

Your Federal Member for Macarthur

Dr Mike Freeland MP

Community News May 2018



STRONGER COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Stronger Community Grants provide funding for important capital work projects within the electorate of Macarthur.

We have been able to announce the first two recipients of this funding, and with \$150,000 of allocated funding a number of other eligible organisations are set to receive grants once the government gives their final approval.

KIDS OF MACARTHUR FOUNDATION



\$9000 in funding has been secured for the Kids of Macarthur Foundation, the first of many recipients of the Stronger Communities Grants.

With the funding the foundation is planning on purchasing equipment for the paediatrics department loan pool, this includes a vital piece of equipment called a Leckey Stander which assists young children who are unable to walk on their own.

WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL – STILL NO AIRPORT LINK FOR SOUTH WEST SYDNEY

In March the Prime Minister and NSW Premier announced a Western Sydney City Deal that leaves Macarthur right out. The City Deal includes a North/South rail link from St Marys to the airport but does not extend to the Macarthur region.

This is yet another example of the Federal and State Liberal Governments ignoring Macarthur. Our region is the fastest growing area in Sydney but is not equipped with the infrastructure and public transport needed.

Last year Labor committed to the North South rail link including \$400 million for a train line from Badgerys Creek to Leppington, ensuring a rail line will be ready on the day the airport opens.



Message from Mike

Hi Everyone,

We are now well into 2018 and it is nearly 2 years since I was first elected to the Federal Parliament.

It continues to be an incredible honour to represent the Macarthur community, a community that I have spent over 40 years in.

I decided to enter politics to fight for a fair and accessible healthcare system, for secure local jobs and better local infrastructure. I have constantly fought for these issues in the federal parliament.

I have been very vocal about the Liberal/National Government's lack of understanding around healthcare and the rising out of pocket expenses in the health system. I have also spoken in Parliament about the NDIS and how it is transforming lives locally but we still have some issues to iron out.

We have been faced with the closure of the afterhours GP service at Campbelltown hospital and the prospect of paid parking at the hospital.

On a positive note we have had wonderful HSC results at our local schools and many of our students have wonderful careers ahead of them.

I have also been to a number of local businesses, including the Sevaan group which is a highly innovative engineering company providing state of the art metal work and highly skilled jobs.

I remain very optimistic about our future in Macarthur and will continue to fight for local infrastructure.

Please don't hesitate to contact me about any relevant federal issues.

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SUPPORTING MACARTHUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

We have so many amazing local businesses in the Macarthur region that provide local jobs, have exceptional service and enrich our community. Many of these businesses face difficulties in competing with major businesses and franchises.

I have been making an effort to visit our local businesses, and look forward to meeting many more. I am willing to do what I can to advocate for the needs of our businesses in Macarthur.

DUFTY AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

It was a pleasure to meet with the team at Dufty Automotive Services with the Australian Automotive Association and Repco. Companies such as Dufty's have been employing local people and training apprentices in our region for generations.



SEVAAN GROUP

The Sevaan Group is a state of the art manufacturing company with an innovative growth focus employing a large number of apprentices and a stable, well trained workforce. It was great to be shown around their site in Minto by the owners Jim and Artemis Tzakos.



ONE HARVEST FACILITY

I was able to visit the one harvest facility at Smeaton Grange, a family owned company that employs well over one hundred people locally. It is a company that is committed to helping people eat healthier by providing fresh food options available in supermarkets.



LEPPINGTON PASTORAL COMPANY

I visited the Leppington Pastoral Company dairy which is a top of the range dairy farm milking 2000 cows a day. The dairy and its milk products such as A2 milk are providing many jobs in Macarthur, however they are always looking for more long term local employees.



THE PUMP

The Pump is a great model car and train shop owned by Barry Clements in the centre of Campbelltown that is just getting bigger and brighter - you can always find something no matter your age.



MACARTHUR RAMS SEASON LAUNCH



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, CELEBRATING WILMA'S 30TH

I celebrated International Women's Day at the Macarthur Women's Health Centre (WILMA) celebrating their 30th anniversary. WILMA has provided help to many of the mums and patients I have seen and I have supported it since it opened.



CAMPBELLTOWN CHALLENGE WALK

It was great completing the Campbelltown Challenge walk with State member for Campbelltown Greg Warren; a great exercise and a terrific community event.



JDRF

I met with Will and Melanie Cullen, Kirrilly White and Noah Hill on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundations push for research funds to find a cure. Will, Kirrilly and Noah all have type 1 diabetes



OPENING OF PRIMROSE COTTAGE



It was an honour to open Primrose Cottage, a new overnight respite centre that will provide a much needed break for families who are full time carers for people with disabilities.

LITTLE SCIENTISTS PROGRAM

I was fortunate enough to attend Amber Cottage Preschool and see the children participating in the little scientist program which teaches pre-schoolers about STEM subjects.



Dr Mike Freeland MP says

“DON'T LET THE LIBERALS OPEN BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT WITHOUT A TRAIN LINE.”

SIGN THE PETITION

The Federal Liberal Government is planning to open Western Sydney Airport without a train line. The Badgerys Creek train line is essential to give Macarthur the transport system it desperately needs.

Sign the petition: Build a train line to Western Sydney Airport.

We the undersigned call on the Liberal Federal Government to build the Badgerys Creek train line to the Western Sydney Airport site.

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HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR SURVEY: 1 Fill out the petition and mail to: **PO BOX 88 Campbelltown NSW 2560** or 2 Scan and email to: **Mike.Freeland.MP@aph.gov.au**



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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