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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**No. 86**

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012

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1. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE**

The House met at 10.00 am pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair, read the prayer and acknowledged the traditional owners, thanking them for their custodianship of country.

1. **AUDITOR-GENERAL**

The Clerk, in accordance with section 63C of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983, announced receipt of the Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General entitled “Settling humanitarian entrants in New South Wales – Services to permanent residents who come to New South Wales through the humanitarian migration stream: Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet”, dated May 2012 (received 23 May 2012).

1. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS (GENERAL NOTICES)**
2. **JUDICIAL OFFICERS AMENDMENT BILL**

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Greg Smith, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Mr Nick Lalich moved, That this debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the debate stand an order of the day for a later hour.

1. **HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM AGREEMENT) BILL**

Mrs Jillian Skinner moved, pursuant to notice, That a bill be now introduced for an Act to amend the Health Services Act 1997 to make provision for health funding arrangements under the National Health Reform Agreement.

Question put and passed.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Mrs Jillian Skinner moved, That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Dr Andrew McDonald) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a future day.

1. **JUDICIAL OFFICERS AMENDMENT BILL**

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Greg Smith, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Mr Stuart Ayres moved, That this debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the debate stand an order of the day for a later hour.

1. **NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW (ADOPTION) BILL**

**ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY RETAIL LAW) BILL**

Mr Chris Hartcher moved, pursuant to notice, That the following cognate bills be now introduced:

(i) A bill for an Act to establish a national energy customer framework for the regulation of the retail supply of energy to customers; to make provision for the relationship between the distributors of energy and the consumers of energy; and for other purposes.

(ii) A bill for an Act to amend various Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the National Energy Retail Law (Adoption) Act 2012.

Question put and passed.

Bills introduced and read a first time.

Mr Chris Hartcher moved, That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Paul Lynch) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a future day.

1. **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (RESTORATION OF OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE) BILL**

The order of the day was read.

Mr Greg Smith moved, That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Paul Lynch) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later time.

1. **INSPECTOR OF CUSTODIAL SERVICES BILL**

Mr Greg Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That a bill be now introduced for an Act to provide for an Inspector of Custodial Services; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Mr Greg Smith moved, That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Paul Lynch) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a future day.

1. **JUDICIAL OFFICERS AMENDMENT BILL**

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Greg Smith, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

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Mr Anderson, Mr Annesley, Mr Ayres, Mr Baird, Mr Barilaro, Mr Bassett, Mr Baumann, Ms Berejiklian, Mr Bromhead, Mr Casuscelli, Mr Conolly, Mr Constance, Mr Coure, Mrs Davies, Mr Dominello, Mr Doyle, Mr Elliott, Mr Evans, Mr Flowers, Mr Gee, Mr George, Ms Gibbons, Mr Grant, Mr Gulaptis, Mr Hartcher, Mr Hazzard, Ms Hodgkinson, Mr Holstein, Mr Humphries, Mr Kean, Dr Lee, Mr O’Farrell, Mr Owen, Mr Page, Mr Patterson, Mr Perrottet, Mr Piccoli, Mr Piper, Mr Provest, Mr Roberts, Mr Rowell, Mrs Sage, Mr Sidoti, Mrs Skinner, Mr Smith, Mr Speakman, Mr Spence, Mr Stokes, Mr Stoner, Mr Toole, Mr Torbay, Ms Upton, Mr Ward, Mr Webber, Mr R.C. Williams and Mrs Williams.

Tellers: Mr Maguire and Mr J.D. Williams.

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Ms Burney, Ms Burton, Mr Daley, Mr Furolo, Ms Hay, Ms Hornery, Ms Keneally, Mr Lalich, Mr Lynch, Dr McDonald, Ms Mihailuk, Ms Moore, Mr Parker, Mrs Perry, Mr Rees, Mr Robertson, Ms Tebbutt, Ms Watson and Mr Zangari.

Tellers: Mr Amery and Mr Park. In the Chair: Mr Fraser.

Pair: Mr Aplin—Mr Barr.

Question passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Greg Smith moved, That this bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

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The Assistant Speaker left the Chair at 1.08 pm.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 2.15 pm.

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1. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DEATH OF BARBARA HOLBOROW, OAM**

Mr Andrew Constance made a statement in relation to the death, on 23 May 2012, of former Children’s Court Magistrate Ms Barbara Holborow, OAM.

Mrs Barbara Perry also addressed the House.

Members and officers stood as a mark of respect.

1. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
2. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE ACCORDED PRIORITY**

Mr Chris Patterson—Narellan Road Upgrade.

Mr John Robertson—Community Building Partnership.

1. **QUESTION TIME**

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Disorder: At 2.56 pm, the Speaker directed Ms Linda Burney to leave the Chamber for 30 minutes.

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1. **SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWER**

Mr Chris Hartcher gave a supplementary answer to a question asked of him during Question Time.

1. **LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr Brad Hazzard moved, That:

(1) Garry Keith Edwards be appointed to serve on the Legislation Review Committee in place of Gareth James Ward, discharged.

(2) A message be sent informing the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed.

1. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS**

Mr Brad Hazzard moved, That standing and sessional orders be suspended at this sitting to provide for the following routine of business from 7.00 pm:

(1) At 7.00 pm, the taking of up to 7 private members’ statements;

(2) Matter of public importance; and

(3) The House to adjourn without motion moved at the conclusion of the matter of public importance.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

1. **PAPER**

Mr Andrew Stoner tabled the report of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal entitled “Ethanol supply and demand in NSW, Other Industries – Final Report”, dated March 2012.

1. **PETITIONS**

The Clerk announced that the following member had lodged petitions for presentation:

Ms Clover Moore—from certain citizens requesting that companion animals be allowed to travel on all public transport.

Ms Clover Moore—from certain citizens requesting the provision of bus services to the Walsh Bay precinct and the provision of ferry services to the new wharf at Pier 2/3.

Ms Clover Moore—from certain citizens requesting a ban on exotic animals performing in circuses.

Ms Clover Moore—from certain citizens requesting a container deposit levy be introduced in New South Wales.

Ms Clover Moore—from certain citizens opposing the sale of animals in pet shops.

Ms Clover Moore—from certain citizens requesting that certain actions be taken by Housing NSW in Woolloomooloo.

1. **GENERAL BUSINESS (COMMUNITY RECOGNITION NOTICES)**

The Speaker informed the House that in accordance with the resolution of 21 February 2012, general business notices of motions (general notices) nos 598, 600, 602 to 627, 629, 631 to 635, 637 to 644, 646 to 656, 658 to 660, 662 to 672, 674, 675, 677, 678, 680, 684, 685, and 687 to 694 had been reclassified as general business (community recognition notices).

The Speaker obtained the leave of the House for consideration of those general business (community recognition notices) forthwith.

Question proposed—That the following motions, given by the members as indicated, pursuant to notice, be formally agreed to:

(1) ERIN DARK

Mr Gareth Ward—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Erin Dark, of Gerringong, on her recent success in riding a perfect 10 wave at North Cronulla Beach.

(2) Notes that Erin Dark is the current NSW Open Women’s Longboard Champion and NSW Under 18 Champion.

(3) Wishes Erin Dark the best of success in her surfing career.

(2) THE DEATH OF MR BRENTON BANFIELD

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Notes the death of Mr Brenton Banfield, a former Mayor of Campbelltown, who passed away on 7 November 2011.

(2) Notes that Mr Banfield was elected to Campbelltown City Council from 1991 to 2007 and served as mayor on a number of occasions.

(3) Notes that Mr Banfield was instrumental in establishing programs run by Campbelltown Council, had some ambitious ideas and was known for his love of his community.

(4) Notes that Mr Banfield was a prominent solicitor in Campbelltown and Liverpool.

(5) Offers its condolences to his wife and family and notes the city of Campbelltown has lost a great citizen.

(3) DISABILITY SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Disability Services Australia on the opening on 26 October 2011 of the refurbished premises at Picton used for its day options program.

(2) Acknowledges the hard work and dedication that the staff undertake to ensure excellent services are provided to people with a disability from the Wollondilly region.

(4) UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the University of Newcastle for retaining its prestigious place in the top 300 universities in the world.

(2) Acknowledges the university is increasing its enrolments among regional students.

(3) Welcomes new Vice Chancellor, Professor Caroline McMillen.

(5) VOLUNTEER CORPS OF GUARDS

Mr Victor Dominello—That this House:

(1) Notes that on 15 October 2011 the graduation ceremony for the inaugural Corps of Guards took place at the ANZAC Memorial Building.

(2) Notes that the Corps of Guards is an initiative of the New South Wales Branch of the RSL following its legislative appointment in 2010 as Guardian of the Memorial.

(3) Notes that this year’s graduates are the first volunteer Corps of Guards to be inducted for their important role at the Anzac War Memorial, Hyde Park.

(4) Acknowledges those that attended the ceremony, particularly Mr Douglas James, Guard Adjutant, Mr Mark Lee, former Navy Photographer and Mr Chris Perrin, State Secretary RSL.

(5) Commends the work of the RSL, including that of Mr Chris Perrin and others who initiated the Corps of Guards concept.

(6) LEAH POULTON

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Australian Cricket Representative, Leah Poulton, of Wallsend, for her support of girls’ cricket in Newcastle.

(2) Notes that Leah Poulton gave her time on 4 November 2011 as coach and special guest at a “Come and Try Evening” for girls.

(7) SARAH BODDINGTON

Mr Gareth Ward—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Sarah Boddington, of Huskisson, on her recent success in winning the NSW Women’s Bowling Association state singles title.

(2) Notes that at 19 years of age, Sarah has become the State's youngest ever winner of the Women’s State singles title.

(3) Wishes Sarah all the best of success for her lawn bowls career.

(8) JADE GROVER

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Jade Grover, of Glendale Technology High School, on his recent third place in the Combined High Schools state cross country championships.

(2) Notes that Jade will take part in the state athletics championships later this season.

(9) REVEREND BOB FRISKEN

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Reverend Bob Frisken on the launch of his book “It Only Takes A Spark” on 21 October 2011 at Morling College.

