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 PROJECT SYDNEY

The Daily Telegraph has helped win more than \$23b for Western Sydney projects - and we're just getting started ...

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ROSE BRENNAN

TWENTY-three billion dollars. Two hundred thousand jobs. More than 100 upgraded roads. Sixty overhauled schools. Shifting the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta. And an "Aerotropolis".

You could be mistaken for thinking the West has been won. But The Daily Telegraph is just getting started. Last night the state's most-read newspaper brought the most

powerful people in Australia to the Bankstown Sports Club as part of the Project Sydney gala dinner where they vowed to continue the record investment in Western Sydney.


Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and federal Treasurer Scott Morrison, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, federal opposition's Anthony Albanese, NSW Opposition Leader Luke Foley and Police Commissioner Mick Fuller were among the luminaries in the room. The only notable ex-

ception was federal ALP leader Bill Shorten. It was the culmination of a three-week campaign that has put the blowtorch on the biggest issues facing areas like Fairfield — from resources for new migrants to congestion chaos.

Ms Berejiklian said that for too long the region had been neglected.

She vowed to never rest in building a strong future for the people of Western Sydney.

Neither will we. **▶ FULL REPORTS PAGES 4-5**



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PREMIER AND PM MAP OUT MASSIVE WELCOME TO WESTWORLD



Left: Jasmine Varbrough and Karl Stefanovic, and (above) PM Malcolm Turnbull and Daily Telegraph editor Chris Dore chat.

“We have a once in a generation opportunity to build a new city”

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

ROSE BRENNAN

THE nation's most powerful players united in Bankstown last night in a pledge to keep investing in the economic powerhouse of Western Sydney — and embrace a “once in a generation” chance to create a remarkable city.

Luminaries of state and federal politics as well as high-profile celebrities were brought together by The Daily Telegraph's Project Sydney Go West campaign to celebrate its wins while charting the \$25 billion future course of the booming region.

Speaking at the gala dinner at the

Bankstown Sports Club last night, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull declared that the challenge for Western Sydney is building a new city that is not only a nationally recognised economic giant, but also highly liveable.

He added that Western Sydney was the “aspirational heartland of Australia” with more than a million people set to move into the region in the next two decades.

“As we seek to accommodate and nurture that growth, we have a once in a generation opportunity to build a new city, a city capable of harnessing the spirit that calls all who settle in Western Sydney,” he said.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said last night her government had “shifted the pendulum” to Western Sydney and promised the region would never be the “last choice ever again” for people looking for jobs and a life.

“The next generation of young people won't be looking east for the best jobs, they'll be looking west... and that is the kind of vision we have for Greater Western Sydney,” she said.

Since 2011 the NSW government has created 200,000 jobs in Western Sydney with \$23 billion in infrastructure spending to be rolled out in the next four years.

“People told us we wouldn't be able

to turn things around, people told us Western Sydney doesn't deserve its own museum... we've changed all that and we'll continue to change all that because the future success of NSW lies here,” Ms Berejiklian said.

Ms Berejiklian declared to The Daily Telegraph that what is happening in Western Sydney today is “truly extraordinary”.

“Western Sydney is already Australia's fourth-largest city and third-largest economy — a powerhouse of our state and nation — but the truth is there is no limit to what it can become,” she said.

Western Sydney is home to 25 per

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A fail as old as time: The cries for better planning

EXCLUSIVE
DANIELLE LE MESSURIER
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IT'S a tale as old as time.

And The Daily Telegraph has done the research to prove it.

The long-running complaint that Sydney is “full” made its first appearance in a newspaper almost 200 years ago.

The earliest version of the NIMBY mantra — still often used today as an argument against establishing infrastructure necessary for the growth of Australia's biggest city — first made headlines almost 200 years ago in a story from The Monitor on June 30, 1826, which proclaimed: “Sydney is getting too populous to be safe at night after dark, for work and children.”

Then in 1853, when Sydney's population just tipped over 30,000, an August 15 clipping from the *Haston Gentry* read: “Sydney is too full of people in proportion to the country.”

Just two years later, an August 30 story by *Empire* said the city was an “overpopulated metropolis”.

But Western Sydney Minister Stuart Ayres yesterday furiously

slapped down the argument as a lie that has helped undermine the city for two centuries.

The Penrith MP lashed out at “termites” who have delayed major projects by complaining about migration numbers and finding excuses for not investing in infrastructure.

“Unfortunately our history tells us that we lose often decades in our

FUTURE FOR ECONOMIC ENGINE ROOM



The PM and Premier with members in the Go West Mentorship program.



Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison at the Project Sydney Gala. Picture: Dylan Robinson



Fox Sports' Yvonne Sampson and Mick Ennis discuss the mentorship program.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and PM Malcolm Turnbull. Pictures: Christian Giles/Dylan Robinson

“The next generation won't be looking east for the best jobs, they'll be looking west”

Premier Gladys Berejiklian

cent of the population of NSW — but it is creating 40 per cent of all new jobs in the state, with the “job revolution” meaning unemployment in the region has dipped under 5 per cent for the first time in a record low.

