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By early light the devastation caused by the fire could be seen. All the units along the left side appeared to be very badly damaged. The steel frame buckled and black.

The right side of the building also saw considerable fire damage, but three units appear to have been saved by the efforts of over 100 firefighters and police.

Over 20 fire units responded to the fire and considerable effort was made by all firefighters in stopping it spreading to the Caltex Petrol Station.

Present at the scene also, were the shocked and stunned owners of the businesses. Locals were turning up for work, only to be told to go home and the owners would call them as soon as they could. With an estimated 60 people working at the Dural Business Park, this fire will have an affect on all of them. The owners now face the task of finding new/temporary premises, then fitting it out and trying to rebuild their businesses. For some, this will take months. Whilst insurance will help with some costs, many may be faced with interim costs to cover themselves. Without Business Interruption Insurance, many will have no income for a significant time. Some casual workers may even have lost their jobs.

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Gossip Column

Congratulations to our local man, Jim, for winning the Badge Draw at The Galston Club. Well deserved - I wish it had been me! Oh well, I'll keep trying.

Congratulations to Christopher Saliba - he was the winner of the Easter Bunny Rabbit at Goodies Bakery, Galston.

Mothers Day - Remember to give your Mum a big hug and tell her you love her. To all our beautiful mothers, have a lovely day.

Lucy Niccol, a year 10 student from Galston High School has been selected to represent Australia in the National Women's European Handball team. The Australian team will be playing in the Spain and Italy in June & July. Lucy is fundraising for her trip through chocolate sales and raffles at the Galston Club and is looking for local businesses sponsorship (thanks Dino!). Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lucy's mum Toni on 9653 1172 or email one.toni@hotmail.com.

What a terrible tragedy at Dural Business Park for the Business Owners and their staff. Lets make sure we, as a community, rally around to support them as much as possible. We hope they all find new premises quickly and are able to resume trading.

We spoke to local insurance adviser Paul Pixton of Dural Insurance Services about the insurance aspect. Paul said the fire was a disaster for everyone. Statistics tell us that most businesses are underinsured to some degree and in tough times many people have no insurance at all! Businesses often do not insure for "Business Interruption" which covers loss of gross profit due to an insured event such as fire. Paul said now would be a good time for all businesses to review their insurances and to make sure you are covered for replacement value.



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Letters to the Editor Subdivision On Again?

Yes, don't the developers ever give up! As the Mayor's "survey" says 2003, 2004 and 2011 and every time the answer was the same, NO!! Do the forthcoming Local Government elections have anything to do with this "survey"? What an excellent way to garner votes from the rural area, knowing that there will always be votes from the significant minority, who otherwise may not have thought why they should bother to vote at all. Where would this sub-division be? What lot sizes? Why would the State Government approve the reduction of Sec. 94 contributions from developers? Why would the State Government approve it?

Our community does not need the re-introduction of such a divisive topic. If we are to be surveyed why not on how our community can be improved? Bring us together with the common purpose of finding out how we can help the commercial viability, help the environment, help keep what we value and how to remove what is bad. Let us work on how we and Council, can improve the economy of the rural area through the promotion of existing home occupations and home industries, tourism and creative farming. Let us have public meetings and spend Council money, on that!

Let us all think about the future and ask our politicians to make hard decisions for our and their, grandchildren. Food security for Sydney, better developments to increase population without covering productive farm land and agricultural potential, creative house design, smaller houses, better zoning of land to permit something between home units and the massive homes now being built. How about a row of terraces in Galston



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Michael Bell, Arcadia.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Jack and Britta Duncan from Glenorie recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 26 April. They have lived in Glenorie for the past 22 years, after retiring from Peakhurst, where they raised their family. Originally from Sans Souci, Jack and Britta first met over 78 years ago when they were both in the same Kindergarten class at Kogarah Primary School. They love living in Glenorie and until recently were active lawn bowlers at Dural Country Club.



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Mark and Jessica are inspired by the ever changing seasons ensuring that every time customers visit they will see something new and exciting. That's the beauty of gardening and you will never be disappointed by visiting Sydney's Plant Market.

Sydney's Plant Market is open seven days 8am to 5pm.

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National Alpaca Week Back in 2012.

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As part of NAW, alpaca farms across the country will open their doors at various dates in May. In 2011 over 400 individual studs Australia-wide participated and welcomed people onto their properties. Australian Alpaca Association Board member, Esme Graham, said "Over the past few years NAW has been a great success. People come along for many reasons, some for a day out with the family, and others who are thinking of owning their own alpacas". The latter are divided into two groups, those looking for pets and/or lawnmowers or stockguards, and those who have a serious interest in the future of alpaca farming. For these people, more detailed information can be supplied with regard to the commercial aspects of the industry, and a chat with a number of breeders, many of whom have been involved in the industry for 15-20 years, is very beneficial.

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More information on alpacas and the Australian Alpaca Association can be found at www.alpaca.asn.au or by just coming along to our Open Days. For alpaca enquiries you can also phone the regional secretary of the Alpaca Association on 9653 2277 or email alpacas@tpg.com.au.

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We invite you to come to our farm and experience picking your own fruit fresh straight from the trees. We have four varieties of mandarins, as well as oranges, lemons, limes, kaffir limes and cumquats. The trees are breaking under the strain with so much fruit to be picked, so it promises to be a good season.

This year there are jams, chutneys, oils and our own honey for purchase in our shed.

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Bernie Triebe, from Bendigo Bank, presented a cheque to the school principal Sean Montgomery, the P & C President Michelle Vumbaca and the school captains Joshua Webb And Georgia Randall-Quaid and the vice captains Mason Neil and Tiana Tadrosse.

The school community would like to say a huge thankyou to Bernie Triebe and Bendigo Bank for the amazing support it has received in recent years and looks forward to a long association.

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There is an obvious real dedication to quality food and presentation as well. It's not often you walk into a café, order a coffee, and come out five minutes later holding a burger Campiña's delicious coffee and gourmet milk-bar menu will tempt even the most hardened café patron. This little shop punches above its weight, particularly with gourmet burgers, sandwiches and pies. Nothing fancy, just good home style cooking when it comes to things like their grain fed scotch fillet steak sangra or burger with the lot.



The service is quick and friendly and staff have good short-term and long-term memories for names and orders. So why not join the growing number of locals who are finding out about this little gem. Campiña Coffee Bar is located at 4/169 Annangrove Rd, Annangrove. They are open Mon – Fri 7am – 4pm, Sat 8am – 2pm. Café latte \$3.00 Espresso \$2.50.

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Free Baby Clinic

Sue, our baby nurse is next in store on **Wednesday 9th and 23rd May**. Appointments are necessary.

A big thank you to Rene, and all our lovely ladies who attended the Jojoba pampering morning. What a sensational Aussie skin care range. The morning was a great success and a fun time was had by all. We look forward to a repeat presentation in the months to come!



Hayes Oval Amenities Block

After nearly twenty years of fundraising by the Hills Hawks Football Club and with a major financial contribution from the Hornsby Shire Council, the newly constructed Hayes Oval Amenities Block will be officially opened by Mayor Nick Berman and Club President Alf Galeano on Sunday 20th May. The official ceremony will coincide with the club's annual junior football gala day.

The impressive facilities comprise a multi use canteen, an adjoining conference room, four change rooms with showers and seating, toilets with wheelchair access and a separate room for match officials as well as a large covered awning for protection from both sun or rain for the many spectators who attend the grounds during the football season.

In 1989, the Hills Hawks Football Club started holding their annual mini soccer gala days and the profits from those gala days were placed into a fund to help build the much needed amenities block.

In 2002 the Football Club commissioned an Independent Accountancy Report to identify the amount of funds that could be made available for a contribution towards the project. Since then the football club have continued setting aside the profits until sufficient funds were amassed for the project

As a condition of the contribution to the project, the football club has been provided with assurances from both Hornsby Shire Council and Gladesville Hornsby Football Association as to its long term tenure and regular access and use of the grounds and facilities.

The executive and sub-committee of the Hills Hawks have worked tirelessly over the last five years and have received tremendous support and initiative from Hornsby Shire Council. As a result the community now have a facility that will benefit not only the Football club but other sporting clubs, schools and other local organisations.

