

PRESTON IMPRESSIONS



New South Wales has been leading the way with half a million jobs added in the past four years. Our record construction programme isn't just the foundation of our future, it has been the pillar of our economy.

Locally, construction continues on the new Windsor Bridge project, Pitt Town Bypass and the continued planning and investigation of the Third River Crossing at Richmond/North Richmond.

To help families lower the cost of living, the Berejiklian Government has taken a proactive approach with the introduction of a second Active Kids voucher enabling more children to

participate in organised sport. The Creative Kids vouchers will again assist with funding creative and cultural activities like drama, music, dance, coding and languages and there is more support through Baby Bundle packages and free dental checks for primary school children.

Seniors get assistance too with caravan registration discounts and the expansion of the Energy Switch Programme as well as energy rebates for self-funded retirees. If you need more information visit your local Service NSW Centre or call them on 13 77 88.

The 2019–2020 NSW Budget confirms that as a state we are well and truly on track with a strong economy, quality jobs, record investment in the services that matter and the largest construction programme in our State's history.

The Berejiklian Government is delivering world-class healthcare in world-class hospitals, the best education for your children in quality schools, Metro lines and better roads to get you home faster to the ones you love and providing help for those doing it tough.

This Government is getting it done.

In Parliament, Members had a conscience vote on the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019. I did not support this Bill and whilst it has now been passed, those MPs who objected to this Bill managed to gain some concessions that address informed consent, offer of counselling, sex selection recognition as an abhorrent act and a review, more open options for doctors with conscientious objections, a duty of care to unwanted babies born alive and continuing the common law into the new Bill for late term abortions. If you would like a copy of my speech, please contact my office or go to www.robynpreston.com.au



\$2 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING!

The NSW Government has saved the Lower Portland Ferry from the threat of closure by committing \$2 million over the next four years to ensure the service remains in operation.

Prior to the March 2019 State election, the community ran an excellent campaign in raising the importance of the Lower Portland Ferry and this advocacy has continued.

There were community meetings, engagement with Hawkesbury City Council and The Hills Shire Council and State and Federal MPs and finally the perseverance has paid off. It reinforced my opinion that a united approach with a strong belief in what should happen, can reap rewards.

I want to thank everyone for raising the awareness of this important link which connects emergency services, police, workers, families and visitors in so many ways and is a benefit to our local economy.

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YOU CAN CONTACT ME

COMMUNITY GRANTS IN HAWKESBURY





FOR HERITAGE GRANTS IN HAWKESBURY

\$92,000 in grants for the protection of Hawkesbury's heritage has been provided under the NSW Government Heritage Grants Programme. The Australiana Pioneer Village, St John's Anglican Church, Wilberforce, the Macquarie Schoolhouse/Chapel Precinct and Hawkesbury City Council were all recipients. This funding shows that this government values heritage and is keen to work with council and community groups to invest in our past to preserve our future.



FOR ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

All children deserve the best recreational active space and it was a pleasure to cut the ribbon at the All Abilities Playground at the Church Street Reserve, South Windsor. The NSW Government's \$500K grant through the NSW Accelerated Open Space and Parklands Programme provided the funding to transform this park into an inclusive playground that provides a safe and mobile area for children with disabilities.



FOR WINDSOR BOWLING & SPORTS CLUB

There were smiles all around when I switched on the new lights for night bowls at Windsor Bowling & Sports Club, courtesy of a \$20,000 Local Sports Grant by the NSW Government.



Ebenezer Public School's entrance was revamped with a \$30,000 boost from the NSW Government to replace the front fence. This new addition now compliments the well maintained garden that the school community is very proud of.

\$100,000 RICHMOND UNITING CHURCH

With a Heritage grant of \$100,000 from the NSW Government, St Andrew's Uniting Church Richmond's stained glass windows were able to be restored.



\$90.750

RICHMOND SCHOOL OF ARTS – LIGHTING AND SOUND UPGRADE

\$81,000

HAWKESBURY MEN'S SHED -NEW MEN'S SHED

\$61.144

RICHMOND SWIMMING CENTRE — SHADE & SEATING INSTALLATION

\$35,000

WISEMANS FERRY COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

Delivering WHAT WE PROMISED

We promised to get the job done and the NSW Liberal Government is funding its election commitments in the 2019 State Budget:

GETTING THE JOB DONE

FOR NSW

- Keeping the NSW Budget in surplus
- Taking the pressure off families by reducing the cost of living
 - Investing \$90 billion in infrastructure
 - Recruiting 5,000 more doctors and nurses
 - · Hiring 4,600 extra teachers

GLADYS

BEREJIKLIAN

Premier of **NSW**





Because we're keeping the NSW budget in surplus I am delivering what I promised for our local community here in Hawkesbury.



