

# Connect with Anoulack

A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields – September 2024



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## Call for lasting tribute to Shirley Connolly OAM

**I call on Campbelltown City Council to adopt my proposal to rename the Coronation Park Netball Complex in Minto in honour of the late Shirley Connolly OAM.**

I wrote to the former Mayor of Campbelltown proposing that the complex be renamed *'The Shirley Connolly Coronation Park Netball Complex'* as a permanent tribute to the much-loved community volunteer.

Ms Connolly, who sadly passed away in June at the age of 87, was the driving force behind Campbelltown District Netball Association for the last 30 years.

Ms Connolly was instrumental in advocating for the expansion and enhancement of the netball courts and facilities at Coronation Park in Minto. The facility is rated one of the best in NSW, and hosts netball competitions at local and State level.

The new name would be a fitting tribute to Ms Connolly, who was a giant of netball in



▲ Shirley Connolly OAM.

With netballers at the courts in Minto. ►



Campbelltown, Macarthur and across the State.

It would honour Ms Connolly's dedication to the sport and provide an enduring legacy for her valuable contributions to netball in Campbelltown and Macarthur.

Ms Connolly was a committed volunteer who believed in the value of service to our local community. We will remember Ms Connolly for her grassroots connection to the Campbelltown association.

Our community will be forever grateful for Ms Connolly's advocacy, commitment and valuable contributions to netball in Campbelltown and the Macarthur region.

I hope that Council will honour my bid to name the Minto netball complex in Ms Connolly's memory and, in doing so, pay tribute to a wonderful community member.

**Read my speech to NSW Parliament. ►**



## Driver Testing Centre passes the test

**A dedicated driver testing centre in Macquarie Fields has proven popular for people wanting to get on the road.**

The Macquarie Fields Driver Testing Centre opened in December 2023 to increase access to driving tests, particularly for overseas licence holders required to convert to a NSW licence as part of regulation changes.

For anyone aiming to get their P or L plates, about 300 driving tests and 300 computer-based knowledge tests are available each week.

**Read more inside. ►**



Meeting the team at the Driver Testing Centre in Macquarie Fields with Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Jihad Dib (right).

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# DRIVER TESTING FACILITY PROVES POPULAR (continued from page 1)

I was delighted to join Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Jihad Dib, at the Macquarie Fields Driver Testing Centre, located at Building H Ground Floor of the TAFE Campus at 32 Victoria Road, Macquarie Fields. The centre is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

A team of up to 15 Service NSW team members including driver testers work to provide high-quality customer service and assist people who are progressing through the licensing journey.

The great thing is people don't need to wait to book a driving or knowledge test at Macquarie Fields. With new timeslots opening weekly for six weeks in advance, you can book a day and time that suits you.


**To book, visit the Service NSW website, drop in to a Service NSW Centre or call 13 77 88.**





# BUILDING A BETTER NSW FOR ALL


**Since the NSW Minns Labor Government was first elected in March 2023, the Government's number one priority has been to help families with the cost of living.**


People are doing it tough right now, which is why the NSW Labor Government's 2024 Budget introduced some important measures to help provide some cost-of-living relief.


 **Incentives for GPs to bulk bill** more patients to make healthcare more affordable.

 **Building better homes for NSW** with the biggest investment in housing by a Government in NSW's history.

 **Providing energy rebates** to families, seniors and low-income households.

 **Rebuilding essential services** by attracting and retaining more teachers in our schools, and more health workers in our hospitals with better pay and conditions.

 **A \$480 million Emergency Department Relief Package** to reduce hospital wait times.

 **A \$60 weekly toll cap.** You can now make a claim through Service NSW to start receiving money back.

**Scan the QR code to apply. ▶**



**Looking for ways to save?** Visit the NSW Government's Cost of Living Hub, consolidating information in one central place to make it easier to find rebates and vouchers to save you money.

**To learn more, scan the QR code ▶ or visit [nsw.gov.au/money-and-taxes/cost-of-living-hub](https://nsw.gov.au/money-and-taxes/cost-of-living-hub)**



# MAKING RENTING FAIRER

The Minns Labor Government is delivering on its election commitment to make renting fairer by ending no fault evictions in NSW and implementing a new portable bonds scheme.

NSW is facing a housing affordability crisis with rents and mortgage repayments the largest single cost of living pressure facing the people of NSW.

- **Ending no fault evictions in NSW** will give more security to renters and certainty to the rental market. There will still be reasonable grounds to end a tenancy, but not just to put up the rent.
- **A new portable bonds scheme** will take pressure off renters by allowing their bond to be transferred directly to their new property when moving homes.
- **Ending practice** of rental property platforms soliciting payments from applicants for background checks.



