

# WERRIWA NEWS

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## Werriwa Volunteer Awards

**During National Volunteers Week, I had the great privilege, as I do every year, of honouring the volunteers who contribute so much to our community.**

This year's theme is Recognise; to celebrate and thank volunteers, Reconnect; to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves, and Re-imagine; how we better support volunteers and the communities they help.

Over 45 volunteers were honoured for their service to the community in 2020 & 2021. Thank you to not just these people, but to all the volunteers in our region.

Congratulations to the 2021 Werriwa Volunteer Award Winners:

**Kiran Angadi** - SEWA Australia

**Selima Begum** - Sydney Bangalee Community

**Shewetha Deshkulkarni** - SEWA Australia

**Anne-Marie Green** - Ingleburn Tennis Club

**Krishna Sai Kode** - SEWA Australia

**Sanjeevkumar Undri** - SEWA Australia

### A Message from Anne

Welcome to the latest Werriwa Newsletter. Thank you for following the health advice in the last 12 months. The latest case of COVID-19 community transfer highlights we need to stay vigilant. Please be mindful of the health advice.

As always, my staff and I are ready to assist with any issues you might have. Feel free to contact my office on 8783 0977 or email me at Anne.Stanley.MP@aph.gov.au, if you or your family need any support with Federal Government matters, or if you would like to share stories or your views with me.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Anne Stanley MP

### Update voting/QR code

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming Federal and Local Government elections you can check and update details here [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/update-my-details](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/update-my-details) or by scanning the QR code



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# Out and About with Anne



## Appin Massacre Remembrance

Truth telling is important to reconciliation, the ceremony commemorating the 205th anniversary of the Appin Massacre is an important part of our regional history.

The massacre, ordered by Governor Lachlan Macquarie, officially killed 14 men, women and children. The likely figure was many more.

There was an moving welcome to country and flag raising ceremony to honour those who lost their lives.

## Anzac Day

I attended several ANZAC ceremonies this year to commemorate the sacrifice that previous generations have made for the peace, freedom, and independence that we enjoy today.

Anzac Day has a broader significance than just the Gallipoli Campaign. It has become a day on which we give thanks to all of those who have served in Australia's armed forces, whether during World War One or during other past conflicts.

We remain eternally grateful for their service and sacrifice. Lest We Forget.



## Lunar New Year

It was a joy to celebrate Lunar New Year at the Mingyue Lay Buddhist Temple in Bonnyrigg. The Chinese and Vietnamese communities make up a very special part of our diverse Werriwa community. I hope the New Year has brought you and your families great health, happiness, and prosperity.

## Ed.Square

The newest Town Centre in our electorate, Ed.Square, is now open.

Edmondson Park now showcases 'Eat Street' which features over 20 different cuisines from around the world. As well as Eat Street, Edmondson Park is now home to an Event Cinemas and more than 40 speciality stores.

I was invited to tour the Square just prior to its launch and I am excited for the businesses that will thrive and the jobs it will create.



## State Asphalts and Tacca Industries

**I visited two leading Manufacturers in South-West Sydney earlier this year.**

State Asphalts NSW, whose head office is in Prestons, was recently successful in round 10 of the Cooperative Research Centres Projects, receiving almost \$3 million in grant funds leading a process into recycling plastic and paperboard waste into value-added asphalt additives.

Another business in the South-West, Tacca Industries, pivoted from their packaging origins to make material for protective face masks and shields needed for the brave workers on the front line of the pandemic.



## St Sava College

**I was honoured to be invited to the opening of the Saint Sava College in Varroville earlier this year.**

The student body of the College will predominantly come from the Serbian, Greek, Russian and Arabic Orthodox communities, who have a large presence in the South-West Sydney area.

Congratulations to the Serbian Orthodox community and I wish the College a fantastic inaugural year of schooling.

## Smeaton Grange Coles Distribution Centre

I visited the Coles Distribution Centre in Smeaton Grange to stand in solidarity with the workers who had been unfairly locked out of their workplace over the Christmas holiday period.

I joined Labor Leader Anthony Albanese and Federal Member for Macarthur Mike Freelander in supporting the workers who were left without income over the Christmas break while their CEO received a 29 per cent pay increase and the Coles Group made a profit of almost a billion dollars on the backs of these workers.



# Federal Budget

This Budget, like the last, is a missed opportunity. Australians need secure well-paying jobs. It's clear we're not going to get that from this government. After eight long years of making cuts and cutting wages, the government has handed down a budget that does not plan for the future, only for an election.

## The Liberals and Nationals have left millions of Australians behind:

- ✗ Coalition aged care policy is inadequate and ignores recommendations from the Royal Commission.
- ✗ Coalition child care policy will help just 1 in 10 families while Labor's will benefit 9 in 10 families.
- ✗ The centrepiece of their jobs policy, the JobMaker Hiring Credit, promised 450,000 jobs. They could only deliver 1,000.
- ✗ 150,000 fewer apprentices under the Coalition.

