

The Kingsford Smith Report

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The great outdoors in Kingsford Smith

Autumn is my favourite season, Sydney is at its best and it's a good time to participate in activities around the electorate.



Around Australia on Clean Up Day more than 630,000 volunteers cleaned up 8,300 tonnes of rubbish.



Sporting champions and sisters, Jane and Natalie Saville.

On the first day of Autumn, I attended the Yarra Bay Fun Run and Walk. This event, organised with terrific enthusiasm by walking champion Jane Saville, was to encourage people to get fit while enjoying the beauty of Yarra Bay.

Since her retirement earlier this year, Jane has become a health

ambassador and this event was one of her first 'official duties'. The event raised \$5,500 for Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth.

Jane also put together, with assistance from the Randwick Botany Harriers, an Indigenous Youth Athletics Coaching Clinic to encourage participation and

perhaps discover the next champion Indigenous athlete.

On the same day, I joined some local girl guides at Maroubra Beach on Clean Up Day. This year Clean Up Australia celebrated its 20th birthday – what a great job this organisation has been doing making Australia a cleaner and better place to be.

Peter Garrett writes...

Welcome to the Autumn edition of my newsletter which details some of my recent activities and provides plenty of information for you to check out as the government brings forward measures to help the community as we experience difficult economic times.

The scale of the global economic crisis can be hard to fathom, indeed very few countries are not affected, but luckily Australia is relatively well placed to weather the worst of the storm.

The plight of our Victorian neighbours affected by the bushfires in February reminds us of the challenges of living in this sunburnt continent. This terrible event gives us an inkling of what lies ahead with temperatures in southern Australia likely to increase on average through climate change. Helping others when they are down is one of our most important values, and it counts so much wherever you live – so hats off to everyone who made a contribution.

Peter Garrett AM Federal Member for Kingsford Smith, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts



Economic Stimulus Plan

Tax bonuses to help boost household spending and support economic growth

Australians started receiving their \$900 tax bonus in March. These tax bonuses are part the Federal Government's economic stimulus plan to boost household spending power and keep money flowing through our economy until the government's infrastructure spending takes effect.

Tax bonuses will be paid to Australians who paid tax in 2007-08. Payments include:

- A \$900 bonus to individual taxpayers with taxable income up to and including \$80,000
- A \$600 bonus to individual taxpayers with taxable income between \$80,000 and \$90,000
- A \$250 bonus to individual taxpayers with taxable income between \$90,000 and \$100,000
- A single income bonus of \$900 will be paid for every family eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B (FTB B).



Out and about in Kingsford Smith.

A \$950 bonus will be paid to:

- Families eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB A) with children aged 4-18 as at 3 February 2009.
- A payment will be received for each child in the family in this age range.

- People in receipt of study-related income support from Centrelink who are undertaking training or study to re-enter the workforce.

In these difficult economic times the Rudd Government's bonuses will help a lot.

Around the playgrounds

Claremont College at Coogee has taken on the challenge of making their school more sustainable



Here I am with Principal Doug Thomas and some very keen students planting a tree in the school grounds.

Early last year Claremont College, with assistance of a Federal Government "National Framework on Values Education" grant, held a Parent Forum on Sustainability. The college developed a sustainability plan with one of the first steps an energy audit. The school community then developed strategies to reduce their carbon footprint.

I attended a recent breakfast fun fair and saw the school's commitment to making a difference. Later at assembly I was pleased to hear what students from each year are doing to make a difference.

Help for small business

Small businesses will benefit from Rudd Government's economic stimulus plan

Small businesses are the engine room of the Australian economy and are often the first to feel the effects of an economic downturn.

Kingsford Smith small businesses will be able to claim a bonus deduction of 30 per cent for eligible assets costing \$1,000 or more that they:

- acquire or start to hold under a contract entered into between 13 December 2008 and the end of June 2009, or start to construct between these times, and
- have installed ready for use by the end of June 2010.

They will also be able to claim a bonus deduction of 10 per cent for

eligible assets costing \$1,000 or more that they:

- acquire or start to hold under a contract entered into between July 2009 and December 2009, or start to construct between these times, and
- have installed ready for use by December 2010.

For all other businesses, the asset threshold is \$10,000.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Businesses in the trades and building industries are encouraged to register their details at www.det.nsw.gov.au



It was great to meet two Maroubra locals, Angela Chen and Milton Antonian. There is no doubt these young leaders have bright futures and seeing them in the Parliament at the National Schools Constitutional Convention was a reminder of how much our youth have to offer.

Energy Efficiency Hotline

Ring 1800 808 571 or go to www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency for more information about our Energy Efficient Homes Packages

Bushfire Big Bash

20,000 people raise more than \$200,000 for bushfire victims



With local cricketer Dave Warner after the game.

A crowd of 20,000 people attended a fundraising Twenty20 cricket match at the SCG to raise money for the victims of Victoria's Black Saturday bushfires.

While Steve Waugh's XI beat Mark Taylor's XI by 19 runs, the scoreboard results were less important than the money raised - more than \$200,000.

Everyone – players and spectators

– acknowledged the tragedy of the bushfires and responded generously.

Playing with others whose cricket skills varied was all part of the fun of the day but what a thrill to pull off a running catch to get Mark Taylor out off the bowling of Anthony Mundine.

All in all, it was a real buzz to be out on the G contributing to this fundraising event.



Steve Waugh's XI, umpires Sir Michael Parkinson and Mike Whitney, plus Liam the game mascot and Mark Taylor's 12th man, Aiden Buchanen, from Kinglake Victoria.

Maxine visits La Perouse

It was a pleasure to host a visit from **Maxine McKew**, the Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care.

Maxine visited two programs for which she is responsible:

- Gujaga MACS (Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services) which provides long day care; and
- HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) – a home-based tutoring program. We talked to administrators and parents/home tutors about how the program is helping children make the transition to primary school.

The government recently announced renewed funding for HIPPY La Perouse for a further four years so this successful program can continue.



Maxine and I enjoying the children's singing at Gujaga MACS.

Aboriginal Health College opens at Little Bay



I visited the newly opened Aboriginal Health College at Little Bay. This purpose-built facility will train Aboriginal health workers in a range of crucial skills which they will then take back to their communities. I was moved to present the College with a framed print commemorating the anniversary of the Prime Minister's historic Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Government grants

Have you ever considered that you may be eligible for government funding? Every day governments – federal, state and local – award grants to individuals and organisations following a formal application process. The grants may be for ongoing programs to one-off projects.

I am always pleased to advise organisations in my electorate of successful grant applications.

RECENT SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

Oceanlinx, a Botany-based renewable energy company, received a \$2.95 million **Climate Ready** grant.

Anglicare received 2 grants of \$1.2 million to establish 2 **Personal Helpers and Mentors** centres at Maroubra/La Perouse and Randwick/Kingsford.

Maroubra RSL Sub-Branch will receive \$2154 for two plaques at the Maroubra RSL war memorial commemorating the 90th anniversary of the end of World War I. The **Saluting their Service** program supports projects and activities that commemorate Australia's servicemen and women.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

The **Local Sporting Champions** program encourages junior sportsmen and women with funding towards travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment for people who compete at official state or national sporting competitions. For more information www.ausport.gov.au