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Think of a footy final crowd in Australia of about 100,000. That's the likely number of families in Australia carrying or affected by an intellectually disabling genetic condition, Fragile X Syndrome...and most people don't know anything about it.

Every week in Australia one child is born with Fragile X and 20 children are born who are carriers with the potential to pass to later generations.

More than 10 years ago, local woman, Trish Piper's great nephew was diagnosed with the little known syndrome. *Trish and her long-term friend Barbie* decided they wanted to do something to help the Fragile X Association to achieve its goals of raising awareness and supporting families with Fragile X. They decided to organise a local fundraiser, a *Mixed Card Day*, for friends and other locals in the Galston and Dural area.

The first couple of card days were run in the home of Trish and her husband Graham. The event became a big success and outgrew their home. Over recent years, with the kind support of both the Galston Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank and the Dural Country Club, the event has gone from strength to strength, raising around \$45,000 for the Fragile X Association of Australia over 10 years.

This year around 80 ladies gathered for the **10th Anniversary Card Day**, at the

Dural Country Club, playing bridge, canasta, five hundred, euchre or mahjong.

Supporters including Waterford Wedgwood Royal Doulton, Corban & Blair, and Bunnings in Dural donated generously for the annual raffle. Mrs Ruth Shirriff, an award winning quilter, donated a magnificent bed quilt.

Guest speakers included Mr Bernie Triebe, Manager of the Bendigo Bank Galston Community Branch, and Robyn Iredale, President of the Fragile X Association of Australia. For More information on Fragile X syndrome:

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The Rotary Club of Dural

The Rotary Club of Dural and The Dural Chamber of Commerce met at The Allure Restaurant on Tuesday 25th February, for a combined meeting for the distribution of \$16000 which was raised at Dural Classic Golf Tournament at Riverside Oaks Golf Club in October 2013. This was Dural Rotary and the Dural Chamber of Commerce's major fund raiser of the year.

Four local charities each received a cheque for \$4000. Rotary President John Leeds and Dural Chamber of Commerce, past President Peter Dawson presided in presenting cheques to the following charities.

- **1.** Pyjama Foundation: Cheque for \$4000.00 Accepted by
- 2. Giant Steps: Cheque for \$4000 plus a further \$1000 donated by Jamie and Megan Hudson on behalf of The Hudson Family. Accepted by Kerry Nelson
- 3. Operation Hope: Vision Valley, Cheque for \$4000. Accepted by Jessica Triebe
- **4.** The Australian Rotary Health fund received a cheque for \$4000 for Motor Neurone Research which was raised by Dural Rotary and was accepted by past President Cliff Hoare, Cliff responded to the meeting advising that Dural Rotary Club is the largest contributor of funds given to ARH in Australia.



Youth Week 2014

This year's Youth Week is just around the corner, with a range of activities occurring across Hornsby Shire.

"This is a great event that is organised by young people and for young people," Hornsby Mayor Steve Russell says.

"In fact, Youth Week is so

big that it couldn't be contained within a single week and actually runs for 10 days. Last year more than 200,000 young people took part across Australia."

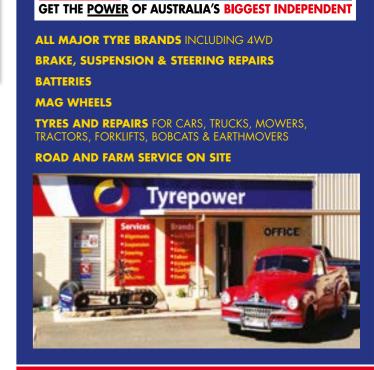
The program of events includes:

- Thursday 3 April, 3pm-5pm Youth Zone in Hornsby Mall, with music, dance, art and a free sausage sizzle.
- Saturday 5 April, 10am-5pm Shorefest, a free all-ages music festival at St Leonards Park in North Sydney.
- Sunday 6 April, 10am-3pm Skate Boarding Trick Competition and Demo at Berowra Skate Park, with prizes to skaters who perform the best tricks on the day.
- Wednesday 9 April, 8.45am-3.15pm Hornsby Kuring-Gai Youth Forum 2014 at Wahroonga's Knox Grammar School, discussing leading youth issues with a focus on positive mental health.
- Thursday 10 April, 5pm-6.30pm Live in Hornsby Mall, with local young people performing music and dance.
- Sunday 13 April, 12.30pm-3.30pm Designer Decks Skateboard Painting Workshop at Hornsby's Beatrice Taylor Hall, where you get the chance to customise your skateboard and make it an artwork.

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Community Gallery Celebrates Convict History

At the end of February The Ferry Artists hosted a productive art workshop for 15 aspiring and talented painters at the beautiful Wisemans Australis Retreat facilitated by the it's generous owner, Barry Topple.

The workshop was instructed by local Wollombi Artist Hadyn Wilson and was based around the Great North Road and the convict past inherent in that area.

The weekend was enjoyed by all and produced a wonderful set of artworks which will be on the Gallery walls for an opening on Saturday April 5th.

This exhibition 'Celebrating Our Artistic History' coincides with the first weekend of the both entertaining and highly informative Convict Footprints play showing on The Great North Road across the river from the Gallery and the paintings reflect the road, its beauty and its history.

Everyone welcome for a 2pm opening on Saturday 5th April at 5557 Old Northern Road Wisemans Ferry.

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Defibrilator Stolen from Hayes Park

Recently the canteen at Hayes Park, Galston Oval, home of Hills Hawks FCC was broken into. Amongst the things stolen was a recently donated AED - a defibrillator (donated by Bendigo Bank, Galston). It's value is around \$2,000, but it's value to someone in a cardiac arrest is priceless.

Should you be offered a "cheap" AED with a barcode and numbers: 1120117295, could you please notify your local police. We would request residents to share this notice on your facebook page. It would be a great help in trying to track down the stolen AED, and hopefully deter thieves from stealing these very important machines.

Another Tree Nearly Misses Traffic

Yet another very large tree has fallen across the road, this time in Post Office Road, Glenorie.

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Hornsby Mountain Bike Trail - Stage Two

Construction of Stage Two at Hornsby Shire's Mountain Bike Trail is charging forward, adding an extra 2.5 kilometres of white knuckle action to the trail.

Simon French (pictured) from Dirt Art has been on the job for four weeks and says the new sections of trail will perfectly complement those that already exist.

"This is going to be a lot more fast-flowing and a bit less technical than the first stage," Simon says.

"Stage Two is going to be all about letting go of the brakes and having some fast-paced fun."



new trail, aided by the type of soil they are working with. "There's a lot more clay-based soil than Stage One, which

lets us be more creative because the clay is more stable and we're not as constrained by the fragile sandy soils you find elsewhere,"

"This trail is fairly unique for Sydney because most of the other trails are sandstone-based."

Simon says the work has been made easier by the nature of the local mountain bike riding community.

"The local riders are all really keen and very supportive of what's going on here," he says.

"There's a great community of riders in this area who are very appreciative of what Council is doing for them."

Hornsby Trailcare holds volunteer days on the first Saturday of each month, meeting at 2pm at the Quarry Road trail head, and extra volunteers are always welcome.

Progress on Stage Two is very dependent on the weather, but it is expected to open by May.







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Friday 25 April 2014. Fagan Park, Galston. Rural Museums and Netherby Homestead Open Day.

Commemorate ANZAC Day on Friday 25 April at Fagan Park, Galston. The Heritage Area of Netherby Homestead and Rural Museums in Fagan Park will be open between 10am and 4pm.

Following our hugely successful open day on Australia Day in January, The Friends of Fagan Park will again open doors to the past and a look at the future.

Australia Day 2014 included a display of some very rare and unusual motor vehicles, the Leyland Force 7V was featured. The Force 7V was built at Zetland, Sydney, in 1974.

Fagan Park provides an insight into the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. There will be a display of Trucks, Tractors, and Stationary Engines including a Steam Engine, a working Hot Air Engine, a Road Roller, Horse-drawn Sulkies, a display of Hand Tools, and restored Farm Machinery to see.

Explore Netherby Cottage and the magnificent gardens. There is always something new and a lot to see and do for the

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available provided by the Friends of Fagan Park at a modest charge. All the park facilities such as Picnic Areas, Barbecues, Children's Playground, Walking Trails and the stunning Gardens of Many Nations will be open.

Fagan Park is located 1km North of Galston Village on Arcadia Road.

Entry to the Park and Museum Area is free.

Entry to Fagan Park car park is \$5.00 per car.

Contact Ian Browning M: 0419 435 475 E: isandian@tpg.com.au





Thai Changes Name and Style.

The first Thai restaurant in Dural has had a name change from Thai Hot Corner and is now called Thai eXcite. The new owner Nang Pasothakang, while appreciating the long history of Thai Hot Corner in Dural felt that a name change would help to emphasise a new dimension that she is bringing to Thai dining in Dural.

Nang has more than 15 years cooking in the Hills since establishing Thai Esarn in Baulkham Hills in 1997 and then Thai Spy in Kellyville. Now as a local resident of Dural she has been tempted out of early retirement with a new and extensive menu that keeps the favourites that people have come to love and adds some new and exciting new dishes.

'Its hard to single out favourites but I know we have a very good reputation throughout the hills for our version of massaman curry and our satay sauce is so good that people want to buy it on its own to take home. We have even had previous customers travelling from the other side of the hills when they heard we had opened 'Nang said.

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Dural Music Centre

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Variety, The Children's Charity

is a national not for profit organisation that provides equipment and programs to sick, disadvantaged and special needs children in Australia.

Each year, the charity host their Variety Bash event, which is a 5 day drive involving entrants travelling through different parts of NSW to raise money to purchase special needs equipment.

For his fifth year, Dural Music's Steven Lavis will take part in the bash driving with the Car 56 'Nanny Ruth' team. Steven has helped to raise close to \$60 000 over the past five years with the help of his fellow staff and students at Dural Music. As part of an initiative to raise funds for the bash, teachers and staff will donate their time to carry out a full day of music lessons during the school holidays. Anyone who would like a lesson just needs to donate \$35 or more to Variety, The Childrens Charity. Organisers hope to beat last year's amount raised of \$2200 with every dollar received going directly to the charity.

