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# Australia Day Honours for Glenorie Resident Grahame Turk AM

Congratulations to Glenorie resident, Grahame Turk, who was awarded an AM for significant service to the seafood and fisheries industry through leadership roles and to the development and sustainability of the sector. Mr Turk's achievements include: Chairman - Sydney Fish Market, current; Managing Director 2000-2012; Chief Executive Officer 1999-2000; Founding Chairman 1994-1999. Chair National Seafood Industry Alliance. Director National Aquaculture Council. Ministerial Appointment - Primary Industries Ministerial Advisory Council. Chair - NSW Seafood Industry Council.



Mr Turk has also held senior positions in Australia and Britain in the oil and gas industries, as well as construction, steel and heavy engineering. In 1990, he joined the food industry as chief executive of Manettas and subsequently became Managing Director of the food service giant, Bidvest Australia. Then, in 1994, he led an industry consortium to privatise the Sydney Fish Market, where he has remained ever since.

# Locals Gather for Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony at Glenorie Memorial Hall

The flag was raised at Glenorie Memorial Hall to celebrate Australia Day.

After a short service, a scrumptious morning tea was provided in the hall.







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# Three Must Have Accessories for a Mobility Scooter

A mobility scooter enhances the independence of its user. It opens up possibilities that were not even conceivable to someone with limited or restricted mobility prior to using one. We talked about how to select the most appropriate mobility equipment, how to use a mobility scooter for the safety of the user and the community and other related topics. Today we examine the most commonly used accessories for a mobility scooter.

Scooter Flag is a must for every scooter as it enhances the visibility of a mobility equipment as they are out in the public or private space. It helps the pedestrians, drivers and other road users to spot a mobility scooter and thereby making the road use safer for the mobility scooter user.

You can fix a bag or basket either in front or rear of the scooter. The size and type will largely depend on the size of the scooter and the user's requirement.

A canopy to shield the user from the sun and light showers is another 'must have' accessory for a scooter.

In most of the standard non-portable scooters, a side view mirror is a regular feature. Other commonly used accessories are: Walking stick holder, Walker Carrier, Crutch holder, Trailer, Oxygen Tank Holder, Golf Bag Carrier and even Wheely Bin carrier. There more innovative solutions available as accessories to improve the independence of a mobility scooter user.

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# Letter to the Editor

#### **Ref: HRAA News-Issue, December 2015**

I for one, was hopeful that the nonsense portrayed by what is now known as the HRAA, the group that has had more names than I have had Christmas dinners and purports to represent the entire rural community, would at last have come to an end.

The half page editorial or publicity the magazine provided in its last issue is really a joke, and confirms, at least in my view, that these people are living on another planet. They seem to have no grasp of what is being looked at.

In their opening paragraph of their so-called news, they refer to and I quote "There has been considerable debate about the prospect of subdivision of land in the so-called rural areas of Hornsby Council." What could they possibly mean by so-called rural areas? And what and who therefore are they attempting to represent.

They further go on, and again I quote "The Hornsby Rural Areas Association, HRAA was formed earlier this year by a collection of landowners in the rural zones who were concerned about the misinformation that is being peddled about the relevant issues."

I will challenge them to show any element of misinformation that is being peddled about these issues - other than that continuing to come from themselves.

Again I quote: "HRAA meets regularly and has an interest in preserving the local ambiance of the area while recognising the need for more residents through sensible development"

Who decided that there was need for more community residents? Or that this could be gained through so-called sensible development.

Again and I quote "They believe that there are key issues which need to be clarified. HRAA has no links to developers and is comprised entirely of local residents and landowners".

Here we go again. Is it not fair to ask HRAA whether or not at least one of their committee members is a property developer or not? And is not the same person a major proponent for the rezoning of the land at South Dural.

Again I quote "According to HRAA, agriculture and horticulture is no longer viable in the rural zones in Hornsby Council. You only need to look at the number of derelict properties in the relevant areas to see this reality".

Are you people hiding under a rock or whatever? Do you ever venture outside of your own properties? I am unable to find anything more than one property that I would refer to as derelict and that is at 392 Galston Road. This property is owned by a developer who has been trying to have this property rezoned as a seniors living development. Having been unsuccessful in his numerous approaches he has allowed the place to become an absolute disgrace and this developer doesn't even live in the shire.

Drive up and down Galston Road, Old Northern Road or any other major road, and there are scores of properties involved in agriculture and or horticulture.

HRAA's continual whinging and moaning about the fact that they want reductions from five acres to one acre is not going to happen. At least not in the foreseeable future.

One acre is not a viable proposition. The cost of development and putting in the necessary infrastructure would not lead to affordable housing. Hornsby Council for some time now has adopted as a policy that these rural lands will not provide cheaper or affordable housing.

HRAA claim that a reduction in acreage property sizes would create housing options for Sydney residents where there is a demand and allow development of the kind found in some parts of Sydney.

Again this mob mustn't read general newspapers or they would know that all the development is being planned closer to rail corridors so that people can access their workplaces easily with far less reliance on cars and grossly overloaded road systems.

As you state, you are an incorporated entity, I along with others, look forward to your first AGM which must be due very soon.

Dennis Merchant OAM, President, for and on behalf of Sydney Agricultural, Rural and Public Land Trust members.

