



A very merry Christmas to you and your family

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Federal Parliament has concluded for the year and over the past month the Government has launched a number of initiatives including; a [new blueprint for mental health services](#), [Empowering YOUth Initiatives](#), [Jobs for Families child care package](#) and also released the [National Ice Taskforce Final Report](#).

In the Treasury portfolio the Government has made further progress on our National Platform for Economic Growth and Jobs with the release of our response to the [Harper Review](#) into competition policy and the [National Innovation and Science Agenda](#), which will transform Australia into a leading innovation nation and position us to seize the next wave of economic prosperity.

Sadly, in the wake of the savage terrorist attacks, national security continues to be a major focus and the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP [addressed the Parliament](#) on this important issue. The Government’s highest priority is to keep Australians safe.

In December and January there are many [community events](#) held throughout the Hills district, I hope you and your family have an opportunity to attend some of these great events throughout summer. I have also highlighted some significant achievements of individuals and groups within Mitchell.

Christmas is a time of year when we come together as a community to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and Australia’s Christian heritage. The celebration of Christmas is also a time to be grateful and appreciate the blessings of peace and security we continue to enjoy as a nation.

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On behalf of Amelia, Jack and myself I wish you and your family a holy Christmas, and a happy, safe and prosperous 2016.

Regards,
Alex

Recent media interviews:

- 702 Drive Show [Political Forum](#) with Richard Glover
- Sky AM Agenda – [Harper Review](#)

PS: Please visit www.alexhawke.com.au for [speeches](#) I have recently made in parliament.

- [Tax Laws Amendment \(Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance\) Bill 2015](#)
- [Income Tax \(Attribution Managed Investment Trusts-Offsets\) Bill 2015](#)
- [Tax Laws Amendment \(A New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts\) Bill 2015](#)
- [Insolvency Law Reform Bill 2015](#)

National Innovation and Science Agenda – will drive business growth



The Prime Minister, the [Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP](#), recently announced the [National Innovation and Science Agenda](#). The Agenda will drive business growth, increase entrepreneurship and forge closer links between research and industry. A more [innovative](#) Australia will maintain our high standard of living, keep the nation competitive, and create jobs and new opportunities for all Australians.

1st Castle Hill Scouts – centenary celebration



Thank you for the warm welcome by the scout members and their families. It was an honour to attend the celebration of 100 years of the [1st Castle Hill Scout Group](#). To celebrate 100 years is a significant milestone and the leaders, scouts, cubs, venturers and their families are to be commended for their ongoing commitment to the Scout movement and in serving the local community. Well done to Allan Staples, Group Leader, Tracey Hourd and team who made the centenary celebration a great success.

Foreign Investment – providing stronger enforcement



The Government's robust new [foreign investment regime](#) came into force on 1 December. We are committed to providing stronger enforcement and a better resourced system with clearer rules for foreign investors. Foreign investment rules need to be strong, effective and enforceable.

The Government welcomes foreign investment that is not contrary to our national interest. Without foreign investment, production, employment and income would all be lower. But it is important that foreign investment is appropriately monitored to ensure that it benefits all Australians. For further information visit www.firb.gov.au

Harper Review into competition policy



The Treasurer, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, [released the Government's response](#) to the [Harper Review](#) into competition policy. Increasing choice and delivering better services for consumers is central to the Turnbull Government's plan for driving growth and jobs in our economy. For further information on the Government's response visit <http://www.treasury.gov.au/harperreview>

Sydney Thunder Fan Day – Sunday, 13 December



In conjunction with [The Hills Shire Council](#), the [Sydney Thunder fan day](#) will be held at the Bruce Purser Reserve, Rouse Hill from 10:30am – 12:30pm, **Sunday, 13 December 2015**. An opportunity to meet the squad and enjoy a family day out.

Christmas Carols in Mitchell



Christmas Carols are great for the whole family to enjoy. Below are some of the Christmas Carol events in the Hills district:

Thursday, 10 December

Carols in the Park – [Salvation Army Rouse Hill](#), Cnr Beaumont Drive & Layton Way, Beaumont Hills – 7:00pm.

Saturday, 12 & 19 December

Christmas Carols Spectacular – [Hillsong Church](#), 1-5 Solent Cct, Baulkham Hills – 6:00pm

Sunday, 13 & 20 December

Christmas Carols Spectacular – [Hillsong Church](#), 1-5 Solent Cct, Baulkham Hills – 4:00pm and 7:00pm

Tuesday, 15 December

Carols in the Park – [Salvation Army Rouse Hill](#), Cnr Brampton Drive & Casablanca Avenue, Beaumont Hills – 7:00pm.

Wednesday, 16 December

Carols by Candlelight – [North Rocks Community Church](#), North Rocks Park, cnr North Rocks Road and Farnell Avenue – 5:00pm.

