

## ANZAC DAY

THE ANNUAL DAWN SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY APRIL 25, 5.30AM AT COOGEE BEACH.

I look forward seeing you there for a beautiful, solemn service jointly produced by Randwick City Council and the Coogee, Randwick and Clovelly Sub-Branches.

For further information about ANZAC Day Services please contact:  
 Randwick City Council [www.randwick.nsw.gov.au](http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au) or **1300 722 542**  
 Waverley City Council [www.waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au) or **(02) 9083 8000**



## MUSIC FOR REFUGEES

My office continues to be a drop-off point for this wonderful charity. If you have any instruments to donate, please bring them to the office during business hours. More information about Music for Refugees can be found here:

<https://musicforrefugees.org/>

## HOLDSWORTH COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS

My office is hosting Holdsworth Community for a number of drop-in sessions. If you are looking for support or services to help you or a loved one, come to their FREE drop in support to find out about the NDIS and Aged Care funded services, and have your questions answered by their team of specialists. If you would like help registering with MyAgedCare, please contact **Leanne Blackley on 9302 3600** to book in a time.

<b>Wednesday, 26 February</b>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday, 4 March</b>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday, 25 March</b>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday, 15 April</b>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday, 6 May</b>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday, 3 June</b>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday, 17 June</b>	10am-12pm



## BAYSIDE WOMEN'S SHELTER

My Coogee Electorate Office is proudly a drop-off point for Bayside Women's Shelter, a best practice refuge in South-East Sydney, providing short-term accommodation and support to women and their children escaping domestic and family violence. Please keep your eye on their Facebook page as they advertise items as they are needed and they do not accept used toys and clothes: <https://www.facebook.com/BaysideWomensshelter/>



BE SURE TO TUNE IN TO MY COOGEE VOICE PODCAST, AVAILABLE ON YOUR FAVOURITE PODCAST STREAMING PLATFORM.

# MOBILE OFFICES

**TUESDAY 10 MARCH, 7:30AM-9:00AM**  
 Bus Stop, Alfred St at Birrell St, Waverley

**FRIDAY 8 MAY, 7:30-9:00AM**  
 Bondi Junction Interchange  
 Grafton Street Entrance, Bondi Junction

**THURSDAY 30 APRIL, 4:30-6:30PM**  
 Royal Randwick Shopping Centre  
 Belmore Road Entrance, Randwick

**WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE, 10:00AM-12:00PM**  
 Randwick City Library - Margaret Martin Library  
 73 Belmore Road, Randwick

# COFFEE WITH A POLLIE

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH, 10:00AM-12:00PM**  
 Savta Café  
 5/4-12 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction

**SATURDAY 23 MAY, 10:00AM-11:30AM**  
 Isabella's at the Spot  
 29 St Paul Street, Randwick

**SATURDAY 28 MARCH, 9.00AM-10.30AM**  
 The Diver Café  
 250 Arden Street, Coogee

**SATURDAY 20 JUNE, 10:00AM-11:30AM**  
 Isabella's Italian & Seafood Restaurant  
 183 Alison Road, Randwick

**SATURDAY 18 APRIL, 9:00AM-11:00AM**  
 Two Ones  
 211 Clovelly Road, Randwick

## JP SERVICE

For those requiring a Justice of the Peace, we have a Justice of the Peace service available at the Coogee Electorate Office every **Wednesday from 10am -11am.**

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# Dr Marjorie O'Neill

YOUR MEMBER FOR COOGEE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO 2020!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A RESTFUL AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER BREAK.

Over the summer holidays, the bushfires were devastating. I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to those who have been volunteering and working to ensure the safety of those in bushfire-affected areas.

The bushfires have seen the worst air quality ever recorded, with many in the community developing respiratory issues as a result. In order to assist, I personally purchased P2 face masks that are free for collection at my office for those who need them. You can also stay up to date with air quality updates through the NSW Government Planning, Industry and Environment website.

It is that time of the year again when we trade wearing a swimsuit for putting on school clothes and getting ready to learn! Whether you are changing schools or starting a new class, going back to school is an exciting time of year. Real learning means paying attention and staying curious. I wish all the kids and families in my electorate a great year of learning, inspiration, and happiness!

Randwick Council has launched their campaign to help clean up our beaches. We all know that what we do on the streets and at home has a direct consequence for the ocean. As part of the campaign, we are encouraged to adopt a drain and take steps to prevent rubbish from entering them and ending up on our beach. I have adopted Derek the Drain on Frenchman's Road. I would encourage everyone to find out about this campaign and consider adopting your own drain.

Since being elected in March last year, I have enjoyed meeting with many constituents,



Marjorie with Derek the Drain

businesses and community groups in our area. For those I am yet to meet, please contact my office, I would love to meet you and find out how we can work together.

