



Report from the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast

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Wyong and Toukley Ambulance Stations

A new \$4.9 million Ambulance station will be constructed next to the Kamira Centre at Wyong Hospital in addition to the existing facility on the Pacific Highway, while the Ambulance station at 240 Main Road Toukley, will be demolished and replaced by a \$4.2 million facility.

Both of these stations are election commitments by the NSW Liberal National Government.

Green Slip Savings

Prices for new and lower cost CTP Green Slips went live on November 8, following the passage of legislation earlier this year. Drivers across the Central Coast should now start seeing reduced green slip prices when their renewal notice arrives.

Refunds will also be issued to eligible motorists who renewed in 2017.

I encourage motorists to shop around for the best price at <http://www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au/>

Stamp Duty Exemptions

There has been a rapid uptake of the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme in Wyong.

462 stamp duty exemptions were granted between July and October this year, compared to 233 stamp duty exemptions for the whole of 2016/17.

Under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme, stamp duty is eliminated for properties up to \$650,000, while concessions are also available for between \$650,000 and \$800,000.

For more information visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/first-home-buyers/>

Defibrillator Grants

I am encouraging all local sport and community groups to take advantage of grants to secure a defibrillator.

Grants are available for up to 50% of the cost of a defibrillator package.

For more information visit: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator>

Motions

The NSW Legislative Council unanimously commended the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre, who provide a wide range of community services, including the Lakes Food Care program, which distributes excess food stocks to those in need.

For more information visit: <http://www.tnc.org.au/>

Emergency Management

I invited all Central Coast MPs to a briefing on Emergency Management in Parliament.

Representatives from RFS, SES, Police and Office of Emergency Management explained disaster and recovery protocols.

The response by the SES to the recent Toukley storms was commended by Mr David Harris MP and I wish to thank all volunteers and agencies.

I am confident that our emergency services are prepared as we head into the bushfire and flood season.

For further information on Emergency Management and preparedness visit: <https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au>

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