“We are investing an unprecedented \$23 billion in major infrastructure for Western Sydney. That is more than twice as much as Victoria will spend on its entire state this year,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The three-week Project Sydney Go West campaign secured many significant victories for the region, including commitments from state and federal governments to fast track infrastruc-

ture around the Badgers Creek airport site, as well as a plan to offer incentives to overseas businesses to come and invest in the air precinct.

The Daily Telegraph also secured the firmest commitment yet from the Berejiklian government to extend the Metro further west of Parramatta and the government promised to start building stage 1 of Parramatta Light Rail before the end of the year.

The campaign's most polarising debate was sparked by state Opposition Leader Luke Foley's “white flight” comments. In an exclusive interview, Mr Foley voiced concerns about the crippling impact of migration on east

swathes of Western Sydney — saying Anglo families are being pushed out of suburbs such as Fairfield.

Project Sydney has called for action to ease the squeeze in Fairfield in our Action Plan for two years running.

Last night's event attracted a glittering celebrity set including Channel 9 heavyweight Karl Stefanovic, Home and Away star Sophie Dillman as well as models Erin Holland and Tegan Martin and Western Sydney singer Thandi Phoenix.

Former premier Mike Baird, Treasurer Scott Morrison and Police Commissioner Mike Fuller were also among the heavy hitters in the crowd.

Federal Labor MP Anthony Albanese filled the place meant for Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, who declined to attend the event.

Daily Telegraph editor Chris Dere said the campaign was about celebrating the characters that put Sydney on the map while raising challenges faced by many living in the city's heartland suburbs. “So many corners of the west have been neglected and taken for granted for so long,” he said.

“The Daily Telegraph's Project Sydney and our regional Fair Go For The West campaign has helped ensure you now get your fair share of attention, infrastructure and respect.”

Guiding lights for top fifty

SARAH KEOGHAN

THEY'RE Western Sydney's best and brightest, and now they're leading the charge by getting the best head start possible.

Fifty students across Western Sydney University and TAFE NSW have won places in the Daily Telegraph's Go West Mentorship program, which was announced at last night's Project Sydney Gala in front of the Prime Minister, other high-ranking political figures and a host of VIPs.

Guided by key leaders in business, sport, politics and media, the students will receive one-on-one mentoring and work experience as well as a “lunch and learn” workshop with head honchos such as news presenter Mark Ferguson and former Roosters captain Anthony Minichiello.

Other high ranking leaders in the program include former



Tishia Michelle Boulton-Belle with Lachlan Roach.

premier Mike Baird and PwC Australia partner Clara Cutajar.

TAFE business student and Go West mentorship recipient Tishia Michelle Boulton-Belle was nominated by one of her TAFE teachers, and will be mentored by Harvey Norman general manager of home appliances Lachlan Roach.

“I am so excited as I am really looking forward to improving and gaining leadership skills,” she said.

“I really hope to be a successful woman in business one day and this is a fantastic opportunity to get a head start.”

Tishia hopes to one day be a human resources manager for a big organisation. “It will really look fantastic on my CV and I think it's a great chance for future employers to notice me,” she said.

Ms Cutajar said she had no illusions about the kind of value a mentor could have on a young person's career.

“My mentor was a big believer in me and what I could achieve,” she said. “He encouraged me to keep going.”

started 200 years ago!

advancement because these termites reign supreme for a period of time until the builders come back in,” he said.

Property Council NSW chief Jane Fitzgerald also said Sydney must be confident when it comes to growth. “We must be brave and bold as Sydney continues to evolve into a truly global city and plan well for our future growth.”

With the population of more than 5 million expected to grow to 8 million by the mid-2050s, Mr Ayres said the worst thing Sydney can do now is choose “stagnation”.

“My message to termites is, we're better than you. The community is better than you and while it takes some frank conversations... Sydney has consistently overcome all of those hurdles.”



Families at Milers Point in 1900.

Tradies set for \$500m money train

ANNA CALDWELL

NSW will pocket \$500 million from the federal government to train a generation of apprentices and trainees.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro will announce the win today, after the state government signed up to the National Partnership Agreement for skills.

It comes a day after The Daily Telegraph revealed the state government had committed to a target of making 20 per cent of all trades on government construction sites apprenticeships. The money will span five years.

“NSW is taking the lead on Vocational Education and Training (VET) by signing the new Agreement because we

know how important a skilled workforce is for the future prosperity of this state,” Mr Barilaro said. “The \$500 million partnership announced today with the federal government guarantees NSW will continue to have a trusted and high quality VET sector giving young workers the opportunities and training they need to build a rewarding career.”