

A dad for all seasons



Deahne and Andrew Maffey with their daughters Caitlin and Brianna. Picture: ANN MORAN

THE Maffey family say life is much like a deck of cards – you play your own hand one at a time. This philosophy echoes through to everyday life and was one of the main reasons that Caitlin, 10, and Brianna, 12, nominated their dad Andrew for the Rouse Hill Times Community Father of the Year.

“Dad is an inspiration to us and always helps us,” Brianna said. Andrew and wife Deahne are former bank managers who have taken a new direction.

Mr Maffey runs Cafe2U and does the run in the northwest area, including Rouse Hill and surrounds. He is also P&F president of his daughters’ school, Rouse Hill Anglican College, a position he has held for more than three years.

While Mrs Maffey was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2003, the family copes well with her treatment. “Because I have seizures I cannot drive, which means Andrew plays a big role in making sure the girls get to dancing each week,” she said.

“He’s a chauffeur, dad and referee in a house full of women, including our dog Maddy.”

What top dad will get

THE winner will receive these prizes valued at \$8288:

- Hayman Island holiday for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children) including flights and breakfasts
- Engraved silver platter (salver) from Angus & Coote
- Elite men’s watch from Angus & Coote
- Pre-paid mobile from Telstra
- Year’s supply of chocolates from Darrell Lea
- Family of four pass to The Last Airbender

- Two tickets to Australian Father of the Year awards luncheon at Opera House

The finalists win:

- Two tickets to the Australian Father of the Year awards luncheon at the Sydney Opera House
- An Elite men’s watch from Angus & Coote
- A family of four pass to The Last Airbender from Paramount
- A Dad’s bag of chocolates from Darrell Lea

Total prize value: over \$600

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Cir Peter Dimbrowsky
Mayor of The Hills Shire Council



Forget the Premier’s five ideas for Sydney – I’ve come up with my own five big ideas for North-West Sydney.

BIG IDEA 1: Borrow and Build It Now
Premier Keneally announced last week she can’t afford to build the North West Rail, so like the rest of the developed world let’s borrow and build rail now. The Infrastructure Australia list is there to make revenue available to State Government for much-needed projects like this. The North West Rail is deserving of a re-prioritisation of this project to attract federal funds.

BIG IDEA 2: Put the second Airport for Sydney in the North West.
It makes perfect sense to improve transport infrastructure where the growth is.

So why not re-examine the idea of a few commercial flights from the RAAF base in Richmond?

BIG IDEA 3: Connect the M7 to the F3
A quick and easy way to instantly provide a second access out of Sydney’s North and solve the traffic congestion problems that start on Pennant Hills Road and extend to the Central Coast.

BIG IDEA 4: Build a regional university campus here.

We have the space to build it – we have a well educated work force to teach there and we have the students who want to study close to home. Let’s become the clever Shire.

BIG IDEA 5: Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill as major centres.

The Sydney Hills is an excellent choice for people to live, have a job and raise a family. The development of our towns as major centres will bring fresh opportunities for our residents, and provide people with a lifestyle, café culture and social hub without having to go to Parramatta or the City.

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