Barrie Pike, Hills Hawks Football Club, Amenities Building Sub-Committee



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Kangaroo Point update

Work on improving one of the Shire's most beautiful recreational spots, Kangaroo Point Reserve in Brooklyn has started. The site has stunning views over the Hawkesbury River and Council will be improving the park facilities with viewing decks picnic area and ample parking. In addition, a restaurant and takeaway food kiosk will be built by a private operator.

Award winning author comes to Hornsby.

Hornsby Library has secured best-selling author Kate Grenville and historian Bill Gammage to speak as part of the Sydney Writers' Festival. Grenville's talk sold out within days but there are a few tickets available for the Gammage talk on Tuesday 15 May 6.30-7.30pm. He will discuss his book *The Biggest Estate on Earth*, which debunks common myths surrounding pre-European Australia.

Mountain bike trail

Council will receive a grant of \$50,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation towards construction of a new cross country Mountain Bike Trail in Hornsby. The 5.5 km network will include a range of tracks to meet the needs of families with children who are mountain biking for the first time, through to experienced riders.

World Migratory Bird Day

Celebrate this international day with Council on a free cruise from Brooklyn to Bar Island on Sunday 13 May. Visit the historic island and learn all about the local environment. Bookings are essential. Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/estuary for details.

Eco Garden

At Fagan Park there is a free composting and worm farm workshop on Friday 11 May at 9.30am and a non-toxic pest management workshop on Saturday 19 May at 10am.

Art exhibitions

Entries open on 14 May for the 2012 Hornsby Council Digital Photographic Competition. There are five categories, each with cash prizes: Our Beautiful Bushland, People of Hornsby Shire, Buildings of Hornsby Shire, Youth Open Category and a

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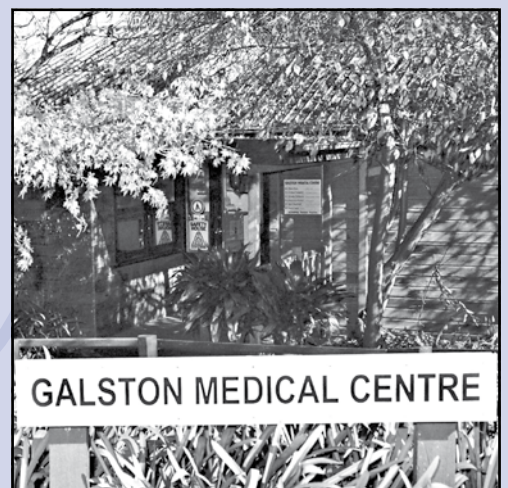
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VALE SHIRLEY 'MIDGE' KENCH

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Midge was born in Jamaica and enjoyed a privileged life in Kingston and on the family property "YS". At 12yrs she attended Wycombe Abbey school in England and went on to do her BA (Hons) in History at Cambridge University. A lover of drama and music she joined the University's Dramatic Society, acting and designing the stage settings.



Upon graduation she worked in her father's law firm and for the Canadian High Commission. Before Midge married Fred Kench she travelled extensively visiting many exotic countries. Midge and Fred, deceased, had 2 boys, Andrew and Neil.

Midge, Fred and the boys migrated to Australia in early 1969. She did her Diploma of Education at Ku-Ring-Gai CAE and became the Librarian and History teacher at Knox Grammar Preparatory School in Sydney.

With her love for horses she became involved in the Pony Club movement and spent the next twenty years at Arcadia Pony Club, nurturing, instructing and promoting the children. Later she started Kencot Park, an Australian Riding Pony Stud, and bred some fine children's ponies. At her funeral service there were many touching messages from her former Pony Club "kids", now young adults with children of their own, expressing the love and esteem they held for her.

Midge received the Australian Sports Medal and life membership of the Arcadia Pony Club for her tireless efforts.

On retirement from Knox she moved to Chiltern continued showing her ponies, joined many local groups and pursued her interest in painting.

Midge led a full and interesting life always willing to help others. To quote one of her Pony Club protégées

"you will be surely missed. Safe journey to the other side."

Hornsby Mayor's Column continued . /

Category open to amateur & professional photographers. The competition is only open to Hornsby Shire residents and images must be digital. Visit Council's website for more information and terms and conditions.

The Returned to Glory 2012 exhibition opens on Wednesday 6 June and runs until Sunday 24 June at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue (Willow Park), Hornsby, from 10-4pm daily with free entry. Returned to Glory showcases visual art created from recycled rubbish. More than \$5,000 is up for grabs in this competition which is organised by Council in partnership with Hornsby Art Society and sponsored by Council's waste contractor, Transpacific Cleanaway.

Children's Voices for Reconciliation

Celebrating National Reconciliation Week this event features stories, songs, dance and drama by students from the local area on Friday 1 June from 10am in Hornsby Mall.

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by Fay Frischer, Solicitor

The engagement

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The marriage

Wake up girl. Your marriage is now dead. Fast forward in your thoughts to the court allocating a percentage of your hard earned income and assets to your husband in a bitterly contested court battle. Rules and regulations will determine the inevitable allocation of property and assignment of the pool of assets and liabilities.

Essentially the court considers the Family Law Act to evaluate who gets what in the wash up. The first step will be to identify the assets and liabilities and this will include your nest egg of superannuation entitlements. The second step will be to look at the contributions, financial and non financial, that each of you has made to the acquisition, maintenance and improvement of these assets. The court will carve up the asset pool and you will not like this cut.

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Galston Cwa News

Our April meeting celebrated our birthday, and after our business meeting in the morning we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Flower Power nursery.

At the time of our meeting on May 9th, the 90th Annual Congress of the Country Womens Association of NSW is being held in Blacktown from Monday 7th May to Thursday 10th May. Members from around NSW will be attending and there are State Handicraft and Cookery competitions and Business sessions. Some of our members will be attending the congress.

Our next normal meeting will be on Wednesday 13th June. We will enjoy morning tea at 9.30am, and then have a 'hands on' Craft Morning. Come along and learn new skills. Lunch will be followed by our business meeting. As 'Apples' are the Primary Product being studied for 2012, we are planning on eating only foods containing apples for lunch.

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

Hornsby Police News

Incident: Break Enter & Steal
Time/Date: Between 9 am on Wednesday the 21st of May and 7 am on Saturday the 31st
Place: Arcadia Rd, ARCADIA
Details: Between the above times unknown person/s have broken into the home. A Diamond engagement ring was stolen, it was valued at an estimated \$3,500.

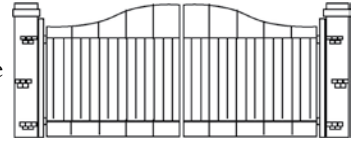
Incident: Steal from Motor vehicle
Time/Date: Between 1 pm and 3.30 pm on Sunday the 1st
Place: Carrs Rd, GALSTON,
Details: The owner of a Toyota Corolla had parked their car at the location. At some stage unknown person/s have smashed a front window and rifled through the car stealing a hand bag, 2 wallets and a mobile phone, the total value is estimated to be about \$470. Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incident to contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

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Senator Barnaby Joyce Comes to Dural



The Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water gave an impressive talk at a Dinner held by the Glenorie Liberal Party Branch and the Berowra FEC on Wednesday evening at the Dural Country Club. Senator Joyce (Barnaby to most) is unashamedly pro small business and families who are the backbone of this country. He spoke about the ridiculous and prohibitive regulations which stop progress in Australia particularly in the Country areas.

It was one of the most engaging evenings that most had attended with Senator Joyce ensuring that he made personal contact with each person in the room. His straight forward and grassroots approach resonated with everyone. With an election in the not too distant future it is refreshing to have someone as committed as Barnaby Joyce to help return Australia back to a prosperous country. The Honorable Philip Ruddock was thrilled to host the evening with Glenorie Branch of the Liberal Party.



Abetz Addresses Meeting At Dural

Many local business people attended the Springfields Function Centre on New Line Road at Dural for a dinner hosted by local MP Philip Ruddock and addressed by Senator Eric Abetz Shadow Minister for Employment & Workplace Relations & Opposition Leader in the Senate.