Good government changes lives. The policies and decisions of good government can make all the difference.

## Labor will make a difference by:

- ✓ Secure Employment and Fair Wages
- ✓ Secure Housing
- ✓ Health Care
- ✓ Funding for Universities and TAFE
- ✓ A Strong Economy and a Fair Society

# Labor's Budget Reply

Just because the recession could have been worse, doesn't mean the recovery can't be better. While the Prime Minister only has a plan for the next election, Labor has a plan for Australia's long term future.

## Housing

Even before the pandemic, there were more than 150,000 families on the waiting list for public housing. Now is the time for leadership, and Labor is ready to lead.

A Labor Government will establish a Housing Australia Future Fund, building thousands of new homes for our most vulnerable Australians and creating thousands of new jobs for workers.



## Apprenticeships

Australia can and should be a renewable energy superpower, jumpstarting generations of jobs.

Labor's New Energy Apprenticeships will give Australian workers a foot in the door and create thousands of jobs - secure jobs that you can raise a family on.

We'll back the skills and ingenuity of Australians—because that's what good governments do. By contrast, after eight

years of the current Government, Australia has seen more than 140,000 apprenticeships disappear and 90,000 manufacturing jobs sent overseas.

The Prime Minister's plan for the future is to simply sit back and hope the market works it out. To set Australia up for success Australian workers need secure well-paying jobs so they can contribute to the economy. There will be more insecurity, more uncertainty, and a guarantee that the Australian people will be left behind under the policies of the budget and this Government.

## Young Innovators

Labor is backing the ideas of young Australians to create new businesses and new jobs.

Labor's 'Start up Year' will mentor 2,000 young innovators to start a business straight out of University connected

to experts in their field, backed by universities, and supported by our Labor Government.

Local start-ups in areas such as manufacturing, medicine, IT and clean energy will build the Australian industries of tomorrow while also solving some of our toughest domestic and global challenges.

To find out more about Labor's Policies visit [www.alp.org.au/policies](http://www.alp.org.au/policies)

# Labor Vision

## Build Back Better – Labor Policies

### Reconstruction Fund

**The National Reconstruction Fund is the first step in Labor’s plan to rebuild Australia’s industrial base.**

The mission of the National Reconstruction Fund is to invest \$15 billion to create secure well-paid jobs, build on our national strengths, diversify Australia’s industrial base, develop our national sovereign capability and drive regional economic diversification and development.

The sectors that will directly benefit from this Fund are Australia’s natural and competitive strengths which include:

- Mining Technology
- Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sectors
- Transport
- Medical Science
- Renewable and Low Emissions Technologies
- Defence Capability
- Engineering and Science Development



### Electric Car Discount

**Despite growing enthusiasm for electric cars in Australia, they remain unaffordable for most Australians. There are no electric cars available in Australia for under \$40,000.**

A Labor Government will introduce an Electric Car Discount to make electric cars cheaper so that more families

who want them can afford them, and their use can help reduce emissions.

This includes tax exemptions available to all electric cars below the luxury car tax threshold for fuel efficient vehicles (\$77,565).



### Community Batteries for Household Solar – Power To The People

**Labor’s ‘Power To The People’ will install 400 community batteries across the country that will support up to 100,000 households.**

A community battery is typically the size of a 4WD vehicle and provides around 500kWh of storage that can support up to 250 local households.



### Wage Theft

**After eight years of the Coalition, the Prime Minister is presiding over the worst wage growth in Australian history. They promised to go after the companies who are stealing people’s flatlining pay and they have now walked back on that promise.**

Labor will stand up for hardworking families and go after those who try to steal their hard-earned money from them. We will criminalise wage theft in Australia.



# Government Failures

## Airport Landowners

**I have spoken in Parliament many times about the plight of small landowners and residents in and around the Aerotropolis.**

The residents need to know what lies ahead for their land. They need an answer to why the Federal and State Governments have stayed silent and left these citizens in limbo.

These landowners want to know which land will be purchased, when it will be purchased, and by which government agency.

The State Government must provide certainty for these residents.



## Macquarie Fields Station Cheated

**Macquarie Fields Railway Station is long overdue for an upgrade to meet reasonable community expectations of access and accountability. Young families and older people find it impossible and dangerous to negotiate the stairs.**

Anoulack Chanthivong MP and I continue to lobby the NSW Government for our community's fair share.

## South-West Rail Link

**I have continued to call on the NSW Government to build the railway that will link the South-West of Sydney to the Western Sydney Airport.**

Recent reports have highlighted the need for alternative routes to the future Aerotropolis rather than the metro-link through the St Mary's Corridor.

It's time the Government acknowledges the need for vital infrastructure in South-West Sydney.



