



## Welcome to the May edition of the Mitchell e-newsletter

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Last night the Treasurer, the Hon Joe Hockey MP, delivered the second Abbott Government [Federal Budget](#). This is a 'have a go' Budget that will help local families and small businesses.

Highlights of the Budget include:

- The \$5.5 billion [Jobs and Small Business package](#) – the biggest small business package in our nation's history;
- The \$4.4 billion [Families Package](#) to give parents more choice and opportunity to work;
- Reforms that make our taxation, foreign investment, welfare and individual benefits systems fair and sustainable;
- \$1.2 billion in new funding for [national security](#), which builds on the \$1 billion announced last year
- Continuation of the Government's \$50 billion infrastructure programme.

I am delighted that the Budget will help to build a strong, safe and prosperous future for all Australians.

More details on the Budget are available at [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au)

Regards,  
Alex

**PS:** topical local media articles:

- [QIC donates property for new shelter](#) HST-4.5.15
- [Refuge by Christmas](#) HST 13.5.15

## **NEW DATE – 12 June 2015: Community Forum with the Minister for Foreign Affairs**



Due to portfolio related commitments the Minister has had to reschedule her visit to Mitchell. For those who have already registered, unfortunately you will need to re-register.

For those who have not already registered, you are invited to join us at a Community Forum with the [Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs](#), at 10.00am, Friday, 12 June 2015, at Castle Hill RSL, 77 Castle Street, Castle Hill.

This is a great opportunity to hear from one of the most dynamic Ministers of the Abbott Government. Julie Bishop was sworn as Cabinet Minister for Foreign Affairs on September 18, 2013 and is Australia's first female Foreign Affairs Minister.

Please RSVP [online](#) early. Online registration is essential. For further information please contact Jan or Shauna on 9899 7211.

## **NBN for Norwest Business Park – 2016**



Together with the Minister for Communications, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP and joined by Wayne Lazarides of [Inkredible Art](#), [Anthony Moss](#), Chair of [Sydney Hills Business Chamber](#) and [Chris Westacott](#)

of Realise Performance , the Minister announced the National Broadband Network is coming to Norwest Business Park.

Norwest Business Park is a step closer to joining the superfast era with planning and design work on the National Broadband Network scheduled for late 2015 and construction expected to start in Q2 2016.

As of the election, there was very little sign of the NBN's progress but we are now getting on with the job. Click [here](#) for further information.

## Big Win for Small Businesses in Mitchell

The new \$5.5 billion [Growing Jobs and Small Business package](#) will help small businesses in Mitchell invest more, grow more, and employ more. This is the biggest small business initiative in our nation's history.

Small businesses are the engine room of our economy and at the heart of the Growing Jobs and Small Business package are tax cuts for over 2 million Australian small businesses to help drive [investment and employment](#) across our economy. Click [here](#) for further details.

## Stronger Communities Programme – funding



The Coalition Government's new **Stronger Communities Programme** will provide \$45 million over two years to fund small capital projects in local communities.

Our community will receive funding of \$150,000 per year over two years, to support projects that deliver social benefits. I will be consulting closely with eligible organisations in Mitchell to identify high-priority projects. Click [here](#) for further information.

**Last days to register – Hills Relay for Life – 16-17 May, 2015 – join my team Alex Hawke MP**



[Hills Relay for Life](#) is being held on **May 16-17 at Centenary of Anzac Reserve, Wrights Road, Castle Hill**. The Hills Relay for Life is a great event that brings the community together to make a difference to the lives of future generations. With only days left to register, come and join the fight against cancer.

For the eighth consecutive year, the [Alex Hawke team](#) will be participating at Hills Relay for Life. For more information or to join my team click [here](#).

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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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