



# JENNY AITCHISON MP

MEMBER FOR MAITLAND

**BUDGET 2024-25**



## Community News

*Dear Resident*

Our community is the fastest growing regional community in NSW.

I know that people across the electorate are doing it tough right now.

For our community to thrive, we need continued investment in education, health, housing and the essential infrastructure. Paying our essential workers fairly, the people who deliver these services, is a priority.

The \$65 million upgrade to Gillieston Public School is progressing well. It will see the residents of Gillieston Heights get the quality public school they deserve and includes a public preschool. Excitingly, Tenambit Public School which has been undergoing renovations, will have a new public preschool added as part of the biggest expansion of public preschools in NSW history.

We know that the provision of quality mental health services is vital and the Maitland Integrated Community Health and Mental Health Service will see the consolidation of our community health and mental health services onto one site.

Getting into to see your doctor has never been harder, so I welcome the Government's historic payroll tax incentives to encourage 70% bulk billing rates by regional GPs. This will be a great opportunity for Maitland residents to get access to more affordable health care from their GPs, and free up our emergency department.

I was also pleased to see more funding allocated to the \$22 million community health and community mental health facility which has been planned for East Maitland at the new hospital.

This budget also saw vital investment in road and water infrastructure, including new water connections to the growing western areas as well as more funding for the continuing planning for the duplication of the Thornton Rail Bridge. The NSW Government is also investing more funding in the raising of the Melville Ford Bridge to make it more flood resistant.

Across the Hunter, there is approximately \$3.5 billion in road projects under construction, many of which have been in the pipeline for decades. These upgrades include the M1 to Raymond Terrace, Hexham Straight Widening, the Singleton and Muswellbrook Bypasses and Rankin Park to Jesmond upgrades. These massive road and infrastructure projects will help everyone in Maitland by reducing the commute for work, education and medical care, as well as increasing employment opportunities.

My priority, each and every day, is to see the community of Maitland thrive.

Please remember I'm always here to help you and your loved ones.

*Jenny*

The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP  
Member for Maitland



*Budget '24*

### Building a Better NSW



**Investing in essential services** that people rely on, like emergency services, paramedics and police, **and getting the state back on track.**



Prioritising building homes for NSW to address the **housing crisis.**



**Caring for NSW** by ensuring we have access to education and healthcare and paying our essential workers fairly.



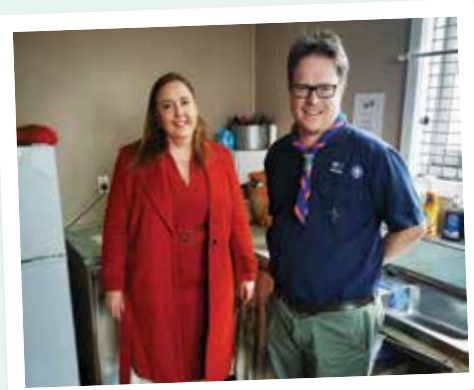
**Building better communities for NSW** – ensuring we have the roads and transport infrastructure we need to improve the lives of people in NSW.



Making responsible, better choices on how and where we spend the public's money, to ensure that **we build a better NSW for all.**



# Budget '24



## Community Building Partnership Grants

- Morpeth Scout Hall** Replacement of original 1970's kitchen. **\$10,650**
- Maitland Football Club** Construction of a community and catering hub at Cook Square Park for game days. **\$21,659**
- East Maitland RSL Sub-Branch** Replacement and modernisation of veranda and entry. **\$14,385**
- Aspect Hunter School** Installation of autism friendly playground equipment. **\$18,000**
- Sunnyfield Maitland** Sensory equipment for people with intellectual disabilities. **\$10,000**
- Valley Aquatic Club** Purchase of automated touchpads for use at club and regional meets. **\$67,650**
- 10 Class Locomotives** Purchase of an in-cab communications system. **\$30,000**
- Cerebral Palsy Alliance** Internal and external painting of disability therapy room. **\$37,840**
- Brough House and the National Trust** Repair of the upper deck. **\$30,745**
- East Maitland Pre-School** Replace the centre sub-floor. **\$35,000**
- Hunter Councils Hub at Thornton** Install solar panels and battery. **\$20,626**

