

Lake Macquarie Matters

Budget delivers, but just not enough HITS AND MISSES



It's taken the best part of a decade but we've been able to get \$35m in State funds to upgrade Hillsborough Road and the dangerous Crockett Street intersection.

That's great news, but last month's State budget fell short of delivering funds for other bottlenecks at Speers Point, Morisset, Fennell Bay and Argenton.

The first stage of the Hillsborough Road work will see traffic lights installed at the Crockett Street intersection and the road widened to

four lanes to Baker Street.

The second stage, also funded, will fix the intersection at Chadwick Street and widen the road to four lanes on the remaining stretch to the Newcastle bypass.

This is a great win for us and for the people of Cardiff South who put their lives on the line every time they pull out of Crockett Street.

Concept designs are almost done and will soon go out for public comment.

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Welcome

Hello and welcome to my July update.

How good is it living in Lake Macquarie where we've been mostly insulated from the global Covid-19 catastrophe? We haven't had a case of community

transmission in the area since August last year and, touching wood, that's because we've made good decisions, stuck together, had a fair bit of luck and some fantastic frontline workers.

Covid aside, we've had a huge amount happening locally over the past few months so there's plenty to update you on in this mid-year newsletter.

I hope it finds you and your family well.

Best regards,



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Key Budget highlights for Lake Macquarie

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| ☑ \$35m for Hillsborough Rd. | ☑ \$132,000 for Balcolyn boat ramp. |
| ☑ \$3m for Boolaroo lead compo scheme. | ☑ \$400,000 for this year's Community Building Partnership program. |
| ☑ \$2.25m for commuter car parks at Morisset, Cardiff and Fassifern. | ☑ \$314,000 to upgrade Alkington Ave Park at Fishing Point and assist Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council. |
| ☑ \$1.185m for additional social housing maintenance. | ☑ Regional Seniors Travel Card scheme extended for another two years. |
| ☑ \$12.17m to continue planning for Fassifern-Hexham freight rail link. | |

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On the downside of that, we still have some significant traffic issues which need attention, most notably the Speers Point roundabout, the Morisset roundabout and choke points at Fennell Bay and Argenton.

These issues remain among my highest priorities. While it's disappointing they didn't get specific funding in the Budget, there are other pots of road funding which we could target over the coming year, and I'll certainly be doing that.

On a more positive note, we had some other good wins in this year's budget.

Our campaign for better commuter parking at Morisset, Cardiff and Fassifern stations has borne fruit. The government has allocated \$2.25m for planning 180 new spaces at Morisset, 110 new spaces at Cardiff and 72 at Fassifern.

The other big win which sadly got very little media attention is a three-year, \$3m extension to the Boolaroo Lead Mitigation Scheme. This is the scheme which delivers financial assistance to people in the Boolaroo area whose properties were left impacted by Pasmenco's legacy contamination.

The scheme was due to finish this year, but we've successfully secured not only an extension, but a massive increase in the funds available.

\$250 travel card for local seniors



Seniors living in my State electorate of Lake Macquarie are again eligible for the 2021 Regional Seniors Travel Card.

The card comes with \$250 credit to cover transport costs on public transport, or can be used for petrol in your private vehicle.

You're eligible for the card if you're receiving the Aged Pension or if you're a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Holder. You're also eligible if you're receiving one of the following via the Department of Veterans' Affairs – aged pension, service pension, war widow(er) pension, or disability pension under the Veteran's Entitlements Act.

Applications for this year's card are now open and will close on November 30. Also, the scheme was extended for two years in this year's state budget.

For more information, call my office on 4959-3200, call into the Service NSW.



It's been a very long campaign, but Wyee is finally connected

When Winston and Dianne James bought and built their new home in Wyee in 1983, they were told the town would be connected to the main sewer network in two years.

Almost 40 years and thousands of septic tank pump outs later, they're finally connected!