All lessons must be booked prior to the day through the staff at Dural Music Centre; donations can be made in person on the day or on the web at the following address https://2014nswnewcastlebash.everydayhero.com/au/car-56nanny-ruth

Steven, who while on the bash also visits schools in rural areas to donate music lessons and instruments to the kids, will leave for the 5 day adventure in a few weeks said, "I want to thank Dural Music for their support as well as all the parents, teachers and students who can help to raise money for this cause on the day."

You can support Steven by visiting www.facebook.com.au/ Car56NannyRuth to see some of what Car 56 gets up to on the Bash and leave a message of support.

For more information or to book a lesson, call Dural Music Centre on 9651 7333 or email toniann@duralmusic.com.au

The Sydney Hills Branch of the **Association of Independent Retirees**

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees' committee is looking forward to provide members and especially new members with a variety of interesting guest speakers throughout the year. The guest speaker for April will be Inspector Lyn Kaesler from Parramatta Police.

Our meetings are held the first Friday of each month at Pennant Hills Bowling Club Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills our next meeting will be held on Friday 4th April, 2014. Meeting commences at 10am.

If you are a Baby Boomer or recently retired, come along be informed of any impeding changes. By working together we can make a difference for the future.

> For more information contact: President: Lauris Rennie. 9634 -1186



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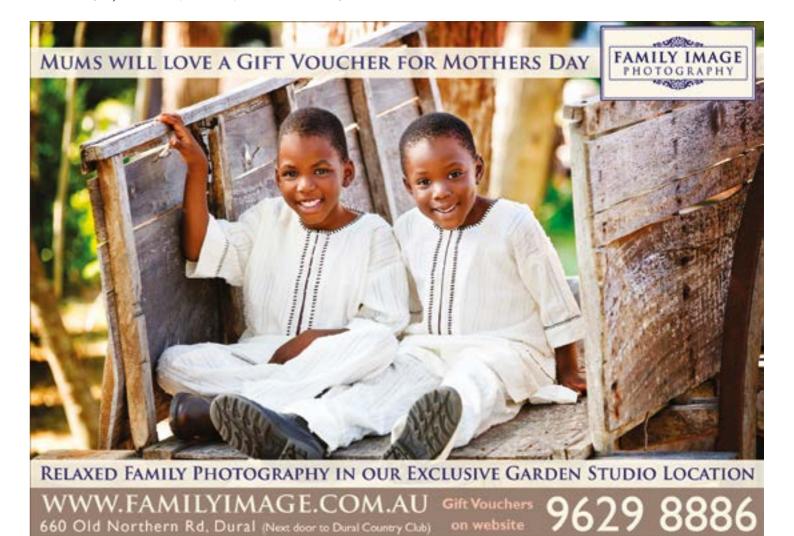
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Rotarians are so Close to Ending Polio Worldwide

The Rotary Club of Galston had the privilege of listening to Rob Bryne at their recent meeting. Rob has been a tireless campaigner to assist in Rotary's initiative to End Polio Worldwide. "This is by far the biggest public health program ever undertaken," Mr Byrne said, adding that it was also Rotary International's biggest project, with \$1 billion being donated

Early in 2011, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributed \$355 million in an effort to eliminate the remaining rates of polio, and have challenged Rotarians all over the world to raise another \$200m. Rob has cycled the East coast of Australia visiting Rotary Clubs and raising awareness of polio.

Rob has cycled the east coast of Australia creating awareness of the fight to end polio.

"A lot of the clubs are doing some really good fundraising for it," Mr Byrne said, Starting from Grafton in northern NSW, Mr Byrne then cycled to Cairns in Far North Queensland ending his ride in Victoria.

"The reason why I did this is that we're really so close to getting rid of the disease worldwide. The key thing making the difference is funding," Mr Byrne said.

"I remember polio because I grew up around it. When I was at school almost every classroom had someone with polio and if we don't win the fight it will come back."

Working closely with such organisations as the World Health Organisation, Mr Byrne said that it was an achievable goal to eliminate polio worldwide.

To make a donation to the End Polio Now campaign visit www.rotary.org and click the 'End Polio Now' button at the bottom of the page. You can also visit our website www.galstonrotary.org.au or call Rod Taylor 0417 653479 regarding membership.



Medicare Offices Closing on Saturdays

If you are planning to visit your local Medicare office on a Saturday morning, best to check before doing so, says local MP Philip Ruddock.

'Saturday morning trading at Medicare shop fronts is being gradually phased out from 29th March until 10th May 2014 due to a continuing lack of demand'.

Mr Ruddock said Berowra electorate residents mostly visited Medicare offices located at Hornsby, Castle Hill and North Ryde, 'but less and less on a Saturday morning.'

With demand dropping by 60% to even 90% for some locations over the past two years, the continued phasing out of Saturday trading is continuing action commenced by the former

'The removal of cash payments in 2012, coupled with the increasing number of GPs offering electronic claiming and improvements to online self-service options, means many customers no longer choose to visit the actual offices.'

'At the end of last year, 65% of all Medicare claims were processed electronically at the doctor's surgery.'

Mr Ruddock said staff numbers would not be affected by the Saturday closure, and the usual range of services would remain available face-to-face on weekdays.

Rainfall Chart

Rainfall recorded Galston period 15/02/14 to 15/03/14 is 145 mm



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Galston CWA News

In March we had a wonderful video presentation from Tahlia, a nurse who will be part of the crew of Mercy Ships Australia next month in the Congo. She showed how surgical operations, considered routine in Australia, such as cleft palate surgery, can change lives in this part of Africa. We then spent some time cutting and



pasting coloured pictures into scrapbooks for Mercy Ships Australia and other charitable organisations to distribute to children.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday** 9th **April** at 10am. Following morning tea, we will have fun with crafts using old buttons, such as making jewellery. This will be followed by a bring-a-plate lunch, and then our business meeting.

We meet at the Galston Community and Health Centre, cnr The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Visitors are very welcome to attend.

We are always happy to receive wool and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting. Also, coloured brochures and calendars with pictures suitable for children's scrapbooks, such as animals and tractors, would be much appreciated.

The Country Women's Association is the largest women's organization in Australia, and works for the welfare of women, children and communities, especially in country areas.

More details from Janet - 9653 2402 or Val - 9653 1774

Dural and District Historical Society.

The Arcadia Juice Factory

Margaret McKinley.

On the corner of Arcadia Road and Fagan's Road, Arcadia, there is a factory shaped building. What is the story behind this place? This part of Arcadia Road had originally been called Two Rod Road, and ran from this corner up to Arcadia School. The Bennet family owned the large citrus orchard on the southern side of this road, opposite to where the Benedictine Monastery is now.



Frank Wangman bought this orchard from the Hilton Bennett

in 1942, and just after the war built this factory on two acres. During the war there was a Government requirement that fruit growers had to supply 13% of their crop to the war effort towards feeding the fighting forces.

Wangman owned and operated the factory, employing about 8 or 9 locals, mainly women. They extracted the juice from the Valencia oranges to make cordial and "fizzy" drinks, and then cut up the rind to make preserved peel. John Ross worked there for one week and was paid £1-16-0! Mr. Rest was the cooper employed to make and repair the barrels used in the factory. He had come from Germany and lived at the end of Smalls Road. Michael Bell remembers visiting him one morning at breakfast time. Mr. Rest had one dozen eggs in the frying pan!



The name over the main door proclaims Arcadia Products, and is still visible. There was a good market for this product and they displayed their goods at the Royal Easter Show for many years.

It has been very difficult to research the "Juice Factory". If you have any old photos, old bottles and labels or anything to add or to correct in this story please contact the Dural Historical society

If you ask any of the long-time residents if they have memories of the Juice Factory, they all say "we remember the terrible stink in the creek!" Yes, the effluent from the factory had caused pollution in the creek that runs down the back of where Cameron's Nursery is now and goes under Arcadia Road just near Ross Common Rd. The factory closed in about 1968-9, not only because of the pollution, but citrus orchards in the district were being pulled out as the growing of citrus was not profitable once the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area could produce good quality fruit cheaper.

Noel Russell bought the factory and operated Arcadia Automotive with the help of a mechanic, and then started Arcadia Tyres in 1978 He died in 1982, but the building has been used for Automotive and Arcadia Smash Repairs ever since.

At the next meeting of the Dural Historical Society on Saturday, April 12th at 2 pm, the guest speaker will be Emeritus Professor Don Napper, who will talk on "The introduction of Gas Warfare on the Western Front- One Nobel Prizewinner's Shame". All welcome











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Letter to the Editor

Dear John, I have just received a copy of the March edition of the Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural Community News and read your "opinion piece - Cancer the Dragon". While it expresses your point of view it fails to represent the views of many professionals, including doctors, radiographers, nurses and support staff who work with breast cancer patients and whose view differs from yours. As one who has worked as a pathologist in the diagnosis and management of breast cancer patients for more than 30 years I can tell you that there are strong and informed views that the Canadian study had many flaws.

It is true that breast screening itself cannot detect those breast cancers that are less aggressive from those that are likely to have a poor prognosis, but current assessment, diagnostic and management strategies allow for this variation in prognosis providing a range of treatment options. To state that the PSA screening situation is similar to that of mammographic breast screening is inaccurate and misleading to say the least.

I, like may of my colleagues working for patients with breast cancer, have no "vested interests" in maintaining current practices. We believe that the evidence to discontinue the current national breast screening program and confine it to those identified as "high risk" will require far stronger evidence than that supplied in the reference you quote. There are many thousands of women who are alive today as a result of early detection of their breast cancer through attendance at a Mammographic Screening Centre. As for your reference to screening only for high risk groups and those with a "family history of aggressive cancer diseases" I have no idea what that means or who it refers to. Do you?

There is already co-operation and rationale (sic) debate, and progress in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment is constantly under review by those working in the field. At no point does this happen "at the expense of any patient's welfare and survival."

I have addressed many gatherings, clubs etc., in an attempt to clarify what Cancer is to the community. Your opinion piece in my view is not actually likely to contribute to a reduction in fear but merely provoke anxiety and concern about the true value of early detection of breast cancer as found in a number of other published studies.