# News From Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

A new year begins and with it a busy time for the Men's Shed. We have all had a wellearned break and are back ready to tackle another exciting year. Hopefully we will be in our very own shed before the end of it and we can't wait.



Our members are already busy sawing, sanding and turning timbers into items ready for sale at the various market stalls throughout the year. The first of these will be in the grounds of Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club on Saturday 26 March (Easter Saturday). We have a good idea of what people like to buy now and we are always trying new ideas so make sure you come on down to the Wisemans Ferry Market and check out what's new at the Men's Shed stall. It is always a good day with plenty of temptations to buy and a great variety of food stalls too. There is something for everyone.

This year we will also be turning our hand at running a few BBQ's at Bunnings to help raise some much needed funding to get this shed happening. It is certainly going to be a busy one.

Behind the scenes we will are back tackling the legalities of running the shed, negotiating with council to finalise the plans for the shed and working towards getting the first plod of soil turned. Meanwhile we will also continue to produce our newsletter and our articles in the local papers, keeping you all informed of our progress and seeking your ongoing support.

Remember, the Men's Shed operates each Tuesday 9.30am – 3.30pm at 2811 River Road, Wisemans Ferry. You can contact us by phone 0448833781 (Adrian) or email wfcms2775@gmail.com. We always welcome new members so we hope to see you there.

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Additionally there will be three shifts of day work from **Monday** 8 February to Wednesday 10 February between 7am and 6pm. The bridge will still be opening during this time.

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We swim on Tuesday nights at Galston Aquatic Centre from 7.30pm to 8.30pm with a professional, qualified coach for 3 of every 4 weeks. We have an enjoyable endurance event once per month and club races where your PB's are created and sometimes smashed.

We have the occasional social event and host a swim meet ideally once every year. Members are encouraged to attend other club meets throughout the year.

This years' carnival in August was a huge success with our mens 4 x 50 medley relay team triumphant. We are lucky to have sponsorship from the newly renovated Glenorie RSL Club.

Galston Aquatic Centre has also a new addition of a heated learn to swim pool so we have more space for our lap swimming so would welcome new members to swim with us on Tuesdays or train at Galston at other times.

To join our great team, contact Tony Howe on 0418 207 476 or Philip Smillie on 0409 654 974 or Sarnia Rusbridge on 0414 712 235 if you would like further information.



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Girl Guides do not meet during the school holidays but we welcome new girls in Term 1 next year. Please contact Mary 0423 353644 for more information or visit www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

# Heidi Edwards Family Fund AGM

This is to notify the general public that the Heidi Edwards Family Fund Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2015.

This meeting will take place at The Galston Club at 7.30pm.

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# Dural Prostate Cancer Support Group Meeting

The next meeting is on February 15th 2016.

Venue:	Dural Country Club, Casa Nostra Room, 662A Old
	Northern Road, Dural.
Time:	7:00 pm for 7:15 pm
	light refreshments will be served
Speaker:	Tony Sonnerveld OAM will be our first speaker for
	2016. Tony has had advanced Prostate Cancer for the
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# Dural Fishing Club Annual Awards

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The Annual Award Presentations and Christmas Lunch for members, their family and friends was held at the Dural Country Club where they all enjoyed a delicious meal in the Casa Nostra Room, followed by the

presentations. The trophies this year were awarded to

Estuary Champion Open Champion Charter Champion Tony Hudson Shield Award Champion of Champions Bruce O'Toole of Galston Giuseppe Militello of Glenorie Vivienne Truelove of Dural Giuseppe Militello Giuseppe Militello

Various activities are enjoyed by the members during the year including a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing as well as organised fishing short stay holidays and social BBQs. Meetings are held at the Dural Country Club at 7:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings. A warm greeting is extended to the new members of the fishing club.

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Giuseppe holding Kingfish.





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# Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch

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

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will commence the year with a line up of very interesting speakers.

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Of course, most still strive for the "baggy green" bowls equivalent of full uniform, which is worn by members lucky enough to be chosen to represent Dural in competitions as well as for Club Championships. Readers are familiar with seeing Dural Bowlers winning wearing the club's green and white uniform. However the other colours on the green look inviting for non bowlers visiting the club. Dural's president recently visited Warrawee Club for a festive day when everyone arrived in the brightest colours and a great time was had by all.

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#### **Head Lice**

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They live in the hair and feed on human blood by sucking it from the scalp. Their bite can be itchy. Their favourite hiding places are behind the ears and at the back of the neck, but they are often difficult to see. The eggs are glued to the hair strands and hatch in about seven days.

Individual lice cannot live for more than a few hours off the head.

#### Signs & Symptoms

- Itching Scalp
- Live moving lice on the scalp or hair
- Pale, white specks (eggs) stuck to bases of hair strands that do not fall off
- Skin sores caused by scratching-which can become infected
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colourless to a reddish-brown colour



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H Summer Ramble

By Mary at Heritage Haven

Summer's heat hangs heavy and still over the gardens with only a sole eagle drifting majestically across the cloudless blue sky, relishing the expanse.

Down in the herb garden, sprays of the Rosa chinensis mutabilis, resemble a flight of butterflies with its flowering sprays, open and slender, fluttering in the day's slight breeze ... a harmony of warm, coppery pinks.



