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Community Barbeque

Our recent community barbeque in Emu Plains was a tremendous success! Premier Chris Minns, Deputy Premier Prue Car MP, Minister for Energy Penny Sharpe MLC, Member for Granville Julia Finn MP, and our team enjoyed connecting with the community and expressing our gratitude for their support. The Lions Club of Emu Plains provided a delicious BBQ that everyone enjoyed. The event came after our announcement regarding government energy rebates, fulfilling our election promise to provide relief to small businesses and low-income households. We're thrilled to be making a positive impact and helping our community with cost of living pressures.



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Minns Government's Community Cabinet

RECOGNITION AND COMMITMENT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

The first Community Cabinet meeting of the Minns Government was held in Penrith and was an outstanding success. We made good on our election commitment to engage with and address the local community concerns. This Community Cabinet marked a pivotal milestone in our commitment to open dialogue with businesses and residents to continue proactive engagement.

It was a privilege to host the Premier and NSW Ministers who heard and responded to the vital issues raised by the people of Penrith. These discussions spanned a wide spectrum, including critical topics such as public housing, the state of Nepean Hospital, the rising cost of living and tolls. The community and business feedback also reaffirmed our resolute pledge to place the interests and well-being of our constituents at the forefront of our policymaking agenda.

In Penrith, a new chapter in consultative governance was written - one where the concerns and aspirations of our community are embraced and prioritised.



NSW Government Community Service Awards

Premier Chris Minns was honoured to present two NSW Government Community Service Awards. It brings me immense joy to announce that both recipients were local teachers – Julie Garde from Emu Plains Public School and Alana Vella from Cambridge Gardens Public School. Their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts to enhance the lives of children in our local community have not gone unnoticed.



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Cost of Living Hub

In the face of escalating living costs in NSW, we're taking proactive steps. With inflation, surging interest rates, and the state's historic debt, our commitment to tackling these challenges remains unwavering.

Introducing the Cost of Living Hub, a user-friendly website connecting the community with essential information and trusted resources for managing daily expenses. This vital platform aims to provide access to critical services and support precisely when it's needed most.

In these financially challenging times, the Cost of Living Hub provides a central point, ensuring that families in NSW can navigate their financial challenges.

Explore the Cost of Living Hub now for valuable information and resources:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/money-and-taxes/cost-of-living-hub>



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Energy Rebate

Great news for small businesses and households in NSW! The Minns Labor Government is delivering on its promise to provide energy price relief.

Over 300,000 small businesses will soon receive \$650 power bill rebates, a first-time opportunity for them. Eligible small business retail customers won't need to take any action as their relief will be automatically applied by their retailers from July 31, 2023. Additionally, 1.6 million low-income households and various other groups will receive \$500 to help with their electricity bills.

We have made this initiative possible through a partnership between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments, with a significant pledge of funds to provide targeted energy bill relief in the upcoming financial year.

To ensure you receive your rebate, check your eligibility with your retailer or on the Service NSW website.

<https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/find-energy-rebate>



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Penrith After Dark

A WORLD OF CULTURE AND ART

Thanks to the NSW Government's Western Sydney Culture Up Late initiative, 'Creative Penrith by Night: A Summer of Art for Everyone' is set to light up the city. This spring and summer, expect streets filled with arts and culture during evening events in various Western Sydney locations.

I promise Penrith's program will provide something for everyone, from live music performances to immersive theatrical experiences and art classes for adults.

With \$1.9 million in funding, this initiative will foster a strong sense of community and appreciation for the arts in Penrith's thriving night-time economy.

Legacy Week

Last month, Legacy Week officially launched beginning with the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay proudly held in Penrith with David Trist and supported by local Eric Easterbrook, who is Chairman of Legacy Australia, commemorating 100 years of Legacy in Australia.

This Legacy Week, 28th August - 2nd September, we honour the families of those Australian Defence Force personnel who served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice as a result of their service. We paid special tribute to Legacy for their efforts in supporting 43,000 widows, widowers, and children of our community whose loved ones served our country.

Through Legacy, these families are provided with reassurance to not suffer financial or social disadvantage due to the loss or serious injury of their loved one.

The Legacy badge is a special emblem of support for our veterans' families; it symbolises our nation's greatest values of mateship, compassion, and courage.



Thank you to all those who donated, volunteered or spread the word this Legacy Week.



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