



The Preston Report

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PRESTON IMPRESSIONS



We are living in challenging times – drought, bushfires, flood and COVID-19. Catastrophic occurrences that many of you have not ever experienced in your lifetime. Destinies have changed, homes and businesses have been destroyed, relationships tested, our mental fitness has declined and many are overworked, underworked or out of work. Yet still we somehow find time to help our neighbours and those most vulnerable.

Throughout these tragedies, I have seen hope and the willingness to climb back up the steep slope and to try again – what else can we do? Right now, we are in recovery mode and our way of life is constantly changing. COVID-19 and the restrictions that we have endured, have reshaped our habits and forced us to rethink the way we operate at home and at work. We are adapting and seeing new ways of doing business in retail, hospitality, construction, fitness, beauty and travel. The precautionary way we do business and go about our daily life has become the new ‘norm’. The NSW Government is working hard to return to what we value most, our freedom to move about unencumbered. The budget is all about putting people first by creating jobs through a record investment of \$107 billion in infrastructure, support for women to get back into the workforce, 15 hours free preschool per week, \$812 million in social housing and stimulus for small business, the arts and tourism. 2021 will be the year of recovery and we will achieve this together.

WINDSOR PADDLESPORTS CLUB

secures \$801,218

FOR NEW CLUBHOUSE



After three attempts at a substantial grant, the Windsor Paddlesports Club has scored \$801,218 courtesy of the New South Wales Government’s Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund. The construction will feature a clubhouse with watercraft storage, change room facilities, amenities and a kitchen. The new clubhouse will be located in the grounds of Macquarie Park, which is near the new Windsor Bridge. Thanks are due to Hawkesbury City Council for their co-operation on this project. This investment will attract great interest from our youth who we want to encourage to learn more about water safety and to embrace water sports on the Hawkesbury River.

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Local Community Groups share \$300,000 in new funding



The New Windsor Bridge – on track for completion



Bushfire Recovery Update



\$23 million for Agricultural Centre of Excellence

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\$300,000 FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS



\$80,000
BUILDING RENOVATION AND STORAGE –
 HAWKESBURY CITY LITTLE ATHLETICS, RICHMOND



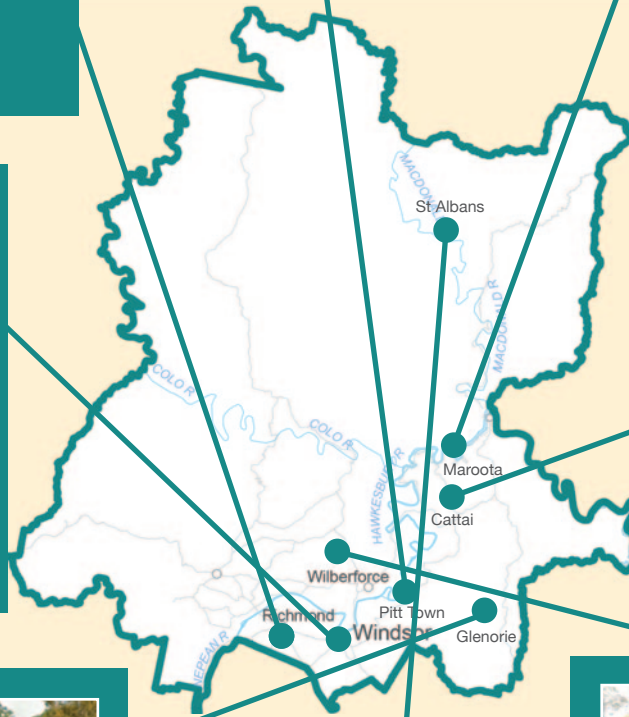
\$80,000
NEW TOILET AMENITIES –
 BONA VISTA PARK, PITT TOWN



\$35,000
TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT –
 MAROOTA P & C



\$31,000
AIR CONDITIONING –
 ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WINDSOR



\$25,000
DINING HALL FLOORING AND LANDSCAPING –
 MAHAMEVNAWA BHAVANA MEDITATION CENTRE, CATTAI



\$20,000
NEW WAR MEMORIAL FENCE –
 GLENORIE



\$5,000
NEW TOILET FACILITY –
 CHURCH OF ST ALBAN THE MARTYR, ST ALBANS



\$4,760
TIMBER MAZE AND PLAYGROUND ITEMS –
 AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE AT WILBERFORCE

● Locations are indicative only showing Community Building Partnership Grants for Hawkesbury electorate and are not the exact map coordinates/locations.