Perhaps it is too hot for the bees to visit the garden today, but the rosemary bushes are bowed with an abundance of fragrant flowers and proffer their honeyed succulence in the sweet depths of

every blossom; I nibble a couple of translucent flowers smilingly delightedly at their gentle flavor.

Yesterday I removed long flowering branches of Lemon Verbena that had sprawled themselves across the side fence. Today a wilderness of wisteria fronds bare of any summer blooms still clings tenaciously to the old garden fence. Pruning is a hot finale to my summer gardening but there were promises in hiding, a Mable Grey Geranium has survived the heat and now sprawls cheerfully beneath the Lemon Verbena's former wilderness.....it smells deliciously of lemon and lime and revives me instantly.

Summer is hot but delights ones senses.



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Rainfall Chart

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Sunday 21 February, 8am-2.45pm. Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston. Free and available to Hornsby Shire residents only.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We live in a beautiful area here in Hornsby Shire, and have been blessed with abundant bushland to enjoy. However, we also have a responsibility to protect the natural environment, which is why I am asking everyone to be aware of illegal dumping and help Council tackle this crime. Illegal dumping can cause substantial damage to the environment, makes our Shire look unattractive and also costs significant ratepayer money to clean up. For instance, a recent clean up effort required a skip bin, four staff members and machinery hire with a total bill to Council of \$2690. While I know the vast majority of Hornsby Shire residents take pride in their suburb and respect the environment, I call upon you all to report incidents of illegal dumping if you see them. All you have to do is call our Waste Hotline on 9847 4856, and if possible give us the following details: the date and time you found the rubbish or saw suspected dumping, the exact location and types of items. Information on the dumper can also help, and getting a vehicle registration number, colour, make and model, any company name or logo details and photos can help us successfully pursue legal actions against perpetrators. By taking the simple step of reporting illegal dumping, you are helping Hornsby Shire's environment and making your suburb a more beautiful place to live. For more information, please visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/waste

Steve Russell Mayor Hornsby Shire Council

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Next Council meeting Wednesday 10 February at 6.30pm



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# Dural and District Historical Society' The Best Story

Margaret McKinley

Yes, it is a good story about a family, the Best family, who have been a vital part of the history of our district for nearly 200 years. George Best arrived in Australia as a convict on the "William and Ann" in August, 1791. He had been a farmer in his former home in Sussex and was able to



Shirley Clark (nee Best)

put his experience into practice when he was put to work at the Toongabbie Prison Farm. He must have pleased the authorities, as he was appointed Taskmaster and overseer and after seven years was given a free and absolute pardon.

In 1796 George married Martha Chamberlain, who was also a convict, having arrived on the "Indispensable "earlier that year. They settled on 30 acres situated at Baulkham Hills, where their 9 children were born. George was one of the first to be given a grant of 60 acres at Dural, when the Crown land was opened up to settlers in September 1819. He shared this grant with his eldest son, Thomas, who developed it and purchased other grants. George, with another son, Robert, moved to the Murrumbidgee, where together they established "Wagga Wagga". Thomas and his son Thomas Samuel acquired more land and became very successful farmers and orchardists



In 1825, the Great North Road was surveyed right through Best's grant at Middle Dural. Thomas took advantage of this and built a "Half Way House" for the accommodation of travellers. It is described as "a very comfortable and convenient Inn between Parramatta and Wisemans Ferry". Custom declined

Middle Dural School and weather shed, 1950's

after 1835, but a shop and refreshment place called" Half Way House" was operating on that site in the 1950's and 60's. Some of our older residents would remember it

Probably the most important reason for remembering the Best family is the establishment of Middle-Dural school. By the 1880's the population of the district had grown because of the increasing number of orchards, requiring a larger work force. Dural and Galston schools were about 3 miles away. Back then children had to walk to school, sometimes bare footed, and if the Colah Creek (now spanned by a bridge) was flooded the children could not get to Galston School. So the locals started agitating for their own school. The Department of Public Instruction considered they didn't have enough students to warrant a school, until eventually the Best family gave the land, fenced it and built the first one room school. The Department only had to supply the teacher. This year the school is celebrating 125 years since opening

Many people in our community attended Middle Dural school. Shirley Clark (nee Best), who now resides in Rowland Village was one of them. She lived in Cranstons Rd, and attended the school. For High School she had to go to Parramatta. We are just so lucky to have a wide range of schools to choose from, and buses and cars for transport. It is rewarding to think back on the times and struggles of our pioneers.

History cottage, next to the Cenotaph in Galston Park is open again on Wednesdays from 1pm -4pm and on Sundays from 10am-4pm. You are welcome to call in and see a display of the history of our district

At the first meeting for this year of Dural Historical Society on Saturday, 13th February, at 2pm, Michael Bell will tell us about his recent excursion to Morocco. All welcome

## Chris Rolnik-Citizen of the Year-Finalist -Hills Shire Council 2016 Australia Day Awards Australia Day 26th January 2016

The Warrah Society is proud to announce that our long term resident and volunteer Chris Rolnik is a finalist in this year's Hills Shire Council 2016 Australia Day awards. Chris was nominated as a Citizen of the Year, by the Warrah Society, for his outstanding and loyal volunteer status at the Warrah Society spanning 50 years of service.

