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\$48 MILLION WASTEWATER PROJECT BEGINS AT GALSTON AND GLENORIE

Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, Kevin Humphries and Member for Hornsby, Matt Kean recently marked the start of Sydney Water's \$47.8 million Galston and Glenorie Wastewater Scheme.

The project will allow around 625 households in Galston and Glenorie to be connected to the new wastewater system by mid-2015 after the scheme was fast-tracked when the Coalition came into government in 2011. Mr Humphries commented "The new scheme will provide enormous benefits to the local community by reducing risks to public health, improving public amenity and protecting the environment. This announcement is a huge win for the residents of Galston and Glenorie and is the result of the tireless advocacy of the Member for Hornsby Matt Kean."



The Minister and Member for Hornsby being interviewed by Nine News on location at Galston

Mr Kean said that once connected, residents will no longer have to rely on septic tanks and pump-out services. "By connecting to the wastewater system local residents could save hundreds of dollars, help reduce odours and eliminate dampness and seepage on their properties," Mr Kean said.

The new wastewater service is a pressure sewerage system that works by collecting wastewater in a small tank installed on each property. Wastewater from both Galston and Glenorie will be transferred to the West Hornsby wastewater system for treatment.



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With wonderful support from local businesses including major sponsors Bendigo Bank, House of Fraser, Mercedes Benz, Wild Oats and the Galston Club we all worked together to raise \$33,000. A very rewarding night for all those that attended.



Sara McPherson, Peta Trethowan, and Jodi Fraser



Jo O'Shea-Avon, Jeni Langanke, Kylie Murphy, and Renee Padovan



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Read a brief history of Diana's life on page 18.

Rainfall Chart



Rainfall recorded Galston period
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A committee was formed and office bearers elected, and the inaugural meeting was held on 21st June 1999. The first president was Alan Oxenham, the secretary Wal Aldwinckle and the treasurer Dulcie Fowler-Smith. "Computer Pals for Seniors, Galston and District" was in business.

First there had to be somewhere for it to all happen, and very generously Dural Historical Society offered use of their premises and computer at the History Cottage, in Galston, and the management at Rowland Retirement Village offered use of a comfortable recreation room there.

A generous grant from Hornsby Council and kind offers of 'pre-loved' computers and we were ready to begin.

Our club became affiliated with Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) and was incorporated with the Department of Fair Trading on 10th September 1999.

The aim was simple, one-to-one teaching of the basics of using personal computers to the "over fifty-fives" right from the beginning. Learning at their own speed with just friendly support and encouragement. A generous band of volunteer tutors gave freely of their time. Tutors also travelled to pupils' homes to be able to teach them on their own personal computers. With the development of computers over the years, so the skills and special interests increased.

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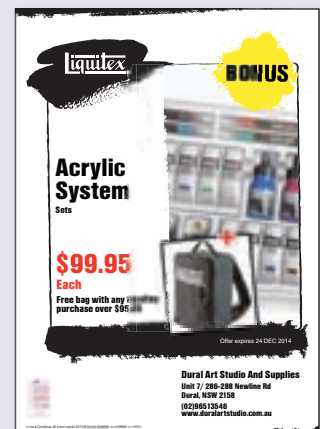
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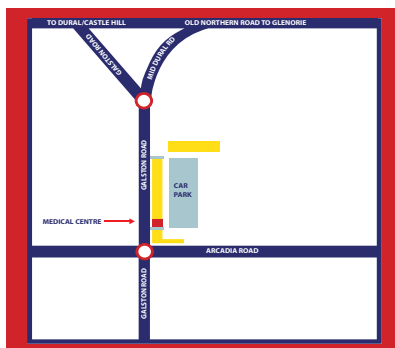




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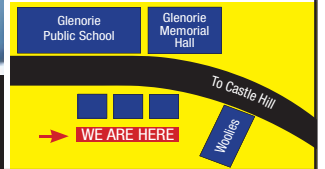


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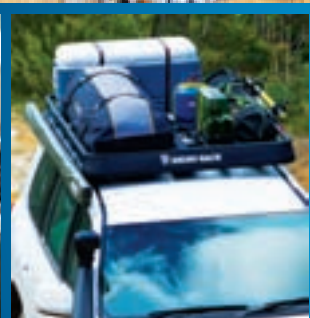
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Hills Shire Mayor Clr Andrew Jefferies visited the intersection with North Ward Councillor Mark Taylor and Hawkesbury MP Ray Williams.

Mayor Jefferies said that the intersection had long been a source of frustration for motorists and that Council was working with RMS to get the intersection upgraded as soon as possible.

"With Glenhaven Road under Council control and Old Northern Road under the NSW Government's control, both authorities have had to work together to get this upgrade happening," Mayor Jefferies said.

"Council has been working with RMS on the design of this intersection and we are close to agreement. In the meantime, our contractors will begin the early works to ensure that the upgrade of this intersection is completed as soon as possible."

Mayor Jefferies said that the intersection upgrade would go some way to alleviate traffic congestion.

"Residents who regularly use this intersection will no doubt be sick and tired of the long queues to turn out of Glenhaven Rd onto Old Northern Rd. This upgrade will go some way to reducing those long queues."

19 accidents have been recorded at the intersection between January 2008 and June 2013.



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By Elizabeth Whiteman

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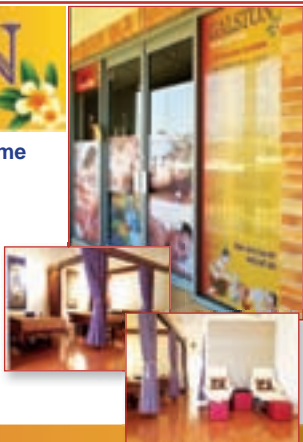
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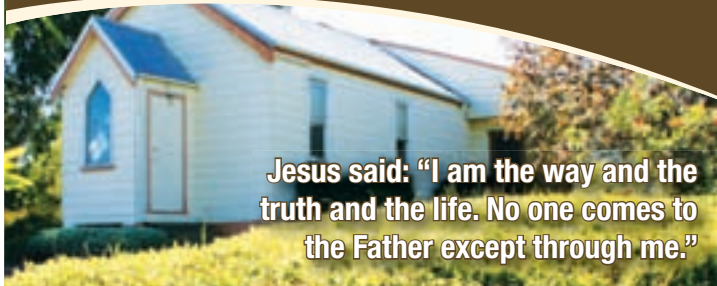
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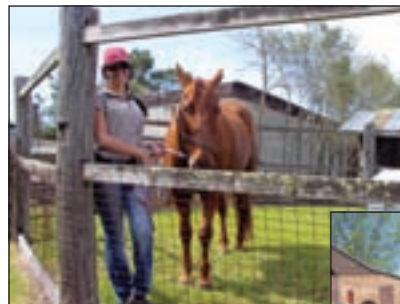
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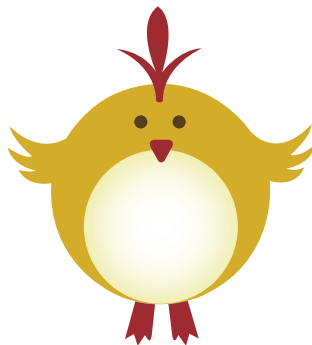
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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

Christmas Spirit

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Community Spirit

The Galston RFB would like to extend a very warm thank you to all of the people and local businesses that helped us renovate and update the outdoor area at the station. The works included the refurbishment of timber seating and tables, new lawns and gardens and a replacement BBQ which will no doubt be put to good use this summer.

Special thanks to:

Fergies Tree Works of Dural - for the supply of new mulch
Aussie Turf and Soil of Glossodia - for the supply of soil and turf
Bunnings at Dural - for the supply of timber, paint and other building materials

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Presentation of a certificate of appreciation to representatives of Bunnings Dural, and our new look BBQ area.

The brigade would also like to thank Amanda and Glenn Truelove for getting this project underway with the help of many of the brigade volunteers.

Loving Spirit

All of us at the Galston Brigade would also like to congratulate Amanda Favaloro and our Deputy Captain Adam Peanna who recently married on the 22nd of November in Fiji.



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Hornsby Rural Area Rezoning

Hornsby Council voted unanimously to continue planning for this restructure at the last General Meeting on November 12th.

