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To minimise traffic disruptions, RMS will carry out this work from 7am to 6pm between Mondays and Fridays and on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, except on Sundays and public holidays, weather permitting.

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean said the work will commence on Monday 14 April and will continue until October 2014. "This work will include; installing traffic lights, road widening, providing an additional northbound through lane, removing the southbound left turn lane to allow for two southbound through lanes at the intersections, relocating an existing retaining wall ; installing a northbound bus stop, drainage, signage and landscaping," Mr Kean said.

RMS crews will also complete night works from 8pm to 5am between Monday 14 April and Thursday 17 April and between Tuesday 29 April and Saturday 3 May. The night work will include tree removal and installing barriers. Prior to these road improvement works, a temporary site compound will be set up near the intersection.

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Hornsby Shire hosted one of the very first ANZAC Day services in 1916, but unfortunately we have no photos of it.

Nor do we have any photos from the many services that have happened since then, except for the most recent ceremonies.

That's why we need your help.

If you have any photos of ANZAC Day marches or ceremonies, please email [ncook@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ncook@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) so we have a permanent record of these important historic events.

We'd especially like photos of the 1916 service, when Hornsby railway workers organised a trans-Tasman ceremony with members of the Petone railway workshop in New Zealand.

We have images of the Kiwi service (pictured), but none of its Aussie counterpart.

So if you have photos of an ANZAC march or ceremony in Hornsby Shire – whether they're from 1916 or 2006 or anywhere in between – email Nick Cook at Hornsby Shire Conci at

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## Inaugural Galston Gut Buster a Success

A misty Sunday morning saw 159 runners gather for the inaugural Galston Gut Buster, at 6.30am before the sun had even risen over the picturesque Berowra Valley National Park.



There was a minor hiccup when the runners for the 20-kilometre race took off in the wrong direction, but that was soon corrected and both the 20-kilometre and eight-kilometre races went smoothly.

“There’s nothing better than seeing an event Council has supported achieve such success in its first year,” Hornsby Mayor Steve Russell said after presenting the winners of the 20-kilometre race.

“All the indications are that this will continue to grow into a very major event. “It’s already attracting international athletes, such as American ultra runner Dakota Jones who stopped by on his way to Victoria and set a blistering pace.

The winners of the 20-kilometre race were:

- Men – Dakota Jones (1:28:17)
- Women – Suzi Heaton (1:52:20)
- Juniors – Cameron Luksich (1:51:20)

The winners of the eight-kilometre race were:

- Men – Andrew Tuckey (42:09)
- Women – Jess Smillie (1:02:25)
- Juniors – Harrison Wood (56:09)

The team categories were particularly hard fought, with the Berowra Bush Runners taking out the top prize in the 20-kilometre race thanks largely to the strategic selection of Eric Burgess who came third overall.

In the eight-kilometre race it was very close between the Guttered Busters and the Joyous Weasels of Death, with the Busters coming out on top.

Race directors Antony Bowesman and Greg Lees couldn’t be happier with the way the event went off.

“There was a great vibe after the race with people comparing notes and cheering other runners across the line,” Antony said.

“We’d like to thank all those who helped make the race a success and look forward to 2015, when we hope to build on this year’s success and bring all the runners back to have another go in the second Galston Gut Buster.”

### Lorpen Lopers

“Lorpen Lopers”, sponsored by local Dural business Sherpa, took part in the inaugural Galston Gut Buster trail run. Ten team members ran the 8km Steele Resolve track, while four completed the gruelling 20km Gut Buster.





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## Hills Rotaract Club

by Chloe Paton

Have you just started university or work? Are looking for your own way to start changing the world? Then Rotaract is a great way to start! The Hills area is very fortunate to have its own club up and running!

This year Rotary and Rotaract members have something great to look forward to in the International Rotary Convention. This is one of the biggest events to hit Sydney this year. Past conventions have included such noted speakers as Bill Gates. Rotaract members also have the chance to be involved in some great pre-convention events.

The Hills Rotaract Club, formed last year, provides young adults in the 18-30 year-old bracket with a great avenue to participate in leadership activities and help the community through charity projects.

In August last year, the club celebrated its official club charter night at the Castle Hill Country Club. Club members were most fortunate to be joined by the Federal MP for Mitchell, Mr Alex Hawke, members from the Glenhaven, Hills-Kellyville, Rouse Hill, Kenthurst and Norwest-Sunrise Rotary clubs, and members from the Lower North Shore, Macquarie University, and Crosslands Rotaract clubs.

For those of you wondering, what is Rotaract, it is "a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create positive change in their local communities and around the world." "Rotaract provides unique opportunities that assist its members in becoming business and professional leaders of tomorrow. Sponsored by Rotary International, Rotaract Clubs across Australia are part of a worldwide organisation of 210,000 individuals in 9,100 clubs covering 170 countries."

Having a Rotaract club in the Hills area provides a great opportunity for youth in the area to take the initiative in

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The achievements of Business and Community members were celebrated through out the evening. There were eleven recipients of the awards, all of whom were delighted to be recognised by the Rotary Club. Club President Harley Newham presented the awards and

said that our community was the winner by having such wonderful people giving the best to benefit those around them. Gaye Wheatley, the Vocational Service Director, said that it is a pleasure to organise such a special evening which pays tribute to those in the community who give their best to their work or organisation.

Entertainment for the Gala evening was generously provided by George Vumbacca who sang great classics complementing the Hollywood theme! The Rotary Club of Galston meets every Tuesday evening at the Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Road Galston 6:30 - 7pm. Call Peter Ainscow 0419 011 750 if you would like to know more about the club.



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All the dishes for our lunch will include Garlic. There are many recipes for pickles, dips, soups, salads and main courses which feature Garlic, but no-one has found one for a dessert!

Lunch will be followed by our business meeting.

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

We are always happy to receive wool and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting.

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## The Hills District VIEW Club

### Notice for 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The Hills District VIEW Club's next social function will be at on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Join us for our Rainbow Fashions Show at the Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston at 10.00 am.

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

### Notice for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May the Hills District VIEW Club will meet at 10am at the Dural Country Club for our monthly meeting. Cost is \$6 which includes morning tea; following the meeting, lunch is available at your own cost.

Our guest speaker will be Sheila Brunn who will speak to us about her time spent in the Changi Prisoner of War camp.

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## Dural Galston Probus Club

Dural Galston Probus Club will hold it's next meeting at 10am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. Claude Bennie will tell us about the Story of Arnotts Biscuits. Visitors welcome. Contact Anne 9653 1004.