(2) Notes that the book is about the formation of Christian Community Schools, now known as Christian Schools Australia, and the many schools that were established as a result of the efforts of Reverend Frisken.

(3) Acknowledges the great work undertaken by Reverend Frisken and his late wife Maryanne Frisken in the field of Christian education.

(10) JON CHESTERTON

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Jon Chesterton on receiving the Mental Health Nurse of the Year award at the International Mental Health Nursing Conference held on the Gold Coast.

(2) Notes that the award recognises Mr Chesterton's contribution to professional development and training for mental health nurses, much of which was undertaken voluntarily.

(11) JACK FISHPOOL

Mr Gareth Ward—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Jack Fishpool, of Camberwarra, on his recent success in being awarded the Shoalhaven Basketball Association’s Representative Referee for 2011.

(2) Acknowledges Jack’s progress from refereeing in the local competition through to the NSW State Cup.

(3) Wishes Jack the best of success in his future refereeing career.

(12) MUNIBUNG HILL

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Councillor Daniel Wallace and the Lake Macquarie Council on the proposed recreation and tourism plans for Munibung Hill.

(2) Notes that Munibung Hill is an important Aboriginal site and the proposed plans include walking tracks, picnic tables and a statue of an Aboriginal family to acknowledge the site’s history.

(13) SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

Ms Gabrielle Upton—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the launch of “Sculpture by the Sea” at Bondi on 3 November 2011.

(2) Notes its important cultural, social and economic contribution to New South Wales.

(3) Congratulates its founder David Handley, the Board and organisers on the 15th anniversary of “Sculpture by the Sea”.

(14) PHEASANTS NEST FIRE SHED

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Pheasants Nest Rural Fire Brigade Team on the opening of its new fire shed at Pheasants Nest.

(2) Notes most of the money required for the shed was raised by members of the Rural Fire Service Brigade and the community.

(3) Thanks the Pheasants Nest Rural Brigade for its service to the community.

(15) SHOALHAVEN HEADS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr Gareth Ward—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Shoalhaven Heads Public School, which celebrates 150 years of education on 24 November 2011.

(2) Notes that celebrations include the opening of a time capsule buried 25 years ago, the official opening of the new school hall and the unveiling of a 150th year commemorative plaque.

(3) Acknowledges the ongoing and tremendous contribution made by the Principal, Ian Henderson.

(4) Wishes all of the staff and students at Shoalhaven Heads Public School all the very best for their futures.

(16) BROUGHTON ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Broughton Anglican College on its 25th anniversary.

(2) Commends the Principal and staff at Broughton Anglican College for their hard work and dedication to the students of the school.

(3) Wishes Broughton College all the best for the next 25 years.

(17) KIAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr Gareth Ward—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Kiama Public School, which will celebrate 150 years of education on 18 November 2011.

(2) Notes that Kiama Public School has provided quality education for many generations of families in the local community and has provided excellent learning opportunities for all students.

(3) Acknowledges the ongoing and tremendous contribution made by the Principal, Diane Quill.

(4) Wishes all the staff and students at Kiama Public School all the very best in their future endeavours.

(18) NEWCASTLE W-LEAGUE JETS

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Notes the Newcastle W-League Jets with “Matildas'” Lisa De Vanna, Emily Van Egmord and Melissa Barineri and German international Ariane Hingst have a new look this season.

(2) Notes that the Newcastle W-League Jets are running second in the W-League competition.

(19) BARGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Bargo Chamber of Commerce for its initiative “Beautifying Bargo Day” that will occur on 12 November 2011.

(2) Thanks the Bargo Chamber of Commerce President, David Auctherlonie, and Secretary, Jodie Grundy, and the rest of the chamber for its support of this community event.

(3) Acknowledges Tahmoor Garden Centre for providing the plants and trees on the day.

(4) Notes that this event will involve many groups on the day, including the Bargo Rural Fire Service, Tahmoor Lions Club and Waratah Retirement Village among other groups and individuals.

(20) CANTERBURY ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Canterbury Road Safety Group for continuing its fight for improved pedestrian safety between Canterbury Railway Station and Church Street, Canterbury.

(2) Notes that the group is calling for the installation of traffic lights, a crossing at the intersection of Canterbury Road and Floss Street, Canterbury, a 10 kilometres per hour reduction in the speed limit and the extension of Canterbury Public School's school zone.

(3) Congratulates the Canterbury Road Safety Group President Karen Rivers for her commitment and dedication to the group.

(21) COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MEGNA

Mr John Sidoti—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges Councillor Michael Megna, of City of Canada Bay Council, for his 20 years of service to local government.

(2) Congratulates him on his many achievements as former mayor of Drummoyne and as a councillor of Canada Bay.

(3) Wishes him all the best in celebrations, highlighting his many achievements, on 9 November 2011.

(22) HUNTER ACADEMY OF SPORT GIRLS WATER POLO TEAM

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Hunter Academy of Sport girls water polo team for winning top honours in the under 16 division of the Hawaiian invitational water polo tournament.

(2) Commends coach Shannon Johansen and the team for their efforts.