MY COMMUNITY GRANTS

\$20,000
SHADE SAILS AT DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND –
 PITT TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

\$15,000
NEW LED LIGHTING –
 ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, WINDSOR

\$11,240
GAZEBO & INTERACTIVE SENSORY AREA –
 ANGLICAN FOUNDATION FOR DISABILITY, WINDSOR

\$8,500
RENOVATION OF SCOUT HALL AND TOILET BLOCK –
 1ST GLOSSODIA SCOUTS

\$4,500
MULTI MODEL TRAIN TRACK –
 WINDSOR DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH

CREATING JOBS, KICK-STARTING THE ECONOMY, REFORMING FOR THE FUTURE

The NSW Liberal Government is delivering our COVID-19 Recovery Plan to **help families, support businesses and create jobs** across NSW.

NSW COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN:



- ✓ **Delivering job creating projects** through a \$107 billion dollar infrastructure pipeline and a blitz of small local projects across the state.
- ✓ **Supporting our hospitality and tourism industry** with \$100 worth of vouchers for every adult resident to get out, enjoy the best of NSW and support local businesses.
- ✓ **Delivering real reform to secure NSW future** by taking the lead on a broad reform agenda that supports growth, including starting the conversation on reforming stamp duty.
- ✓ **Strengthening local manufacturing** by investing in local industrial precincts to support future growth industries like medical technology, advanced manufacturing, and aerospace engineering.
- ✓ **Cutting taxes** including a \$2.8 billion payroll tax cut to make NSW the most attractive State to run a business and a \$1,500 digital voucher for smaller businesses that don't pay payroll tax.
- ✓ **Investing in skills** and offering training to unlock opportunity and get people back into work, while securing the skills that will power our economy long into the future.
- ✓ **Bringing new jobs to NSW** with a new \$250m Jobs Plus Program to support Australian and international companies to move to NSW or expand their current operations.
- ✓ **Letting small business focus on what matters** by cutting red tape and reducing the costs of running your business, so you can spend less time on admin and more time on your business.
- ✓ **Providing quality services you can rely on** with tutoring for school students, further improvements to Service NSW, and continuing to invest in local schools and hospitals across NSW.

"And we'll continue to keep NSW safe through our world-leading testing, tracing and quarantine programs, so we can keep our economy open safely."

Robyn PRESTON MP
MEMBER FOR HAWKESBURY



THE NSW BUDGET DELIVERS *for Hawkesbury*

The NSW 2020-21 budget delivered recently by Treasurer Dominic Perrottet contains a record of **\$50.6 million for Roads and Transport initiatives in the Hawkesbury** and **over \$55 million for other capital works programs.**



\$26.8 MILLION FOR UPGRADE RICHMOND WATER RECYCLING AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

This infrastructure is something we rarely think about, but these funds will ensure that our critical water supply and treatment facilities can continue to service the Hawkesbury.



\$23 MILLION FOR AGRICULTURAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The NSW 2020-21 budget has committed \$23 million to the new Agricultural College Centre of Excellence. The Centre will be a new purpose-built residential education facility that will deliver contemporary agricultural STEM education and training to students and staff. This funding shows that the NSW Government is focused on the future success of Hawkesbury and greater NSW after such trying times.



\$13 MILLION FOR THE PITT TOWN BYPASS

This funding follows \$4.7 million in last year's budget. More is expected as the project moves out of the planning and land acquisition stage and then into the construction phase. The Review of Environmental Factors is now complete.

Other Budget allocations for the Hawkesbury

- **\$4.5 million** has been allocated for a new supply of social housing and social housing asset improvements and upgrades in Hawkesbury creating both new jobs and housing for those in need
- **\$1.9 million** to upgrade the Wisemans Ferry boat ramp, installation of a pontoon and construction of a car park
- **\$1.5 million** for managing regional flooding in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley
- **\$611,000** for the Hawkesbury Agricultural Selective School at Richmond High School – Year 7 opening in 2021
- **\$86,000** for the Hawkesbury Rural Fire Service, to assist in the lead up to the approaching fire season

BUDGET \$\$\$ FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

\$18.2 MILLION TO COMPLETE THE NEW WINDSOR BRIDGE



After a construction period of over two years, the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project reached a major milestone in mid May with the opening of the first two lanes to traffic. More recently, works to Freemans Reach Road have been completed and new traffic lights at the intersection of Bridge and George Streets are now operating.

