



Delivering for Penrith

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MESSAGE FROM

STUART AYRES

When the Liberals and Nationals were elected to government in 2011 we inherited a State in turmoil. We had to start the hard work required to turn our State around and Make NSW Number 1 again.

Since our election in 2011 we have started to Rebuild the NSW Economy, Invest in Infrastructure, Improve Services and Restore Integrity and Accountability in NSW.

We are committed to the M4 East being built as part of WestConnex, Nepean Hospital is expanding and improving its services every day, Penrith Schools have been big winners under the needs based funding model, and our Police are getting excellent results from their proactive approach to fighting crime.

There is still a lot of work to do in NSW but I genuinely believe our state has turned the corner and we have every reason to be optimistic about our future, especially here in Penrith.

Locally I've been working hard to make sure we get our fair share of government resources and funding. Enclosed is a snapshot of some of the great outcomes we have achieved.

I look forward to continuing to work for you, being the strongest possible voice for Penrith and making Penrith the best it can possibly be.

Cheers,

STUART AYRES MP
Member for Penrith

NSW ACHIEVEMENTS



1. Created more than 90,000 additional jobs and NSW now has the second lowest unemployment rate of all Australian States.



2. Spending \$60 billion on transformative infrastructure over four years, including the South West and North West rail links, WestConnex and the Pacific Highway upgrade.



3. Improved front line services by employing 5,000 additional nurses, teachers and police officers.



4. Introduced fiscal discipline bringing the Budget in on budget for the first time in 17 years.



5. Introduced a tough and comprehensive package to tackle drug and alcohol fuelled violence.



6. Helping ease cost-of-living pressures by reforming the electricity network and putting downward pressure on power bills.



7. Kick started the housing market with approval rates the highest in the last 10 years.



8. NSW was the first Australian State to sign up to a fully funded National Disability Insurance Scheme and the "Gonski" national education agreement.



9. Rebuilding the State's hospitals through a \$5 billion hospital redevelopment program.



10. Improved integrity by cleaning up political donations, toughening control of lobbyists and introducing ethics and values for the public service.

A Strong Voice for Penrith

RESTORING COMMUNITY SERVICES



SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

- Nepean Creative & Performing Arts Centre opened
- Flashing lights installed at: Blaxland East Public School, Jamisontown Public School, Jamison High School, York Public School, Blaxland High School, Penrith Public & Penrith High School, Kingswood High School and Kingswood South Public School
- Cranebrook High School & Kingswood Public School received new fencing
- 21 local schools have received additional maintenance since March 2011
- 51 enrolled nursing scholarships — Nepean Western Sydney TAFE
- Cranebrook High School major roof refurbishment



Through the NSW Governments Resource Allocation Model (RAM), schools in the Penrith electorate will receive an additional \$1.9 million in additional funding:

- ✓ Cranebrook High School will receive an increase of \$620,725 to a total of \$777,419
- ✓ Blaxland High School will receive an increase of \$44,582 to a total of \$48,280
- ✓ Kingswood High School will receive an increase of \$480,600 to a total of \$488,184
- ✓ Nepean CAPA High School will receive an increase of \$84,670 to a total \$92,328
- ✓ Jamison High School will receive an increase of \$167,774 to a total of \$179,171
- ✓ Penrith High School will receive an increase of \$10,744 to a total of \$14,288
- ✓ Braddock Public School will receive a decrease of \$31,321 to a total of \$469,583
- ✓ Emu Heights Public School will receive an increase of \$17,705 to a total of \$18,642
- ✓ Blaxland East Public School will receive an increase of \$14,736 to a total of \$15,718
- ✓ Emu Plains Public School will receive an increase of \$31,841 to a total of \$33,621
- ✓ Penrith Public School will receive an increase of \$82,128 to a total of \$125,444
- ✓ Jamisontown Public School will receive an increase of \$26,286 to a total of \$27,166
- ✓ Kingswood Park Public School will receive an increase of \$60,636 to a total of \$189,843
- ✓ Glenbrook Public School will receive an increase of \$7,912 to a total of \$8,658
- ✓ Kingswood Public School will receive an increase of \$24,932 to a total of \$28,037
- ✓ Lapstone Public School will receive an increase of \$5,658 to a total of \$6,210
- ✓ Kingswood South Public School will receive an increase of \$34,956 to a total of \$40,611
- ✓ Leonay Public School will receive an increase of \$7,767 to a total of \$8,280
- ✓ Penrith South Public School will receive an increase of \$147,642 to a total of \$154,374
- ✓ York Public School will receive an increase of \$72,722 to a total of \$74,810

