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Dear Resident

The good news is that the NSW Government will provide all NSW residents with a free flu shot from 1 June to 30 June 2022 to help combat this year's expected severe flu season. Free vaccines are available from GPs and pharmacists and more information is [here](#).

Yesterday, the single-use plastic bag ban came into force in NSW as part of the [NSW Plastics Plan](#). Businesses can call the National Retail Association's free hotline on 1800 844 946 with questions. Woolworths Double Bay also has a new BYO container initiative where you can bring your own reusable containers to fill up at the deli, and meat and seafood counters to help cut down on single-use plastic. There's more on this on my video below.



[Click above to watch the video](#)

There are some more local and NSW Government updates below, including tips on how to keep fire-safe during Winter.

ROSE BAY CYCLEWAY ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION

The 2.4 km cycleway from William Street, Double Bay to Norwich Road, Rose Bay is under construction and due for completion by early July 2022, weather permitting. Construction is now in its third stage focussed on the Rose Bay Promenade. When complete it will provide a safer connection for cyclists travelling between Double Bay and Rose Bay, taking bikes off New South Head Road. The project is supported by \$1 million in NSW Government with more information [here](#).



NSW LAUNCHES \$42 MILLION AFFORDABLE IVF INITIATIVE

Having a baby and starting a family is an amazing life changing experience. That's why I was pleased to visit the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation, Randwick to announce \$80 million in funding so that every woman in NSW has the best chance to start a family.

The package includes rebates for pre-IVF fertility testing, a new rebate for fertility treatments in private clinics and increased fertility treatment places at our publicly supported clinics. It will also increase fertility preservation for women suffering from cancer and provide five days fertility leave for NSW public servants.

The \$2,000 rebate will open 1 January 2023. Women who have undergone an eligible procedure from 1 October 2022 will be able to submit a claim when the rebate scheme opens. This package is about making sure that financial circumstances don't stand in the way of starting a family: <https://t.co/iFcyekHe1t>



KOALA POPULATION DISCOVERED IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

Surveys undertaken by NPWS and Australian National University have discovered an important koala population in the Kosciuszko National Park. Additional surveys will be conducted under the [NSW Koala Strategy](#) to map their distribution. It's such a promising development and an indication that biodiversity is benefitting from the NSW Government's commitment to [protect and conserve threatened species](#).

PLAQUE UNVEILING FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is [National Reconciliation Week](#) and on Monday I joined the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council for Woollahra Council's Plaque unveiling for local Aboriginal leader William Warrell.

William was a leader in the Sydney Aboriginal community and described as the "Chief of the Rose Bay tribe". This tribute on the Rose Bay Promenade near Lyne Park is one way we can acknowledge the Indigenous history of our local area and keep remembering it.



PREPARE NOW FOR A FIRE-SAFE WINTER

Rescue NSW and the NSW Rural Fire Service are reminding households to take precautions to guard against house fires. [FRNSW](#)'s suggested safety measures include to:

- Check and maintain smoke alarms;
- Keep any drying clothes or anything flammable at least a metre from the heater;
- Clean and maintain any fireplaces;
- Not use outdoor heating or cooking equipment inside your home;
- Check electric blankets are safe for use and never go to bed with your electric blanket on;
- Not overheat wheat bags in the microwave;
- Clean the lint filter from your clothes dryer after each use; and
- Ensure you have a 'home fire escape plan' and practice it regularly with your family.

For a Get Ready for Winter checklist, visit: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/winter.

Current local COVID figures are included below along with information on our local COVID-19 testing clinics.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards



COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE

Source: [NSW Government Website](#) (accessed at 6:00pm, 2 June 2022)

State-wide vaccination rates can be viewed [here](#).

Post Code	Suburbs	Active COVID Cases	Vaccination Rate (1st dose/2nd dose) 16y.o+
2030	Watsons Bay, Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay North	153	90%+ / 90%+
2029	Rose Bay	129	90%+ / 90%+
2028	Double Bay	44	70-80% / 70-80%
2027	Point Piper, Darling Point, Edgecliff	90	80-90% / 80-90%
2026	Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi	283	80-90% / 80-90%
2025	Woollahra	99	80-90% / 80-90%
2023	Bellevue Hill	120	80-90% / 80-90%
2022	Bondi Junction, Queens Park	148	90%+ / 80-90%

COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS

Here are some COVID testing clinics in the local area:

- **Woollahra 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 8 Oxford Street, Woollahra (8am-6pm 7 days)

- **Bondi Junction Respiratory Clinic**, 47 Spring Street, Bondi Junction (Tues: 9am-7:30pm, Wed-Thurs: 9am-5:15pm)
- **Bondi Junction 4Cyte Pathology Walk-in Clinic**, 50 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction (7 days: 8am-6pm)
- **Bondi Junction Laverty Pathology Drive-through and Walk-in Clinic**, Lvl 2 Car park, 34 Waverley Street, Bondi Junction (Mon-Fri: 8am-12pm) .
- **Rose Bay Laverty Pathology Drive-through** , Lyne Park, Vickery Avenue Car Park Rose Bay (Mon-Fri: 8am-4pm, Sat-Sun: 8am-12pm)
- **Bondi Beach SydPath Drive-through Clinic**, Entry on junction of Campbell Parade and Beach Road (7 days: 7:30am-5pm)
- **Prince of Wales Hospital**, Building 14B Avoca Street, Randwick (7 days: 9am-7pm)

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

[Information for NSW Businesses and Employees](#)

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