The Survey results for the area were overwhelmingly in favour of change - in some instances 80% of the rural respondents were in favour, the lowest margin being 58% in favour.

As one speaker put it – Council now has a mandate for change.

What does this mean for all of us?

There were multiple considerations in the Survey, all of them insightful, indicative of a firm vision for how the area may change for the better, whilst preserving the Rural character that makes the area so wonderful.

We have formed a new Community Group – **The Hornsby Rural Areas Association (HRAA)**, stemming from the Committee of Concerned Residents (authors of “Your Area – Your Say”) – the objective of the group is to be very conscious of what the rural community wants to happen and liaise with Council, during what will be a lengthy planning stage, to make sure that what does happen with our area is what we all would like to happen.

We want the change to occur progressively, allow for infrastructure development, give some certainty to the rural landholders and promote affordable growth. We do not want small lot subdivision, in fact we want to plan in such a way as to make that option very hard for any developer to achieve.

You have a real opportunity to be part of this planning – join the Hornsby Rural Areas Association (email members@hraa.com.au for your Application today) and be part of the Community voice.

Hornsby Council want us to be involved!

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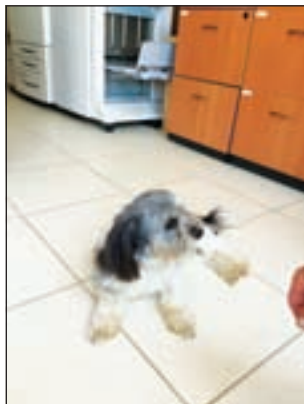
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Hornsby Rural Area Rezoningcontinued

Your committee will have a number of discussions with council planners and management over the period that it will take to put all this into place. It will take many months.

It is Council's strong desire to implement a plan that will be visionary, structured, well thought out and something we can all be proud of. It will retain our rural character, grow the area and be a legacy for the next few generations that call Hornsby rural area their home.

Thank you to all the rural residents that voted for change.

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News from Galston Medical Centre Dr Diana Moes to retire in December 2014

It is with some regret and sadness that I leave Galston Medical Centre after serving our community for nearly 34 years, I have had a privileged life looking after and caring for many patients over a long career both in the UK and Australia.



Just a few words about my earlier life! I was born in North London. My father was Russian born and had to flee with his family following the Bolshevik uprising in the early 1900's. My mother was English and a somewhat unusual match was made! I have an elder brother who is a musician and still lives in London.

At an early age I always wanted to be a nurse, so on leaving school I went to the East End of London. This was a poor area and had its fair share of characters and criminals. I did my training in Bow, which is not far from Poplar, where the BBC show 'Call the Midwife' was set.

I did my training and rapidly became familiar with all sorts of medical catastrophes and also became aware of the strength and power of humanity - it was a baptism of fire!!

As time passed I decided I wanted to do my medical training, which I commenced at the 'Royal Free Hospital' in London. I was in the mature student category as I had already done my nursing training. I met lots of interesting people and finished my pre-clinical part of the training there. I then had a three month summer break. I decided to go to Australia. I worked in Concord hospital for 2 months and then saw this wonderful country for a month before returning to UK. Whilst in Sydney I met my husband and so decided to transfer the second part of my training to Sydney University. I completed my training and qualified and went to work at RNSH and the old 'Mater Public Hospital' and subsequently "Bowral Hospital".

Whilst at the Mater I met Dr David Richardson and his wife Kerrie and we decided to open a fledgling practice in Galston in April 1980. We were told this was designated as a 'Cottage Industry' and we would surely fail!! As they say the rest is history and the practice is still going strong.

I would like to sincerely thank the valued staff and my wonderful colleagues, Dr. Graham Campbell, Dr. Bronwyn Edwards, Dr. Joyce Beardsell and Dr. Anju Pandey for their support, humour and care over the years. But most of all thank you to all my valued patients you have given me a wonderful journey through my life as a GP and I thank you all from the bottom off my heart.

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We would be very grateful, if you could include this unfortunate fact in your next Editorial of the Community News. We would not like Aldi at Galston to experience the same fate as Franklins, the petrol station of many years ago, the fish shop, bakery and others caused by the greed of the owner of some of the Galston shops.

Many thanks for your kind assistance

Name and address supplied

Computer Pals Farewellcontinued from page 4

For 15 years the club continued to play an important role in the life of this community.

With special thanks to the committee and tutors for their commitment over the years, and to the members of the club who came along, made friends and enjoyed the companionship of others with similar interests

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A Herbal Christmas

By Mary at Heritage Haven

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Mountain pine wreaths deck the walls, and bowls of lavender flowers await restless fingers. Fragrant bunches of rosemary, lavender and thyme, join sachets filled with dried rose-scented geranium leaves and crushed cinnamon sticks ...

they hang in the bedrooms or looped over door handles. To entice Sugarplum Fairies, dream pillows have evolved: they hold leaves of sweet marjoram, lemon verbena and mint.

Move to the kitchen, the heart of the house, and here herbs enhance every recipe. There is magic in the air when basil marries with Spanish onions, firm, red tomatoes and balsamic vinegar ... or allow fresh coriander leaves to join lime juice. Try crisp, flash-fried Sage leaves spooned over asparagus and lemony-minted seafood. Add a dash of masala and fresh rosemary tips to a batch of glazed cherry madeleines.

To enhance the spirit of Christmas further, hang an organza heart fragranced with lemon myrtle leaves, cardamon seeds and bay leaves to sweetly invigorate the kitchen further. Herbs make a difference!

Create a host of pomanders by studding lemons, oranges and, perhaps, petite cumquats, with cloves, and rolling them in ground cinnamon and allspice. Finally, gather fragrant herbs like thyme, sage and Artemisia and scatter them over a basket filled with pine cones.

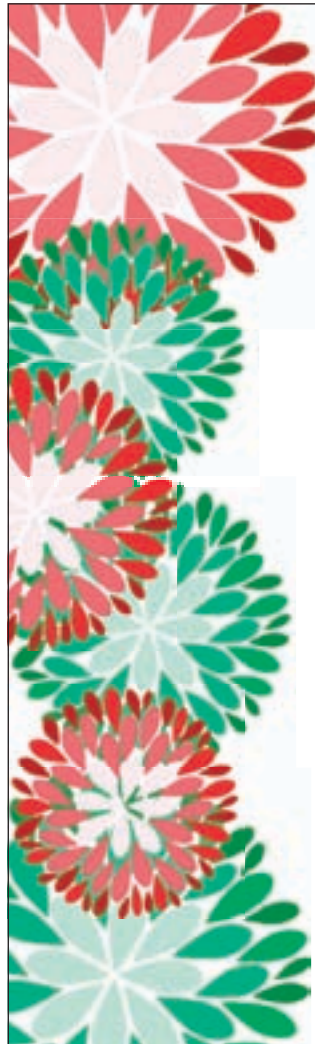
This Christmas fill the whole house with herbal traditions to touch both heart and home.

Bendigo Bank Manager Tries Lawn Bowls

Gary Mangan, Galston branch manager of Bendigo Bank recently visited Dural Country club to follow up on the bank's recent donation to the ladies' bowling club. Being the keen, active person he is, he happily had a try with the coaching bowls the bank provided so the new bowlers could learn on modern bowls. The ladies watching on said he definitely showed promise!! The bank's consistent support of the club is much appreciated and helps keep the sport available in the district.



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Our Daily Bread

By Margaret McKinley



When setting up a new settlement, one of the first problems that has to be solved is how to feed the population. The early years of Sydney were difficult, and explorers were sent out to find suitable land to grow wheat and corn in particular. Parramatta and the Hawkesbury district were ideal, until some disastrous floods at Windsor made crop growing difficult. In 1802 Governor King chose some higher ground and declared about 34,000

acres of land at Castle Hill and to the north, as Crown Land. He established the Government farm at Castle Hill, mainly to grow wheat for the growing population

Ben Singleton set up his mill to grind the wheat on the narrowest part of the Hawkesbury River, so that the tides coming in and out could turn his mill stone.