50 years ago in 1965 a small group of friends formed the Warrah Trust, and our founders, Karl and Hannelor Kaltenbach, started preparing our educational and vocational programs, utilising



the principles of Rudolf Steiner's Curative Education and Social Therapy. Karl and a small group of teenagers with disability began to clear the land in Dural in preparation for a biodynamic vegetable garden. During that time Warrah Society was formed, and 4 years later with financial assistance from the State and Commonwealth, the first residential cottages were built on the Dural campus.

Chris was one of the first residents here at Warrah and came here in his youth. He has been a resident at Warrah for most of his life, yet he still has incredible energy, stamina and enthusiasm for the farm where he still works full time as a volunteer.

Over the last half of a century, Chris has seen lots of changes here at the Warrah Society. Many farmers have come and gone; there have been periods of productivity and relative dormancy. Throughout all of this time Chris who is always a man of integrity has remained loyal to Warrah and all of its values and principals.

Warrah's current fulltime Farmer and friend to Chris, Rob Greatholder describes the profound effect that Chris has not just on our organisation but also our landscape:

"Everywhere you look there are pieces of him expressed: in the immaculate twist of the fencing wire, the order and symmetry of the workshop and in the deeply trodden path down to his cottage".

Chris's outlook is one of innocence and positivity and, although a man of very few words, he is a deep thinker, occasionally surprising us all with some Zen-like observation that offers a glimpse into the way his mind works. He loves anything mechanical and will become completely absorbed in tinkering and repairing if given the opportunity. His skills and dedication to our farm keep the place running like clockwork. The Warrah Society is truly grateful for all that he does here.

Winners of each of the categories will be announced at the Australia Day 2016 at Bella Vista Farm Park" event

When: Tuesday 26 January 2016

Where: Bella Vista Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista Time: Please arrive at 12 noon through Gate 1 and head to the

community stage which will be on your right.

Parking: There will be parking onsite. Please follow the directions of the parking attendants.

More information about the Hills Shire Council Australia Day Awards can be found here:

http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Upcoming-Events-Activities/ Australia-Day-the-Farm

More information about the Warrah Society can be found on our website: <a href="http://www.warrah.org">www.warrah.org</a>

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## Letter to the Editor

Anthony Brewster (GG&HR CN October 2016) opens his report with a phrase that says it all, "The battle over the rezoning of rural lands in the Hornsby Shire is decades' (sic) old."

"Battle", the very word signifies that there will be no discussion, the winner takes all. It is the same emotive word used in the current war on drugs, war on whatever that is going to preclude sensible, informed discussion of a problem or the achievement of a worthwhile goal.

"Decades old". This is not quite so but it is what some would want us to believe. What has happened over many years has been the regular review of what planning should be in place to regulate the use of the lands west of Berowra Berowra Creek. A two year Rural Lands Study was carried out by Hornsby Shire Council twenty years ago. Recommendations were made and after assessment by Council and approval by the then Minister for Planning, new regulations were put in place for the Rural Lands. These were to be reviewed in twentyfive years. From time to time modifications have been made.

"Rezoning". This is used as a subtafuge by many but certainly not all, to hide the word "Subdivision". So here we have it. There is only one solution, only one aim, cut it up and all the problems go away and everyone is satisfied.

I am sure I am not the only person who wants to live in a community that has a broad socio/economic mix; a village with a viable small business economy; a diversified rural industry that makes use of the small landholdings; a protected natural environment; where it is easy to find a busy tradesperson; where there is affordable housing for young people starting out in life; where there is a place for a community to make a contribution to help solve some of the problems that beset us; where those with special skills can make a living within the community and a place we are proud to encourage others to visit.

I cannot see how subdivision, large second dwellings and the destruction of the E3 zones will in any way give us that sort of community.

Let us sit down and have informed talks about what we want in our community and how best to achieve it. We need to set out what our goals are, find out what is already here that can be helped and what we all can do to improve for the common good.

Ask yourself a few questions. How much of my family budget did I spend locally? Was the last tradesperson I used a local? Would I like someone local to do a few days work for me on a regular basis? Have I walked in the national parks lately? Would I like to have a share-farmer use some of my land? Will the second dwelling I might build be affordable accommodation for a young family? Why do I want to subdivide? If I subdivided would I be happy to live in the community thus created?

Have your answers to these questions ready for when the community is asked to comment on the Council proposals after the Minister has examined them.

I thank Mr Brewster for his thorough report but regret that he may not be fully aware, or misinformed, of what has been done in the past. May I suggest that he obtain a copy of the Hornsby Shire Council Rural Lands Study, a study I chaired. It involved many qualified experts and enthusiastic residents and obtained the information I now see as necessary.

Michael Bell OAM.

# **Galston CWA News**

Our December Christmas meeting was a great success. Venessa from Stampin' up showed us how to make Cards for Christmas and bags for gifts. Thank you Venessa!

We will be holding a cookery competition in the new year, please keep an

eye out for more information. We have also had a few requests for a new cookbook and will be looking to create one for the new year.

There will be no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 10th, from 10a.m. for craft with a meeting to follow at 1p.m.

