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During the Chinese President’s recent visit to Canberra the Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP and President Xi Jinping announced the conclusion of negotiations for the landmark China-Australia [Free Trade Agreement](#) (ChAFTA), which will benefit Australians for years to come.

In a little over 12 months in office the Abbott Government has now concluded three landmark free trade agreements with the major economies of North Asia, including [South Korea](#), [Japan](#) and [China](#). These agreements will add billions of dollars to the Australian economy and create tens-of-thousands of jobs in the years ahead.

After 28 years, it was monumental to have the [Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi](#) address the Federal Parliament. As Chair of the India Australia Parliamentary Network, I look forward to working towards strengthening relations between our two great Nations and the continuing negotiations of a future [free trade agreement](#) with India.

Regards,
Alex

Call for Safety Upgrade for Memorial Avenue, Kellyville

- **Christmas for the Troops**
- **Get Ready Fire Guide – Download MyFirePlan app?**



(Cnr of Hector Court and Memorial Avenue, Kellyville)

In light of the recent accident involving a 17 year old driver and a school bus at the intersection of Hector Court and Memorial Avenue, Kellyville, I urge all levels of government to work together to get [Memorial Avenue](#) an [urgent safety upgrade](#) for the users of this road.

Given the overloaded nature of this road, safety upgrades need to be implemented as soon as possible and I urge the Roads and Maritime Services to review the speed and safety of the road as a matter of extreme priority.

Click [Hills Shire Times](#) and [Rouse Hill Courier](#) for related media articles.

Early Learning Languages Australia trial for Norwest Child Care Centre



(L-R: Nesha O'Neil, Kaedan, Adam, Alex Hawke MP, Imogen and William)

Congratulations to Nesha O'Neil, Owner and Managing Director of [Norwest Child Care Centre](#) as one of forty sites across Australia [selected to take part](#) in the Abbott Government's trial of a second language in the year before school.

The \$9.8 million [Early Learning Languages Australia](#) (ELLA) trial aims to help generate an interest in language studies which can be built on in later years. Given there were more than 1100 applicants for the forty locations I commend them on the quality and strength of their application.

Almost one-in-five Australians speak a language other than English at

home; the enormous interest in this trial clearly backs our Government's desire to promote language studies from the early years through to year 12.

Vale Warren Bowden



[Warren Bowden](#) was a true gentleman, and [well known in the community](#) as he spent his entire life serving the Hills, initially as a preacher, then later as a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Castle Hill, and with the Hills District Historical Society Inc, and as Chairman of the Heritage Park Management Committee.

On Monday 10th November, Warren Bowden, 84, was farewelled by over 200 people at Wesley Uniting Church, Castle Hill.

Warren will be best remembered for his love of heritage. He was the driving force in securing the preservation of our [convict history](#), the [Castle Hill Heritage Park](#). It was his vision and dream that a Heritage Park be established in the Hills, so that future generations would have a place to go and enjoy themselves as well as have a place to remember our history.

I am truly grateful for Warren and for his service to our community, his legacy will live forever as future generations will be able to enjoy and appreciate our past.

HCA – White Ribbon pledge to help stop domestic violence towards women



(Alex Hawke MP, Anne Franks and Ben Jackson, CEO of Hills Community Aid)

Last week, I signed the [Hills Community Aid](#) pledge as a commitment to help families and individuals bring into the 'light' what is hidden and unspoken - domestic violence in our community. Domestic Violence towards women is insidious and is sadly becoming more prevalent.

[White Ribbon Day](#) is the only campaign led by males to bring an end to men's violence against women. For more information, visit www.whiteribbon.org.au.

Christmas in the Hills – Purchase your tickets now!



The [Carols by Candlelight Festival and Christmas markets](#) signature event will be held at Bella Vista Farm on **Wednesday, 17 December 2014** with the markets and festival commencing at 3pm and Carols at 7pm. With more than 8000 people attending last year you wouldn't want to miss the 2014 [Christmas in the Hills](#) event. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.

All the funds raised are going to three fantastic causes; [Woodbury Autism Education & Research](#) at Baulkham Hills, [Tallowood School](#) at Kellyville and [Lifestart](#) at Baulkham Hills.

HCA Coffee Van – enter a name for the chance to win \$500



[Hills Community Aid](#) is calling on all Hills residents to help '[Name the coffee van](#)' to win \$500 for their local school or community group. I have been asked to be a member of the panel of selectors to help choose the top three names then it will be up to the hills residents to vote on Facebook for their favourite name for the coffee van. This is a great initiative and I encourage the Hills community to enter a name for the coffee van.

Hills Community Aid has been helping the disadvantaged in the Hills community since 1969. The aim of the Coffee Van Project includes; providing coffee, a range of pre-packaged snacks, services, and social service information.

Year 6 students at St Michael's Primary School



(Alex Hawke MP with Year 6 student leaders)

The Year 6 students at [St Michael's Primary School](#) have been learning about the Australian Government in preparation for their visit to Parliament House in Canberra next month. I was delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to their understanding of the role of a Member of Parliament.

The students had many questions for me and I was extremely impressed by the depth and quality of them. I wish them all the very best on their visit to the Australian Parliament House and hope to see them whilst they are in Canberra.

Official Opening of Stage 2 at AIA, Kellyville



On Wednesday, 5 November, I had the pleasure of [officially opening](#) the Stage 2 building at the [Australian International Academy](#), Kellyville on behalf of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Senator the Hon Scott Ryan. The project included eight new classrooms, offices, storerooms, a lift and an overflow car park.

Christmas for the Troops



Please spare a thought this Christmas for the thousands of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel who are deployed overseas and will be unable to spend this wonderful time of year with their families and friends.

If you would like to send a message of support, a care package to an ADF personnel, or make a donation to an ex-service organisation, please [click here](#) for further details on how to do so.

Get Ready Fire Guide – Download MyFirePlan app?



The [NSW Rural Fire Service](#) (RFS) has already had demands placed upon them with the number of fires we have had in bushland close to populated areas.

The message from the RFS is 'MAKE A PLAN' – even if your plan is over a year old they encourage you to review it. Download your [bush fire survival plan](#) at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. You can also download the Bush Fire Survival Plan guide or our [MyFirePlan](#) on your iphone or [android](#) phone.

Representing the communities of Baulkham Hills, Beaumont Hills, Bella Vista, Box Hill, Castle Hill, Kellyville, Maraylya, Nelson, Northmead, North Rocks, Rouse Hill, West Pennant Hills and Winston Hills

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