Within this last year they have been excavating on the Castle Hill Park site for the North West Railway. The huge pile of soil they were digging up was beautiful rich dark brown, ideal for agriculture. Yes, Governor King picked an ideal spot! In later years, in the 1890's the Hills district supported the largest citrus growing area in the state

A bakery is an essential part of the community, and was always one of the first businesses to be established in any area. One necessity for baking bread is fire wood for the ovens.

Many successful business men (such as Johnny Allan) have started out by carting the wood to the local bakery. The bakery at Galston was situated just west of the present Newsagent where the present road is. Down this road there is a patch which keeps subsiding. It is probably the site of an old well at the back of the bakery, or maybe a "long-drop dunny"!

Galston still has it's own bakery. David Goode started his Bakery in June 2001, in the rear of the Garage, where the Aldi shop is now. He moved to the present site in January

2007. Round Corner has had a Bakery for many years. In the 1960's the Waldhaus family had a bakery towards the back of the shops, about where the delivery station for Woolworths is now. They delivered bread to households 6 days a week to a large area of Dural. Remember when the baker, the milkman, the grocer and the butcher home delivered? The Waldhaus family built the block of shops where Mode Property and Subway are now. There was residential accommodation on the first floor.

The baker at Glenorie, Rob Pirina, has plans for setting up a Bakery Museum as he has acquired much old bakers equipment and hopes to be able to display it

Well another year has flown by! History Cottage will be closed from 4pm on Wednesday

December 10th to Wednesday January 14th at 1pm. Remember that there is much local history to be explored at the cottage, and you will always be welcome to come and explore. We need more people to come and tell their stories, particularly we would like to record the names of the local bakers and to share stories of this fascinating district.

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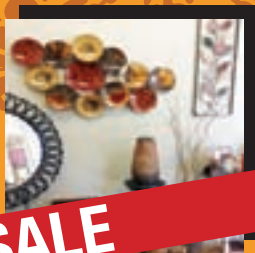
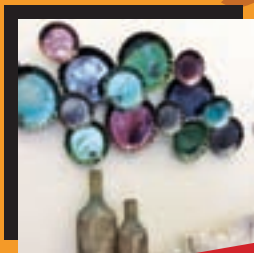


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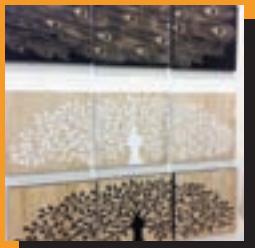
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Our last meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 10am. We will discuss our plans for 2015, and then enjoy a special bring-a-plate Christmas lunch.

The CWA Country of Study for 2015 is Italy, and we will be contacting local schools inviting them to participate in our Poster Competition.

At our November meeting we had great fun learning to crochet Christmas trees, which could be used as decorations or featured on Christmas cards depending on size. Thanks to Melissa Morrison for sharing her crocheting skills and to Val Garner for sharing with us a new and very attractive version of Christmas trees made from folded magazines.

We are always happy to receive wool and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting, and would like to thank everyone who made donations in 2014, and to everyone in the local community who has supported us.

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

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 Galston Probus Club

Dural Galston Probus Club will hold it's next meeting at 10am on Thursday 18th December, at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. This month it will be a short meeting followed by a cruise on the Macquarie Princess leaving from Berowra. We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



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New Bowlers Succeed at Dural Country Club.

The final of the Drawn Triples at Dural was a tightly fought game. The most exciting aspect was that the two leads were the newest bowlers in the club, one playing about her seventh game the other not many more. The winning team of Denise Looveer (7 games), Terri Hezlett and Judith Harris won by one shot after three and a half hours as Dulcie Pekas's team of Marilyn Bonvino (new girl) and Robyn Cook played so well. It was enjoyed by all players and the club looks forward to watching these new bowlers develop. The coaches have been busy recently with a number of ladies who have decided to get some exercise, fresh air and good company on the bowling green, and where better than in the lovely Dural Country Club? Free Lessons are available at the club. Contact 9489 3739 or 9836 0831.

Denise Looveer, left and Marilyn Bonvino after their great game.



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Oktoberfest Comes to Dural Country Club

The crowd of casual diners at the Dural Country club recently were surprised to find a full German feast, complete with wandering musicians, in progress. The music was traditional and non-intrusive and many people went up to have their photo taken with them as their costume, complete with lederhosen, hats and braces immediately identified them. Knowledgeable diners, many also dressed in costume, appreciated the traditional German fare prepared by the club's chef Gerhard. The "shared plate" for two was something to behold with pork knuckle, Schnitzel, sausage, Sauerkraut and all the trimmings.

Visitors from out of the Hills district who were visiting the area for the Galston Open Gardens must have thought they had stumbled into the German Club! However, whether intentional visitors to Oktoberfest or not, all appreciated the atmosphere and food created for their pleasure.



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Lawn Bowls Report

Dural Country Club Men's major Singles Final

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David Smith & Keith Neale

Major Triples Final

The triples final was a very close contest with the result coming down to the last end to determine the winner. The team of Larry Gillespie, Doug Farlow & Richard Thorp proved to strong for Ben Nahirny, Mick Heald and Phil Bonvino running out winners 18-15.



Richard Thorp, Larry Gillespie, & Doug Farlow

With pressure mounting in the final rounds Phil Bonvino and Mick Heald played some excellent bowls and Ben Nahirny produced match winning shots but it was not enough to stop Richard Thorp, who played excellent lead bowls back up by fine bowling by Doug Farlow and astute skippering from Larry Gillespie in the final round which got them home.

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The Crackin' Cancer Ute & Car Picnic was held on Sunday 14 September 2014 at my property at Galston.

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A beautiful day with plenty of sunshine! One guy came down from Port Macquarie. Thank you to the three local mums - Kerry Coltman, Bernadette Watt and Bronwyn Snowden - who brought baking along to sell and for those who donated raffle prizes. Many local businesses supported the day - including: HSV Owners Club NSW, Event Services, Dural (sound system), Eric's Meats, Goodies Bakery, Tyrepower Dural, PartyLites (Jenny Bellamy), Envy Jewellery (Suzanne Brady), Kennards Hire Hornsby (port-a-loos) and Chatterbox Mobile Hair (Bronwyn Snowden). A special thank you to Gavin Syme of Castle Hill who donated 'hub cap' clocks. The Bendigo Bank loaned us the large marquee which came in handy. Mick Gallagher (Hornsby Shire Council) entertained us with music, singing, a tug-of-war and whip cracking. He came to our aid when the country singer advertised for the day was unavailable. Also thank you to Liam Deans and Stuart McPherson (Galston High School Year 12 students) who also entertained us with some really great singing and music. Thank you to everyone who turned up to make this day a true success! for such a worthy cause.

Lynne Livingstone, Galston.



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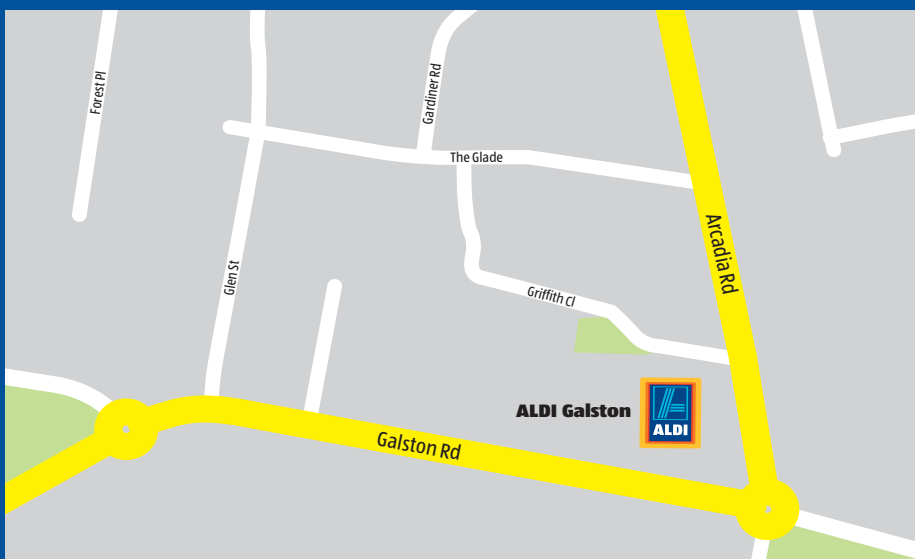
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Warrah does not currently have a dedicated kitchen to easily teach the important life skill of cooking and nutrition to our students and clients. Warrah Special School and Warrah Day Services use tables in classrooms and common rooms with make shift kitchens and equipment.



