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Photo Courtesy of Brett Atkins

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Vicki and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, safe and merry Christmas. It is a time of the year where families get together to catch up. 2016 has been a particularly busy year as I am sure it has for everyone and I hope the New Year brings all that is wished for. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Chris, Vicki, Amelia, Sophie, Tom and Matthew.

CAMDEN PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

It was an honour to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Camden preschool. This milestone is not normally seen in community preschools, which is testament to the ongoing support of the Board, management and staff. Over the 50 years many of the children who have attended are now seeing their children and grandchildren attend the preschool.

Photo: Chris congratulating the Preschool



Photo: Courtesy Brett Atkins NSW Premier Mike Baird MP with School Leaders, Camden Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, Former Narellan Chamber of Commerce President Adriana Care, Narellan Chamber of Commerce President Maria Sapienza and Chris

PREMIER ADDRESSES ANNUAL NARELLAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST

NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP addressed a packed audience at the Annual Narellan Chamber of Commerce Breakfast held at the Menangle Park Paceway. The Premier spoke of the major road infrastructure happening in and around the Camden area, the completion of the Stage 1 of Campbelltown Hospital, the highly successful South West Rail Link at Leppington and the continuation of housing development. The Premier also spoke of the Budget that was recently handed down with a forecast \$3.7 billion surplus.

LOCAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESSES

Prime Minister the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP has provided an update on the \$3.6 billion road infrastructure in Western Sydney. The \$1.6 billion upgrade of The Northern Road will include major upgrades at the intersections of Fairwater Drive, Hillside Drive and Cobbitty Road including the installation of traffic lights. The project will be part of the infrastructure required for the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport. Further upgrades, as part of the package, will include Bringelly Road and the M12 Motorway. Further information can be found on www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects.



Photo: Member for Hume the Hon Angus Taylor MP Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, Prime Minister the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP and Chris



Photo: Gathering of the Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese

CELEBRATIONS FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Hon John Ajaka, Minister for Multiculturalism and I attended the second anniversary celebration of the Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese Australia at St Gregory's College. The Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese Australia is a Catholic community comprising mainly of immigrants from Kerala state of South India who have made Australia their home. Over 2000 people attended this very significant event.



CAMDEN MEALS ON WHEELS CELEBRATE NATIONAL MEALS ON WHEELS DAY

Photo: Volunteers who give their time to make someone's day a little brighter

I attended the celebration of National Meals on Wheels Day at the Camden Meals on Wheels. The service provides more than just a meal, it delivers conversation and company to those who are frail, isolated or have difficulty getting their meals. Without the many volunteers the service would not be possible. For more information go to www.camdenmealsonwheels.com.au



Photo: Lady Cutler, Dame Marie Bashir and NSW Governor His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd).

SIR RODEN CUTLER REST AREA OPENED

The Sir Roden Cutler Rest Area was recently opened by the NSW Governor His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd). The rest area was named after the longest serving Governor in NSW Sir Roden Cutler who served from 1966 to 1981. The opening was also attended by Lady Cutler and the former NSW Governor Dame Marie Bashir.

\$2.2 BILLION INVESTMENT IN SYDNEY'S WATER FUTURE

The Hon Niall Blair, Minister for Lands and Water recently announced a \$2.2 billion investment of infrastructure for Sydney Water. A \$27 million waste water pump will be constructed at Oran Park to service the 7000 new homes. Throughout NSW infrastructure will see new filtration plants, pumps and water supply pipes, upgrades of wastewater networks and treatment plants.



Photo: Chris with the Hon Niall Blair, Minister for Water



Photo: Chris with the Hon Mark Speakman, Minister for Environment

NSW CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

The NSW Container Deposit Scheme is due to begin in July 2017. The scheme will deliver a cost-effective, best practice container deposit scheme. In 2014/15 almost 160 million beverage containers were littered across NSW. The scheme will allow prescribed beverage containers between 150ml to 3 litre to be taken to a collection point for a 10c refund. Further information can be found on: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/container-deposit-scheme



Photo: Chris with Camden Mayor Cr Lara Symkowiak, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume and members of Camden Rotary

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RELAY FOR LIFE

The 2016 Camden Rotary Relay for Life, held on Onslow Park, was another great success. The weekend was attended by over 800 locals showing their support with \$150,000 raised. The event raises funds for the Cancer Council's research and now in its 8th year over \$1.2 million has been raised.



SYDNEY FC 2016/17 SEASON LAUNCH

It was wonderful to attend the SYDNEY FC 2016/17 Season Launch. The Sydney FC players and coaching staff are once again hoping to be successful in the 2016/17 season. With the sport continuing to grow in participation and support, crowds are increasing each year. The passion of soccer is like nothing else and I am sure the new season will be as exciting as ever.

Photo: Nik Elisha and Sydney FC Captain Alex Brosque and Chris



NEW WALK OPENED AT MT ANNAN BOTANIC GARDENS

A Woodland Walk has been established in the Mt Annan Botanic Gardens. The walk is a free four kilometre self-guided walking trail through the naturally occurring Cumberland Plain Woodland. The walk incorporates a number of rare and threatened species native to the Cumberland Plain area in the gardens. At any time of the year a visit to the gardens should be on everyone's to do list. For further information on any events or displays at the gardens go to www.australianbotanicgarden.com.au

2016 NSW GOLF OPEN QUALIFYING COMES TO CAMDEN

The qualifying rounds for the NSW Golf Open Championships will be held in Camden for the next three years as a partnership between Camden Council and Golf NSW. Having such a prestigious event will give Camden the opportunity to showcase our wonderful town.

Photo: Camden Council Director Governance David Reynolds, President Camden Golf Club Stephen Humphreys, General Manager Golf NSW Graeme Phillipson, Chris, Camden Golf Club Captain David Kidd, Camden Council Director Planning and Environment Nicole Magurren and Camden Council General Manager Ron Moore



MONTY PANESAR AUSTRALIAN TOUR



English International cricketer Monty Panesar has come to Australia as a player/coach for the Campbelltown Camden Ghosts Cricket Association. Monty, a left-arm spinner, currently plays for Northamptonshire. Monty's is invaluable to the Association and the young players have an opportunity to gain from his years of experience as an International player.

Photo: Monty Panesar with Chris, Luke Webb Campbelltown Camden Ghosts first grade player and Matthew Janz from All Sports sporting goods Smeaton Grange and Under 13s Walter Gee Shield Team

GREGORY HILLS DRIVE

The long awaited extension of Gregory Hills Drive to Badgally Road will be completed by Mid 2017. The new section will link to the upgraded intersection of Badgally Road and Eagle Vale Drive.

Dart West Developments is delivering a 5km long dual carriageway road is being delivered under a \$45m Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) between Dart West and the NSW Minister for Planning. Gregory Hills is being developed by Dart West on behalf of the Trustees for the Marist Brothers. It is forecast that 20,000 vehicles will use the road by 2026. This link will give residents the opportunity to drive to Campbelltown Station without having to use Narellan Road.

Photo: Chris with General Manager Dartwest Development David Taylor and the Hon Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume



NARELLAN RANGERS

Narellan Rangers Football Club recently held their Annual Seniors Presentation. This year the club celebrated their 40th Anniversary. Soccer is becoming the fastest growing sport in Australia and participation in all clubs increases every year. For anyone who wishes to join Narellan Rangers further information can be obtained on www.narellanrangers.com.au

Photo: Committee Member, Simon O'Keefe, Camden Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Therese Fedelli, Clubman of the Year Mick Xuereb and Club President Steve Holzer



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