

Connect with Anoulack

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



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DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Macquarie Fields Station accessibility upgrade.

A long and hard-fought campaign for lifts at Macquarie Fields Station is a major win for our community.

Since I was first elected in 2015, I have worked closely with our community to fight for our fair share of vital infrastructure.

After only one year, the NSW Labor Government is getting on with the job of delivering for our community.

I am delighted that works on the station upgrade are due to start later this year, subject to planning approval.

It comes after years of advocacy from myself, our community, and the Federal Member for Werriwa, Anne Stanley MP.

The lifts will make the station inclusive for all: for people with disability, people with prams or luggage, older people and people with mobility issues. For the first time in 136 years, Macquarie Fields Station will be fully wheelchair accessible.

The long overdue station upgrade will be welcomed by our community, who have told me of their ongoing struggles of dealing with 70 stairs.



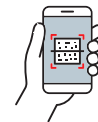
People have shared their frustration at having to travel to Ingleburn or Glenfield to catch a train, adding time and cost to their journey.

Our community was ignored and overlooked for too long. A 2019 Auditor-General's report slammed the former Liberal Government's politicisation of station upgrades that prioritised stations with a lower-ranked need than Macquarie Fields.

The NSW Labor Government is restoring fairness and integrity to station upgrades.

It is time for our fair share.

To learn more about the project, scan the QR code, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/macquarie-fields-station-upgrade or contact my Electorate Office on **9618 2077**.



See inside for more information on the project. ►

Three cheers for more commuter car parking

The new Edmondson Park North Commuter Car Park provides more than 900 new spaces, delivering much-needed community infrastructure. Commuters will now have access to around 2,000 additional parking spaces at Edmondson Park.

Read more inside. ►



Cheers

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NEW LOCAL PRESCHOOLS

Curran Public School and Sackville Street Public School are among 100 new public preschools announced by the NSW Labor Government.

Co-located at public primary school sites, the new public preschools will be built over the next three years in areas of greatest need across NSW.

The public preschools will improve access to early childhood education for families across NSW.



COST OF LIVING HUB

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

We are investing to support you and your family, with measures including:

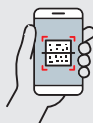
- **First Home Buyers Assistance** to save young families thousands by cutting stamp duty.
- **A \$60 weekly toll cap** to make it cheaper to drive on Sydney's roads.
- **Funding rental assistance programs** including Rent Choice, Advance Rent, Bond Loan and the expansion of the Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper trial.
- **\$250 Pensioner Concession Rebate Scheme** to reduce pressure from council rates and charges.
- **\$500 long day care fee relief** to reduce the cost of long day care for three-year-olds.



- **A record increase to the Family Energy Rebate**, Seniors Energy Rebate and Low-Income Household Rebate.

We have also created an online **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 service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/savings-finder



REBUILDING THE PUBLIC HOUSING SYSTEM

INTRODUCING:



The NSW Labor Government is putting people back at the heart of housing with the launch of Homes NSW.

Homes NSW will bring together the housing and homelessness services of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) with NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) and key housing workers all under one roof – making the system more efficient and accessible.

The creation of a single agency to manage social and affordable housing and homelessness services is a common sense approach and is positioned to provide support to the people who need it most.

Visit nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw to learn more.



OFFICE MOVE

My Electorate Office has a new location – Unit 9 Centennial House, 12 Ingleburn Road, Ingleburn.

You can visit my office to discuss State Government matters. We can also arrange congratulatory messages for milestone birthdays and special anniversaries. We are here to help.

Visit my office Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm, phone 9618 2077 or email macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au.



With Jenny Ristic and Jan Nicoll.



Peter and Janet Jakobsson from Ingleburn Pipe Band.

Stay in touch

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Scan the QR code or visit my website at connectwithanoulack.com



INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY WELCOME

MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION

The NSW Labor Government is improving accessibility and safety at Macquarie Fields Station.

More than 10,000 trips are taken through Macquarie Fields Station every week. The community is home to 2,000 people aged over 60.

The upgrade is being delivered as part of the Safe Accessible Transport program. The program aims to make public transport hubs more accessible, safe and inclusive.

The 2023-2024 NSW Budget allocated a total of \$800.7m over four years to implement the new program, which combines the funds of both the existing Transport Access Program (TAP) and Commuter Car Park Program (CCP) and includes an additional \$300m commitment.

