



Anthony and Carmel Tebbutt MP with Tina Zhou, Marrickville's Young Citizen of the Year at Australia Day

Cap and curfew at Sydney Airport must stay

Anthony has called on State Liberal MPs to come clean on whether they support Barry O'Farrell's plan to increase the number of flights at Sydney Airport.

The consequences of Barry O'Farrell's opposition to a second Sydney airport are now exposed for all to see.

"Under Barry O'Farrell's plan, the restriction on the number of flight movements every hour would increase from 80 to 85. In addition, the NSW Coalition Government wants flights taking off and landing after the curfew of 11:00pm and additional flights before 6:00 in the morning," Mr Albanese said.

"What this means is more noise very early in the morning and very late at night – effectively an end to the curfew, which is an unacceptable outcome for communities already impacted by aircraft noise.

"Barry O'Farrell's plan to increase flights will end noise sharing and increase the concentration of flights over suburbs like Drummoyne, Balmain, Strathfield, Leichhardt, Hunters Hill, Gladesville and Ryde.

"The Federal Government has made its position on this issue clear – **we do not support any changes to the operation of the current cap or curfew** and to the credit of local MPs, such as Joe Hockey and Scott Morrison, this has bipartisan federal support.

"The clear conclusion of the Joint Aviation Study co-written by the Federal and State Governments is that Sydney needs a second airport – sooner rather than later. Tinkering at the edges of Sydney Airport will not provide the aviation capacity that a global city like Sydney needs.

"Barry O'Farrell can't continue to put his head in the sand on the issue of a second airport, when almost everyone in Australia is saying we need one and we need to act sooner rather than later."

A second airport will bring economic benefits to local communities, NSW and the nation by creating thousands of jobs and unlocking billions of dollars in investment.

Federal Election on September 14

Residents will have heard that a federal election will be held on **Saturday September 14** this year.

If you need to update your address, you can do this online at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/change-address.htm>

If you are not enrolled you can fill in the form at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>

* If you are seventeen years old and are turning 18 on or before September 14 you can also enrol now!

Forms are also available at Anthony's office.

If you can't get to a polling place on the day, there will be prepoll and postal voting for a couple of weeks before election day. The exact dates, times and places will be announced later on in the year.

If you're overseas during the election period, you can either apply for a postal vote or contact an Australian embassy or consulate for information about voting there: <http://dfat.gov.au/missions/>

For further information please call Anthony's office **9564 3588** or the AEC **132 326**.



KITS & HELP

My office has booklets on:

- **Guide to Federal Government Services**
- **Seniors**
- **School Leavers**
- **Veterans**
- **Families**

If you would like a booklet or need assistance with any federal matters (for example Centrelink, Immigration or Tax), please call my office on

9564 3588

Grayndler Gazette

FROM ANTHONY ALBANESE MP, YOUR FEDERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Chinese and Italian languages in schools

Chinese Mandarin and Italian will be the first languages to be taught in schools from Kindergarten to Year 10 under a national curriculum from 2014.

School Education Minister Peter Garrett visited the Italian Bilingual School in Leichhardt with Anthony Albanese to release the draft Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum: *Languages for Chinese Mandarin and Italian papers for public consultation*.

"Chinese and Italian are the two most common second languages spoken in Australia. This fact combined with the long-standing historical and cultural connections between these two countries and Australia is why they were chosen as the first curricula to be developed," Mr Garrett said.

"The Italian community has played an important role in Australia since the post-war period, establishing Italian as one of the largest community languages in Australia.

"Chinese Mandarin is a priority language under the *Australia in the Asian Century White Paper*, which aims to promote the learning of Asian languages and build Asian literacy capabilities in Australian schools and students.

Anthony said **both languages were significant in the Inner West** with recent Census data showing over 5000 people speaking Chinese Mandarin and almost 6000 speaking Italian.

For the first time, under the Australian Curriculum, there will be specific

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BABIES



A FREE FAMILY EVENT
CELEBRATING NEW
CHILDREN IN OUR
COMMUNITY

**SATURDAY
23 MARCH 2013
9:15 - 10:30AM**
Marrickville West
Public School

To register please call **9564 3588**



A Great Education System

The government has a **National Plan for School Improvement** to help every Australian child get a world-class education, no matter where they live or the school they attend. **A great education system** also helps us to keep **a great economy**.

Anthony Albanese and the government want to make sure that every student can secure a great job when they leave school. To ensure this happens we have a plan.