The plan to develop a dedicated teaching kitchen will allow us to strengthen our commitment to good fresh wholesome produce available through Warrah Biodynamic Farm. The kitchen will also be the centre of all of Warrah's

social events, festivals and open days. These are very difficult to cater for and manage with our current facilities.

Warrah receives funding from the State government to provide our services. However, we always have a backlog of major maintenance and building projects on our aging building infrastructure and as such we rely on the support and generosity of our local community to help us carry out this work.

We've all heard that it is better to give than to receive, so we are hoping you will add one more thing to your Christmas gift list this year, a donation to The Warrah Kitchen.

If you can make a contribution this Christmas:

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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 5th December 2014. Meeting commences at the new time of 10.30 am. The guest speaker will be Jim Wilson from the SES.

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

For more information contact:

President: Lauris Rennie. 9634 -1186

Intersection Improvement Work Continues on New Line Road at Dural

Major intersection improvement work is progressing at the intersection of New Line Road and Sebastian Drive at Dural.

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean said the NSW Government is continuing work on the \$3 million project which aims to improve road safety and access for all road users.

“The first stage of work completed included removing vegetation, relocating utilities and building road crossings where new traffic lights will be installed,” Mr Kean said.

“We will now carry out work to install the traffic lights and widen the road to provide an additional northbound through lane. The southbound left turn lane will be removed to allow for two southbound through lanes at the intersection.

“Road widening and major work is scheduled to be completed by late December and will be carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays and Saturday, weather permitting.

Some night work will also be carried out between 9pm and 5am for worker safety and to minimise traffic disruptions.

Mr Kean said work will be suspended during Christmas and New Year and finishing work and final landscaping will resume early next year.

“Every effort will be made to minimise any impact associated with this work and thanks motorists for their patience while this important work is carried out,” Mr Kean said.

For more information about the intersection upgrade visit the Roads and Maritime website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au



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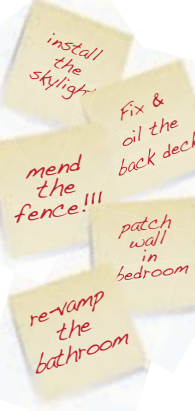


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While he was focused on exploring ancient ruins, he made a far more modern discovery when he found a significant shipwreck from World War Two.

The wreck had a strong connection with Australian and New Zealand veterans of the Greece and Crete campaigns, and Michael was so intrigued by the mystery surrounding it that he researched further.

He will discuss his findings, and sign copies of *The Forgotten Flotilla*, for the audience at the library.

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Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade News

Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade has recently completed the fit-out of the mezzanine level of the fire station, thanks to brigade fundraising and the very generous support from the Galston branch of the Bendigo Bank. There are two new areas for use - a carpeted training area, and a store room to help keep the station tidy. One of the main benefits of the new training area is that it can also be used as a rest and recovery area in the event that a major fire is being co-ordinated from Arcadia station.

The design and construction has been carried out by both members of the brigade and local tradesmen in order to keep costs to a minimum. The access stairs were made from donated timber salvaged and recycled from the maintenance decks of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and are a beautiful feature.



Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade has a long association with the Bendigo Bank and we have worked closely together over the years to raise funds for much needed equipment and improvements to our station.

The photo below shows Captain Dave Byrne receiving a cheque from Bendigo Bank manager Gary Mangan for their contribution of \$6,000.00.

We are very grateful for their generous and willing support and look forward to continuing this partnership as we serve and protect our community.

In addition to this we have also recently received a very generous donation from Mulawa Arabian Stud in Berrilee. This money will be put towards much needed equipment and we are very grateful for the on-going support of Mulawa and their commitment to the local community. Pictured right is Captain Dave Byrne and Senior Deputy Dan Pertovt receiving a donation from the manager of Mulawa, Paul Stockman.



For those of you who live in the local area and have horses or livestock, we have an informative article posted on our website regarding a bushfire survival plan for horses. We highly recommend you read this by visiting www.arcadiarfs.org.au

We are now well and truly into the fire season and the seasonal weather outlook is not favourable in terms of the potential threat of bushfire.

As a community we urge everyone to be vigilant and to report all fires, no matter the size by calling 000.

The brigade was called out on Saturday 1st November to the report of a tree alight in Peebles Road Fiddletown following a thunderstorm at the end of a Total Fire Ban day. Upon arrival we found a tree, situated 30m from the road in heavy bushland that had been struck by lightning and was well alight. During our conversation with the local resident who reported it, he expressed concern that maybe he had overreacted in calling 000. If left unreported situations such as this can quickly escalate and the resident was informed that he had done exactly the right thing.

In addition to this we would ask all residents to be aware that during the official fire season there are to be no fires without both Hornsby Shire Councils environmental approval to burn and a Rural Fire Service fire safety permit. These permits can be obtained by calling 9847 6853 or 9883 2000 respectively.

Dave Byrne, Captain

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OPEN LETTER No. 3



To the residents of Galston, Glenorie, Dural, Middle Dural, Arcadia, Canoelands, Forest Glen, Berrilee, Fiddletown.

NO SUBDIVISION

You may have recently received a letterbox mailer from a group calling itself The Hornsby Rural Areas Assoc.

It appears that this pro subdivision group, the same group which bombarded parts of the rural community with false and misleading statements under the banner of "Your Area, Your Say" is the same mob that first started out this time around as an anonymous group not wishing to show who they were or who they represented. In one of our previous Open Letters we had referred to them as the Nameless, Faceless and Shameless. It was only through our enquiries that we discovered they had now become the Committee for Rezoning Galston.

This group in essence consists of the same people who in 2003 were the Farmers Group, more recently they have gone from Anonymous to Committee for Rezoning Galston, then Committee of Concerned residents. Now that the Council survey has been completed and the 'results' announced this group now seeks legitimacy by naming itself Hornsby Rural Area Assoc. and seeking members.

But most galling of all is their claim in the opening paragraph – Our Purpose "To represent the Rural Community in any discussion and/or negotiation to progress the views and wishes of that Community in order to achieve its desired aims".

This is just more of their misleading and unsupportable claims. They don't and can't possibly represent the wishes of the rural community. All they can do is represent their members, not anybody else. It is an obvious quest to form the basis of a lobby group.

They also state – OUR IMMEDIATE TASK – "Replanning of the Hornsby Shire Rural Areas – What arrogance! Just who on earth do these people think they are?"

Further, in their membership form they again continue to be totally patronising of Council with comments concerning the survey such as Visionary concepts. Visionary in whose opinion?

The survey itself will be shown in time to be a sham. Already there is a great amount of commentary along the lines of people withdrawing their support because they believe they have been misled or misinformed. This is particularly true apparently of people who are not in the immediate vicinity of Galston. We will have a lot more to say regarding this survey soon. There are many serious questions that need to be asked of Council. We have had numerous offers of support in our research of this issue.

Surely, for starters, it raises serious questions when on a matter of such critical importance to people who live on acreage the survey only managed to achieve a response rate of 20% one in five and from this it is supposed to provide guidance to Council on planning issues for our rural lands.

This HRAA mob would like you to pay \$25.00 each year to access provision of their services. We wonder what their 'services' would entail?

Anyway, we believe we have a far better offer:

THE TRUST (SARAPLT)

In 2003 a group of local residents formed the Sydney Agricultural Rural and Public Lands Trust. At this time its prime role was to fight against the subdivision of 2000 acres around the Galston Village, a development concept yet again championed by Councillor (as he was then) Russell. The Trust led the fight to stop this and over the ten years has fought a number of battles against inappropriate development, fortunately (at least twice) with a great deal of success.

BACKGROUND

It only requires one inappropriate re-zoning or use of agricultural, rural or public zoned land to spell the beginning of the end for Sydney's rural amenity.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We may as individuals be the owners of rural land, however we are only custodians of the rural amenity.

This amenity belongs to the people of Sydney and its future generations.

