

Connect with Anoulack

A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields – December 2020



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CHRISTMAS WISH-LIST 2020

The results of my Christmas Wish-List 2020 are in!



Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on this year's wish-list. I appreciate you sharing your views and concerns.

Not surprisingly, Scrap the M5 East Toll was overwhelmingly the number one issue in my electorate. The M5 East Toll – a new tax on an old road – is unfair and places an unacceptable financial burden on commuters in south-west Sydney.

Here are the other top priorities as voted by my constituents:

- Protect our green open space;
- A local Service NSW Centre;
- More policing and safer streets;
- More local jobs; and
- A lift for Macquarie Fields Station.

Further, other issues relevant to the electorate included more footpaths, playgrounds and recreational open space; save the Hurlstone Farm; invest in more TAFE courses and training opportunities; and upgrade and air-condition our local schools.

The Liberal Government has consistently ignored our needs and failed to deliver vital infrastructure and services for our rapidly growing community.

My Christmas Wish-List is an annual tradition highlighting the needs of our community. I write to Santa each year in the hope that he will deliver the goods for our community. It is a plea for action, not empty promises or more spin.

I will always fight for our community's fair share. Visit my website to learn more.



MESSAGE FROM ANOULACK

2020 can certainly be described as a year unlike any other.

From the catastrophic bushfires, to a global pandemic – we have had to endure plenty of hardships.

But I am proud of the tenacity, resilience and generosity our community has shown during a very difficult 2020.

I want to thank everyone for their co-operation with social distancing requirements and public health guidelines as we continue to fight the spread of COVID-19.

On a personal note, Anna and I were delighted to welcome our son Christopher in April, making our two-year-old daughter Audrey a proud big sister. We appreciate all the kind messages of love and support we received.

I've also spent the year continuing my campaigns for our community's fair share.

The fight continues to scrap the unfair M5 East toll, save the land at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, install a lift at Macquarie Fields Station and protect our community from overdevelopment.

As we head into 2021, I hope you and your family have a lovely Christmas and a relaxing COVID-safe summer.

I assure you my fight for our fair share will continue full steam ahead in 2021.

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BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Liberal Government priorities still broken

I am appalled that there is once again no money for lifts at Macquarie Fields Station in the 2020-21 Budget. My constituents have been pleading for basic infrastructure and equal access to the transport network for years.

But the Liberal Government keeps allocating money for upgrades in their own electorates, despite an Auditor-General's report saying there is a greater need for lifts at Macquarie Fields.

I am proud to say that my campaigns for a new school in Edmondson Park and an upgrade to Passfield Park School have paid off with the Liberal Government finally allocating money in this year's budget after years of inaction.

But the \$3 million for Edmondson Park is just a drop in the ocean and I still want answers on when all the money needed for construction will be allocated.

I will keep the Liberal Government accountable to make sure our area is not short-changed.



Where are our lifts? With Anne Stanley MP (right) and local residents at Macquarie Fields Station.



COVERED SEATING UNVEILED

It was good to catch up with Shane McMullen and his boys (pictured) from Eagle Vale St Andrews JRLFC to see the club's new awning funded through Community Building Partnership grants.

The new awning provides shade and shelter for the tiered seating in front of the clubhouse at the Eschol Park playing fields.

Always great to see our local sporting groups supporting active and healthy kids.



Anoulack with students from 5/6G at Glenfield Public School and Assistant Principal Candice Gilyatt.

STUDENTS TAKE ON ROAD SAFETY

It's fantastic to see students from Glenfield Public School are so passionate about creating a safer environment for their peers, staff and families at the school by starting a road safety campaign.

I was impressed by the ideas students came up with to address the road safety issues around the school, as well as their tenacity in contacting me to help advocate on their behalf.

It is heartening to know that some of our youngest residents are fighting for change in their community.

LIBERALS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UNFAIR M5 EAST TOLL

In November, I had the honour of bringing my petition against the M5 East toll to the State Parliament on behalf of more than 10,000 fed up motorists from south-west Sydney.

I made it clear to the Parliament that this new toll on an old road was causing significant financial pain for residents in my electorate.

However, the Minister for Transport and Roads should be ashamed of himself for not even turning up during the petition debate – leaving it to backbenchers to try to defend the Liberal Government’s appalling decision to slug south-west Sydney motorists with this new toll.

At every step, the Liberal Government has failed to stand up for motorists in south-west Sydney by refusing to scrap the unfair M5 East toll.

But I am not deterred. I will keep up the campaign and keep fighting for our fair share!



Presenting the petition to Parliament with Kogarah MP Chris Minns.

If you want to receive updates on the campaign against the M5 East toll, please contact my office on 9618 2077 or macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

PEOPLE OPPOSE ODOUR

For too long, Glenfield residents have endured foul and offensive smells from the nearby sewerage treatment plant.

