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## NSW PREMIER THE HON GLADYS BEREJIKLIAN MP ADDRESSES BUSINESS CHAMBER

NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP addressed a business breakfast hosted by The Greater Narellan Business Chamber. The Premier spoke of the healthy budget the NSW Government has and how our area is benefitting from it.

The need to upgrade major roads such as The Northern Road, Camden Valley Way and Narellan Road were vital to cater for the rapid growth in the area. Stage 2 of the \$632 million redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital has started. Assistance for First Home buyers has enabled people to move into this wonderful area. Our area has the lowest unemployment rate in NSW at 3.7 per cent creating 4300 new jobs in the past year.



Photo: NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP with Chris and Narellan Chamber Executive

# RECOGNITION FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS



*Photo: Graham Watts, Chris, Tom Anderson, Robert Ford, Robyn Phillipi, Trish Hyatt and Centre Manager Helen Byfield-Fleming*

I presented certificates to the wonderful volunteers at the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living. Trish Hyatt, Graham Watts, Robert Ford, Robyn Phillipi and Tom Anderson were all recognised for their continuing commitment to the Centre in many ways. The Centre also received recognition for the work done at the Centre.

The Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (MCSL, the Centre) Mt Annan Drive Mt Annan is a showcase for sustainable homes and gardens, with the goal of promoting sustainable living. The unique facility is entirely self-sufficient. It generates its own power, recycles and reuses all rain and waste water, and manages all organic waste on site. The Centre is guaranteed to impress. The facility also boasts a large garden, proudly maintained by volunteers, demonstrating a wide array of sustainable gardening principles. I highly recommend a visit to the Centre.

For further information go to: [www.mcsl.org.au](http://www.mcsl.org.au)

## MATER DEI ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

It was a pleasure to recently attend the Mater Dei Masquerade Ball. The annual fundraiser raises much needed funds to enable the school to continue the outstanding education of their students. Mater Dei is well-known in Camden and the wider community providing a quality education program for students from kindergarten to year 12. Enabling the students to finish school with the ability to be independent is commendable to the school community and the staff. The entertainment was provided by the Mater Dei School Choir who were exceptional in their performances.



*Photo: Mater Dei School Choir*

# CAMDEN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY RECEIVES FUNDING

I was pleased to present to the President of the Camden Hospital Auxiliary, Helen Evans, a cheque to assist the auxiliary to provide vital programs in the hospital, Paws Pets as Therapy and Low Low Beds. The Paws Pets as Therapy provide a much needed diversion for patients who are gravely ill and their families while receiving treatment in the hospital.



*Photo: Chris with auxiliary members knitting items sold on their stall*

The Low Low Beds provides a bed that can be taken down to the floor so that frail patients can get into bed without any risk of falls. The Camden Hospital Auxiliary regularly holds a stall in Argyle Street Camden working tirelessly raising funds for the hospital.

The Auxiliary are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact: Helen Evans (President) 46559114 or Pauline Finlay (Secretary) 46572123. For further information on the Paws Pets as Therapy go to: [pawspettherapy.com](http://pawspettherapy.com)



*Chris with Paws Pets as Therapy dogs, little Bunny and big Hudson with Sharon, Jody, Lynn and President Helen Evans*

# YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FORUM HELD IN PARLIAMENT



As Parliamentary Secretary for Youth Employment in Western Sydney I Chaired a Youth Forum in Parliament House. Schools across Western Sydney were invited to participate. The focus of the forum was to deliver the message about employment opportunities in Western Sydney. Workshops and panel discussions were organised by Mike Conway CEO of Xventure. Employers discussed with the students what they are looking for when recruiting young people. The students found the day very helpful and will assist them in making decisions on their future after school.

*Photo: Group photo of students who attended the Forum*

## CONTINUED FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Camden will have a number of new schools constructed over the next few years. Oran Park High School will open in 2020, Gledswood Hills Public School will open in 2020, Catherine Field Public School will open in 2022 and a new public school for Willowdale. Harrington Park Public School will be upgraded with work to be completed in 2020 and Oran Park Public school will be upgraded with work to be completed in 2020. Yandelora, a new Specific Purpose school at Narellan will open in 2019 with 16 teaching spaces, a hydrotherapy pool, library, accessible classrooms.

Austral Public School, Bringelly Public School, Camden High School, Camden Public School, Camden South Public School, Cobbitty Public School, Currans Hill Public School, Elderslie High School, Elderslie Public School, Elizabeth Macarthur High School, Leppington Public School, Mawarra Public School, Mount Annan High School, Mount Annan Public School, Narellan Public School, Narellan Vale Public School and Rossmore Public School have all received funding for minor works or maintenance as part of the \$747 million maintenance budget for schools.



*Photo: Design drawing of Oran Park High School*

# MAJOR ROAD UPGRADES

As part of the \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan major roads in the Camden area continue to be upgraded. The next stage of The Northern Road upgrade will include the Bringelly Road Interchange and the realignment of The Northern Road. Intersections to be upgraded along The Northern Road will be Dick Johnson Drive, Marylands Link Road, Lowes Creek Link Road, Dart Road and Badgerys Creek Road, Derwent Road, Belmore Road and Solway Road/Lea Road intersection. All new intersections will have traffic signals installed except the Solway Road/Lea Road intersection which will be a left in/left out intersection. The upgrade of our major roads in the Camden area which commenced in 2011 with Narellan Road and Camden Valley Way fully completed has continued with completion of The Northern Road upgraded from Narellan to Cobbitty Road.

