

PLAN TO FIX OUR HOSPITALS

Last year thousands of Macarthur locals supported my campaign to Fix Our Hospitals, calling on the Coalition Government to reverse their savage cuts to our healthcare system.

Australians never voted for Scott Morrison or his \$700 million cut from our public hospitals. He did it anyway. Labor believes your Medicare card - not your credit card - should determine your access to healthcare.

A Federal Labor Government will:

- Invest in more beds, doctors and nurses - to cut waiting lists for elective surgery and unclog emergency departments.
- Deliver new MRI machines - with Medicare licenses for the suburbs and regions that need them.
- End the Medicare Freeze - to address rising out-of-pocket costs and keep health care affordable.



MACARTHUR'S LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Could you be eligible for one of Macarthur's Local Sporting Champions Grants?

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

If successful, applicants will receive **\$500-\$750** towards the cost of attending their championships.

Applications are currently open and close on the 28th of February!

For eligibility criteria or to apply, simply head to:

www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions



Your Federal Member for Macarthur
Dr Mike Freeland MP

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BETTER PARKING FOR LEPPINGTON AND CAMPBELLTOWN STATIONS!



I am regularly contacted by constituents who are frustrated about the lack of access to adequate public transport infrastructure in Macarthur, and indeed across South West Sydney.

Our commuter car parks are full by 7 am; there simply is not enough existing parking to meet present and certainly not future demand.

It gave me great pleasure to join with Anthony Albanese late last year, to announce that a Shorten Federal Labor Government will partner with a Daley State Labor Government to invest **\$16 million** to build additional car parking spots at **Leppington Train Station**.

A Federal Labor Government is committed to providing **\$8 million** to deliver the desperately needed additional car parking.

A Shorten Federal Labor Government is also committed to expanding car parking at **Campbelltown Train Station**.

I am pleased to have been able to secure an additional commitment of **\$4 million** in funding to expand car parking at the station. Again, we'll partner with a NSW Government to deliver this much needed expansion in our public transport infrastructure.

Searching for parking should not be your greatest priority

I will continue to champion policies such as these, to make life easier for members of our local community.

This will compliment Labor's existing commitment to provide \$3 billion in funding for vital rail infrastructure in Western Sydney, ensuring that our community is connected to the new Western Sydney Airport.

Message from Mike

Hi everyone, it has been a busy few months, but I hope that all Macarthur locals were able to enjoy some quality time with their families and loved ones over the festive season! I myself was overjoyed with the birth of my sixth grandchild over the Christmas period!

February has now arrived, and we will be returning to Parliament over the coming weeks. I will continue to advocate for our fair share upon our return, and will be supporting policies which will benefit our local community.

My focus continues to be on ensuring that our community has the necessary infrastructure to keep up with rapid growth, that our schools are properly funded, that our public health care system is accessible for all, and that we ease the pressure on family budgets.

With rapid changes in our community, our economy, and our society we run the risk that our community will continue to be taken for granted by the powers that be.

I am determined to ensure that this does not happen, and that the concerns of Macarthur residents are heard.

I feel Macarthur is on the cusp of enormous prosperity and a very positive future and I am excited by it!

I will continue to work hard in our region's interests, and as always welcome you to contact my office with any federal issues you may have!

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mike Freeland MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACARTHUR

2018 SNAP SHOT

Last Year I:



Had 750+ meetings developing policy and assisting residents, stakeholders and community organisations



Delivered 59 speeches on legislation and matters of local importance in the House of Representatives



Helped over 500 people with federal government matters and local issues

ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP

As your local MP, I can help you and your family with enquiries or problems with Commonwealth Government departments including the Family Assistance Office, Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits, Superannuation, Taxation, Workplace Relations, Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Passports, Centrelink, Immigration, Defence, Science, Sport and the Arts. **Dr Mike Freeland MP** FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACARTHUR

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A FAIR GO FOR SCHOOLS

I am also very pleased to announce that Labor has made a commitment to provide an extra \$23.61 million in funding for Macarthur public schools!

Labor will provide an extra \$14 billion for public schools nationwide to deliver the biggest school investment in Australian history.

Every student in every public school in Macarthur will be better off under Labor's plan.

I firmly believe that Australian schools should be the best in the world, and that every Australian child deserves the best start in life.

This additional funding will make a huge difference in our community.

It will mean every child in every school will get a great education – because the things that make a difference in our schools, like individual attention and excellent teaching, require more funding.

Our plan provides:

- ✓ An extra \$810,000 for Ingleburn High School
- ✓ An extra \$790,000 for Oran Park Public School
- ✓ An extra \$700,000 for Eagle Vale High School
- ✓ An extra \$630,000 for Bradbury Public School and
- ✓ An extra \$510,000 for St Helens Park Public School

Find out how much extra funding your school will receive at:
www.fairgoforschools.com.au



UNITED FOR MACARTHUR

Supporting Minto District Soccer Club with a grant last year – the future for football in Macarthur looks bright!



Football has a brand new home in Macarthur, with the FFA accepting a bid for a new football team to be based in Macarthur/South-West Sydney.

This is a fantastic result for our region, and will certainly help to put Macarthur on the map! Congratulations to all involved who helped to secure such a fantastic outcome for our community.

LABOR'S NATIONAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Labor's National Preschool and Kindy Program will see the biggest ever investment in early childhood education in Macarthur and right around Australia.

Under Labor, more than **4,829 children** in the Macarthur region will have greater access to early education, giving them the best possible start to their education.

From 2021, **every three year old** in Macarthur will be able to access **15 hours of subsidised early childhood education**, so they can get the best start to learning.

We will also extend the current arrangement for four year olds accessing preschool programs – creating a quality, two-year program that boosts learning in the most important years of a child's development.



It was great to recently have the Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Development, Amanda Rishworth MP, visit Macarthur to discuss our commitment with locals.