

**BUDGET
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Budget '23

The Minns Labor Government's long-term plan to fix the NSW Economy



Confront the **housing crisis** facing NSW.



Rebuild **essential services** after 12 years of neglect.



Help with **cost-of-living** pressures.



Pay down the previous **Liberal Government's debt** after wasteful spending and mismanagement of the State's finances.



Ensure we have reliable, **renewable energy** after a decade of inaction and indecision.

Dear Resident,

My Government understands that people in NSW are doing it tough right now and it's becoming increasingly difficult for families to make ends meet.

We hear your concerns and are working hard to find ways to help.

When we were elected in March, we committed to the people of NSW that we would end the previous Government's wasteful spending and direct it to where people need it most.

We have a long-term plan to repair, reprioritise and rebuild the NSW economy.

In our first budget we have laid the foundation for a better, more secure future for NSW in three key ways:

- **Rebuilding our essential health and education services by addressing the recruitment and retention crisis in our schools and hospitals;**
- **Confronting the housing affordability crisis by reducing red tape to build more new homes, providing immediate support for renters and first-home buyers; and**
- **Supporting households with energy bill relief and starting the long-term reform of our energy market to put downward pressure on prices into the future.**

We are a Government with a clear focus on managing our finances responsibly so we can provide support when you need it most and improve the essential services that we all rely on, now and into the future.