I was really thrilled to join them at a small celebration last month to mark the completion of the \$36m Wyee sewer connection scheme. State Water Minister Melinda Pavey and Hunter Water boss Darren Cleary also called in to see the difference that the government's investment will make to the lives of people like Winston and Dianne.

I think my first battle for sewer connection at Wyee was about two decades ago when I was

on Lake Macquarie council. Governments, both Labor and Liberal, have come and gone and we just couldn't get the support from them we needed.

Countless battles, meetings and ministerial letters later, it was former Premier Mike Baird who finally stepped up to the plate and promised the required funding. That initial funding was later increased significantly so the pipelines could be built with enough capacity to cope with the growth that Wyee will undoubtedly see over the coming years.

With new housing developments in the area, a new look and upgraded railway station, a new RFS base and a new shopping village under construction, Wyee really is coming into its own. It's a fantastic local community, and I couldn't be happier to have worked with them to get these things done.

My thanks again to the Wyee community for their patience and support throughout the long fight!

Any Wyee resident still needing more information on how to connect their homes to the new system should phone Hunter Water on 1300 657 657



Powering up with community grants

Each year, about \$400,000 is made available for small local infrastructure grants in the Lake Macquarie electorate.

These small grants can assist local sporting, cultural or community groups improve their facilities or equipment.

Among the 18 recipients of this year's grants was Teralba Amateur Sailing Club which secured a \$10,000 grant to buy a new motor for its support boat (pictured). Without it, the club wouldn't be able to run its weekend sailing and training events, regattas or State title events.



Information on eligibility is on the State Government's Community Building Partnership website. Applications for this year's grants recently closed, but if your group would like to know more about accessing the next round of grants, give my office a call and we can provide all the details.

Private Harry to be remembered in BOOLAROO BOOM

Costco is on target to open its doors at Boolaroo in a few months' time, creating several hundred new jobs and generating about \$60m in economic activity annually in the local area.

This economic boost could not have come at a better time for Lake Macquarie as we continue to recover from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Back in April, I attended a small function at the site to officially name the access road into Costco Cressy Road. The name honours former Boolaroo resident and decorated ex-serviceman Private Henry (Harry) Cressy.

Harry was a locomotive driver at Pasminco before he joined the Australian Imperial Force in WWI. He sadly lost his life in the Battle of Fromelles on July 19, 1916, but his legacy will live on in his home town with the naming of Cressy Road.

I was really thrilled to join many of Harry's descendants on the naming day, including many of his grandchildren and great



grandchildren. What a fantastic way to honour Harry's legacy and his service to our country.

It's also great to see the old Pasminco site remediated and entering a new life. It's been a long and difficult road, but we're finally getting there.

When it opens, Costco will be creating 225 ongoing full-time jobs right here in Lake Macquarie, and that's a great thing.

All going well, the doors should be open by August-September.



Cooranbong intersection upgrade

Along with council, we've been able to secure \$4.95m in State funding for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Alton Rd, Freemans Dr and Central Rd at Cooranbong, as well as upgrading and widening the approaches.

It's been a complex problem for some time, and one which was brought into stark relief when 99-year-old Charles Pointon was struck and killed by a car in 2008. I'm very pleased that a good outcome has been negotiated and things can move forward. Work is likely to start in mid 2022.

I also want to acknowledge the great work of Cooranbong Business & Community Alliance and Lake Macquarie City Council for the work they've done on this project.

While we're talking about Cooranbong roads, I've been as frustrated as everyone else by



the situation with Cooranbong bridge. About 8000 vehicles cross that bridge daily, but the problem has been a complex one.

The bridge falls under the council's jurisdiction and not the State Government's, but I was pleased that the Federal government has contributed some money to get the repairs done. The council has secured a successful tenderer, and work will start later this month. All going well, I'm told that the work will take about 3 to 6 months to complete, and that can't come soon enough!

Greg Piper MP

Unexpected honour for Penny and Rob



I had the absolute pleasure of presenting Penny and Rob Furner from Kilaben Bay with a Community Service Award recently.