OUR CHARTER

To vigorously promote by all possible means the protection, preservation and enhancement of Sydney's rural amenity and with equal vigour, oppose the re-zoning, subdivision and otherwise inappropriate development of Sydney's agricultural, rural and public lands.

OUR OBJECTIVES (not all inclusive nor in any order of importance)

- *To promote greater transparency and accountability in the decisions of Local Government.*
- *To seek to have all Councillors, individually, both current and future candidate(s) declare for the public record their stance, policy and/or philosophy on the protection of the rural amenity during their term of office.*
- *To seek to obtain security of tenure for those agricultural landowners who wish to continue the farming of their land.*

OUR PATRONS

Ian Kiernan AO OAM, John Singleton AM, Elwyn Swane, Maureen Plavistic, John Newcombe AO OBE, Dr. Katrina Warren BVSc, and as Founder and President, Dennis Merchant OAM

Joining the Trust was promoted simply by word of mouth and covered only small parts of Arcadia, Dural and Galston. Even so it has in excess of 200 members in these areas alone.

When we talk about coverage and response it makes the Council survey numbers look even worse (6,400 mailouts) for approx. 1200 responses from rural landowners.

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by Anita Horan

Sam and I'm racing along Old Northern Road in my tight gym pants, peddling frantically on my daughter's pink bike.... ok, so how did this come about? Let's go back to yesterday.



I have the gardening bug.

After an intense weekend of pitching my book at the NSW Writers' Centre, I decided I needed to bond with my garden and let my arms do some digging while I gave my overworked mind some rest. Errands first, garden next. I drive to Greenhouse Gallery. The Gallery owners and I decide to make my greeting cards \$2 as a Christmas special. I love hearing the stories behind the people who have bought my nature canvases (thank you Margaret for your lovely article about my White Cocky canvas).

Next is a stop at Glenorie Post Office and chat with the friendly lady who feels like my sister, a quick stop into Woolies where Heather is always a pleasure, then a skirt around to Linga Longa Nursery where I buy some blueberry bushes and indeed 'linger longer' while I chat to the lovely lady and she agrees to let me come back and photograph her flowers; pop across the road to buy chicken food, the helpful man loads it into the car boot while I pat his dog and he agrees to let me return and photograph his geese. Race back and forward to Cattai Ridge Road a few times to buy fifteen bags of horse manure to fill my new awesome above ground garden bed that a great neighbour made for me from old fence logs, then a trip to Craig, my favourite Poted Herb man and almost clean him out of cherry tomatoes, marigolds and petunias. Back home, I mow, trim, tidy, dig, plant and generally revamp the yard. Just need to let all of the kale I bought from Craig in winter go to seed, then I can clear that bed and plant whatever will be due for the next season (requiring a conversation with Craig or a Google search, I'd prefer a chat with Craig).

Ok, so shower, throw on oversized, vibrant hippy dress, race daughter to drama lessons, (plan is to hide in car so no one will see me looking scruffy and my dress is see through, definitely for the house or beach). Don't need wallet, grab mobile phone. Read a book while drama lessons are on, daughter skips to car happy as Larry, turn the key, engine makes weird clicking noise and won't start. I turn the key again, more weird clicking noises, twenty more turns, so much clicking noise I think the car is about to fall apart. Call husband with mobile, (so glad I grabbed phone and not wallet), "Car won't start please look up mechanic on Old Northern Road who rescued me a year ago when same clicking noise happened". Husband gives me phone numbers but none of them are the same person and although they are very nice, they can't come until tomorrow. That's a problem as I have to show a client their photos at Wiseman's Ferry at midday and they want the photos for Xmas so I don't have time to cancel and re-book down the track. Call husband again and ask him to look up more mechanics. He gives me two numbers of people in Glenorie. Tony answers, what a nice guy! Once I tell him I am stranded by the road in Galston he offers to come straight over even though it's 5:30pm. He shows up and I decide not to mention my shabby attire or bring attention to my see through dress and just make sure I stand in the shade and hope he doesn't notice. Does a jump start and I pick up husband who has just finished work at Galston, drop him and dancing child home, grab wallet (don't turn ignition off!) and drive to meet Tony at his workshop next to the fire station on Old Northern Road. I'd never been there before, just a vague memory of a mechanic's sign. He brings out a 'do-dad' and finds that I have a dodgy battery although it's only one year old and suggests I go back to where I originally bought it, as it should be covered by warranty. Good looking mechanic from shed next door drops by with his own 'do-dad' and does a quick check for other mechanical problems (ok, now regretting oversized hippy dress, lack of lipstick and wild out of control hair). He also thinks it is just the battery, but the problem is how do I get my battery replaced at Middle Dural, where I originally bought it? It's now after 6pm and I have to be at

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Wiseman's Ferry by midday tomorrow. Here's the plan; Tony will drop me home tonight and take my car back to his workshop. I will ride my daughter's pink bike back up to his workshop tomorrow at 8am. After he jumpstarts the car, I will drive to Middle Dural and hope I can persuade the other mechanic to replace my battery.

There is a side to this story I haven't mentioned, it's actually all been quite fun. I am not stressed or freaked out, nor do I feel abandoned. I feel completely looked after. From my husband to Tony to the other guy with the other 'do-dad' and the mechanic at Middle Dural who uses his own 'do-dad' and yes, does replace my battery. So, back to pick up husband from home (car now has sexy new battery), drop him at mechanic, he now rides daughter's pink bike home (gets same sideways glances), while I race home and get ready for Wiseman's Ferry, this time loose, smart black pants and top.

My client loves their photos and I love my client. Back to Glenorie; oh, Craig has put a whole new tray of multi-coloured petunias out. I can't resist, so stop to buy half a dozen. Craig happens to be walking down the driveway and gives me his effervescent smile. I give him my \$6 and put six flowers in a cardboard box, he continues to fill my box with more orange marigolds and I shiver with delight at how my back yard is going to look when I plant them.

I arrive home and almost float in the door with my client's order and box of flowers in hand as my husband pours the last of the homemade wine that my Italian neighbour gave me last week.

Before I conclude, I would like to apologise if you saw me in public in my see through dress or riding up to Glenorie with my butt in the air, or covered in manure on Cattai Ridge Road or if I didn't leave any petunias for you to buy.

Sometimes life can throw us a challenge but it doesn't have to be a negative experience. Actually, that's what resilience is; the ability to fail and face challenges and get back up again.

I can certainly say that I am so glad my battery failed in this local area. Actually, I enjoyed my early morning bike ride so much that I think I might go grab my daughter's pink bike now. I have no doubt that if the chain comes off, I will not be left stranded.

May you have a fabulous month and a Happy New Year!



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Arcadia Pony Club

Arcadia Pony Club held a successful Closed Sporting competition on Sunday, 16 November. It was a delayed start after the skies opened up to heavy rain which fortunately only lasted an hour or so.



“Sporting is a competitive sport in pony club, whereby horse and rider compete with others to get the fastest time in certain events. It’s not just speed that matters, it’s also agility as the horse needs to be able to turn quickly for a number of the events” said Leanne Davies, Senior Instructor.



Sarah Cairns on Captain Chaos negotiates the zig zag caveletti

“The events catered for the led and beginner groups through to over 17 and Associates with a large number of classes including bending, western bending, barrel race, 3 Mug, 5 flag, 2 flag scamper, pony twist, bonfield bounce, diamond flag, straight barrel race and zig zag caveletti” said Leanne.



Jamie Haste on Barney all smiles for the barrel race

“All of our riders enjoyed the day and we would like to thank both the parents that assisted with the day, along with committee member and volunteer Catherine Egan who coordinated the fantastic event.”

Arcadia Pony meets the first, third and fifth Sunday every month at the Rural Sports Facility in Galston. To find out more about Arcadia Pony Club please visit <http://www.arcadiaponyclub.org.au>

The results of the Closed Sporting were as follows:

- Champion Novice - Grace Fretus
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- Champion Under 9yrs - Maddie Breatnach
- Champion 11 & u 13 yrs - Jamie Haste
- Reserve Champion 11 & u 13yrs - Jessica Breatnach
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Sports Leadership Program

Galston High School has been given an opportunity to join the Premier's Sporting Challenge Sport Leadership program. This initiative consists of three stages, with our year 8 and 9 students participating in the second stage – *Leading with Action*. Sixteen



students were selected to attend the first series of workshops in November this year at Pennant Hills High School. It is anticipated that this number will be allowed to increase to 25 in future years. The program involves schools all around the state and is designed to develop leadership through sport and physical activity. We have been invited to join the cluster of high schools which include Pennant Hills, Chatswood, Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls.