Senator Abetz spoke about the Gillard Government's carbon tax dealing a double blow to Australian jobs, 'union demands for business to take up the shortfall in compensation for the carbon tax will cost even more jobs.'



'Unions support a carbon tax which will drive up production costs. These increased costs will force some businesses offshore, costing more jobs in Australia.'

'The unions want employers to pay higher labour costs associated with the tax and these higher costs will put even more pressure on business, sending more offshore thus losing more Australian jobs.'

His audience agreed with his assertion that the 'best compensation for workers is to axe the tax'.

Jazz at the Pines

Jazz at the Pines is on Sunday May 20 between 12.30 and 4.00pm in the grounds of historic Roughley House. Pack a picnic lunch and relax under the giant pine trees while being entertained by the talented Bridge City Jazz Band. Delicious home-baked goodies may be purchased for afternoon tea and free guided tours of the homestead are conducted during band breaks. Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 concession, \$25 family, payable at the gate. Bookings welcome on 02 9651 4411 or email sydhills@bigpond.net.au.

Glenorie Bakery Wins Ultimate Business Accolade

In front of a crowd of more than 900 finalists, Glenorie baker Robert Pirina stole the show. Winning the top award for Australia's Champion Bakery/Cake Store on Saturday at a glamorous Champion of Champions Business Awards night held at Sydney's prestigious Westin Hotel. Mr Pirina, 28, described the award as "the icing on the cake" and the pinnacle of his career thus far following his previous successes in the industry.



Awards, community projects and world beaters nearly earning him a mention in The Guinness Book of Records have been regular events for the independent family baker whose youth belies his business acumen.

In 2011 peer recognition for Mr Pirina's business flair took on new proportions when he won the WSABE Young Entrepreneur of the Year and overall Retailer of the Year awards for Western Sydney.

After a succession of industry awards including Best Bakery in the Hawkesbury and recognition of Glenorie Bakery and the Outback Bakehouse at Windsor in the Daily Telegraph's Top Five Pies in Sydney survey, Mr Pirina also went on to win the Greater Sydney Tourism Award in 2011.

On Saturday evening before hundreds of his peers as well as the Federal Minister for Small Business, the Hon Brendan O'Connor and NSW Minister for Small Business, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Mr Pirina said he was proud and grateful to all his supporters to have been so honoured.

With his usual cheeky Italian style Rob got straight down to the business of thanking the award organisers, sponsors, his fiancé Louise and naturally a cast of bakers and counter staff all of whom contributed to making this win possible.

"The work now begins... staying at the top is hard, everyone would like to knock you of the perch, but I am not afraid of good competition," he added. Rob went on to encourage all finalists and winners to stay in the game and to be proud of their small business contribution to Australia. "I love this great country of hard working small business owners, to be named a Champion amongst them is truly an honour, Rob said.

The night was compared by: Gretel Killeen, television host, presenter of the Logies '2009'

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Local Development Application Action

by Neil Maitland

There have been a number of Development Applications lodged with Hornsby Shire Council between 13 March and 16 April 2012 in the areas of Arcadia, Berrilee, Canoelands, Dural, Fiddletown, Forest Glen, Galston, Glenorie, Middle Dural and Wisemans Ferry. These include 1 new dwelling, 3 alterations & additions, 5 Section 96 applications and 3 other as follows:-

New Dwelling

Dural 48 Carters Road DA - 287/2012

Alterations & Additions

Arcadia 150 Arcadia Road DA - 271/2012

Arcadia 32 Calabash Road DA - 304/2012

Galston 32 Hansen Avenue DA - 255/2012

Section 96 Applications to change an existing DA Approval

Arcadia 43 Cobah Road DA - 864/2011A

Berrilee 23 Charltons Creek Road DA - 1431/2011A

Dural 46A Carters Road DA - 1418/2010B

Dural 6 Hemers Road DA - 746/2011A

Fiddletown Northholm Grammar DA - 1033/2011A

Other

Dural 999 Old Northern Road
Roadside stall DA - 261/2012

Galston 335 Galston Road
Change of use DA - 336/2012

Glenorie 1329 Old Northern Road
Rural Workers Dwelling DA - 272/2012

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MEMORIES OF KENTHURST SCHOOL.

by Malcolm Johnston

I first attended Kenthurst Public School in 1952. My family lived on Porters Road at the time, and my first trip to school was in the sidecar of my father's motor bike.

On my first day I remember climbing the steps at the end of the brick building to enter the cloak room which had hooks on the wall to hang coats, hats and school bags. At the other end



was the verandah, and the school bell stood nearby. All the timber sections of the building were painted with a standard government mustard colour. The building was divided into two classrooms by a timber partition. In the playground there were two pit toilets. They had weatherboard walls, and a large box like seat which was constructed over a deep hole in the ground. There was also a weather shed in which we sat to eat our lunch during wet weather. It had an inner wall which separated the girls from the boys. At each end of the weather shed was a row of bubblers and taps, which were set above a long trough.

My first teacher was Mrs. Minnie Stranger. She lived in Volunteer Road, which at that time was only a gravel track. Mrs. Stranger was very strict and broke many rulers over pupils hands. During morning tea and lunch time she sat on the verandah and while reading the newspaper was able to keep a watchful eye over all the students.

During the 1950's most local children owned a push bike as public transport did not exist. Most roads were gravel and they were usually dusty; muddy, pot holed or corrugated, The ride to school was done daily, rain hail or shine.

Mr. Aubrey Duffy was our Headmaster. He was an environmentalist and was responsible for the planting of many native trees within the school grounds. He was a keen gardener and with the help of the boys, won the Baulkham Hills Shire Garden Competition. Mr. Duffy taught us basic carpentry skills when we constructed wooden seats around some of the established trees in the playground. A large vegetable garden was created and managed and the produce was protected from rabbits by a well constructed fence, and sold to local families. Mr. Duffy was a popular person. Kenthurst School dominated the district athletic carnivals for many years under his guidance.

In the 1950's school students were supplied with a free bottle of milk every day. I remember the specially constructed cooler which housed the milk. It stood near the front gate facing Kenthurst road, and was about 3 feet high, with a tray to hold a block of ice over the small bottles of milk, and draped with hessian. On hot days the ice melted very quickly.

I have fond memories of my early school years at Kenthurst Public School, where students learned reading, writing and arithmetic, participated in sport, learned the history of our country, and the wonders of mother nature.

At the next meeting of the Dural Historical Society on Saturday, May 12th at 2pm, the guest speaker will be Professor Don Napper who will give a talk on "James Barnett- Government Architect" All Welcome

The Red Shield Appeal

This year the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock is being held over the weekend of **Saturday 19th May and Sunday 20th May.**

The Salvation Army Appeals Director, Major Jeff Winterburn, said "Society's most vulnerable people are coming to us with increasingly complex needs, particularly with financial strain from housing affordability and the increased cost of living. We are seeing more clients than ever before with high levels of stress, anxiety and depression. More worrying is that the prevalence of people exhibiting suicidal tendencies is increasing.

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Our aim is to mobilise more than 100,000 collectors to knock on as many doors as possible. Volunteering for the doorknock is very rewarding, knowing you are helping those who are disadvantaged in our community" said Major Winterburn.

The Rotary Club of Galston has organised the doorknock appeal in the 2159 Post Code area for many years. In addition to the doorknock we are looking for volunteers to collect at "static points" such as the soccer at The Galston Oval on the Saturday and at the Berowra Ferry on both days.

We are appreciating the support of The Galston Club where we will be based on the Sunday from 9am. We need both collectors and drivers for the many school student collectors.

If you are able to volunteer your services as a collector or a driver please contact Alan Clarkson of The Rotary Club of Galston 9653 3062 or alan01@activ8.net.au.

Opera By The Lake Cancelled

The Opera by the Lake Committee has reluctantly decided to postpone the event for 2012. This is due to the current economic climate, unseasonal weather and the predicted long range weather forecast for the week of the event. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

We are, however already planning for a sunny 2013 with an even more spectacular programme and look forward to your support next year.