Like many locals, I've known Penny and Rob for a long time and have always admired their unrelenting efforts to recognise the role played by the RAAF base at Rathmines during WWII and in particular the Catalina flying boats.

As many of you know, Penny and Rob now lead a band of volunteers who are restoring an original Catalina at their home which they secured in Puerto Rico in 2013. They somehow managed to get it shipped home at great personal expense.

In addition to maintaining the Catalina Flying Boat Memorial at Rathmines, Penny and Rob were integral in formulating plans for a memorial museum to accommodate their collection of historic artefacts and the static display of a Catalina flying boat.

Until recently, Penny and Rob were also involved in the organisation of the Rathmines Catalina Festival, the profits from which go towards the construction of the memorial museum.

They are wonderful people and do an extraordinary job for the local community. I'm sure you'd agree, they're very deserving recipients of the annual Community Service Award.



Breaking news from my isolation bunker



As I write this, you may have heard that I was identified as a close contact of a COVID-infected person and was required to isolate at home for two weeks.

I was lucky in that I could isolate at home allowing me to carry out some long neglected projects as well as get exercise in the yard. Of course, with all the technology available to us now I could also carry on with my responsibilities including meetings.

While stuck at home I received the good news that Avondale University College had been accepted as a full university, something that had been worked towards by the institution's leaders and alumni for many years.

Avondale University has in its 124-year history been very important in the local community around southern Lake Macquarie, but with this new recognition I believe will become even more important to the wider Lake Macquarie area and beyond.

On a sadder note, I was informed by our Local Area Commander, Superintendent Danny Sullivan that he'll be taking up a new posting at Dubbo.

Sad for us but no doubt great for Dubbo. It will also provide new challenges and opportunities for Danny and his wife Jane.

I wish them both all the best and I look forward to meeting and working with his replacement.

It's incredible to think that, as I write this, we've now gone 11 months without a single case of community-transmitted Covid-19 in the Newcastle-Lake Macquarie area.

As I've said before, there's probably been a bit of luck in that, but there's predominantly been a whole lot of good management, good leadership and an extraordinary effort by our health agencies and frontline workers.

Almost a million people live in the HNE health district. The global per capita death rate from Covid is currently 427 per million people. In some places, the death rate per million of population is almost 3000. Our local community has had zero deaths.

From our own corner of the world, it's sometimes easy to forget that Covid-19 is in fact a global health catastrophe, and will remain so for some time.

Vaccines remain our only ticket out of this disaster, and to the world reopening and life getting back to some sort of normal.

Covid-19 has claimed more than 4 million lives since March last year, and it will claim millions more if we fail to respond.

Given the well-publicised problems with the AstraZeneca vaccine, I understand the

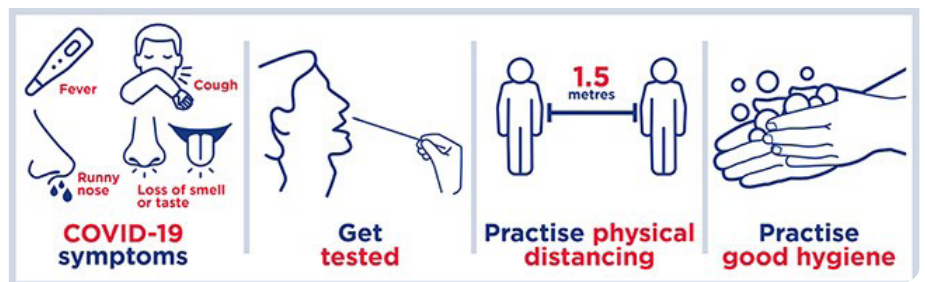


reluctance of some people to be vaccinated, but it's important to remember that problems associated with it are extremely rare around the world.

The bigger problem has been the distribution of the vaccines and the rollout by the Federal Government. It, in my view, has been chaotic, plagued by mismanagement, and well short of the high-standard response we've seen to the pandemic from our State Government.

