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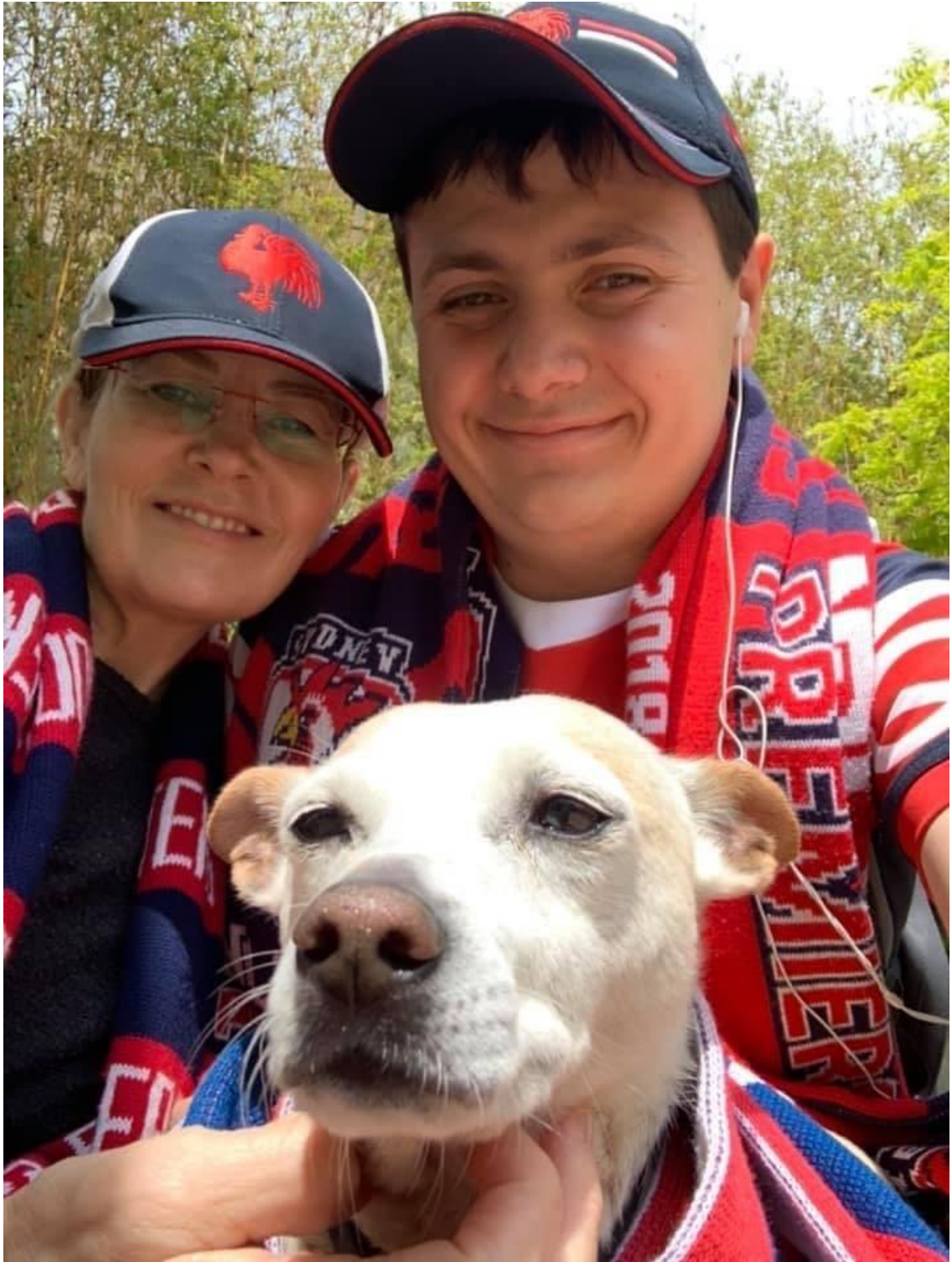
Dear Resident

The good news is that we are on track to reach our 80 per cent vaccination target by next Monday, 18 October so NSW can further open up!

Today, the Premier announced an easing of COVID-19 restrictions including an end to hotel quarantine requirements for vaccinated international travellers and removal of booking caps for hospitality venues. The Premier's announcement is below and includes changes for travel to regional and rural NSW.

Details are also below on how you can add your COVID-19 vaccination certificate to the Service NSW app along with a Regional Recovery Package.

