



# MITCHELL COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the April edition of the Mitchell e-newsletter

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The Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, has recently confirmed [Badgery's Creek](#) as the [second Sydney airport site](#). The decision is long overdue and gives Western Sydney the economic driver it needs to secure a strong future. The initial construction phase of the Western Sydney airport will commence in 2016, with an expected 4,000 jobs to be generated. The airport development is expected to create 35,000 jobs by 2035, increasing to 60,000 jobs over time. Although the Western Sydney airport will not be fully operational for a decade, planning for the new airport will start immediately.

The Prime Minister also announced, together with the NSW Government, a \$3.5 billion [major infrastructure package](#) that will transform the Western Sydney regions. This package is about investing in better roads, better rail links, better economic infrastructure and lower unemployment.

Western Sydney is Australia's third largest economy and in its own right would be our fourth largest city and one of Australia's most significant economic growth corridors. Due to this expected growth the development of new and existing infrastructure is being fast tracked making life easier for motorists so they spend less time stuck in traffic and more time being at home with their families.

Federal Parliament resumes in just over two weeks, when the Treasurer will hand down the first Budget of the Abbott Government. It will be a Budget of long-term structural reform and one that will strengthen our economy.

Regards,  
Alex

## ANZAC Day – Lest We Forget



*(RIDBC Thomas Pattison School ANZAC service with Ron Smith OAM, Marion Smith and students)*

On Friday 25 April, we stopped to remember and reflect on the sacrifice of men and women who serve and served our nation in times of war and peace. The dawn service held at the Centenary of ANZAC Reserve (formally known as Wrights Road Reserve) at Kellyville was an incredible success with over 13,000 people attending.

It was great to see so many people of all ages attending the various ANZAC services held throughout Mitchell. I also had the opportunity to attend The Hills Club ANZAC Day Commemoration Service and ANZAC services before ANZAC day; at the [Anglican Retirement Villages](#), [Castle Hill Public School](#) and the [RIDBC Thomas Pattison School](#).

ANZAC Day 2015 will be the Centenary of ANZAC and huge numbers will be expected to attend events being held in the lead up to ANZAC Day 2015 and I encourage all to support these significant events in our nation's history.

## Showground Road Upgrade – Community Update



The Roads and Maritime Services has released a community update newsletter highlighting the proposed [Showground Road Upgrade](#). For further information on Roads and Maritime Services updates on proposed road changes in Sydney visit

## Visit to Local Small Business - Phoenix Engineering Systems



*(Don Wallace, Managing Director, Alex Hawke MP and Max Rosso, Engineering Manager)*

[Phoenix Engineering Systems](#) is a local small business and an [Export Market Development Grant](#) recipient. The Australian Government recently announced a \$50 million boost to the Export Market Development Grant scheme. During a recent visit to Phoenix Engineering Systems, Managing Director Don Wallace said “our business exports this year will comprise of 70 per cent to United Arab Emirates, Norway and the United States.”

The 2013-14 grant year opens 1 July 2014 to 1 December 2014. Export markets are our future and these grants will help small businesses access markets they may not have thought possible.

## Gracelands Early Education – Celebrates 4 Years



*(Elizabeth Russo, Alex Hawke MP, Ray Williams MP and Joe Russo)*

[Gracelands Early Education Centre](#) located at Kellyville recently celebrated their 4th Anniversary. Locals, Joe and Elizabeth Russo own and run the long day care centre and I was delighted to attend the celebrations along with my state colleague Ray Williams MP, Member for Hawkesbury.

Congratulations to Gracelands Early Education Centre for being

named the 2014 Small Business of the Year at the Sydney Hills Local Business Awards.

## National Police Service Medal



The Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, recently announced the Australian Government will extend the eligibility for the [National Police Service Medal](#) to recognise service on or after 14 February 1975. Previously, the medal which was established in 2010 did not recognise the service of those police officers whose service concluded between 14 February 1975 and 30 October 2008.

The [National Police Service Medal](#) provides recognition of the contribution made to our community by those officers who have provided 15 years' ethical and diligent service.

## Certificate of Appreciation



James Paciullo

Dawn Marriott

Anthony Darby

It is a privilege to have recently presented [Certificates of Appreciation](#), recognising and honouring (*posthumously*) veterans for their service during the Second World War. Castle Hill RSL Club Directors, Ron Smith OAM, Robbie Duncan OAM, Walter Hromow, Col Don Tait OAM and David Elliott MP, assisted with the presentation of the certificates to the families of the veterans.

*Certificate of Appreciation* [recipients honoured](#) (*posthumously*) for their efforts during the Second World War were, Trevor Darby, Archibald McCauley, Vincenzo Paciullo and Harold Waller.

Australians will always be thankful for the dedication and sacrifice the men and women of our defence force have shown during times of war,

conflict and peace. The *Certificates of Appreciation* are just one way that we can show our gratitude.

In recognition of the recent drawdown of Australian Defence Force personnel from Afghanistan, the *Certificate of Appreciation* program has been extended to recognise these brave men and women alongside their predecessors.

## **New Government Shopfront Services at Rouse Hill**



The Minister for Human Services, Senator the Hon Marise Payne and I recently visited the new Government [Department of Human Services](#) shopfront at Rouse Hill. Local residents can access Centrelink and Medicare services at this facility. I encourage people living in the region to come along to the Rouse Hill shopfront and find out which self-service option would best fit with their lifestyle.

The Rouse Hill shopfront is located at Shop 76, 10-14 Market Place, Rouse Hill Town Centre and is open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

## **Deregulation Forum**



Last week, I was delighted to host the Deregulation Forum held by Sydney Hills Business Chamber. It was a great opportunity to speak with our small business community to key local businesses in Mitchell. The suggestions and feedback from each of these business men and

women will assist the Government in reducing red tape and unnecessary regulations and having more time to invest in their businesses.

[Reducing Red Tape and Deregulation](#) is one of the most important parts of the Government's reform agenda.

## Green Army Programme – calling for applications



The Australian Government is calling for applications from local communities in round one of the [Green Army Programme](#). This voluntary initiative will recruit young people aged 17-24 years old who are interested in protecting their local environment while gaining hands-on, practical skills and experience. Applications for project selection close **Friday, 9 May 2014**.

For further information as a [participant](#), [service provider](#) or [project sponsor](#), visit [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au).

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