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MEMBER FOR HEATHCOTE



Building for tomorrow. Delivering for Today.

The NSW Budget 2018 maintains our record investment in health, education, roads and transport while providing support for families and those that need it most. In this brochure I have highlighted some of the key announcements for Heathcote as well as NSW Government initiatives to relieve cost of living pressures. The unprecedented budget investment in Heathcote will deliver further upgrades to our public transport and roads infrastructure.

\$10M for The Royal National Park

Range of improvements to visitor facilities.

- ◆ Track upgrade from Garie Beach to Otford providing an environmental sustainable top quality walking track with elevated boardwalks, stone steps and staircases
- ◆ Improvements to Thelma Ridge climb, Palm Jungle track and the lookout vantage points above Werong beach
- ◆ Upgraded Burgh Ridge access track to the Figure Eight Pools



\$880M "More Trains, More Services"

Funding technology improvements to Sydney Trains network.

- ◆ Initial \$880M investment to deliver a state of the art digital signalling system
- ◆ T4 Illawarra line will be one of the first beneficiaries of this upgrade resulting in more services



\$173M upgrade to the Heathcote Road

A safer and faster journey for the 36,000 commuters that use this route each day.

- ◆ A wider and safer Heathcote Road bridge with climbing lanes
- ◆ 2.2km upgrade between Infantry Parade at Holsworthy and the Avenue at Voyager Point, widening the road to two lanes in each direction



F6 Extension Stage 1

Fully funded and open for community consultation.

- ◆ Plans released in June for the twin four-kilometre tunnels that will connect the New M5 Motorway at Arncliffe to President Avenue at Kogarah
- ◆ Fully funded road extension will allow drivers to bypass 23 sets of traffic lights and save up to 15 minutes on each journey

CREATIVE KIDS \$100 REBATE



A new \$100 Creative Kids rebate will allow young people to experience cultural and learning activities outside of school and help ease cost of living pressure.

The rebate can go towards the cost of registration, participation or tuition fees for creative activities such as music lessons, language classes, coding and digital, visual and performing arts.

It's available from 1 January 2019.

ACTIVE KIDS \$100 REBATE



More kids are getting active under the successful Active Kids program. Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. For more details and to apply online visit www.service.nsw.gov.au or call 13 77 88

CTP REFUNDS



Reforms to the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance scheme now help to reduce the costs of CTP Green Slips for vehicle owners and better support people injured on our roads. If you were the registered owner of a private vehicle (excludes motorcycles) at midnight 30 November 2017, you may be eligible for a refund of part of your 2017 CTP Green Slip.

♦ CTP Price Check

The Green Slip Price Check is a quick and easy way to get a Green Slip quote comparison from all insurers for the most common vehicle types. Visit www.greenslips.nsw.gov.au

BABY BUNDLE



The Baby Bundle is part of the \$157 million Parents Package. The Bundle will help reduce some of the initial costs faced by new parents and caregivers. It includes essential and every day care items such as a baby safe sleeping bag, room thermometer, wipes, nappies and educational materials.

TOLL RELIEF SCHEME



The Toll Relief scheme entitles eligible frequent toll road users to one free 12 month registration for their car, ute, 4WD or motorcycle. It is aimed at frequent toll users who spend \$25 per week or more in tolls, or \$1300 over the year. Toll Relief provides savings of up to \$715 (if you have a four wheel drive) or \$127 (if you have a motorcycle). The program starts on 1 July 2018.

For eligibility and how to claim visit www.service.nsw.gov.au or call 13 77 88

We're here to ease Cost of

To help ease the cost of living, the NSW Government is developing a new Cost of Living Service NSW to provide information and guidance on accessing government rebates.

Families across NSW could save thousands of dollars a year on childcare costs. The service will roll out across NSW in 2019.

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ENERGY REBATES



"One Click Energy Switch" has been established and the service will be available through Service NSW.

The following energy rebates are currently available:

- ♦ Family Energy Rebate: Helps NSW households save on energy costs.
- ♦ Low Income Household Rebate: Assists customers who have a low income. Administered by Human Services or Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- ♦ Life Support Energy Rebate: Helps cover energy costs of people who need, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment.
- ♦ If you're experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency, you may be eligible for the Emergency Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Scheme.
- ♦ If you've experienced a power outage, you may be able to claim a rebate.
- ♦ The NSW Gas Rebate: Helps eligible households pay their gas bills.

VISIT SERVICE NSW WEBSITE FOR A FULL LIST OF COST-SAVING INITIATIVES

Helping use the of Living

Government is making it easier to get
government rebates and incentives.

hundreds of dollars each year, and the NSW
Living Service designed to improve access
and refunds.

through Service NSW to help claim rebates
including pensioner discounts and early
across the State this year.

www.service.nsw.gov.au or by calling 13 77 88

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100,000 FREE APPRENTICESHIPS



A new \$285 million skills and training package will offer free apprenticeships to newly enrolled apprentices in any approved course from 1 July 2018.

This means 100,000 free apprenticeships will be on offer over the next four years and include all 121 courses currently funded under the Smart and Skilled program.

For more information, including details about how to enrol, visit the Smart and Skilled website at: smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

FIRST HOME BUYERS



First home buyers may be eligible for exemptions or concessions on transfer duty under the First Home Buyers Assistance scheme.

Improving housing affordability for first home buyers is the key, with savings that include:

- ♦ Abolish stamp duty on all homes up to \$650,000
- ♦ Give stamp duty relief for homes up to \$800,000
- ♦ Provide a \$10,000 grant for builders of new homes up to \$750,000 and purchasers of new homes up to \$600,000
- ♦ Abolish insurance duty on lenders' mortgage insurance

PRESCHOOL FEES



Families with three-year-olds will benefit from subsidised preschool education.

Average daily fees for three year olds in community preschools are expected to drop from an average of \$51 to \$36, saving families up to \$1,557 by 2023.

For more information, visit education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education

FUELCHECK APP



FuelCheck is an online tool designed to provide consumers with real-time information about fuel prices near you – anytime, anywhere. Download the FuelCheck app or go to www.fuelcheck.nsw.gov.au

CARAVAN AND CAMPER TRAILER REGO



Grey nomads, families and adventurers will benefit from a 40 per cent reduction in registering their caravans and camper trailers from 1 November 2018. This applies to towed caravans and purpose-built camper trailers weighing up to 4.5 tonnes, meaning a saving of up to \$471.



NSW BUDGET 2018

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Support to ease cost of living pressures reducing electricity bills, cheaper greenslips, helping first home buyers, and the Active Kids and new Creative Kids vouchers



A better transport system with thousands of extra bus and train services and new major rail and road projects to make your commute easier



More local doctors, nurses, teachers and police to create stronger, safer communities and deliver better local services here in Heathcote



Less pressure on local motorists through record investment in transport infrastructure, including commencing the F6 Extension, and free car rego for regular toll users



Record support for education and health with 2,000 extra classrooms, 100,000 fee-free apprenticeships, and 40 new and upgraded hospitals

“I'm working to ensure we have a strong economy so we can build an even stronger local community here in Heathcote.

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