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# PENRITH MATTERS

A NEWSLETTER FROM KAREN MCKEOWN OAM  
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## South Sudanese Community and Youth Association of NSW

I had the pleasure of joining the South Sudanese Community and Youth Association of NSW for the launch of our South Sudanese and CALD Communities Volunteering Diversity and Inclusion Project and Community BBQ this month. The day was certainly a brilliant display with football games, dancing and drummers adding to the fun.



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# NSW Rental Commissioner

PREMIER CHRIS MINNS, ANOULACK CHANTHIVONG - MINISTER FOR FAIR TRADING AND BETTER REGULATION AND TRINA JONES - RENTAL COMMISSIONER

Earlier this week, I joined Premier Chris Minns and Anoulack Chanthivong, Minister for Fair Trading and Better Regulation to announce the first NSW Rental Commissioner, Trina Jones in Thornton.

The commissioner will work with the government to design and implement changes that rebalance the rental market, making it fairer and more modern.

In her role as NSW Rental Commissioner, Ms Jones will be a voice for renters and work with the Government and stakeholders to get moving on the reforms open for consultation now, including:

- making it easier for renters to have pets in their homes
- ending 'no-grounds' evictions
- implementing a portable bonds scheme that allows renters to transfer bonds from one property to another
- improving the protection of renters' information and privacy

Beyond these proposed changes, the Rental Commissioner will also be responsible for identifying and investigating other issues that are impacting the NSW rental market. This is another marvellous step to help renters right across NSW! For more on the announcement please click <https://karenmckeown.client.trfg.au/news/media-releases/new-rental-commissioner-to-give-renters-a-voice/>



## Inaugural Speech to the Parliament

Last month, I was given the privilege to present my Inaugural Speech to the parliament.

If you would like to watch and listen to my speech, please click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1agQ7bLv728>

To the people of Penrith, thank you for putting your trust in me as your Member of Parliament!



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## The NSW Premier is visiting Penrith

It's official, Penrith has been chosen to host the first Community Cabinet of the Minns Government!

The Community Cabinet provides an opportunity for residents to voice key issues and raise community priorities with the NSW Premier and Cabinet Ministers. This forum helps us understand how to deliver key services and projects to communities across the state.

So if you have any issues that you would like to raise to the Premier, here is your chance.

Monday 31 July 2023

11:30am to 12:30pm (arrival by 11:15am)

Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

597 High Street, Penrith NSW

To register to attend, click <https://dpcnsw.eventsair.com/20230731-community-cabinet-penrith/publicregistration/Site/Register>

I look forward to discussing ways we can better deliver services and meet the needs of the people of Penrith!



## NSW Governor Margaret Beazley AC KC



What an honour it was to welcome the NSW Governor Margaret Beazley AC, KC, to open the PCYC Nations of Origin Basketball tournament at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre. Margaret Joan Beazley, AC, KC, is an Australian jurist who is the 39th and current Governor of New South Wales, serving since 2 May 2019. She was the president of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the first woman to hold the office, from 2013 until February 2019.

At the Nation of Origin Basketball tournament each Aboriginal Nation were able to nominate 1 male & 1 female team each from the under 14s & 16s. A fitting end to National NAIDOC week.

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# First 100 days of the Government

In our first 100 days the Minns Government is getting on with the job of delivering for the people of Penrith. We were elected on the promise of putting people back at the heart of Government. Since our election on 25 March 2023, the NSW Government has worked tirelessly to make NSW better by:

- ✓ Delivered the biggest pay increase for NSW public sector workers in more than a decade
- ✓ Enshrining the protection of publicly owned assets including Sydney Water and Hunter Water in the constitution
- ✓ Taking significant steps to reduce the impact of energy price increases
- ✓ Transferring thousands of temporary teachers and support staff in our schools to permanent contracts
- ✓ Beginning the transition to safe staffing levels in our hospitals
- ✓ Making renting fairer while delivering more affordable housing

This is just the start - as your local Member, I will continue to work hard to deliver for you

## We are Officially Open...

My office is always available to lend a hand, so please don't hesitate to reach out with any State Government issues, as listed below:

- Social Housing
- Fair Trading
- State Roads
- Police
- Fire + Rescue
- Public Transport
- Crown Lands
- Family and Community Services
- Service NSW
- NSW Health and Hospitals
- Revenue NSW
- Ambulance
- State Emergency Services
- National Parks
- Small Business
- Justice of the Peace Services and Applications
- Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Congratulatory Messages



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