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The Fowler Champion

NDIS Forum



With Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Minister
for the National Disability Scheme

A Message from Dai Le

Welcome to our 3rd edition of the Fowler Champion for 2024!

Since our last newsletter, a great deal has happened within the Fowler electorate.

As your **Independent Federal MP** for Fowler, my role on the Council keeps me connected to the real issues our community faces. This direct involvement allows me to stay grounded in the needs and concerns of our constituents, empowering me to advocate effectively on both local and federal levels. I am committed to securing the resources and shaping the policies that will drive our community forward.

In Parliament, I have continued to hold the Government accountable on key issues impacting Fowler.

In **Question Time**, I asked the Prime Minister how the Government intends to reform the electricity market amid unprecedented energy price increases. With **cost of living** pressures mounting for families in Fowler, it is clear that long-term solutions, not temporary handouts, are needed to support our community.

I spoke on the **Aged Care Bill 2024**, a vital reform for our senior constituents in Fowler and across Australia. While I welcome the reform, I emphasised the need for equitable access to services, especially for culturally and linguistically diverse seniors. The Government must ensure these needs are met with fairness and inclusivity.

Additionally, I advocated for **the interest of our young people** by introducing a Private Member's Bill aimed at making higher education fairer. Currently, students pursuing arts degrees are penalised with significantly higher fees than other disciplines, which is inequitable. My Bill seeks to ensure that all students, regardless of study choice, can pursue their passions without unfair financial barriers.

Over the past year, I had the privilege of actively engaging with Fowler's vibrant community through cultural celebrations and supporting local initiatives.

My team and I have visited businesses across sectors like food processing, manufacturing, and health, listening to small business owners and understanding their challenges while advocating for policies that encourage economic growth and job creation.

Through active engagement with local schools, we have promoted educational opportunities for our youth. At the same time, we've continued community engagement activities, listening to residents' concerns about cost of living, infrastructure needs, and resource shortages.

As your Independent MP, I am committed to putting Fowler's needs first. My mission has always been to listen, act, and advocate for tangible outcomes that benefit our community. Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we will continue building a stronger, more inclusive future for Fowler.

Dai Le
Independent Federal Member for Fowler



In Canberra



Customer Owned Banking Association

Heard member stories on the role they play in putting people above profits



Diabetes Australia Health Check

Fitted with a Continuous Glucose Monitoring sensor to understand how this technology helps people with diabetes manage their blood glucose levels



Newbridge Heights Public School

Welcomed students to Parliament as part of the School Visit Program to gain first-hand knowledge of democracy and lawmaking



Vietnamese Community Annual Information Forum

Met with community leaders from across Australia in Canberra to discuss matters important to Vietnamese Australians



Puppies in Parliament

Vision Australia demonstrated Seeing Eye Dogs to highlight the important work being done to improve the quality of life for visually impaired people



State of Trade Launch

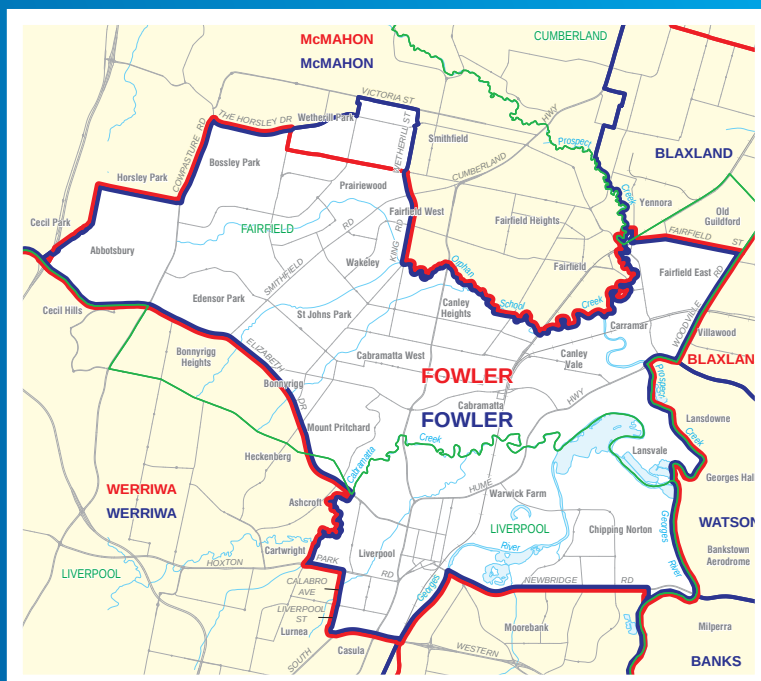
Met with The Hon. Mike Gallacher, CEO of Ports Australia for the release of the report which provides a vital snapshot of Australia's economic security and trade

Exciting News: Fowler's Electorate Boundaries are Expanding!

I'm thrilled to share that earlier this month, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) officially announced new boundaries for the seat of Fowler for next year's election. With these changes, our vibrant electorate will expand to include part of Wetherill Park, as seen in the updated Fowler map.

