

BARTON BULLETIN

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Budget 2024

DELIVERING FOR BARTON



Dear friends

This Budget is built around delivering cost of living relief to everyone in Barton and across Australia.

Things are tough right now for a lot of people in our community. That's why our Government is focused on making sure Australians earn more and keep more of what they earn.

From July 1, we'll deliver a bigger tax cut for all taxpayers - that's 86,000 people across our community of Barton.

We're also providing a \$300 energy rebate for every household, taking money directly off of your power bill.

We're wiping more than \$3 billion in student debt and making indexation fairer, so that it is faster and less expensive to pay off.

We're making new investments in Medicare and cheaper medicines, because people in our community deserve access to affordable, world-class healthcare.

And we're building 1.2 million homes - to support people whether they are renting, buying or building.

This is a Labor budget, through and through. It's for every Australian, not just some.

It's designed to help people under pressure right now, but it also invests in the jobs, skills, energy and infrastructure to power our growth in the future.



Bigger, fairer tax cuts

From July 1, we'll deliver a bigger tax cut for all taxpayers.

We want Australians to earn more and keep more of what they earn and our bigger tax cuts for more taxpayers will help make that happen.

Labor's cost of living tax cut is part of our economic plan - along with boosting wages, balancing the budget and driving down inflation.

**To find out how much you
will save from 1 July visit**



taxcuts.gov.au



Cheaper energy bills

I know that things are tough for many households in Barton right now.

We're giving every household a \$300 energy rebate, to help with the cost of your power bill.

While this won't fix everything, I know that this will make a real difference to people in our local community.

This builds on the cost of living measures we've already put in place, like cheaper childcare for families, massive investments in Medicare to help more people see a bulk-billing doctor, as well as creating jobs and getting wages moving again.

Wiping \$3 billion in student debt

We're wiping around \$3 billion in student debt for more than 3 million Australians – more than 21,000 in our community alone.

To do this, we're introducing HELP loan credits for people impacted by the recent inflation spike.

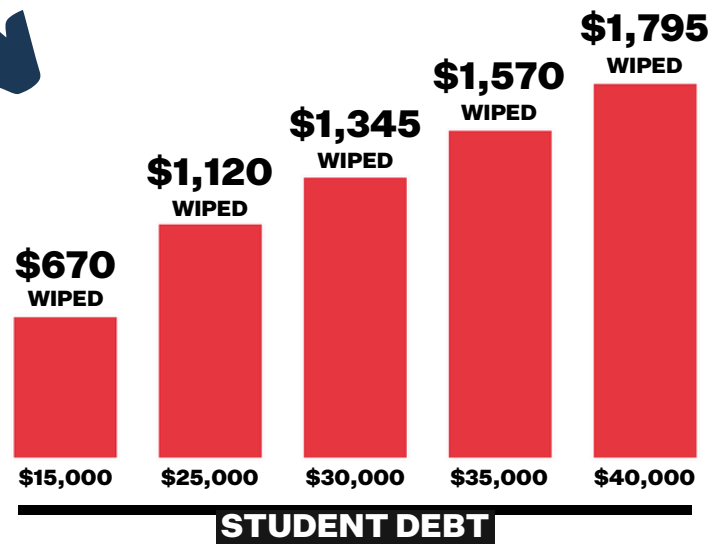
An individual with the average debt of \$26,500 will be receiving a credit of around \$1,200 this year.

We're also making sure that student debt never grows faster than someone's wages or ability to pay it off. Last year's indexation spike wasn't fair – under our changes, it won't ever happen again.

See how much you'll save at:

<https://www.education.gov.au/helpcalculator>

STUDENT DEBT WIPED



A future made in Australia

We want people and businesses in Barton to have every opportunity to thrive. That's why we're investing in the jobs, skills, energy and infrastructure to power our growth in the future.

We're helping more Australians get a TAFE qualification, or a university degree. And we're training people in new technologies and attracting investment in strategic industries.

To secure Australia's place as a renewable energy superpower, we're building the infrastructure and clean energy to power new growth. And we will use that cleaner and cheaper energy to power a new generation of advanced manufacturing.

All of this will help to build a highly skilled workforce in Barton and create secure jobs with fair wages.



We're strengthening Medicare

Everyone in Barton should have access to world-class healthcare. That's why we're providing cheaper medicines to ease the pressure on household budgets, freezing the maximum cost of PBS medicines, and adding more medicines to the PBS.

We're investing in additional Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – expanding our network of clinics to a total of 87 locations across the country, so more Australians can benefit from bulk billed, walk-in urgent care.

We're also delivering new, free mental health services, raising Medicare rebates for common blood and diagnostic tests, and funding a \$160 million women's health package.

This includes expanding access to affordable endometriosis care for women.

Building 1.2 million homes

Home ownership is out of reach for too many Australians, and not enough have access to affordable and well-located rentals. That's why we've set an ambitious goal of building 1.2 million homes by the end of the decade.

We're training more tradies, and funding more apprenticeships. We're kickstarting construction by cutting red tape, creating incentives to get homes built quickly, and delivering the biggest investment in social housing in more than a decade.

We know that building homes takes time. It won't happen overnight. But it's the best and most lasting fix to our housing shortage.

Whether you're renting, buying or building, more homes will mean more security for everyone in Barton.



Increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance

To support renters in Barton, who are doing it tough right now, we're also delivering the first back-to-back increase to Rent Assistance in more than 30 years.

This change will take the maximum rate to over 40% higher than when we came to Government.

Our targeted assistance will provide a little bit extra to people who need it the most, and benefit around 5700 households in Barton.



Working for Women

The Albanese Labor Government is putting women and gender equality at the centre of Australia's economic plan.

The 2024-25 Budget makes key investments in women's safety, economic security, health and measures that ensure women can take advantage of the opportunities of a future made in Australia.

Our budget delivers \$1 billion for women's safety programs, including establishing the permanent Leaving Violence Program.

We know that when an economy works for women, it also works for all Australians.



Linda Burney attending the Bayside Council Walk Against Domestic Violence.

Blackshaw Gould Pavilion open

The brand-new Blackshaw Gould Pavilion at the historic Hurstville Oval, honouring local sporting legends Les Blackshaw and Nell Gould is now open.

This will mean access to high-quality facilities for people of all ages thanks to a \$1.1 million grant from the Federal Government.

It was wonderful to celebrate our local sporting history at the opening of the Pavilion with Les Blackshaw's daughter Sue Herron and three generations of her family, alongside local Councillors.



Supporting our Community

Volunteer organisations like the Scouts do important work that brings families in our communities together.

With the support of our Government's Stronger Community grants, they have been able to repair and refurbish the 1st Hurstville Scout Hall.

Local community organisations and volunteers work every day to build a better Barton.

More than \$140,000 went to local community groups via the 2023 Stronger Communities Grants, and an additional \$65,000 to local Volunteer Organisations through the 2023-24 Volunteer Grants.

It has been wonderful to visit the Fix-It-Sisters at Kyeemagh, CASS Care's Gumnut Early Learning Centre, Hurstville Scouts Hall and PCYC St George at Kogarah to see the wonderful ways these grants are used.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 3G Shutdown

Some telecommunications providers are planning to switch 3G mobile services across this year. These are commercial decisions by the carriers, but reflect changes in technology.

If you have an query about whether you need to update your devices, contact your telco or the industry body AMTA. You can also visit amta.org.au/3g-closure/

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