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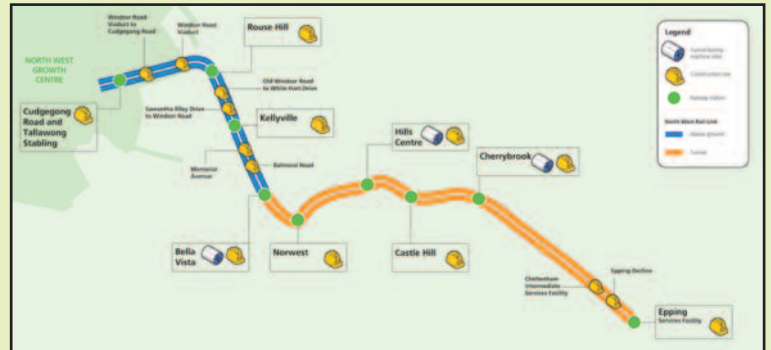
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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The Environmental Impact Statement has now been finalised for the North West Rail Link.

The first EIS examines major construction work including tunnelling, underground station excavation and major above ground construction, including the Skytrain. The EIS outlines the impacts of construction on the local community and, more importantly, how they will be managed. Although the report itself is 3,000 pages long, summaries and fact sheets are available from my office.

Please email or call to ask for a copy, or simply visit our office to collect copies. In addition to this, community information sessions about the project will be held at **Epping, Rouse Hill, Castle Hill, Cherrybrook and Baulkham Hills.**

Sessions on specific topics including noise and vibration, construction traffic and construction methods will also be held at the North West Rail Link's Castle Hill Community Information Centre.

The times and dates for these sessions can be found at the North West Rail Link website at www.northwestrail.com.au There is no need to pre-book your attendance.

Baulkham Hills Youth Leaders Reception

I was delighted to recently host the first annual Baulkham Hills youth leaders reception at Parliament House.

The event was open to captains, vice captains and prefects of all public and private schools in the Baulkham Hills electorate. In excess of 30 students from Baulkham Hills attended the reception and took the opportunity to meet and mingle with today's leaders in preparation for future community leadership roles.



David Elliott and school captains in the Jubilee Room

Other attendees at the event included:

- Local Area Commanders **Phillip Flogel** of Castle Hill and **Robert Redfern** of Parramatta
- Castle Hill RSL Sub-branch President **Colonel Don Tait OAM**
- Castle Hill RSL General manager **David O'Neil**
- 2UE radio presenter **Jason Morrison**
- Hills Shire Mayor **Councillor Greg Burnett**
- Chair of the Hills Business Chamber **Nicole Baines**
- NSW Minister for Education **Adrian Piccoli MP** and
- NSW Minister for Fair Trading **Anthony Roberts MP**

It is important to foster a sense of leadership and responsibility in our younger generations and I am already looking forward to the next reception.

General Cosgrove's Corner

The soon to be opened M2-Windsor Road intersection will form a major part of our transport and roads infrastructure in the Hills.

I am delighted to be working with members of the RSL and community to lobby the state government to name the intersection "General Cosgrove's Corner" after retired General Peter Cosgrove, leader of our forces in East Timor. General Cosgrove gave exceptional service to our nation and this is just a small way for Hills residents to express our gratitude.



David Elliott in his army days with Major General Peter Cosgrove

Tattoo parlour bill

I was delighted to speak to this Bill in Parliament recently.

The Bill will create a system of licensing that will be applied to both existing and new operators. All operators and tattooists will be required to pass a fit and proper person as well as a public interest test conducted by the Commissioner of Police. Controlled members of a declared criminal organisation will not be able to hold a licence.

Naturally, there will be severe penalties for operating a parlour without a licence. Further, the Commissioner of Police will be able to close unlicensed parlours, and parlours where illegal activity is occurring for up to 72 hours. This closure can be extended by application to the Local Court. In the interests of natural justice and procedural fairness, the Bill provides a right of appeal to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal regarding licence applications.

One of the anomalies of legislation to date is the fact that if a licensed premises serving alcohol has a violent incident on its doorstep the police can close it for 24 hours. But, as occurred in the incident in Baulkham Hills where there was a shooting on the doorstep of a tattoo parlour, the police are powerless to do anything. Therefore, the approach taken in this Bill ensures a balance between allowing the tattoo parlour industry to operate, and the need to protect the public.

This Bill contains many necessary reforms that will be welcomed across the community, particularly the community of Baulkham Hills. With these reforms we can begin to put this sorry episode behind us.

interactive whiteboards

I was thrilled with the installation of new interactive whiteboards at Jasper Road Public School as part of the successful budget management by the O'Farrell Government.

These interactive whiteboards are a fantastic resource for teachers and students and really take learning to a new level. This is what teaching and learning looks like in the 21st Century. Students and teachers love them.

Teachers have a world of knowledge at their fingertips when they use an interactive whiteboard linked to a computer.

Teachers can even create their own tailored visual lessons. Jasper Road has now received four interactive whiteboards. This is part of a huge rollout of interactive whiteboards in 737 schools across NSW in new and refurbished Primary Schools for the 21st Century classrooms.



I was honoured to be appointed as Patron of the Baulkham Hills Girl Guides at their recent Annual General Meeting.

The work put in by volunteer leaders is of enormous value to our community. So many organisations would cease to exist without the work of our volunteers, and I am delighted to be asked to be Patron of an organisation built on the backs of volunteers. Baulkham Hills Girl Guides provide a valuable service for the community while also developing tomorrow's community leaders. Guides offers a fantastic opportunity for young girls to make friends and experience the outdoors, while also learning the necessary qualities for taking leadership roles in our community in the future.

I would encourage all girls to join Girl Guides and take up the challenge! To join Baulkham Hills Girl Guides, please call Sue Jackson on **9686 2464**.



David Elliott dropping the puck before the grudge match between the Bears and Ice Dogs

I was honoured to be invited to drop the puck at the Sydney Bears' opening home match of the 2012 Australian Ice Hockey season at Norwest ice rink.

After several years at both Ryde and Penrith, the Bears have made their way home and were victorious in their opening match against their Sydney rivals, the Ice Dogs, by a score of 5-2.

The atmosphere was electric and the game had everything you could ask for: speed, big hits, plenty of goals and a family environment all in the one package. I know Australians are slowly warming to ice hockey, if you will excuse a mixed metaphor, and while it will be a long journey before ice hockey reaches the cult status it enjoys in Canada, it certainly is a sport on the rise. To find out more about ice hockey, visit www.iha.org.au, and for dates for upcoming Sydney Bears ice hockey home games, visit www.bearsden.com.au.