Bridge Fast Facts:

- Community consultation began in 2009 and the project received planning approval in 2013
- The new bridge has a finished surface level ranging from 9.96m (Wilberforce side) to 12.00m (Windsor side), 4.8m higher than the current bridge on the Windsor side
- Over a thousand people have worked on the project, with between 60-120 on an average day
- At least nine different local suppliers and businesses were contracted as part of the build
- 5,420 cubic meters of concrete have been poured
- Landscaping, utility relocation and the transformation of the first span of the old bridge into a viewing platform are ongoing works that will continue into 2021.

\$6 MILLION FOR PLANNING THE NEW RIVER CROSSING BETWEEN RICHMOND/NORTH RICHMOND



Extensive community consultation has resulted in a number of options being placed into discussion, both upstream and downstream of the current Richmond/North Richmond Bridge. State and Federal funding commitments towards planning and construction is \$250 million. A further \$5 million in Federal Government funding for planning under the Investment Road and Rail Program was given. A preferred option report will be released in the coming months.

\$9 MILLION TO COMPLETE INTERSECTION WORKS IN RICHMOND



Over \$9 million has been allocated in the Budget to complete the upgrade of the March and Bosworth Streets intersection.

A Message from the Premier The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP

This past year has presented many challenges, but I am incredibly proud of the way in which as communities we have come together to support one another during this difficult time.

Our frontline staff and volunteers have been simply heroic in the face of bushfires, floods, drought and COVID-19.

Our community is safe, our borders and economy are open and we can look forward to summer and the coming year with optimism.

I want to thank all the citizens of NSW for your strength and vigilance. Together we have managed to follow the health advice and support one another during this time.



I wish to thank your local Member, Robyn Preston MP who is a key part of my team. Robyn has made sure I am kept informed of the needs of the Hawkesbury community.

May 2021 bring you and your loved ones a renewed sense of hope and optimism about the future.

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Supporting our community to get back on its feet

Let's face it, 2020 has been a challenging year, but as I talk to people, the thing that strikes me over and over again is how wonderfully resilient and giving we are as a community.

We've come together to help one another and the Government is committed to doing its part to get people back on their feet.

Bushfire-affected businesses and communities are being encouraged to apply for a share of the **\$250 million Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund** which has now been extended to give peace of mind to those needing assistance, with applications extended to January 28, 2021.

To find out more contact the bushfire customer care line on 13 77 88 or visit the Service NSW website www.service.nsw.gov.au. To apply for Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund grants please visit www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/bushfire-local-economic-recovery-fund.

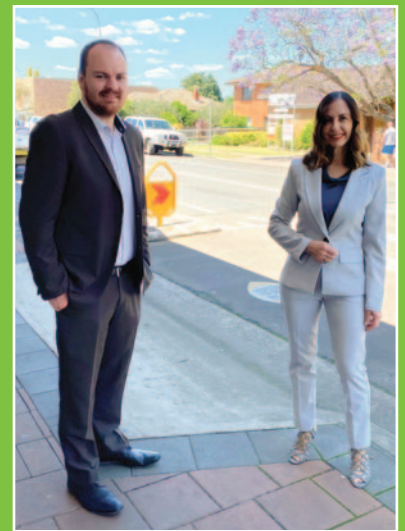
The NSW Government has responded through a range of measures which include:

- completion of all property clean-ups and dangerous tree removals around the district
- establishment of the agency Resilience NSW, led by Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons (former RFS Commissioner)
- fast tracking planning measures to permit businesses to restart in temporary structures and streamline DA approvals for rebuilds
- support for orchardists and farmers whose livelihoods were damaged
- a "bounce back" program to help people and businesses rebuild

Whilst buildings can be rebuilt, there are permanent scars left on the landscape after the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/2020. The emotional trauma that impacted landowners, families, RFS volunteers, emergency services workers and many others in our community, must never be underestimated or forgotten.

These scars are deep, but together we will support, recover and grow as a community. I want to extend my appreciation to everyone who helped get us through this unforgettable time.