This expansion means I have the privilege of continuing to represent even more of our wonderful communities. In the next term, Fowler will include Abbotsbury, Bonnyrigg, Bossley Park, Cabramatta, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Carramar, Fairfield East, Chipping Norton, Edensor Park, Greenfield Park, Liverpool CBD and its surrounds, Mount Pritchard, Prairiewood, St Johns Park, Wakeley, Warwick Farm, and now, a part of Wetherill Park.

I look forward to working together to build an even stronger and more connected community!



Visiting Local Schools



All Saints Catholic College Future Leadership Awards ceremony

Presenting Future Leadership Awards alongside Tina Ayyad MP



Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards Lansvale Public School

Celebrating the incredible contributions of teachers who shape the future of our children and communities



King Park Public School Visit

Supporting local students in the NSW football team to attend the National competition in WA



Canley Heights Public School Visit

Visiting our primary schools and seeing the heartwarming support from teacher aides is inspiring

Our Community



Timor Chinese Association of NSW

Attended the Timor Chinese Association 23rd Presidential Inauguration, celebrating culture, leadership, and community harmony



Assyrian Australian Coalition (AAC)

Met with the Assyrian Australian Coalition (AAC) to discuss support for their community organisations and services



Australasian Muslim Times (AMUST)

Met with representatives from the Australian Muslim Times at our local office to discuss how we can further support multicultural communities in Fowler



Meeting with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Met with the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP of the Archdiocese of Sydney to discuss important issues facing the Fowler community



St Rita Melkite Catholic Church - 20th anniversary gala dinner

Attended St Rita Melkite Catholic Church's 20th Anniversary Gala with Mayor Ned Mannoun, Tina Ayyad MP, and Bishop Robert Rabbat. The evening highlighted the Melkite Catholic community's significant contributions to Fowler



Highlighting local Manufacturing Business

Visited a Fowler meat processing facility, showcasing the role of manufacturing in employment and economic growth



Supporting local Liverpool businesses

Visited a local bakery in Liverpool, fostering community spirit and supporting local jobs



Showcasing a Local Fabricator in Liverpool

Visited a local sewer vent supplies and repairs business in Liverpool



GYMEA Community Aid

Attended GYMEA Driver License Access Program graduation ceremony



Minh Giac Monastery

Attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the construction of Minh Giac Monastery, a significant milestone in the community's spiritual journey



Women's Health Week

Visited Liverpool Women's Health Centre and participated in one of the empowering sessions that helps us focus on self-care, health and community



Parliamentary Delegation to Vietnam

Travelled as a member of the Parliamentary Delegation to Vietnam led by President of the Senate, Senator The Hon Sue Lines and accompanied by Senator Anne Urquhart, and The Hon Kevin Hogan MP



Global Dialogue Study in India

Travelled with Members of Australia's and Germany's Parliaments under the Robert Bosch Foundation to India and met counterparts, and policy makers, to exchange experiences, share best practices and strengthen networks across borders with the support of Australian National University's National Security College



The Centenary Celebration of our Lady of the Rosary

Celebrated 100 years of Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish with Bishop Daniel Meagher, Father Bob and Ben a beautiful milestone for our community



Fairfield City Police Visit

Met with Superintendent Craig Middleton APM at our local office to discuss local support initiatives and explore opportunities for further collaboration



Media Diversity Australia 2024 Symposium

Attended as a keynote speaker: sharing my journey from journalism to politics

NDIS FORUM

The NDIS laws changed on 3 October 2024, and this will have a huge impact for our culturally diverse community in Fowler.

To ensure our community is informed of the changes, I invited the Minister for the NDIS, The Hon. Bill Shorten MP, to visit our community and engage in a Q&A session to address the challenges and opportunities arising from the NDIS reform.

Constituents, including participants and providers, asked important questions and received immediate responses from the Minister. The forum highlighted the shortcomings of the current NDIS system which has struggled to adequately serve people with disabilities and ensure compliance by providers.

This event was a valuable opportunity for stakeholders to connect, discuss critical issues, and work toward creating a more effective and inclusive NDIS system that better meets the needs of the Fowler community.



Manufacturing Roundtable

I strongly support our manufacturing sector in Fowler. As such I led a Manufacturing Roundtable, bringing together local industry leaders to address the challenges and opportunities in this vital sector.

The discussion focused on key issues such as supply chain disruptions, rising operational costs, talent shortages, as well as both domestic and international competition.

As a result, I will be advocating to the Government to ensure support for many small to medium sized businesses, in terms of tax concessions for research and development, financial incentives and tax rebates to boost competitiveness.

I will raise my voice for policy reforms that will further strengthen the manufacturing industry in Fowler, knowing the critical role it plays in driving economic growth and creating local jobs.



Channel 9 In Fowler

I was able to entice Channel 9's Sarah Abo and Karl Stefanovic from the Today Show to visit Cabramatta in celebration of **Banh Mi Day** and experienced the vibrant flavours of Cabramatta.

The visit not only highlighted our community's rich cultural diversity, with a special focus on the iconic **Bánh Mì**, but also gave spotlight to the vital role small businesses play in shaping the local economy.