The plan is to make sure that Australia is in the **top five countries in the world** in reading, science and maths by 2025. This plan has concrete targets. It will be phased in over six years from 2014 and will include:

- **A new way of funding schools** to make the system fairer - schools will receive funding calculated according to the needs of every individual student; there will be a funding amount for every student; there will be more money for students who need extra support; schools in rural and remote areas and small schools will also receive extra funding

- **More training for teachers and principals.** To ensure high quality teaching there will be higher entry requirements for the teaching profession; student teachers will get more practical classroom experience; new teachers will receive mentoring and have lesson planning time; teachers will have a yearly performance review and will need to meet national standards; all teachers will have access to ongoing training; principals will receive training; principals will have more power to make decisions
- **More help for schools that need help** to improve their results. There will be a school improvement plan for every school; school improvement plans will be available on the MySchool website; all schools will implement the national curriculum; high performing schools will share their successful strategies; teachers will receive extra training to manage disruptive behaviour; every school will have a plan to prevent bullying

- **Extra support for students who need it most.** There will be more funding for students with a disability, indigenous students, students from lower income families and students with limited English; rural and remote schools will receive additional funding as will small schools; more personal learning plans to enable students to reach their full potential; students with a disability will be properly funded
- **Information for parents and the community.** There will be information on school performance on the MySchool website including the number of Highly Accomplished teachers, Lead teachers and specialist teachers; number of students who complete Year 12; the results of parent, teacher and student surveys; School Improvement plans for every school

Work is presently being done to fine tune the funding models. The plan will be implemented in 2014. The Gillard Government is committed to building a fair and high quality education system.

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learning pathways built into the Chinese Mandarin Curriculum to suit the needs and ability of individual students, including background speakers, first language students and those who wish to learn a second language.

"Different learning pathways will address the increasingly diverse needs and interests of the Australian population, which include Australian-born and overseas-born Chinese speakers attending school in Australia, as well as students who want to learn Chinese as their second language," Mr Garrett said.

Other languages are currently being developed for the Australian Curriculum, including Japanese, Indonesian, German, French, Vietnamese, Arabic, Spanish, Korean, Modern Greek and a Framework for Aboriginal languages and Torres Strait Islander languages.

Consultation on the Chinese Mandarin and Italian curricula with education authorities, schools, language specialists and communities will continue until 12 April 2013.

For more information on the Australian Curriculum Languages visit: http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum/learning_areas/languages.html



To commemorate **International Volunteer Day**, Anthony recently announced the **2012 National Volunteer Awards** recipients in the electorate of Grayndler are -

**Mina Cheng, Colin Grant, Mary Ramjan,
Melissa Cox, Kathy Fong, Jenny Wang,
Lourdes Tee, Emma Horsburgh & Belinda Grey**

Anthony said the Award recognised the contribution of local people and community organisations to the local community.

"We rely heavily on people who generously give their time, energy and expertise to deliver services across our schools, community centres and welfare agencies."

"As life gets busier, we forget just how much our economy and society benefits from the generosity of these people," Anthony said.



On **Saturday, 23 March 2013**, Anthony is delighted to be hosting a special ceremony at **Marrickville West Public School** as part of the **Marrickville Children's Festival**. This ceremony will be to officially welcome babies from the local area into our community.



Every baby who attends will receive a special certificate of welcome, and a gift bag which will also contain useful information about health and community services available to parents, carers and babies.

The "Welcoming the Babies" ceremony is designed to celebrate new births in our community and also to say "Thank you" to parents and guardians for the important job they do.

Of course, older children in participating families are more than welcome to attend, too.

Last year's inaugural Marrickville Children's Festival was a wonderful occasion and Anthony looks forward to another great day featuring performances, music and a costume parade.

If you are interested in coming along or if you have any questions, **please contact Anthony's office on 9564 3588, or email a.albanese.mp@aph.gov.au**

Places will be limited to 50 babies so be sure to respond soon to confirm your attendance.

To register please call **9564 3588**



Fair go for people with disabilities

Anthony has thrown his support behind the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** to help care for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

"One in five people in our community have a disability and many of these people struggle to get the services and support they deserve," said Mr Albanese.

"I believe no one in our community should be left behind – that accident or disability shouldn't take away the chance for a decent life."

A National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will turn the way we currently provide disability services on its head. Rather than funding based on historical budget allocations, a funding pool will be based on actuarial assessment of need.

It will recognise that disability is for a lifetime, and so it will take a lifelong approach to providing care and support.

This means that assessment will look beyond the immediate need, and across the course of a person's life. For example, home modifications might be expensive up front, but if they afford a person with significant disability the opportunity of greater independence, or if they mean that a parent or carer can continue to care for their loved one, **it's a good investment**.

Taking a lifelong approach also means focusing on intensive early intervention, particularly for people where there is good evidence that it will substantially improve functioning or delay or lessen a decline in functioning.

Importantly, an NDIS will support choice for people with disability, their families and carers, and put people in control of the care and support they receive, based on need. Of course, there will also be safeguards in place to support people in exercising this choice and control, and to help them make informed choices.

More information is available at **www.ndis.gov.au**