

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our lovely part of Sydney. Here's what's happening locally - and how to have a say.

Trees: we are half way there!

We are planting to 12,500th tree this coming week - half way through the 25,000 trees program. I visited trees planted in Brooklyn in June: they're loving the recent rain. And the new turpentines on my street are covered in new pink leaves.

Telling it like it is: we are in an emergency

Former oil & gas boss Ian Dunlop was in Hornsby to do some truth-telling about the state of the climate. It's not good news. If countries implement their Paris commitments (which is unlikely), we are on target for warming of 3 degrees. Defence and security experts have said that will leave the planet in a state of 'outright chaos'. We are already at 1 degree of warming which is the tipping point for Arctic sea ice and the West Antarctic.

We have to act fast to keep the places and people we love safe.

We can't stop the Amazon and Arctic burning; we can't influence politics in the US and China and India. But we can act locally and change Australia's politics.

It is ONLY political will that is missing. And a noisy, outspoken community can change that.

I am calling on Council to:

1. declare a climate emergency
2. rapidly bring down its emissions in line with the latest science

How you can help

- send an email to all ten councillors saying you support tough action on climate: councillors@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
- sign and share the [petition online](#)
- attend the Council meeting 5.30pm Wednesday 18 September. Let's pack the gallery!

Hillbus services: where's our public meeting??

We are all still waiting for the return of services across Cherrybrook, West Pennant Hills and the Hills. We are also still waiting for the public meeting with Transport for NSW that our local MP promised. No sign of either.

My next action? I am putting up a Motion at Council on 18 September that Council call on the state government to return services immediately. All residents are welcome to come and speak at the meeting. Sign the [online petition here](#).

The LSPS and why you should have a say

The Local Strategic Planning Statement does several important things. It states that:

- future development will be in Hornsby town centres to protect low-density suburbs
- Pennant Hills town centre is in need of 'revitalisation and renewal'
- we are vulnerable to bushfires, flooding and extreme urban heat as the climate crisis intensifies
- 72% of us work outside Hornsby Shire
- with current levels of tree removal, we will have no urban tree canopy in 37 years.

Here are some of my early comments on areas for improvement:

- The LSPS lists 8 key priorities. Adaptation to climate change should be first, not last.
- The LSPS needs to acknowledge that our current federal emissions reduction targets align with temperature rises incompatible with organised human society.
- The LSPS should state that new buildings should all be six-star [NABERS](#) rated
- Industrial waste must be measured and factored into our overall production of waste for Hornsby Shire

View the draft LSPS and have your say [here](#). Your email can be as short or lengthy as you choose. Feel free to use my comments above in your submission.

Submissions close 16 October: future@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

BEE: you're invited!

Being Environmentally Aware is a series of workshops for those of us who want to minimise our environmental impact, and share ideas on doing it. At each session we will share ideas, share afternoon tea and plan thoughtful initiatives. They are run by residents Sue Day and Bindi Shah and myself.

Venue: Beecroft Scout Hall

Cost: \$5 to cover hall hire and afternoon tea

Workshop 2

2-4pm Sunday 8 September

Let's talk waste!

Where does ours go? How can we produce less waste personally? As a family? As a community? Bring along your top tips on using less and recycling more.

Workshop 3

2-4pm Sunday 13 October

Let's talk travel & gardening!

What are your favourite strategies for environmentally-friendly travel? Have you got ideas or gadgets that allow you to travel (locally, domestically or internationally) with a little less impact on the planet? And bring your top sustainable gardening tips too.

Workshop 4

2-4pm Sunday 10 November

Let's talk food!

Buying, lugging it home, storing, cooking ... Come along and share all your ideas on food while being environmentally engaged.

2020/21 projects: sports facilities upgrades

Upgrades to sporting facilities happening in 2020-21 include:

- work on Brooklyn Park tennis courts
- floodlighting at Cheltenham oval and Parklands Oval Mt Colah
- irrigation and surface renewals at James Henty Oval Dural and Foxglove Oval Mt Colah

Playground improvements 🙌

Council has allocated funding for upgrades of the following playgrounds this financial year and next.

2019-20

Roslyn Park Cherrybrook; Brickpit Park, Thornleigh; Aunulla Reserve, Wahroongah; Davidson Park, Normanhurst; Oxley Reserve, Mt Colha; Ruddock Park, Westleigh;

2020-21

The Lakes of Cherrybrook (including park furniture); Hopeville Park Hornsby Heights; Richards Close Berowra; Thomas Thomson Reserve, Cherrybrook; Wisemans Ferry Reserve (includes tennis court work).

Waste: our strategy for collection & disposal 🌱

The draft Waste Strategy is contained in the documents for the 18 September meeting available from 10 September [here](#).

It's a fascinating read - particularly the dilemma we are in about where to send our red bin waste. I'll email again with more information when the document is on public exhibition. Please let me know if you'd like me to send you more details about the Strategy & how to make a submission later this month.

Have a lovely week enjoying the smells and flowers of Spring. Let me know when you first hear a channel-bill cuckoo!

Emma ☀️

Photos

Top row: the new dino playground at Darlington Reserve in Cherrybrook; campaigning for climate support in North Epping; Sarah, Grant and Sophia speaking on 2HHH radio with me

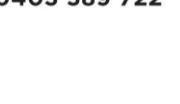
Middle row: at Cherrybrook campaigning for climate action; a map showing how far people in Cherrybrook have to drive, walk or catch a bus to get to the new metro; a cake to celebrate 4 weeks of campaigning for a climate emergency

Bottom row: thousands of new trees and shrubs in Brooklyn; Ian Dunlop in Hornsby; winners at the RFS annual awards night.



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PS - if you no longer need these emails, please let me know!

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