(23) WORONORA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

Ms Melanie Gibbons—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Woronora Bushfire Brigade on the time and effort it puts into preparing to fight bushfires each year.

(2) Thanks the Brigade for putting their lives at risk to protect others.

(3) Congratulates the Brigade on the recent opening of their new fire station and floating pontoon.

(24) CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the students and staff from Canterbury Boys High School for their initiative in greening their school through a program of Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Vodafone Australia Foundation.

(2) Acknowledges that they have weeded and mulched native garden beds as part of the Green Schools Connect program conducted by 30 schools nationwide.

(25) CAMPBELLTOWN TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Campbelltown Toastmasters Club on their 800th meeting held on 2 November 2011.

(2) Mr Cyrill Tipping for 30 years active membership of the Campbelltown Toastmasters Club.

(26) MEMORY MAGIC PROGRAM

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Hunter based Anglican Care and the Jesmond Grove Hostel on winning the Positive Living award for the use of the “memory magic” program in its nursing homes.

(2) Notes this innovative board game is used to help jog the memory of those who struggle with short-term memory loss and to help improve morale and behaviour.

(27) BOMADERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr Gareth Ward—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Bomaderry Public School on officially opening the upgrades to the library and classrooms on 9 November 2011.

(2) Notes that Bomaderry Public School has provided quality education for many generation of families in the local community and has provided excellent learning opportunities for all students.

(3) Acknowledges the ongoing and tremendous contribution made by the Principal, Dionne Hanbridge.

(4) Commends all the teachers, staff and students at Bomaderry Public School and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.

(28) DAVID SINGLETON

Mr Bart Bassett—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the Duke of Edinburgh Awards as a prestigious honour that recognises the leadership and abilities of young people.

(2) Congratulates David Singleton, of Colo High School, who was recently awarded the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at a ceremony at Government House hosted by Her Excellency, the Governor Professor Marie Bashir, AC CVO.

(29) TAHMOOR MEN’S SHED

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the men at the Tahmoor Men’s Shed for their community work.

(2) Notes that its membership has increased such that they are in need of another shed.

(3) Wishes them well with the development of their next shed.

(30) JOAN SUTHERLAND SOCIETY OF SYDNEY

Mr John Sidoti—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the many volunteers of the Joan Sutherland Society of Sydney, a not-for-profit organisation, to assist the talented young opera singers.

(2) Acknowledges the tireless work of Mr Doug Cremer, President of the Joan Sutherland Society, over the past 10 years.

(3) Wishes Mr Doug Cremer the best on his retirement as President.

(31) BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Notes the commencement of the $8.4 million upgrade of Belmore Sports Ground, the home of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

(2) Acknowledges the tireless work that the Back to Belmore Group have done to revive Belmore Sports Ground and bring local sporting groups to work together.

(3) Congratulates the Back to Belmore Group and the Bulldogs for plans to keep the historic venue and its future plan to transform it into a top class multi-purpose sporting facility.

(32) JEREMY ROBINSON

Mrs Leslie Williams—That this House congratulates Jeremy Robinson, of Camden Haven High School, on his selection in the Australian Vikings Youth Futsal team which will tour China in April 2012.

(33) JOHN HUNTER CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Ms Sonia Hornery—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the wonderful achievements of the John Hunter Children’s Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

(2) Notes that since 1991 nearly 19,000 babies have passed through this unit receiving specialist care.

(34) CUP AND SAUCER CREEK WETLAND

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges that Sydney Water has officially handed over the management of the Cup and Saucer Creek Wetland to Canterbury City Council.

(2) Notes that the wetland restores some of the Cooks River’s natural character and helps improve the overall health of the Cooks River by filtering stormwater runoff and establishing a local habitat for native wildlife.

(3) Congratulates the project on its recent award of ‘Highly Commended’ at the NSW Stormwater Excellence Awards.

(35) MACARTHUR PACIFIC TONGAN ASSOCIATION

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House congratulates the Macarthur Pacific Tongan Association for hosting Dr Viliami Latu, Minister for Tourism, of Tonga, at a reception at the Campbelltown Catholic Club on 3 November 2011.

(36) STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Mr Tony Issa—That this House:

(1) Notes the NSW State Emergency Service is an emergency and rescue service dedicated to assisting the community.

(2) Acknowledges the contribution, commitment and hard work of the State Emergency Service.

(37) MACARTHUR DISABILITY SERVICE

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Macarthur Disability Service on the unveiling of its Tahmoor site that enables training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

(2) Acknowledges the hard work that Ann Thorn, Chief Executive Officer, and all the staff undertake on a daily basis serving people with disabilities in the Wollondilly region.

(3) Thanks the Minister for Aging, and Minister for Disability Services for the grant of $5,000 toward the hospitality training kitchen.

(38) NEXT OF KIN REGISTER

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the support of Canterbury Community Safety Committee for the Next of Kin Register by allocating $3,000 to resource development.

(2) Notes the register contains information on the nominated next of kin, doctor’s details, and medical alerts.

