

Let's back Anoulack

A community newsletter from Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Member for Macquarie Fields – May 2018



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STOP THE SQUEEZE

Tell the Liberal Government we've had enough of overdevelopment



My office has been inundated with responses to my Stop the Squeeze survey.

The overwhelming response so far: we don't want overdevelopment to ruin our suburbs.

The response has been so encouraging that I am running a social media campaign to show the Liberal Government my constituents won't stand for high-rise monstrosities, the destruction of our green space or greedy developers ruining our suburban charm.

Here's how to take part:

1. Download the Stop the Squeeze poster from letsbackanoulack.com and print it off or simply write #StoptheSqueeze on a piece of paper

2. Take a photo of yourself holding the poster or sign
3. Upload your photo to social media using the hashtag #StoptheSqueeze or email your photo to macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Feel free to pop into my office at Shop 3, 2-6 Oxford Road, Ingleburn to have your photo taken with our Stop the Squeeze poster.

Thanks to everyone who has supported my campaign. I refuse to allow the Liberal Government to turn our local area into a dumping zone for more high-rises and more urban splatter. It's time to Stop the Squeeze.

See related story on page 3.

IT'S A GIRL!

Anna and I were thrilled to welcome our beautiful baby daughter into the world on 13th April.

Audrey Evelyn Latsamy Chanthivong was born at 1.26am, weighing a healthy 2.96kg. Anna and I are very appreciative of all of the kind messages of love and support we have received. We are excited to embrace this new chapter in our lives and, like all new parents, we look forward to enjoying precious moments together as a young family as we watch Audrey grow.



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FIX CAR PARKING CRISIS NOW!

I have long been advocating for an urgent upgrade of the Edmondson Park commuter car park.

NSW Opposition Leader, Luke Foley, has committed to building an \$18 million dollar multi-storey commuter car park at Edmondson Park train station

This is a fantastic outcome for our community.

Commuters are rightly frustrated and angry at the Liberal Government's inaction over the commuter car parking crisis at Edmondson Park.

The situation has become so dire and so urgent that an upgrade to commuter car parking would be a real game-changer for the people of Edmondson Park and south west Sydney.

Labor's commitment to a new multi-deck car park will give our community the fair go it deserves.

However, we should not have to wait for a solution to this car parking crisis. The Liberal Government has known about this problem for more than two years. So I've launched a formal petition calling on the Liberal Government to fund a multi-deck car park in the 2018-19 Budget.

The Liberal Government needs to wake up and act now!

The petition is available at my office, online at letsbackanoulack.com or you can request a copy by phoning 9618 2077.



At Edmondson Park Station with (left to right) Anne Stanley MP, NSW Opposition Leader Luke Foley, Wayne Prior, Surinder Singh and Charishma Kaliyanda.



Surinder and Wayne with my petition.



STOP M5 TOLL GREEDY CASH GRAB

The Liberal Government's decision to extend the M5 toll past 2026 – the year it was meant to expire – is wrong and unfair. I recently joined my Parliamentary colleagues Greg Warren MP and Jodi McKay MP to table the petition at NSW Parliament. The issue was recently debated in Parliament, and I will stand up for my community who are angry at having to pay tolls on the M5 for decades after the motorway has been paid off. The Liberals' decision will hurt families in our community who are already struggling to balance the household budget.



INGLEBURN ALIVE

Ingleburn well and truly came alive on 3 March for the annual Ingleburn Alive Festival. It was great to see so many friends and locals out and about enjoying the carnival and party atmosphere.

As usual, there were plenty of food and market stalls, rides for children and even show bags. A wonderful day was capped off in the evening with some magnificent fireworks. I'd like to thank all those who popped into my stall and said hello.

SAVE THE DATE: MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Following the success of last year's Mental Health Forum on Young People and Anxiety, I am pleased to announce that my next forum will be held on Thursday 21 June at the Greg Percival Community Centre in Ingleburn from 6pm. The free community forum will be on Body Image and Eating Disorders and will be run in partnership with Sandra McDonald and One Door Mental Health. The evening will feature speakers from The Butterfly Foundation, HeadSpace and the Local Health District. For details, contact my office on 9618 2077 or email macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

WHAT ABOUT OUR GREEN SPACES, PREMIER?

I've long been fighting alongside my community to save our much-loved Scenic Hills and Hurlstone Farm from development.

So when this Liberal Government talks about protecting green spaces, I – like many others in the community – can't help but roll my eyes! What about our green spaces?

Will the Liberal Government save our Scenic Hills from a cemetery proposal that is set to destroy this vital green open space corridor?