## Red Shield Appeal

The Rotary Club of Galston has organised the Red Shield Appeal collection in the Galston and Arcadia area for over 25 years. This year the Appeal is being held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

We can offer a number of opportunities to collect – soccer at The Galston Oval on the Saturday, both sides of the ferries at Berowra, Wisemans and Webbs Creek on both Saturday and Sunday and other locations where people gather, such as shopping centres, as well as the traditional door knocking.

We are looking for volunteers to spend two or three hours collecting to help the Salvos continue helping those in need in our community. Over the years we have been very grateful for the support given by students from the Galston High School, Northholm Grammar School and other high schools and drivers are needed transport them.

We are also very grateful to The Galston Club which has hosted the collectors for many years.

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## The Kindness of Strangers

By Anita Horan  
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I arrived home from my 20 minute outing wearing my tight gym leggings, 'I love peace' singlet top and carrying my camera plus a gorgeous bunch of flowers. My husband raised one eyebrow and asked where I got the flowers. "Oh you don't need to know", I teased. "Maria, an older Italian woman gave them to me" to which he replied with a smirk "likely story".



*Maria's flowers*

To take you back a few steps, you may have read my stories over the past two years and know I am a Glenorie resident and a professional photographer. I have been photographing families for years but recently I have been working on a photographic essay on Glenorie. I am building a library of 'Gorgeous Glenorie' images. So far I have owls, kookaburras, cockatoos, sunsets, sunrises, autumn trees, mushrooms and have just made my way onto flowers. How can you have a photo essay on Glenorie without flowers?



*This owl visited my Glenorie home*

I took my camera for a walk down my street and noticed some large pink flowers in someone's yard, so I knocked on the door and asked the owner, Maria if I could photograph them. She was happy to oblige and accompanied me as I documented her spectacular floral garden, the likes of which I have never seen before.

While I snapped a bee collecting pollen, Maria told me a little about her life as she cut some flower heads from the plants. As I finished, she gave me the most beautiful bouquet. I invited her for lunch and promised to give her some prints of her flowers. As I continued on my walk, I passed a neighbour's work shed and the strong smell of fermenting red grapes called me over. An older Italian man pulled heavily on a large lever to crush grapes, the juice would soon be poured into giant oversized wine bottles. I also managed to capture his image, with his permission of course. Then as I kept wandering I saw mushrooms growing and a mini moss covered waterfall, all in my street. I see beauty everywhere.

I am hoping that some of the businesses in the local area will contact me offering to sell my images through their stores; as prints, canvases or greeting cards. If you would like to preview a few of my 'Gorgeous Glenorie' photographs, please visit my Facebook page. I really think that my images will be a great keepsake for locals as well as the many tourists who come to visit our excellent markets and bakery.

I have lived in my street for three years and have never before crossed paths with Maria. What an inspiring interaction and the bouquet is a perfect reminder of the kindness of strangers.

### Eastbend - Notice of Meeting

A quarterly meeting of Eastbend Rural Communications will be held at the Maroota Public School Resource Centre, 4540 Old Northern Road, at 1.30pm on Monday 19th May. If you have any items of local interest that you would like to discuss please come along to the meeting or contact the Secretary, Pat Schwartz, on [deblacko7@hotmail.com](mailto:deblacko7@hotmail.com) or 9652-1276, or Tessa Corkill, on [2archaics@gmail.com](mailto:2archaics@gmail.com) or 9652-1470. As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting starts. We look forward to seeing you there!



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As an example for the same dollars spent we might save a young child’s life or extend life by a few months for an older person? This might appear to be an easy decision but is clouded by the political pressure of lobby groups and the financial pressure of the major pharmaceutical companies intent on maximising profits.

Cancer is a very personal disease as the recent ABC Four Corners cancer program “Buying Time” highlighted. Some expensive PBS cancer medications on average may only extend survival for a few months but are welcomed by patients if the side effects are acceptable.

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### Letter to the Editor

All responses to the “Cancer the Dragon and You” column are most welcome including the response from Professor Michael Bilous to the March column about Breast and Prostate Cancer Screening which was printed in the April Edition. We exchanged quite a few emails subsequent to the one which was printed about the Canadian Breast Cancer Study. His sincerity and commitment in upholding the existing Mammogram Screening program is understandable.

The global debate about the benefits versus the risks associated with Mammogram Screening programs is ongoing with the more current independent publications not supporting Mammogram Screening.

As recently as April 2014 a further American Review paper was printed in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) “Stop- One- Size-Fits –All Mammography” by Lydia Pace, MD, MPH, and Nancy Keating, MD, MPH, both from Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. One conclusion was that that testing needed to be individualised .The pair evaluated nearly 450 scientific articles from 1960 to 2014 for evidence on the mortality benefit and chief harms of mammography screening. After pouring over clinical trials, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and observational studies, they concluded **“that the mortality benefit of mammography is modest and the risks of harm from screening are significant.**

***This mix means that clinicians must focus on promoting informed screening decisions.”***

The debate will continue for some time but ultimately women need to be better informed about both sides of the Mammogram Screening debate.

John Hackett



## Letter to the Editor

I was pleased to read in the April edition a comment on the regular "opinion piece" entitled Cancer the Dragon and You.

I have been seeing this column for many months now, and have always felt disquiet at the very negative picture it paints of diagnosis and treatment of cancers by our traditionally practising medical professionals. I have always felt it a shame to encourage mistrust, even paranoid attitudes, by implying that many doctors wilfully mislead their patients, holding "vested interests" which can lead to them keeping the best possible treatment from their patients.

My (fairly long) life's experience has shown me that doctors and scientists are by and large intelligent and well motivated people, possibly not perfect (who is?) but generally keen to keep abreast of current research, to ensure that our diagnoses, treatment and prognoses all continue to improve, as indeed they do John Hackett should direct our readers to look at the statistics.

I agree that these opinion pieces can only arouse "anxiety and concern".

*Carole Stannard  
Glenorie*

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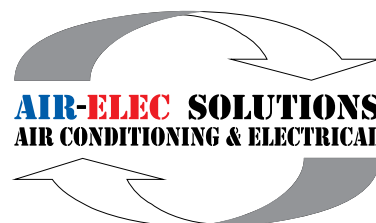
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Pass it on to your neighbours and friends so they can say **NO** to the subdivision of South Dural and join the many hundreds who have already signed.

