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YOUR MEMBER FOR COOGEE

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MESSAGE FROM MARJORIE

Dear Residents and Friends,

2022 has been a big year so far with a lot happening around our community. I hope everyone has been safe and happy and a huge thank you goes out to all our remarkable front-line workers who have been tirelessly protecting and caring for us.

Since major changes to our public transport system came into place earlier this year, we have been fighting to return services and our transport inquiry has shown just how devastating the cuts to buses have been for our community.

So far this year we have held six online Community Town Halls to hear from our community about the issues that matter



Planning Town Hall with Paul Scully Labor's Shadow Minister for Planning



Planting trees on National Tree Day



At Waverley Men's Shed

most. With topics focussed on the environment, transport, education and health care, hundreds of people have been registering each month to share their thoughts. Thank you to everyone who has participated and provided feedback and shared their vision for a better future.

In the NSW Parliament we have seen significant legislation being debated in the House focussed on improving Climate Change emissions targets, addressing Coercive Control, banning NAZI symbols, and stopping privatisation of public assets.

As a community, we continue to come together to help and support those most vulnerable, through initiatives such as providing much needed food, feminine hygiene items, toys, bras, music and more. I thank

each and every person who has contributed so far. Even the smallest action can make a big difference. My office continues to be a drop-off point for multiple charities, including Music for Refugees, our women's shelters, Project Kindness and Keith's Closet.

To stay up to date with what's happening in our local community, sign up to our community newsletter by scanning the QR code below or heading to the website www.marjorieoneill.com.au.

Warmly,

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EDUCATION UPDATE

2022 HAS BEEN ANOTHER DIFFICULT YEAR FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACING FUNDING SHORTFALLS, TEACHER SHORTAGES AND BROKEN ELECTION PROMISES.

In the lead up to the June Budget, we were joined by NSW Shadow Education Minister and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Prue Car, MP for another online Community Town Hall to discuss the issues facing our education system today. We heard from our public school parents and teachers firsthand about:

- Chronic teacher shortages that have left our public schools with combined classes,
- 6 month wait periods to see a school counsellor,
- Parents being asked to donate soap during the pandemic,
- The need for coeducation high school options.

Thank you to all who joined us for this important conversation.

The 2022-23 NSW Budget once again shows that the NSW Government has failed to deliver funding for urgently needed major upgrades to Randwick Girls and Randwick Boys. More than 4 years on and the proposed upgrades are yet to progress past the planning phase, with budget papers showing that the Government still doesn't even have an estimated start or end date.

Our ongoing teacher shortage across NSW has recently become the subject of an Upper House



Education Town Hall with Prue Car, Labor's Shadow Education Minister

Inquiry in the NSW Parliament. Thank you to all of those in our community who made submissions. Your contributions will go a long way to ensuring our schools can remain fully staffed with adequate pay and conditions for our amazing educators. Stay tuned to my social media for updates on the findings as the Inquiry progresses.

Access to education is one of the most important rights a government must ensure, which is why we are campaigning for Fair Funding for Our Public Schools. I invite you to join the campaign by scanning the QR code.



TUNE IN TO COOGEE VOICE, OUR COMMUNITY PODCAST, TO HEAR LOCAL NEWS AND VOICES.

AVAILABLE ON APPLE PODCAST AND SPOTIFY.



SAVE OUR BUSES

ON APRIL 4TH THIS YEAR OUR REGION 9 BUSES WERE OFFICIALLY PRIVATISED. REST ASSURED THAT THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE OUR BUSES IS FAR FROM OVER.

Through fierce grassroots campaigning, we were able to save the 373 and secure an Upper House Inquiry into Bus Privatisations. A massive win for our campaign that showed our tireless efforts organising petitions, rallies, and media attention were starting to have some effect.

Whilst the Inquiry is yet to release their full findings, a preliminary report found that **75% of respondents are dissatisfied** with their now privatised bus services and **82% are more likely to use their car.**

We have now launched community consultation to ensure that you can **HAVE YOUR SAY ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT** in our area. This will shape our transportation priorities for the future.



SCAN ME



Appearing at the Bus Inquiry on behalf of our community with the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite and Michael Daley the Member for Maroubra



Standing with our community against bus cuts and privatisation

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Coogee Beach ANZAC Day Service



Coogee Dolphins Junior Sports Club grant presentation



Attending Educating the Future fundraiser



Meeting with COA at NSW Parliament



Meeting with our nurses



Health Community Town Hall with Ryan Park Labor's Shadow Minister for Health



The Koojaj Corroboree



Official opening of the Bondi Junction cycle way



Sydney Eastern Suburbs VIEW Club

ANNUAL COOGEE CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH CARD COMPETITION

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS & HANUKKAH CARD COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MY ELECTORATE

Please send through an A4 size image with the theme "What Christmas/Hanukkah means to me."

Please submit your designs by 31 October 2022.

Entries can be sent or delivered to:

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If you have any questions, please contact my office.

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