Key Features

- ✓ **A new passenger footbridge**, connected by lifts and stairs with increased canopy coverage to the platforms and enhanced platform access from Railway Parade.
- ✓ **Accessible parking spaces**, accessible kiss and ride spaces, additional bike parking and a relocated bus stop on Railway Parade.
- ✓ **Upgraded station forecourt and greater pedestrian connections to the station**, including a new pedestrian crossing in front of the station entrance.
- ✓ **A new family accessible toilet and a new ambulant toilet.**
- ✓ **Safety and security will be enhanced** through improved lighting, CCTV, and wayfinding signage.

MORE PARKING FOR EDMONDSON PARK

It seems like a distant memory but those who remember Edmondson Park pre-Covid will recall the commuter car parking crisis that was a daily occurrence.

A conga-line of cars around the station precinct. People would park their cars illegally on footpaths and risk a fine just to catch a train to work or for other activities.

Fast forward a few years. Our consistent community campaign for our fair share has been successful in delivering more essential commuter car parking. A win for our community after a long campaign by myself and Anne Stanley MP.

Innovation and sustainability features of the new project include:

- More than 8400 cubic metres of concrete and 1700 tonnes of reinforced steel.
- New carbon injected concrete in the footpaths, a landmark trial for the future.
- Over 800 rooftop solar panels to help power the building.
- 10 electric vehicle charging stations.
- A rainwater capture system to water the car park's landscape.



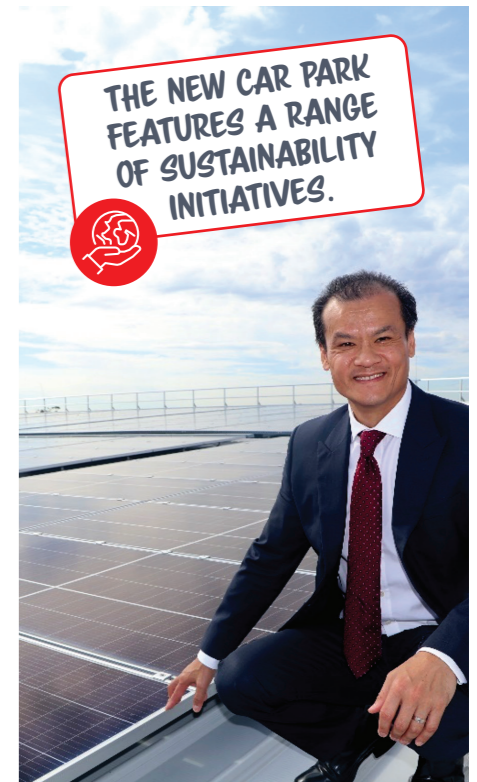
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A long line of cars around the Edmondson Park Station precinct pre-Covid.



NOW

With Anne Stanley MP at the new commuter car park.



THE NEW CAR PARK FEATURES A RANGE OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES.

I was delighted to open the Edmondson Park North Commuter Car Park in February, giving our growing community the vital infrastructure it deserves.

To find out more, visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/edmondson-park-commuter-car-park

LIFTS ON THE WAY

An artist's impression of the accessibility upgrade of Macquarie Fields Station. Works are set to start later this year, subject to planning approval.

For more information scan the QR code or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/macquarie-fields-station-upgrade



A TIMELINE TO OUR FAIR SHARE

2015



Ann Daly (above ▲) and Gary Jones (right ►) have long supported my campaign for lifts at Macquarie Fields Station.



2016



Campaign for lifts at the station ramps up.

2018



Still no lifts in 2018 under the former Liberal Government.

2020



Chatting with Ann Daly about the difficulty in using the stairs.

2023



Meeting with locals to discuss our campaign for lifts.

2024



Donna Palmer looks forward to using her local train station once it is fully accessible.

I would like to thank our community for its ongoing support of my campaign for our fair share. Here is a snapshot of our campaign over the years.

Thank You!

- ▶ Community consultation period closed late March.
- ▶ Works due to start late 2024, subject to planning approval.
- ▶ Once underway, construction to take around 18 months to complete.

LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Jenny Woolfe on being awarded 2024 Local Woman of the Year.

A long-term Macquarie Fields resident, Jenny is an educator and tireless community volunteer.