Rainfall Chart

From 17th February to 15th March inclusive:

Total Rainfall for	Galston	44 mm
	Glenorie	56 mm

DDHS "Correction re Arcadia School as in April Edition;

- 1) Galston, U,K, is in Scotland, not northern England
- 2) Mrs Norquay's shed was in Cobah Rd on the eastern side before Sunny Ridge Rd and north of the bend in Fagan Rd."

And an addition; "While Mr. J.R. Calov was the teacher (1910-1927) it was his practice to allow students past leaving age to continue their studies to a higher level. On her 17th birthday, in August 1916, his daughter Lilith (later Mrs Bell) informed her father that she would no longer be attending school"



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Lights Camera Action

There is an amazing property in Dural that up until now has been kept quite secret! For any of you visiting the popular Wild Pear Cafe or Dural Country Club you may have noticed some interesting landscaping taking place between the two. There was even rumours that a major film set was being created right in the heart of Dural!

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Presidents Report

by Keith Jordon



The last month has seen the Chamber continue to move forward, with another good attendance at our last meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Glenorie RSL Club at 7.00pm on May 16th a meal is available prior to the meeting in the club.

One of the issues we have faced was determining our actual membership. Keith McNight, our treasurer has finally been able to produce a definitive but growing list of 60 members.

I have been invited to attend the Inaugural meeting of the Hornsby Business Forum, organized by Matt Kean, the MP for Hornsby, on May 14th. The NSW Minister for Small Business will be attending this meeting. I will advise the May General Meeting of the outcome of this.

We still have two offices at Glenorie for rent. These are furnished and we could offer these at a reduced rate as space for start-up businesses. Anyone interested in a fully furnished office from which to trial their new business should contact myself or one of the other members of the Executive.

I will be inviting Hornsby Mayor Nick Berman to come to our next General Meeting to discuss the plans for future subdivision in the Galston area.

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by Roger Wheelahan, Wheelahan Investments

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The Love Tree

By Mary at Heritage Haven

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My lemon verbenas grow well planted directly in the ground by the front gate and potted demurely in the Tea Garden. The verbenas' twiggy growth has developed into hardy shrubs, well-covered with lance-shaped, chartreuse leaves ... strongly scented with lemon, wonderful in tea, especially memorable in sugar. Winter has not touched the garden yet, and the thin branches of my lemon verbenas bear delicate sprays of summer's tiny white flowers tinged with lilac. Yesterday, I tidied the bushes, gathering trimmings of flowers and leaves for my garden basket. I scattered a handful of tiny, Cecile Brunner rose buds over the leaves. Such a delightful treasure from my garden ... such a delicious welcome to autumn!

Focus on Youth Night - at Dural Rotary Club

On 10th April, four young speakers shared their unique experiences in the RALLY RYLA and RYPEN Programmes (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment).

Rashmi Chary spoke passionately about her experiences during her week long leadership course run by Rotary. She was followed by an equally enthusiastic Hugh Martin who also attended the RYLA programme for young leaders. Kate Leckie is another young lady from the Dural district who was a participant in the RYLA programme. She commended the programme saying that it was one of her great experiences in life. Claire Whitehouse was in year 10 at the Hills Grammar School, when with three other students she attended a RYPEN seminar. She delivered a ringing endorsement of the Rotary programmes RYLA and RYPEN.

All these young leaders of the future spoke most eloquently and if you were worried about the future of our youth in the community last Tuesday, you surely would have changed your mind after they had addressed the club. Let's hope they become Rotarians in the future.

The theme of "Focus on Youth" was continued by Rotarian Sue Coleman who spoke from the heart when she reminded us of the mental issues confronting both adults and youth in the community and in particular within our schools. The RALLY programme encompasses lectures and counselling for schools, and assists in combating the increasing incidence of mental health and stress related problems within our school environment. Following Sue's address, a number of schools in the area have booked a session over the next few months. The Dural Rotary Club will support this worthwhile cause and any person or organization wishing to avail themselves of our excellent programmes can contact the director of our RALLY programme, Mr Paul Wolf, Sue Coleman or in fact any member of Dural Rotary Club.



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Our card day on the 7 March was a happy and successful day thanks to the many friends who came from far and wide. Bendigo Bank sponsored the day once again, our appreciation and thanks to them are unmeasurable. Our thanks also go to the Dural Country Club 'management and staff who met all our needs in the most efficient and cheerful way. Also thanks again to all our willing helpers without whom things wouldn't have run so smoothly.

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In 2001, Abe began part-time teaching Dental Prosthetics at the Sydney Dental Hospital in 2001 and continued teaching until 2011. To formalise his educational skills and better treat and manage patient needs, he undertook a degree in Adult education and Psychology in 2006, graduating in 2010. He was the senior lecturer of Dental Prosthetists in 'Implant Retained Overdentures' as a standalone course. Abe is regularly invited to speak at state and national dental conferences on matters pertinent to dental prosthetics, psychology and patient management. Abe has decided to concentrate on his private practise and his young family. A resident of the Dural district, it made sense to establish rooms in Dural, close to home, and bring a service to the Dural and hills district that is lacking locally. Dental services that will be offered in the Dural rooms include:

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Cancer The Dragon And You



We are now moving into winter when nature and many biological processes slow down. Cancer however does not have a winter season though it is well known that at some stage cancers can become dormant. Later they may be awakened by some biological signals such as those induced by stress which lowers our Immune system.

As we survey the scientific literature we observe that many natural organic compounds in foods do slow down, stabilise cancer growth and even reduce the Cancer's Resistance to Chemotherapy. The difficulty however is to translate these test tube results to the more complex human body at the required dose rate.

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Galston Uniting Church



To quote Bill Lawry... 'it's all happening' @ Galston Uniting Church this past month.

On April 1 we held our latest Messy Church happening as our Palm Sunday worship. As people arrived they followed the stations of the Easter Story, making, eating or experiencing something representing part of the Easter Experience... There was donkey poop to create (and eat!), gardens to make, feet to wash, supper to share. Everyone was invited to make a wooden cross. The children had quite a collection

of things they made to take home. We were led into the church by a real live donkey walking through a palm branched way. The children from Galston Long Day Care Centre sang "If you are happy and you know it", which was very cute. Geoff told the story of "Dave the Donkey". It was a wonderful way to celebrate Palm Sunday.

Our Easter services were varied and meaningful – from a shared meal for Tenebrae on Thursday night, through a quiet Good Friday morning and a joyous (and crowded!) Easter Sunday celebration.

Our contribution to the celebration of Seniors' Week was a luncheon. Our Over 55's group hosted and fed 60 local folks. Local author, artist and identity Mick Joffe provided some art, information and anecdotes to ensure a great day was had by all.

Our next major activity is our Annual Dinner. On Saturday 19th



St Benedicts

St Benedicts hosted the World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March 2012. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical service involving all denominations. The focus country for this year's Prayer Day was Malaysia. We would like to thank everyone who came to our World Day of Prayer Service at St Benedict's. This was a very special occasion that brought together members of all the local churches.

In the week before Easter, a special Mass was held at Mark Donaldson House (Rowland Village) for the residents. This looks like becoming a regular event.

Easter services and celebrations were very well attended and, this year, we made an important change to the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. This commemoration has always been held in the grassy field below the Parish Centre but, because it has been so wet underfoot this year, it was decided to break with tradition and move the stations (based on large wooden crosses) to the gardens around the church parking area (pictured). We were blessed with fine weather on Good Friday but this new idea proved to be such a success, it may be a permanent placement. Thanks to Gaston Florian and Sam Letteri who did the bulk of the work in moving the crosses and to all the others who made the Easter ceremonies so special.

'St Benedict's Has Talent' is definitely happening later this year. The event even has its own Facebook page. Young people of the district should check this out or contact Michael Sfirse 0410191875 for more information.

The date has been set for the popular St Benedicts annual fete – Sunday 9 September. Some stalls will be available for hire. For information contact Lorraine Dailey 45668368 or email lorraine@aarminique.com.au

Weekend Mass Times

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KU Galston Preschool

by Fiona Rowe

The magic of Easter was alive at KU Galston preschool with many questions about the Easter Bunny. Why don't we ever see him? Is he very quick, sneaky or very tiny? Does he come when



we are sleeping, blinking, hiding or when we are busy? There certainly was great excitement when we realised the Easter Bunny had visited and had hidden eggs in the playground for everyone!