At the initial workshop, students selected two sports out of the nine that were on offer. Developmental officers from each of the relevant sport associations then led the students through a series of activities that gave our students the skills and confidence required to teach and develop younger students from our own school as well as from the Galston Community of schools. It was a well organised event which was the first stage in leadership development of our students. At all times our students displayed the core values of our school of respect, responsibility and personal best.

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Arcadia students invited to create legacy world congress document

Our talented Year 5 and Year 6 students rubbed shoulders with world experts at a landmark global conference in Sydney on Thursday November 13.

Arcadia Public School was just one of two public schools in NSW chosen to be part of the International Union of Conservation of Nature World Parks Congress. This event brought environmental scientists, park rangers and foreign ministers from around the world together to discuss and create original approaches to conservation of protected areas.



The students earned the invitation because their qualities, talent and passion for learning shone through when they created iMovies in bushland near their well-resourced school last term with Distinguished Apple Educator, Mr Steve Papp from the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre. Taking responsibility for the environment and for our own actions is a key focus of Arcadia Public School.

On the day the students lived up to the high expectations set for them and were broadly complimented on their mature behaviour and ability to formulate interesting, relevant questions. The students were very aware of the privilege of this opportunity as the global forum on protected areas is only held once a decade.

The Arcadia Public students interviewed and filmed delegates and collated their imovie content for a multi-touch textbook which will be published by the International Union of Conservation as a legacy document for the congress.

All our students benefit from a learning culture that promotes high standards and achievement. Arcadia Public School offers a huge variety of opportunities in an environment that builds confidence, inspires creativity and values our students as individuals. We are understandably proud of each and every one of them.

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 and enquiries about our outstanding school can be made on 96531207 or visit the school website arcadiaschool.com.

St Madeleine News

Sculptures by the Sea

Year Five Students travelled to Bondi to experience, what is fast becoming a tradition in Sydney, the *Sculptures by the Sea*. They saw many diverse examples of artwork, both large and small. They were in some cases able to be part of the sculptures as they climbed and interacted with many of the art pieces on show. They were very lucky to be able to have 20 of the parents to accompany them and share in the experience.



Welcome 2014 Kindys

Yes! It is that time again. Our kindergarten children have had their orientation and are eagerly waiting that very special day when they put on their uniform and come to 'big school'. All of St Madeleine's is looking forward to meeting them all next year. At St Madeleine's we have a tradition of Kindy Buddies, Year 6 children are given the very important responsibility of caring and nurturing their buddy throughout the coming year. It has proved to be a wonderful experience for both buddies, where Year 6 has learnt what a positive impact they can have on the first but lastly impression of school life.

Remembrance Day

St Madeleine's stopped at 11 o'clock on Remembrance Day to give thanks to those that have given their lives for us. Prayers were offered for the men and women who showed bravery when protecting the lives of others. We prayed for their families and friends who have mourned the loss of someone they love. We prayed for those who continue to protect the rights of others. The symbol of the poppy was worn by all students and staff at St Madeleine's.

Year 3 back to the Past

Year 3 enjoyed the experience of early Australian life at Australiana Pioneer village. They were immersed in old buildings and community life as they visited different stores, school classrooms and talked to the towns people dressed in traditional early Australian clothes. They especially enjoyed the tasty damper at Damper Camp!

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Galston High School

Sara Mills

Sara Mills certainly is the 'girl who never gave up.' The 17yo Galston High School student has taken the Australian MTB scene by storm proving that hard work, consistency and a passion to triumph will take you to the top! At the age of 17, Sara has collected over 6 Australian medals in MTB, 2 of which are gold! She no longer enters the 'junior girls' category more and instead enters the elite/open field.



"I grew up in a family where cycling was a way of life! Both parents were very competitive, encouraging and passionate and I think that rubbed off on me. I guess I could ride before I could walk, my mum use to take us every where on bikes. Moving from South Africa to Australia was a massive transition for me and I struggled a lot. But riding my bike brought me a sense of comfort and security from the stresses of a new home. It also have me a sense of identity- I was called the bike girl and I loved it!"

At the age of 15 Sara decided she wanted to start riding more, then at 16 she wanted to start competing. Spurred on by the encouragement of a local cyclist who described her as a 'hill climber', Sara was accepted into the Western Sydney Academy of Sport for road cycling for 2013 and 2014. Claiming 2 NSW State titles and gold medals on the road, Sara made a name for herself and surprised many when she came of no where.

"My real passion is on the dirt though, I love being out in the early morning smashing the trails. I get to see things that no one else my age does, and for me the sunrise and a good coffee is the reward for your efforts. I compete in 'Cross Country Mountain Biking', I like the marathon style events which cover distances from 50-200km. I'd like to give stage MTB racing a shot one day."

Sara currently rides for Jet Black MTB and hopes to ride for the JBRacing Team. She says her idols in the cycling world are Australian cyclists Jo Hodson, Imogen Smith and Cadel Evans, and European cyclists Jenny Rissveds and Niño Schuter.

My biggest inspiration and fan is of course my mum. She's my best friend and has really nurtured and encouraged me to pursue my dreams. She was a former elite MTB racer in South Africa and I think she and I experience the same rush and same emotion when we ride. Without my mum I wouldn't be here today and the I wouldn't be the cyclist I am.

An average day for the 17yo starts at 5am. There's always some form of activity in Sara's morning whether it's a good 80km with the 'boys' from Dream Loop, or a slow easy active recovery which finishes at the coffee shop. Then she heads off for school, study sessions or another training session in the gym.

"I'm very big into the holistic approach to my sport and as a result I've started my own health initiative, blog and business with my good friend and incredibly talented NSWIS track cyclist, Hollee Simons. We constantly update our Facebook and Instagram page with this message. We're known as 'Health Hax' and this really encourages me to approach my sport with positivity, love and a burning desire to succeed. My goals though, besides racing professionally, are to finish my schooling years and receive my ATAR to go to university. I really want to study Business and Nutrition."

She's decided to split her HSC over 2 years to cope with year 12 and the stress from the hard training she does.

"I still have a heck of a long way to go! I am no where near where I want to be fitness wise. But I'm training to try and represent Australia, that's my goal for 2015. I have 5 weeks until the National MTB series starts again and I'm really giving it my 100%! I have had the most incredible coaches! Larri Wallbridge

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was my mums friend and MTB rival in South Africa, she formed the foundations for me and built my confidence- she is amazing! I'm currently coached by the talented "Coach Chops" James Lamb. He like my 'bug-brother' and makes sure I'm balanced on my journey and training, but also makes me work hard!- without him I don't think I'd be achieving the results I'm obtaining now.

Sara has a big year ahead of her- being signed as a guest rider for a new women's NRS team, Delphi, sees her competing in the 2015 Santos Women's Cup (part of the Tour Down Under). She also hopes to win the U19 category in the MTB national championships in Bright to be selected for the Australian National team to compete in the World Cup over in Europe.

Although passionate about school, cooking, coffee and her family, if you asked Sara what she was going to do tomorrow morning, the answer would be simple:

"I'm going riding." LIVE. LOVE. RIDE.

Galston Public School

by Carole Weiss

As the end of the school year draws near, Galston Public School students have been engaged in many wonderful events.

On a musical note our students joined together with over 500,000 students from 2,100 schools across Australia to sing 'Paint You a Song' from the 'Music Count Us In' program. This program is Australia's biggest school initiative and is all about celebrating the value of music education for students' development, whoever they are, wherever they are. It involves students all over Australia who learn, rehearse and then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.



On another musical note students involved in the instrument program attended Band Camp. These students had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The camp culminated with a concert which was appreciated by a large audience who were impressed with the behaviour and work ethic of Galston Public School students.