## Austral/15th Avenue



**I spoke in Parliament about the need for infrastructure in Austral, one of the fastest growing suburbs in Werriwa. Austral will see construction of up to 17,000 new dwellings, putting its population on par with some of New South Wales' biggest regional cities.**

Urban sprawl has inevitably caught up with Austral, once a semi-rural community on Sydney's fringe. What hasn't caught up is the critical amenities to support it. The State Government is happy to collect millions in stamp duty and contributions but it's not delivering on much-needed services and infrastructure.

Austral needs public schools, parks, residential-standard roads and a sewage line. The lack of infrastructure is unacceptable. Austral needs these amenities and infrastructure to sustain the growth in the area.

## NDIS



**Established under a Labor Government, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) aims to allow Australians with a disability to fulfil their full potential, and more impartially choose what they want their lives to be.**

Under successive Coalition Governments, this important scheme has been undermined and mismanaged.

Reports have revealed that the Liberal Government rewrote an 'independent' review of the NDIS recommending compulsory independent assessments for participants. This in turn was used by the Government as an excuse to justify cuts in services. The review included 'evidence' from an assessment that involved only 35 people living with a disability.

Labor have long held that this review was a sham, essentially allowing the Government to cut costs to the NDIS and potentially remove vital assistance to over 400,000 vulnerable Australians.

Disability groups and State and Territory Ministers have expressed their disappointment with these findings. I stand with them and the entire disability sector. The Morrison Government must put a stop to the compulsory assessments and properly fund the NDIS.

If you need support for NDIS please contact my office on 8783 0977



## Australia Post

**Our posties are the lifeblood of communities right across the country.**

They are essential workers and have kept us connected through the pandemic. Australians have relied on our posties.

And now we know how the Liberal Government wants to thank them with a secret plan to privatise Australia Post and cut thousands of jobs.

Australia Post belongs to Australians and we won't let the Liberals take it away.



## Vaccine

**COVID-19 vaccinations are continuing; however, the rollout is much slower than expected.**

I've had inquiries to my office from older Australians asking when and where they will be able to access the vaccine.

We need more transparency and certainty from the Government if we are to speed up the roll-out.

Remember that the vaccine is free of charge.

It may be some time before many of us will be eligible for the vaccine. Until then, we must all continue to adhere to the health advice and make sure Medicare details are updated.

## NBN Continues to Disappoint

**Fast and reliable internet is not a reality in Australia. I am still receiving calls and emails regarding issues with the NBN from constituents.**

A report released last month confirms what Australians already know: the government's decision to dump Labor's full-fibre NBN was completely motivated by politics, not by economics or the interests of Australians. The leaked figures reveal the coalition government knew back in 2013 the original fibre rollout

could have been delivered for tens of billions of dollars less than they publicly claimed.

Evidence from the government's own reports looking into Labor's plans revealed that our fibre rollout would have been cheaper than the \$57 billion copper rollout that was delivered. Former Prime Minister, then Minister for Communications, Malcolm Turnbull said Labor's full-fibre plan would be wasting well over \$50 billion. If there was anything wasted it was Australians' time, money, and patience.



We have the right to expect better and that's why I called on the government to improve NBN connectivity in Werriwa.

# Fix It Faster

## Fair Go for Small Landowners

With the release of the precinct plans for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, local landowners have been abandoned by the State Government. Land has been sterilised and left unsellable with the stroke of a pen, leaving families in limbo and livelihoods ruined.

If you want fairness, transparency and a timeline regarding land acquisition, please sign the petition here: [www.annestanley.com.au/campaigns/fair-go-for-small-landowners](http://www.annestanley.com.au/campaigns/fair-go-for-small-landowners)

## Macquarie Fields Station Lift

The State Government has failed to meet Federal accessibility standards by not building a lift at Macquarie Fields Station.

For too many years, commuters at Macquarie Fields train station have suffered from accessibility issues, leaving many unable to access public transport.

Sign the petition here: [www.annestanley.com.au/campaigns/macquarie-fields-station-lift](http://www.annestanley.com.au/campaigns/macquarie-fields-station-lift)

## Hands Off The NDIS

Labor supports the NDIS and is committed to its improvement so that it can have the most positive impact on the lives of Australians with disability, and their families and carers.

Get involved as much as you can and organise an action. If you haven't already, sign Bill Shorten's petition telling the Liberals to keep their hands off the NDIS here: <https://billshorten.com.au/campaigns/hands-off-the-ndis>

# Latest Vaccine/Coronavirus News

## Vaccine eligibility checker and symptom checker

**The online eligibility checker helps people find out which phase of the vaccination program they will be eligible for. Visit [covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility](http://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility) to see if you're eligible for the vaccine.**

The online symptom checker can be accessed after vaccination to help people assess the severity of any side effects they may experience.

These resources are available in nine languages. The Department of Health is reviewing these resources in line with the ATAGI advice, and updates will be made as decisions are taken. Visit [www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-side-effect-checker](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-side-effect-checker)

Visit [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19) for the latest public health orders, case locations and statistics and many other useful tools and information.



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