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Member for Vaucluse

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NSW 2021-22 BUDGET

Dear Resident

The 2021/22 NSW Budget presented today by the Treasurer delivered our local community some 'wins' including:

- \$15.6 million to upgrade Darling Point and Double Bay Ferry Wharf
- \$360,000 for upgrades to the State Heritage Listed Vaucluse House
- \$174,000 to upgrade the two access ramps near Double Bay Sailing Club
- \$50 million for a Neurosciences Comprehensive Care and Research Centre at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

As you have probably seen, NSW Government made a further \$1.1 billion commitment to continue the state's response to COVID-19 including:

- \$340 million to fund personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement and associated warehouse costs to keep our frontline workers safe;
- \$261.3 million for COVID-19 vaccine distribution
- \$200 million for pop-up clinics, testing and contact tracing
- \$145.4 million for returning travellers in quarantine requiring medical assistance;
- \$80 million to continue additional elective surgery
- \$30 million for the ongoing enhanced level of cleaning within health facilities.

The latest NSW Health update is here.

Waverley Police Station

We also received \$10.1 million to upgrade Waverley Police Station, home to our Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command led by Superintendent John Duncan.



Presenting a NSW State flag to Superintendent John Duncan

Sydney Jewish Museum

Sydney Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst also received \$6.25 million for a new education building, exhibition space and expanded archives. The new exhibition galleries will feature video testimonies of survivors, flexible learning spaces for students, a reflective room with space for visitors to process the experience and dedicated sound studios to help expand education to rural and remote schools.



With Eddie Jaku OAM, Holocaust survivor and volunteer at the Sydney Jewish Museum

Ocean Outfalls

14 million from the Budget will continue the <u>work closing the deep ocean wastewater outfalls</u> at Vaucluse and Diamond Bay.



With Premier Gladys Berejiklian announcing the closure of the Ocean Outfalls

Commercialising R&D

To make NSW a world leader in bushfire research and technology so we can better prepare and manage them, \$28 million was allocated from the Budget. A Bushfire Technology Network will be set up for researchers and industry and SMEs will be supported to develop and commercialise bushfire technologies that will then be tested by frontline NSW bushfire services.

An additional \$8 million over two years will support an Emerging Industry Infrastructure Fund to target new industries where NSW may have a comparative advantage and attract global investment. These initiatives are priorities in the NSW R&D Action Plan launched by the Premier in January 2021.



Announcing the NSW Government's R&D Action Plan with Premier Gladys Berejiklian

Other highlights from today's Budget include:

- \$43.9 million for \$100 Learn to Swim Vouchers for children aged 3-6.
- \$50 million for \$100 CBD Friday Vouchers for residents to spend on dining and entertainment on Fridays in Sydney CBD.
- \$150 million for the <u>Free Preschool program</u> to continue until the end of 2022.
- \$148.6 million to boost support for domestic and sexual violence survivors.
- \$80 million over three years to deliver new signature walking and tourism experiences in NSW National Parks.
- Supporting public sector employees with paid special miscarriage and pre-term birth leave.
- Continuing payroll tax cuts for the next year from 5.45 per cent to 4.65 per cent.
- Continuing the \$1,500 fees and charges rebates for SMEs to cover Government fees and charges.

Here are some useful links to the 2021-22 NSW Budget:

- Overview of the NSW Budget
- NSW Budget Statement
- Treasurer's Budget Speech

The Budget delivers on a safe and strong COVID-19 recovery. It will help ease cost of living pressures and grow the economy at the same time.

Kind regards



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