## Local Small Commitment Grants

- Carrie's Place** Install of security cameras at the Supported Transitional Accommodation and refuge sites. **\$10,000**
- Maitland Family Support** Bringing baby Home Project. **\$10,000**
- Hunter River Dragons** New dragonboat. **\$18,000**
- Got Your Back Sista** Work Readiness program. **\$10,000**
- Hunter River Agricultural & Horticultural Association** Lower grandstand repairs. **\$84,000**
- Maitland District Motorcycle Club** Upgrade Amenities. **\$80,000**
- Hume Housing** Supported activities for disadvantaged youth. **\$10,000**
- Friends of Palliative Care** Service promotion and events. **\$10,000**
- Maitland Chamber of Commerce** Best Bites initiative. **\$35,000**
- Maitland Regional Community Support** Assisting vulnerable people in our community. **\$18,000**

## Local Sport Grants

- Northern Suburbs Maitland Cricket Club** Junior Teams Temporary Shelters. **\$7,500**
- Maitland Hockey Association Inc** Hockey for Kids! Program. **\$9,054**
- Lochinvar Rovers Football Club** New Equipment including substitution benches. **\$10,000**
- Hunter River Dragons** Specialised Dragon Boat Trailer. **\$8,178**
- Maitland Polocrosse Club Inc** Bradley Park Powered Sites. **\$10,000**
- Maitland City United District Cricket Club** Program to Improve the Training and Development of our Future Cricketers. **\$5,268**

## NSW Government infrastructure Grants Program

- Maitland Basketball Association** Refurbishment of amenities. **\$51,000**

## NSW Government Safe Spaces for Faith Communities

- Anglican Parish of East Maitland St Peter's Church** East Maitland Precinct Security Upgrade. **\$12,000**

## M1 Extension

You can't miss the work underway at the missing M1 link.

The \$2.1 billion M1 extension, which includes upgrades to the surrounding network, such as the Hexham Straight widening, is funded by both the federal and state governments.

It will feature a 15-kilometre extension of the motorway, removing five sets of traffic lights and cutting nine minutes from travel times during peak periods.

The M1 extension at Raymond Terrace is expected to be open to traffic in 2028.



For the latest updates visit.



## Thornton Rail Bridge Duplication and Melville Ford

The NSW Government is delivering on its commitment to get Maitland moving again by investing \$15 million into the next stage of the Thornton Rail Bridge Duplication.

This kicks off initial works and planning. When delivered, the project will ease congestion and expand access to Thornton Road which offers a flood-free route for local residents during natural disasters.

This is just one of the many vital road projects for Maitland. The NSW Government is also investing more funding in the raising of the Melville Ford Bridge to make it more flood resistant, and previously committed funding to help Council upgrade the intersection of Government Road and Raymond Terrace Road.

Our new Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans will help guide better investments across the Hunter to improve safety and ease congestion.



## Redevelopment of Gillieston Public School & New Preschools

The \$65 million redevelopment of Gillieston Public School is progressing well. In addition to the nearly \$3 million in this year's budget for planning and the recent submission of the pre-development application, the project is even closer.

With the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School and Tenambit Public School, the NSW Government will deliver two new co-located pre-schools – one at each site. This will be a great benefit for families and help their pre-schoolers in the transition to primary in later years.

The NSW Government is committed to upgrading schools infrastructure across our state with better planning processes for new school upgrades and our ongoing school maintenance blitz.





# Out and About with Jenny



Supporting the Cancer Council



Paying tribute to our ANZAC's



Walk Safely to School day with the students from East Maitland Public School



Beanies for Brain Cancer round at Maitland Junior Football Club



Thanking Sarah from Maitland Region Community Support for their hard work packing hampers



Acknowledging school leaders at Millers Forest Primary School

## MOBILE OFFICES 2024

**THURSDAY**  
**1ST AUGUST**

1.30pm - 3.30pm **RUTHERFORD** Rutherford Community Centre, Arthur Street Rutherford  
4.00pm - 6.00pm **GILLIESTON HEIGHTS** Gillieston Community Hub, Redwood Drive Gillieston Heights

**FRIDAY**  
**2ND AUGUST**

10.00am - 12 noon **THORNTON** Pat Hughes Community Centre, Taylor Avenue Thornton

**SATURDAY**  
**3RD AUGUST**

9.00am - 11.00am **EAST MAITLAND** Bruce Street Community Hall, 22 Bruce Street East Maitland  
12 noon - 2.00pm **WOODBERRY** Woodberry Family Centre, 11 /13 Lawson Avenue Woodberry (opp Francis Greenway High School)

**SUNDAY**  
**4TH AUGUST**

9.00am - 11.00am **MAITLAND MARKETS** Maitland Showground, Bloomfield Street South Maitland  
12 noon - 1.00pm **LOCHINVAR** School of Arts, New England Highway Lochinvar

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If I can help with any State Government matter please contact me at my office on (02) 4933 1617 or email at [maitland@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maitland@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