This is part of our plan to address the housing crisis for renters and people wanting to enter the housing market.

**Learn more about how the NSW Labor Government is making renting fairer here. ▶**



**Portable Rental Bonds Scheme. ▶**





# STATION UPGRADE NEARS THE NEXT STAGE

**The Macquarie Fields Station upgrade is progressing ahead of construction starting later this year.**

The community consultation period for the Review of Environmental Factors for the upgrade recently closed.

This marks a significant milestone for the project, which will see the installation of two new lifts and a new passenger footbridge, as well as other facilities such as a family accessible toilet and improved security, creating an improved experience for the elderly, people with disability and carers and people with prams. The station will also be modernised with a new accessible entry forecourt, improved canopy coverage, accessible parking, and landscaping.

Initial community feedback has been positive, with more than 60 submissions received.

Feedback to date has included:

- ▶ Overall support for the project and improving accessibility at Macquarie Fields Station.
- ▶ Support for proposed safety enhancements and suggestions for additional measures such as ticket barriers, trimming overgrown trees to improve sight lines and provision of additional lighting and CCTV in and around the station.
- ▶ Support for the designated Kiss and Ride zone, including increasing the number of spaces and flow of traffic especially during peak periods.



This image is a photomontage of Macquarie Fields Station and is subject to detailed design.

I will continue to keep you updated on this exciting and long-awaited community project.

You can find out more about the project or have your say via [transport.nsw.gov.au/macquariefields](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/macquariefields).

**To learn more, contact my office on 9618 2077 or scan the QR code. ▶**



With local residents discussing road safety in Minto.

## SAFETY A PRIORITY FOR MINTO ROADS

**Thank you to everyone who has contacted my Electorate Office regarding road safety concerns along Pembroke Road.**

Your advocacy will help improve road safety along this busy stretch of road. I travel along Pembroke Road myself regularly on my way to and from the Electorate Office. Read on about plans for road safety improvements.



### Pembroke Road and Durham Street

Many people have raised safety concerns with me about the intersection of Pembroke Road and Durham Street, Minto. Traffic volumes have increased in recent years following the opening of the redeveloped Passfield Park School in Durham Street.

The intersection has a petrol station on one

side and the school on the other side, with a north-bound merging lane.

Safety is of paramount concern to local residents, and I have made representations to the NSW Minister for Roads on this matter a number of times.

I am pleased to report that Transport for NSW has advised that traffic lights will be installed at this intersection, with works to start in 2025.

This is a significant safety improvement for all road users, and I encourage you to contact my Electorate Office to stay up-to-date on developments.

### Pembroke Road and Minto Road

Constituents often voice their concerns about the intersection of Pembroke Road and Minto Road. Featuring a large bend,

the road becomes slippery when wet and there has been a number of vehicle incidents over the years.

Transport for NSW is currently reviewing this intersection to determine improvements to make the intersection safer for all road users. Contact my Electorate Office to stay posted on developments.



# LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

**The NSW Government will impose strict new standards on lithium-ion battery powered e-bikes, e-scooters and similar products. Lithium-ion battery related fires are the fastest growing fire risk in NSW.**

In response to growing demand for these products and increased community risk from poor quality versions, sellers of devices like e-bikes or e-scooters in NSW will soon face penalties of up to \$825,000 if they do not meet the strict new standards.

From 1 February 2025, e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards and e-skateboards will be required to meet the new product standards. New testing, certification and labelling requirements will be introduced in a staged process.

The NSW Government is taking a proactive approach to ensure these products meet strict safety criteria to help save lives and protect property.



**Safeguard your home and community from lithium-ion battery-related fires by following the guidelines.**

**Stay informed, stay safe.**

Learn more here. ▼



## New high school makes progress

Plans to deliver a new high school in Edmondson Park are well underway. The high school will include fit-for-purpose classrooms and core facilities to meet enrolment demand in Edmondson Park and support our growing community.

The new high school will accommodate up to 800 students. The project is on track for completion by Day 1, Term 1 of 2027.

Award of the main works contract for construction of the new high school is anticipated to occur in late 2024, subject to planning approval. The department will progress with the school's detailed design once a design and construction contractor is engaged.

To learn more, visit <http://edu.nsw.link/EPNHS> or scan the QR code. ▶



## Supporting the Salvos

Good to catch up with my friends at Mac Fields Salvos in support of the Red Shield Appeal. This year, the Red Shield Appeal celebrated 60 years – a significant milestone.

Mac Fields Salvos raised \$14,300, while across Australia a record \$5.24 million was raised.

