$576 MILLION NEPEAN HOSPITAL EXPANSION

I recently announced the massive $576 million major redevelopment of Nepean Hospital.

This upgrade will transform Nepean Hospital and bring a state-of-the-art healthcare facility to the region.

The NSW Government recognises that Penrith is one of the fastest growing areas in NSW and this redevelopment will mean we can cater for more patients in a world-class hospital with more doctors and nurses.

The redevelopment will include:

- A new clinical services block
- New and expanded Emergency Department and a short stay unit
- Upgraded medical imaging
- At least 12 operating theatres
- New Helipad
- 18 birthing suites, an increase of 10
- More than 200 overnight beds in new accommodation
- A new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Integrated community health services
- New 650 spot carpark

NEW MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

It's a real privilege to have been appointed as Minister for Western Sydney, a region built on strong values of hard work and respect.

When Western Sydney is strong all of NSW benefits. I fundamentally believe the social and economic prosperity of this great region will drive the future success of NSW.

Western Sydney is home to the nation's largest infrastructure projects, some of our state's most beautiful landscapes and a dynamic community spirit that is the envy of the world.
NEW INTERNS FOR NEPEAN HOSPITAL

It was great to join the 54 new medical graduates who have started their year long internship at Nepean Hospital.

Nepean Hospital is an excellent training ground for the new interns who will be warmly welcomed by our local community.

NSW funds more medical intern positions than any other state or territory. In 2017, 992 interns will start at hospitals around the state – up from 983 in 2016.

This record number of intern doctors represents a funding commitment by the NSW Government of $107 million. The 2017 cohort of interns also includes 12 Aboriginal medical graduates.

NSW is the only state to offer two-year employment contracts to graduates. This includes the one-year internship followed by a year which focuses on consolidating professional practice and experience in different clinical settings.

During their one year internship, the graduates will complete compulsory terms in the specialties of medicine, surgery and emergency.

NEPEAN AFTER HOURS GP CLINIC

The Nepean After Hours GP Clinic is manned by local GPs and its aim is to treat patients when their regular GP is not available.

The clinic is located beside the Emergency Department, South Block, Nepean Hospital.

Phone 02 4734 4990.

Hours:
Open 8pm till midnight on weekdays, 4pm till midnight on Saturdays and 2pm to 10pm on Sundays and Public Holidays.

The After Hours GP Clinic should not be utilised in place of a regular GP. In case of an emergency you should still call 000 for an ambulance.

DONATE LIFE THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN ORGAN DONOR REGISTER

Penrith resident Laurie experienced kidney failure as a result of high blood pressure which he was diagnosed with when he was 26 years old.

He managed the condition for many years however had a stroke in 2012 resulting in dialysis. In 2013 a kidney transplant changed Laurie’s life thanks to a donation from his sister and today Laurie leads a fit and active life.

Living and deceased donors and their families save and transform lives through the ultimate gift of organ and tissue donation.

Joining The Australian Organ Donor Register is voluntary and it provides a record of your donation decision.

To register or find out more information visit www.donatelife.gov.au
LOCAL STUDENTS DREAM BIG

Performers from the electorate of Penrith were joined by more than 5,000 students from some 500 public schools from all over the state on the QUDOS Bank Arena stage at Sydney’s Olympic Park to participate in the Schools Spectacular in late November 2016.

The Schools Spectacular theme was Dream Big, which was appropriate because it was the biggest show ever produced.

My congratulations to all those from Kingswood High School, Nepean CAPA and Pulse Junior Dance Ensemble. I know that both students and teachers work incredibly hard throughout the year to ensure the high quality of the performances.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PENRITH PANTHERS WHEELCHAIR RUGBY LEAGUE

The Penrith Panthers Wheelchair Rugby League team, under local captain Nathan Pentecost are to be congratulated on taking out the titles of Minor Premiers and Premiers of the NSW Wheelchair Rugby League.

Established in 2009, the NSW Wheelchair Rugby League has now held six competitions, with four teams (the Panthers, Dragons, Bulldogs and Sharks) all competing. Wheelchair Rugby League is an inclusive game and caters to a mix of able bodied people and people with disabilities so long as they play from a wheelchair.

11th ANNIVERSARY OF PENRITH CITY NATIONAL SERVICEMEN’S MEMORIAL

It was my pleasure to join members of the Penrith City Sub-branch of the National Serviceman’s Association of Australia and the community at a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the National Servicemen’s (NASHO) memorial. NASHOs have been called upon many times over the years to help Australians and I commended them for their service.
Upgrades to the Great Western Highway intersections at Hare and Ross Streets in Glenbrook are a step closer with early surveying and geotechnical works.

The Glenbrook Intersection Upgrade will involve installing new traffic signals at the Ross Street and Great Western Highway intersection, and upgrading existing signals at the Great Western Highway and Hare Street intersection.