***More details overleaf...***

## ***Say 'NO' to this vandalism otherwise the developers win – and you lose.***

It has now reached a point where Hornsby Council **without community consultation** has and in almost total secrecy **approved the progression of a proposal to rezone the 240 hectare South Dural rural site** bounded by Old Northern, New Line and Hastings Roads. The proposal seeks to subdivide this rural area into a **3,000 dwelling** development. The subdivision **includes 3 and 5 story multi-unit buildings**.

This latest attempt at rezoning of this rural land to urban has been rejected on many and every past occasion by both previous Hornsby Councils and the appropriate State Govt. authority at the time.

## ***Your area could be next to fall to the greedy developers.***

Whilst **Cherrybrook** residents would be most affected by the South Dural development, the effect on residents in **Pennant Hills, Round Corner Dural, Dural, Middle Dural, Galston, Arcadia, Glenorie, Fiddletown, Berrilee and even Hornsby Heights** cannot be understated with the additional traffic on New Line, Boundary and Hastings Roads creating an even bigger nightmare than that which currently exists. According to the RTA in 2007 this would equate to an additional 27000 vehicle movements per day on these roads.

## ***Whose side is the Hornsby Council on? Yours or the developers?***

The loss of South Dural to subdivision will be the beginning of the end of what is left of Sydney's rural lands. Hornsby Council is even considering the rezoning of lands to the North. **The beautiful landscape** that this area offers will be lost to the people of Sydney and future generations if this subdivision proceeds.

Your support for our petition is urgently sought and is vitally important if we have any hope at all in **defeating the ongoing goal of rapacious developers and speculators and a current Council which appears to support them**. This is without any prior consultation or communication with the thousands of Shire residents who will be adversely affected.

## ***Our only chance of success is if we have sufficient numbers.***

## ***Please sign the petition urgently otherwise it will be too late.***

If you would like to have your say on this matter but do not have access to an on-line facility, please feel free to call on 9651 1117 or 0403 076175 and we will arrange to provide you and others in similar circumstances with a petition form, that we can relay to Hornsby Council and the State Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

All you need to provide on this petition form is your name, signature and postcode.

Dennis Merchant OAM,  
President, SARALPT  
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Other types of citrus available include Limes, Kaffir Limes, Lemons, Navel Oranges and Cumquats. Our shed is full of produce such as honey, jams, chutneys, condiments (lime salt, lime sugar etc) and infused oils and vinegars for cooking along with many other supplies.

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## Urinetown, The Musical

I think it was Shakespeare who penned the phrase "What's in a name?". Well, if he were alive today, he'd be rushing off to Dural Musical Society's production of "Urinetown: the Musical" to find the answer. Whilst the title of this three time Tony Award winning musical may be a little 'off-putting', you can guarantee that this show will deliver a night of good clean satirical fun and music you'll be humming as you leave the theatre.

At DMS, rehearsals are in full swing for their May production which is set in a futuristic city plagued by a 20-year drought, where water has become so scarce that private toilets have become outlawed. At the mercy of a single corporation who has a monopoly on the town's public amenities, citizens must pay extortionate fees to carry out their most private and basic of needs. "Urinetown: the Musical" sees us in one of the poorest neighbourhoods of town where, out of the poverty, a hero rises to lead his fellow citizens against the tyrannical regime.

With Direction by Eddie Bruce, Choreography by Kate O'Neill, and Musical Direction by Leo Dent, this 2001 Broadway musical hit from Greg Kotis and Mark Hollman is sure to have you tapping your feet. This production team has pulled together a cast which provides a great mix of old and new members of the Society. Our hero and heroine, Nicholas Gilbert and Stephanie Quaglia team with another well known regular in Brendon Dart who plays the corporate mogul whose only interest is the accumulation of money and more money. Look out for Cheralee Heynes in her first major role with DMS, and also the interesting duo of Andrew McLean and Reich Webber-Montenegro. Add to the mix a range of interesting cameos from Julian Floriano, Ben Freeman, Keira Glasgow-McLean, Laura Murdocca, Gus Lamas, Ian McLean, and Marvyn Lenders and you'll understand that it is a show "not to be missed".

Was it Shakespeare that also said "to pee, or not to pee, that is the question" - sounds like him doesn't it. If you'd like to find out the answer, get on to the DMS booking agency and reserve your seats for "Urinetown, the Musical" which runs from May 16th through to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. Ticket details and further information is available from our website, [www.duralmusicalsociety.org](http://www.duralmusicalsociety.org).

### Performance Details

DMS perform at the Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall, 604 Old Northern Rd, Dural (opposite Redfield College)

**Evening Performance Dates:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> @ 8pm

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## Hills Probus Friendship Day

Seventy five members representing 13 Probud Clubs attended a Friendship Day at Living Choice Retirement Village at Glenhaven, which was organised by the Round Corner Probud Club.

The retiring President Graham Ascough said, "The purpose of the Friendship Day was to look at ways to support groups in the Hills District and to share ideas."

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From humble beginnings in May, 2010, the market has now grown into a monthly feature of the local calendar, and its appeal is growing as more Sydneysiders discover the beauty and charm of our district, the opportunity to buy locally grown and produced food and drink, and to spend time chatting to the friendly stallholders.

The market offers a huge range of goods to sample and buy, and also offers the local artists and crafters a venue to show off their skills and talents. There's definitely something for everyone!

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## The Hills Shire Seniors Expo

Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees, were part of The Hills Shire Seniors Expo held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Baulkham Heights.

The President Mrs. Lauris Rennie was assisted by two committee members on the Trade/ Information Table. To provide and distribute information as well, as answering question on the Association. The Branch provides a range of information by engaging guest speakers on topics related to retirement, finance, and other related subjects for self and part funded retirees.

Our Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month commence at 10am, Pennant Hills Bowling Club, Yarrara Rd., Pennant Hills.

More information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Lauris Rennie on 96341186



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## Galston VIEW Club 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

The Galston VIEW Club celebrated its 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Dural Country Club. Our ladies were elegantly dressed in black and white, which was our theme for the day, and we were entertained by singer Kristy Lee.



*Cutting of the cake by National Zone Counsellor, Janette Cassidy and Zone Counsellor, Marion King.*

It was a wonderful day to support the Smith Family and its Learning for Life program.

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

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees' committee is looking forward to provide members and especially new members with a variety of interesting guest speakers throughout the year. The guest speaker for May will be Michael Holmes from Patterson's Stock Brokers

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014. Meeting commences at 10am.**

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## Dural and District Historical Society. Foster's Waterhole, Galston.

Margaret McKinley.