(3) Acknowledges the support for the register by Campsie Police Crime Manager, Detective Inspector John Betell as a tool to assist emergency services when there is no record of a next of kin.

(39) BILLABONG KOALA AND WILDLIFE PARK

Mrs Leslie Williams—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Billabong Koala and Wildlife Park, Port Macquarie, on the new addition of a pair of rare snow leopards, named Kamala and Sabu, and on the construction of the new exhibit.

(2) Acknowledges owner Mark Stone and the continued development of the park as a premier regional wildlife park and its contribution to tourism in the Port Macquarie region.

(40) LENNOX STREET STUDIOS ART FAIR

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Jack Braudis, of Hurlstone Park, and Maria Christou, of Earlwood, who will be exhibiting their artwork in “Creative Corridors” at the Lennox Street Studios annual art fair.

(2) Notes that Lennox Street Studios in Newtown is a thriving community of more than 30 artists.

(3) Acknowledges that the “Creative Corridors” art fair provides a chance for the general public to visit the artists’ studio to view the works and meet the artists.

(41) PALESTINIAN NATIONAL DAY

Mr Tony Issa—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges Palestinian National Day.

(2) Notes the International Day is an opportunity for the international community to focus its attention on the unresolved question of Palestine.

(42) CHUNG SHAN SOCIETY

Ms Linda Burney—That this House:

(1) Notes that the Chung Shan Society of Australia recently celebrated its 30th anniversary.

(2) Acknowledges the strong ties between China and Australia and the contribution of Chinese migrants to the nation.

(3) Congratulates the Chinese community in serving and playing an important role in the local community.

(43) MACARTHUR DISABILITY SERVICES

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Macarthur Disability Services on their “Island Nights” Ball, held on 4 November 2011.

(2) Congratulates Macarthur Disability Services for 29 years of committed service to the people of the Campbelltown.

(44) FISHER’S GHOST FESTIVAL STREET PARADE

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates all the staff of Campbelltown City Council and volunteers involved in bringing the community together at the annual Fisher’s Ghost Festival street parade on 5 November 2011.

(2) Thanks Campbelltown City Council in providing a day of fun and entertainment for all the families and members of the Wollondilly community.

(45) HANNAM VALE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Mrs Leslie Williams—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the organisers of the Hannam Vale Festival of Flowers held on Sunday 30 October 2011.

(2) Notes the Festival was an overwhelming success and through the tour of local gardens, raised funds for facilities in Hannam Vale Reserve.

(46) PINETOWN PRECISION ENGINEERING

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House congratulates Alan Hadfield, and the staff of Pinetown Precision Engineering, Minto, for being a finalist in the NSW Premier’s Export Award in the “Small to Medium Business” category.

(47) APRIL BROWNE

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates April Browne, of Theresa Park, the winner of the 2012 Camden Show Girl at the Camden Show Ball.

(2) Acknowledges Ms Browne’s hard work and contribution to our community, in particular in her role as President of the RAS Dairy Youth Committee and bringing her knowledge of cattle to the youth of the Wollondilly region.

(48) SOUTH WEST TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House commends the South West Tenants Association, and Janet Davies, President, for conducting a successful conference at Kirah Ridge Christian Conference Centre, at Tahmoor, on 2 and 3 November, 2011.

(49) PRIVATE LUKE WORSLEY

Mr Bart Bassett—That this House:

(1) Notes the importance of Australia’s defence services who continue to play a role in national security, peace keeping and humanitarian operations in Australia and abroad.

(2) Acknowledges and pays respect to the service and sacrifices given by the men and women who have served in the defence of Australia during times of conflict.

(3) Recognises the decision by Hawkesbury City Council to name the new cycleway bridge at Rickabys Creek in honour of Hawkesbury resident Private Luke Worsley who was killed while on active service in Afghanistan in 2007.

(50) COLYTON HIGH SCHOOL TRADE SCHOOL

Mrs Tanya Davies—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Colyton High School Trade School on its success at the 2011 Rock Eisteddfod.

(2) Thanks the teachers, students, parents and the Parents and Citizens Association members and senior executive for their hard work, training, and rehearsal of their production “Insomnia”.

(3) Congratulates the school community for winning three excellence awards for choreography, concept, and stage design and function.

(51) WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates event organiser Eve Langham, of Buxton, for her initiative in organising the Wollondilly community day for the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

(2) Thanks the emergency services personnel and all involved in providing care to those involved in road traffic accidents.

(3) Acknowledges and pays respects to those Wollondilly families that have lost members to a road traffic incident.

(4) Notes that the event will be held at the Picton Botanic Gardens on 20 November 2011.

(52) HARMONY DAY

Mr Tony Issa—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the Baha’i Group for organising Harmony Day and inviting all different religious and diverse community groups to share a night of harmony.

(2) Notes the interfaith service began with songs of worship performed by the Temple choir in Arabic, English, Hindi and Samoan.

(53) OATLEY RSL SOCCER CLUB

Mr Mark Coure—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Oatley RSL Soccer Club on its presentation day held on 23 October 2011.

(2) Congratulates all the players who received awards at the presentation.