The preferred option had been identified by Roads and Maritime Services and endorsed by Blue Mountains City Council, with detailed design works for the project now underway.

Work is expected to start in mid-2017 and be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting.

What is WestConnex?

WestConnex is part of an integrated transport plan to keep Sydney moving — easing congestion, creating jobs and connecting communities. The new motorway will provide crucial support for Sydney’s long-term economic and population growth.

WestConnex will:

• Widen the M4 between Parramatta and Homebush and extend it in underground tunnels between Homebush and Haberfield

• Double road capacity along the M5 East corridor with the New M5 underground tunnels running between St Peters and Kingsgrove

• Join these underground routes together via the M4–M5 Link tunnel to form a seamless motorway without traffic lights

• Provide a western bypass of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD)

• Provide connections to the Western Harbour Tunnel and BeachesLink

• Provide a connection to Sydney Airport and Port Botany via Sydney Gateway.

Who benefits:

• Thousands of people will benefit directly from these new free-flowing motorways, including tradespeople, public transport users, commuters, families, freight and commercial drivers, delivery drivers, interstate and international visitors.

• More than just new and improved travel options, WestConnex will also create more than 10,000 jobs, including hundreds of apprenticeships, also providing training and skills development for thousands of employees across Greater Sydney.

• Throughout the construction period, thousands of local businesses will benefit from ongoing supply and employment opportunities. Once completed, WestConnex will also connect local employment hubs with local communities across Greater Sydney.
Please take the time to fill out this survey to let me know what's important to you.

What are the 3 MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES you think the NSW Government should address?  
(Number the boxes 1 to 3 below – 1 being the MOST IMPORTANT)

- Cost of living
- Housing affordability
- Creating local jobs
- Better education
- Improve healthcare
- Lowering taxes
- Reducing crime
- Western Sydney Airport
- Promoting tourism
- Protecting the environment
- Invest in new roads
- Accountable and transparent Government
- Tackling drug abuse
- Reducing poverty
- Cost of electricity
- Improve public transport

If you could fix one problem in Penrith, what would it be?


How do you rate Stuart Ayres as your local Member of Parliament?  (Please tick one box only)

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Very poor

How do you rate the performance of the NSW Government?  (Please tick one box only)

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Very poor

Do you have school age children?

- Yes
- No

Do you use public transport?

- Train
- Bus
- Both

Please complete the following details so I can stay in touch with you:

Name: Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

Address:

Suburb: ___________________________ Postcode: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

No personal information collected in this survey will be shared publicly. Not all surveys will receive a response.

Please return your completed survey to Stuart Ayres MP:

Email: Penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au | Mail: PO Box 4006, Penrith Plaza 2750 or FAX (02) 4731 4782

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**NSW: THEN & NOW**

NSW is leading the country in economic growth and job creation, with the nation’s lowest unemployment figures. In 2011, NSW had budget deficits and growing net debt. Today the state has virtually zero net debt, surpluses forecast for the next four years and a record infrastructure program.

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<td>Economic growth (GSP)</td>
<td>Best since the Olympics: NSW is #1 for the first time since 1990–91; NSW was last in 2011–12</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate</td>
<td>4.9% (Aust 5.7%)</td>
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<td>Number of jobs</td>
<td>3,806,289</td>
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<td>Housing approvals (annual)</td>
<td>74,600</td>
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<td>Budget position (following four years)</td>
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<td>Net worth</td>
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<td>Zero</td>
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<td>Number of nurses</td>
<td>40,300</td>
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<td>Number of police officers</td>
<td>15,556</td>
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<td>Number of teachers</td>
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<td>$320,000 jobs created: more than 40% of all jobs in Australia; 44% of jobs in the past financial year were in regional NSW</td>
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<td>That’s an all-time record: 52,800 completions in the past year is the best result in 16 years</td>
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<td>The NSW Government is on track for a record surplus of $4bn in 2016-17</td>
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<td>In 2011, net debt was forecast to be almost $20bn by June 2016; net debt is now virtually zero (0.08% of GSP at June 2017)</td>
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<td>Net worth forecast to grow to $246.4bn by June 2020, three times faster than any other state. That’s $103bn more in less than a decade</td>
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<td>Record state capital spending of $73.2bn over the next four years; more than 40% of all spending in Australia this financial year</td>
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<td>Funds raised for new infrastructure will near $30bn once the proceeds of the Endeavour and LPI transactions plus further asset recycling funds and interest are received</td>
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<td>That’s 5,500 more nurses and midwives. There are 2,200 more doctors and overall, there has been a 9,750 increase in clinical staff to 81,335</td>
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<td>That’s 1,170 more officers — on track to hit the target of 16,795 by 2019</td>
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<td>That’s 3,775 more teachers</td>
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