Foster's Waterhole featured very highly in the social and recreational life of the district in previous years before swimming pools became common place. It is a very deep part of Colah Creek, situated at the end of Thomas Rd. Galston. It is also accessed from Edwards Rd, off Old Northern Rd, where there is a Public Dedicated Recreational Reserve adjacent to the creek.



Large Angophora tree at Galston Aquatic Centre, which has now been taken down for safety reasons

There are records of a swimming club that operated there over a hundred and fifteen years ago. In the "Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate" of March 1898, (via trove.nla.gov.au) there is a report from Galston; "On Saturday the last carnival of the season was held at Foster's waterhole, when some fairly good sport was enjoyed by a moderate crowd. Mr. Whewland proved an efficient starter, handicapper and general M.C.

Mr. W.H. Griffiths acted as Judge. The results were as follows; 120 yards, A.Trethowan 1, Henstock 2; 25 yards, boys L Griffiths 1, V. Flarey 2; 80 yards, E.Trethowan 1, W.Adams 2; 40 yards, E.Trethowan 1, A.Trethowan 2. Long Dive, V.Flarey 1, W. Flarey 2. The last item was a tug-of-war, after which prizes were distributed"

There is also another report in the same newspaper of December, 1904 "A swimming club has been formed here (Galston) which at present bids fair for a longer existence than the last, viz. the old Pioneer Swimming Club. The members held a half days sport last Saturday in what is known as Foster's Waterhole, a magnificent sheet of water well adapted for such purpose. The events comprised racing, diving, duck hunt, etc"

In the early 1960's Kenthurst Literary Institute put in a swimming pool on their land adjacent to their Hall. The late June Roughley (who was the founder of the Dural Historical Society) was instrumental in getting this project in operation for members. The Pool was also used in January for the "Learn to Swim" campaign, and many children took part in this. A few years later, the Harris family offered their pool at "Stonlea" (now the site of Mountain View Retirement Village) for the local children to "Learn to Swim"


Then in October, 1969, Hornsby Council opened the Galston Aquatic Centre, opposite to where the Galston High School is now, and all the swimmers of the district have every opportunity to swim all the round in the heated pool. A huge Angophora tree graced the lawn beside the pool, but it has now been taken down for safety reasons.

**Our Historical Society is organising a Fund Raising Lunch for Saturday, 24th May, at History Cottage at 12 pm. All welcome. Tickets, \$30 each, available from Margaret McKinley at 9651-1495**



# Garden Harvest

By Mary at Heritage Haven



After a week of rainy squalls the sun is out and my senses are enticed by the damp earth to the herbal mingling of lavender flowers and the scent of nearby lemon eucalypts. Wrens are noisily exploring the rosemary bushes for breakfast. Insects are plentiful, but perhaps the small birds are also enjoying the delight of a mild breeze beneath their wings. Chirping voices echo their progress across the front garden to more flowering rosemary bushes. Food is definitely a high priority!

My fingers are distracted as I reach for a spray of rosemary, still damp from the morning rain, yet also tacky with its inherent fragrant oils. The decision is easy: tonight, there must be rosemary foccacia, served warm, straight from the oven ... brushed with olive oil and sprinkled with sea salt. Accompanied by a glowing, butternut pumpkin soup, dinner will be a golden harvest to remember.

My eyes drift down to avoid tripping over a terracotta bowl and discover a mound of Apple-scented geraniums. A cause for celebration ... the velvety leaves, petite and ruffled, have cascaded into the surrounding paving to form a delicate, mass of sturdy plantlings, laced with tiny, snowflake-white blooms. Potting up these cuttings into some "ready-to-go" peat pots and adding water will be an autumnal pleasure. In about four weeks time this overlooked garden of frilled petticoats should be rooted and serenely dancing on the window ledge. Such a delightful discovery and a wonderful excuse for me to dally further in the garden.

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**Applications close 30 May, 2014.**

### Galston Village Pharmacy

Galston Village Pharmacy, held an Easter raffle to raise money for the Galston community health centre. Our raffle was well supported by our customers and the local community. We raised \$294.00 which the community centre will use for the upkeep of the community bus. Thanks to all who supported the cause.



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The brigade has attended several Motor Vehicle accidents during the last 2 months, a reminder that wet roads can be very dangerous. We take this opportunity to pass on our condolences to the family and friends of Signora Lo Grasso and to the Glenorie school community. Signora taught many members of the brigade during their time at Glenorie public school. She was a much loved teacher who will be sadly missed by the Glenorie community.

We have also attended a few illegal pile burns. It is important to check the rules before you light that pile. Building materials and other general rubbish are not suitable to be burned as the smoke they produce can be very dangerous both to you and your neighbours. For detailed information on pile burns please come and chat to brigade members at the Glenorie Growers market, call the brigade or your local RFS district office or check the RFS website. (Details below)

It was a very special birthday this year for one of the brigade's favourite girls. Erin Lloyd celebrated turning 17 with her brigade family in April. Erin was at the opening of our 'new' station when she was just 3 weeks old and has been involved in brigade life all her life and continues as an active member having just completed her Village Firefighter training. Congratulations Erin and thank you for allowing us all to celebrate with you.

10 members of the brigade completed their Advanced resuscitation course at the station. Most members are First aid qualified but as we carry O2 and AEDs several members take the next step in first aid training to be qualified for their use.

3 new members have just completed their Bush Fire Fighter training and are now ready for their first fire call. Congratulations to Steve Rowe, Tyler Warren and Matthew McDowell (see photo). They are all now assisting the next round of recruits who will be doing their training in August.



All our additional events and training are catered for by the brigades own catering team. Many thanks to Gaynor Derriman and Alison Caruana who may not wish to be on the fire ground but 'do their bit' by making sure the crews are well fed, which is a reminder that there is something for everyone to do in the Rural Fire Brigade.

For more information about joining the brigade and other fire related information please don't hesitate to call the station 9652 2017, leave a message someone will get back to you, visit the brigade stand at the Glenorie Growers market, 4th Sunday of the month in the grounds of Glenorie RSL, call your local RFS District office The Hills 9654 1244, Hornsby 9883 2000 or check the RFS website [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au).



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## Hornsby Police news

Incident: High range drink driving charge  
Time/Date: About 11.30pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Place: Old Northern Road, Glenorie  
Vehicle 1: Toyota 4x4  
Driver 1: 52 year old male

Details: The man had been to a party and started to moved his car, in the process he became bogged on the grass verge. Police have attended and a road side breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .186. The man had his licence suspended by police and he was charged.

Court: The man is to face Hornsby Local court on the 1st of May charged with Driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol.