(3) Notes the role of the Oatley RSL Soccer Club in promoting an active lifestyle for young people in the community and teaching the benefits of team work through team sport.

(4) Wishes Oatley RSL Soccer Club all the best for the 2012 season.

(54) RACHEL MARKS

Mr Matt Kean—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Rachel Marks on receiving the Queen’s Award, the highest accolade of the Girls Brigade.

(2) Acknowledges the contribution by Rachel towards the local community through various efforts including volunteer work.

(3) Acknowledges the contribution of community based organisations such as the Girls Brigade in providing skills and opportunities for individuals to serve their local communities.

(55) PADSTOW BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr Glenn Brookes—That this House:

(1) Notes the excellent work and strong community support given by the Padstow Baptist Church.

(2) Congratulates Senior Pastor, Graham Hoare, on the opening of the new church complex.

(3) Notes the work undertaken by Grant Heslop, Manager Community Care and the many volunteers who give up their time to help the needy within the community.

(4) Notes the support of the Police Commissioner for their work.

(56) UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Mr Bart Bassett—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the University of Western Sydney (UWS) School of Medicine on the forthcoming graduations of its first intake of medical students in December 2011.

(2) Acknowledges the leadership of the University Council, the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Professor Janice Reid, the Dean of the UWS School Medicine, Professor Annemarie Hennessy and her staff on establishing the medical school.

(3) Acknowledges the partnership between the UWS School of Medicine and Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals and Staff Medical Council that provide a quality teaching facility.

(57) STEVE RIPLEY

Mrs Tanya Davies—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Steve Ripley, of Claremont Meadows, on his appointment as a “DON’T DIS my ABILITY” Ambassador for 2011.

(2) Congratulates Mr Ripley on his appearance in the Australian theatre production of “Children of a Lesser God”.

(3) Acknowledges Mr Ripley for his strong support of parents and families of children who are deaf or have a hearing impairment.

(58) HARVEY WORTH

Ms Tania Mihailuk—That this House:

(1) Notes Harvey Worth has been a volunteer for charity organisations for almost fifty years and congratulates him for his decades of service to the Bankstown community.

(2) Notes that Mr Worth was awarded the Medal of Australia last year for his work for charity organisations.

(3) Notes that Mr Worth has been a Director of Bankstown City Aged Care since 1981 and the Treasurer since 1983 and will be retiring this year after more than thirty years of service.

(59) KU STARTING POINTS MACARTHUR

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the staff and volunteers of KU Starting Points Macarthur for the support, care and assistance they provide to the families of the Wollondilly electorate.

(2) Notes the assistance and opportunities the organisation provides to children.

(3) Thanks Lorraine Brown for her ongoing efforts as coordinator of this organisation.

(60) LEBANON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr Tony Issa—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges all Lebanese Communities as they celebrate the 68th Anniversary of Lebanon Independence Day, 22 November 1943.

(2) Notes that the Lebanese Independence Day, is a national day celebrated in remembrance of the liberation of Lebanon after 23 years under French Mandate.

(61) ST GEORGE COMMUNITY SERVICES SOUTHERN SYDNEY VOLUNTEER EXPO

Mr Mark Coure—That this House:

(1) Notes the St George Community Services Southern Sydney Volunteer Expo held on 27 October 2011 that brought together a range of community service providers.

(2) Commends the work of the St George Community Services in providing much needed support to the vulnerable and disadvantaged in the community.

(3) Thanks the Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services for opening the Expo.

(62) CARA VAN WYK

Mr Matt Kean—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Cara van Wyk, of Hornsby Girls High School, on receiving a Marie Bashir Peace Award.

(2) Acknowledges the contribution that Cara has made to peace, harmony and social justice in both the school community and beyond.

(3) Commends individuals and programmes that further the values of peace, harmony and social justice.

(63) ST JUDE’S REFUGE

Mr Glenn Brookes—That this House:

(1) Notes the work being undertaken within the Community by St Jude’s Refuge.

(2) Congratulates Mr Clem McNamara, the President of the Refuge, for leading an organisation that provides year round accommodation and meals for homeless men at minimal cost.

(3) Recognises the efforts of the staff and volunteers of St. Jude’s Refuge.

(4) Encourages the Government to continue to provide support for organisations such as St. Jude’s Refuge.

(64) ST MARYS LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS 2011

Mrs Tanya Davies—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the businesses that were nominated for, and winners of, the St Marys Local Business Awards 2011.

(2) Congratulates St Marys businesses: Go Bananas Family Entertainment Centre; Enchanted Hair and Beauty; Graham’s Hobby Centre; Camels Bins; Cath’s Cakes; A & R First Choice Smash Repairs; Martins Chemist; Chimes Hair Design and Toros Kebabs.

(3) Congratulates St Clair businesses: Sam’s Italian Seafood Restaurant; Rockmans; Optix 2000 and Matthews Quality Meats.

(4) Congratulates Colyton business, Wild Ride Australia.

(65) MADDIE LANE

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Maddie Lane, of Tahmoor, who at 13 years of age will be part of Australia’s Youth World Show Team competing in the 2012 World Youth Show in Texas, United States of America.