Our health agencies and professionals are among the best in the world and I strongly believe we can have confidence in their advice and knowledge on vaccines.

Please continue to be vigilant. Hopefully our very enviable record on Covid continues and life gets back to normal for us all soon.



Saretta is our Woman of the Year



Introducing, Lake Macquarie's Woman of the Year, Saretta Fielding from Toronto.

Many of you already know the very talented Saretta and know how deserving she is of this honour.

Saretta, a proud Aboriginal woman from Wonnarua Nation, is an outstanding nationally-acclaimed artist who has not only celebrated the natural beauty of Lake Macquarie in her work but also the traditional culture of her people.

She's also a dedicated advocate for the Aboriginal community.

Saretta was a pioneering board member of Yarreen which aims to build Aboriginal involvement in business.

She is thoroughly deserving of this award and a wonderful member of the Lake Macquarie community.

It was also a great honour to join her in Sydney in March when she was presented with her award in front of a packed Sydney Convention Centre.

Stay up to date on local news



My website and Facebook page are the best ways to keep up to date with local news and announcements in the local area, so make sure you follow both!

Find me on Facebook as Greg Piper MP, while the website is www.gregpiper1.com



Hoons are on notice

We now have a Police Highway Patrol hub based permanently at Morisset Police Station, and these nine officers have already had a significant impact on getting the drugged and drunk drivers off our local roads, as well as a few hoons.

In its first 28 days of operation at Morisset, the patrol arrested 20 drivers for DUI, 16 drivers with drugs in their system, laid 20 criminal charges, issued 22 charges for serious traffic offences and issued 437 traffic infringement notices.

Clearly, we have a problem with drunk and drugged drivers on our roads, but in addition to that we also have a problem with too many people speeding and using mobile phones while behind the wheel.

As a community, we need to own this problem and start doing something about it. Instead of complaining about 'revenue raising', we need to start changing our behaviour. The rate of road fatalities in Lake Macquarie is one-and-a-half times the State average. Speed, alcohol,

drugs and phones are the most common factors in those crashes, and they're all things that we can control and take responsibility for. Having said that, this new hub comes amid our continued push to have the Morisset station manned 24/7.

We've made significant inroads on that front and while I'm confident we'll get the extra police numbers eventually, it's important to remember that decisions about police resources are made by the Police Commissioner, and not the government or politicians.

I've had discussions with Lake Macquarie Regional Commander, Supt Danny Sullivan, the Police Minister and Premier about getting additional general duties police at Morisset, and have built the case that our growing area requires growing police resources.

The response has been encouraging. We got eight additional recruits earlier this year. If we can get another 12 we're a good chance of seeing Morisset open 24/7.



Dine and Discover scheme extended

If you haven't used all your Dine and Discover vouchers yet, you still have time to use them.

Given the recent outbreaks of Covid-19, the government has extended the lifespan of the popular vouchers until August 31.

The 'Dine' vouchers can now be used for take-away meals as well as dine-in options.

This has been a great scheme by the government, but a lot of people surprisingly haven't taken up the free vouchers which offer \$100 worth of value to every NSW resident.

Spending these vouchers locally can provide a direct boost to local businesses which have taken plenty of hits over the past year.

For more information on your vouchers, phone my office or call Service NSW on 13 77 88.

You're always welcome



There's nothing better than having local people join me in the halls of Parliament House in Sydney. Throughout the year, I host many groups who come down for a free tour of Australia's oldest parliament. Each individual tour travels through all the halls of the historic building, and we usually stop for lunch before getting a seat in the chamber for Question Time. Pending future Covid restrictions, I'm able to host school and community groups again. If you're interested in bringing a group down for a few hours, give my office a ring on 4959-3200. Numbers are limited. I recently hosted a student delegation from Heritage College and they were lucky enough to meet the Premier (pictured)!

Need a JP?