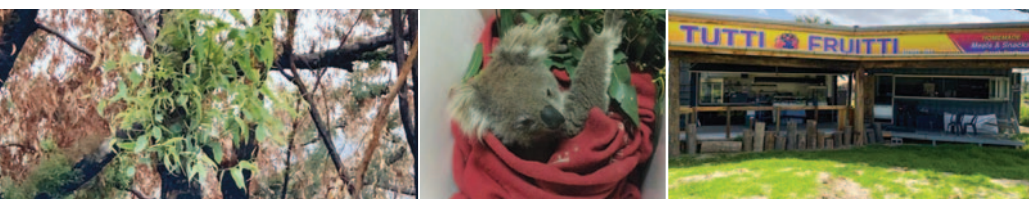
\$1.244 MILLION UNDER THE 'GREENING OUR CITY' GRANT PROGRAM



The NSW Government has awarded Hawkesbury City Council \$1,244,000 to implement 'green tree boulevards' for the three town centres of Richmond, South Windsor and Windsor. Hawkesbury received the largest Council grant within this round of funding.

This investment will add to the \$18 million in funds already awarded under the Liveability Project which is now moving into detailed design.

An additional \$181,000 has been awarded to pioneer a study into which tree species and recycled watering methods will best address the 'urban heat' effect around Hawkesbury.



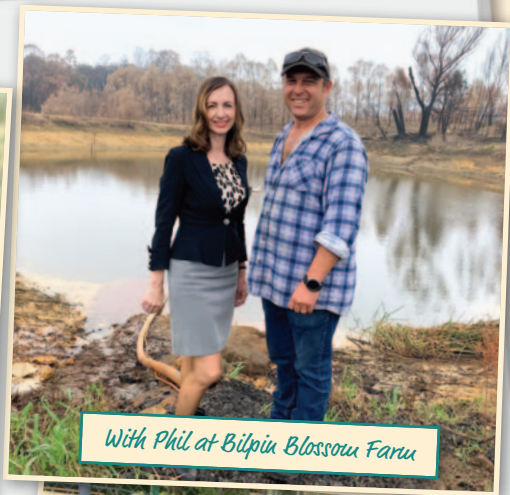
Out and about in Hawkesbury



Hawkesbury Citizenship Ceremony



Kurrajong Hills tree planting with Landcare NSW



With Phil at Bilpin Blossom Farm



Graffiti removal, courtesy of Rotary Club of Richmond



With RFS Cadets

One Giant Leap Cadet program



Honouring ANZAC Day with Vin and Nancy Cosgrove



Macdonald Valley Public School flag presentation



New Striker Vehicle for Blaxland Ridge RFS



Thelma Taylor turned 102 recently and says playing tennis, vigoro and home cooking are her secrets to a long and healthy life. Congratulations Thelma! It's an honour to meet you.

PCYC OPENS AT SOUTH WINDSOR THANKS TO \$13M INVESTMENT



The Police and Citizens Youth Club is now a reality in Hawkesbury at the former premises of the Hawkesbury Indoor Sports Centre, South Windsor.

The \$13 million grant from the NSW Government was the catalyst to developing a partnership with Hawkesbury City Council, Hawkesbury Police Area Command and Windsor Rotary, to enable the Centre to be upgraded with new spaces, creative programs and an enhanced focus on social welfare and mentoring. It is a safe place for our youth to connect and excel in a nurturing environment.

I joined the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, The Hon. David Elliott MP, representatives from Hawkesbury Police Area Command, PCYC NSW and Rotary for the handover.



\$10K FOR PCYC MINI BUS

I was very pleased to announce a NSW Government grant of \$10K, which will kick start fundraising for a mini bus, so that youth who can't access public transport, can be driven to the Hawkesbury PCYC Centre to participate in the programs.

Robyn's Recipe



SCONES

For four generations in my family, baking has been an absolute tradition. Many of the recipes have been handed down with a little tweaking for modern equipment. Other recipes I have acquired from clever cooks. This scone recipe is courtesy of Beryl from Richmond CWA. Thank you Beryl – they are ever so popular!

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups of self raising flour
- 300ml of cream
- 300ml of milk

METHOD:

In a large bowl, sift flour, add cream and milk. Stir with a knife. Flour a bread board, tip dough onto floured board, roll into a ball and flatten a little. Fill a very small bowl with flour and dip the scone cutter into the bowl after you cut out each scone. This prevents the scone cutter from becoming sticky. Cut out scones and place on an oven tray lined with baking paper. Sprinkle scones with flour. Bake at 180°C for 15-18 minutes. Makes 16 scones.