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

- \$965,000 Aboriginal Housing projects 2011/2012
- \$256,000 for Flintwood Disability Services to increase respite care
- \$427,500 over 4 years to the Salvation Army for drug and alcohol rehabilitation
- Signed onto a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) which will assist more than 140,000 people with a disability living in NSW lead a dignified and decent life
- Introduced a payroll tax rebate of up to \$4,000 for businesses who employ a person with a disability
- 2013 Seniors Christmas Concerts held in Penrith
- \$100,000 to Penrith Disability Resource Centre for advocacy services

HEALTH

- Multi-deck Nepean Hospital Car Park opened
- New \$465,000 neo-natal cot for Nepean Hospital making it the 4th largest NIC unit in the State
- New radiotherapy machine for Nepean Hospital Cancer Care Centre
- Nepean Hospital East Block opened
- Nepean Hospital purpose built 64-bed Mental Health centre under construction
- Delivered 3,000 more nurses and 900 more doctors working on the frontline across NSW
- Nepean Oral Health Centre opened
- Delivered on our election commitment to establish the NSW Mental Health Commission
- \$4 million da Vinci robot for Nepean Hospital for complex keyhole surgeries



ARTS

- ✓ \$4,999 to Penrith Performing and Visual Arts Ltd. for school students to see professional performing arts productions
- ✓ \$10,196 to the Australian Ballet Education Ensemble
- ✓ \$7,000 toward the annual program of the Penrith Symphony Orchestra 2012
- ✓ \$60,000 to Penrith City Council, to support the "No Boundaries" disability art project
- ✓ \$24,215 to Penrith Performing and Visual Arts Ltd. for technical upgrade of audio lighting and visual systems
- ✓ Employee of Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest was awarded a grant of \$6,000 towards a two-week fellowship at the Dallas Museum of Art, USA

SUPPORTING THE PENRITH COMMUNITY

Through the NSW Community Building Partnership program we have provided community infrastructure for the people of Penrith and encouraged the enhancement of local community based activities.

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- ✓ Cranebrook Community Pre School — \$17,688 laying of new soft-fall in playground
 - ✓ Glenbrook Guide Hall — \$7,346 roof replacement
 - ✓ Kingswood High School — \$71,000 Café Training Centre
 - ✓ Emu Plains JRLC Leonay Oval — \$82,000 construction of new amenities block
 - ✓ Penrith City Council — \$50,000 resurfacing of sports fields at Parker Street Reserve
 - ✓ Sailability Penrith Lakes — \$9,270 purchase of safety boat and motor
 - ✓ Tri Community Exchange — \$10,288 upgrade of community IT facilities
 - ✓ Lapstone Oval — \$16,962 upgrade of fields, goal posts and fencing
 - ✓ Cranebrook United Soccer Club — \$17,000 upgrade of lighting and playing surface at Sherringham Fields
 - ✓ Emu Plains Junior AFL Club — \$18,180 renovation of club house
 - ✓ Penrith Waratahs — \$33,000 upgrade of Doug Rennie Fields
 - ✓ Family Planning NSW Penrith — \$30,956 installation of automatic doors and disabled access
 - ✓ Penrith Swimming Centre — \$25,000 new shade structures
 - ✓ Emu Plains Anglican Church — \$16,991 upgrade of acoustics and servery improvements
 - ✓ Nepean Blue Mountains Naval Association — \$5,000 display cabinets for model ships
 - ✓ Paddle NSW Inc — \$6,000 purchase of a kayak trailer for an all abilities program
 - ✓ Penrith Rowing Club Inc — \$20,621 repairs to community pontoon
 - ✓ Penrith Electric Model Aero Club — \$8,000 construction of BBQ shade area
 - ✓ Nepean District Historical Society — \$12,989 extension of roof
 - ✓ NADO — \$16,707 addressing of access issues
 - ✓ AFL NSW/ACT — \$33,000 for irrigation & lighting upgrade of the oval at Greygums Reserve
 - ✓ Blaxland East Public School — \$28,500 canteen refurbishment
 - ✓ Glenbrook Child Care Centre — \$45,000 upgrade
 - ✓ Blue Mountains City Council — \$5,000 for Glenbrook oval toilet block refurbishment
 - ✓ Blue Mountains City Council — \$12,000 creation of the Knapsack park downhill bike track
 - ✓ Brothers Penrith Junior Rugby League — \$40,000 for extensions to canteen, BBQ and storage area
 - ✓ Jamison Little Athletics — \$13,565 upgrade to long jump and discus areas
 - ✓ Pendragon Panthers Dragon Boat Club — \$10,170 for the purchase of a Dragon Boat
 - ✓ Penrith City Council — \$43,419 Cranebrook neighbourhood centre refurbishment
 - ✓ Penrith District Netball — \$40,000 for refurbishment of Jamison Park Netball
 - ✓ Penrith Symphony Orchestra/Joan Sutherland Centre — \$3,370 for percussion instruments and lockable storage
 - ✓ The Rock Ministries Kingswood — \$80,000 for a cool room/storage area