I see people on social media looking for a JP almost every day. All of my staff are JPs, so that means my Toronto office has a JP available every day during business hours. If you need documents witnessed or other JP services, simply call in to my Toronto electorate office at 92 Victory Parade, Toronto. No need to make an appointment.

Stalwarts honoured



The Toronto Community Centenary Hub is a vital and well-used resource for a number of local community and cultural groups. I was honoured to recently speak at a special function which acknowledged two exceptional Lake Macquarie residents who were both treasured members of The Hub before sadly passing away earlier this year. Gwen Johnston and John Benning each made significant contributions to The Hub's success. Now they're remembered through two special plaques which I unveiled with the help of their families.

Dam wall repairs



Origin Energy, which owns Eraring Power Station and its adjoining ash dam, will soon lodge a development application to stabilise its troublesome dam wall which fronts Wangi Road. The wall, you'd remember, was identified as being at risk of collapsing if a sizeable earthquake followed a significant rain event, leading to the closure of Myuna Bay Sport and Rec Centre. Origin has since engaged engineers on how best to strengthen the wall. Origin has informed me that they're close to finalising their plans and will get works under way as soon as approval is granted. Will keep you posted on the progress.

New arts pavilion



Work on the new Multi-Arts Pavilion in Speers Point Park is now under way. This will be a great addition to the park and will enable an array of new events to be held there. The NSW Government has contributed \$1.34m towards the cost of the project, with Lake Macquarie City Council contributing the remainder. I joined Arts Minister Don Harwin and Lake Macquarie mayor Kay Fraser at the site recently to mark the start of construction. The pavilion will be able to host events such as outdoor cinema, small live performances as well as digital and visual arts displays. Pictured with the Minister and myself is Samantha Bailey who designed the new pavilion.

Coal ash: inquiry recommends recycling and health checks

Millions of tonnes of coal ash stored in an unlined dam at Eraring Power Station was the focus of a recent parliamentary inquiry.

While the ash has been the subject of much debate in the community, this inquiry looked at the likely cost of remediating the dam, recycling the ash, and the role the State Government should play in that remediation given that it owned and operated the power station and dam for more than 30 years.

The inquiry handed down a raft of recommendations in March, although it was unable to determine what a full remediation might cost.

I've always maintained that the coal ash should be recycled. We know it can be used in concrete products and road surfaces, among other things, and that will go a long way towards eliminating this industrial legacy.

The inquiry's key recommendations included:

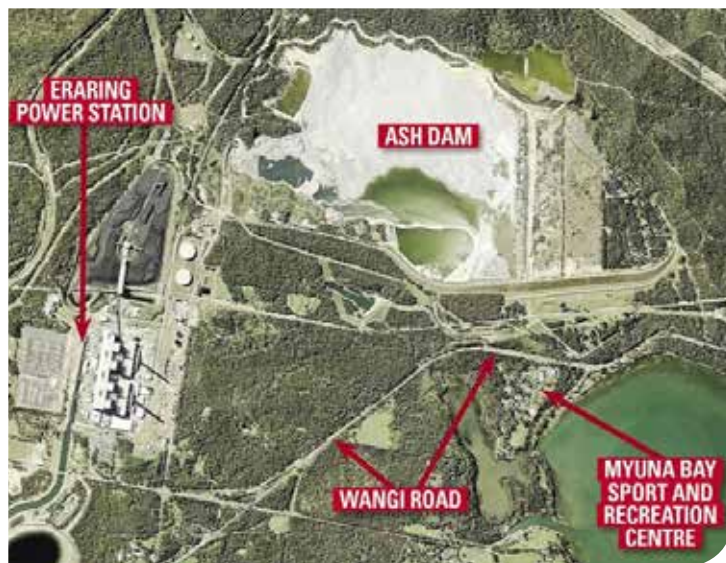
- that State departments mandate the use of recycled coal ash in government infrastructure projects, including roads;
- that Planning NSW establish a taskforce which includes state agencies, unions,

industry and community groups to develop a new strategy that will see at least 80% of coal ash recycled in the short term;

- that NSW Health conduct a health study in towns near ash dams to determine any impacts of coal ash on human health.