One of our families with Latvian heritage provided us with a wonderful idea to celebrate Easter. They celebrate Easter with their family gathering together to dye eggs with colours and patterns using natural dyes from foods, flowers and leaves. Another of our families was able to supply us with white eggs from their chooks. We then were able to investigate this egg dyeing experience at preschool with the children with some amazing results.

We also incorporated our enthusiasm for Easter in our literacy program enjoying stories, poems, writing Easter cards and dramatising songs and rhymes. Number concepts were also extended with counting, sorting, matching egg games and creating patterns on egg shapes. The children also took great care to thoughtfully create Easter surprises to take home to their families.

If you are interested in finding out more about our centre or our waiting list please ring the Director on 96532252 or email ku.galston@ku.com.au.

Technology Advancements Come to Our Schools

Isn't it frightening to think where technology is taking us? Then think how the Department of Education needs to keep ahead of the ball game ensuring our younger generations are ready for what is to come.



Our rural community has been selected to participate in a trial for the most recent developments in technology learning. **Arcadia Public School** is one of only eight schools in NSW to be selected for this program.

Part of the program includes an enhanced curriculum file server that will support the delivery of cutting edge Information and Communications Technology throughout the school. Arcadia Public School's Year One and Year Two students have already been able to take advantage of the technology. Partnering with other schools electronically, they have been working with another Year 2 class from Turramurra Public School. The program is providing each child with a 'learning buddy', sharing knowledge of their local areas and comparing their school environments through emails and a series of video conferences.

The differences soon recognised as jaws dropped in the Year 2 class at Turramurra as one Arcadian student described his favourite afternoon activity of riding his motorbike on his paddock behind his house. The learning has only just started...

Arcadia Public School

ARCADIA MARKETS are on again, Saturday 5th May from 9am until 2pm in the grounds of the school on Arcadia Road. Follow the parking signs onto the oval for safe and secure parking off the street. Great opportunity to get your Mother's Day presents sorted!

KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2013..... You are invited to the 2013 Information Sessions on Wednesday 30th of May at 10am and 7pm at Arcadia Public School. Tour the school, meet the principal and school captains and hear



about the Arcadia community spirit, the caring teachers and what makes Arcadia Public School so unique for your child's start in the education system. Special guest Deb Taylor, the Department of Education and Communities Early Childhood consultant will give a presentation 'will my child be ready for school in 2013?' Morning tea will be provided. Please phone the school if you have any questions on 9653 1207.

DIVING CHAMPION, Aimee Gallaway from Arcadia Public School achieved a significant milestone after competition diving for only 2 months. She achieved 5th place in the 8/9 year old girls division at the NSW Primary School Sports Association Diving Finals at the Homebush Aquatic Centre on 4th April 2012. We wish her all the best as she competes later in the year at the National Championships.

"LOS SKELETON BLUES" (a great rock band) helped celebrate the end of term at Arcadia Public School with the traditional dinner dance under the stars in the grounds of the school. Some 80 adults and equivalent kids dined on the gourmet food selection provided by the canteen volunteers.... including hot chocolate fudge! Arcadia Public School parents would like to thank Jacqui Coates and the Parents Auxiliary for putting on a fabulous night for the Arcadian Community!

Northholm Student Wins Prestigious Norman Lethbridge Scholarship:

Northholm Year 12 student, Amellia Redfearn has won the prestigious Norman Lethbridge Scholarship for Cattle. This is given annually to a young person 17-25 years of age in Sydney



who is studying agriculture – it includes school, TAFE and University students. The award is in honour of the late Norman Lethbridge, a stalwart of the Angus Cattle Society. Norman was an extremely supportive and committed person, spending many hours helping others in the area of cattle husbandry. His award is a bit like a 'Brownlow Medal' – recognising best and fairest approach to agriculture. Millie wins a

scholarship to Tocal College, where she aims at pursuing studies in agriculture and a cheque for \$700. This is the second time Northholm has been successful in winning this award against very strong competition from other schools including those that specialise in Agriculture.

If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with the relevant person please contact Susan Wright on 02 96562019 or email Susan at wrights@northholm.nsw.edu.au



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News from Galston High School



Meg Uebel is an excellent example of how our students inspire, lead and succeed. As the current school captain and an integral member of the senior executive leadership team, she was chosen to be involved in the Young Endeavour program which was generously sponsored by the Galston and District Community Bendigo Bank. An abridged version of her report follows. For a fuller report, please visit our website.



Earlier this year, I boarded the Young Endeavour for the first time, and left land for the last time for the next 11 days (minus some sneaky trips to beaches). After some shy first meetings and attempts to make jokes to ease the tension and awkward silences, we weighed anchor and settled in for a night out in Watsons Bay. And when I say settled, I mean we climbed up the 33m tall mast in the dark and windy night. And when I say climbed, I mean the others climbed and I clung on for dear life, with my eyes bolted tightly.

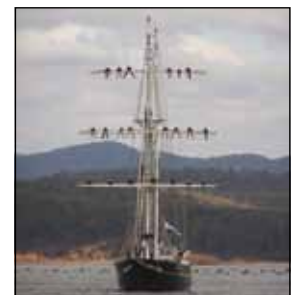
The next day it was time to learn a few sailing basics, practise around the harbour and then finally sail out into the big blue! My crew got the first watch (which was the best watch) and it was from 2000-2400 hours, and allowed us to have an uninterrupted sleep of about 7 hours (well that was the theory behind it anyway). However, for the first 5 days I was unable to complete any of my watch duties as I was pre-occupied coming to terms with what felt like my own long and painful death on the leeward side of the back of the deck. My watch crew soon got the nickname as the 'fully SICK' team which seemed to sum us up pretty well.

By day 6 we were choosing our own captain, watch officers, navigator and even chefs! I chose to be part of the watch crew team because as I had spent a considerable amount of time with my head over the railing, no doubt enjoying refreshing sea spray, I felt I couldn't trust my stomach enough to lead this crew into Eden. That night I ate a proper meal for the first time in a week

The last few days in Eden were spent going ashore having picnics, visiting the old whale museum, having raves on the deck at night, and of course my favourite, 'Sods Opera' (skit night!!!). One morning we had 38 guests on board, the majority of whom were associated with 'Workability Personnel'.

And as all good things eventually come to an end, this ship finally sailed into the wharf at Eden, with the entire youth crew aloft and up the mast (note; this time I was quite comfortable up there, I even had my eyes open!) and all of our eagerly awaiting friends and family in awe of our climbing abilities.

This was by far the best experience I have ever had, and probably will ever have. It had taught me many things about life and the people in it. And if I can take one very useful tip from the voyage, it would be that chocolate mousse is the best possible thing to have if you're feeling sick and in need of a pick-me-up!

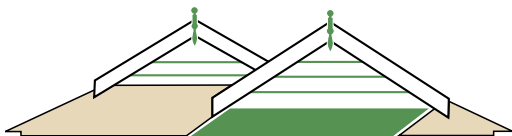


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30 Years In Galston High School

'Where are you now?'

by Christine Leaves

Galston Christian Education Association (GCEA) has for 30 years been providing an SRE teacher in Galston High School.

So we (GCEA) are looking for students or teachers who were at Galston High School in the 80's and especially those in 1982. There will be a 'reunion birthday party' in September 2012 to celebrate our 30 years at the School.

Please contact us and let us know who you are and where you are. If you cannot attend the '30th Birthday Celebrations' then we would like to hear from you and hear your story of 'what life was like at Galston High School in the 80's'.

Please email the committee on info@gcea.org.au for further information.

Glenorie Public School

We finished off last term with a visit from the Easter Bunny.

He delivered eggs to all our students with the K-2 students all wearing amazing Easter bonnets, while Year 3&4 decorated eggs for a great display in the library but Years 5 and 6 were set



a science experiment called the Great Egg Drop. Eggs dropped, flew, parachuted and loafed (inside a loaf of bread) from the roof of the school building to see which egg landed without a crack. The extremely imaginative ideas paid off and many students achieved the crackless egg. Glenorie Preschool also joined us for their very first Easter bonnet parade and they marched around very happily with the Easter bunny, very cute. Our playground was full of families finishing off the term with a picnic lunch with their children. A great day was had by all.