Since 1996, Jenny has been a Friend of Ingleburn Rotary Club. In 2022, Jenny was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of support for Rotary programs and ideals for more than 25 years.

Jenny is a volunteer with the Growing Friends Program at The Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan. Jenny has held various positions during her long career in education in the Macarthur area.

Scan the QR code or visit my website to learn more about Jenny's contributions to our community.



INGLEBURN COMES ALIVE

The community was out in full swing for another wonderful Ingleburn Alive event in March, showcasing local talent, food and handicrafts.

I enjoyed the festivities and Ingleburn Rotary's sausage sizzle.



PCYC HAS GRIT

Alese Keane and the team at PCYC Campbelltown in Minto continue to roll out their GRIT (*growth, resilience, intervention for teens*) program in local schools. In addition, it is fantastic to see the cooling fans in the gymnastics space due to Community Building Partnership grant funding.

Wonderful to see the positive impact the club is having on our youth.



LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS



SARAH REDFERN SHOWCASE

I was delighted to join students, staff and families at Sarah Redfern High School's inaugural STEAM event late last year, showcasing projects and learning across science, technology, the arts and mathematics. Great to see our students preparing for the future of work.



Congratulations to the Macquarie Fields Men's Shed and 1st Ingleburn Scout Group on successful grant funding as part of the NSW Labor Government's Local Small Commitment Allocation (LSCA) Program.

Both groups have received \$50,000 in grant funding to go towards local projects. The Men's Shed will use the funding to help purchase tools and equipment so they can make wooden toys for the charity, Operation Christmas Child, and furniture for local families in need.

The 1st Ingleburn Scout Group has used the funding to refurbish its Hall, including an upgrade to toilet facilities.

The upgrade comes as the group celebrates 100 years of continuous operation in 2024. Congratulations to 1st Ingleburn Scout Group on this fantastic milestone.

Chat with Anoulack...

With ... Beverley and Keith Farley

Like many in our local community, long-term Macquarie Fields residents Beverley and Keith Farley are excited about the long-awaited accessibility upgrade of Macquarie Fields Station. The couple have been married 58 years and enjoy keeping active.



HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN MACQUARIE FIELDS?

We moved to Macquarie Fields in November 1989 from Narwee. We had family in Macquarie Fields and both worked in Western Sydney. The local area has gone through many changes. When we first moved to the area, there were few amenities and shops. Now, we are spoiled for choice. We love the convenience of having everything close by, and the fantastic sense of community. We feel connected to services, people and community. It's a great place to live.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.

Keith and I are avid walkers. We are long-term members of an over 50s exercise group run at the Campbelltown PCYC in Minto.

We are also members of a local walking group, Campbelltown Caterpillars. The group holds walks every second Monday and both Keith and I have led walks all over Sydney. There are around 20 members of the group. We enjoy both the physical and social aspects of a walking group. So long as we have our health, we'll continue to keep active and doing our walks.

Many years ago, I joined the Older Women's Network which has a long history in the Campbelltown area. Through this group, we campaigned for an end to violence against women, lobbied for women's rights and held seminars at Parliament House.

Keith and I are also active members of Probus and we enjoy the social gatherings and meeting new people.

WHAT DOES THE UPGRADE OF MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION MEAN TO YOU?

Like everyone, we are very excited and look forward to the accessibility upgrade. It's an amazing win for the local community and has taken many years of advocacy from the community and the local members Anoulack Chanthivong MP and Anne Stanley MP.

People in Macquarie Fields have been waiting a long time for this upgrade. Keith and I are both getting older, so the stairs are getting harder to climb. Sometimes when we're not up to it, we bypass Macquarie Fields Station altogether and travel to Ingleburn or Glenfield to catch a train.

Lifts at the station will change people's lives. It will make public transport inclusive and safe for people with disability, people with prams or luggage, older people like us, and others who may be experiencing mobility problems. We're grateful to Anoulack and Anne for continuing to fight for our fair share. It is an important milestone for Macquarie Fields. The community can't wait to see this important infrastructure project finally delivered! We look forward to works starting.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF MACQUARIE FIELDS?

As keen walkers and nature lovers, it is our hope that our beautiful natural reserves are preserved and protected. Our area continues to grow, and it is places like the bushland around Casula, the creek at the back of our place or improvements to Milton Park that provide good quality of life. Our open spaces enable people to enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of nature.

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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