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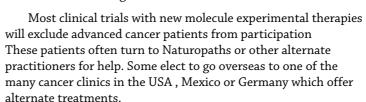
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Cancer the Dragon and You

Early this year we saw in the press that Ian Ross, the retired news reader, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer for which there is no effective current treatment. Another person in the Hills has been recently diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. Both have declined current toxic chemotherapy treatments which are known to be ineffective at this stage.



The realities however are that these alternate treatments lack any rigid scientific basis or record of success for the treatment of cancers. Patients however think "what have they got to lose except money when nothing else is on offer".

The high toxicity of many current chemotherapies limits their use and the search is on for low toxicity agents which can be effective for advanced cancer patient. One such low toxicity formulation GP8843 designed for advanced cancer patients is based on the common diabetes compound Metformin. We might see some clinical trials of this in Australia within the next six months as funding becomes available.

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New Convict Trail Map Available

On Tuesday 11 March, the Convict Trail Project hosted a field trip for NSW local government employees to Wollombi to share in the launch of the brand new Cartoscope Great North Road Map and to sample some of the best practice for heritage conservation and interpretation. Claimed as a great opportunity for many of the state's councils to experience our backyard, it also provided 100,000 copies of the map that are now available to the public to experience the historic Great North Road.



The convict trail starts in Five Dock and ends in the Hunter Valley, passing through Wisemans Ferry. The road, originally built between 1826-1836 by convict labour, is now a fabulous scenic journey and the map is a great tool to help anyone explore the trail. Cartoscope maps can be found at visitor information centres, including our very own at Dural in the grounds of the Pines and Roughley House.

This map is the first of its kind for Cartoscope as QR codes at various locations on the map lead visitors to short

videos on the web that help in interpreting the history of the road, communities and landmarks.

"This project would not have been possible without the assistance from the Department of Environment in Canberra and Lori Modde, CEO of the Convict Trail Project. I must also thank our community supporters in Wisemans Ferry and Wollombi as well for seeing this map as something to be engaged with and increasing its ability to be sustainable long term" said Lea Turner, Marketing & Sales Manager at Cartoscope Maps.

There has been a consolidated plan to make more people aware of the heritage on our door step and the fabulous asset that is World Heritage Listed. In conjunction with National Parks & Wildlife Service, the convict trail has been host to 5 local schools in recent weeks, and the public

will also get the chance to experience what the kids did on the 5/6 April and 12/13 April with live performances of Convict Footprints. You will not be disappointed if you purchase your own ticket to see this performance, it's truly engaging and gives you an incredible insight into the history of the early 1800s. Go to www.facebook.com/convictfootprints for more information or to purchase your ticket.

The Glenorie RSL has supported this education of our backyard history by bringing out a Convict Trail edition of Shiraz in honour of those who started our community. The wine is now available for sale at the Club with its own Convict Trail label. It's not 1830 vintage, it's 2005, but nevertheless a great drop.

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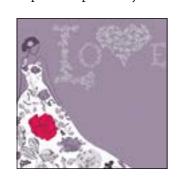
Need Help with Style



Mary Ord's mantra in her capacity as a Marriage Celebrant is 'happiness is found when you believe in the power of love' from love all things flourish including hope, joy and deep connections.

This she personally applies to her own relationships but what drives her is the belief that great opportunities can and do happen, if you believe in the power of possibility.

Mary is not only a Marriage Celebrant but she is a style adviser at 'Circus Boutique' in Round Corner, Dural so when she found a course advertised on Facebook which encapsulated many of her passions; style, colour, clothing, design and the understanding of energy she immediately immersed herself in learning as much as she could about this programme. The



programme is called 'Dressing Your Truth' and was devised by an Energy Therapist in America. This course is reaching across the world to ladies (and men) who are yearning for some guide to help them make the right choices about what to wear. Carol Tuttle, the course creator, identifies four different energy types of women. Once a women's primary type is identified advise is then offered on what colours, fabrication, styles, textures, hair etc they should be wearing in order to honour their authentic self. The premise is that when you dress according to your energy type you will be more confident, alert, present and high functioning. As the course gives clarity to all energy types the information received is not only useful in dressing your truth but it is also a valuable and useful tool to understanding your relationships and what drives people.

A captivated Mary completed the programme and absorbed all learning offered so when Dressing Your Truth notified the worldwide DYT community that they were running a competition she initiated her mantra 'anything is possible'.

From 1500 entries Mary was chosen as one of a handful of finalist who would be flown to Utah to participate in their new marketing campaign. Although Mary didn't make the final cut she was thrilled that she had risen above so many applicants from across the world. Mary said of her experience, "It was inspiring to think that potential still waits for you no matter your age."

Mary has lived in Glenorie for 22 years with her husband Peter, she is immensely proud of her 5 children and she is a busy Marriage Celebrant who describes herself as joyous and loving. If you would like to discuss the 'Dressing Your Truth' programme Mary can be found at 'Circus Boutique' Round Corner on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information about her Celebrancy business please visit www.marrymemary.com.au or email, mmm@marrymemary.com.au

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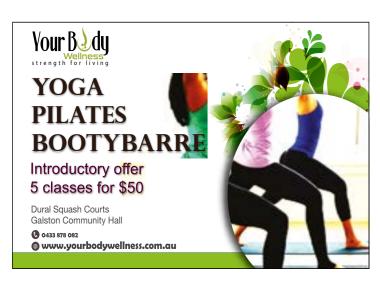
Here at Blush Skin and Beauty, we would like to introduce Shona, our new Professional Nail Artist who has just joined the Blush team.

Shona specialises in Acrylic Nails, Gel Nails, Shellac, Manicures and Pedicures and is taking appointments now.











Change Your Smoke Alarm Batteries

NSW Rural Fire Services volunteer firefighters from Galston fire brigade are urging residents to change their smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks on 6 April.

As part of the Duracell led "change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery campaign", firefighters encourage those most at risk in the community – those aged over 65 – to contact their local fire station if they need help changing their smoke alarm battery.

If you cannot climb a ladder and have no family, friends or neighbours to help you, we will come out and replace seniors' smoke alarm batteries.

A fifth of all house fires involve seniors. So far in 2014, four people have died in house fires and all have been over 65.

The most important thing those over 65 can do to reduce their risk of fires in the home is to have a working smoke alarm.

A fire can take hold in just three minutes, filling your home with deadly smoke.

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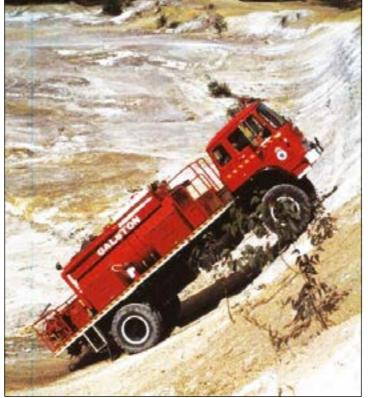
When Daylight Saving ends on 6 April and you change your clock, why not change your smoke alarm battery too."

Past Connections - Share your Stories

The Galston Rural Fire Brigade has hit the social seen with our own Facebook page aimed at engaging the local community. With nearly 200 followers we are keen to share our history as well as current events.

We would love for past members, residents and community connections to share brigade history they may have with us such as photos of events and incidents we may have attended.

Below is a great example of such a photo dating back a couple of decades demonstrating members practising a stall recovery at 4WD training course.



Galston Garden Club News

The March meeting welcomed our guest speaker Bruce Robinson from Dural Irrigation. His talk was based around specific questions from members and covered areas such as the features and benefits for sites suitable for sprinkler heads, drip line options, filters, pressure reduction valves, air release and flush valves products, water tanks and pumps etc. Anyone requiring his advice on setting up a watering system, just drop in at their premises in New Line Rd, Dural.



Just a reminder that local gardens open in 'Open Gardens Australia' on the $5^{\rm th}$ & $6^{\rm th}$ April are "Birchgrove" at 16 Fishburn Rd, Galston and "Elegans" 21 Fishburn Rd, Galston. Proceeds from your entry fees go to charity.

Galston Open Gardens weekend on Friday 17^{th} to Sunday 19^{th} October needs residents willing to open their gardens. Proceeds from this event also go to a number of community organisations and charities. If you are interested please contact Bill Fleming on 9653 2394.

Event planned for the 25th – 27th April is a coach trip, firstly to Mt Annan Botanic Gardens, then Red Cow Farm and an exclusive tour of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, followed on Saturday and Sunday by eight beautiful gardens in the Southern Highlands Autumn Spectacular.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th April at 8pm at the Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston, where members will be entertained by Bruce Skeen on the subject of "Amazing Chrysanthemums". There is also a trading table with a variety of plants for sale, and a large selection of books that can be borrowed from our library. **Visitors are always welcome.** For information on any of our activities contact Margaret Dunn on 9651 2475 or check out our website - www.galstongardenclub.com.au or email galstongarden@hotmail.com







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Tobruk Sheep Station Celebrates Silver Jubilee





Tobruk Sheep Station is turning 25! In line with this auspicious occasion Tobruk has announced a new event program that will be released to the public on 1 April 2014 including their new Outback BBQ and an amazing new Duck Mustering Show.

A number of exciting events will be staged throughout 2014 to celebrate the first 25 years of Torbuk's operation. The station opened its doors in September 1989 to provide a unique showcase of Australia's rural heritage and provide guests with a real working example of rural and outback Australia in an authentic, entertaining and relaxed environment that is located only 70 minutes from Sydney's CBD.

Rod Cowdroy, Managing Director of Tobruk said "Valuable customer feedback has created the opportunity to experience our unique Outback BBQ in the authentic Drovers Camp set amongst the beautiful natural surroundings of our farm. Guests will experience the taste, smell and sights of the fire and BBQ while life on the station continues around them."

Tobruk's informative, entertaining and often hilarious program including billy tea and damper, sheep mustering, horses, working dogs, sheep shearing, whip cracking and boomerang throwing has also been enhanced with an amazing new duck show and optional tractor-trailer rides. Their talented working dogs not only move sheep but now keep a watchful eye on their Indian Runner Ducks and bring them up close and personal for

"Our lookout provides magnificent views of the property and the Blue Mountains. Visitors will have fantastic photo opportunities whilst listening to entertaining commentary on our brand new tractor-trailer ride," Mr Cowdroy said.