Having endured the situation for years, a number of residents are fed up and have formed an action group to make sure this matter is addressed.

Deanne Doyle is a long-term Glenfield local and the founder of the group. Deanne and her team has been instrumental in bringing the matter to the attention of Sydney Water and the EPA.

All power and credit to Deanne and the action group!

If you would like to be put in touch with the action group please contact my office on 9618 2077.

STUDENTS LAUNCH PETITION TO HELP SAVE HURLSTONE FARM

I’m proud of current and former Hurlstone Agricultural High School students for standing up for their school and its proud agricultural tradition.

Late last year our community celebrated a major win when the Liberal Government back-flipped on its atrocious plans to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School to the Hawkesbury. I want to thank every single resident who joined my campaign to keep Hurlstone at its rightful home in Glenfield. But the victory was bittersweet.

The fight continues to save the Hurlstone Farm as the Liberal Government considers selling off almost all of the school’s green vista as part of its Glenfield Precinct Plan. The educational needs of the school must come first.

Help save the Hurlstone Farm by signing the students’ online petition via the NSW Parliament website by Tuesday 29 December. For details, please contact my office via email or phone 9618 2077.



Chat with Anoulack...

With ... Gail Taylor and family

Newly-elected President of Ingleburn Rotary, Gail Taylor, has lived in Leumeah for more than 40 years with her husband Brian and worked in the education sector for 37 years. Gail's passion for contributing to the community was instilled in her by her mother, Brenda Simpson, and is a value she has passed on to her own children, including Rebecca (pictured with baby George).



Four generations in Milton Park, Ingleburn. Gail Taylor (centre) with her mother Brenda Simpson, daughter Rebecca Gveric and grandson George.

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH INGLEBURN ROTARY?

Ingleburn Rotary has always been a strong supporter of James Meehan High School where I was principal. When I retired in July 2016, I spent 18 months concentrating on myself and my family. I was then encouraged – or perhaps persuaded – by some long-time Ingleburn Rotarians to join and so here I am. I'm glad I put my hat in the ring. As well as being President, I am also Director of International projects. This is a role I particularly enjoy given my ongoing interest and association with Nepal.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EARLY EXPERIENCES IN NEPAL.

My first trip to Nepal in 2018 was the start of an ongoing association and affinity for the country. I thought I was going to do some teaching. Six months before that trip, my daughter Katie said: 'Mum, we're going

to Base Camp.' I'm always one to rise to a challenge so my reply was: 'Ok. What do I need to do?' It was a gruelling six months of specialised altitude and fitness training. We made it to Base Camp on ANZAC Day, which was special. The trek to Base Camp was gruelling but magical at the same time. What did I learn from the experience? That if you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything.

YOU CONTINUE TO TRAVEL TO NEPAL AND SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES.

Yes, I've grown very fond of Nepal and its people. We did a homestay with the family of our guide from Everest Base Camp and are educationally supporting two schools in his village, Taruka. Both schools suffered severe damage in the 2015 earthquakes. This hindered young people's education. As an educator, this was heartbreaking. I also joined a Rotary aide tour and discovered how we could help.

WHAT HAS COVID MEANT FOR THESE COMMUNITIES?

Tragically, the COVID-19 pandemic will have a lasting impact for generations of people around the world. In Nepal, many children are missing out on an education and are being forced into child labour or child marriage. The pandemic has exacerbated existing cycles of disadvantage and this is where organisations such as Rotary can make a small but significant difference to people's lives. Ingleburn Rotary has organised two food distributions this year in Taruka to help feed 50 families. Without this support, people would go hungry.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

My parents emigrated from England in 1958 with my sister Deborah and I when we were very young. My mum, Brenda, and my late father, Bill, settled in Casula where he worked as a manager at Ingham's. Later, they moved to Macquarie Fields before they settled in Ingleburn, where they lived for 17 years. Mum has always been actively involved in the community and trained to be a Brownie and Girl Guides leader – one of the first in Casula. As well as working in schools and later accounting, my mum is a member of Probus and the Campbelltown Senior Cyber Seekers. She is also a member of Ingleburn Rotary. Continuing the education tradition, both my own daughters – Katie and Rebecca – now work as teachers and I'm proud of their achievements.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA?

Accessibility to everything – transport, shops and the hospital. We're close to the south coast and everything you need is right here in our local area. You don't have to go anywhere else.

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

I enjoy spending time with my grandson, George – the first boy in our family in 38 years! He is our little prince. I look forward to travelling to Nepal when possible and making a contribution to our local community through Ingleburn Rotary. I'll continue to contribute to the education sector too. I'm currently at Cabramatta High School one day a week as the Alumni Coordinator. I love connecting students, staff, parents and the community who attended the school from 1959 until the present.

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

