

# The NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY News

Wayne Swan – Your Federal Member for Lilley

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## Babies Day Out

CHERMESIDE



The Gibson family from Brighton meet Prime Minister Julia Gillard at the 11th annual Welcoming the Babies Ceremony

**Hundreds of babies and families turned out for our annual Welcoming the Babies Ceremony on Sunday 18 July.**

We were blessed with perfect winter weather and all 230 babies that were registered – and even a few who weren't – turned up to receive their certificates. It was my pleasure to show Prime Minister Julia Gillard our event. Ms Gillard has been running her own style of

Welcoming the Babies in her Melbourne electorate for some years.

We had a fantastic MC in Laurie Lawrence, and Justine Clarke from Play School, Peebo and Dagwood the clowns and Romeo the Radio Dog from 96.5FM kept the kids entertained.

Our youngest baby this year was Gabriel Granger from Zillmere who was 12 days old!

### New Headspace Centre for Nundah

**A re-elected Gillard Labor Government would establish a new youth mental health service in Nundah within a year.**

The new **Headspace** centre would help local young people cope with depression, substance abuse and other mental health issues.

Nundah has been identified as having an unmet demand for youth-specific mental health services and I welcome this fantastic funding announcement for our local area.

It is so important we provide improved services as two-thirds of all people with mental health problems experience their first symptoms before the age of 21. The Nundah **Headspace** service will improve the access of local young people aged between 12 and 25 to mental health care and related drug and alcohol services.

With 30 centres already operating around the country **Headspace** has a proven track record in helping young people with mental health issues.

An independent evaluation of the program found that 92 per cent of young people reported improvements in their mental health and reduced levels of psychological distress following involvement with the services.

The Gillard Government is committed to improving the availability and suitability of mental health services for young people.

The Government's **mental health reform package** provides an additional **\$78.8 million over four years** for youth mental health services. This will double the current number of **Headspace** sites to around 60, as well as boost funding for the existing sites.

The Government is also improving telephone and web-based support services for young people, expanding the Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Program and funding 136 more mental health nurses to help thousands more Australians with mental health needs.

As part of the establishment of the National Health and Hospitals Network, the Gillard Government is building the foundations of the health system on which we can build better health services for Australians, including mental health services.

For more information about the national **Headspace** program, see <http://www.headspace.org.au>



Member for Petrie Yvette D'Ath and Play School star Justine Clarke do the honours of cutting the cake



The 11th annual Welcoming the Babies Ceremony was a huge success

# A Sustainable Australia



## Cleaner car rebate

- ✓ Motorists with old, higher-emission, less fuel-efficient vehicles will be eligible for a \$2,000 *Cleaner Car Rebate* when they purchase a new, lower-emission, fuel-efficient vehicle, under a Gillard Labor Government.
- ✓ It is anticipated that the measure will see close to 200,000 pre-1995 vehicles taken off the road over four years from 1 January 2011 to the end of 2014.

## Tax breaks for green buildings

- ✓ From 1 July 2011, businesses can apply for a one-off 50 per cent bonus tax deduction if they invest in eligible assets or capital works to improve the energy efficiency of an existing building.
- ✓ This is expected to provide a massive \$1 billion boost to 'greening up' existing buildings, and encourage the creation of thousands of new green jobs.

## Connecting renewable energy to Australian homes

- ✓ A Gillard Government will invest \$1 billion over the next decade in our electricity networks to connect Australia's rich renewable resources to Australian homes.
- ✓ The *Connecting Renewables* initiative will identify and develop projects that deliver clean energy resources from Australia's outback to our suburbs.

## Reward for early action

- ✓ To give industry certainty about future investment, the Government will ensure that the emission baselines for industry assistance will not be increased- they will be as determined under the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.
- ✓ Retaining these baselines will ensure any efforts undertaken by a business now to cut pollution will be rewarded, because it will mean they will be required to purchase fewer permits in a future market to limit pollution.

## Local funding

The **Cerebral Palsy League** at Stafford Heights, the **Down Syndrome Association** at Stafford and the **Playgroup** at Geebung Special School were all successful under the Gillard Government's **MyTime** Peer Support program.

These groups provide much-needed support and respite for local families. Under the program parents attend up to 26 fortnightly peer support sessions a year, where they are able to take time out to talk to others about caring for a child with disability.

For more information about the **MyTime** Peer Support program visit: [www.mytime.net.au](http://www.mytime.net.au) or call 1800 889 997.

The **Lions Club** of Brisbane Inner North, **Our Lady of the Angels P&F** and the **Queensland Curling Association** are among 15 local organisations that have been successful in the latest round of Volunteer Grants. Totalling more than \$48,000 these grants are vital to assist organisations which support our community. Funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 is available to help purchase much-needed equipment such as computers and barbecues and to cover the fuel expenses of volunteers.

**Koobara Aboriginal and Islander Family Resource Centre** in Zillmere has awarded one-off funding of \$9,500 under the Federal Government's Family Support Program. The Family Support Program assists families in caring for children by providing targeted services that aim to improve child development, parenting, family functioning and family relationships.

## Why I help Wayne out



**Anne Livingstone**

I have been helping out in the office with a variety of tasks over the past four months. Early in my career I was a non-government community service provider in the area for over 20 years and was at a local level supported in these roles by Wayne. His commitment to build local service infrastructure and to ensure that there was significant enhancement of funding to meet the growing and changing needs of the Lilley community is obvious. Over the years it has also been rewarding to see the major growth in service provision in this area and to see the sustained commitment to ensuring Lilley residents receive the highest quality service provision across a range of community services.

I am particularly interested in the current health and community care reform agenda and what this will mean for more effective and efficient delivery and availability of services for communities like Lilley.