Weddings, functions, conferences, evening meals and other events can be held in Tobruk's 200 seat licensed restaurant that has been enhanced to cater for growing demand. Their new wedding packages have been well received with many bookings already secured for 2014 and beyond.

Social media and Tobruk's online presence has also been enhanced to enable guests to see booking date availability and secure reservations online with secure payment via Paypal.

The management and staff at Tobruk are looking forward to continuing to provide this magnificent experience for guests of all ages, nationality, shape and size. Visit their new web site at www.tobruksheepstation.com.au for more details.



Saucy Sauce Day - A Saucy Sold Out Success

The annual Saucy Sauce Day was held on Saturday the 15th of March to roaring success with a sold out class of 50 apprentices up to their elbows in tomatoes, over 200 spectators during the day and the Channel 9 joining in on the activities.

The event kicked off just after 8am with M.C Sheldon Ross welcoming the audience and introducing maestro Rob Pirina instructor, business owner and creator of the annual event. The piazza area outside the Glenorie Bakery was decorated into a small piece of Italy with neighbouring shops jumping in on the activities and decorating their shop windows with Italian themes. The piazza was transformed with flags, balloons, ivy and red, green and white ribbons flying under the magnolia tree. Specially created work benches covered the hedges. Freshly baked breads and cheeses were displayed for taste testing. Beautiful Sicilian folk music wafted gently over the area and giant bunches of freshly picked basil spread their aromatic scent around. The apprentices donned their Saucy Sauce Day aprons, took their instructions from Rob and get set on the taste of creating sauce.

1 tonne of tomatoes - or approximately 6000 freshly picked Roma tomatoes were used during the day. Throughout the

morning the apprentices and audience were thrilled by the traditional accordion sounds of Ross Maio and the voice of Giselle.

After preparation, apprentices were delighted with a yummy afternoon pasta lunch and red wine to celebrate their creations.



Apprentices had come from as far as Wollongong and even South Africa to be part of the day and received their attendance certificates with wide smiles and happy cheering.

Saucy Sauce day was filmed by Channel 9 and will be broadcast in the coming weeks. Local media in attendance were treated to a wide host of senses - colours, smells, the sounds of

For more information on the Saucy Sauce Day 2014 or to make enquiries for 2015, please visit www.glenoriebakery.com.au or contact Louise on 0401652474.





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Free Meditation Classes coming to Wisemans Ferry in March





Alexander Nilsen pictured above, meditating in Wisemans Ferry (left).

Local resident Alexander Nilsen will be teaching free Falun Gong meditation classes in Wisemans Ferry, which started on $25^{\rm th}$ of March.

[Alexander Nilsen]: "I love Wisemans Ferry; I've been living and working out here for almost 6 months now, it's one of the most beautiful places I've seen in Australia and the locals are really friendly."

Alexander has been practicing Falun Gong for 7 years, and is passionate about introducing the health benefits of it to the public. He is going to hold weekly classes starting on Tuesday $25^{\rm th}$ of March at the Wisemans Ferry Community centre from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

[Alexander Nilsen]: "I really look forward to teaching people in the region, it's a unique opportunity to introduce something new to the community."

Falun Gong is an ancient Chinese spiritual discipline. Pronounced "Fahloon Gong," it consists of moral teachings, a meditation, and five gentle exercises that offer a unique and effective way to improve your health and energy levels.

[Alexander Nilsen]: "I've always been interested in meditation & exercise; after trying a few different things I found Falun Gong to be the most beneficial. I feel very balanced now, both mentally and physically, many of my former aliments have disappeared."

Falun Gong founder, Mr Li Hongzhi introduced the practice to the Chinese public in 1992. News of its health benefits spread very quickly. Within seven years up to 100 million people were practicing. In July of 1999 the Chinese Communist Party led by Jiang Zemin illegally banned the practice. The brutal crackdown and systematic persecution of adherents that followed is outlined on the Falun Dafa Information Centre website: www.faluninfo.net

[Alexander Nilsen]: "Human rights abuse in China is rampant, I hope people can spread the word and tell their family and friends about what's going on, you don't have to dig far on the internet to find out more."

In his spare time, Alexander does volunteer work to raise public awareness about the continuing persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China; where hundreds of thousands are still imprisoned, tortured and killed for their beliefs. He's looking forward to meeting the locals and sharing the practice with them.

Alexander is originally from Norway and came to Australia 4 years ago. About 6 years earlier (2003) he bought a sailboat in Florida, US and set out to sail around the world. But before he got to circumnavigate the world he met his wife in Wellington, New Zealand and settled there. They now have a 5 year old son and both work in the TV production industry in the Sydney region.

For further information Contact: Alexander Nilsen 0432 717 073 Email: alexander.nilsen@ntdtv.com Hutumn Canopy

By Mary at Heritage Haven

Few gardens would have survived

summer's intensity unscathed this year.
Tacoma is a very resilient plant however. It
was discovered by early British settlers travelling
to Australia via Africa's Cape of Good Hope, more than two
hundred years ago. Today, remnants of early gardens grown
around old pioneer settlements often still display Tacoma,
known also as Cape Honeysuckle.

Our farm, Heritage Haven, has stood beside the Old Northern Road since pioneer times. Here, Tacoma formed a remarkable hedge along two sides of the old farmhouse. When we considered making our home here more than twenty years ago, the only entrance was via a hole in the hedge, a clamber over two fallen pine trees and a wilderness path that led to the back door. As we retraced our steps after that first challenging inspection, I paused beside the rambling Tacoma and discovered a nest secreted within its dense foliage: it contained an amazing gathering of three, orange-rimed, gaping beaks, demanding a feed ... English blackbirds! Perhaps it was that safe nest hidden amongst the wilderness of the Tacoma that persuaded me that this was a secure place in which to raise our own three "chicks"!

This year, summer was so intense that many plants discarded their leaves. Eventually the leaves of the Tacoma hedges carpeted the ground and the blue sky became visible through the sparse canopy of interwoven branches. Birds were silenced by the intense heat until one day, clouds clustered in the sky and rain fell ceaselessly for four days. Immediately, the Tacoma was invaded by sprightly wattlebirds, flashing their white-streaked plumage of grey-brown feathers. As our gardens sprang to renewed life, Eastern Spinebills frolicked with red-browed firetail finches amongst clusters of sprouting grass seeds and waving strands of native fairy grass. Today, the Tacoma hedge displays a brilliant canopy of orange flowers and a surfeit of bees forage excitedly amongst the flowering trumpets.

The Hills District VIEW Club

Notice for 8th April 2014

The Hills District VIEW Club's next social function will be a set menu lunch at Rosie's Cafe, 344 Galston Road Galston, on Tuesday 8th April. Arrive at 12 noon. Cost is \$25 including a set menu lunch with tea and coffee.

Please contact Suzette on 9680 4257 for bookings and more details.

Notice for 22nd April 2014

On Tuesday 22nd April the Hills District VIEW Club will meet at 10am at the Dural Country Club for our monthly meeting. Cost is \$6 which includes morning tea; following the meeting, lunch is available at your own cost.

Our guest speaker will be Donna Hendry who will speak about Macular Degeneration disease.

Please contact Denise on 8824 4830 for bookings and more details - Bookings are essential.





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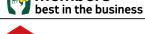
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Medical Emergency in Galston

On Thursday 20th March while shopping in IGA at Galston, I came across an elderly man who had collapsed in the isle in the middle of the shop. When I couched down I realised that he needed an ambulance urgently. While I made him comfortable, I could see my husband at the front of the store and yelled for him to get an ambulance. We both knew that every moment was critical as an ambulance would take some time to get to Galston. My husband called 000, while on the phone he ran next door to the chemist and asked if they had any medical equipment and to call the doctors from Galston Medical Centre for assistance. While this was unfolding we were giving the gentleman CPR and it was then the 000 operator advised us that the closest ambulance was at least 20 minutes away and we needed to continue CPR until they arrived. While my husband and I were dealing with this medical emergency it was obvious to us we needed help to continue this exhausting CPR, but no one stopped to offer. People just continued to shop around us. The local doctor and nurse arrived with bags full of medical equipment and we were most relived. They quickly assisted us still with the ambulance updated time of arrival still 15 minutes away. Unfortunately, despite all our efforts, the gentleman passed

I would like to thank Monica from HealthSense Pharmacy, Dr Karen Bartley and Vicki, the nurse from the Galston Medical Centre for their help that afternoon. Our sadness is felt for the family, we all gave our best efforts and we hope they have some peace knowing that he was not alone in his time of need.

My message to you from our experience on Thursday:-

- 1. Display the number of your home or business, you know where you are but in the case of an emergency others need to be able to find this information quickly.
- 2. Have a list of important phone numbers on display at home or work and in your mobile phone.
- 3. In a business, have a procedure and train your staff so they understand what to do in an emergency. At home, go over what to do with your family.
- 4. Know basic first aid/CPR, the 000 operators are excellent and can assist you through the process. Give updates to the 000 operator on what you are doing so they can continue to help you make the right choices.
- 5. Look around you, who can help. Think on your feet so you are not alone dealing with an emergency and keep calm.
- 6. If it crosses your mind that you think someone needs help, they probably do, so stop and ask. You could save a

While we all enjoy living in this area, we are a long way from help. Our closest Ambulance service is at Castle Hill with only two vehicles, the next closet is Wahroonga with two vehicles and Riverstone with one. If these ambulance officers are busy with patients or responding to other emergencies the wait is much longer. While we can rely on our local medical centres during opening times, what happens outside those hours? Perhaps its timely we had an ambulance station based at Dural. This station could cover Cherrybrook, Glenhaven plus the suburbs surrounding Dural out to Kenthurst, Glenorie and Galston areas for our growing population of 86,000.

Sonja and Andy Cameron

New App Connects Seniors with Discounts

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean has welcomed the NSW Government's launch of the free NSW Seniors Card app – giving tech savvy seniors instant access to discounts from more than 3,500 stores state wide.