We meet at the Galston Health & Community Centre, cnr Glade and 17 Arcadia Road, Galston. Visitors are most welcome to attend.

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. Our members range in age from 30 years to 90+. Junior members also welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact the numbers below.

We are also currently collecting ring pulls from tins/cans which are then used to create prosthetic limbs for children. if you have some please contact Janet or Val, otherwise please bring along to our next meeting. Thank you.

For more details please contact; Janet-9653 2402 or Val-9653 1774

# **Arcadia Musical Recitals 2016 Series**

This is the fifteenth year for these popular Sunday afternoon concerts in the chapel of St Benedicts Monastery in Arcadia.

All five concerts will start at 2.00pm, there is plenty of parking and easy wheel chair access. **29th May** the Australian Haydn Ensemble, a string quintet, **24th July**, "Pastance", harp, lute and recorder ancient music, **28th August**, organ, soprano, counter tenor and trumpet, **18th September**, Lurline Chamber Orchestra, with eleven players. **13th November**, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, Brandenburg Soloists.

Newsletters to subscribers are about to be posted so please contact, Margaret on 9653 3501 or Michael on 9653 1365 if you would like to be on the mailing list or for further information.

# **The Galston VIEW Club**

The Galston VIEW Club, celebrated their November meeting with Lunch, with guest artist, Mr Bob Brown, singer and guitarist, entertained our members and guests.

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# Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc.

# Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith.

The 2016 New Year allows for the second part of the show season after the Christmas break, along with entries to the Royal Easter Show now open. Entries close on the 19th February 2016, with the cage birds and in particular Budgerigars being held on the 17th and 18th March. Online entries can be made at www.sydnetroyal.com.au/CageBird htm Pictured at the 2015 show is Kathy Manton - Show Manager, after a great show with a large number of entries and visitors present. Early indication suggests that 2016 will again cater for large numbers of exhibits and visitors. Junior exhibitors will again receive free entry to the show. Currently under consideration is a proposal to align with the upcoming Poultry Exhibition in June at the Homebush Show Ground Exhibition Centre, to allow for a wide range of poultry and cage birds. Further details will be provided over the next few months.

With the recent spell of hot weather, most breeders are spraying their birds with a fine mist spray of fresh clean water, which assists the birds to cope with the heat; whilst also adding the grooming process. This practise is undertaken by exhibitors when preparing birds for showing. Individual pet birds will also benefit from this practise and an ironing spray bottle is ideal. Care to be part of a hobby that encompasses all age groups, individuals, families and partnerships, then contact should be made with Peter Dodd by Telephoning 9888-5631 or Peter\_dodd@primus.com.au



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# The Galston Equestrian Club is Off to a Busy Start in 2016

We have a full calendar, with not just our regular 2nd and 4th Sundays booked with fun events, but we also have 4 Saturdays booked with events as well. The response to our members' survey was very good and the committee have done their best to incorporate as many of the suggestions received into the calendar as possible.

Our Registration Day is on Saturday 6th February, from 10.00am to 2.00pm, at our beautiful grounds. The Committee will be there to answer any questions and there will be a free car boot sale in the bottom area. Any existing or new GEC or Arcadia Pony Club members can bring their equestrian gear to sell, so bring your car (not your horse) and park in the bottom area. A good chance to clean out your tackroom and make space for new gear! Great bargains are sure to be had!

Our first event for the year is a Members' Training Day on Sunday 14th February. We will be offering flatwork lessons with 2 highly recommended and experienced local coaches - Kate Taylor-Wheat and Peter Turner. For the show jumpers, we have poles and grids classes with the very experienced local eventing coach Amanda Benson. Members can do either a flatwork or poles and grids class, or both! Our informative flyers will be out soon.

On 28th February we will be having our first dressage competition of the year - our Members Only (Restricted) Dressage Day. So join early if you don't want to miss the cut-off date for entry into the competition. Entries will close on 16th February, so you must have taken out your membership by then.

On Sunday 13th March we are very excited to announce we have a FREE Demonstration with Neil Pye of Parelli Natural-Horse-Man-Ship at the GEC grounds. If your interest is building a safe and trusting relationship with your horse, this opportunity is not to be missed. This free demonstration is open to members and non-members alike. So if you know anyone interested in horses, please bring them along. Look out for the flyer for more information about the day.

The 2016 Committee looks forward to welcoming new and returning members for an exciting and fun-filled new year!.



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# News from Galston High School

Galston High School Presentation Evening Celebrates Academic Excellence

Galston High School was delighted to be able to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievements of many of our students at our annual Presentation Evening held in December. The most prestigious award of the night, the Caltex medal, was awarded to Eliza Florian of Year 12. Callum Trethowan was the recipient of the most coveted sporting award, the Foxie, in memory of



Ben McDonald receives his award from Ray Williams

Rod Fox, a much-loved teacher of Physical Education. The top ten students and the Dux of each year group were also rewarded for their outstanding achievements.

#### Leadership Camp

This year the SRC, House Leaders and Prefect teams joined together for the inaugural GHS Leadership Camp at Vision Valley Conference Centre. The teams spent the three days of camp planning events for the year, meeting each other and learning to work together as individual teams and as the leadership team of Galston High School. We welcomed guest speakers from the Conviction Group who reminded the students that if you don't shoot you can't score, and to inspire them to take chances in



their roles as leaders. Congratulations to the leadership teams on the way you upheld the school values of respect, responsibility and personal best throughout the weekend. All three teams are excited for a big 2016!