Glenorie Public School has a long standing tradition of marching on the 25th April for the Glenorie ANZAC Service. This year, in true tradition we marched down RSL drive to the new cenotaph with great pride. It is important that we reflect on the great sacrifices our veterans have made for this country, so our students wear the medals of their grandparents proudly on their chest as they march. Our school captains and vice-captains, Anthony Kazzian and Ebony Norton and Jarrod Deans and Rachel Penrice joined Hillside Public School and Middle Dural Public School captains to read scriptures in a moving ceremony. It was an honour for us to be part of this wonderful community event.

We are very excited about this year's event of the year, which is our Country Fair. We are sure to have a huge turn out this year as Glenorie Country Fair is on the same day as the local elections, which is the 8th September. If you are interested in holding a stall at this great event to sell your special wares or promote your business, just call the school on 96521237 and we can send or email you all the paper work for what is sure to be a very successful day.

We value the support of our families and our community partners. Thank you for making our school GREAT!

Middle Dural Public School Yolk's on the teachers at Easter Egg-stravaganza

The students of Middle Dural Public School took egg decorating to new egg-stremes during Easter festivities last term.

Their spegg-tacular efforts were showcased and judged at an Easter afternoon tea, which was well attended by parents, grandparents and friends. Mrs Mills and Mrs McLennan should have known better when they set cat-egg-ories like 'looks egg-sactly like my teacher' egg, which was bound to attract some unflattering entries. Humpty Dumpty bodies, cracked faces, stubby limbs and dodgy hairdos abounded. Will our teachers' self-images ever recover from such egg-scruciating blows?



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During this past month our children have continued exploring their many and varied interests, including chickens, goats, bees,

tadpoles, frogs and dinosaurs. Thank you to Chris Michael, Paul Udy and Amanda Truelove for taking the time to visit the centre, sharing their knowledge and for bringing such interesting animals and models for the children to see.

Vege & Sensory Garden

Our vegetable garden is developing well. Our beans are now flowering, our spinach is growing and the snow peas have already started to climb the fence. We have also commenced planting seeds for our sensory garden. So far we have planted Marigolds, Sage and Mint in our little eco pots. The Marigolds have started to sprout, so here is hoping the rest do too.

Easter Hat Parade

In the lead up to Easter, we were busy bunnies creating and making Easter eggs and Easter hats. We got to choose from crown, paper plate and foil designs and then decorate our hats with feathers, doilies, cut out shapes and Easter cupcake holders.

Hats completed, we made our very own Easter eggs to use in our Easter egg hunt. We practiced our science skills mixing up plaster and water, pouring the mixture into Easter egg moulds and then waiting patiently for them to set.

We then had great fun parading our hat creations, dancing with our friends and searching for and decorating our eggs.

The Tadpole Project

In the month of March we also investigated frogs and their life cycle. We set up a tank in the pre-school room and brought in some pet tadpoles. We watched as they developed through their life cycle. We even researched what the tadpoles like to eat and prepared food for them, ripping up a lettuce and boiling it down so it was nice and soft for the tadpoles to eat.

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Many Thanks Galston Community Bank®, Branch, Bendigo Bank for your ongoing support.

Me and My Girl - Dural Musical Society

Eddie Bruce, Dural Musical Society

For its first show of 2012, Dural Musical Society has chosen the delightful musical "Me and My Girl" with music by Noel Gay and book and lyrics by L. Arthur Rose and Douglas Furber. But wait... there's more - this musical comedy is even better than its original version courtesy of the face-lift that Stephen Fry gave it in 1985 through a revision of the book. He also had input from Mike Ockrent who was the director of the London revival.

"Me and My Girl" is a musical comedy set in England in the 1930's. An aristocratic family discover that a Cockney lad from Lambeth is the long lost heir to the title of Earl of Hareford. The Dutchess of Dene decides to work on converting Bill Snibson from his "common" ways to that of a gentleman so that the can meet the terms of the Will and inherit the title, however, she decides that his Cockney girlfriend Sally Smith is definitely not a suitable consort for the new earl and advises her to go back to Lambeth. The story develops around the differences between the upper and lower classes, and what it takes to become "accepted" by the aristocracy. This period musical may not be set in Downton Abbey, but it is set in Hareford Hall and some great songs including... The Lambeth Walk, Me and My Girl, Once You Lose Your Heart, and Leaning on a Lamppost.

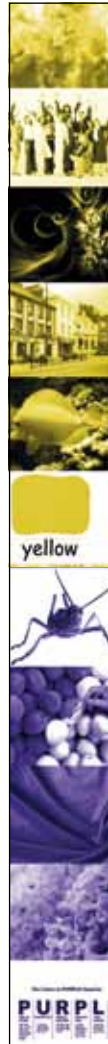
Direction is by Ben Wilson-Hill, a well known member of the DMS team whose recent credits include the roles of Daddy Warbucks in "Annie" and Detective Frank Coiffi in "Curtains". Musical Direction is by Jessica Wood with Kelvin Hui providing support as the Assistant MD. This pair are teaming up again, having combined successfully for the children's show "Wonder in Aliceland". Following her success with "Curtains" last year, Mandy Winter is back as Choreographer for this toe tapping musical.

New to the society, Silvan Rus travels from the city to rehearse the role of Bill Snibson, the heir to the title of Earl of Hareford. After their success in "Curtains", Stephanie Quaglia, Madelaine Dart and Deb Warren return to play Sally Smith, Lady Jacqueline Carstone, and the Duchess of Dene. Nicholas Gilbert returns to DMS to play the Hon. Gerald Bolingbroke. John Nawotka, Hector McLeod, Timothy Chivers, Paula Novella, Julie Pogue, Cheralee Heynes and Susan Catt round out the other aristocrats, with Dominic Woodward covering their legal affairs as Parchester, the family solicitor. The servants are under the control of Charles the Butler, portrayed by another DMS newcomer, Gus Gamas. The ensemble cover a range of roles including maids and footmen at Hareford Hall, and the various residents of Lambeth. Look out for a few cameo roles from some of the DMS stalwarts - Judy Clarke as Mrs Brown, and Andrew McLean and Julian Floriano as "ancestors".

Why not go out with your family and friends for an entertaining evening, or perhaps a Sunday matinee, and see "Me and My Girl" at the Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall. You may like to try our new Pre-Show Dining Package which includes a meal at 42 Bannerman Trattoria E Bar before the show, and your reserved seat for the performance. Based on feedback from patrons who took this option when it was first introduced for "Curtains" last year, you certainly won't regret it.

Performance Details - Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall, 604 Old Northern Rd, Dural (opposite Redfield College) **Evening Performance Dates:** 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 May at 8.00 p.m.
Matinee Performance Dates: 13, 20 May at 2.00 p.m. Adults: \$25, Children/Concessions: \$15.

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Glenorie Mission Church

Theoretically the life of a Christian should be an example to the rest of society, their character beyond reproach and their countenance reflecting the love of Christ. For many this has been the case. Missionaries have faced the grimmest perils to spread the good news without thought of themselves. Just governments have been established on Christian principles. Throughout history there have been Christians who have quietly lived lives of self sacrifice and been used by God. The closer they have walked with their Lord the more like him they have become.

However many Christians struggle to be the people they know they should be. There is selfishness, anger, greed and evidence of sin amongst those in the Church.

To those who have been put off Christianity or prevented from exploring its true meaning by the less than perfect actions or character of someone claiming to be a Christian, stop, wait a moment, come back and have another look. What has been obstructing you? Have you let the imperfections in a person, a group, or a particular church stop you seeing the perfect, sinless Jesus Christ and God's love manifest in him? Perhaps you have let your own faults prevent you from drawing near to Him, your own shortcomings, or your own failings. Don't worry, the Bible tells us there is no one righteous, no, not one. All our good deeds are as filthy rags before God. There is nothing we can do to make amends for our transgressions, no possible way in our own strength that we can get right with a Holy and perfect God.

We are all in the same predicament, Christians and non Christians alike. We are all flawed, selfish and sinful. We all suffer from the same frailties and weaknesses. The difference is that true Christians have accepted God's forgiveness through the death of His precious Son. We have been reconciled to God, not because we have deserved forgiveness but because we have by faith accepted his free gift.