Incident: Break Enter & Steal  
Time/Date: Between 10am and 9.20pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Place: Carters road, Dural.

Details: Person/s unknown have forced entry into the home, a large amount of jewellery was taken including a Rolex watch. A floor safe was ripped from its mountings and thrown into the rear yard. The alarm on the home had been tampered with.

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

### Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith.

The 2014 Royal Easter Show brought both country and metropolitan exhibitors together to compete for the coveted **Grand Champion Trophy**, which was awarded to Hills Branch member **James Mathews**. **James was also awarded the Reserve Grand Champion Award**, with both birds being Grey Green Cinnamonwing Variety.

( Photograph attached ). Nearly three hundred budgerigars were exhibited, which kept officials busy answering the many enquiries, along with exhausting supplies of printed material. This year coincided with the completion of the school term and official school excursions spent time at the avian exhibits which appeared to have a bird of interest for everyone.



*Grand Champion Budgerigar owned by James Matthews.*

Junior Exhibits increased this year, including budgerigars exhibited by Hills Area residents Jade and Kimberly Oldham, of Maroota. ( Photograph attached ).

During the time the avian exhibits were on display, official photographers from the Royal Agriculture Society and the Budgerigar Society of NSW were kept busy photographing the various aspects of the avian exhibitions; along with a large increase in photographic interest by the general public equipped with a range of cameras from the serious to the mobile phone.

April also has seen the **2014 New South Wales Show** undertaken at the Bernie Mullane Centre at Rouse Hill, where the **Grand Champion Budgerigar was awarded to Mr Ray Welshman of St Clair**, who exhibited a Grey Green Normal variety bird. ( photograph attached ). Ray is also a member of Hills Branch, which has seen great success by various members since the commencement of this years show season.

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## Alpaca Week

The week of May 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> has been deemed "Australian Alpaca Week" in the Hawkesbury and Hills districts.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in alpacas to get up close and personal with these endearing creatures.

Over the week in May, eight farms in the area will be hosting Open Farm days and inviting all and sundry to come and see alpacas and their babies grazing in their paddocks, as well as being able to see them close up in a penned environment. Alpaca breeders love to talk about alpacas, so you are welcome to ask any questions and learn what is involved in raising and managing the animals, whether as pets or for breeding. Entry is free.

Alpacas are farmed primarily for their fleece and many farms will have raw fleece, spun wool for knitting and finished garments on display and for sale.

There is also an emerging meat market, which is starting to take off in various locations around the country.

For more information, contact the regional secretary on 9653 2277 or [alpacas@tpg.com.au](mailto:alpacas@tpg.com.au)



## First Official IHAC Competition Held in NSW a Success!

*By Karri Nadazdy*

On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Dural Hoof Sports hosted the first Official International Horse Agility Club event in NSW, at Galston.

The heavy rain leading up to the event kept some competitors away, but the sun came out on the day, and the competition was of a very high standard. Several open classes were held, offering something for everyone, including in hand, liberty, ridden and long reining classes. The judges were Horse Agility Accredited Trainers Noeline Cassettari and Karri Nadazdy.

The liberty class, which permits no leadropes, sticks or physical contact with the horse at all, was especially enjoyable to watch. Some competitors had never tried liberty before, let alone in a competition, and were brave enough to give it a try, and it was wonderful to see the horses stayed with their handlers, and gave it their best.

The overall winner of the day was Yelena Udy, and her arab mare River, with Pam Pike and her Shetland pony Charlie winning runner up, with only 3 points separating them. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

The next Official IHAC Competition will be on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2014. Other upcoming events for Dural Hoof Sports include Equine Communication (Demonstrations, Displays and Talks) on Saturday, 10th May from 9am, followed by Come & Try Bitless in the afternoon, where riders and drivers can book in a session to try various bitless bridles on their own horse in a safe setting. Visit <http://www.bitlessinc.org.au/duralhoofsports.php> for the complete calendar and more information.



*Rosemary Magro "Some of the winners from the day"*

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## Arcadia Asks All to Celebrate

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Arcadia Public School is opening its gates to the public, inviting all to partake in their birthday celebrations. Not only is Arcadia Public School turning **120 years old** but the suburb of Arcadia was gazetted at the same time as the opening of the school.

The day will commence at 10am, and official proceedings will occur at 11am with the opening of the Heritage Walkway. The Heritage Walkway exhibits the many families that have been part of the Arcadian Community over the years and as exhibited by the many second and now third generations that have attended this school, it showcases the love people have for this small community school.

All attendees are asked to bring a picnic basket and rug to have a good old-fashioned family day in the beautiful surroundings of Arcadia Public School. If you remember “jacks” or “elastics” or maybe even “marbles” these are only some of the activities you can engage in on the day and reminisce back to your own childhood. Additional activities include the Free Spirit markets which will be held in the Arcadia Community Hall and Arcadia Central where you can grab your own “proudly Arcadian” T-shirt, sticker or Apron.

If you have any contact to Arcadia Public School then don't miss out on the “120 years of Arcadia” book that will be available to pick up on the day but must be pre-ordered through the website [www.arcadiaschool.info](http://www.arcadiaschool.info)

All are welcome for a great day at Arcadia Public School, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from 10am – 3pm.



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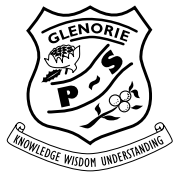


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## Glenorie Public School



What a term for the students at Glenorie Public School! We now have all of our clubs and extra-curricular activities such as dance, choir, drama and chess (just a small number of the things we have to offer) up and running! The senior dance group will be performing to the song, 'Summer Time Sadness,' by Lana Del Rae. The junior dance group will be performing to the song, 'Roar,' by Katy Perry. The senior choir are preparing and will be performing at the Town Hall for Arts North, which will be held in August. What an exciting term it has been!



We recently attended (and ran!) the Beecroft Zone Swimming Carnival.

It was a great day. The Junior Boys came home with a win in the relay and Tane Bidos celebrated his wins, in the Freestyle and Backstroke. All of these boys made it to Area. Tane came first in both the freestyle and backstroke, while the junior boys picked up 7<sup>th</sup> in the relay. Tane swam so well in the State Carnival, coming second in freestyle and first in the backstroke! He has lots to celebrate! Unfortunately he cannot move on to nations for freestyle, but you will see him there for backstroke!

Glenorie has lots of things to be grateful for- sport is definitely one! We definitely scored, when the NRL donated 18 awesome jerseys for the Gala Days that are coming up next term. We are all very pleased, also getting a presentation on bullying, and picking up some goodies on the way. It was a great assembly and we look forward to playing in our brand new jerseys next term.

On Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, we celebrated Easter by holding our annual Easter Hat Parade, preceded by our ANZAC Service. The School Captains held an assembly, and the SRC students laid wreaths. K-2 made their fancy Easter hats and paraded around the basketball court for all of the watching eyes of parents and students. Next we went into the library to see all of the eggstravaganzas, made by the stage 2 students. Our personal favourite was Milegg Cyrus, on her Wregging Ball, made by one of the year three students. Next we were off to Mrs Black's room, where we excitedly watched Mr Hugo drop the stage three student's egg protecting contraptions off the roof. There weren't too many cracked eggs but there were many close calls! If you thought the excitement was over after that-you thought wrong! Next we all meet in the hall to have our Easter Egg Raffle! We had over sixty baskets this year. The first prize winner certainly doesn't need the Easter Bunny to come this year! What a great day everyone had, we can't wait until next term!

It is with great sadness that we farewell our much loved Italian teacher, Signora Giulia Lo Grasso. She passed tragically in the car crash that happened on Wylds Road a few weeks ago. It has been a very traumatic time for us and we pray for her family, George and Samuel Lo Grasso. Her funeral, which all staff and some students attended, was held at St Benedict's Catholic Church. We want to pay our respect to her and her family. Arriverdecì Signora Lo Grasso.



## The Hills Grammar School

*Light It Up Blue* was the theme for the seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. At Hills Grammar, Rogan and Castle House leaders created awareness –raising activities during their House time. To celebrate and mark this important day,

students were asked to reflect on what they had learnt about the School's core value of acceptance through the House Program over the course of the term. Discussions were held and then in line with the theme of *Light It Up Blue*,

Tutor Groups took part in the Big Blue Balloon Bash where misconceptions about the disorder were written on the balloons which were then burst as the students' understanding grew. Next term the House Leaders will continue to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorders and build towards a finale involving a Senior School-wide game of Drawtism.



## Galston Public School: Library Garden mosaic project

Since early November 2013, mums with children at Galston Public School have been creating a storybook garden installation under the art direction of local artist and MAANZ member, Susanna Mills. The project was inspired by a similar installation at the Hunter Gardens and motivated by Tanya Koorey of the P&C Gardens Committee.



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The installation consists of eight painted and airbrushed storybook characters on mosaic stands, depicting Narnia, Harry Potter, Dr. Seuss and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Alice in Wonderland is represented by two giant mosaic tea cups and saucers, to match the centrepiece- an enormous red chair. A mosaic nursery rhyme book on the ground will be installed near the chair.



*Another triumph by Galston artist Venessa Harris.*

The most complicated artworks are the double-sided book character boards. Created out of Wedi board, each one was cut out by hand and then given a ground of smooth white Keraflex CBA to paint & mosaic on. All will be UV clear coated and mosaiced on the profile in an attempt to weatherproof and preserve them. Artistic collaboration with Venessa Harris, an exceptional visual artist from Galston, has been invaluable in the production of these magnificent outdoor paintings. The boards, when mounted on the mosaic stands, will rotate so that high winds, common to Sydney, do not damage the paintings.

Mosaic has exceptional qualities of recycling and community participation. A call for unwanted crockery was made in the school newsletter and answered by an avalanche of plates and cups which

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## Upgrades Bring Rewards for Northholm Grammar School

Over the past 12 months Northholm has been busily upgrading its Agriculture facilities.



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the number of students joining cattle club in 2014. This dedicated team of students meets twice a week to prepare our animals for agricultural shows and their efforts have been rewarded lately.

At the Castle Hill Show our team won one first, three seconds and a third place. This gave us a great launching pad to take the cattle to the Royal Easter Show. Three steers, four cows and 37 students headed off to spend over a week competing at the show. At the time of writing this report, spirits were high with our steers having placed 4th and 6th in heavy competition. Still to come is the cows and carcass judging.

Laughlin, a Year Twelve Agriculture and Primary Industries' student said "it's quite tiring and the days are long but it is so much fun". Fellow class mate Regan said "it's lots of work but worth every minute of it". Annalise, one of the school's Agriculture Prefects said "our teachers always go the extra mile for us and at the show they are so supportive and caring".

And teachers reported that they were, as usual, very proud of the way in which all students behaved, representing the school in a positive and involving way.

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## Middle Dural Public School

### Farewell Mr Barnes!

By Kate Welshman

Last month we said goodbye to our principal, Mr Gary Barnes, who retired from teaching after 39 years in the teaching profession, and 29 years as a school principal. At our final assembly for the term, Mr Barnes was presented with gifts from the school and the Department of Education in recognition of his achievements and contributions. We were then treated to a presentation from Mr Barnes, who talked about the highs and lows of teaching over the last four decades. The best part was making a difference in children's lives and watching them develop. The worst part was the challenge of keeping up with rapidly changing classroom technologies. Bring back the blackboard, I say! Would you like some teacher with that chalk dust?



Mr Barnes is a keen international traveller and adventurer, and he intends to continue crossing the globe. We are sad to see him leave, but wish him all the best. My children cried in the car all the way home after that assembly.

### Rochelle, Rochelle...

Welcome to the world, Rochelle. She's the Canons' new baby girl, sister to Kollah and Braeton. Does every woman feel as jealous as I do when another mum has a baby?

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## KU Galston Preschool

What a busy first term, with many exciting things taking place! There was much excitement when we were able to incubate and hatch our own eggs. We began with 12 eggs, 3 of which were incubated and hatched. Along the way the learnt how to candle eggs and the lifecycle of the chicken, but what came first, the chicken or the egg?

Our first family function was the disco. Bop til you drop came along and entertained the children whilst the Parent Advisory Committee were busy cooking a delicious sausage BBQ for dinner. Thank you to Goodies Bakery at Galston who donated the bread, it was greatly appreciated.

We have continued our investigations into sea creatures. The children have explored the resources from the Australian Museum to further their knowledge and understanding about sea life and their interest has scaffolded to literacy experiences exploring factual and fictional books, writing text and researching. The puppets have been used for imaginary play and our own sea creature resources have been used to further explore ideas to make meaning in dramatic play with friends.

One of the stories we have read is "One less fish" by Kim Toft and Allen Sheather. It evoked our thinking about the balanced ecosystem for plants and animals that live in the sea and the harmful effects that people can have on our waterways if we are not careful. The children's reactions to our discussions were full of concern and there were some insightful stories from them about their experiences from seeing rubbish at Berowra to seeing oil on birds and fish on TV and saving hats that blew into the water from the boat!