As yet, the Government hasn't responded to the report but the Environment and Energy Minister has indicated that coal ash will be included in the government's new waste strategy to be announced in coming months.

I'm strongly of the view that, regardless of the future coal-fired power has, the community cannot be left holding a dam filled with millions of tonnes of coal ash that has the potential to cause significant environmental and health problems well into the future. The clean-up has to start now.



Billion dollar plan for Eraring

Origin Energy is moving ahead with plans to build a 700-megawatt battery at its Eraring Power Station.

Regardless of your views on the future of coal-fired power, this is yet more proof that global and domestic energy markets and suppliers are moving towards renewables and cleaner energy generation.

The coal-fired Eraring plant is scheduled to close in 2032 but there are strong indications it will happen before then. Such a shift will not only impact jobs in the coal-fired power generation sector, it could also impact on the State's energy supplies as the transition away from burning fossil fuels gathers pace.

Origin's battery plan is important because it will be able to store 700 megawatts of power from any source and send that power into the grid when needed. That energy could come from solar, wind, gas or even coal as the



transition occurs over the coming decades. It's a good move but won't solve all our problems as Eraring can currently produce more than 2800 MW of power.

Origin has said that it supports "an orderly transition away from coal", and clearly more will happen in the years ahead, but this is a major step forward.

It's also why I've spent many years pushing the State to better plan for that transition. Jobs in coal and coal-fired power generation will be relatively safe in the short term, but won't be there forever. In areas like ours, future planning and future proofing is absolutely essential.

Anzac tradition marches ahead

It was great to see some sense of normal and tradition return to local Anzac Day services this year, despite some commemorations having to be cancelled.

The Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions are still impacting on public events, but Anzac services which could go ahead attracted good crowds. That said, it was wonderful to see so many people at the services which went ahead this year, especially at Wangi, Cardiff, Rathmines and Dora Creek (Morisset). Here's hoping we get all our local Anzac services back to normal next year.



WHY I SUPPORT LAWS TO ALLOW DYING WITH DIGNITY



The NSW Parliament will soon debate voluntary assisted dying legislation which will allow a person to choose the time of their death when they're in the final stages of terminal illness.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill is proposed by my Independent colleague Alex Greenwich and will be co-sponsored by myself.

My position on this issue is well known.

The prolonging of pain, suffering and distress for both the terminally ill and their families is not necessary. With appropriate checks and balances, voluntary assisted dying will respect a person's right to self-determine this most important part of their life. It will allow them a choice to die with dignity.

And that's a very important point: it isn't compulsory assisted dying, it's voluntary. It gives people with a terminal illness a choice as to when their pain might end.

Previous attempts to reform this law have

failed because, I believe, a number of parliamentary leaders have allowed their religious beliefs to outweigh the wishes of the vast majority in their communities. It is not right, in my opinion, that one's religious beliefs play such a defining role in the lives of others.

That said, the NSW legislation will be without question the most stringent in the country.

The NSW Bill contains safeguards on who can access assisted dying procedures. I believe that controls around the request and administration processes are watertight. It also allows for the conscientious objection of those health workers who might object on the basis of their religious beliefs.

It's time we gave people a choice. When they are faced with immeasurable pain, a guaranteed outcome, and all treatment and palliative care options have been exhausted, it is time they had a choice to end that suffering on their own terms in the most humane way.

