



Project builds community

Tenants of 24 newly completed social housing properties in Wentworth Street, Greenacre - a project that provided work for 73 tradesmen and 13 apprentices during construction - were welcomed at a barbecue last week.

Federal MP for Baxland Jason Clare and State MP for Bankstown Tony Stewart were at the barbecue hosted by Bridge Housing to bring new tenants together and officially welcome them to the community on Wednesday.

Mr Clare says the project is among the first to be completed under the social housing component of the Federal Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

"This is a terrific example of why the economic stimulus package is so important", Mr Clare said.

"This project has generated a lot of construction work to keep local tradies and apprentices in their jobs. It is also providing homes for people who need a helping hand".

Half of the homes have been allocated to people over the age of 55 (or who have a disability). The remainder are for people on low to moderate incomes.

"Wentworth Street is just the start. More homes are being built and repaired, which means more work for builders, tradesmen and apprentices," Mr Clare said.

CAPTION: Bankstown MP Tony Stewart, Bridge Housing CEO John Nicolades, Baxland MP Jason Clare and resident Lena Kooma at the new housing.



Professor Minas Coroneo's cookbook 'Feast Your Eyes' is in the pipeline, to be published later this year.

At a time when an estimated four million Australians are said to have viewed the Master Chef finals, this book about healthy food is a winner.

Outraged Residents concerned

EARLWOOD residents (pictured) are furious with Energy Australia's decision to construct a 1.5 metre high by two metre wide substation, saying it's a hazard for motorists and will lead to accidents.

Morgan Street resident Ross Smalios is outraged at the construction.

He said that if any of his five children are injured because of a motorist who couldn't see past the substation, he will hold Energy Australia solely responsible.

The main concern raised by residents is the positioning of the 'kiosk' style substation, which will obstruct vision of traffic when reversing from their driveways.

"We put up a mock box where the substation is to be constructed and tried to reverse out of the driveway and we nearly got killed", Mr Smalios said.

Residents were initially informed about a substation to be constructed in nearby Bardwell Crescent.

An Energy Australia spokeswoman said: "We do not take the placement of critical infrastructure



lightly and another location was considered during the early planning stages but was found to be unsuitable".

"The kiosk was moved from the Bardwell Crescent frontage of 26 Morgan St to the Morgan St side of the property after discussions with the resident whose nature strip the kiosk will be located on," she said.

Residents said they were never met with, despite their constant requests for meetings and letters requesting the construction be stopped.

Mr Smalios also wrote to Canter-

bury Council and State MP for Canterbury Linda Burney, with their concerns.

Each substation kiosk provides power to about 250 homes, and Energy Australia say it is needed to meet growing demand for electricity in the region.

"Substations need to be placed near the centre of the area they serve to ensure an efficient and reliable electricity supply", the spokeswoman said.

Construction is expected to start in the next month.

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Car ploughs into beach at Monterey



Family's fears: The car smashed down the embankment and through the fence behind William Sifakas (holding Felicity), Emenuella (holding Hope), Christos (with Thomas on his shoulders), Anastasia (far right) and Dimitra (front). Picture: Chris Lane

ACAR careered out of control on to the beach at Monterey on Sunday afternoon as many people were in the vicinity seeking respite from the heat.

After an accident on the southbound side of The Grand Parade, a hatchback sedan was propelled across a shared walkway-cycleway, down a grass embankment, across another walkway and through a fence before landing on the sand.

It was "a miracle" nobody was in the path of the vehicle, William Sifakas, who lives opposite, said.

Mr Sifakas, a father of six, said "a whole family could have been wiped out".

"The Grand Parade is a speedway and we have seen accidents in which cars have left the roadway, but fortunately have hit trees which have stopped them going on to the park or beach," he said.

Mr Sifakas, who several years ago was successful in having the speed limit on the road cut from 70km/h to 60km/h, said it should now be lowered to 50km/h, the F6

extended or at least a Brighton bypass built.

"If nothing happens, next time there will be people badly injured or killed," he said.

Detective Acting Inspector Trent King, the St George police crime manager, said another car in the accident had earlier been involved in a collision on nearby President Avenue.

The only injuries were to the driver of the car which landed on the beach, who suffered cuts and bruises, he said. Inspector King said police were still investigating the 5.30pm events. "It appears there were two collisions," he said.

"The first occurred on President Avenue and a short time later one of the cars in the initial collision was involved in a second accident on The Grand Parade."

It was fortunate there been no serious injuries given the accident occurred at a popular spot on a Sunday afternoon, Inspector King said.

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