Warmly,

Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP  
 Member for Coogee

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## THANK YOU COOGEE: SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN WIN



AFTER MONTHS OF PRESSURE FROM THE LABOR OPPOSITION, THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY, THE MEDIA, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, OUR VOCAL LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE NSW LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY AGREED TO RETURN CARDIAC SURGERY TO THE SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RANDWICK.

This commitment by the Government is a fantastic result for our grassroots community campaign to Save Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick. The months of campaigning involving doctors, nurses, state and federal MPs, the families of patients, and the wider community has ensured the best interests of seriously ill children will be prioritised.

Thank you to all those who signed and returned the Save the Children's Hospital Randwick petition. We have received more than 8000 responses, while the online petition on change.org

has received over 60,000 signatures. It has been this overwhelming support which has led to the Government reversing their decision.

This decision is long overdue. What we now seek are some clear commitments from the Government regarding funding for emergency and elective cardiac surgery. Parents across our electorate rightly expect that if they bring their child to a children's hospital, they will have immediate access to the appropriate medical intervention.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

The recipients of the 2019 Community Building Partnership Grants will be announced in late March this year. Congratulations to the worthy recipients of grants to build much-needed community infrastructure in our electorate.

The 2020 Community Building Partnership application process will be open between May

and September. If you would like to be kept updated on the Community Building Partnership Grant, or if have any questions about the grant process or other grants which may be available to your organisation, please contact the Coogee Electorate Office via email at [coogee@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:coogee@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or phone (02) 9398 1822.



Marjorie speaking at the Save Our Buses Rally

## SAVE OUR BUSES

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED AND RETURNED MY PETITION TO STOP THE PRIVATISATION OF OUR EASTERN SUBURBS BUS SERVICES. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING, AND IT IS NOW CLEARER THAN EVER THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS UNITED IN THE FIGHT TO KEEP OUR BUSES IN PUBLIC HANDS.

We have been successful in reaching our target of 10,000 signatures, which will allow me to table the petition in the Lower House of NSW State Parliament. This will trigger a debate on bus privatisation.

We will table the petition during the first parliamentary sitting month of the year and debate the privatisation during the following weeks. If you would like to be included on a mailing list for updates on our progress in this fight, please contact my office.

Thank you also to all who attended our rally in High Cross Park late last year, where we heard from local business owners and community members about the potential impact of bus privatisation. At the rally, I reaffirmed my commitment to continue fighting to keep our local bus network in public hands.

Since Premier Berejiklian and her Liberal-National government announced the bus privatisation, the public has received no further information about the future of bus services in the Eastern Suburbs, either related to the completion of the Kingsford leg of the Light Rail or in relation to the privatisation.

Keeping our buses is essential, especially as the current light rail travel time averages approximately 50 minutes, which is significantly longer than an average bus journey. We need a multi-modal public transport system, where buses and the light rail work together to achieve the goals of busting congestion and reducing the environmental impact of commuting, whilst still getting people where they need to go safely and on time.

There is still more to do in ensuring the important changes are made. If you have not signed a petition, you can still do so by downloading a version from my website or contacting my office directly.



## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

With students and parents now back into the school commute, I am eager to help improve the safety of these journeys and encourage as many people as possible to choose an active route to school. This year I will be running the first Coogee School Safety Survey, which you can fill out at the link below:

[www.nswschoolsafety.com/coogee](http://www.nswschoolsafety.com/coogee)

The survey is a chance for parents, carers and school personnel to report any concerns about the roads, footpaths, crossings and corners that students and their guardians use to get to and from school. Your responses will help us find ways to improve safety and encourage more families to walk and ride to school. We can then work with your school, the State Government and the local council to improve specific locations.



## ST PATRICK'S DAY

In solidarity with the large and vibrant Irish community in the Coogee electorate, we would like to invite you to join us for a St Patrick's Day breakfast. The morning will commence with an Irish football demonstration on Coogee Beach, followed by a full Irish breakfast (complete with a Guinness or Jamesons) and entertainment at the Coogee Legion Club. All proceeds of the day will go to the Irish Support Agency!

Purchase tickets at: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/st-patrick-s-day-celebration-and-fundraiser>

For further information, please consult our Facebook page or call (02) 9398 1822.



I am delighted that a finalist from Coogee was nominated as the 2020 NSW Businesswoman of the Year. Stephanie Reuss, along with her business partner Victoria Stuart, left behind corporate careers to start Beam Australia, an online marketplace for career-worthy part-time roles.

Today, Beam also provides consulting to some of Australia's top organisations to help them unlock the benefits of flexibility — more productive, happier and inclusive workplaces.

<https://beamaustralia.com.au/>