Students enjoying the Leadership Camp

# **Middle Dural PS**

Presentation Night MDPS held its Presentation Night at the school on Friday December 4.

Special guests were local State member Matt Kean, Galston HS Deputy Principal Ms Julia



Petrulis and retired MDPS Office Manager Jennie Keenan.

Principal Ann Mills outlined many of the highlights of the school over the past year including participation in a number of sporting activities with other small schools, Hillside and Annangrove. Several academic and sports awards were presented by the guests and teachers, Mrs Mills, Mrs Sue McLennan and Mrs Joanne Urio.

Student leaders from Galston HS presented Captains badges to the incoming School and Sports Captains.

The students displayed their outstanding musical talents with singing, dancing and piano solos.

# Hills Hawks Rugby League Club

Local Junior Rugby League team, the Hills Hawks are looking for kids from Glenorie, Galston, Dural, Kenthurst and surrounding areas to join their family friendly club. Hills Hawks is part of the North Sydney Bears competition which offers a great alternative to neighbouring districts.



The Hills Hawks offers Mini Footy and Mod League, modified versions of NRL developed by the NSW Rugby League to introduce kids as young as 4 to the game. The modified games are designed to be fun and safe and



to make sure everyone gets a fair turn and every child improves. The club also offers the full game of Rugby League for kids 13 and over.

Hills Hawks Mum and Club Secretary, Amanda Brisot says "my boys are 5 and 7 years old and just love their footy. The rules are modified to meet their skill level so it's been great for their confidence. My eldest son in particular has really come out of his shell since he started playing for the Hawks. They have both made some great new friends and they are all just so supportive of each other.



I love that they're playing a team sport and get the chance to do what boys love best. In my opinion, contact sport is really important for the growth and development of young boys".

Come along to The Hills Hawks Come and Try Day on Wed 10th Feb from 4.30 – 5.30 at Dural Park. For more information please visit www.hillshawks.com.au or call Amanda Brisot 0421 118 441

#### Middle Dural PS....continued

As always the highlight of the evening was a play written by Mrs Mills and presented by all students. To commemorate the 150th birtday of Alice in Wonderland, this year's play was titled Alice in Wonderland, What if...?



The students acted out several scenarios with Alice accidentally landing in other stories, such as goldilocks, the three little pigs and little red riding hood. As always brilliantly written and a very funny showcase for our highly talented group of children. Some very creative dressing up.

#### **Cool Kids Music**

Students at Middle Dural PS have been taking lessons in music all year from The Cool Kids Music organisation. On Tuesday November 24 the children gave a performance of their talents on guitar, drums and keyboard to a group of very proud parents.



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Our fabulous Kindy parents came up with the perfect way to send out the school year with a bang and treated us all to a traditional Maori hangi. How lucky we are to have the Pakinga family join us this year and introduce our community to this very special Maori tradition.

Preparations began in earnest the day before, as the hangi pit was dug and the fire set. An eager crowd of students gathered around to watch the next morning, as a huge fire was lit. By that afternoon, after the embers were cleared, the feast of pork, lamb and chicken was lowered into the pit and covered over with banana leaves, cloth and earth to bake away until sundown.

As the eager crowd began to arrive later that evening, a Maori prayer was said by one of the extended Pakinga clan and the feasting began! Our creative students all added to the colour of this lovely event with their beautiful artworks – that were auctioned off that evening. Spirted competition (and big cheque books) were required to secure these treasures - but we were again reminded of the amazing generosity of our school community. The money raised by the auction will pay for robotics and coding software that will be put to good use by all students in the New Year.

It was a very special evening that we hope will become a regular event. It felt as if we were all embraced in the fun and warmth of the Maori family tradition - combined with the bonds of the Arcadian school community. This is a school steeped in tradition and history and we were adding to the richness of the fabric that makes Arcadia Public School so unique.

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# **News from St Benedict**

#### Farewell to Year 6

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Kyle Bennett from Dural and Jye McLachlan from Galston.

#### **St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations:**

**Carols by Candlelight** were held on Saturday 5th December at the Parish Centre with 19 enthusiastic children acting out the Christmas story. To see what a happy evening it was, you'll find great pictures on our parish website www.arcadia.dbb.org. au and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stbenedictsarcadia. Special thanks to Campion Education and Century 21 for their support for this amazing event.

#### The 'Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet

This Christmas Day celebration, now in its sixth year, carried on its successful tradition with a wonderful evening filled with good food, fine music, robust singing and, especially, good company. This was another way of our parish sharing friendship and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to all who worked or donated to make it such a wonderful evening.

#### **World Youth Day Fundraisers**

The parish is continuing its fundraising in support of some of our young people who are planning to take part in World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland in July. The WYD lucky draw, with first prize of a Hyundai Accent, will take place on Sunday 20th March. Tickets, which are \$2 each, can be purchased by emailing arcadiawyd2016@gmail.com.

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

#### **Weekend Mass Times**

St. Benedict's Catholic Church Arcadia; Mass at the Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, at 7 am every morning. Mass at the Parish Centre, Corner Fagans Rd & Arcadia Rd. 7 pm Saturday, 9 am Sunday.