The children's developing awareness and understanding about the impact of human activity on the environment is the basis for our project for the Return to Glory Art Exhibition. This exhibition is organised by Hornsby Council in conjunction with Hornsby Art Society and Transpacific Cleanaway to celebrate the re-use and recycling of materials that would otherwise end up as landfill and has been recycled into art.

Last week we held a BLUE DAY to help increase awareness of Autism in our community. The children all wore blue and donated money towards the cause, we raised \$77. Thank you to everyone for their support.

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### Galston Public School: Library Garden mosaic project ....continued

have been broken and mosaiced into many of the artworks. A beautiful selection of coloured glass Ezzari tiles, left over from swimming pool orders, were donated by Europe Imports for the project. (Talk about Mosaicoholic Dumpster Diving at its finest!) Dural Men's Shed are building the giant red wooden chair. Often three generations come together because of the project- preschoolers, mum and Nan busy mosaicing or painting at Unit 035, Hills Self Storage Galston, where a four hour workshop is held every Tuesday during school terms.

It is anticipated that this body of work will be completed by the end of Term 2, 2014- and further inspire the creation and addition of mosaic pavers, hanging artworks and more by new and existing members of the Galston Primary School Community.

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## Hillside Public School News

**Stage 2 National Parks Excursion** by Student Reporters Angus, Zac and Charbel



Year 3/4 have been studying State and National Parks in HSIE. They recently went on an excursion with Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre to the Lane Cove National Park. They had a great day, trekking through the wetlands and mangroves beside the river. We interviewed a few students and asked them what their favourite thing about the excursion was.



Gemma said, "My favourite part was when we went crab hunting. When it was over I had caught ten crabs."

"I really liked the art activity we did. We got a black piece of paper and scraped off the black stuff to make a line drawing of something we saw," said Arabella.

Eliza said, "My favourite bit was catching the tadpoles and we all got really wet. It was a lot of fun when we put them back."

As well as these fun things there was also mud painting, walking through the mangroves and dream time stories. They were all worn out at the end of the day because they were so busy. Mrs Fraser filmed the excursion on the iPad and Julie-Ann from Field of Mars created a fun multimodal text that the boys and girls all enjoyed watching.

**K/1/2 'P' Day** by Student Reporters Abby and Eva

Every year Mrs Bothamley's class have a special day called 'P' Day. On 'P' Day the boys and girls dress up in costumes that start with 'P' and bring in food that starts with P. We remember when we were in Mrs Bothamley's class and had 'P' Day; it was one of our favourite days of the year.



This year, the costumes ranged from pirates to puppies, pigs to plastic surgeons, police officers to photographers, as well as pyjamas, princesses, pink people and pop stars! Even Mrs Bothamley dressed up in a panda onesie.

All the children brought in 'P' food, such as paddle pops, pancakes, party pies, popcorn, passion fruit and the list goes on and on. The day was non-stop fun, with boys and girls painting beautiful pink and purple art and making pandas, penguins and platypuses.

Aaleyah, from Kindergarten said, "I liked when I got to paint a picture of a pop star."

"My favourite part was eating all the different 'P' food," said Josephine, from Year 1.

Angelique in Year 2 said her favourite part of the day was everything! Overall everybody in K/1/2 thought 'P' Day 2 was... perfect!

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During January of this year, two students from Galston High School enjoyed the experience of a lifetime upon the Young Endeavour. Courtney Pearce and Oliver Perrett were selected to board the tall ship in Devonport Tasmania and set sail for Bass Strait and eventually Sydney.



Twenty five other students combined to make up the Youth Crew to learn how to sail the 'Endeavour' under the guidance of ten navy trained staff. On the first night they were required to climb the thirty eight metre mast - a challenging start to what lay beyond!

The next couple of days were spent learning how to set sail and getting the stomach used to the motion of the sea! The first anchorage point was the beautiful King Island. Exploration was the name of the game here, with journeys to the abandoned lighthouse, which to everybody's delight was surrounded by hundreds of little rock wallabies and beautiful birds.



The Youth Crew were rostered on to different areas to ensure competencies were learned in time for 'Command Day', where the young took over the entire running of the ship.

The next anchorage point was Jervis Bay on Australia Day. The crew had a well earned break and chilled out for the day listening to music, having a BBQ, playing games on the beach and swimming with dolphins.

Now it was time for the Youth Crew to step up and take command of the ship for its final leg sailing into Sydney. Their main goal was to navigate the ship from Botany Bay to the heads of Sydney Harbour whilst completing approximately twenty two other tasks. The crew worked exceptionally well together and ensured a safe docking in Sydney Harbour.

The last night was spent anchored outside Taronga Zoo to enjoy their final, beautiful sunset over the Sydney skyline. The next morning the ship docked at Woolloomooloo with all the Youth Crew aloft the masts for a spectacular ending. Final goodbyes were said to newly made friends for life, and joyous reunions celebrated with families.

The skills that Courtney and Oliver learned are skills that will stay with them for life. The memories are etched in forever. This voyage pushed them to the limits and helped discover their inner strengths and opened up their eyes to what is possible in life.

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Don't you hate it when you find out you missed out on something awesome??? Well, for those of you who missed our last 'Messy Church' – you missed out!

We completely rearranged our space to accommodate 150 people for a morning of activity, community and food. Our focus was on the preparation for Easter and how God can help us to become more than we can ever imagine ourselves to be. Using the idea of a caterpillar (named Claudia!) becoming a butterfly to help our kids to get the idea!

There were lots of fun activities involved... Making biscuits and making butterflies, planting seeds in eggshells, nailing crosses and decorating them, an Easter egg hunt and much more. We had the story of Claudia and how she turns from a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly and finished with a great community, and delicious lunch.

That's the good news – now the sad... It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Michelle our Youth & Children's worker. Michelle started with us over 12 months ago and has done a brilliant job with our KUCA and youth groups. She's been innovative, energetic and engaging. Thanks Michelle, you will be much missed ☹

However, the show must go on! Our KUCA and youth programs will recommence for second term on Friday 9th May. Planning's almost done and it looks fab ☺

Don't forget that there's lots more we're about and doing. Check out our website, or drop in and see us sometime.

*Cheers, Geoff*

*PS Happy Mother's Day – hope all of the mum's reading this get properly spoiled!*

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## News from St Benedicts



The St Benedicts Monastery Country Fair was once again a great success with myriads of visitors from the local area and much further afield. The major raffle prize was won by parishioner Joy Curran from Galston.