Greg Piper MP

Social housing boost



Homelessness in Lake Macquarie may look different to what it does in bigger cities such as Sydney as we tend to have more people 'couch-surfing' or sleeping in their cars as opposed to 'rough-sleeping' on the streets, but it is a big issue nonetheless. Social housing is certainly in short supply, and the quality of the social housing stock we have in Lake Macquarie can be a problem in itself. So I was pleased to recently join Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services Gareth Ward to open the Rendu Apartments at Cardiff. These apartments will provide 94 families with safe and secure homes and are part of a project which has seen the NSW government partner with the St Vincent de Paul Society to deliver 502 new social and affordable homes across the state. Projects like this provide people the opportunity to get out of their cars or friends' homes, off the street and have their own safe home.

Vale Taffy Davies



We lost a much-loved local resident earlier this year when Taffy Davies passed away at Bonnells Bay, not far off his 100th birthday. He was a tremendous bloke who had a fascinating life and a wicked sense of humour. Taffy came to Australia from London in the 50s after quite a distinguished service career, mainly with the Royal Navy. He lived at Stroud and Toronto before finally settling at Bonnells. At the age of 80, he wrote his life story into a book called *My Journey Through Life*, and I still have a copy on my bookshelf. He was such a wonderful character and a very sad loss for his family and the local community. Vale Horace (Taffy) Davies

Sport clubs share grants



We were able to secure a good number of small grants for local sporting clubs recently through the State's NSW Local Sport Grant Program.

If you or your local sporting club are interested in applying for the next round of grants, contact my office or check out the eligibility criteria at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/localsport.

Among the recent recipients were:

- Lake Macquarie BMX Club, \$14,454 to upgrade ramps at the club's Glendale track;
- Rathmines Bowling Club, \$13,836 to install new seating around the bowling greens;
- South Cardiff Junior Football Club, \$8705 to install and upgrade storage facilities at Ulinga Oval, Macquarie Hills; and \$2000 to develop a training program for coaches and managers;
- Toronto Amateur Sailing Club, \$2000 to provide coaching accreditation for club members; and \$1000 for learn-to-sail tutors;
- Toronto-Awaba Junior Football Club, \$8906 to install new spectator seating at Finnan Oval;
- Wangi Bowling Club, \$1850 to purchase uniforms for lady bowlers; and
- Westlakes Archers, \$8000 to construct concrete paths for disabled archers at Fassifern Oval.

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BE SHARK SMART



The shark attack at Yarrowonga Park in January in which a local man lost part of his arm caused alarm and fear in the community.

That's understandable with most of us having a primal fear of sharks, but we need to keep things in perspective.

Following that incident I spoke with shark scientist Dr Amy Smoothey about the prevalence of sharks and shark attacks and posted the interviews online.

While I don't want to downplay the harm that sharks can do, shark attacks are extremely rare.

Dr Smoothey said that while many people think shark numbers have increased in the lake since commercial fishing was banned, that's not necessarily the case. There is no scientific evidence that shark numbers have increased in the lake over the past 50 years.

Bull sharks, hammerheads, great whites, grey nurse and wobbegongs have always frequented the lake, but Dr Smoothey said there are things we can do to be 'shark smart'.

We should avoid swimming after heavy rain or when the water's murky. We should avoid swimming during low light such as dawn and dusk, and if there are bait fish around (you can usually see them splashing on the surface). Sharks are also more prominent during the summer and autumn months when the water is warmer.

SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Avoid swimming after heavy rain or when the water's murky.
- ✓ Avoid swimming during low light such as dawn and dusk.
- ✓ Avoid swimming if there are bait fish around (you can usually see them splashing on the surface).
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- ✓ Download the 'sharksmart' app on your smart phone to keep up to date with shark sightings in the area.

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Aside from all of that, the presence of sharks shows that our lake is a healthy and balanced marine ecosystem and that's a far cry from what it was a few decades ago.

Back in the 80s and 90s, our lake was close to being declared a 'dead lake', but I'm immensely proud of the regeneration I was part of while on the council, and that the things we did then are still keeping our lake world class.

So while there's no need to be overly alarmed about the sharks in our lake, it's not a bad idea to understand how they live, and be mindful of a few simple precautions that will allow us to live happily and safely alongside these fascinating predators.



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