

Connect with Anoulack

A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields – June 2021



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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN WINS



I am proud of the success our local community has had in the fight for our fair share.

- ✓ Keep Hurlstone at Glenfield (image 4)
- ✓ A local Service NSW Centre
- ✓ New school planned for Edmondson Park
- ✓ Francis Street, Minto overdevelopment rejected (image 3)
- ✓ Rebate for tolls on caravans and boat trailers (image 1)
- ✓ Redevelopment of Passfield Park School
- ✓ 2000 extra parking spaces at Edmondson Park (image 2)

The fight continues...

The Liberal Government is still ignoring some basic needs in south-west Sydney. I will always fight for what's best for our local community.

- Lifts at Macquarie Fields
- Save the land at Hurlstone
- Scrap the M5 East toll
- Protect our green open spaces from overdevelopment

See inside for more details.

INSIDE Budget needs to deliver (P2) School safety update (P3)
Tolls under the spotlight (P4) Mental Health Matters (P5)

BUDGET MUST DELIVER FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

The Liberal Government will soon deliver its 2021-22 Budget.

Funding must be included for:

- Lifts and accessibility improvements at Macquarie Fields Station.
- Construction of the planned school in Edmondson Park.
- Extra commuter parking at Minto, Ingleburn, Macquarie Fields and Glenfield.
- Construction of all 2000 promised parking spaces at Edmondson Park.
- School upgrades to combat overcrowding.
- Expansion of toll relief for struggling drivers.

I share residents' frustration on the Liberal Government's lack of action on these issues and I have used my voice in State Parliament to fight for our fair share. You can read my Parliamentary speech on my website connectwithanoulack.com.



Parents are still waiting for construction to start on a school in Edmondson Park.



Macquarie Fields Station is still without lifts.



Commuter car parks are full.

What do you want to see included in the 2021-22 Budget?

Contact me on 9618 2077, macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au or via connectwithanoulack.com

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

It's my pleasure to support the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur that continues to raise much-needed funds for the Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre and local hospitals.

I admire the concept of local fundraising efforts directly helping local people.

Not even a pandemic can stop our generous Macarthur community supporting a good cause, with \$99,000 raised in 2020.

I encourage local residents to join this year's event that is scheduled for October 2021.

For more details visit 24hrfight.org.au



With Werriwa MP Anne Stanley, Macarthur MP Dr Mike Freelander and 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur chairperson Warren Morrison.

NEW KITCHEN FOR MAC FIELDS SALVOS

Mac Fields Salvos is cooking up a storm following the upgrade of its kitchen thanks to a successful Community Building Partnership grant.

The funding helped refurbish the kitchen to ensure it is compliant and functional for ongoing community use. I enjoyed catching up with Captain Darren Kingston to see the new kitchen first-hand.

Of course nothing quite beats Wes' coffee and the warm hospitality from Mac Fields Salvos' team of volunteers.



GIVE GREEN LIGHT TO ROAD SAFETY

Together with the Bardia Public School P&C, I am calling on the Liberal Government to urgently install a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Arthur Allen Drive and MacDonald Road to improve road safety.

Parents, students and teachers desperately want to see improvements to road safety around Bardia Public School before it is too late. It should not take a tragedy to prompt this Liberal Government into action.

The roads surrounding the school are choked with congestion, parking is severely limited and parents are frustrated by daily dangerous driver behaviour.

I am pleased that my campaign for improved safety measures has resulted in concrete dividing road safety barriers on MacDonald Road and the introduction of a 40km/hour school zone on MacDonald Road and Arthur Allen Drive.



But these temporary measures do not go far enough and the Liberal Government must act urgently to have the traffic lights installed and operational as a matter of priority.

Give a green light to Bardia Public School's traffic signals now. Let's keep our kids safe around our schools.

COMMUNITY STORIES REACH 100 EPISODES

Congratulations to Brian Laul and the team at Good Morning Macarthur on reaching 100 episodes of local community stories.

At a time when local stories are disappearing due to a decline in locally-generated news content, I applaud Brian (pictured second from right) and the team for helping to amplify local voices and shine a light on important local issues.

Brian has made it his mission to highlight the many positive stories in our community.

I also congratulate Brian and the team on the launch of the Community Studio initiative, giving young people the opportunity to hone their video editing skills for free and share their own positive local stories.



OVERDEVELOPMENT MUST STOP

I have consistently campaigned against overdevelopment in local suburbs.

Overdevelopment results in overcrowded schools, traffic and parking congestion, the loss of green open space, destroys our suburban character and diminishes our quality of life.

I recently wrote submissions opposing development proposals across Ingleburn, including a five-storey apartment block in Palmer Street, as well as boarding houses in Jaclyn Street and Oxford Road.

My Stop the Squeeze survey made it clear residents are fed up with overdevelopment. That's why I will always stand up for what's best for our community.

A recent Sydney Morning Herald article found more than a quarter of Sydney's suburbs will be untouched by



development over the next four years.

Suburbs like West Pymble and North Wahroonga will be left untouched.

Meanwhile, south-west Sydney continues to bear the brunt of the Liberal Government's rampant overdevelopment agenda and lack of investment in adequate infrastructure. It's just not good enough and it's just not fair.