Thursday, 17 December

Carols in the Park – [Salvation Army Rouse Hill](#), Cnr Aberdour Ave and McQuirk Way, Rouse Hill – 7:00pm.

Friday, 18 December

Community Carols – [Northmead Anglican Church](#), 6 Thomas Street, Northmead – 6:30pm

Sunday, 20 December

Christmas Community Festival – [Hillsong Church](#), 1-5 Solent Cct, Baulkham Hills – 11:30am

Tuesday, 22 December

Carols in the Park – [Salvation Army Rouse Hill](#), Cnr Brampton & Casablanca Ave, Beaumont Hills – 7:00pm.

Christmas in the Hills – Purchase your tickets now!



The [Carols by Candelight Festival and Christmas markets](#) will be held at Bella Vista Farm on **Wednesday, 16 December 2015** with the markets and festival commencing at 3pm and Carols at 7pm. With over 8000 people attending last year you wouldn't want to miss the 2015 [Christmas in the Hills](#) event. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.

All the funds raised are going to three fantastic causes; [Woodbury Autism Education & Research](#), Baulkham Hills, [Tallowood School](#), Kellyville and [Lifestart](#), Baulkham Hills.

Crowdfunder funding – encouraging Australians to innovate and invest



It was a privilege to introduce the Turnbull Government's [crowdfunder](#) equity funding legislation into Parliament, a key priority of our Innovation and Science agenda.

[Crowd-sourced equity funding](#) is a relatively new and innovative concept. It allows businesses to obtain capital from a large number of investors through an online platform, where each investor typically contributes a small amount of money in return for an equity stake in the business.

Recognising our high achievers locally: Honours & Awards

So many people have been recognised and honoured in the Hills district recently and it is a privilege to be able to showcase these people for all they have accomplished in their chosen field.



[Hills Hornets Basketball Association](#)

– Congratulations to Steve Burke and his team on winning a horde of awards at the recent Basketball NSW 2015 Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Luncheon:

- Champion Association of NSW (2,000plus-members),
- the Association Refereeing Program of the Year (2,000-plus members)
- Coaching Program of the Year, and
- Administrator of the Year awarded to Jann Paryka
- Youth League Referee of the Year awarded to Kelsey Ortiz, and
- Statistician of the Year awarded to Lesley Steel

[Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children \(RIDBC\)](#) – Congratulations

on winning the Excellence in Accessible Technology Award - at the National Disability Awards ceremony. Well done to Chris Rehn and his team at North Rocks.

Congratulations to Hills locals, Mark Westman and Cindy Kok on being awarded the prestigious [Endeavour Research Fellowships](#) to further their studies overseas.

Congratulations to local residents; Clarence Ma, Justin Whittle and Jenny Yeung – awarded a New [Columbo Plan scholarship](#) to live, study and undertake a work placement overseas.

Western Sydney's rail transport options



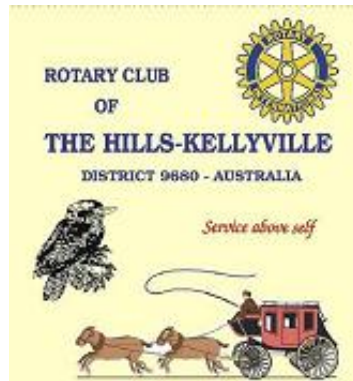
It was great to recently join the Deputy Prime Minister, the [Hon Warren Truss MP](#) together with the Hon [Paul Fletcher MP](#) and the NSW Minister for Transport and Infrastructure [Andrew Constance MP](#) to jointly announce the Government's rail options plan to examine Western Sydney's rail transport needs. Including serving the proposed Western Sydney Airport and Western Sydney Priority Growth and Land Release Areas.

Western Sydney Airport Draft Plan – **last days to have Your Say**



The Australian Government has released the [draft Airport Plan](#) and the [draft Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\)](#) for public consultation until the **18 December 2015**. I encourage residents of Mitchell to make a [submission](#). For further information on the submission process and [community consultation activities](#), visit www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au.

Australia Day Breakfast & Citizenship Ceremony



The Rotary Club of Winston Hills merged to become part of [The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville](#). The Australia Day Breakfast has been a signature event hosted by the former Rotary Club of Winston Hills for over twenty years and is a great way to start the day in celebrating of the birth of our nation.

This year the Australia Day Breakfast and Citizenship Ceremony event will be held at Third Settlement Reserve, Winston Hills from 7:30am – 10:30am on **Tuesday, 26 January 2016**.

For further information visit www.hillsrotary.org.au.

Representing the communities of Baulkham Hills, Beaumont Hills, Bella Vista, Box Hill, Castle Hill, Kellyville, Maraylya, Nelson, Northmead, North Rocks, Rouse Hill, West Pennant Hills and Winston Hills

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