

A message from Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley

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## May E-Newsletter

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### Premier Perrottet Visits The Local Area

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**It was great to welcome Premier Dom Perrottet to our local area, where we visited a number of community groups.**

The day started off by **presenting All Saints Anglican Oatley West Church with a grant from the Premier**, for an internal storage room at the church.

I also had the chance to show the Premier around Oatley Park where **we met with the St George Cycling Club to provide them with much needed funding to purchase an electronic time keeping system**. We also ran into some enthusiastic kids from Oatley West Public School with Principal Paul Nash and they enjoyed chatting with the Premier.

Next we stopped by the **Oatley RSL Youth Gymnastics Club and Premier Perrottet and I presented them with \$30,000** to replace their soft gym matting after many years.

**Dom Perrottet is great friend of the St George area**

## Update to COVID Isolation Rules

The NSW Government has updated its COVID-19 isolation rules.

The changes include:

Close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case are no longer required to isolate, as long as they have no symptoms and comply with the following guidelines:

- Do not visit aged care, hospitals, disability, and correctional facilities unless a special exemption applies
- Wear a face mask in indoor settings outside the home
- Undertake daily RAT tests before coming into close contact with people outside their household
- Avoid contact with elderly and immunocompromised persons where possible

and I want to thank him once again for coming to support our community.



Premier Perrottet and Mark with some students from Oatley West PS

## \$500,000 To Revitalise Riverwood Shopping Precinct

**After many years of campaigning for upgrades in Riverwood, the NSW Government has provided \$500,000 to Georges River Council to revitalise and reconnect underutilised spaces along Belmore Road.**

The Riverwood Shopping Precinct is in desperate need of a refresh and this funding will go a long way to beautifying the area and encouraging the growth of small businesses.

This funding was provided under the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces Program and it will see a number of fantastic upgrades take place, including:

- **additional public furniture and shade to provide places for rest and respite**
- **public art pieces**
- **increased pedestrian connectivity and safety along Belmore Road**

- Work from home where practical
- Notify their employer/educational facility that they are a close contact

For more information, please click below.

**COVID-19  
Restrictions and  
Information**

## Georges River Council Receives Green Grants Funding

The NSW Government is providing \$40,000 to Georges River Council to undertake an Open Space Tree Asset Study.

Trees and urban green spaces are an important part of creating attractive, liveable, and sustainable areas, providing social, environmental and economic benefits for local residents.

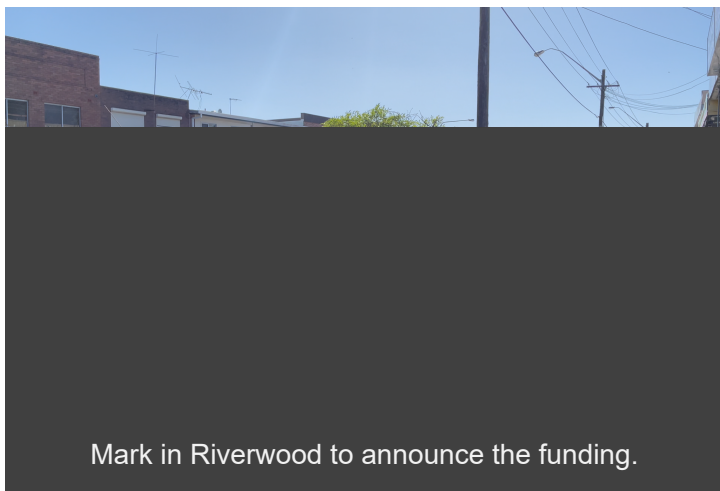
This funding was provided under the NSW Government's Greener Neighbourhoods program which aims to assist councils with the development or updating of urban forest strategies.

The NSW Government has committed to achieving an ambitious target of 40% urban tree canopy cover for Greater Sydney by 2036, with us being on track to plant 1 million trees by the end of 2022.

- [increased street trees and greenery to provide shade](#)

- [smart social spaces equipped with smart furniture and WiFi](#)
- [a general revitalisation of the shopping precinct with an upgraded look and feel](#)

**This is great news for the local area and even better news for local small business owners.** This upgrade will encourage economic growth by attracting more customers to what will be a beautiful shopping area.



Mark in Riverwood to announce the funding.

## Supporting Local Families

**There are over 70 ways to save you money across the NSW Government's Savings Finder program.**

The cost of living is something that is frequently brought up with me when I am out and about talking to local residents.

**The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that our cost of living program helps save you money on everyday expenses, including household energy and utilities, transport, raising children, dining, experiences and accommodation.**

To help you navigate the over 70 ways to save, **you can access the free Savings Finder tool**, which can easily be found on the ServiceNSW App or the

## Supporting Before and After School Care

More than 190,000 Before and After School Care Vouchers have already been downloaded by families since the program was announced in February.

The NSW Government's \$155 million BASC Voucher Program is providing one voucher per child to every family with children aged 4-13 years attending a NSW school.

These \$500 vouchers can be accessed with just a few clicks through your Service NSW app or via visiting a Service Centre.

These vouchers are part of the NSW Government's \$235 million investment to expand access to BASC services for families.

More than 860 BASC services are currently operating across NSW. This is an increase of 154 services and 14,442 places since 2019. A further 38 tenders are currently open to provide even more services.

## More Police Officers Hit The Streets

I had the privilege of personally welcoming 8 new probationary constables who have been deployed to the St George Police Area Command.

Service NSW [website](#).

**There are also Savings Specialists available in-person at Service NSW centres** or by phoning 13 77 88, where they can provide personalised assistance to find which initiatives are best suited to your individual needs.

Here some Service NSW Centres close by:

- Hurstville Service NSW - 4/8 Woodville St
- Roselands Service NSW - Level 2/24 Roseland Ave
- Rockdale Service NSW - Shop 6/1 Rockdale Plaza Dr
- Revesby Service NSW - 2/38 Marco Ave

There have been more than 97,000 appointments made with Savings Specialists, **saving households an average of around \$770.**

I encourage everyone to find out how they can save money via the NSW Government's Cost of Living program by clicking [here](#).



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The NSW Government's Savings Finder Program

The NSW Police Force recently welcomed a total of 202 new police officers at an attestation at the Goulburn Police Academy.

Class 352 includes 142 men and 60 women, who come from a range of diverse backgrounds.

I want to congratulate these new police officers for successfully completing their training.

Choosing to serve and protect the community is a noble career choice and I am so thankful to see the men and women in blue answering the call for help whenever it is needed.

The NSW Police Force is one of the most respected and most capable police forces in the world and I am sure that these new police officers will continue to uphold that tradition.



Mark and the new police officers

## 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](#).

## Additional Social Housing For The St George Area

**In Peakhurst and Lugarno a number of brand new social housing projects are taking place as part of a multi-million dollar investment in our local area.**

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that new and upgraded social housing units are made available to those in need.

**A \$5.26 million 16-unit senior's complex has just been completed in Lugarno, and a \$22 million 37-unit project is already under construction in Peakhurst. These projects are part of the NSW Government's \$470 million social housing redevelopment pipeline in Southern Sydney.**

The brand new complex in Lugarno will provide local seniors with dedicated living spaces which can cater for the needs of our older residents.

The complex in Peakhurst will see 72 units constructed, of which 37 of them will be used for social housing, with the rest available for private purchase.

**This major investment will see a number of new or upgraded housing projects pop up across our local area, helping to support construction jobs and boost economic productivity.**



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An example of the new social housing properties in  
Lugarno



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