Assisting in Wayne's office has provided great opportunities to be involved in a wide range of tasks and to work directly alongside Wayne's dedicated and committed staff. It has provided a unique opportunity to focus on local level issues that influence and drive national agendas.

# A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR OUR KIDS

## SHORNCLIFFE



Shorncliffe State School students and teachers are now enjoying their new \$2.5 million library which was funded under the *Building the Education Revolution* program.

Thanks to the efforts of the P&C and librarian Meg Philp the library has taken on a distinct nautical theme with a mast, sails and a row boat among the artefacts now adorning the new library.

## Key Achievements in Education

- ✓ We are delivering the **largest school modernisation program** in Australia's history. Locally more than \$93.8 million is being directed to 158 projects across our 45 schools to create world-class educational facilities that are long overdue.
- ✓ Building **Trades Training Centres** in schools right across the country to help kids learn a trade and address future skill shortages. Already we have approved over \$800 million to fund 230 projects benefiting 732 schools. Over the next three years we'll ensure another 520 schools have access to one.
- ✓ Delivering more than 300,000 computers in over 2,000 schools through the **Digital Education Revolution**. This will ensure kids have the IT skills necessary to find and hold a job in almost every industry in the future.
- ✓ Creating the **MySchool website** to provide unprecedented information for parents about their kids' schools. The website has been visited more than 3 million times.
- ✓ Developing a single **National Curriculum** from Kindergarten to Year 12 in key learning areas of English, Science, History and Maths.
- ✓ Helping working families meet the cost of education through the **Education Tax Refund**
  - providing a rebate for things like laptops, software, school text books and uniforms.
  - For the 2009-10 financial year, eligible families can claim a 50% tax refund on eligible expenses of up to \$780 for each child undertaking primary school studies and up to \$1,558 for each child undertaking secondary school studies.

## Preparing students for work

From 2012 students from years 9 to 12 will be offered a new National Trade Cadetship as an option under the National Curriculum.

These cadetships will be delivered through their local Trades Training Centres and through other eligible venues.

There will be two streams of National Trade Cadetship available:

1. **National Trade Cadetship - Foundation** which will focus on essential work readiness skills and laying the foundation for further training; and
  2. **National Trade Cadetship - Pre-Apprentice** which will focus on a specific trade or occupation area.
- The Gillard Labor Government will ensure that students at school who want to pursue a career in the trades have a clearly defined pathway, equal in quality, value and rigour to more traditional academic pursuits.

We will invest \$25 million to ensure school students gain experience and confidence in a real work environment as part of the National Trade Cadetship.

Up to 50,000 additional structured work experience places will be provided, with the first cohort of students undertaking a National Trade Cadetship in 2012 to be the first to benefit.

## GEEBUNG



The students of year 3/4 at St Kevin's school at Geebung have been studying First Australians and Australian culture recently. The class designed their own flags and justified their choices in a letter which they then sent to my office. I visited the school to thank the class for

their efforts and to present them with a much-needed new flag for their flagpole. It was great to join the Principal Mrs Helen Mackay for a tour of the school's new \$2.5 million hall which is well underway under the *Building the Education Revolution*.

# Helping our community



**NUNDAH**

Co-ordinator of Nundah Meals on Wheels Margaret Carl and my wife Kim.

**My wife Kim helps out at Nundah Meals on Wheels. I asked her to tell us why it's important to support these fantastic local organisations.**

"I've been helping out at Nundah Meals on Wheels for 17 years now and I think people would be surprised how enjoyable and rewarding an experience it is. Not only do you meet some real characters among the client base with significant histories in the area, but the team at the Golden Years Centre who co-ordinate the effort are simply amazing. They become an extension of their clients' families, they

keep a watchful eye on the health and well-being of everyone, and they take every challenge in their stride with a smile. It really is a privilege to help out such a dedicated and positive team, and if you have an hour or so to spare either monthly, weekly or fortnightly they would love to hear from you."

If you can help deliver meals to people in our community please contact Nundah Meals on Wheels on 3266 4500.

## Out & About in Lilley



**NUNDAH**

The Nundah and Districts Historical Society recently completed the unfinished historical work on the development of the suburb of Nundah, that was commenced by the late Mr Joe Egan. Joe was a very well known community activist in the Nundah area who had a strong interest in the development of the suburb, local history and preserving the Nundah Historical Cemetery. The book, *Nundah: Mission to Suburb* presents an interesting view of the extreme hardships of early settlers and their interaction with the indigenous people of the area. Copies of the publication can be purchased from the society (behind Nundah Library). Pictured here is Norma Egan and well known local community member Doug Sime at the launch of Joe's historical book.

### Lilley's newest Centenarian

It was lovely to join Mrs Ivy Taylor and her family and friends for her 100th birthday last month at Ashworth House in Zillmere. Mrs Taylor has been a long-time Northside resident and it was a pleasure to be able to visit her and share a cuppa on this momentous occasion.



**ZILLMERE**



**AIRPORT**

Minister for Infrastructure Anthony Albanese was on hand to officially open Australia's first airport Experience Centre at Brisbane Airport recently. The centre incorporates information displays on the airport's operations, historic multimedia presentations, interactive maps and a unique Australian-designed software program enabling the community to understand the current and future operations of Brisbane Airport and how these impact on aircraft noise patterns across Greater Brisbane. It includes displays on aviation safety, security, border protection, environmental management, and the future growth of the aviation industry, using state-of-the-art interactive technology. Opening hours are 9am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 10am-3pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays and it is located on Ninth Avenue in the Airport Village.

### Yes, I'd like more information on:

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Note: Wayne's kits are usually assembled and/or hand delivered by a team of community volunteers – please allow delivery time.