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# A New Pastor for Galston Adventist Church



The new pastor of Galston Adventist Church, David McKibben, was born and brought up on a farm about 25 kilometres south of Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest city. After leaving school, he worked for over eleven years in the Northern Ireland Civil Service, but during that time he increasingly felt God's call to serve as a minister of the Gospel. He resisted the call for some years, but he finally began ministerial training in 1989.

His first pastoral assignment was in Scotland, but after three years he accepted an invitation to serve in Australia, the homeland of his wife Jenny. Since migrating 'Down Under' in 1998, David has served as a pastor at a number of locations in Australia, including the Central Coast and Adelaide, and in the past five years he has been based in the Sydney metropolitan area.

He is married to Jenny, who is originally from Sydney. They met whilst Jenny was living and working as a midwife in England, and they have two sons, Luke and Nathan, both of whom are in their early twenties.

Amongst the various facets of ministry, David particularly enjoys Bible study and exposition, and his interests include soccer, politics and current affairs.

# **Glenorie Mission Church**

# "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, freshly equipped with New Year's resolutions, ambitions and good intentions for the year ahead. It's great to make a fresh start, wipe the slate clean and try to improve our situation and our lives. Usually however we run out of steam, things don't quite go as planned or we fall back into old habits. We strive for perfection in a less than perfect world. It's impossible to get it right especially if we rely on our own abilities, but it wasn't always like that....

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, "Let there be light." and there was light. He separated the light from darkness. The light He called day and the darkness He called night, and there was evening and morning – the first day. God set in place the sky, the oceans and the dry land. God said, "Let the land produce vegetation, seed bearing plants and trees." and it was so. God made the stars, the sun and the moon. God made the creatures of the oceans and filled the sky with birds. God made all the animals. Finally, God made man. God saw all that he had made and it was very good.

That means it was perfect. God's creation including mankind, in the beginning was perfect, without flaw. God and man were in harmony and enjoyed a close personal relationship. How far have we fallen, now because of our sin, our wickedness, there is a great



With Christmas now gone, new year's resolutions begun ... and some already forgot, a new year has dawned and, with it, a new opportunity. Just as nature has its seasons, so too do our lives.

For those that know me, Ecclesiastes is one of my favourite books of the bible ... meaningless, meaningless declares the teacher!

It is a book of pondering, of reflection, from Solomon – a man who had it all. Blessed with abundant wealth, knowledge and power, Solomon pens his theory on life. In it he plagiarises the lyrics of The Byrds song, Turn, Turn, Turn.

"There is a season, turn, turn, turn. "

Solomon states, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Where will your life turn this year? As we embark into 2016 what are you claiming for your life? What achievements? What goals? What dreams and aspirations?

Then, the counter balance ... what will you let go? What will be pruned? What will you give in order for you to get?

Everything (under the heavens) has a season, some may be starting, some finishing. As we enter 2016 and aspire for the year to come, be sure to acknowledge the need for balance; summer has a winter, spring has a fall.

Ecclesiastes concludes one day we will meet our maker, and we will be called to account. So whatever 2016 brings seek it in love.

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecc 12:13-14)

# **Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.**

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 24th February 2016 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. The guest speaker for February James Indsto will talk about native orchids of Northern Norway.

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 Publicity Officer on 9481 8895.



#### **Glenorie Mission Church....**continued

divide between man and God. Mankind has substituted greed, violence, sickness, misery and death for perfection.

But there is hope, all is not lost, God has thrown mankind a lifeline, a thin shimmering life line that is offered freely to all of us, ready to pull us from the abyss. Jesus Christ is that lifeline, our only hope. If you're looking to put things right this year make finding out about Jesus Christ your priority. Join us at Glenorie Mission Church at 10.15 am Sunday mornings and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction.

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# Do You Remember Fosters Water Hole?

By Nick Chartorisky

A short while ago I was pleasantly surprised by a visit to Fosters Water Hole. From time to



time the Landcare Group does more than work in the catchment, sometimes we just go for a look. On this occasion our group was welcomed by a local land owner who was kind enough to guide us through to Fosters Water Hole.

It was a leisurely trail to the creek but it was obvious the country was covered with woody weed, particularly as we approached the creek line. However, as we hit a break in the scrub, a shallow pool carved from the bedrock sandstone appeared at the head of Fosters Water Hole. It was a wonderful sight. I found the waters to be cleaner than when I last splashed about in them.

Admittedly, a lot had changed to the water's edge. I couldn't access the water from the western shore where the ropes used to hang. Privet had grown and now traps debris when creek flows are high; the banks I swung rope from can't be seen. The sandy beach on the south east end was no longer visible either but I'm sure it's still under there. All in all still an amazing place.

It's good to report that the water looks pretty good and, out of interest, we intend to test it for comparison with our other water quality results from the catchment.

It was such a pleasure to revisit Fosters Water Hole and I would like to thank the Dural and District Historical Society and Margaret McKinley for her most enlightening article. She took the History from early documented roots to in the 1890's to modern day.

From my initial observations I can see a great benefit from restoring the shores of the Water Hole. The effort would be fun and the rewards great if we could once again clear its banks for a swim.