"Seniors will now be able to use their smart phones or mobile devices to access savings on the go," Mr Kean said.

"The new app is free, available at the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and connects seniors with special offers available at nearby retailers, tradespeople and other service providers.

"The app maps out discounts, gives a description of the retailer, provides directions and a photo of the street view to ensure seniors can locate stores and businesses.

"Seniors need not worry if they cannot access the directory through their phone, as they can obtain a copy by calling 13 77 88, or by heading online to www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au.

"The directory and new app are part of the NSW Government's ongoing commitment to improve the way it delivers information to more than one million members of the NSW Seniors Card program."

Mr Kean said the NSW Seniors Card app was developed as part of the Apps4NSW initiative.

"For a number of years NSW has been at the forefront of app development," Mr Kean said.

"The initiative, which is part of the NSW Government's ICT Strategy, has proved to be been very successful, and many of the apps developed as part of the initiative have been downloaded tens of thousands of times.

"The next Apps4NSW Challenge is now open and developers are invited to use data and information to develop apps for Department of Education and Communities and for the Office of Environment and Heritage.

"Interested developers will have an opportunity to pitch their ideas to a judging panel in April. Successful entrants will then be required develop and launch an app for iOS and/or Andriod."

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Vandal Damages Dural Oval

Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell has slammed the actions of a driver who broke into Dural Park Oval last weekend and caused significant damage driving on the playing field. The driver accessed the field by cutting the chain on a locked gate.

"It's simply horrendous that somebody could have such little regard for the community," Mayor Russell said. "These fields belong to all of us and it's very hard to stomach when somebody goes out of their way to cause this kind of damage."

The ground has been closed as a result of the damage, with cricket games cancelled and Dural Rugby Club forced to find another location to train. Council workers are currently on site, stomping down the grass by foot to limit the amount of damage when the ground dries, while full-scale repairs are scheduled to begin the week of March 17. The repairs are expected to cost up to \$2,500.

"This stupid action has cost the amount of a new footpath somewhere in the Shire," Mayor Russell said. "I'm sure the residents would prefer a new footpath instead of subsidising some hoon's warped sense of fun."

There was a similar incident at Hayes Oval the same weekend, when two padlocks were cut and a vehicle drove on the playing surface.

The damage was less severe than at Dural Oval and Hayes Oval has not been closed.

""Police are investigating both incidents and I urge anybody with information about these crimes to get in touch with them," Mayor Russell said.

"Council spends a lot of time and money – money that has been earned by the ratepayers of this Shire – making sure there are top quality playing fields and this type of vandalism will not be tolerated."







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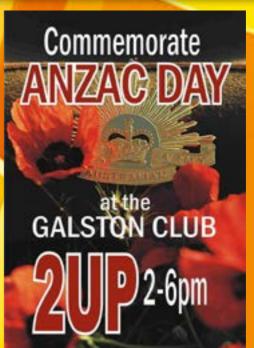
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Arcadia Pony Club

Arcadia Pony Club hosted a very successful Zone 23 Sporting event on Sunday 16th February notwithstanding very trying weather conditions.

"Despite the weather developing into quite heavy rain into the afternoon, it was a very well attended event with a total of 75 competitors from Zone 23 Clubs including Arcadia, Dural and Forest Hills along with Glenorie and

Megalong Valley from Zone 26" said Tony Fox, President of Arcadia Pony Club.

"The events catered for the led and beginner groups through to over 17 and Associates with the classes including barrels, bending, 3 mug, 5 flag, keyhole bounce, diamond flag and bonfield bounce."

We had some lovely feedback from the other Clubs, acknowledging the event was very well run and both "fun and friendly".

"Running such a large and successful event was only made possible with lots of planning and hard work." said Tony.

"We would like to especially recognise our Zone representative Catherine Egan who coordinated the fantastic event. Catherine's dedication and attention to detail was what made such a large event so successful. We would also like to recognise the efforts of Leanne Davies as our technical delegate, along with Michael Syme and Lee Ann Swan, Zone 23 President and Chief Instructor for all their assistance both leading up to the event and on the day



Grace Reen of Arcadia Pony Club on Buttons -Champion 9 and Under 11 years



Jamie Burns of Arcadia Pony Club on Barney - competing in barrels

"And, the day would not have been possible without the assistance of all the volunteers from Arcadia Pony Club and the other clubs. It is a huge effort to host these Zone events and a big day for all our volunteers, from members and parents helping with everything from running the classes, time keepers, line marshals and of course, the canteen. We would like to thank everyone that contributed to the day" said Tony.

Thank you as well to Arcadia Pony Club's major sponsor, Bendigo Bank, for the generous loan of their marquee for the event.

To find out more about Arcadia Pony Club please visit http://www.arcadiaponyclub.org.au

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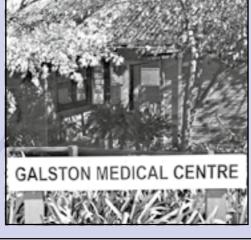
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The results of the Zone Sporting were as follows:

Novice:

Champion Tom Hankins (Dural)

Under 9 yrs:

Champion Out of Zone Eloise Clare (Glenorie) Champion Zone 23 Nicola Gee (Forest Hills) Reserve Champion Emily Hill (Dural)

9 & Under 11yrs:

Champion Grace Reen (Arcadia) Reserve Champion Jasmine Minness (Forest Hills)

11 & Under 13yrs:

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13 & Under 15 yrs:

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Champion Rachel Temm (Forest Hills)
Reserve Champion Chloe Pearse (Forest Hills)
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Champion Christopher Syme (Forest Hills)
Reserve Champion Catherine Syme (Forest Hills)

Budgerigar Society of N. S. W. Inc.

Hills Branch - Ray Galbraith

With only days to go until **the Avian Show begins at the 2014 Royal Easter Show, on the 10**th **and 11**th **April**, Budgerigars are being prepared by the various exhibitors across New South Wales in readiness for judging by the 2014 appointed Senior Judges, Mrs Kathy Manton of Marsden Park and Mr Alan Reid of Pennant Hills. The birds will have been regularly sprayed with clean water during the past few weeks (to bring out the natural sheen of the birds), washed where appropriate and manicured. Exhibition cages paintwork (Black external with White interior) would have been appraised to ensure an acceptable standard of finish, then have been cleaned, drinkers in place and sufficient approved seed in the bottom of the cage for the duration of the show; in readiness for the birds.

During the show, an Avain Veterinarian is on duty and attendants ensure the needs of the birds are attended too, which included supplementary seed sprays and fresh water etc. Should an incident happen with a bird and it is deemed in the best interest of the bird, it is removed from the show. Similar to most other animal competitions at the show, a great deal of preparation goes into the exhibiting of the Exhibition Budgerigar. Again this year the Bush Budgerigar will be on display.

The general public who attend the 2014 Royal Easter Show will have opportunity to view some of the best prepared and exhibited Exhibition Budgerigars, marvel at the different varieties and colours, whilst discussing the birds with the attendants on duty. Brochures will be available with information about the Budgerigar and if you are young or just young at heart; come away from the show wearing a Budgie Stamp.

Hills District residents will have another opportunity to view the Budgerigar when **the 2014 New South Wales Show will be held on Sunday 6th April at the Burnie Mullane Centre at Rouse Hill**, where the birds will be competing for the various Variety Awards and the coveted New South Wales Grand Champion Award. The 2013 Grand Champion was awarded to Hills Branch member Mr Craig Buckingham.

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Glenorie Public School

First term has come and nearly gone, and as usual, we have been very busy at Glenorie Public School.

In the first week of March our representative swimmers swam at Homebush Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Our school ran/organised the WHOLE Carnival. Mrs Black, Mrs Perry, Mrs Rose and I supported our carnival as officials on the day. Mrs Johnson was our team manager in charge of our swimmers. What a great day!

Our Glenorie results were:

- Tane 1st 9 yrs 50m freestyle (record broken), 1st Junior 50m backstroke (record broken)
- Jye -2^{nd} junior boys 4x50 medley, 4^{th} 10 yr boys 50m freestyle, 2^{nd} junior boys 50m breaststroke, 3^{rd} junior boys 50m butterfly
- Aaron 2nd 11yr boys 50m freestyle, 4th 11yr boys backstroke, 4th 11yr boys 50m butterfly
- Junior Boys 4x50m relay Ayden, Jye, Nick & Tane

These swimmers will be representing the Beecroft team at the

Sydney North Primary Swimming Carnival at Homebush Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 25th March. Good Luck!

This day was a huge success for our school. There was lots of positive feedback from many



schools and officials as to how Glenorie has performed and how expertly organised we were.

We celebrated Harmony day on 20th March with all of the staff and students dressing in orange. The choir sang "One World" and three of our students delivered their multicultural speeches to our parent audience. The students all enjoyed an orange morning tea that day, with apricots, oranges, carrot sticks and all sorts of orange food, as orange is the colour for Harmony.

The Senior Choir has again been fortunate to be accepted as part of the Arts North Combined Choir and will perform at the Sydney Town Hall in August. Preparation for this exciting event will include rehearsal excursions to Chatswood High School and to the Sydney Town Hall. The Senior Choir is open to all our Year 4, 5 and 6 students who are interested in singing.

The Glee-norie Drama Club is off to a great start with some very talented students taking up the opportunity to be more involved with drama and music in a fun way. The Glee-norie Drama Club is open to all Year 3 – 6 students. The students are working on skills they will use in our major performance to be held in Term 3.

Glenorie will be visited by the Easter Bunny on 11th April. He delivers eggs to all our students who wear amazing Easter bonnets and also decorated eggs for a great display in our library on the day. Years 5 & 6 do a 'Big Egg Drop', stretching their imaginations on how to drop an egg from the roof without a crack. Our playground will be full of families finishing off the term with a picnic lunch with their children.

Whilst the big things we celebrate make us all feel great, the day-to-day aspects of school life are just as important. The teacher who stops to tie a kinder child's shoelaces, the parent who writes a thank you letter to his/her child's teacher, the student who offers to play with another child feeling lonely. Our school is about supporting people, acknowledging effort and striving for excellence (no matter how big or small). Thanks to our parents and teachers for recognising all aspects of school life...every little bit counts!

