

# CommunityNews

Carmel Tebbutt, your local MP

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## Community projects receive \$300,000 boost

**Thirteen local community organisations will share in \$300,000 funding, thanks to the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program.**

"This \$300,000 investment by the NSW Government in our community will help build much needed local infrastructure and support jobs," Carmel Tebbutt said.

"This is great news with funding going to groups such as the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, which will receive \$40,000 for the upgrade of the centre, and Marrickville PCYC which will receive \$35,000 for a facelift of their facilities.

"I would like to congratulate all of the local organisations which will receive funding for their projects," Carmel Tebbutt said.



**Carmel discusses plans for the upgrade of the Settlement Neighbourhood Centre with Board Members and staff.**

**The complete list of 13 organisations to receive funds is:**

ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	AMOUNT
Addison Road Centre	Upgrade their roof and install rainwater tanks	\$40,000
All Saints Church, Petersham	Refurbishment of facilities	\$10,000
Holy Trinity Anglican Church	Provide disabled access	\$30,000
Friends of the Western Buddhist Order (Sydney)	Upgrade the Sydney Buddhist Centre, Newtown	\$10,000
Greek Atlas League	Seniors kitchen project	\$30,000
Greek Orthodox Community of NSW	Upgrade the Marrickville Occasional Child Care Centre playground	\$13,563
Marrickville Council	Australia street studios art camp, Camperdown	\$20,000
Marrickville PCYC	Undertake a community centre facelift	\$35,000
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre	Centre refurbishment	\$40,000
Petersham Bowling Club	Build a pergola, BBQ and outdoor dining area	\$8,080
South Metro Region Scouts	Upgrade the 1st Petersham Scout Hall	\$6,000
Sydney Community College	Build a shade structure and enclosed children's play area in Camperdown	\$10,000
Sydney University Settlement	Redevelop the Settlement Neighbourhood Centre Building	\$47,357

The funding is part of the NSW Government's \$35 million Community Building Partnership program.

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# Pink Ribbon fundraising success

**More than 60 local women attended a pink ribbon breakfast at Marrickville Post Cafe in October to raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.**

Carmel Tebbutt was delighted to host the event.

“Breast cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in Australian women and approximately one in eight NSW women will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime,” Carmel Tebbutt said.

Over \$1,700 was raised through donations and the sale of pink ribbon merchandise.

Money raised from the breakfast will support families affected by breast cancer, fund greater awareness and vital research.

For more information on BreastScreen, a free breast screening service run by NSW Health for women aged 50 to 69 years, call 13 20 50 or [visit www.bsnsw.org.au](http://www.bsnsw.org.au)



Residents who attended the Pink Ribbon Breakfast helped raise over \$1,700 by way of donations and purchase of Pink Ribbon merchandise.

## Light rail extension: New study to assess viability



New study to look at light rail extension.

**The NSW Government has called for tenders to carry out a light rail extension assessment study.**

The study would examine two proposed routes through the CBD.

Originally the study had been to examine a proposed extension into the Inner West and to Barangaroo via the western corridor of the CBD.

Following consultation with local councils, the State Government expanded the scope of the study to include a proposed extension along George Street, linking Circular Quay back to Central Station to form a CBD loop.

Ashfield, Marrickville, Leichhardt and City of Sydney Councils have together contributed \$140,000 towards the cost of the study, while the NSW Government will contribute around \$110,000. The Barangaroo Delivery Authority has also joined the project by committing an additional \$100,000.

The study will look at the costs, as well as demand, technical issues, integration with other public transport, operating costs and other impacts, to determine whether an extension is viable.

The study is expected to take around three months to complete.

# Restoring Australia Street Infants School sandstone to its former glory

**Work is complete on a \$500,000 facelift for one of Newtown's most beloved heritage buildings the 120-year-old Australia Street Infants School.**

The refurbishment of Australia Street Infants School, which opened in 1889, restored sandstone work, including the acroteria over the school's entrance.