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT

- Implemented a hold on exploration and extraction of natural gas from coal seams in the 'Special Areas' zone within Sydney's drinking water catchment
- Established the Cranebrook Wianamatta Nature Reserve
- Passing new legislation to give the Environment Protection Authority back its bite
- Announcing a package of tough new measures to strengthen the regulation of the NSW Coal Seam Gas industry
- \$22,132 for the Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve Trust



RESTORING ACCOUNTABILITY

- Established the State's strategic priorities in NSW 2021: A Plan to Make NSW Number One
- Abolished Part 3A of the Environmental and Assessment Act, and commenced a review of the State's planning laws
- Created a provision for citizen initiated debates in Parliament
- Passed legislation to strengthen the powers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and give additional protection to whistle blowers
- Undertaken the most significant campaign finance reforms in Australia, passing legislation to ban all corporate donations to political parties.
- Established the Public Service Commissioner to help restore trust and confidence in the NSW public sector

POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Introduced mandatory sentencing via one punch laws
- Delivered 505 additional police officers across NSW
- Given police the powers to crack down on organised crime
- Increased police visibility with a dedicated Traffic and Highway Patrol Command with additional Highway patrol officers and new vehicles to improve safety on our roads
- Established a Police Transport command to improve security on public transport
- Introduced mandatory life sentences for murdering police officers
- Legislated to allow police to give a move-on direction to intoxicated individuals
- Committed \$96 million to the NSW State Emergency Service Strategic Disaster Readiness Package—the largest ever NSW Government investment in the SES

REBUILDING THE ECONOMY



- Our responsible decisions have helped ensure NSW maintained its AAA credit rating
- Made the state's finances sustainable and turned the economy around
- Seen economic growth increase to the highest level of non-mining states
- Restored business confidence to above the national average
- Established the State's first Small Business Commissioner
- Implemented a 30-day payment policy to ensure that small businesses are paid on time and that the Government pays interest on bills that are over 30 days late
- Cutting red tape via our "one on two off" policy on regulation
- Trade & Investment Economic Framework – Western Sydney

We have commenced the task of rebuilding infrastructure and delivering better transport services.



TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Penrith Station commuter car park completed
- Kingswood Station commuter car park upgraded
- Location and design finalised for the \$24 million Nepean River Green Bridge
- Penrith Cycleways new shared-use path for Mulgoa and Castlereagh Roads \$1.5 million
- Northern Road & Maxwell Street maintenance \$1 million
- Parker Street, Kingswood maintenance \$675,000
- \$4 million in grants to Penrith City Council for infrastructure and maintenance of local and regional roads
- Road maintenance from Peach Tree Creek to Old Bathurst Road
- Great River Walk 280 metre shared pedestrian/cycle way joint project with Penrith City Council
- Victoria Bridge resurfaced
- New train timetable introduced 184 extra weekly services and 35 new weekly express services on the Western Line
- Waratah trains introduced on the Western Line
- The exit ramp on the M4 at Russell Street, has been targeted for a \$2 million safety upgrade
- Early works on Glenbrook Station commuter car park
- Committed \$1.8 billion towards WestConnex
- Started the North West Rail Link
- Fast-tracked the South West Rail Link
- Building the Erskine Park Link Road



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