Cultural Arcadia

Culture and arts showcased at Arcadia Public School in the month of March. Our students celebrated Harmony Day with Mr Les McLeod from NSW National Parks and



Wildlife. They were immersed in learning about traditional Aboriginal artefacts, cooking and remedies. Les is a really engaging character and with his whole head and face painted in white clay and his nostrils pierced with an echidna spike, he certainly held the children's attention. Harmony Day, celebrating cultural respect and acceptance of others is an important event on our school calendar as it reflects closely the Arcadian school community values. In early March our Year 6 students and parents hosted a fabulous bush dance and family fun night to welcome our Kindergarten families. It was a great success with much laughter and the refrain of bingo!

Year 6 from 2013 have to be acknowledged, not just as outstanding public speakers and the winners of the inaugural GHS Debating competition, but also as talented artists. You'll see pictured here the fabulous sculptures which they created as a farewell gift to their school – clay totem poles which depict memories of their school life at Arcadia. Take a close look at them at our next Arcadia Markets on May $3^{\rm rd}$. These markets have become renowned as the place to find that special unique mother's day gift and lots more so mark the day on your calendar.

Congratulations to Lang, Kyah, Aimee, Tahlia, Jack, Archer and Scott, our 2014 Zone swimming team. They each represented their school with pride and speed in the pool. Well done.

Playgroup is now an established event at Arcadia Public School. The children adore feeding the chickens and creating in the sandpit while the mums and dads enjoy a coffee and chat. They meet on the $2^{\rm nd}$ and $4^{\rm th}$ Thursday of the month from 9.30am until 11am. It's an incredibly welcoming group – for more information go to www.arcadiaschool.com.au

And a big reminder for past students, families and our larger community that our 120th celebrations will kick off on the 17th May 2014 with our Celebration Picnic. This will be a community day where you are invited to take part in fun and games while enjoying the school surroundings with your own picnic and blanket. This is exactly how they celebrating the opening of the school in 1894 and we will be continuing that tradition. So please join us to celebrate not only the birth of Arcadia School but the birth of the Arcadian community! For more information go to www.arcadiaschool.info

Budgerigar Society of N.S.W. Inc....continued

At recent shows, Hills Branch member Mr Craig
Sutherland has been awarded Grand Champion at
the St George Annual Show, along with Champion
Intermediate Award and has since been awarded the Reserve
Champion and Champion Intermediate Awards at the recent
Hills Branch Annual Show. The 2014 Hills Branch Grand
Champion was awarded to Mr Ray Welshman, also a Hills
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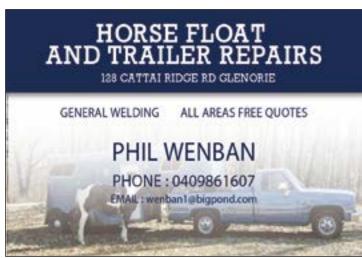
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The Hills Grammar School

The Orange Haze of Harmony

Hills Grammar Junior School students celebrated Harmony Day with a burst of orange warmth to remind everyone about

the importance of respect and understanding for everyone who shares their classroom, state, country and world. "The children have been incredibly motivated to highlight the joy of harmonious living and lead the Junior School Assembly with pride and confidence," commented Coordinator of the schools V Team (Volunteer Team), Jeanette Kowald. "The celebration of Harmony Day is a great fit with the school's core values and rich multicultural character."

Role Models in our Hills Community

It's not every day that eight year olds get to meet a Melbourne Cup winning jockey, an Australasian Power lifting Champion and a Pharmacist turned writer..... all before lunch! The Year 4 Peer Conference completed the International Baccalaureate unit of inquiry with the central idea involving the choices of role models people make and why they make them. Hills Grammar is an International Baccalaureate World School offering the Primary Years Program and this fascinating look at role models and how they motivate and shape you, was a highlight for the classes. Each child dressed in the fashion of his or her role model while they listened to the experiences of Jim Cassidy, professional jockey and twice Melbourne Cup winner; Zohra Aly, pharmacist and free-lance writer and Deborah Groves, Year 2 Hills Grammar

teacher and International

were enthralled by their

Power lifter . "The students

stories and even more so as

they were all members of our

Hills Community," commented



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Piper Cassidy with her dad and champion jockey Jim Cassidy



Zohra Alv, pharmacist and leader of Creators of Peace with Bailey Leach



Year 2 teacher and Champion Powerlifter, Deborah Groves

Year Four teacher Alison Star. "What was so special about this conclusion to the unit of inquiry were the inspirational choices students had made as role models, among them Edgar Allan Poe, Roger Federer, Hilary Clinton and one armed surfer Bethany Hamilton."

Hillside Public School News

Music at Hillside by Student Reporters Angus and Zac

Hillside has recently added to its music program by starting some great lessons with the Music Bus. Every Tuesday Lisa, the music teacher, drives the bright yellow Music Bus to our school and parks it in the car park. She teaches four different musical workshops: guitar, drums, keyboard and singing. She is great and really makes learning an instrument fun.

Harry, in Year 2, is learning the drums. He said, "I like the Music Bus because it has given me a chance to play the drums and Lisa said I am doing really well."

"It's good because you get to learn with other people, which gives you other opinions and answers to questions I'd never think of asking," commented Abby, Year 6, when asked about her singing lessons.

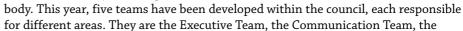
Madison from Kindergarten, who is learning keyboards, said, "I like the Music Bus because the teacher is really nice and is very helpful."

"I think the Music Bus is cool because the teacher is so good. I've learnt four songs in three lessons!" said Jayden from Year 5, who is learning the guitar.

We already have a school band and our teachers do recorder and percussion groups. The Music Bus is a great addition to our school and gives us more choice in the instrument that we want to learn.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Induction

Galston High School recently inducted their Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2014. These students were elected by their peers to represent the student body in a variety of ways to enhance the Galston High School Community, focusing on the needs of the student



Finance Team, the Service Team and the Social Team. These outstanding young leaders will work together to solve real problems and make real decisions by sharing with the school executive, teachers and the school community in the decision making. The 2014 SRC are part of the essential fabric of Galston High School and are instrumental in promoting our core values of respect, responsibility and personal best.





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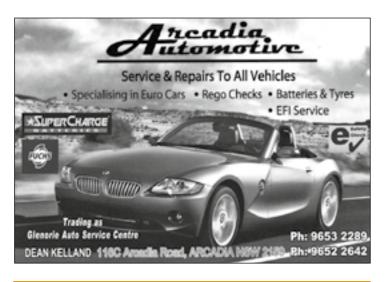
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St Madeleine News

Grand Opening

On Friday 14th March Fr Vincent opened the new Friendship Garden. Children, staff and parents wore green to celebrate the opening of this special part of our school. The area is beautifully paved with



decks and seats all covered by shade sails. Surrounding this peaceful retreat are gardens filled with Australian natives. The ceremony was concluded with Year 1 and Kinder sending bubbles into the air.

Social Justice

At St Madeleine's Primary, Kenthurst we are very aware of those less fortunate than us. Each year we not only raise funds for both local and overseas charities, but we also educate our students about Jesus' Mission to care for others. We are very proud to announce our Social Justice Crew for 2014. Ella, Ellyse, Nicola, Lilly and Jasmine. These young ladies have big plans for this year and we wish them well with their fund raising goals.

Year 6 Cybermart Cyber Bullying Hero Challenge

On the 5th March the St Madeleine's Kenthurst Year 6 students took part in Cybermart Cyber Bullying Hero Challenge.

Cybersmart Hero is an innovative online activity for upper primary students that addresses the issue of cyber bullying and, through role-play, shows the effect bystanders can have on this issue. Students worked through the interactive activity



in teams of three and were supported by four cyber guides who responded to their questions in real time. The engaging activity proved to be the ideal introduction into the school's 'Bring Your Own Designated Device' iPad program.

Year 6 Egg Drop Experiment

On the 6th March the St Madeleine's Kenthurst Year 6 students participated in the Egg Drop Experiment. The experiment was the culmination of weeks of designing, planning and constructing of a container that will keep



a raw egg from cracking when dropped from ever-increasing elevations.

The students were engaged in the hands on science activity and rose to the challenge with a 70% plus success rate.

Year 1 Incursion

Josh and Laura visited Year 1 to show us some of the creatures we may find in our backyard. This was part of our Science unit on Schoolyard Safari. We saw a Giant Burrowing Cockroach, a Spiny Leaf Insect, a bearded dragon and our favourite a python snake. We got to see them up close and touch them too. We had a great time!

Northholm Grammar School - Tapping into our Talent

Co-curricular music is a vital part of life at Northholm and students are actively encouraged to participate in the extensive music program. The current participation of more than a quarter of the school in music ensembles demonstrates an extraordinarily high level of involvement and allows the school to offer a diverse range of musical activities.

So it was very exciting when



Alfie with Neil Finn

Northholm Grammar School's Junior Choir were used late last year as featured singers on the single 'Together' by House DJ's Feenix Pawl, who previously won an Aria Award in 2012 for best dance track with 'In My Mind'.

Not to be outdone, one of our young drummers, Alfie Stratton, currently in Year Nine, was selected by Neil Finn to play drum kit in his video for 'Dizzy Heights'.

Alfie was chosen after sending in a video of his playing at school. "I didn't know who Neil Finn was so I had to look him up on the internet and found out that he sang Song of the Lonely Mountain, which is one of my favourite songs from The Hobbit" Alfie said. "It was really fun and a great experience as a musician. I got to meet and work with Neil who was amazing and it was filmed on Cockatoo Island where they filmed part of Wolverine so that was cool too. '

Alfie and the Junior Choir enjoyed being minor celebrities at school for a while and have now settled back into the routine at Northholm.



Learn About Grasses

As a community service, Still Creek Landcare, with support from Hornsby Council, will run a short course on grasses on the morning of 4th May in Arcadia. The course will take the form of a walk along roadsides and paddocks, identifying grasses as we come to them, and discussing their uses and value, and how to obtain seed. All grasses will be covered, especially native grasses. The course will be free.

