

HOLDSWORTH DROP-IN SESSIONS

My office is hosting Holdsworth Community for a number of drop in sessions at 15/53-55b Frenchmans Road, Randwick. If you are looking for support to assist you or a loved one and would like information about the NDIS and aged-care services, come by and have your questions answered by a team of specialists. If you would like help registering with MyAgedCare, please contact **Leanne Blackley on 9302 3600** to book in a time.

Thursday, 17 October

10am-12pm

Wednesday, 23 October

10am-12pm

Wednesday, 13 November

10am-12pm

Thursday, 21 November

10am-12pm

MOBILE OFFICES

**FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER,
7:30AM-8:30AM**

Bondi Junction Station Bus Interchange

**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
8AM-10AM**

Bronte Beach

**TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER,
7:30AM-8:30AM**

Bream Street at Carrington Road Bus Stop, Coogee

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER,
8AM-9:30AM**

Coogee Beach

**FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER,
10AM-12PM**

Waverley Library (Denison St)

**SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER,
9:30AM-11AM**

Coffee with a Pollie -

Two Ones Cafe,

Clovelly Road, Randwick

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER,
9:30AM-11AM**

Coffee with a Pollie - Courtyard Cafe, Coogee Bay Road, Coogee



Dr Marjorie O'Neill

YOUR MEMBER FOR COOGEE



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

The last few months have been very busy! Our mobile offices have been extremely popular and well received so we will be extending our availability. Make sure you check out the last page of the newsletter and see where we will be over the next few months.

As many of you might be aware, the government is looking to remove cardiac paediatric surgery from our Sydney Children's Hospital and centralise the cardiac services to Westmead. The removal of this service will not only be devastating for our community, but it will also have a direct impact on the Royal Women's Hospital, which is the only female specific hospital in NSW. The Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite, Federal Member for Kingsford Smith and I have been working to have this service remain.

Paul Lynch, the Shadow Attorney General introduced a bill to require a public sector agency that has caused a serious violation of the privacy of an individual, to notify the individual concerned, and

the Privacy Commissioner. In light of the actions of Minister Dominello's office in leaking the details of hundreds of motorists, I was very disappointed to see that the Government did not support this bill. Our digital privacy is imperative, especially as we are now all required to use online systems such as Service NSW for driver licences, registration renewal, and fine payments.

The inquiry into the Liquor Amendment (Music Festivals) Regulation 2019 and Gaming and Liquor Administration Amendment (Music Festivals) Regulation 2019 has put forward a number of recommendations. One important recommendation is that a Drug Summit be convened, bringing together Members of Parliament, experts in the medical and social aspects of drug use, community representatives, families, and people with experience of drug use and its effects. In the 90's under Premier Bob Carr, one such Drug Summit was conducted, and resulted in the creation of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) in Kings Cross. Since the creation of the MSIC, it has handled more than 6000 drug overdoses without a single fatality, and over 12,000 referrals have been made to external health and social welfare services.

By the time this newsletter goes to print, the Inquiry into Sydney's Night Time will be complete with a report to go to Parliament on September 30th. So stay tuned!

If there is any event or community group that you think I should be connected with, please let my office know.

Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP
MEMBER FOR COOGEE



Protesting to Save the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick

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SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The fight to save cardiac surgery at the Sydney Children's Hospital continues. We need to make sure the Government is listening to the experts at the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick if we are to get the best decision for our kids.

As such, we are constructing a petition to be sent out to every resident in Coogee. When you receive it, please read

through and consider signing it to help save our hospital. We need 10,000 signatures to spark a debate on the floor of parliament, where we will push the government to commit to fully funding the Sydney Children's Hospital into the future.

LIGHT RAIL

During Budget Estimates, it was revealed that the Light Rail journey into the city could take twice as long as some of our local express bus routes. The Minister for Transport and Roads, Andrew Constance, MP and his departmental staff revealed that, on average, the journey from Randwick to Circular Quay will take 38 - 40 minutes. According to the Trip View App, the X73 bus routinely completes the journey from Randwick to the city in 17 minutes.