A MULTI-CULTURAL Day was thoroughly enjoyed and enthusiastically participated in by Kindergarten to Year six students and teachers. Following a colourful and musical parade, students and teachers travelled around the world visiting Kenya, Egypt, New Zealand, Cambodia, France, Mexico, Japan, Italy and India. A total of nine countries in just 2hrs 15minutes. Each classroom reflected the culture and traditions through art, food displays, and artefacts of the particular country. This was a truly delightful cultural learning experience for the whole school.

The Junior Girls and Boys League Tag teams displayed tremendous sportsmanship when playing five or six games against other local schools in the

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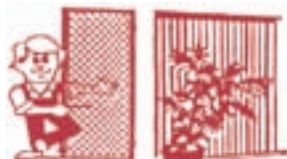
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Eighteen students from nine Northside Gifted and Talented schools spent the day immersed in the Fauvism; learning about its leaders Matisse and Derain, then creating their own Fauve piece of art 'Goldfish' using paint on canvas.

Artist and teacher Jenny Carden discussed the compositional methods of the great masters who emphasised line, texture, tone and colour. "After creating a charcoal sketch, we followed the theory of colour based on the Fauvist movement, applying paint freely for vibrancy of colour and form."

"It was a whole new technique of using colour," said Emma Crossling, Year 5, from Hills Grammar, "It had to be realistic but totally individual in style. I loved it!"

Classmate Arya Shah also enjoyed the experience, "The experience was really good and most of all I enjoyed meeting and painting with new friends from other schools."

These modern day fauvists were years 5 and 6 students from Arden, Barker, Knox, Masada, St Ives Grammar, St Ives North PS, Wideview PS and Ravenswood and Hills Grammar.



Emma and Arya working with artist and teacher Jenny Carden

KU Galston Preschool

The children have spent time over the past weeks extending their exploration of elements of the natural environment....

We have discovered changes in the garden as the weather has warmed up- the deciduous trees have their new leaves and there are lots of different flowers to admire, smell, talk about and use along with leaves and grasses to create garden collages.

Water play is out and a very popular choice, the children have experimented with floating and sinking with a variety of materials.

We have harvested some spinach and cooked our famous spinach wraps; we have picked some lettuce and noticed the carrots are nearly ready to pull up.

And of course we have continued our investigations of silkworms with lots of observing, discussing, drawing, writing and nurturing. We have also begun looking at You tube clips of silk production and silkworm farming which again has evoked many questions and discussion.

Next week we welcome all of our new little ones as part of our orientation process, we look forward to them visiting to see what happens at preschool. If you are thinking of enrolling for 2015 we still have a few vacancies, please telephone or email the preschool on 9653-2252 or ku.galston@ku.com.au



Glenorie Public School

Week 5 has come round fast as the year 6 students prepare to move on to high school next year. It has been very busy and will continue to be throughout the rest of the year.

Towards the end of October, we welcomed a new member to our leadership team, Kirra, who will be taking on the role of vice-captain. This comes as Mariné, our previous vice-captain, sadly left the school. Kirra has taken on her role exceptionally well. Congratulations to Kirra, who will continue to do a great job in her new role.

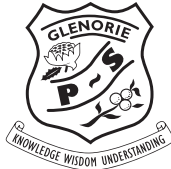
The captains and vice-captains had a celebration of their leadership achievements a few weeks ago. We celebrated my heading off to AMF Bowling at Castle Hill. The people that we got to know, as well as the JC leaders, also celebrated. We were treated to 3 girls from Parramatta High sharing their leadership activities and a game of bowling. While this was going on, 4 year six students took on the role of captain for the day. The 4 students set up and ran assembly, while doing all of the jobs that the captains usually do. The students did a great job, so a big well done to them.

Year 6 and Kindergarten students have held their annual Teddy Bear Picnic, on Melbourne Cup Day. Each student bought some food to share with their buddy and a Teddy Bear. The students ate and spent time with their buddies. It was a great day for both the kindies and year 6.

We held our 2nd Annual Presentation Night, which was amazing! Every student performed to their full capability which was outstanding to watch. Each dance performance, drama act, choir performance or band song wouldn't have run smoothly with the help of Miss Harmon, who co-ordinated the whole night. The students couldn't thank Miss Harmon enough when the whole night ran seamlessly, as well as the other teachers involved, Mrs Bellamy, Miss Pavett, Miss Philips, Mrs Perry, Mrs Peterson and Mr Wilson. Thank you to everyone that was involved and ensured it was a great night.

The Year 6 Farewell committee worked hard to create some magnificent decorations for the Farewell, early this month as we had a working bee. The year 6 students are yet to see the fantastic décor, but all will be revealed on the big night, the 15th of December. Thank you to the year 5 students who will also be attending, but also for donating lollies to ensure decorations are good enough to eat! The 5 & 6 students have been practicing their partner dancing for a fun night ahead!

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Glenorie Mission Church

Christmas has become a frenzy of excess, a frenzy of spending and consuming. A time of 'getting' instead of 'giving'. We spend more than we can afford, we eat and drink more than we need and the whole experience leaves many families loaded with debt, exhausted and glad when it's finally all over. Our society, sadly, has forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who came into the world to bridge the gap between God and mankind. Jesus came to give of himself, not for personal glory but to sacrifice himself. He was born into a lowly stable not into a palace. His birth was for one purpose, the road ahead of him led to one place, and that place was the cross. Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross, a perfect sacrifice so that through him we might have forgiveness for our sin and be brought back into a relationship with God - cleansed and forgiven, set free, restored.

When we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, we have to also recognize his life, his message, his death and resurrection. This realization stills our busy minds, unclutters our jumbled lives and enables us to approach Christmas in a more wholesome simple manner, humbly and with thanksgiving.

The true message of Christmas is about giving instead of getting. It is about forgiveness and reconciliation. Most of all Christmas is about God's incredible love for mankind. Peace and joy should be our response.

Let's unclutter our plans this Christmas, think about giving because Christ gave, share with our fellow man, make our homes havens of peace and joy and give thanks for the precious gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

"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

Galston Public Schoolcontinued

League Tag Gala Day. In all games the competition was fierce, scores were close and the enthusiasm of both the girls and boys teams was outstanding. They played their hearts out and had an exciting day being proud representatives for their school. Both the senior girls and the senior boys 'A team' will go on to play at the Northern Sydney Area competition.

The SRC organised its last fund-raising event with a 'Sunnies for Sight Day' where students were invited to wear crazy sunnies and silly socks students. A generous donation of \$208.00 was raised by the SRC for the 'Say Eye' campaign which aims to raise awareness for the millions of people in developing communities whose lives could change dramatically with a simple eye examination and a pair of glasses. This generosity exemplifies the tremendous spirit that exists and thrives in the Galston community.

Term 4 will conclude with a joyous Christmas Carol evening to be held in the school hall. This evening is to celebrate the wonderful ethos which exists at Galston Public School.

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

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News from St Benedicts

In December at St Benedicts we share in all the joy and celebration leading up to Christmas, the commemoration of the birth of Jesus. We begin our Christmas festivities with a 'Carols by Candlelight' get together in the Parish Centre at 8pm on Saturday 13th December. A light supper will be provided and a children's re-enactment of the Christmas story will be performed. All children are invited to take part. Contact the parish office (see below) for more details.

Christmas services begin with children's mass at 7pm on Christmas Eve in the Parish Centre. Later on Christmas Eve the Christmas vigil will begin at 11:30pm, followed by Midnight Mass. Christmas Day masses will be at 7am in the Monastery chapel and 9am in the Parish Centre.



'The Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet

From 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Christmas Day, St Benedict's Parish will host their annual 'The Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet for people who have no family or are away from family but who would like to share this special time with others.

You don't need to be part of the parish of St Benedicts to attend. Everyone is welcome, singles, couples and families and, even if you aren't religious, it's enjoyable to spend time with other people on this special day. There'll be music, violins and singing, so come help us celebrate this special time of year! (picture shows last year's banquet).

Venue: St Benedict's Parish Hall. Corner Fagans & Arcadia Road, Arcadia 2159

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Galston Uniting Church

Minister Rev Geoff Smith
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www.galstonunitingchurch.com
Sunday Family Service 10 am



Crikey – suddenly it's December! There's so much on @ Galston UC this month I've only got a little space to write! Better get on with it...