(2) Notes the commitment made by Maddie to horse riding and wishes her all the best in the competition.

(66) PEAKHURST AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Mr Mark Coure—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Peakhurst Amateur Swimming Club on its 50th Anniversary, celebrated on 22 October 2011 at Mortdale.

(2) Commends the work of the Peakhurst Amateur Swimming Club in teaching local children to swim.

(3) Recognises the importance of learning to swim in Australian culture and for improved water safety.

(67) CANTEEN BANDANNA DAY - BLACKWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND RAISING

Mrs Tanya Davies—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the work of Canteen in supporting 12 to 24 year olds living with cancer through camps, programs and peer support.

(2) Congratulates Blackwell Public School on raising $1,210 for Canteen on Bandanna Day in 2011.

(3) Congratulates Marnee Larden, of Blackwell Public School, on her creative poster display for Bandanna day.

(68) CATHY MAHER

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges Mrs Cathy Maher, of Picton, in her love of horses and notes her success in showing horses in national competitions.

(2) Congratulates Mrs Maher on her horse Nehima which made the top five in a prestigious east coast competition and Niva which was reserve champion at a state competition.

(3) Wishes Mrs Maher all the best as she prepares her horses for national competition later this year.

(69) ST GEORGE COMMUNITY AWARDS

Mr Mark Coure—That this House:

(1) Notes the inaugural St George Community Awards held on 27 October 2011, attended by the Premier as a special guest.

(2) Congratulates all those who received awards on their outstanding service to the St George community across a range of categories including: St George Community Award; Young Person of the Year; Older Person of the Year; Sportsperson of the Year; and Community Group of the Year.

(70) ROBERT PHILLIPS

Mr Matt Kean—That this House:

(1) Thanks Mr Robert Phillips for his contribution to education as the Principal of Hornsby Girls High School.

(2) Acknowledges the impact that Mr Phillips has had as principal of Hornsby Girls High School which now ranks amongst the top three schools for the Higher School Certificate results and wishes him all the best in his retirement.

(3) Extends best wishes to Mr Justin Briggs in continuing the hard work of Mr Phillips as the new Principal of Hornsby Girls High School.

(4) Notes the importance of teachers and staff at the school and the impact they have to the quality of education the students receive.

(71) RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House congratulates the volunteer members of the Rural Fire Service who were awarded the National Medal and Long Service Medals at the award ceremony held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on 5 November 2011.

(72) KU-RING-GAI AREA COMMAND

Mr Matt Kean—That this House:

(1) Notes the drop in almost all areas of crime rates in the Hornsby area.

(2) Acknowledges the work of Ku-ring-gai Area Command, New South Wales Police and the wider community in targeting and preventing criminal activity.

(3) Notes the importance of supporting police and community groups.

(73) GALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr Matt Kean—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Galston Public School on its celebration of 125 years.

(2) Acknowledges the work of staff and parents in supporting the school and the positive impact the school has had for students and the wider community.

(3) Continues to support schools in providing quality education to students to ensure they have the best opportunities to use their skills and knowledge.

(74) WELLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

Mr Andrew Gee—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Wellington Rotary Club, an organisation that has engaged in thousands of community projects since it was founded in 1937.

(2) Notes that the 33 members of the club recently raised $70,000 so that a room for patient accommodation could be included in the recently built CareWest Lodge at Orange.

(3) Places on record Rotary’s contribution to the Wellington community and wishes them well for the future.

(75) CAMDEN SHOW

Mr Bryan Doyle—That this House:

(1) Congratulates David Head, President of the Camden Show Society, on the 50th year of the Camden Show Ball, which recognises the Camden Show Girl and Rural Achiever.

(2) Congratulates April Browne as the Camden Show Girl and Patrick Buckley as the Rural Achiever for 2012.

(76) KANANDAH RETIREMENT VILLAGE BOARD

Mr Andrew Gee—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Board of Kanandah Retirement Village at Mudgee in marking 10 years since the current board took office in August 2011 and 25 years since it originally opened.

(2) Notes that at the time that Colin Box and the Board of volunteers took office the aged care facility was in danger of being lost to local ownership.

(3) Wishes the Kanandah Board and all those who give their time freely for the benefit of the town's senior citizens well for the future.

(77) MIKAYLA COOK

Mrs Tanya Davies—That this House:

(1) Congratulates 10 year old Mikayla Cook, of Bethany Catholic Primary School, and St Joseph's Soccer Club, Kingswood, on their win in the Futsal West City Crusaders Competition.

(2) Congratulates Mikayla on being selected to play for West City Crusaders FC in the under 12 Girls Futsal Super League Competition.

(78) TRAINWORKS

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Acknowledges Trainworks Rail Museum, at Thirlmere, being named as a finalist in the 2011 NSW Tourism Awards.

(2) Thanks all those involved for their hard work and enthusiasm by ensuring Wollondilly is seen as a tourist attraction for all.

(79) ORANGE RIDING FOR DISABLED

Mr Andrew Gee—That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Orange Riding for Disabled group that has been run by volunteers for more than 30 years.

