St Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School visit Australian Parliament House

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The Fowler Champion

WE HAVE MOVED TO CANLEY HEIGHTS

New Office Open Day







Welcome to

The Fowler Champion



Welcome to our first edition of the Fowler Champion for 2024, marking a start that has already been filled with impactful community engagement initiatives and advocating on behalf of our diverse and dynamic electorate.

The beginning of the year was a whirlwind of cultural celebrations. I was honoured to be part of the rich tapestries of New Year festivities, from the Lunar New Year, the Assyrian, Chaldean, Lao, Cambodian and Khmer festivals. Additionally, the sacred observances of Easter and Ramadan were moments of reflection and unity that I was privileged to experience alongside many of you.

In Parliament, I have been working hard to raise the issues that are affecting our community, especially housing affordability, increased cost-of-living, and high energy bills, and calling on the government to take decisive action on fuel excise tax cut, as well as alleviating the debt burden of HECS-HELP indexation which is making it hard for our young people.

My team and I also hosted a successful Bring Your Bill Day, providing direct assistance to those facing financial strain. This initiative is just one of the many ways we are working to alleviate the pressures on your household budgets.

Living in one of the most multi-faith and multicultural electorates in the nation, I want to reiterate my commitment to be of service to all, and to ensure that our community lives side by side, in harmony. Our cities have welcomed waves of migrants and refugees over the decades, many of whom have escaped war-torn countries, terror and tyrannical regimes. We must not allow external factors to dismantle our unity; our personal lived experiences are the bond that glues us all together to create this amazing tapestry. When one thread is pulled, it will undo the rich fabric we have woven together. Let's respect the freedom we have found here in Australia, be grateful and embrace the opportunities this country has provided.

As many of you may know, our new office is now located in Canley Heights, at the corner of Peel Street and Canley Vale Road (the old Commonwealth Bank in Canley Heights). Our doors are open for you to share your concerns, stories and ideas. Your input is invaluable in shaping the work I do.

This edition of the Fowler Champion is a snapshot of my commitment to you as the Independent Member for Fowler. I encourage you to reach out to my office regarding any of the topics highlighted in this newsletter or any other matters you wish to discuss.

Together, we will continue to build a stronger, more resilient Fowler.

Dai Le
Independent Federal Member for Fowler

In Canberra



Receiving the Fowler mace from the Speaker of the House



Meeting the Matildas' soccer team at Parliament House, alongside Senators and Members of the House of Representatives



Parliamentary Friends of SBS Lunar New Celebration with Maria Vamvakinou MP and Russell Broadbent MP



Meeting with Consumer Action Law Centre CEO Stephanie Tonkin along with scam victims to discuss the huge impact of scams in the community, and the need for better legislation to protect consumers



Meeting with Parliamentary Friends of Blockchain to discuss Australia's potential in being a leader in blockchain technology

Recipients of Volunteer Grants

2023-2024

- Australian Indian Christian Fellowship
- Autism Advisory and Support Service
- St John Ambulance Australia (N.S.W)
- Cambodian Living Arts and Culture of NSW
- Chaldean League of NSW
- City of Liverpool and District Historical Society
- City of Liverpool Meals on Wheels
- Lao Buddhist Society of NSW
- Miracle Babies Foundation
- Multicultural Seniors Association
- St Barnabas Anglican Church Bossley Park
- St Johns Anglican Church
- St Thomas The Apostle Chaldean Catholic Church
- SWEH Connect
- Vien Giac Buddhist Association
- Lansvale United Sports Club On Behalf Of Vietnamese Australian Football Academy
- Fiji Diaspora Women's Alliance
- Zen Tea Lounge Foundation



St John Ambulance



Miracle Babies Foundation

Visiting Local Schools



Celebrating International Women's Day at Bonnyrigg High School



Iftar Dinner at Canley Vale High School



Celebrating St Patrick's Day at Patrician Brothers' Fairfield along with Mayor Frank Carbone

Bring Your Bill Day

In March, I held a Bring Your Bill Day Event at Whitlam Library, Cabramatta. My team and I worked alongside government agencies and non-for-profit organisations to connect them with over a hundred community members to provide access to information, schemes, and subsidies to support them with utility bills, food relief support and more. The event allowed me to provide practical solutions which offered immediate support and cost-of-living relief in the community, while I remain focused on pressuring the Government to do more on this issue. I plan to hold more of these events in the future.

If you are having difficulty paying a bill, and would like more information on what schemes and subsidies are available, please contact my office or visit:
daile.com.au/cost-of-living-support





Common Equity Lasa St

I was delighted to be a part of the opening of the new co-operative housing development in the Fowler community. Common Equity NSW launched a co-operative housing project on Lasa Street in Cabramatta, with financial support from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and the Lac Viet Housing Co-operative. This development provides 13 units of secure and affordable housing to assist those experiencing rental stress and housing insecurity, allowing the community to share costs and reduce isolation.

I am eager to learn more about the expanding co-operative housing sector in NSW and explore its potential advantages for the residents of Fowler. I am convinced that by examining a variety of models, we can enhance the availability of affordable housing and improve access for our community.

Jemena's Malabar Biomethane Injection Plant



I had the opportunity to tour Australia's first biomethane gas network project at the Malabar Biomethane Injection Plant. This groundbreaking facility is set to initially supply renewable biomethane to around 6,300 homes annually, with the capacity to expand and serve up to approximately 13,300 homes across New South Wales each year.

In our Fowler community, gas is a critical resource, particularly for numerous small businesses, including restaurants. It's clear to me that gas remains an indispensable part of our energy mix. With the ongoing surge in energy costs, I am in favour of innovative solutions like this one that offer consumers alternatives while minimising disruption to the community.