Chris Minns MP
Premier of NSW

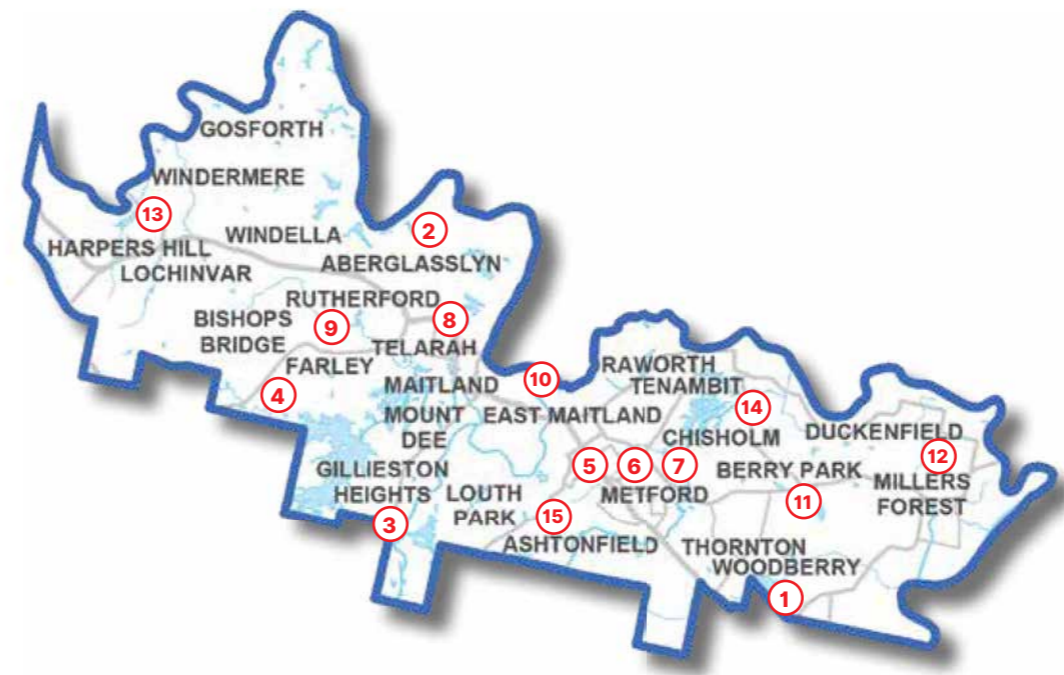


- 1 **Duplication of the Thornton Rail Bridge**
 \$15 million to commence planning and early work.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 2 **Melville Ford Bridge**
 \$8.5 million for bridge raising and upgrades Melville Ford and Maitland Vale Roads.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 3 **Gillieston Public School Redevelopment**
 \$3 million investment in public education infrastructure.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 4 **Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund**
 \$1.9 million to Maitland Council for road repairs and patching potholes.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 5 **Maitland Hospital & Maitland Integrated Community and Community Mental Health Service**
 \$10.4 million in infrastructure at the new hospital site.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 6 **Addressing the nursing and midwifery shortages in our hospital**
 By making 1,112 temporary nurse and midwife positions permanent and recruiting an extra 1,200 nurses statewide.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 7 **Recruiting and retaining health workers**
 \$2.5 billion to deliver the largest pay increase in more than a decade and new salary packaging benefits for health care workers.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 8 **Boosting regional paramedic numbers**
 By recruiting an extra 500 rural and regional paramedics right across NSW.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 9 **Action on the social housing crisis in Maitland**
 Over \$3 million investment in new properties and maintenance this year.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 10 **Repair and Rebuild Hunter River Flood Mitigation Scheme**
 \$20 million investment in rectification of Flood Mitigation assets.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 11 **Power Bill assistance for 11,110 households in the Maitland Electorate**
 On top of the National Energy Bill Relief Payment introduced in July 2023, the NSW Government is providing eligible households with a \$500 electricity rebate.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 12 **Addressing the teacher shortage crisis with pay**
 By securing a historic pay rise for the more than 670 teachers who live in Maitland, ensuring they are the best paid in the country.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 13 **Addressing the teacher shortage crisis with permanency**
 Making 187 teachers and support staff in Maitland permanent.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 14 **Supporting families with child care fee relief**
 Provides \$500 per child for 3-year-olds in Long Day Care settings across Maitland.
 ✓ UNDERWAY
- 15 **Delivering \$400,000 to community organisations across Maitland**
 Including Early Links, Carries Place, Got Your Back Sister, Maitland Against Domestic Violence and Maitland Family Support, Maitland Palliative Care, Maitland Showground.
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DELIVERING FOR MAITLAND

Electorate of Maitland




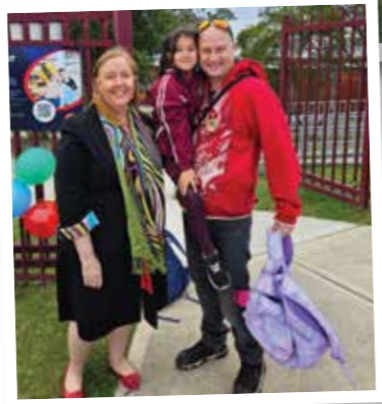
Cost Of Living Relief

The Minns Government will provide rebates to help families with their energy bills, council rates and childcare costs.



Our Community Organisations

The Minns Government will provide funding to local organisations to benefit and enhance our community wellbeing.

Rebuilding Essential Services

The Minns Government are investing in the people who provide our essential services- our teachers, our nurses, our paramedics and emergency workers.



Community Noticeboard



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Free Suicide Prevention Training

Suicide prevention training can help you identify the signs of suicide and connect people to supports.

This training is suitable for parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, employees, and those who are involved in the lives of young people.

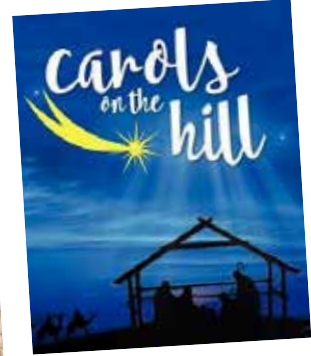
If you're part of a community, sports or parents' group that would be interested in hosting a 4-hour SafeTALK training session (minimum of 20 people), please contact LivingWorks Australia on 0493 757 068. This training is fully funded by NSW Health through the NSW Government's Mental Health Recovery Package.



It's Toy Drive Time

This month you can do your bit to bring some extra Christmas cheer to children in our community by dropping new unwrapped toys or gift cards for older children off to my electorate office.

The office is a drop off point for the Susan Roskell Toy Drive, run by Todd, Penny and Lachie up until 17th November. You can also make a financial donation via their website susanroskelltoyandgiftdrive.org. From November 18th toy donations will be for my annual toy drive which distributes to local support organisations.



Carols on the Hill

The 8th of December 2023 - Mark this date in your calendar for this year's Carols on the Hill hosted by St. Peter's Anglican Church of East Maitland.

A family-friendly community event for everyone to come along and enjoy singing your favourite carols.

Maitland Region Community Support

If you are experiencing challenges and need support, reach out to the wonderful team at Maitland Region Community Support.

Located at 11-13 Arthur Street Rutherford, the staff and volunteers have, for over 30 years, worked with other community services to provide practical support, programs and strategic referrals to specialist services 5 days a week.

Drop in or call the team on (02) 4932 0950.

MOBILE OFFICES 2023

FRIDAY 19 JANUARY	9-11am Bruce Street Community Hall 22 Bruce Street East Maitland	12-2pm Noel Unicomb Community Hall Kookaburra Parade Woodberry	3-5pm Morpeth School of Arts High Street, Morpeth
SATURDAY 20 JANUARY	11am-2pm Gillieston Community Hub Redwood Drive Gillieston Heights	3-6pm Rutherford Community Centre Arthur Street Rutherford	
SUNDAY 21 JANUARY	9-11am Pat Hughes Community Centre Taylor Avenue Thornton	12-2pm Lochinvar School of Arts New England Highway Lochinvar	
SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY	9am -1pm Maitland Markets Blomfield Steet South Maitland		

ALWAYS HERE TO HELP



If I can help with any State Government matter please contact me at my office on (02) 4933 1617 or email at maitland@parliament.nsw.gov.au