ROBYN PRESTON MP

LIBERAL MEMBER FOR HAWKESBURY

DELIVERING FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

- \$31.4 million for continued construction of the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project
- \$2 million for further planning of the Third River Crossing
- . \$4.7 million for the Pitt Town Bypass
- \$15 million for the rejuvenation of Richmond, Windsor and South Windsor town centres
- \$56.4 million for land acquisition associated with the new Rouse Hill Hospital

PRESTON

Member for **Hawkesbury**



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

PITT TOWN BYPASS

Roads and Maritime Services are now finalising the detailed design of the Pitt Town Bypass. The majority of land for this project has been acquired and Transport for NSW is working through the final stages to complete this. This long awaited infrastructure is part of several improvements to the roads in and around Pitt Town and will reduce traffic through the town centre and improve traffic flow and safety for road users.

For more information, the Roads and Maritime project team may be contacted on **1800 793 862**, pitttown bypass@rms.nsw.gov.au or visit rms.nsw.gov.au/pitt townbypass.



WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Construction work on the Windsor Bridge replacement project is progressing well and the bridge has now reached the southern side of Hawkesbury River. Crews have been hard at work since September 2018. Ten bridge segments have been pieced together and incrementally launched to form the 157 metre long bridge deck which will support three lanes of traffic once it is completed. Around 20,000 vehicles cross the bridge each day so it's exciting to see the replacement bridge taking shape. The bridge is on track to open in late 2020.

For more information email windsorbridge@georgiou.com.au, call on **1800 983 657** or visit rms.nsw.gov.au/windsorbridge.



ROUSE HILL HOSPITAL



The NSW Government has committed \$300 million to Stage 1 of the Rouse Hill Hospital project. Community and stakeholder consultation will be an important part of this planning process.

THIRD RIVER CROSSING



Planning is underway for the Hawkesbury River third crossing. The NSW State Government allocated \$7 million to this project. It will deliver a new bridge crossing over the Hawkesbury River from Richmond to North Richmond. It will improve accessibility, connectivity and travel times, as well as increase road capacity, improve road safety and increase flood immunity.

A community update is currently being prepared that will be released to the community to gain feedback on potential routes and to form the basis of the options report to be released in 2020. With the release of the community update, there will be information stalls held in public places to gain feedback, as well as an option to submit feedback online or through email. I am keen to hear your opinion.

Out and about in Hawkesbury



THREE NEW VEHICLES



Rural Fire Brigade Captains from St Albans, Wilberforce and Ebenezer received the keys to three vehicles worth more than **\$370.000**.

This is part of the NSW Government's commitment to better safety for our community.

SYDNEY METRO NORTHWEST



The Sydney Metro Northwest has given Hawkesbury commuters another choice in the way they travel. For road users it has also provided relief with less cars and congestion on our road networks.

The Sydney Metro Northwest was delivered **\$1 billion** under budget and ahead of schedule. The uptake has exceeded our expectations, with an average of 66,000 commuters per weekday in the first two months of operation.

HAWKESBURY GETS \$26.3 MILLION LAT!



What a great win for the Hawkesbury community to have a new 737 Large Air Tanker (LAT) permanently on-site at the Richmond RAAF Base.

The Marie Bashir LAT, named in honour of former Governor of NSW — Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD, CVO, is a specially commissioned plane that can drop 15,000 litres of fire suppressant, can carry 72 firefighters and can be anywhere in NSW within an hour of take-off from the RAAF base. It's a **\$26.3 million** show of support from the NSW Government in protecting people, property, animals and the bush. I love this LAT!

NEW PCYC!



The NSW Government has allocated **\$13 million** for a new PCYC to be built in Hawkesbury. I was pleased to have Hawkesbury Mayor Councillor Barry Calvert and PCYC CEO Dominic Teakle join me as we announced South Windsor as the location of this much needed facility.

GUARDING AGAINST ELDER ABUSE

Offences committed against our elderly are totally unacceptable.

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm or distress to an older person. The majority of alleged abusers are those closest and most trusted to the victim. It is important that we are aware of the issue and of the warning signs that may indicate its occurrence.

If you would like to know more or to discuss any concerns relating to this important issue, visit elderabusehelp line.com.au or contact 1800 628 221.



SIGN MY PETITIONS!

When you visit my website check out the petitions currently running for a hall for Pitt Town Public School, as well as an upgrade to Mulgrave Station car park.

Go to <u>robynpreston.com.au</u> and have your say.

LOCAL CHAMPIONS









\$1.8 BILLION FOR DROUGHT RELIEF IN NSW



The NSW Government has committed \$1.8 billion to drought relief in NSW.

This includes but is not limited to \$1 billion to the Farm Innovation Fund, \$185 million for an Emergency Drought Relief Package and \$170 million for a special purpose Drought Infrastructure Package.

For more information visit www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au





One in every twenty Australian children aged seven to seventeen will experience the death of a parent. 'Feel the Magic' is a local, not for profit organisation that provides grief education and support to bereaved children and their families.

Learn more at www.feelthemagic.org.au