May Budget 2024

Fighting for your cost-of-living

Stage 3 Tax Cuts

I have called for a significant redesign of the Stage 3 tax cuts since last year. It is encouraging to see the introduction of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost-of-Living Tax Cuts) Bill 2024, which seeks to bring relief to the cost-of-living crisis and to low-income earners. Whilst I welcome the changes to the Stage 3 tax cuts, I have made the Government aware that more action is required to relieve the cost-of-living crisis such as reducing high energy bills, HECS indexation, food costs and affordability.

I have recently brought these issues to Parliament as a matter of public importance for the government to further address.

Fuel Excise Tax

Fuel prices remain a major concern for the people of Fowler, and Australians at large. I have raised questions to the government about reinstating the fuel excise as a form of support amidst the current cost-of-living crisis. I understand that families in Fowler may have to drive long distances for work, due to the lack of funding for amenities and public transport infrastructure, costing them more in fuel.

Accordingly, I will continue to press the government to take action on the fuel excise to ensure that families of Fowler can commute to and from work without heightened financial stress.



University HECS Indexation

I understand that the increase in HECS indexation to 7.1% has made it harder for our youths to keep up with the aftermath of their student debt. Thus, I have called the government to consider freezing indexation to give students and graduates breathing room amidst the cost-of-living crisis. I have made the government aware that the increase in indexation would make it harder for young graduates working entry-level jobs to make ends meet, pay bills and rent, and put food on the table.

I will continue to voice our youth's concerns and struggles to Parliament for the government to address further.

Planned Migration

As a vibrant and diverse community, Fowler stands as a testament to multiculturalism, with over half of our residents having one parent, or both born overseas. This diversity is a source of immense pride for us. Yet, it's clear that our infrastructure, housing, and services have not kept pace with the rapid growth in our community. I have been vocal in urging both Federal and State Governments to step up and deliver affordable housing, robust infrastructure, and essential services that align with our population's growth.

With the Federal Government's decision to increase immigration, it's crucial that we are equipping our community to handle the challenges that come with a larger population. We must ensure that Fowler is not just accommodating this growth but thriving as a cohesive and inclusive community.

Our Community



TET Festival 2024 at Fairfield Showground



Opening of Montessori Academy in Bossley Park
with Mayor Frank Carbone and Councillor Marie Saliba



Celebrating Chaldean Babylonian New Year and honouring the HSC and University Graduates hosted by the Chaldean League of NSW



Bring It On Festival 2024
Hosted by Fairfield City Council along with St John Ambulance volunteers



headspace Liverpool 10th Birthday
Celebrating 10 years of delivering mental health services to young people



Celebrating Assyrian New Year with the Assyrian Democratic Movement



Motherland African Festival
Hosted by Liverpool City Council with Mayor Ned Mannoun and Deputy Mayor Fiona Macnaught



Khmer New Year Celebration at the Cambodian Temple in Bonnyrigg



Anzac Day commemorative service at Canley Heights RSL sub-Branch



Celebrating Lao New Year with Mayor Frank Carbone and Councillor Kevin Lam



Assyrian New Year celebration at Fairfield Showground hosted by Assyrian National Council along with Mayor Frank Carbone



Celebrating with the community at the Fairfield Easter Fair



Obilic Basketball Club 25th Anniversary



St Sava College to meet with Father Rade Radan



Medal of the Order of Australia recipient

Meeting with Medal of the Order of Australia recipient Kathleen Whiteley from Cabramatta



Credit: The Daily Telegraph, photographer Lucas Jarvis

The Daily Telegraph's Future Western Sydney

On a panel to discuss potential solutions to tackling the housing crisis

Community News

Congratulatory Certificates



Are you celebrating a special milestone in your life? A significant birthday, anniversary or just wanting a congratulatory certificate. Our office would love to help you celebrate this special occasion.

Email us at **info@daile.com.au** to request a certificate for yourself or a family member.

Nominate someone for an Order of Australia



Do you know anyone who has demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement? Let them know you appreciate their work and nominate them for an Order of Australia! You can nominate anyone – a teacher, a volunteer or anyone who shows care for our community.

Nominate today at:
www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/order-australia

Child Dental Benefits Schedule



The Australian Governments Child Dental Benefits schedule covers part or the full cost of some basic dental services for children if you get certain Services Australia benefits.

To get this your child must be all of the following:

- ✓ 0 to 17 years old for at least one day that calendar year
- ✓ eligible for Medicare
- ✓ getting a payment from us at least once a year, or have a parent, carer or guardian getting a payment Services Australia at least once a year.

For more information please visit:
www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-dental-benefits-schedule

Steps to take if you can't pay your energy bills

Speak first to your energy and water provider, and let them know you're having difficulty paying your bill.

All energy and water providers in NSW offer customer assistance programs and must offer you help if you're struggling to pay.

You may be eligible for rebates and concessions provided by the NSW Government.

There are rebates for low income households, families and seniors, gas rebates, medical and life support energy rebates. These programs are available to eligible NSW residents.

For more information on rebates and schemes:
www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/find-energy-rebate

Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) vouchers are available for people who require short-term relief to pay their energy bills.

For more information on EAPA:
www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/energy-accounts-payment-assistance-eapa-scheme

No Interest Loans
The No Interest Loan Schemes (NILS) program helps people on low-income by providing interest free loans for essential items and services.

For more information:
goodshep.org.au/services/nils

Celebrating Australia Day with Mayor Frank Carbone and fellow Fairfield City Councillors



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What issues do you want addressed in our community?

Scan the QR code and let me know!

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