As your local member, I am holding the government to account on these issues and fighting to make sure we keep our buses and that our local area has a connected public transport network, able to take you from home to anywhere you need to go. The light rail is almost completed and I am looking forward to the construction finishing and the trains picking up their first passengers, but it is crucial we keep our bus services and have a fully integrated transport system in the Eastern Suburbs.

If you are concerned about your bus route, please contact my office and let me know which routes you take, as we will continue to fight to keep these vital services.

AIRBNB AND BOARDING HOUSES

A number of residents have come to my office and raised concerns regarding the construction of boarding houses as well as Airbnb operating in strata apartments.

We are seeking more information about this issue and want to hear your views. If you would like to share your experience please get in touch with my office.

DROP OFFS

My Coogee Electorate Office is now proudly a drop-off point for **Bayside Women's Shelter**, a best practice refuge in South-East Sydney providing short-term accommodation and support to women and their children escaping domestic and family violence. Keep your eye on their Facebook page as they advertise items as they are needed and do not accept used toys and clothes:

www.facebook.com/BaysideWomensshelter

Music for Refugees;

I am pleased to advise my office is now a drop-off point if you have any instruments you wish to donate- no pianos please! More information about Music for Refugees can be found here:

www.musicforrefugees.org

RANDWICK TAFE AND AMBULANCE SUPER STATION

As many of you would be aware, the government is building an Ambulance Super Station on the site of Randwick TAFE.

The staff of the TAFE have not been consulted over this development and there are concerns regarding how this station will impact upon the delivery of courses, including those in Media and Film which will be particularly impacted by the noise from the station.

Additionally, we have called on the government to reveal the future of the existing ambulance stations and if they will be decommissioned. If existing stations are decommissioned this will impact response time.

MUSIC 4 REFUGEES

Through Randwick Council's Refugee Week, I was fortunate to discover Music for Refugees, a not-for-profit dedicated to bringing music into the lives of refugees and asylum seekers. Volunteer music teacher Philip Feinstein collects instruments and provides free music classes for children and adults inside detention centres including Manus Island, Christmas Island and Nauru.



Music for Refugees

Following the success of helping refugees in Australia, Music for Refugees has expanded to helping Burundian refugees now located in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. The civil unrest in Burundi has led to half a million refugees fleeing their country. Philip recently spent time in those countries and his story can be seen on the Music for Refugees Facebook page. The music program has now been extended to humanitarian needs as the situation there is dire.

WAVERLEY MEN'S SHED

I had the pleasure of visiting the Waverley Men's Shed, located at the War Memorial Hospital. The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) is a community-based organisation that's accessible to all, whose primary activity is the provision of a safe, friendly and healing environment. Members are able to work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time and in the company of others. A key focus is to advance the well-being and health of its members and to encourage social inclusion. If you would like to get involved, you can email: waverleyshed@gmail.com

ST CLARE'S & WAVERLEY COLLEGE - HOLDSWORTH BALL

I would like to congratulate Waverley College and St Clare's College for all of the work on the Holdsworth Ball, raising money for Holdsworth Community. The event is planned and run by the students of both schools, and is a truly significant undertaking that culminated in a fantastic evening.

PINK ELEPHANT

Pink Elephant is a not-for-profit that supports women through miscarriage and early pregnancy loss by providing much needed empathy, validation and connection for the one in four women that experience a miscarriage. Pink Elephants have created a suite of emotional support literature and a peer support program to guide women as they navigate the miscarriage and fertility journey. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this service, more information can be found at www.miscarriagesupport.org.au/

SPORTS CORNER

The Randwick vs Argentina rugby match was a rousing success, with more than 5000 coming out to see the Galloping Greens take on the Pumas. It was an atmospheric afternoon that demonstrated the sense of community that makes it so great to be a part of this area.

Waverley College had a fantastic result against St Augustine's, beating them 27-17 in the curtain raiser to the Wallabies vs Samoa Test, and I would like to congratulate all of the players on their performance!

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the Waverley Old Boys D1 Women's, who made the grand final for the first time since 2007!



Womens D1

RANDWICK BOYS' & GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL - MASTERPIECE

I would like to congratulate Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' high schools on their production, *Masterpiece*, a celebration of artistry and creative genius. Almost 250 students from years 7 to 12 as well as alumni paid homage to some of the great literary, cinematic, artistic and creative masterpieces through a dazzling performance of song, dance and drama.