



Report from the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast

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Pacific Highway Stage 3B

On 19th November, I announced that Daracon has been appointed as the contractor to deliver Stage 3B of the Pacific Highway upgrade, for the section between Ourimbah St and Parsons Rd, Lisarow.

The NSW Liberal National Government is investing \$178 million to upgrade this section of the highway, to improve journey times and safety by increasing road capacity from one to two lanes in both directions.

This upgrade will include a new four-lane bridge over the rail line, replacing the existing narrow bridge near Railway Cres, and will also feature new traffic lights at the Railway Cres and Tuggerah St intersection with the Pacific Highway.

Like the recently completed section, this upgrade will improve traffic flow and travel times for around 30,000 motorists who travel on this 1.6 kilometre section of highway each day.

Defibrillators for Sports Clubs

On 23rd November, I visited Ourimbah Tennis Club and met with President, Sue Foott, and Secretary, David Graeme, to announce that they, and the Berkeley Vale Soccer Club, have been awarded \$1,250 each to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as part of the Local Sports Defibrillator Program.

The Ourimbah Tennis Club unit will be co-shared with the adjacent cricket club.

Since the commencement of the Program in 2017, the NSW government has provided \$985,000 to assist with the purchase of 780 defibrillators for sport and recreation facilities.

A further round of the Local Sports Defibrillator Program will be opening soon.

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

Air Conditioning in Schools

On 26th November, Premier Berejiklian announced that Lisarow Public School, Toukley Public School, Wadalba Community School, Woongarah Public School and Wyong High School will all receive funding for air conditioning, as part of the first round of the \$500 million Cooler Classrooms Fund.

This is the largest investment of its kind in NSW history. I would encourage all P&Cs and principals to apply to the second round of the Fund, which will open on Day 1 of Term 1 next year.

More information can be found at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/programs/cooler-classrooms.html

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