



Chris Patterson MP

Government Whip

Your Local Member of Parliament



Electorate Office: 66 John St Camden • **Phone:** (02) 4655 3333 • **Fax:** (02) 4655 3325
Mail: P O Box 669 Camden NSW 2570 • **Email:** camden@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.chrispatterson.com.au or  facebook ChrisPattersonMP

2015 BUDGET NEWS FOR CAMDEN

NEW SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL AT NARELLAN

A new school at Narellan will be established to cater for local students with a disability.

The new school will occupy the site of the former Hope Christian School in Richardson Road and will accommodate up to 100 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. The facility will increase the special education capacity in the high growth Narellan and Camden areas. From 2018, students with special needs from Narellan and its surrounding areas will receive the education and support they need, in state-of-the-art facilities without having to travel long distances from home. Once completed, the new school will include:

- ❖ 12 new permanent classrooms;
- ❖ a new administration area;
- ❖ a hydrotherapy pool;
- ❖ a refurbished library;
- ❖ a special programs room;
- ❖ student support facilities;
- ❖ covered outdoor learning areas; and
- ❖ landscaping and free play zones.

Photo: Chris with the Hon Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education, Relieving Principal Jo Cooley, School Captains Darian Dillon and Tara Bampton and Acting Regional Director Christine Tasker



VISIT TO ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



I was honoured to be asked to speak to year six at St Paul's Catholic Primary School. The students were well informed on the workings of a Government and they asked some very good questions.

Photo: Chris with Mrs Leisa Grant and students

AUSTRALIAN NETBALL TEAM VISIT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

I had the privilege to meet with some of the Australian Netball Diamonds who participated in the 2015 Netball World Cup. They were committed to continue with their current success. The team is currently number 1 in the world, Commonwealth Games gold medallists and current Constellation Cup holders.

Photo: Chris with Diamonds Wing Defence Sharni Layton



CALLING ALL SECOND WORLD WAR VETERANS

This year the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP) wants to photograph every veteran of the Second World War. There are over 14,000 World War II Veterans estimated to be living in Australia. They are creating a compelling pictorial record of returned servicemen and women for the national archives. The AIPP with the support of the Australian War Memorial and the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL) are creating this collection of portraits to be gifted to the Australian War Memorial's collection.

Veterans who participate will receive a printed portrait photograph in a lovely display folder, free of charge.

There is a team of local Macarthur Accredited Photographers who will be photographing the Macarthur Veterans including Kylie Lyons from Handprint Photography, Karen Ashcroft from Dragonfly Portraits and Sharon Robertson from Sharon Robertson Photography. These photographers will be setting up studios at local RSL clubs and nursing homes in order to make sure every local veteran is photographed.

Veterans and their families or carers are encouraged to go online and fill in the online registration form at www.aippveterans.com or call Kylie Lyons on 0411 552488 for more information.



WE WANT YOU

We want to photograph WWII servicemen and women for the national archives.

Accredited professional photographers nationwide are donating their time and talent to create portraits which commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, honouring our heroes and 100 years of the ANZAC tradition. Veterans will receive a printed portrait photograph, free of charge for their participation.

Register online for more information and to schedule a photo shoot from April 2015

2015 CAMDEN ROTARY RELAY FOR LIFE



The 5th Camden Rotary Relay for Life will be held over 24 hours on **September 19 and 20 at Onslow Park Camden**. The annual event raises money for the NSW Cancer Council. The event attracts thousands of people who participate, remembering those who lost their fight with cancer and those who have survived.

I was challenged by Camden Rotary to have my face painted as part of the Relay for Life fundraiser which I was happy to take part in. I also challenged Aneek Mollah of Blooms Pharmacy to have his face painted.

To register to participate go to: www.relayforlife.org.au

Photo left: Chris challenges Aneek Mollah from Camden Rotary to have his face painted.

Photo right: Chris with Relay for Life Chairman Rowan Moore



NEW FIRE STATION PROPOSED FOR ORAN PARK

A new fire station will be built at Oran Park and is expected to be completed by 2018. The \$4.4 million fire station will assist the Narellan and Camden Fire Stations and will service the new growth areas in the north west of the Camden electorate.

MINISTER ATTENDS THE 2015 KIDS of MACARTHUR BALL

NSW Minister for Health, the Hon Jillian Skinner MP, attended the 2015 Kids of Macarthur Ball.

On behalf of the Government, Minister Skinner donated \$70,000 towards the purchase of a mobile digital radiography machine. Each year the major fundraiser nominates a piece of equipment to be purchased to make life a little easier for our small patients and assist families to remain in the area for treatment.



Photo: Chris with Vicki, Chris Skinner, the Hon Jillian Skinner MP Minister for Health, Sharon and Russell Matheson, Sharon & Bruce Hanrahan and Associate Professor Matt Edwards

LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

There will be an additional \$50 million under the Building Grants Assistance Scheme to fund new classrooms and facilities in non-government schools. The additional funding over the next four years will be allocated in the upcoming NSW Budget 2015-16 for non-government school capital works, and represents a 100 per cent increase under the scheme. Demand for school places is increasing across the State and the funding recognises the significant role non-government schools will play in meeting that challenge. Schools in Camden will be able to apply for funding under the scheme which is directed towards low to medium fee independent and Catholic schools.



Photo: Chris with Year 7 student Jackson Jones and the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR THEIR UNSELFISH COMMITMENT

I was very pleased to be able to present certificates and badges to a group of volunteers who have given twenty five years or more to our local community as volunteers.

Ellen Cunningham has been a compassionate and loyal volunteer for 42 years, taking pride in delivering meals to clients in Camden and developing personal relationships with those she helps through many local community groups. **Ed Gaunt, Andrew Macdonald and Ron Usher** were recognised for twenty five years of service to the NSW RFS. **Peter Rabbidge and Alf Raistrick** have both been recognised for forty years of service to the NSW RFS. All these men have attended many fires and assisted in other natural disasters in our local area and beyond.

I encourage anyone to consider volunteering for one of our many community groups in Camden.

Photo right: Chris with Ellen Cunningham and David Robson.



Photo bottom: Chris with Alf, Peter, John, Ed, Andrew and Ron



NAIDOC WEEK 2015

Chris attended the flag raising ceremony for NAIDOC Week in Camden. Members of the Myggunyah Camden Aboriginal Residents attended the ceremony representing many indigenous people in our local community. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a

range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Photo: Camden Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, Local Citizen of the Year Ted Gillroy, Chris, Local Area Commander Ward Hanson and Glenda Chalker and members of the Indigenous community.

NEW PLAYGROUND OPENS AT MATER DEI

A new playground was officially opened for the students of Mater Dei. The playground was made possible with financial contributions from the NSW Government and other fundraisers. The playground equipment installed includes: double basket swings, timber deck and wire ropes, climbing structures, swamp walk and rope walk, balance beams, a timber slalom, stilts, a commando and crazy crossing and soft fall and landscaping.

*Photo:
New Playground*



Please take the time to view other stories, speeches and media releases on my new Website :

www.chrispatterson.com.au