Read my submissions and stay up-to-date with my Stop the Squeeze campaign on my website connectwithanoulack.com

TOLL REVIEW SHOULD SCRAP M5 EAST TOLL

The Liberal Government is apparently holding a review into the increased pressure facing drivers due to the cost of tolls.

It's about time!

My community and I have long campaigned for tollway reform. Drivers in south-west Sydney have suffered because of rising toll costs under this Liberal Government.

I recently wrote to the Transport Minister to say there is one action that must be implemented as part of any toll review: scrap the toll on the M5 East.

Household budgets are stretched to their limit. Drivers are unfairly being charged to drive on an old road that had been free for 20 years.

If the Liberal Government was serious about toll relief for drivers in south-west Sydney, it would scrap the toll on the M5 East.

Read my letter to the Minister, and keep up-to-date on the campaign to get rid of the M5 East toll, at connectwithanoulack.com.

DEPARTMENTS LAMS DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR HURLSTONE

Liberal Government's own Department of Primary Industries objects to plans to redevelop the majority of land at Hurlstone Agricultural High School in Glenfield.

In its submission on the Draft Glenfield Place Strategy – which will see 82 hectares of Hurlstone land swamped by high-rise flats and houses – the Department made it clear that the Liberal Government's current plan to have high-rise so close to Hurlstone's farm is inappropriate and potentially dangerous.

The Department raised serious concerns that residential development so close to the school could negatively impact Hurlstone's agricultural curriculum. The Department also flagged biosecurity issues and contamination risks with the proposed changes to Hurlstone's farm layout.



I have called on the Liberal Government to immediately cease plans for redevelopment at Hurlstone and drastically modify the Draft Glenfield Place Strategy.

The farmland at Hurlstone needs to be protected from development for the benefit of the students and the local community.

It is unacceptable for an agricultural high school with Hurlstone's history and reputation to be swamped and dwarfed by overdevelopment.

Find out more at connectwithanoulack.com

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS VIDEO SERIES



I'm pleased to announce that I will be hosting a Mental Health Matters monthly video series from July through to October on a range of mental health issues, featuring special guests and providing important information

on access to local services.

The series follows on from my successful annual Community Mental Health Forums held in partnership with local mental health organisation, Beautiful Minds South-West Sydney.

Given the ongoing uncertainty with COVID-19 restrictions, it was decided a video series for 2021 would be the best platform to continue the important conversation on mental health awareness.

The series will cover a range of

mental health issues and feature discussions with experts in the field to help connect people with information and local services.

Mental health is an ongoing concern in our community and my series of videos will help to reduce the stigma often associated with mental ill health and provide avenues for support.

I look forward to bringing you this series in 2021 because Mental Health Matters.

Contact my office for more information on 9618 2077.

Chat with Anoulack...

With... Henry and Iris Smith

Long-term local residents, Iris and Henry Smith, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 21 April 2021.

Iris and Henry migrated to Australia with their young family in the 1970s. The couple have four daughters, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



WHY DID YOU CHOSE TO COME TO AUSTRALIA?

Henry: Iris' family had already emigrated and we were seeking better opportunities for our young family. We were among some of the last 'Ten Pound Poms' who migrated to Australia after World War II. After a stint in Tasmania, we moved to Glenfield and now reside in Macquarie Fields.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA?

Henry: The entrances to the City of Campbelltown are beautifully maintained and welcoming. There is a real sense of community. People are helpful and kind.

OVER THE YEARS, OUR LOCAL AREA HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY.

Henry: I look back and can remember the main road to Melbourne was down Queen Street, Campbelltown. There were

no big highways back then. There is more development now too.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR WORK AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

Henry: Back in England I worked for a large electrical firm. I changed course in Australia and trained in retail, later securing a job at David Jones. I worked across a number of stores before finally getting a job at the Campbelltown store. Iris and I were actively involved with the church over many years and witnessed the growth of Broughton Anglican College from its infancy. I love cricket and I'm huge Arsenal F.C. fan.

Iris: I was fortunate to have a long career in the public service and I helped with the Census. I thoroughly enjoyed making a contribution and was proud of my efforts.

ONE OF YOUR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH SYDNEY U3A – A VOLUNTEER-BASED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT

ORGANISATION THAT PROMOTES LIFELONG LEARNING.

Henry: Yes, Iris and I were actively involved with the University of the Third Age over many years. We completed a number of courses and volunteered our time to help the organisation. Always keep learning, I say.

YOUR LONG PARTNERSHIP WOULD FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE QUEEN'S 73-YEAR MARRIAGE TO PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

Henry: Yes, that's right. We chose to get married on Queen Elizabeth II's birthday – 21 April.

Our long marriage has been a blessing.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE SECRET TO A LONG AND HAPPY MARRIAGE?

Henry: Learn to accept situations as they arise and acknowledge differences. Both partners in any relationship have to give a little. Compromise is the key.

Iris: Shared interests is important. In our younger days, Henry and I would always enjoy walking or cycling together.



A PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY IS A SPECIAL OCCASION.

Henry: Yes, like platinum, a long marriage these days is rarer and more valuable than gold. You have to remember the ups and downs of life will come and go, but they are better enjoyed together.

CONTACT ANOULACK

If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss State Government matters, please drop into the office or contact me on **9618 2077**, email macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au or visit connectwithanoulack.com

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