This will be helpful to those who have done the "Management of Small Horse Properties" course, but also to anyone who just wants to learn about grasses. It will be run by the very knowledgeable Ross Rapmund, manager of Hornsby Council's Community Nursery.

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Galston Public School

by Carole Weiss



As Term 1 draws towards to an end culminating with a colourful Easter hat parade, a visit from a very happy 'Easter Bunny' and a delicious morning tea of hot cross buns under the school's beautiful leafy trees, Galston Public School students have much to be proud of. Their efforts have ensured a wonderful and productive start to the year.

The two kindergarten classes KE and KC have settled in very well to their class routines with lots of smiles and many have made new friends already. All other classes are also engaging in many challenging and interesting class activities.

School Captains Katherine Kassapakis, Isaac Koorey, Isabelle Barker and Logan Trethowan are setting an excellent standard by showing outstanding leadership. They along with the SRC are presently organising a Purple Day which is intended to promote epilepsy awareness around the world.



The results of the gold coin fund-raising will be donated to The Epilepsy Association. Many other exciting activities are being planned for the coming year.

A courageous and determined team competed at the Beecroft Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival which was held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush recently. The day was a great experience for the team, with some competitors receiving a place in their heat. The competition was tough and tiresome, however all the students swam competitively and proudly represented their school.

Despite inclement weather and at the eleventh hour the location being moved from the school to the nearby Uniting Church Hall a very successful movie night was organised by the fantastic parents of the P & C. Everyone enjoyed eating a delicious variety of yummy food and drinks while having lots of fun watching a very popular movie.

If you would like to know more about our vibrant school, please contact the school office (9653 2062) and all your questions will be happily answered.

Middle Dural Public School

By Kate Welshman

Little fish in a big pond

Middle Dural, Hillside and Annangrove Public Schools met last month to race at our small schools swimming carnival at Galston Aquatic

Centre. The carnival was impeccably run, with high participation rates throughout the grades. It was a great day, and I must mention the efforts of the unbelievably fit Mrs Silk, who cut a dashing figure as the carnival 'lifesaver', diving into the pool with the agility of a seal to help kindies who were not confident, or swimming confidently in the wrong direction, for hours on end. Congratulations, teachers and parents, on such a successful carnival.



Helping hands morning tea

What was behind the unusually high turnout at last month's 'helping hands' morning tea in our library? It could only have been the promise of 'Millsy muffins' though when Mrs Mills first mentioned them, I wondered exactly what was on offer. Thank you to the parents who attended and helped Mrs Urio cover stacks of library books. It seems that many helping hands make light work, particularly when they're fuelled by Millsy muffins.

Year 6 leaders

Our Year 6 leaders have hit the ground running this year, attending a leadership camp last month, as well as high school open days. Our Year 6 girls, Mahalah, Madeleine and Teigan, have also taken over leadership of 'girls' club', which meets every Thursday to do... well...girly stuff. Last month the club organised a successful cupcake fundraiser to raise money for their activities.

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Are you happy to accept that Easter is no more than an occasion to give the kids chocolate eggs and wish one another, 'Happy Easter'? That's it, nothing more, easy to deal with, nothing too difficult to think about, even a little time off work, everyone's happy. It's all a little warm and fuzzy, just enough to put us to sleep, just enough to deflect a question from an enquiring child. What's

Wake up!!!, let's start telling our children what Easter is really about. Let's start looking at the hard questions. Who was Jesus Christ? What was his life all about? What was his message? Why did he have to die the way he did? What is Christianity all about? Let's start asking ourselves where we stand. Let's pause and reflect on the real meaning of Easter, the life, death and resurrection of

Jesus was crucified by the Romans on a hill outside the city of Jerusalem a little over 2000 years ago. He was beaten and whipped until he was close to death. He had a crown of thorns placed upon his head. The soldiers and the people mocked him and spat on him. They nailed his hands and feet to a crude wooden cross and lifted him up to slowly die. We remember Jesus Christ's death on Easter Friday.

Jesus died and his tortured body was placed in a tomb. His followers were dispersed and confused. After three days he overcame death and rose again. On Easter Sunday we remember and give thanks for his resurrection.

Why is this all so important? Jesus, God's only Son, was perfect, without sin. At the cross God placed mankind's sin and the punishment which that sin deserved upon Him. Yes, the punishment our sin deserves was taken by Jesus Christ. Through Him we can obtain forgiveness, be cleansed and reconciled to

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet 8 pm on Friday April 11th at the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Trevor Wilson will speak about "Mint Bushes and

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Easter is almost upon us! Here at Galston Uniting Church we have a huge Easter Programme happening. You are welcome to come to any or all of our activities and services.

Sunday 30 th March	Communion Service	10.00 am
Sunday 6 th April	Messy Church	10.00 am
Sunday 13 th April	Palm Sunday	10.00 am
Thursday 17 th April	Tenebrae Service	7.00 pm
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday Service	9.00 am
Sunday 20 th April	Sunrise Service	6.00am
	Breakfast to follow (BYO to share!)	
Sunday 20 th April	Easter Morning Service	10.00 am

If you come along to the Sunrise service, please bring some food to share and stay for breakfast.

Have you ever been apple picking at Bilpin? Sounds a strange thing to do – especially for any of you brought up on or near local orchards! Well, a bunch of us went had did just that May last year.. had such a great time that, by the time you've read this, we'll have gone again. Did a bit of picking, had a picnic and enjoyed our afternoon together in the beautiful Blue Mountains - who could ask for better!

Well, after all that info, best sign off until next month. Cheers, Geoff

2014 Bowelcare Program

The 2014 Bowelcare Program, organised in this District by The Rotary Club of Galston, starts in mid April and runs for about five weeks. Participants include Galston HealthSense Pharmacy, Galston Village Pharmacy and the Glenorie Pharmacy.

An article in a recent edition of the Sydney Morning Herald Good Weekend magazine reported that about 14,000 Australians are diagnosed with bowel cancer each year and more than 4,000 die, which almost three times the national road toll. Patients and survivors are not inclined to speak up for themselves. "We have our own hurdle - it is the yuck factor "says Julien Wiggins, chief executive of Bowel Cancer Australia. "It is our second biggest cancer killer after lung cancer. But unfortunately, it is a disease that no one likes to talk about"

Australia has the world's highest incidence of bowel cancer -1 in 12, both men and women, will be diagnosed with it by the age of 85. Age is an important factor. The risk begins at 40, doubling every 5 years and more rapidly as the person gets older.

Statistics show 90% of bowel cancers can be successfully treated if detected at an early stage. It is strongly recommended that ALL men and women over the age of 40 have a bowel care test every year. Residents are encouraged to take the test.

The test kits only cost \$10 which covers pathology which is sponsored by Laverty Pathology. We are very grateful for the help of the pharmacies which provide the service free of charge.

Galston Gourmet Deli - Break Enter & Steal. Between 9.30pm Monday 3rd and 5am Tuesday 4th March, Person/s unknown have cut the power to the business before forcing the lock of a rear door. A first aid kit valued at \$1,100 was stolen. If you have any information, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Too Many Bellbirds!

In a previous article I explained how large numbers of bellbirds at a property in Blacks Road Arcadia are causing huge damage to gum trees in the area. Some are dead and others are losing their leaves and look sick. The block was covered in dense privet and bellbirds were nesting in the privet and using it as cover to attack other birds. The process, called Bell Miner Associated Dieback, has killed hundreds of thousands of eucalypts in NSW.

The local Landcare Group obtained funding from the Government and a substantial donation from the Landowner. With the money, we engaged contractors to clear the privet and spray Trad (Wandering Jew). This long and tedious process was completed in January. Since then a follow-up spray of privet seedlings has been done. Residents will have noticed a big change in the look of the property.

We plan to do more weeding until September this year. Then we will plant 800 trees and shrubs. These are being grown by volunteers at the Council Community Nursery. There may be some regeneration of natives as well. In March 2015, we will sow native grass seed. The whole idea is to create open bushland that is less attractive to bellbirds.

My concern is that after all our work so far, there are still too many bellbirds. Substantial numbers of privets remain on the block, along the road sides and on some private properties towards Galston. These need to be removed and if nearby landowners could help, it would make a big difference. On roadsides, only remove privet and only if it can be done safely.





Before clearing

After clearing

Dural Galston Probus Club

Dural Galston Probus Club will hold it's next meeting at 10am on Thursday 17th April, at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. The meeting will be followed by BBQ lunch at Fagan Park. Visitors welcome. Contact Anne 9653 1004.





2014 **April** Sunday 27th May Sunday 25th

Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 in Barton Hall, which is situated in Gough Drive (off David Road), Castle Hill. The meeting will start at 8.00pm and will last approx 2.0 hrs. At the meeting, orchids in bloom will be benched for a monthly point score competition. This month's meeting is a Cultural Night and members who are having problems with any plant or have a question about anything associated with orchids are encouraged to bring it up at the meeting, where other members can offer advice about the problem. If you are bringing along a plant for advice, please let an experienced member see the plant before you bring it into the hall as we do not want a diseased plant in the hall which is liable to infect other plant in the hall.

At each meeting there is a sales table selling plants brought along by members, in addition to accessories used for orchid culture. During our supper interval, there will be time to "compare notes" and seek advice from other members.

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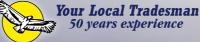
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Dural & District Historical Society Inc holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm at History Cottage, 412 Galston Rd Galston. The Cottage is also open to the public from 10an to 4pm on Wed & Sundays. Enquiries to Michael Bell 9653 1365.

Dural & District Prostate Cancer Support Group holds its meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7nm at Dural Country Club. Inquiries Roger 9653 2980 or Col 9651 1242.

Dural & Districts Senior Citizens' Club Come along on any Wednesday at 9.30am to Dural Country Club to enjoy good fellowship with other senior citizens. Some play indoor bowls (beginners included) while others play Bingo an enjoy the prizes. We also enjoy periodic outing to places of interest. For further information please call Helen on 9654 3790. A/H.