Will the Berejiklian Liberal Government reverse its appalling decision to sell off the century-old Hurlstone Farm at Glenfield as part of a greedy land grab? No preservation of green space here – just more tar, concrete and congestion.



When the Liberal Government talks about 'liveability' and access to green open space, I want to know why this doesn't seem to apply to our local area?

Should the Premier ever wish to visit my electorate, I would be happy to show her around to see first-hand our iconic and vital green open spaces before it's too late and they're gone forever.



LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

I had great honour in naming Pauline James the 2018 Macquarie Fields Local Woman of the Year. Pauline works tirelessly in her volunteer roles with the Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch, the Ingleburn Women's Auxiliary and as State President of the Central Council of Women's Auxiliaries – RSL NSW.

Pauline spearheaded the 'Lest We Forget Quilt' project which raised more than \$64,000 for DefenceCare. She is also spearheading the Invictus Games 2018 project for Women's Auxiliaries branches in NSW, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania. This will see 550 laundry bags depicting Australian themes handed out to all participating athletes, a quilt made for each participating country and one for the Australian team and a special quilt for HRH Prince Harry.

Congratulations, Pauline. Our community is grateful for your ongoing support of our returned veterans.

BREAKFAST CLUB FUN

We all know that starting the day with a healthy breakfast is good for us, but the rush to get to school in the morning can mean some students barely have time to eat.



I recently had the pleasure of seeing Breakfast Club in action at Campbellfield Public School in Minto. Run in partnership with Food Bank NSW – headed up by my former colleague John Robertson – and supported by the school's P&C, the Breakfast Club provides kids with a healthy start to their day so they can learn and be at their best. A win-win for all involved and great to see so many smiling faces.

CONNECT WITH ME ONLINE

LETSBACKANOULACK.COM

Be sure to visit my new website – letsbackanoulack.com – for information on my campaigns, media releases, Parliamentary speeches, copies of past community newsletters and what I've been up to in the electorate. You can also sign up for my e-newsletter and find out useful information on congratulatory messages, Justice of the Peace services and community grants. I wanted to create a one-stop shop to make it easier for my constituents to connect with me on State Government issues so feel free to get in touch to let me know any feedback.



Chat with Anoulack...

With **KEITH KENT**



Before moving to Ingleburn in 1979, Keith lived in neighbouring Macquarie Fields. Over the years, Keith has witnessed many changes to the local area. Now, at the age of 89, Keith would like to see the area's local suburban character and charm be preserved for future generations.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR SPECIAL MEMORIES GROWING UP IN THE AREA?

When it rained, the local area became like an island – completely water-logged and marooned. The only way out was by train. I remember one of the best things Gough Whitlam ever did was introduce a sewerage scheme, which connected Western Sydney to the rest of Sydney. Genius!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.

I joined the Lions Club of Liverpool in 1962 and then the Lions Club of Ingleburn in 1976. In 2008, I was awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill for my service to Lions. Only 40 of these awards are given out in the world each year, so that was very special. On the 50th anniversary of Lions, I was given the Freedom of City key, and I received a Community Service Award from Campbelltown City Council in 2008. Giving back to the community is something my late wife Muriel and I have always believed in.

YOU'VE SAID MARRYING MURIEL WAS LIKE WINNING THE LOTTO.

That's true. Muriel and I were together for 62 years and we had a wonderful marriage. Muriel lived in the area all her life and was from the Gavin family – well-known to the local area. I first met Muriel on a blind date to the Liverpool Ambulance Ball. As they say, the rest is history. We had three children – Jennifer, Grahame and Malcolm. I'm now blessed to have eight grandkids and six great-grandkids, and they all bring me so much joy.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY WERE THE SECRETS TO YOUR MARRIAGE?

Honesty, compatibility and trust in each other. Muriel had an amazing spirit and was always so kind. She received two international Lions Presidents' awards for her community service work, as well as the Melbourne Jones Fellow. Muriel was as caring as she was fun. We'd have about 80 people at our house for lunch on Melbourne Cup Day. Our years together were bliss.



WHAT'S ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF THE LOCAL AREA?

Our village character and charm is a big attraction in my book. We need to do everything we can to keep it that way, or else we risk the area being overdeveloped all for the sake of greed. Decisions on the future of our suburbs should be made at the local level, not by those outside our local area who have vested interests and don't care about the sort of future our great-grandkids will inherit. Of course, the other great thing about the local area is the people themselves – they're gold!

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 letsbackanoulack.com

