

A message from Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley

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July E-Newsletter

Construction Begins On The Widening of King Georges Road

The widening of King Georges Road is officially underway!

I recently had the pleasure of turning the first sod with Minister for Metropolitan Roads, Natalie Ward and Treasurer Matt Kean in Penshurst.

This is a major congestion-busting project for our community which will get local residents home sooner and safer.

To find out more, click [here](#).



Making Childcare More Affordable

Local families are set to save thousands of dollars a year on childcare costs!

From 1 January 2023, local parents will be eligible for:

- Up to \$4000 per year for 3,4 and 5-year-olds attending a community or mobile preschool;
- Up to \$2000 per year for 4 and 5-year-olds attending preschool in a long day care setting; and
- The equivalent of 5 days a fortnight of affordable preschool fee relief for all children in Department of Education preschools.

This is great news for local families looking to get ahead.

NSW Sets A

Leave

Teachers, nurses, firefighters and other public sector workers across the local area will be encouraged to share childcaring responsibilities between partners.

From October, there will no longer be a distinction between a 'primary' or 'secondary' carer, meaning every mother and father in the public sector will be entitled to at least 14 weeks parental leave.

The NSW Government will also offer parents an additional 2 week's bonus leave if paid parental leave entitlements are more equally shared between partners.

Local Arts Group Receives Funding Boost

Art-related activities and events will soon be given a major boost thanks to a \$5 million investment by the NSW Government.

Shopfront Arts Co-op received a \$60,000 grant in the latest round of funding, which will aim to provide opportunities for emerging artists within the community.

Shopfront will use this funding to support the ARTSLAB program, a fantastic community

Helping Locals with the Cost of Living

The rising cost of living is affecting all of us and the NSW Government is committed to helping you tackle some of these rising costs.

In the 2022-23 NSW Budget, we announced some important **measures to help you keep more of your money in your pocket.**

To find out how you can take advantage of the benefits in this year's Budget, click [here](#).

An Update on the Fight to Save Glenlee

This week I was informed that the Heritage Council of NSW resolved to give notice of its intention to consider listing Glenlee on the State Heritage Register.

As many in the community would know, **I have strongly advocated for the preservation of Glenlee as a culturally and historically significant site.**

The Heritage Council is now calling for public submissions from members of the community who are interested in saving Glenlee.

Submissions can be posted or emailed to the Heritage Council at the following addresses.

**Heritage Council of NSW
Locked Bag 5020
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124**

or emailed to:

heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Please note that **submissions will close on August 10th.**

I would encourage everyone interested in seeing Glenlee listed as a State Heritage Item to put in a submission.



Out and About with Mark

It's been a busy first half of the year and I have loved meeting with so many fantastic members of our local community.

If you see me out and about, don't hesitate to say hello!



asset which helps young artists to network and gain the necessary skills and experience to succeed.

For more information on the ARTSLAB program, please click [here](#).

For further information on arts and cultural funding, please click [here](#).

\$2000 IVF Rebates

In an Australian first, women in NSW undergoing IVF and accessing other assisted reproductive technologies will be given a cash rebate of up to \$2000 to reduce treatment costs.

To find out more, click [here](#).

\$2,000 rebate for women undergoing IVF treatment in NSW – an Australian first!

NSW Budget 2022-23



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](#).



Celebrating NAIDOC week at Kingsgrove
Community Aid Services



Meeting with the Mortdale Men's Shed to check out
their new driveway funded by the NSW Government



Chatting with some students from St Joseph's
Riverwood



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Hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds to support the Cancer Council of NSW.



Announcing funding to build a brand-new skatepark at Olds Park

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