The school has been part of the lives of generations of children growing up in Newtown and the surrounding area.

This investment paid for the replacement of badly weathered sandstone elements, the installation of 'lead weatherings' for overhanging sandstone, the stabilisation of five chimneys and the replacement of corroded stone chimney caps.

In all, the project delivered 28 new sandstone blocks weighing a total of almost 15 tonnes.

The work is part of the NSW Government's Centenary Stonework Program being undertaken by a team of stonemasons and heritage experts.



Carmel Tebbutt looks at plans for the restoration of Australia Street Infants School.

## New flashing lights to make local schools safer



**Flashing lights are to be installed on Toothill Street, Lewisham for students from Lewisham Public School and Christian Brothers' School, as well as on Stanmore Road, Stanmore for Newington College.**

"This is great news for local families. The flashing lights near these schools will remind motorists to slow down and take care.

"Children are our most vulnerable road users, and nothing is more important than their safety.

"Children can be unpredictable, particularly around roads, which is why these flashing lights are so important.

"There is absolutely no excuse for speeding and these flashing lights will remind motorists to slow down because there are school students about," Carmel Tebbutt said

Driving at just 5kmh over the speed limit will double your risk of having a crash – it's not a risk anyone should take in areas where children are about.

# Make your home more water and energy efficient

The NSW Government is rewarding homeowners for installing hot water circulators and dual-flush toilets.



Under the new NSW Home Saver Rebates, NSW households are eligible for up to \$1500 worth of rebates and can now receive:

- **\$150 for the installation of a regulated or on-demand hot water circulator unit** – instantaneous gas hot water systems can waste up to 17,000 litres of water in the average home each year. A hot water circulator saves water by recirculating the cold water sitting in the hot water pipe back to the water heating system for use.
- **\$200 for new 4 star dual flush toilets to replace single flush toilets** – single flush toilets are one of the biggest users of water in homes, using 12 litres of water with every flush. Switching to a dual flush toilet can reduce this by up to 75% and save 25,000 litres of water every year.

Other rebates available under the extended program are:

- Up to \$1500 for rainwater tanks that are connected to a washing machine and toilet.
- \$300 to replace an electric hot water system with solar, heat pump and 5-star gas hot water systems (the Federal Government offers households up to \$1600 to install a solar hot water system or \$1000 for a heat pump system).
- \$150 for a 5-star water efficient washing machine (to 30 June 2010).

- \$35 to have a second working fridge taken away.

The response from the community has been overwhelming with NSW households investing more than \$375 million in water and energy upgrades, backed by more than 200,000 Home Saver Rebates since July 2007.

That has already resulted in combined annual savings of 2.9 billion litres of drinking water, 215,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions and \$21 million in household water and electricity bills.

It has also boosted the creation of green jobs and supported NSW manufacturers of energy and water efficient products.

For full terms and conditions and eligibility criteria for all the rebates, visit the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates) or call the Environment Line on 1300 361 967.



## NSW Solar Bonus Scheme

The NSW Government is making it easier for families to convert their homes to clean solar power.



The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme is the most generous solar feed-in-tariff in Australia. It pays households with eligible solar systems 60 cents per kilowatt hour for the clean energy they generate.

This means an average household would receive around \$1496 a year for the clean power they produce, allowing them to recoup their investment in solar panels in around 8 years. The NSW Government's Solar Bonus Scheme will:

- Encourage residents to act on climate change by generating renewable energy locally; and
- Create green jobs by helping solar technology compete with non-renewable energy sources.

This scheme is available to small electricity customers, including households and some small businesses, schools and community organisations. The Scheme began on 1 January 2010.

**More information can be found at [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/energy](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/energy)**

## New mural for Marrickville Public School



Proud students help create images for school mural.

### Marrickville Public School has a wonderful new wall mural.

Carmel Tebbutt officially unveiled the artwork late last year. The mural was inspired by school students and created by local artist Robin Martin.