As I sit down to write this, like many people, I'm wondering what's going on in our world. It's been a crazy year. I don't need to name things, but it seems to me to be more confusing than normal. Sometimes the temptation is to either disengage or to give up! Yet, it seems to me that we need to find a better way. As I prepare for Christmas, I remember that a baby born in a unimportant village to insignificant people 2000 years ago started a movement & inspired people to change themselves & to change the direction of the world for the better.

While I hope that you have a load of fun during the festive season, I additionally hope that you all get some space over Christmas to reflect, be renewed & inspired for your journey ahead.

In amongst your own activities, we'd love to see you @ any or all of our Christmas activities:

12th Dec Carols in the Car park

6.00 pm Sausage Sizzle
 7.00 pm Carols

14th Dec 10.00 am Sung Service (Holy Boy)

24th Dec 7.00 pm Family Christmas Eve Celebration

25th Dec 8.00 am Christmas Day Church Service

On behalf of Galston Uniting Church, I wish you all a safe & blessed Christmas. Oh, & a happy new year ☺ See you in 2015, cheers, Geoff





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Brewarrina Appeal

In November approximately \$2000 was raised by the parish in another appeal for Brewarrina, specifically raising funds to support three young children from the town whose family has been unable to care for them and who now are being fostered by some very generous locals. St Benedicts parish is committed to continuing its support of the people of Brewarrina.

To find out anything more about parish activities call the Parish Office on 96532312. The office is open on Mondays from 10am – 4pm and Fridays from 10am – 5pm or visit the Parish website www.arcadia.dbb.org.au.

Weekend Mass Times

St. Benedict's Catholic Church Arcadia; Mass at the Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, at 7 am every morning.

Mass at the Parish Centre, Corner Fagans Rd & Arcadia Rd. 7 pm Saturday, 9 am Sunday

Galston Garden Club

Well! ... a huge THANKYOU must go to all the garden enthusiast who patronised our 'Open Gardens' weekend from the 17th to the 19th of October. **\$47,000** was made – our best effort so far, and which is now in the process of being distributed to various charities and community organisations. A big thankyou must also go to our garden owners who allowed us to showcase their beautiful gardens, our major sponsors – Bendigo Bank, Galston RSL Club, the myriad of local business who so generously donated their products and plants, members of the Mid Dural Rural Fire Service and Fire Tower, Masonic Lodge, Galston Uniting Church, Dural Garden Club and last but not least – our own club members. THANKYOU ALL as this could never have been achieved without a hell of a lot of help from you all.

Richard and Hugh's Garden in Mid Dural Rd.



Following our own Open Gardens weekend the club visited the Oberon Open Gardens. A venture that proved very enjoyable. Three gardens were viewed on the way there, the first being Peta Trahar's garden at Bilpin, followed by Chapel House at Rydal and Rosalie Pollock's at Black Springs. All were spectacular.



Saturday the 1st November found us in 'Mayfield's' huge acreage garden. Huge being the operative word. A very small part of Mayfield's Water Garden



Our weekend concluded on Sunday by visiting 4 of the lovely open gardens in and around Oberon. Many thanks Rosalie and Oberon Garden Club for organising today's lunch – absolutely yummy. I feel sure a great relaxing weekend was had by all.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11th of February 2015 at 8pm at the Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston where visitors are always made welcome.

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There will be no meeting for the month of December. The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 28th January 2015 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.

In 24th October 2014, Circle members celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Circle in Baulkham Hills Sporting Club. A joyful evening was had by all the participants.

Visitors & new members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Circle's publicity officer on 9481 8895.



Circle president Roy Walker (left) and patron David Bell cutting the cake at our 50th anniversary dinner in October

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By Barry Lees and Jutta Hamilton

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- Plastic or wire mesh cage
- Wetting agent



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- Dig hole at least 50 mm wider and deeper than the tube or pot holding your plant.
- If soil is poor put 1 teaspoon of slow release fertiliser for natives in the bottom of the hole with some soil.
- Remove plant from the tube or pot and carefully place it in the hole, planting it at the same or slightly below the original soil level.
- Backfill with dug out soil or native planting mix and create a Saucer like depression for easier watering.
- Add at least 1L of water to wash the backfill soil against the plants roots.
- A jute mat on the ground around the plant will reduce weed growth.
- A plastic sleeve will retain a moist environment, preventing wind, frost and rabbit damage.
- If wallabies can access the plant, it must be protected. A wire or plastic mesh cage about 1 metre high has proven adequate.
- If there is no rain, deep water the plant about once a fortnight for the first 3 months. After that, little or no water is required other than natural rainfall.
- Wetting agent or granules may be of benefit if the soil does not absorb the water.
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LOCAL JP's Michael Bell, Arcadia - 9653 1365
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Cathy Vipond, Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
Ray Whiteman, Glenorie - 9652 2454 / 0400 008 083
Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive, every Saturday morning 10am to noon.

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

ACAGIA (Living Life) Exercise programme for over 65's. FREE. Every Tuesday 9.30 to 10.30 am Galston Uniting Church 11 School Road - Galston. Enquiries Melanie 9456 7103

Aglow Australia Pennant Hills - A network of caring women, meeting on the 4th Thursday at 10am-12.30pm. Excellent speakers, child minding and morning tea. Contact Glensy on 0401 770 859. Venue Thornleigh Community Centre, Cnr Phyllis & Central Avenue Thornleigh.

ALANON Family Group meets 8pm each Friday at the Galston Community Health Centre. For more details call 9264 9255. Trying to live with someone who has a drinking problem? Come along to these meetings.

APEX Australia is a service organisation that is about making friends, helping others and having fun, open to anyone 18-45. Further info. Please contact Sydney D.G 0412 400 452, National Office 18000 APEX or website. "Heart of a Community, Hope of a Nation".

Arcadia Community Hall - 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia. Available for functions. Inspections welcome. Bookings call 9847 6504

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Arcadian Quilters - Meetings held at Galston Community Health & Resources Centre, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays at 9.30am (day group) and on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 7.30pm (evening group). For further information contact Carole on 9894 7749.

Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) Ltd. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10 am. Meetings are at Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills. Contact John Guthrie on 9634 6727.

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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 10am 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 7pm 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 and enjoy the prizes. We also enjoy periodic outing to places of interest. For further information please call Helen on 8850 7845, A/H.

Dural & Hills District Garden Club - Meetings at 8pm on 1st 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 - Joys (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 yourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun! Contact Warren Payne (W) 9622 2251 or (H) 9652 1713.

Dural Mens Shed meets at Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenhurst Rd each Thursday and Saturday from 9am. Woodwork and Metalwork/Welding facilities. Enquiries Chris Thomas 0402478498 . www.duralmensshed.org

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 9653 1774..

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

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

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Galston VIEW Club - will be holding its Christmas luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on 26th November, 2014, with entertainment. Visitors are welcome. Inquiries Vivien 9894-1189

Girl Guides - Girls Age 6-12 meet on Thursdays 5-6.30pm at Galston Guide Hall, 414 Galston Road, Galston. This is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn and develop life skills, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, make their own challenges, express their creativity and much more. Contact Mary 0423 353644 or Amy 0415 438210.

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Glenorie Progress Association Holds its meetings bi-monthly (August, October & December 2014) 7.30pm in the Palms Room, Glenorie RSL. All Welcome 9652 2454.

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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 9624-5034.

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

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, Hornsby 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 Hornsby 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@iprimus.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.

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.

Soroptimist 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

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The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW) - The Trefoil Guild is the adult section of Guiding which links Members, former Members; female Members of the Scout Association; and women who have not been Guides but are prepared to make the Guide Promise. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month commencing at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm at the Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill. For further information please contact Sandra on 9659 3770.

CHURCHES

Galston Uniting Church - Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KJCA 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 1.00pm. 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 Evangelical - 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, Church 9652 0577.

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Hillslife 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

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Dural Rugby Club - Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email efr86029@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 guest 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

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Galston Netball Club All enquiries to secretary.galstonnetballclub@hotmail.com or visit the website www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.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! For enquiries please contact our registrar Hazel Postill on 0414 474 461 or visit our website: http://hillshawks softball.org.au.

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