The cost-of-living crisis means many people are turning to organisations such as the Salvos for the first time. The team at Mac Fields Salvos do a wonderful job helping others, through a community pantry, market stalls and events promoting community connection, friendship, faith and fun. The Men's Mob meet regularly to provide a safe space for discussing mental health and other issues.

To connect with Mac Fields Salvos, phone 9605 4749.





## Smiles for Liberty Swing

I had the pleasure of opening Passfield Park School's new Liberty Swing - a great new addition to the Minto school.

The joy was evident for the kids - and the young at heart. The swing was the result of a successful Community Building Partnership grant as well as contributions from the school community.



## Softball Campbelltown

Delighted to catch up with Softball Campbelltown at its grounds in Milton Park, Ingleburn.

This year, Softball Campbelltown celebrate a remarkable 45 years.

Over the years, the club has produced many top players. For instance, Olympian Melanie Roche is considered one of the best pitchers in the world.

As a proud patron of the club, I commend the club's success and applaud everyone involved in helping achieve this fantastic milestone.

## Myrtle Cottage wins award

Congratulations Myrtle Cottage on being named winners of the Campbelltown Local Business Awards for the most outstanding Specialised Business.

A well-deserved win recognising the organisation's wonderful staff and volunteers. Located in Ingleburn, Myrtle Cottage provides much-needed recreational activities to promote independence for over 65s and people with disability.

Servicing the Macarthur region for over 45 years, Myrtle Cottage is a much-loved community organisation and we are all very proud of this win recognising its achievements.

Read my speech in NSW Parliament here. ▶



## Men's Shed new location

The team at Macquarie Fields Men's Shed, led by Phil Watt, has moved to a new location and is looking forward to some new and exciting projects.

Located at Macquarie Road Reserve in Macquarie Fields, the group has a large shed, a sparse and tranquil outdoor area and a vegetable garden now underway. The group meets every Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to 2.30pm.

Share your skills or gain knowledge over a cup of tea or coffee, while meeting new mates. No experience required.

Phone 0417 084 076 for more information.

## Congratulations Betty!

Many happy returns to Elizabeth (Betty) Jury, who turned 100 in June.

A special milestone for a special lady. Betty tells me life is what you make it! Some sage advice indeed.



My Electorate Office can help arrange congratulatory messages for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

To find out more, visit my website or phone 9618 2077. Alternatively, scan the QR code. ▼



# Chat with Anoulack...

## With ... Michelle Lin

**Michelle Lin is a local Ingleburn identity. Michelle and her husband have raised their two children in the area and are the proud owners of a local restaurant which this year celebrates a significant milestone.**

**THIS YEAR YOUR RESTAURANT IN INGLEBURN CELEBRATES 30 YEARS. A FANTASTIC MILESTONE.**

**TELL US HOW THINGS STARTED AND HOW THEY ARE GOING.**

Thirty years is a wonderful milestone. We are proud of being a part of the Ingleburn community for so long. We have always been a family-oriented local business. My parents started the business and opened the doors on 1 July 1994. Three generations of family are now involved, and we continue to pride ourselves on being a family business. We are known for providing friendly service, great food and being at the heart of the Ingleburn community. We like to contribute to the Ingleburn community and give back to the community which has given us so much in return.

**HOW ARE YOU MARKING THIS SPECIAL MILESTONE?**

Nothing special planned at this stage... just business as usual.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT INGLEBURN?**

Ingleburn is a friendly community. It's always great to see so many familiar faces when going about my day. I like the strong sense of community and village atmosphere that is quintessential Ingleburn.



With Michelle Lin at her restaurant in Ingleburn. ▲

People genuinely look out for one another. In recent years, Ingleburn's restaurant scene has grown and there are many diverse options featuring cuisines from around the world and catering to a variety of tastes. Ingleburn has many convenient facilities and offers a great lifestyle. I'm proud to call Ingleburn my home.

**TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.**

I am married with two daughters and live locally. We are a close family and spend lots of time together.

**WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU NOTICED OVER THE YEARS IN INGLEBURN?**

Certainly, the variety of food options in Ingleburn has grown enormously. I enjoy trying a variety of cuisines and it's great having so much diversity and choice. Ingleburn has a great library and park, providing many wonderful recreational

opportunities for young and old. With the train station close by, we have good connections to anywhere.

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF INGLEBURN?**

I would like to see more people coming to Ingleburn as it has so much to offer. If you haven't yet discovered Ingleburn, you're missing out. Although, we do need more parking.

**WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT THE RESTAURANT DO YOU PREFER COOKING AT HOME OR EATING OUT?**

In our downtime, we enjoy eating out and trying different food on offer throughout south-west Sydney. We are very lucky with so many options on our doorstep. There is always something new to discover which keeps life interesting.

## 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:

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