The members of the wonderful team of volunteers (pictured) who take the word of God into our local schools were acknowledged and commissioned at a special Mass in March. Fortunately this happened while Father Michael Kelly was visiting so he was able to officiate on the occasion. Father Michael, one of our local monks, is now the head of the order and is based in Rome, so it's always a delight to have him back taking part in parish activities.

Father David, our local Parish Priest, has been recovering from a major back operation for a number of weeks. We are all praying that he has a complete and healthy recovery.

Parishioner Greg Lucas led a renewed support drive for our friends in Brewarrina parish. This special appeal was for three aboriginal children who have had to be removed from a very difficult family situation and are now in foster care with Geraldine and Ron McHughes in Brewarrina. Geraldine and Ron have a long history of providing help for children in need in their community. St Benedicts Parish conducted a cash appeal to support these three innocent youngsters, who range in age from 15 weeks to 3 years. The special appeal finished on Easter Sunday but any assistance for our friends in Brewarrina is welcome at any time. Contact the Parish Office if you can help.

### Weekend Mass Times

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

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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 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, your own shortcomings, or your own failings. 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.

## Parramatta North Rocks Lantern Club High Tea

The Parramatta North Rocks Lantern Club fundraise for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

We invite the community to a High Tea to be held Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 'RIDBC Dorothy Paul Centre'. 361-365 North Rocks, North Rocks. 2-5pm. Cost: \$25 and gift vouchers are available also.

RIDBC is Australia's largest provider of services for children with vision and hearing loss as well and also provides training for professionals in the field of sensory disability.

R.S.V.P. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014. Contact nos. Eileen 9680 4956 or Joan 9871 6128

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## Leeches Everywhere

By Jutta Hamilton

Due to the prolonged moist and warm weather we've been experiencing, there have been quite a few occasions where we've picked up leeches on our outings. Even our dog will come home with leeches attached between her toes.

Leeches cause unwarranted fear in many people. When they latch onto skin, their bite is almost undetectable and usually painless. They introduce an anticoagulant so that they can feed on the victim's blood. When the leech has engorged itself it falls off.

On rare occasions a leech bite may result in an infection or allergy and warrant medical attention. There is no evidence that jawed leeches transmit disease.



### Removal of the leech:

Remain calm, a leech will usually fall off within 20 minutes of attachment without any treatment and is often recommended as it has the minimal chance for infection.

If you feel that you need to remove the leech, the application of salt, salt water or vinegar to the leech will cause it to fall off. A drawback from these approaches is that the leech may regurgitate and possibly lead to an infection.

DO NOT be tempted to pull the leech off as you may tear the skin and lead to ulceration or parts of the leech's jaw may remain embedded, increasing the chances of infection.

Applying heat to the leech (e.g. a hot coal or lit cigarette) is not recommended as it may result in unintentional burns to the patient.

### Treatment:

- After the leech has detached, wash the area with soap and water
- Apply pressure if there is bleeding from the bite
- Do not be alarmed by bleeding as it is usually the result of the anti-coagulant
- Apply a cold pack if there is significant pain or swelling
- Resist the urge to scratch the bite, it can increase chance of infection and the size of the wound
- Seek medical attention if bleeding does not stop in a reasonable time or the area becomes infected or if a wound or ulcer develops.

### What to watch out for:

Even if you have had leech bites in the past, watch for the following symptoms as they may indicate a serious allergic or anaphylactic reaction which will require urgent medical attention:

- Red blotches on the skin or an itchy rash over the body
- Swelling in parts of the body away from the bite area, especially the lips and around the eyes
- Feeling faint, light-headed or dizzy
- Breathing difficulties: wheeze, shortness of breath, chest tightness

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## Galston Garden Club



Nearly forty members and friends of Galston Garden Club enjoyed visiting two most interesting properties on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We met at 10am at the home of Ken and Jenny Bradley at Dural. Ken is President of the Garden Clubs of Australia. Jenny is the keen gardener, and Ken claims he married her for her gardening skills so he would have a lovely garden! Jenny's family grew citrus at Kulnura, so there were quite a few different citrus all heavily laden and looking healthy. Crown Land adjoins their property, so Ken is planting a back paddock with local native plants. We ended our 1st garden with a delicious morning tea.

Next stop was Warrah Farm at 20 Harris Road, Dural. The thirty acre property is a school and residence for over 100 intellectually disabled people, some of whom have lived there for over forty years. The farm area is run on bio-dynamic organic principles. Rob Greatholder showed us around the farm area, which is being upgraded. We admired the large vegetable and herb area, the hens, two cows and three alpacas. A tree new to most of us was the Ice Cream Bean Tree (*Inga edulis*). Warrah Farm has a farm shop open to the public Monday to Friday, so many of us bought fruit, vegetables and jams.

After such an interesting morning, it was definitely time for lunch at the Wild Pear Café. As always, it is wonderful to visit different gardens, so many thanks to Diana de Vries and the Social Committee.

The April meeting welcomed our guest speaker Bruce Skeen on the subject of 'Amazing Chrysanthemums'. He stressed that when purchasing check to see if there are any new shoots coming from the soil. If there aren't then the plant will probably kick the bucket after the current flowering season finishes. Unfortunately the large showy varieties we used to see years ago can no longer be imported into the eastern states due to government restrictions and now they can only be viewed at the chrysanthemum show in Perth.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at the Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston, where members will be entertained by Mickey Robertson, explaining how she set about making her lovely garden, including an amazing kitchen garden at Glenmore House in the foothills of the Razorback Range near Camden.

We also have a trading table with a variety of plants for sale, and a large selection of books that can be borrowed from our library. **Visitors are always welcome.** For information on any of our activities contact Kate Stanley on 9653 2202 or check out our website - [www.galstongardenclub.com.au](http://www.galstongardenclub.com.au), or email [galstongarden@hotmail.com](mailto:galstongarden@hotmail.com)

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## Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.



The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Barton Hall, which is situated in Gough Drive (off David Road), Castle Hill. The meeting will start at 8.00pm and will last approx 2.0 hrs. At the meeting, orchids in bloom will be benched for a monthly point score competition. This month's meeting is a Cultural Night and members who are having problems with any plant or have a question about anything associated with orchids are encouraged to bring it up at the meeting, where other members can offer advice about the problem. If you are bringing along a plant for advice, please let an experienced member see the plant before you bring it into the hall as we do not want a diseased plant in the hall which is liable to infect other plant in the hall.

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

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