Further information go to: [rms.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/projects)



*Photo: Bringelly Road*

## NARELLAN ROTARY RAISE DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDS



Narellan Rotary and the Macarthur Farming Community have raised much needed funds to assist our local farmers to keep operating through the crippling drought. The Macarthur region has many farmers who are experiencing great hardship with the current drought. Costs to keep feeding their stock and maintain their breeding stock is getting difficult. With over \$250,000 raised the money will assist the farmers to keep their farms viable until much needed rain comes. Eleven local farmers received \$10,000 each.

*Photo: Narellan Rotary President Marty Magro, Camden Deputy Mayor Cr Therese Fedeli, members of Rotary Clubs from Narellan, Camden and Ingleburn and local farmers who have been assisted*

# CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL STAGE 2 UPGRADE CONTINUES

Planning for the \$632 million Stage 2 of the Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment has commenced. Stage 1 of the redevelopment was completed in January 2016 at a cost of \$134 million. The needs of the growing communities in South West Sydney will be met with the redevelopment.

Stage 2 will expand key clinical and support services, integrate and expand mental health services and deliver enhanced paediatric services.

Key features include:

- New clinical services building with modern wards and patient facilities
- New women's health services including birthing suites and maternity ward
- State-of-the-art operating theatres and intensive care unit
- Bigger emergency department with more treatment spaces
- Increased medical and surgical children services
- Modern mental health units that are centrally located
- Increased access to outpatient and ambulatory care services
- Upgraded medical imaging equipment and nuclear medicine and dental services.
- A new multi-storey car park is also being built.

For further information go to: [www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au)



*Photo: Campbelltown Hospital*

# SCIENCE EXPO DAY HELD AT CAMDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Camden Public School Year 5 and Year 6 students recently held a Science Expo Day. The students were assisted by volunteer Scientists Dr Deidre Tronson, Mrs Jo O'Brien and teacher-Librarian Mr Colin Mountfort. The aim of the Expo Day was to give 'superior scientists' in year 5 and year 6 the opportunity to showcase their skills. The students prepared demonstrations to show the school community including younger students, classmates and adults a simple and fun way to enjoy science.

The emphasis of the program is "SCIENCE equals THINKING" and each student is encouraged to explain the fundamental science behind their simple demonstrations. With the assistance of the three staff members, the students were encouraged to think and act critically and creatively.

The students demonstrated an outstanding level of scientific understanding based on evidence and reason. A wide variety of demonstrations were chosen including electronic circuits of various kinds, static electricity, fibre optics, and forces explained by Newton's laws.

Colourful displays relying on density, surface tension and/or capillary action showed their effect and other students explained the science behind phenomena such as bouncing eggs, playdough, "oobleck" slime, colour changing dyes and wave motion.



*Photo: Students conducting a demonstration*

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN WESTERN SYDNEY HITS 10-YEAR LOW

Figures released by the ABS shows Western Sydney's unemployment rate has plummeted to 5.2 per cent. New data reveals unemployment in the region has dropped to its lowest rate in almost 10 years. Jobs are booming in Western Sydney which demonstrates the Government's strategy of boosting jobs in Western Sydney is paying off. More jobs are being created in Western Sydney than the entire states of Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania combined. Youth unemployment is at its' lowest in more than 18 years. Jobs being created are giving people the opportunity to work closer to home.



# NEW RADIOLOGY PROVIDER OPENS



I attended the opening of the newest I-MED Radiology clinic recently opened in Gregory Hills. With the rapid population growth in the Camden Local Government Area the demand for services has increased.

The new I-Med Radiology clinic will provide the newest technology available servicing people in the new residential areas such as Gregory Hills, Oran Park, Emerald Hills and Gledswood Hills. The clinic is the fourth to be opened in the Camden area.

*Photo: Steven Rubic - I-Med CEO, Jason Martinez -GM NSW/ACT and Diana Graham - GWS Regional Manager*

## AINSWORTH BUILDING OFFICIALLY NAMED

Western Sydney University held an official naming ceremony of the Ainsworth Building at the University's School of Medicine. The University received its largest ever donation from Mr Ainsworth AM in support of its leading health and medical research program. Western Sydney University's School of Medicine has a pivotal role in supporting the development of NSW's medical workforce, training many of the doctors that



will work across greater Western Sydney's hospitals, health services and general practice. It will help our health services keep pace with the rapidly growing population in this region, so local residents can continue to receive world-class health care. It also provides education opportunities that are closer to home – I'm told that around two thirds of the School's medical students are from greater Western Sydney, including Campbelltown, Penrith, Liverpool, Fairfield and Blacktown.

*Photo: Professor Peter Shergold, Chancellor, Western Sydney University, Mrs and Mr Len Ainsworth AM and Professor Barny Glover, Vice Chancellor, Western Sydney University*

**Please take the time to view other stories, speeches and media releases on my website: [www.chrispatterson.com.au](http://www.chrispatterson.com.au)**

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