A new \$125 million NSW Teacher Supply Strategy will create more opportunities for people who want to take up teaching and the consultation on the next phase of the Double Bay Ferry Wharf Upgrade is also now open.





The other good news is that Sydney Roosters fans 🐔🏈 can celebrate with a \$10.6 million world-class training facility approved for inside the new Sydney Football Stadium (SFS) at Moore Park. As part of the project, \$5.7 million from the NSW Govt will go towards increasing grassroots and women's participation in rugby league. The Centre of Excellence will be complete for the 2023 NRL pre-season and will include high-performance training facilities, office space, medical rooms and an education theatre, with the new stadium to be the Roosters' new home ground.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Belli'.

Friday, 15 October 2021

NSW FLYING TOWARDS 80 PER CENT DOUBLE DOSE TARGET

The State's rapid rate of second dose vaccinations means that next Monday, 18 October is firming as the day that the [Reopening NSW Roadmap's 80 per cent](#) settings will come into effect for those who are fully vaccinated.

Community sport will resume, more friends and family will be reunited, and there will no longer be a cap on guests at weddings and funerals. Masks will also no longer be required in offices, and drinking while standing and dancing will be permitted indoors and outdoors at hospitality venues.

From 1 November bookings for hospitality venues will no longer be capped.

Also from 1 November, the NSW Government will remove quarantine requirements and caps for overseas arrivals who the Commonwealth Government recognises as fully vaccinated with a TGA-approved vaccine, helping Australians stranded abroad get home before the end of the year. Further advice about testing requirements for arrivals will be provided in the coming days.

Fully vaccinated travellers already in quarantine will also complete their quarantine requirements on November 1, even if it is less than 14-days.

Overseas arrivals who are not fully vaccinated will be capped at 210 people per week, and will be required to undergo mandatory 14-days hotel quarantine.

Travel between Greater Sydney (including the Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Shellharbour and the Central Coast) and Regional NSW will also be permitted from 1 November, to allow people in the regions more time to receive their second vaccine.

To support regional businesses likely to be impacted by this change the NSW Government will defer the second taper of the JobSaver program until October 31. Eligible regional businesses will receive 30 per cent of weekly payroll, before tapering payments to the scheduled 15 per cent from November 1.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the easing of restrictions and return of overseas travellers would help reunite families and be a significant boost for the economy.

“We have reached this vaccination milestone quicker than anyone thought we could, and that is a testament to the hard work of people across the State turning out to get vaccinated,” Mr Perrottet said.

“Welcoming back fully vaccinated travellers will not only mean families and friends can be home in time for Christmas, it will also give our economy a major boost.”

Deputy Premier Paul Toole said the tough decision had been made to delay travel between Regional NSW and Greater Sydney, with the NSW Government extending the JobSaver program for regional businesses. By 1 November, it’s expected more than 77 per cent of regional LGAs will be fully vaccinated.

“Everyone has done a brilliant job of getting vaccinated and rates are rising fast; however we have looked at the health modelling and listened to feedback from regional communities who want more time to get their double dose vaccination rates up as high as possible before they welcome back visitors,” Mr Toole said.

“We know businesses in regional NSW were getting ready to welcome people back, but it’s important we get this right so that we can have greater confidence the vaccines will do their job – and that when we re-open travel to the regions, they can remain open and that businesses have continued support in the meantime. We thank people for their patience.”

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres welcomed the 80 per cent reopening and recognised it as an important step on the road to recovery.

“We are opening up locally and we are opening up to the world. Now is a time for people to come together in safe way whether it be returning home from overseas or enjoying your favourite local venue,” Mr Ayres said.

All premises continue to operate at one person per 4sqm indoors and one person per 2sqm outdoors.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the NSW community had done an extraordinary job to reach the 80 per cent double dose vaccination target and was leading Australia out of the pandemic.

“The people of NSW have pulled together to achieve this fantastic outcome and bring us closer to life as we knew it before the pandemic, but we’re not there yet,” Mr Hazzard said.

“We can’t forget that COVID is still circulating amongst us in NSW and we need to keep getting vaccinated to push the double dose rates even higher. We want to get as close to 100 per cent double vaccination as possible to keep everyone safe.”

NSW residents will still need to comply with COVID-Safe check-ins and provide proof of vaccination to staff in most settings.

More restrictions will be relaxed on 1 December, as previously announced in the Reopening NSW Roadmap.

To find out how to download a copy of your vaccination certificate visit [Services Australia website](#).

If you are not booked in for a COVID-19 vaccine, [please book an appointment](#) as soon possible.