Dural & Hills District Garden Club - Meetings at 8nm on 1 Wednesday of each month at Mid Dural Fire Station. 57 Mid Dural Road. Further information contact Di Glasgow 0409 909 161 or email duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts - Joeys (aged 6-7 years), Cubs (aged 8-10 years) and Scouts (aged 11-15 years) meet weekly at the Scout Hall in Galston Road, Galston. Learn new skills, challenge vourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun! Contact Warren Payne (W) 9622 2251 or (H) 9652 1713

Embroiderers' Guild NSW Inc. - Come and get inspired at the OPEN DAY of the Embroiderers' Guild NSW Inc. 76 Queen Street, Concord West, accessible via train, bus or car SUNDAY 18th MAY 2014 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Everyone Welcome! Come and enjoy yourself, meet kindred people, see demonstrations, view the monthly exhibits, browse through the extensive library, see the Guild Collection of antique and modern treasures, www.embroiderersquildnsw.org.au or chris@ embroiderersguildnsw.org.au Tel.: 9743 2501

Friends of Fagan Park - Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am to 4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, and other special occasions. Contact Ian Browning. M: 0419 435 475 E: isandian@tpg.com.au Ferry Artists Gallery - Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry 2775. ph: 02 4566 4385, for info on workshops and membership see www.ferryartists.org

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc meets at the Galston Primary School Library, School Road, Galston on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm. Enquiries to 0403 076 175. New members always welcome.

Galston Branch CWA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Galston Community Health Centre. New members are sure of a friendly welcome. Enquiries to Janet 9653 2402 or Val

Galston Carers Group – Meets 3rd Monday of the month from 3.00 -4.30 pm at Galston Community Health Centre, 17 Arcadia Road [cnr of The Glade], Galston, All carers welcome, Next meeting 15th October. Tel 9477 9817 or 9653 2235.

Galston Community Hall - 37 Arcadia Road, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call Robyn on 0414 647 638.

of Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade). Enq. 9653 2235.

Galston Computer Pals for Seniors Club - Would you like some Computer Lessons? Joining Fee \$20. Plus \$50 for Twenty lessons, or \$80 for Forty Lessons. Phone: Rosemary Ansley (9651 2175) or John Eland (9651 2940).

alston Garden Club - New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the Galston Community Centre. For further information contact Bill Fleming on 9653 2394.

Galston VIEW Club - will be holding its April Luncheon Meeting at Dural Country Club, Dural, commencing at 11.am on Wednesday 23rd April 2014, with guest speaker for the day being Barbara Roberts, who will speak on "My Life in Burma". Visitors are welcome. Inquiries Vivien 9894-1189

Girl Guides - Girls 9-14 meet on Mondays at 7pm, contact Sarah 0433 125 873. Meet at Galston Guide Hall, Galston Road, Galston. You will take part in great activities by helping organise exciting events, learning new life skills, being part of the outdoors, expressing your creativity and much more.

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum - Meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Glenorie Community Hall. Let us know of your local environment and heritage concerns. Contact Carolyn Hall on carolyn@dhphc.com.au

Glenorie Progress Association Holds its meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month 7.30pm in the Palms Room, Glenorie RSL. All Welcome. Ph 9652 2454.

Hills Budgerigar Club Meet on the 4th Friday of each month, except December at the North Rocks Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Peter on 9888 5631.

Hills Community Aid No Interest Loans up to \$1,000 - for whitegoods, furniture, computers, essential repairs etc. Contact Hills Community Aid 9639 8620, enq@hca.org.au or www.hca.org.au.

Hills Farmers' & Gourmet Food Mkt - 2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm, Castle Hill Showground. www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Hills Shire Garden Club - Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1.00 p.m. at Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill. Enquiries

Hills RSL Sub Branch - Monthly meetings held at The Galston Club, 2pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Enquiries 9653 2565.

Hills Evening View Club holds their dinner meetings at the Dural Country Club on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7.00pm. VIEW is seen as a voice for all women. Share a meal, make new friends and support The Smith Family. New members especially welcomed. Enquiries Eva 0412 447 746 / 9634 5741 AH

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm at Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornshy Heights, www. hk4wd.com.au

JP SERVICES are available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village on Saturday mornings from 1000 am to 12 noon; and at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre on Tuesdays from 1100 am to 0100 pm. JP's are also at Hornsby, Pennant Hills, and Epping Libraries on some days. Check with Library for times before attending. Enquiries Brian Heasman JP 0412 885 525, or Gavin Moehead JP 0407 289 203 or 94894662.

The NSW Justices Association Hornshy Branch meets each month on the 2nd Monday evening at 0700 pm, at Asquith Rugby League Club opposite Waitara rail station. All JP's welcome to attend.

Living Life Without Children - Support Group meets once a month for childless couples, now in their 40s and 50s, finding it difficult or lonely living life without children Contact Carol email: feather@inrimus.com.au. Pennant Hills Photographic Club meets on the 1st, 3rd, and

5th Mondays each month at 8pm in the Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills. www.phpc.org.au. Probus Club of Dural Galston - will hold it's next meeting at 10am on Thursday 16th May at The Galston Club in Arcadia Road.

The speaker will be Jack McBurney "History of the Storekeepers of Sydney". Visitors welcome. Contact Anne 9653 1004. Rotary Club of Galston meets every Tuesday at The Galston Club at 6.30 for 7pm. New members welcomed. Contact Peter

0419 011 750 peteainscow@gmail.com Rowland Village Workshop Club invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and

over years of age. Contact Michael Bell on 96531365. timist International of The Hills District Inc meets at 7pm 3rd Monday of the month St Joseph's Convention Centre

Baulkham Hills Details: 0407 665 874 Shakespeare Group - meets monthly at Galston on the 2nd Thursday morning, 9am to 12.30. No cost to belong, just a delight in reading great Bards words. Further information call sabelle 9679 1338

Social Dance Workshops - Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road. \$7. Contact Felicity 9456 2860, 0434 437 522. Old time contemporary, set & couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish & Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners & experienced dancers.

Still Creek Landcare Group - Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrilee. We meet at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Galston Club Committee Room, For more information Visit www

StillCreekLandcare.com.au or e-mail StillCreekLandcare@iinet.net au or Contact Nick on 9653 2056.

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW) - meet at 10 am on the third Friday of each month in the Guide Hall in Bounty Avenue, Castle Hill. Any lady prepared to make the Guide Promise may become a member; past involvement is not necessary. Enquiries to Helen on

CHURCHES

Galston Uniting Church - Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 4.30 to 6.00pm, #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 6.15 to 8.30pm, CRAFT group Thursday evenings of the school term from 7.00 to 1 0.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest:- Men's Choir, Ladies Choir. For all enquiries, please call the church office on 9653 2039. 11 School Road Galston or visit www.galstonunitingchurch.com Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church - Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service

at 49 Arcadia Rd Galston. Every Wednesday 7.30pm Prayer

Group. Contact Minister Andrew Russell 0403 840 348. Glenorie Community Church - Pentecostal and Evangelica meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Healing Service at 6.30pm last Sunday of every month. Ladies meeting at 10.30am first Tuesday of every month. All welcome. 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie, Pastor A.Valich - Phone 9634 3505

Glenorie Mission Church - Sunday Service 10.15am, Girls Brigade Tuesdays at 6.30pm. 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 9652 1203.

Church 9652 0577

lillslife Church - Meets every Sunday at Galston Public School. Pastors Leigh and Heidi Davy. Ph: 02 9653 2807. For more details go to www.hillslife.com

St. Benedict's Catholic Church Arcadia Mass at the Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, at 7am every morning. Mass at the Parish Centre, Ph. 9653-2312, Corner Fagans Rd & Arcadia Rd. 7pm Saturday, 9am Sunday Parish Priest; Fr. David Orr OSB 0400-371-260.

St. Columb's Anglican Church, Arcadia – Sundays at 9.30 am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at 9.30 am enquiries Beverley 9653.1790.

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs - New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network. Ring 9653 1250 or 9489 3739 to speak to one of our trained

Dural Country Club Fishing Club meet at Dural Country Club on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Activities include a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing, organised short stay holidays and great social BBO's. New members welcome. Contact Murray on 0407 950 939 or Bruce on 0428 970 439.

Dural Rugby Club - Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email efl86029@bigpond.net.au or phone 0412 230 328 or visit our website http://dural.rugbynet.com.au.

Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club Meets at 7.30pm at The Galston Club on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The meeting has a raffle at 7pm with lots of prizes and every meeting has a quest speaker. Enquiries call Lachlan on 0438 801 170 or Warren on 0416 061 428.

Galston Glenorie Cricket Club - For further details regarding season events, grades and registration, please contact 0400 747 767.

Galston Club Golf Club - Plays Monthly - Variety of courses. Contact - James Roberts 9653 2017 / gm@galstonclub.com.au

Galston Equestrian Club - New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at the Bural Sports Facility Centre of Mansfield Road. Enquiries can be made to Liz on 0409 992 920 or to go to the Galston Equestrian Club's website at www. galstonequestrianclub.org.au.

Galston Netball Club All enquiries to galstonnetballclub@gmail com or visit the website www.galston.netball.asn.au Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club meets at Galston

Aquatic Centre on Galston Road on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Whether you want to swim laps, compete in competitions, or just have fun, fitness and friendship Ring Di on 9652 1215. Hills Hawks Soccer Club. For season details & registrations

call Vivian Mepstead on 0432 333 091 or vivmep@gmail.com. Hills Hawks Softball Club. Our competition is held during the summer season (September to March, excluding school holidays) at Hayes Park, Galston. We welcome new members! Fo enquiries please contact our registrar Hazel Postill on 0414 474

461 or visit our website: http://hillshawks.softball.org.au. Tennis / Squash Social Group - looking for new players. Call Karen 0412 485 411 or email tennisandsquash@live.com.au Tennis Court for Hire Galston - At rear of Galston Community

Hall. Available Day or Night, Mobile 0414 918 467. Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie - Les Shore Reserve. Available Day or Night. Phone 0404 600 460.

Tennis Court for Hire Hillside Public School on Cattai Ridge Rd is offering members of the public to hire their tennis court for a minimal fee. 12 month membership \$50 per family or \$8

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