“This is an extremely impressive mural and I would like to congratulate Robyn Martin, the students and school staff on all their hard work,” said Carmel Tebbutt.

In November 2008 Marrickville Public School applied to the Sydney Airport Corporation to receive a grant to beautify their school playground.

Students in the school were asked to create thoughtful images that they would like included in a mural.

The school commissioned a local artist, Robin Martin, to combine the students’ ideas into a large scale mural.

## Boost for Twenty10

**Last year Carmel Tebbutt handed over a \$5,000 grant from the NSW Government for local youth association Twenty10.**

Twenty10 is a community based, non-profit organisation that provides and promotes opportunities, choices and support to young people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, same-sex attracted and/or gender questioning, their families and communities.

Based in Newtown, Twenty10 provides services to young people across the Marrickville area and throughout NSW under the age of 26.

“Twenty10 is a great local organisation which ensures that all young people have more opportunities to participate in our society,” said Carmel Tebbutt.



Carmel Tebbutt congratulates Twenty10 on receiving a \$5,000 grant.

# Getting behind Don't DIS my ABILITY



Inspiring artwork at the Addison Road Gallery.

## In November Carmel Tebbutt opened the FRANS For Art's Sake Exhibition at the Addison Road Gallery.

This event was held as part of the Don't DIS my ABILITY campaign.

The FRANS For Art's Sake exhibition showcased artworks by a range of people, including emerging artists and people with disabilities, to raise money for FRANS – a not-for-profit disability organisation based in the Inner West.

The Don't DIS my ABILITY campaign is headed by 16 ambassadors including Dulwich Hill's Jeremy Doyle who has paraplegia.

"In a short time, Jeremy has risen to the highest ranks of wheelchair basketball and has won gold at the World Cup. He is a great ambassador in our community," Carmel Tebbutt said.


Other ambassadors include marathon swimmer Susie Maroney, Paralympian Kurt Fearnley and singer-songwriter Krystal Keller.

The campaign also features a new website and the Made You Look publication.

Further information visit [www.DontDISmyABILITY.com.au](http://www.DontDISmyABILITY.com.au)

## Carmel Tebbutt now on the Internet

For all the latest information and updates please visit Carmel's new website at [www.carmeltebbutt.com.au](http://www.carmeltebbutt.com.au). Carmel also now produces a regular e-news bulletin. If you would like to subscribe, visit the website and follow the prompts.

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## \$1.16 million boost for the arts in Marrickville

**Local arts organisations in Marrickville have received a massive boost thanks to \$1,159,000 in grants from the Keneally Government.**

Under the 2010 Arts Funding Program, Artful Management Pty Ltd will receive grants totalling \$75,000 for two dance productions.

PACT Theatre will receive \$60,000 for its annual program plus \$10,000 towards a live performance called Brown Council's.

The Seymour Theatre at the University of Sydney will receive \$40,000 to develop and perform "BITE" – Best Independent Theatre Season 2010.

**Other local organisations to benefit from new funding for their annual programs are:**

- \$60,000 to the De Quincey Company.
- \$22,000 to the English Association Sydney.
- \$10,000 to Factory 49.
- \$50,000 to the Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corp.
- \$30,000 to Jazzgroove Association.
- \$75,000 to Moorambilla Voices Ltd.
- \$50,000 to the New Music Network plus \$35,000 to help meet additional venue hire costs for small to medium music organisations.
- \$12,000 to the Sydney Arts Management Advisory Group to develop the 2010 SAMAG Seminar Series.
- \$30,000 to the Sydney Non Objective Group.
- \$30,000 to The Red Room Company Ltd.

**This is in addition to \$570,000 already announced:**

- \$510,000 to Arts On Tour-NSW Ltd for year two of triennial program funding (2009-2011).
- \$60,000 to Synergy and TaikOz Ltd for year three of triennial program funding (2008-2010).

Carmel Tebbutt welcomed the grants – "They are a welcome boost for Marrickville's creative industries and the local community."



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