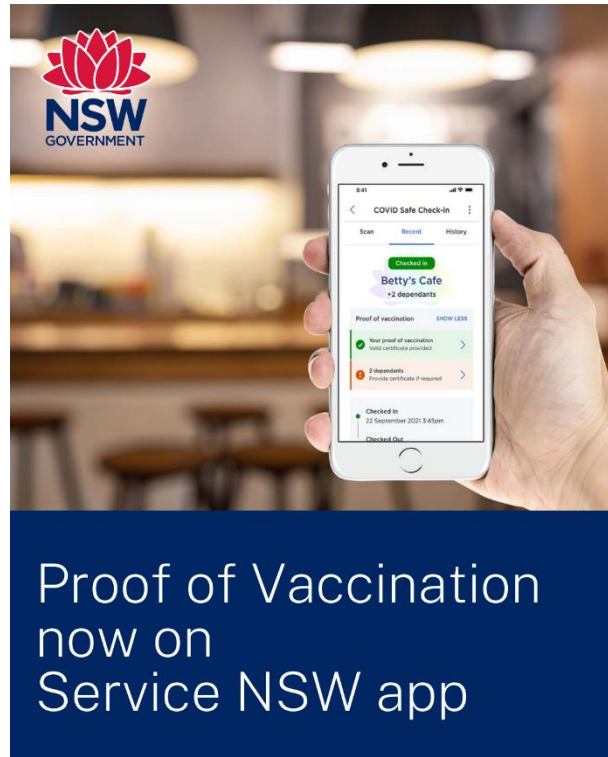
For the latest information and to view the 80 per cent Roadmap and lifting of restrictions, visit [nsw.gov.au](#)

VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE NSW APP

[All NSW residents can now integrate their COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate into the Service NSW app](#) to make it easier for businesses and customers. To integrate the COVID-19 digital certificate into the Service NSW app you will need to:

- Ensure your Federal MyGov account is linked to Medicare
- Download the Express Plus Medicare app and sign in with your MyGov account details
- Select ‘Proof of vaccinations’ and then ‘View history’
- Select ‘Share with check in app’ and then ‘Service NSW’

Customers can still present their printed certificate or Medicare App as proof of vaccination.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHING PROFESSION

[The NSW Government is introducing a range of initiatives to create employment opportunities and attract more people into the teaching profession.](#) This includes the new \$125 million NSW Teacher Supply Strategy which is focused on growing overall supply of teachers, encouraging teachers to upskill and provide targeted support.

REGIONAL NSW RECOVERY PACKAGE

[A \\$200 million recovery package for regional NSW was unveiled today](#) to create new jobs and support events, shows and festivals to boost tourism. The package includes:

- \$30 million for the Regional Job Creation Fund Round Two (open for applications in early 2022)
- \$20 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund Round Two (to be open for applications in early 2022)
- \$5 million Country Shows support package
- \$25 million Reconnecting Regional NSW: Community Events Package; and
- \$40 million for priority infrastructure projects across Regional NSW.

DOUBLE BAY FERRY WHARF UPGRADE

Transport for NSW are now calling on residents to have their say on the next step of the proposed upgrade to the Double Bay Ferry Wharf. The Review of Environmental Factors report is now on display for community submissions and it outlines the proposed work, potential construction and environmental impacts and mitigation measures.

Consultation is open until 5pm on Sunday 7 November 2021 and you can provide feedback [here](#).

COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 11:50am 15 October 2021).
State-wide vaccination rates can be viewed [here](#).

Post Code	Suburbs	Active COVID Cases	Vaccination Rate (1st dose/2nd dose) 15y.o+
2030	Watsons Bay, Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay North	3	90%+ / 80-90%
2029	Rose Bay	1	90%+ / 80-90%
2028	Double Bay	2	70-80% / 60-70%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	0	80-90% / 70-80%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	20	80-90% / 70-80%
2025	Woollahra	2	80-90% / 70-80%
2023	Bellevue Hill	0	80-90% / 70-80%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	2	80-90% / 70-80%

The daily NSW Health COVID-19 update is below and the Service NSW Hotline on 13 77 88 is still available 24/7 to support you with COVID related enquiries.



15 October 2021

NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT - COVID-19 STATISTICS

NSW recorded 399 new locally acquired cases of COVID-19 in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

One new case was acquired overseas, and 10 previously reported cases have been excluded following further investigation. The total number of cases in NSW since the beginning of the pandemic is 70,592.

Sadly, NSW Health is reporting the deaths of four people – two women and two men.