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ." Romans 3:22-24.

Mothers Day Family Night

To celebrate Mothers Day the Team at Bunnings Dural are hosting a fabulous free night out for Mum & the kids.

On **Thursday 10th May from 6pm** the Team will host their Mothers Day Family Night at the Warehouse. Mum & the kids will be entertained by a fun puppet show pantomime & create a Mothers Day crafty gift together. Delicious nibbles & refreshments will be served & Mums will be in the running to win lucky door prizes.

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What's on at Dural Library

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Baby Bounce 11.00am-11.30am every Friday during school terms

Come along and share in nursery rhymes, action songs and fingerplays with your baby. Baby Bounce sessions are for 0-2 year olds and their carers. The library has a wide variety of items to borrow suitable for babies and toddlers such as board books, picture books and music CDs. FREE

Pre-school Storytime 10.30-11.00am every Thursday during school terms

These lively sessions are a great way to introduce preschoolers to a love of books.

The library has a wide variety of items to borrow suitable for children of all ages including picture books, early readers and book and CD kits. FREE

All held at DURAL LIBRARY, PELLITT LANE, DURAL. To find out what other events are being held at The Hills Shire Libraries go to www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library

Galston View Club

Members and friends of Galston VIEW Club, will meet at picturesque Berowra Waters on Friday 18th May, 2012 at 12 noon for a seafood lunch.

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Sun Shines on Show Jumpers at Arcadia Pony Club

April was the month for Show Jumping at Arcadia Pony Club with the Zone Equitation Championships and the Zone Show Jumping Championships held at Arcadia Pony Club.

"We are so incredibly fortunate to have purpose built equestrian grounds at the Rural Sports Facility" says Tony Fox, President of Arcadia Pony Club. "This coupled with the fact that over the last decade previous Arcadia Pony Club committees have made continuous investment in quality showjumping equipment just makes for the most pleasing sight when you look out over the grounds with all the colourful show jumps set up on perfectly mown green grass." We get comments like "wow the children feel like they are riding at the World Cup Showjumping qualifier not a Pony Club event".

Both the Zone Equitation and Zone Showjumping delivered opportunities for Arcadia Pony Club riders to shine with Champions awarded to Arcadia members in a majority of the classes and grades.

"We didn't set out to be a club known for Show Jumping as we want to produce good all round riders at Arcadia Pony Club, said Leanne Davies, Chief Instructor at Arcadia Pony Club but with the grounds, equipment, coaches and competitions we are able to hold every one of our members is showing high competency in Show Jumping which is translating into wins and placings at competitions."

"Introducing the Newcomers grade at Arcadia Pony Club, which is an Arcadia Pony Club specific entry level grade is giving the younger members an opportunity to learn show jumping skill in a safe manner over simple and small fences.

This way by the time they get to formal grading they have all the skills and control required to jump well and move up the grades. It's about building a good safe foundation in jumping to give them both confidence and competence". said Leanne.

To find out more about Arcadia Pony Club and upcoming competitions please visit <http://www.arcadiaponyclub.org.au>

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Crescent Reach Bush Care Group Field Day

The Crescent Reach Reserve Bush Care Group will be holding a field day on Sunday 6th May. The day will be centred around showcasing the values of Crescent Reach. This reserve is very important because of its significance for Aboriginal history, European history and flora and fauna. The field day will start at 10.30am in the South Maroota Community Hall on the corner of Paulls Rd and Wisemans Ferry Rd. There will be short but informative talks on Aboriginal, European and natural heritage, with a bring your own picnic lunch at 12 noon. This will be followed by a walk and talk at Crescent Reach looking at fauna and flora. The day should end at about 2pm.

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Both male and female pigs are suitable as pets. A mini pig will grow roughly 25-30kg – about the size of a kelpie and a bit rounder. They are a bit big to travel in your handbag! While they don't bark, they do make some characteristic snorting and squealing noises.

When you adopt them, they are usually already desexed and vaccinated. Pig vaccinations are done through piggery vets, who keep the vaccinations in stock. Desexing can be done at Galston Vet, all our vets have experience with desexing miniature pigs.

All mini pigs have a ring through their nose. Pigs have powerful snouts for "rooting" which means digging up your garden and making a huge mess – the ring prevents this behaviour.

Mostly pigs will graze on your lawn but need to be in an enclosed backyard or supervised. They can be fed a wide variety of grains, fruit and vegetables. All pigs in New South Wales MUST be fed a vegetarian diet for disease prevention.

Pigs are friendly and lovable. They can live inside with you and are easily toilet trained and lead trained. Our Galston Vet puppy school has had the first mini pig graduate recently and we hope to have more!

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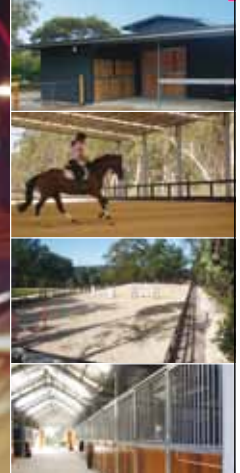


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Open Gardens at Galston and Glenorie



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This is a unique park-like garden of 5 acres set around four lakes, with paths wandering off in all directions. It is really a Botanical Garden containing a very wide range of trees and shrubs, including camellias, conifers, maples and many other deciduous trees. Beneath the trees are hundreds of succulents, bromeliads, begonias, ferns and other ground covers. The garden is often used as the setting to film segments for the Better Homes and Gardens TV program. It is continually evolving with lots of new things to see, including new bridges and other garden features. Every season is different at Elegans and it will give you lots of ideas on how to use foliage colour and texture in your own garden.

Bring your own picnic lunch and spend a relaxing hour or two wandering around this beautiful environment. Light refreshments are available. Proceeds go to the Galston Community Health and Resource Centre.

Open 10 am to 4.30 pm on both days. Admission \$7, under 18 years free.

Also open on the same days is L'Hirondelle, 25 Harrison's Lane, Glenorie which has a delightfully relaxed feel with a wide range of plants including many roses and perennials. Proceeds will go to the Fragile X Association.

Glenorie Progress Association Meeting 12th April, 2012

1. Concern expressed at the increase in vandalism and unsociable behaviour in area. There have been several incidences of people damaging and stealing plantings throughout the village. The particular target seems to be the "Summer Reds" planted along Old Northern Rd. The replacement of these is very expensive. The Councils and Police have been informed and security methods are being explored. Damage to the Memorial Hall and associated facilities has further created unnecessary expense. Residents are reminded that many of the plantings and the Memorial Hall are maintained by a small group of volunteers, in particular Mr. Ray Whiteman. If residents observe anything happening this should be reported to the Police and to Community members so that the perpetrators can be brought to justice. Graffiti is on the increase. Parents are asked to try and control their teenagers if they are aware that they may be involved in any of the acts of vandalism. Remember, as parents, you are responsible for the actions of your children.

2. Approaches are being made to The Hills Shire Council to move the 'crossing' across Post Office Rd. near corner with Old Northern Rd. As it is at present the "crossing" is unmarked and very dangerous as cars tuning from Old Northern Rd. often do

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Galston Open Gardens

Galston Garden Club will be holding its Open Gardens Weekend on Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October, 2012.

Ten outstanding gardens, many on acreage, will be open 9.30am to 4.30pm on each day. Morning and afternoon teas will be available in some gardens. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch or to visit one of the local clubs and cafes, including Nursery cafes, for lunch. This is a great chance to enjoy a relaxing and uplifting day wandering around some of the most beautiful gardens in Sydney.

Please note that this year we will NOT be offering a pre-booked package on the Friday. We will operate on a pay as you go basis on ALL three days, with a price of \$5 for individual gardens, or a \$20 ticket for all gardens.

Detailed brochures showing the garden locations with a map, plus information on eating locations will be available in August. These will be widely distributed and will be on the website www.galstongardenclub.com.au.

If you would like to receive an email reminder later in the year, or would like the map brochure posted to you, please send a brief note to galstongarden@hotmail.com, write to PO Box 163, Galston 2159.

All the workers for this event are unpaid volunteers, and all profits are distributed to a wide range of charities.

