program will provide every school-aged child in NSW with a \$150 voucher towards the cost of school supplies from 2023.**

Affordable Pre-School initiative

- \$1.4 billion to make pre-school more affordable for thousands of families across the state.

From 1 January 2023, families will be eligible for:

- **up to \$4000 per year for 3, 4 and 5-year olds attending a community or mobile pre-school.**
- **up to \$2000 per year for 4 and 5-year-olds attending pre-school in a long day care setting.**

Women looking for work will be able to apply for grants of up to \$5000 to fund a new work wardrobe, technology and training to help them enter or return to the workforce.

For more info and how to apply please click here

\$100 million to provide more services for domestic violence victim-survivors, improving the safety of our streets and increasing the number of women in trade and non-traditional roles on Government worksites.

- \$43.6 million to expand the Safer Pathway program
- \$20.2 million to break down the cultural barriers that stop women from considering a career in construction or non-traditional roles
- \$30 million for the Safer Cities program, which will improve lighting and infrastructure to make our cities safer
- \$18 million for new and upgraded audio-visual facilities in 50 courts and tribunals for domestic and family violence cases

- the equivalent of 5 days a fortnight of affordable pre-school fee relief for all

children in Department of Education pre-schools.



Mark reading the 2022-23 NSW Budget

Tackling Parking and Congestion Issues in the Local Area

The NSW Government's 2022-23 Budget will transform the lives of St George residents by supporting local families with cost-of-living measures and capital infrastructure projects which will alleviate parking pressures and get people where they want to go sooner and safer.

This Budget reflects the concerns of our local community as parking and congestion are some of the most common issue raised with me.

Local highlights in this year's Budget include:

- **\$26 million to construct additional parking facilities at St George Hospital**, giving more patients easier access to its world-class facilities, which have been delivered thanks to

- \$8 million to provide court-appointed questioners to ensure that domestic violence victim-survivors are not directly cross-examined by an alleged perpetrator
- \$9.7 million for the SafeWork NSW Respect at Work Taskforce

Climate Change and the Environment

Renewable energy is going to play a large role in our journey to net-zero emissions by 2050 and the NSW Government is supporting this transition by providing \$1.2 billion to fast-track Renewable Energy Zones.

The NSW Government is also investing \$598 million to significantly boost fire management within national parks. This will see 250 permanent jobs and critical infrastructure upgrades take place across the State.

Additional funding to safeguard our environment includes:

- \$598 million over 10 years for National Parks and Wildlife Service to deliver 250 permanent jobs, including 200 firefighters, and

more than \$700 million invested into the hospital by the NSW Government since 2011.

- **\$19.7 million to provide more commuter carparking spaces in Beverly Hills** delivering on my commitment to ensure that commuters have access to adequate parking facilities when they travel on our public transport network.
- A further **\$9.4 million towards the building of the Riverwood Commuter carpark**, which is scheduled to be completed mid-next year.
- **\$20.7 million to upgrade and increase the supply of affordable and social housing** in our local area.
- A further **\$30.2 million to continue the widening of King Georges Road** to three lanes in each direction, easing congestion throughout the St George area.



Mark at King Georges Road

Backing in the Essential Services We Rely On

This Budget strikes the right balance, supporting families by tackling cost-of-living pressures, whilst also **backing in the essential services that the people of NSW rely on each and every day.**

- **\$33 billion investment in health** including the recruitment of more than 10,000 full-time

critical infrastructure and fleet upgrades

- \$286.2 million over four years to implement the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 and NSW Plastics Action Plan
- \$218.9 million to begin the transition of the NSW bus fleet into fully electric vehicles
- \$44.8 million over 10 years for a state-wide environmental and air-quality monitoring program



Mark at the Georges River

Helping Everyone Find a Home

This year's Budget will invest \$2.8 billion worth of measures to support people to own their own home, including:

- \$780.4 million shared equity scheme to allow up to 6000 single parents, older singles and first home buyers who are teachers, nurses or police
- \$728.6 million to introduce the option for home buyers to

equivalent staff to hospitals, NSW Ambulance and health services across the State.

- **\$5.5 billion for the NSW Police Force** to ensure police have even more resources to drive down crime and keep our community safe.
- **\$2.9 billion investment into mental health services.**
- **\$2 billion recurrent investment in TAFE NSW.**
- **\$567.9 million to upgrade the Opal system** allowing people to add their Opal cards to their digital wallet.
- **\$400 million will be invested over the next four years in Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW State Emergency Service.**
- **\$270 million funding boost for biomedical research.**



Mark at St George Hospital with Minister for Health Brad Hazzard MP

Education and Childcare

Access to quality, affordable education is something that every child in NSW should expect and deserves. In this year's Budget, the NSW Government has committed significant funding to improve our educational system and increase access to affordable childcare.

pay an annual property tax instead of upfront stamp duty

- \$300 million for maintenance and upgrades to more than 15,800 social housing properties extending the life of social homes and ensuring tenant safety
- \$37 million towards supporting the Community Housing Sector to deliver 120 social housing dwellings



An example of the new social housing built in Lugarno

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• **\$5.8 billion to establish universal pre-kindergarten** for all children in NSW by 2030.

- **\$1.6 billion to deliver 23 new and upgraded schools.**
- **\$1.3 billion for the Brighter Beginnings Affordable pre-school initiative.**
- **\$281.6 million to ensure that our pre-schools are provided with the best quality early educators.**
- **\$82.7 million to support a further 70,000 apprenticeships and traineeships.**



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