(2) Notes the group has a special relationship with Anson Street Public School, Orange, to give children with disabilities the experience of horse riding.

(3) Notes the Orange Riding for the Disabled’s valuable contribution to Orange and wishes them well in the future.

(80) RIGHT START FOUNDATION

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Macarthur area cyclists who are about to embark on a Canberra to Sydney charity ride for The Right Start Foundation.

(2) Acknowledges the team of 15 cyclists that comprises local Rotarians, Macarthur Collegian Cycling Club members and local business people.

(3) Praises the Right Start Foundation for its continued efforts to establish the first Down Syndrome specific centre in Australia, in the Wollondilly⁄Macarthur region.

(81) BENDIGO BANK, BEROWRA

Mr Matt Kean—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Bendigo Bank, Berowra on celebrating its fifth birthday.

(2) Notes the wonderful impact it has had on the local community including over $75,000 given in community grants.

(3) Recognises the importance of local businesses, and the services and opportunities they provide, to the community.

(82) CARMEL FLAVELL

Mr Jai Rowell—That this House:

(1) Congratulates Carmel Flavell, a staff member of Community Links Wollondilly and mother of four for receiving the New South Wales Carers Award.

(2) Thanks Community Links Wollondilly, and in particular Carmel, for their hard work and dedication to the community of Wollondilly.

Question put and passed.

1. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE ACCORDED PRIORITY**

(1) Mr Chris Patterson made a statement in support of his notice being accorded priority over the other business of the House.

(2) Mr John Robertson also made a statement in support of his notice being accorded priority—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the vital importance of the Community Building Partnerships program in the Hunter and Central Coast regions.

(2) Notes that local projects funded in 2011 include:

(a) $40,000 for Newcastle and Hunter Rugby Union Inc. to redevelop its sportsground;

(b) $34,106 for Life Church Limited to install a commercial kitchen to feed the homeless;

(c) $10,000 for Hamilton Wickham District Cricket Club to cover its practice wickets and spectator area; and

(d) $9,900 for the Hunter Prostate Cancer Alliance to build a secure garage.

(3) Supports the maintenance of full funding for the Community Building Partnerships program in the upcoming State Budget.

Question—That the motion of the member for Camden be accorded priority—put.

The House divided.

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Mr Anderson, Mr Ayres, Mr Baird, Mr Barilaro, Mr Bassett, Mr Baumann, Ms Berejiklian, Mr Bromhead, Mr Brookes, Mr Casuscelli, Mr Conolly, Mr Constance, Mr Cornwell, Mr Coure, Mrs Davies, Mr Dominello, Mr Doyle, Mr Edwards, Mr Elliott, Mr Evans, Mr Flowers, Mr Fraser, Mr Gee, Ms Gibbons, Ms Goward, Mr Grant, Mr Gulaptis, Mr Hartcher, Mr Hazzard, Ms Hodgkinson, Mr Holstein, Mr Humphries, Mr Issa, Mr Kean, Dr Lee, Mr Notley-Smith, Mr O’Dea, Mr Owen, Mr Page, Ms Parker, Mr Patterson, Mr Perrottet, Mr Piccoli, Mr Provest, Mr Roberts, Mr Rohan, Mr Rowell, Mrs Sage, Mr Sidoti, Mrs Skinner, Mr Smith, Mr Speakman, Mr Spence, Mr Stokes, Mr Stoner, Mr Toole, Ms Upton, Mr Ward, Mr Webber, Mr R.C. Williams and Mrs Williams.

Tellers: Mr Maguire and Mr J.D. Williams.

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Mr Barr, Ms Burney, Ms Burton, Mr Daley, Mr Furolo, Ms Hay, Ms Hornery, Ms Keneally, Mr Lalich, Mr Lynch, Dr McDonald, Ms Mihailuk, Ms Moore, Mr Parker, Mrs Perry, Mr Piper, Mr Rees, Mr Robertson, Ms Tebbutt, Mr Torbay, Ms Watson and Mr Zangari.

Tellers: Mr Amery and Mr Park. In the Chair: Mr George.

Question passed.

1. **MOTION ACCORDED PRIORITY—NARELLAN ROAD UPGRADE**

Mr Chris Patterson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House supports the Government’s commitment to upgrade Narellan Road

Debate ensued.

Mr Chris Patterson speaking in reply—

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It being 4.00 pm, debate interrupted for government business.

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Motion lapsed.

1. **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

The order of the day was read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mrs Jillian Skinner, That this bill be now read a second time.

Question again proposed and debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mrs Jillian Skinner moved, That this bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr John Barilaro) left the Chair at 5.57 pm.

The Acting Speaker (Ms Melanie Gibbons) resumed the Chair at 7.00 pm.

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1. **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS**
2. **MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION DAY**

The Speaker previously informed the House of receipt from Ms Carmel Tebbutt of a notice of a matter of public importance, namely:

National Public Education Day 2012.

Discussion ensued and concluded.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned, pursuant to the resolution of the House, at 7.51 pm, until tomorrow, at 10.00 am.

Attendance: All members present except Mr Greg Aplin.

RONDA MILLER SHELLEY HANCOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Speaker

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