Hoping to see you later in the year!

Cumberland Orchid Circle inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 23rd May 2012 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. Our guest speaker for May is Peter Stubbs. Peter is qualified with the Orchids Society of NSW as an orchid judge. He will be talking to members about orchid judging and explaining what orchid judges are looking for when they judge orchids. This should be particularly interesting for new and novice members as they prepare their plants for the upcoming show and display season.

Our first orchid display is on Thursday 7th June till Saturday 11th June inclusive at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre and members will be on hand during shopping hours to answer questions from the public about orchids and growing problems as well as demonstrations of breaking up and repotting orchids.

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.

Visitors & new members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Circle's secretary on 0412 982 830.

May Gardening

Autumn Colour

Deciduous plants drop their leaves when conditions are unfavourable. And the largest group of deciduous plants are those that lose their leaves for winter. This is a survival mechanism that helps get the plant through the tough, cold part of the year.

Before the leaves fall, the chlorophyll, the greening substance in the plant, withdraws from the leaf and allows the other colours to show through. This is why autumn leaves can be red, orange, yellow, brown, pink and all those other related shades. The intensity of autumn colour will be even deeper if the plant is under some stress. Cool, dry weather produces the best autumn colour.



If you want to have more autumn colour in your garden, take a walk around the neighbourhood in autumn and see which trees put on the best show. Japanese maples and crepe myrtles are suitable and reliable in smaller gardens. Ash trees, ginkgo, liquidambar and tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*), which all need a bit more space, will also produce a beautiful display.

Here are some autumn-colouring favourites:

- Ornamental pears - There are many cultivars that range from round-headed shade trees to upright-growing statement makers. Pears are tolerant to varying conditions and mostly produce a spring show of blossom that rivals the autumn display.
- Chinese pistachio is related to the well known nut tree. Its divided leaflets are glossy green during summer and change to satisfying shades of red in autumn.
- Crabapples are usually grown for their spring flowers, but their ability to produce autumn colour shouldn't be overlooked. The leaves of the popular Bechtel crabapple, *Malus ioensis* 'Plena', turn shades of red and orange in autumn.
- Golden ash is a good-sized shade tree with yellow autumn foliage and fascinating yellow bark that is studded with dark buds in winter. Once established, this tree has reasonable drought tolerance.
- Cercis 'Forest Pansy' is a fashionable favourite with heart shaped leaves that stay a rich purple for most of the growing season, then turn orange and yellow as winter approaches.

And if you don't have room for a tree, there's still the opportunity to grow an autumn colouring shrub or climber.

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Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch,

Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch will be holding their next meeting on Friday, 11th May, 2012, in The Tribute Room, Level 1, Castle Grand, Castle Hill Library Building, from 9.30a.m. until 11.00a.m. New members are always welcome.

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by Jutta Hamilton

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Where to find them? Your local Council Nursery is a great resource for local native plants.

To get you started, try looking for these....

Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*) is a graceful upright grass to 1m with brown, purplish flowers. It is a tough species that can grow easily in clay or sandy soils. See photo.

Barbed -Wire grass (*Cymbopogon reflectus*) has unusual twisted flower spikes and grows in most soils and even rocky areas.

Tufted Hedgehog Grass (*Echinopogon caespitosus*) is a smaller growing grass with dense bristly flower heads.

Weeping Meadow grass (*Microleana stipoides*) is another smaller grass. It prefers damp and shady positions and has an attractive weeping habit.

Stout Bamboo Grass (*Stipa ramosissima*) immediately attracts attention. It grows up to 2m height in cane like clumps.

The Common Rush (*Juncus usitatus*) is great in wet areas and near ponds.

Mat Rush (*Lomandra longifolia*) is a versatile and popular near pool and pond and effective on retaining walls and banks.

Native pastures offer a variety of benefits. They can be habitat for endangered flora and fauna, they are well adapted to the variable Australian climate, they have low maintenance requirements and provide a good source of drought feed. They may be the "healthy" alternative to your horse's diet.

Still Creek Landcare is organising a Native Grasses Workshop very soon, so keep a lookout in the local media or on StillCreekLandcare.com.au for the dates and booking information. Contact us by emailing StillCreekLandcare@iinet.net.au or phone Nick on 9653 2056. Look us up on our Website or find us on Facebook.

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not give way to pedestrians who might be crossing.

3. The Hills Shire Council and the RMA are being approached with the respect to the deterioration of Old Northern Rd. after the heavy rain in the past weeks. Council has been collecting levies from each tonne of sand transported from area this money should be used for upgrade and improvement of OPlD Northern Rd.

4. The Memorial Hall turns 80 in February, 2013. The Hall Committee is seeking suggestions as to ways this might be celebrated. Suggestions should be directed to the hall committee through PO Box 240, Glenorie P.O.

Residents are cordially invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Association. They are held at the Glenorie RSL at 730 pm on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 10th May, 2012 or contact Rick Sculthorpe on 9652-1637.

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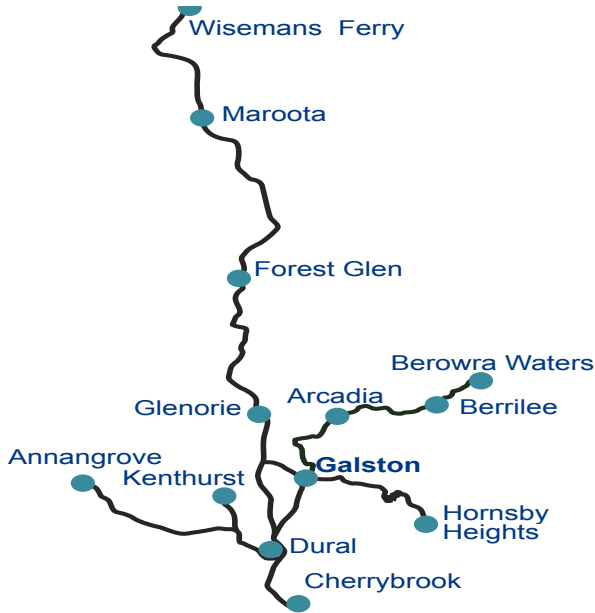
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Hills Shire Garden Club - Meetings held at 1pm at Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill. Enq. 9624 5034.

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

The Hills Troifeil Guild (Guides NSW) meet at 10am 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 9654 3790 A/H.

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, Hornsby Heights. www.hk4wd.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 - Visitors are welcome, we meet at 10am on the 3rd Thursday of each month at The Galston Club. Its a mixed club for retired and semi-retired people who enjoy friendship, interesting speakers and group outings. Visitors are always welcome, so don't be lonely, come along. Contact 9653 1004.

Rotary Club of Galston meets every Tuesday at The Galston Club at 6.30 for 7pm. New members welcomed. Contact Alan 9653 3062. www.galstonrotary.org.au

Rowland Village Workshop Club Is pleased to invite members of the wider community to join their club and use the facilities. Call Michael Bell 9653 1365.

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 Isabelle 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.

CHURCHES

Galston Uniting Church - Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUJA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.30-7.00pm. CRAFT group Thursday evenings of the school term from 7.00 to 10.00pm. 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.

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 Tuesday 7.30pm Prayer Group. Contact Minister PR Roger Vince 0405 141 329.

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.

Glenorie Mission Church - Sunday School 9am, Sunday Service 10.15am, Girls Brigade Tuesdays at 6.30pm. 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 9652 1203.

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

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. Ring9653 1250 or 9489 3739 to speak to one of our trained coaches.

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 BBQ'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 efi86029@bigpond.net.au or phone 0412 230 328 or visit our website <http://dural.rugby.net.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 Equestrian Club - New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at the Rural Sports Facility Centre off 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 Enquiries to Carol Dollar on 9652-2553 or 0477 180-484, or visit the website <http://www.isport.australis.net.au/netball/hills/hgchome.cl?PT=&C=GAL>

Hills AUSS 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 Caroline Payton - 0414 224 529.

Hills Hawks Softball Club Registration forms can be downloaded from our website and sent by post. Please contact Michael on 0414 320 907, or visit our website at <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, phone 9653 1709.

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 per hour. Please contact Hillside Public School on 9652 1459 for further details.

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