

Thank you for taking an interest in what happens locally. Here's some of what's happening at Council ... and how to have a say.

Failing to protect our remaining trees 🌳🙄

I'm disappointed that many of my fellow councillors did not support protecting our existing trees from the disastrous 10/50 vegetation clearing code, including mayor Philip Ruddock. Hornsby [is the third worst council in Sydney](#) for tree loss. Instead, a majority of councillors opted to request a review (which we've already done, and which is three years overdue) - and a workshop.

Instead, we should be asking for an exemption for the Bushland Shire.

Why are we planting 25,000 new trees if we are not doing everything we can to protect our existing ones? We can't continue with the contradiction that we love trees, value trees, we want to spend millions planting more of them, and yet let 10/50 continue to do its damage.

Let me know if you'd like me to add your name to an open letter to Matt Kean asking for an urgent review & exemption.

You can see which councillors voted for and against the Motion [here](#) when the Minutes are published on Friday 15 August.

Waste: what's next? ☐

Council's Waste Strategy is coming soon - and it's a big deal. Why? It explains how we will manage the collection and disposal of our waste for the next decade. It is likely to be put on public exhibition for your comment from 18 September. I'll post details nearer the time about how to find it and how to have a say.

The climate is in crisis... and we are fighting back! 🙌🙌🙌

Excited about this campaign? You should be!

If Council declared a climate emergency and reduced emissions, it would be the first Liberal-dominated council in the country to do so. It would send a powerful message to state & federal governments that residents want governments to protect the people and places we local from climate breakdown 😊👏

- Over 2,000 of your friends & neighbours have signed their support
- Businesses, churches and community groups are expressing their support
- Councillors are receiving more & more emails from residents who support Council taking tough measures to reduce emissions and declare a climate emergency.

Join thousands of others across the Shire in supporting this campaign!

1. email all ten councillors with a simple statement that you support action on climate: councillors@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
2. send your email as a letter to the editor of a local paper (addresses below)
3. let me know if you want to join the growing group of residents organising this huge campaign

- Attend the 18 September meeting when the Council will vote on whether to declare a climate emergency: speeches & photos from 5.30pm; meeting 6.30pm

WHEN: Wednesday 18 September 5.30pm outside the Chamber for photos and presentation of the signatures and petitions; 6.30pm Council meeting and debate starts.

WHERE: Council chamber 296 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby, opposite the Hornsby Aquatic Centre and eight minutes' walk from Hornsby station.

Buses in Cherrybrook ... We need them back - now! 🚌🚌🚌

Hundreds of people attended the public meeting I organised with residents in Cherrybrook - but not one MP showed up.



I continue to receive emails and message from residents distressed at the changes and cancellations by the state government.

[Watch Greens MP Abigail Boyd](#) ask a Question about whether the buses were cancelled to increase metro patronage. The response is extraordinary: the government knew that 80% of passengers still used the buses after the metro opened, and they cancelled them anyway.

Sign the petition [here](#). It is likely to be tabled in the NSW Parliament soon.

Our LSPS (What's that ?)

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is a new document that sets out a 20-year vision for land use in Hornsby. The state government wants every council to prepare one.

Why should I look at it?

It shows places that might change in the future; areas of special character and importance; planning priorities for Council.

Should I have a say?

Yes! Do you agree that future growth should be concentrated around Hornsby? Do you agree that protecting against climate change, bushfires and flooding should be the very last of eight key priorities? Are you satisfied with the protection given to heritage in our Shire?

The LSPS will be [available here](#) from Monday 19 August.

There are pop ups where you can attend to find out more:

- Hornsby station 22 August 6am-8am²
- Hornsby Mall 22 August 10-12 noon
- Galston 24 August 9am - 11am
- Cherrybrook 24 August 1-3pm
- Location TBA Tuesday 10 September 11am - 1pm
- Hornsby Park (outside Aquatic Centre) Tuesday 10 September 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Galton shopping village Saturday 14 September 1pm - 3pm
- Thornleigh Brickpit Saturday 21 September 9am - 11am

PLUS there is a riverboat cruise ... a scenic journey on the Hawkesbury River where consultants will be talking about the past in order to better understand the future and the nature of change!

Date: Saturday 21 September

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Riverboat Postman, Brooklyn wharf

Details coming soon [here](#).

Clothing disposal

6000kg of clothing is dumped in landfill every ten minutes. If you're looking for an alternative, here are two options. (Plus there are always Vinnies and other charity collection bins.)

Clothing cleanup is a commercial operation run by King Cotton. They collect wearable clothing, handbags, shoes, accessories and manchester from your home. Collection is free. Book [online here](#). Note: they do not collect from Dangar Island, Forest Glen, Glenorie and Maroota

If you live in an apartment, **Clothing Away** (a not-for-profit) can organise a bin for your apartment waste room. Learn [more here](#).

As always, if you need more information or have questions, email or text me straight away & I'll always do my best to help.

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Very best wishes,

Emma ✨

Photo below: there is overwhelming support from across the Shire for Council declaring a climate emergency and helping protect the people & places we love!



Let's get our buses back in Cherrybrook! Sign your support [here](#) and let me know if you're keen to join the campaign.



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