A man in his 70s from south-western Sydney died at Campbelltown Hospital, where he acquired his infection. This is the sixth death linked to an outbreak at the hospital. He had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

A woman in her 80s died at St George Hospital. She was a resident of the Allity Beechwood Aged Care Facility, where she acquired her infection. This is the eighth death linked to an outbreak at this facility. She had received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

A man in his 50s from western Sydney died at St Vincent's Hospital. He was not vaccinated and had underlying health conditions.

A woman in her 80s from south-western Sydney died at Liverpool Hospital. She had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and had underlying health conditions.

NSW Health extends its sincere condolences to their loved ones.

There have been 458 COVID-19 related deaths in NSW since 16 June 2021 and 514 in total since the start of the pandemic.

There have been 64,911 locally acquired cases reported since 16 June 2021, when the first case in this outbreak was reported.

There are currently 677 COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital, with 145 people in intensive care, 77 of whom require ventilation.

There were 85,000 COVID-19 tests reported to 8pm last night, compared with the previous day's total of 85,133.

NSW Health administered 20,877 COVID-19 vaccines in the 24 hours to 8pm last night.

Across NSW, 91.4 per cent of people aged 16 and over have received a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and 77.8 per cent are fully vaccinated to 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 October 2021.

In the 12-15 year old age group, 72.1 per cent have had their first dose, and 26 per cent are fully vaccinated.

The total number of vaccines administered in NSW is now 11,396,829 with 3,857,517 doses administered by NSW Health to 8pm last night and 7,539,312 administered by the GP network, pharmacies and other providers to 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 October 2021.

Of the 399 locally acquired cases reported to 8pm last night, 92 are from South Western Sydney Local Health District (LHD), 79 are from Hunter New England LHD, 63 are from Western Sydney LHD, 31 are from Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, 31 are from Sydney LHD, 28 are from South Eastern Sydney LHD, 20 are from Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, 15 are from Central Coast LHD, 14 are from Western NSW LHD, eight are from Murrumbidgee LHD, six are in a correctional setting, four are from Northern Sydney LHD, three are from Far West LHD, two are from Northern NSW LHD, two are from Southern NSW LHD and one is yet to be assigned to an LHD.

NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program has detected fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 in sewage samples collected from across NSW including Hallidays Point, Woolgoolga, West Wyalong and Gulargambone. Everyone in these areas is urged to monitor for the onset of symptoms, and if they appear, to immediately be tested and isolate until a negative result is received.

If you are directed to [get tested](#) for COVID-19 or [self-isolate](#) at any time, you must follow the [rules](#) whether or not the venue or exposure setting is listed on the NSW Health website.

It remains vital that anyone who has any symptoms or is a close or casual contact of a person with COVID-19, isolates and is tested immediately. When testing clinics are busy, please ensure you stay in line, identify yourself to staff and tell them that you have symptoms or are a contact of a case.

Please check the [NSW Government website](#) regularly, and follow the relevant health advice if you have attended a venue of concern or travelled on a public transport route at the same time as a confirmed case of COVID-19. This list is being updated regularly as case investigations proceed.

There are more than 500 COVID-19 testing locations across NSW, many of which are open seven days a week. To find your nearest clinic visit [COVID-19 clinics](#) or contact your GP.

COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS

Residents are encouraged to get tested when they have even the mildest of symptoms. Here are some testing clinics in the local area with private testing also available via GPs:

- **Rushcutters Bay Park Pop-up Clinic**, New Beach Road, Sir David Martin Reserve, Darling Point (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Rose Bay drive-through Laverty Pathology**, Lyne Park, Vickery Avenue Car Park, Rose Bay (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Beach drive-through Clinic**, Entry on junction of Campbell Parade and Beach Road (7:30am-9pm Mon-Sun and changing to 7:30am-6pm from 18 October).
- **Bondi Junction Laverty Pathology drive-through and walk-through Clinic**, Level 2 carpark, 34 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **Bondi Junction Respiratory Clinic**, 47 Spring Street, Bondi Junction (9am-5:20pm Mon-Sat - [Appointments required](#))
- **Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (8am-6pm 7 days)
- **St Vincent's clinic at the East Sydney Community Centre**, 34-40 Burton Street, Darlinghurst (8am-8pm 7 days)
- **Prince of Wales Hospital**, Building 14B Avoca Street, Randwick (9am-8pm 7 days)

To view all NSW COVID-19 clinics, please click [here](#).

[Information on NSW Public Health Orders and restrictions](#)

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