Small businesses like those in Cabramatta are the backbone of our community, providing jobs, supporting families, and contributing to the unique identity of the Fowler electorate.

Showcasing Cabramatta on national television is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the strength, resilience, and innovation of our local businesses, and emphasise their importance in driving economic growth.



Parliament Update

The legislation to amend the way that the interest rate is calculated for student loans is now in place.

Previously, the rate was tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rather than the Wage Price Index (WPI). Usually CPI is lower than WPI, but because of higher inflation, WPI went above CPI for a number of months.

I pointed out that this was really hurting students in Fowler in the newspaper, on television, and in the parliament. The change means that from now on the rate will be the lower of the two.

Those in Fowler with student loans will see their debt total amended downwards to reflect the changes.

I have been extremely disappointed with The Government's Future Made in Australia initiative. Whilst the title sounds great, there has been no indication that this will develop or enhance manufacturing in Fowler.

I have consistently raised this issue in speeches and through questions to the Prime Minister and have been given neither answers nor assurances that any investment will find its way to local small to medium sized businesses, let alone the manufacturers that employ 40% of workers in Fowler.

Small business owners have given feedback to me that the Government appointed panel lacks the breadth of experience necessary to assess the merits and risks of diverse manufacturing businesses such as food producers.

HECS/HELP FEE Indexing Fix

Future Made in Australia



Fairer Education

Cost of Living

The Government has introduced some important reforms this year for higher education but failed to address the significant increase in the cost of taking units in many Arts degree subjects, with students paying up to three times as much per unit as those studying other subjects.

To support local students I introduced, the Higher Education Support Amendment (Fair Study and Opportunity) Bill 2024, to put important subjects such as History and Geography back into a more affordable category.

If my Bill is adopted, university will be much more affordable for local students studying Arts Degrees. Let's see if the Albanese Labor government decides to support our students by voting for it.

When I hosted my second 'Bring your bill day', an initiative now being copied by other members of Parliament, more than 200 constituents attended who are struggling with the cost of living.

You will have heard me repeating week on week in the news that this is the single biggest issue facing our community. In October, I pressed the Prime Minister yet again in Question Time, asking what assurances he can give us that The Government is going to bring down our energy costs.

One-off cash handouts are not a long-term solution. Unfortunately, The PM had no direct answers, of course, instead he talked in general terms about assisting with medical costs.



Community News

Congratulatory Certificates

Are you celebrating a special Milestone in your life? A significant birthday, anniversary or just wanting a congratulatory certificate. Our office would love to help you celebrate this special occasion.

Email us at info@daile.com.au to request a certificate for yourself or a family member.



Seniors & Pensioners Information Kit

The Seniors and Pensioners Information Kit remains available to all constituents in Fowler. This inclusive guide provides valuable information designed to meet the diverse needs of seniors, pensioners, and their families within our community.

You can access the Information Kit in the following ways:

Online: daile.com.au/seniors-pensioners.

In Person: Pick up a hard copy at our office.

By Request: Contact us to receive a copy or find it at local events.



Request a King Charles Portrait

We are pleased to announce that the official portraits of His Majesty King Charles III have arrived at our electorate office. Email us at info@daile.com.au to request a portrait for yourself or a family member.

Justice of the Peace (JP) services

Justice of the Peace (JP) services are available five days a week for witnessing signatures, certifying documents, and statutory declarations. No appointment needed—simply visit our office during business hours for prompt assistance.

Newsletter – Dai LE

On 1 August 2024, I launched our monthly Newsletter, offering a convenient way to stay informed about available grants, upcoming events, and key updates from Parliament.

In today's busy world, this newsletter provides a quick summary of important matters and how my office supports the Fowler community. You can also access **The Fowler Champion**, our quarterly newsletter, online for more updates and community news.

Stay connected—subscribe by scanning the QR code to receive updates and resources directly in your inbox!

Scan this QR code to subscribe!



Giving Back to Our Community

I am committed to giving back to the Fowler community, a place I love and proudly represent. I will continue to donate the allowances I receive through my Federal and Local Government roles, to support local not-for-profit organisations that make a real difference.

To date, I have personally donated over \$30,000 to organisations that support youth programs, help families in need, and drive local initiatives. My goal is to ensure that these vital groups have the resources they need to continue their important work.

Council is a **part-time role** which allows me to stay connected to the grassroots issues and our community, who I represent at the Federal level. If your organisation needs a small donation, please reach out to my office. Together, we can continue building a stronger and cohesive community.

Supporting Local Organisations

Do you represent a not-for-profit or community organisation in Fowler? Please visit daile.com.au/grants to explore the range of grants available to support local initiatives. Please contact my office for guidance in finding the right grant for your needs.

Congratulations to Recent Grant Recipients:

Energy Efficiency Grants: Prudence Group Pty Ltd, Apsrad Pty Limited, Mark Delevski

Australia Post Community Grants: Woodville Alliance, Seena Inc.

Play Our Way Grant: Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre LYD

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What issues do you want addressed in our community?

Scan the QR code and let me know!