It's nice to know that this old meeting place still exists and with a just little work might just be that Community Water Hole again. Contacts: www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au email Stillcreeklandcare@iinet.net.au ,Nick Chartorisky 9653 2056 or facebook Still-Creek-Landcare

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

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

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

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

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

Arcadia Markets - May and November at Arcadia Public School, 140 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. www.arcadiaschool.com.au Enquiries: Meegen 0419 262 850 New Stallholders always welcome.

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

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

Castle Hill Art Society - Monthly Meetings and Art Demonstrations are held at Castle Hill Art Society - 155 Ridgecorp Drive, Castle Hill on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Enquires Ph. 98993179

Circular Keys Chorus are always seeking would-be Divas. De-stress as you learn to sing acappella 4 part harmony with passionate CKC singers. Rehearsals in Castle Hill Wednesdays 7.30-10.pm. Contact Janet 9653 2959, email info@circularkeys. org or visit www.circularkeys.org

Dural Country Club Lifestyle Markets - 2nd Sunday each month 9am-3pm. New stallholders always welcome. Visit: www. FreeSpiritMarkets.com or www.DuralCountryClub.com.au. Phone: 0419 262 850

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

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

Dural and Districts Senior Citizens' Club Come along on any Wednesday at 9.30am to Dural Country Club to enjoy good fellowship with other senior citizens. Some play indoor bowls (beginners included) while others play Bingo and enjoy the prizes. We also enjoy periodic outings to places of interest. For further information please call Helen on 8850 7845, A/H.

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

Dural-Glenorie Scouts - Joeys (aged 6–7 years), Cubs (aged 8–10 years) and Scouts (aged 11–15 years) meet weekly at the Scout Hall in Galston Road, Galston. Learn new skills, challenge yourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun! Contact Warren Payne 0419 280 967.

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

Friends of Fagan Park - Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am to 4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, and other special occasions. Contact Ian Browning. M: 0419 435 475 E: isandian@tpg.com.au

Ferry Artists Gallery – Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry 2775. ph: 02 4566 4385, for info on workshops and membership see www. ferryartists.org

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

Galston Branch CWA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Galston Community Health Centre. New members are sure of a friendly welcome. Enquiries to Janet 9653 2402 or Val 9653 1774.

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

Galston Community Health Centre - This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade). Eng. 9653 2235. Galston Garden Club - New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the Galston Community Centre. For further information contact Bill Fleming on 9653 2394.

Galston View Club - will be holding its February luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on Wednesday 24th February 2016, with our guest speaker for the day being John Ebbott, Community Engagement Coordinator, Careflight. Enquiries Vivian 9894-1189

Girl Guides - Girls Age 6-12 meet on Thursdays 5-6.30pm at Galston Guide Hall, 414 Galston Road, Galston. This is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn and develop life skills, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, make their own challenges, express their creativity and much more. Contact Mary 0423 353644 or Amy 0415 438210. Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum - Meets at 7.30pm on the first

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

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

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

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

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt - 2<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm, Castle Hill Showground. www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Hills Shire Garden Club - Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1.00 p.m. at Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill. Enquiries 9624-5034. Hills RSL Sub Branch - Monthly meetings held at The Galston Club, 2pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Enquiries

9653 2565. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm at Homsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights. www.hk4wd.com.au

JP SERVICES are available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village on Saturdays from 1000 am to 12 noon; and at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre on Tuesdays from 1100 am to 0100 pm. JP's are also at Hornsby, Pennant Hills, and Epping Libraries on some days. Check with Library before attending.

The NSW Justices Association Hornsby Branch meets monthly (except January and June) on the 2nd Monday evening at 0700 pm, at Asquith Rugby League Club opposite Waitara rail station. JP's welcome to attend. Varied programme. Enquiries John Tibbitts 9484 8507 or 0408 491 232.

Living Life Without Children - Support Group meets once a month for childless couples, now in their 40s and 50s, finding it difficult or lonely living life without children. Contact Carol. email: feather@iprimus.com.au

Pennant Hills Photographic Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month at 8pm in the Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills. www.phpc.org.au.

Rotary Club of Galston meets every Tuesday at The Galston Club at 6.30 for 7pm. New members welcomed. Contact Peter 0419 011 750 peteainscow@gmail.com

Probus Club of Round Corner - NOW has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group; Mah-Jong Group; Theatre Group; Tennis Group and the Caravan and Cabin Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day trips. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10am at:

The Galston Club, 19 Arcadia Road, Galston. We look forward to you joining with us. All enquiries to: The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

Rowland Village Workshop Club invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age. Contact Michael Bell on 96531365.

Soroptimist International of The Hills District Inc meets at 7pm 3rd Monday of the month St Joseph's Convention Centre Baulkham Hills. Details:0407 665 874

Social Dance Workshops - Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road. \$7. Contact Felicity 9456 2860, 0434 437 522. Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. For more information Visit www. StillCreekLandcare.com.au or e-mail StillCreekLandcare@iinet.net.au or Contact Nick on 9653 2056.

The Hills Motor Scooter Group - Meets on the second Tuesday morning of each month for rides into the into the wider Hills area and beyond for coffee and occasionally lunch. Would not suit scooters of less than 125cc. Enquiries - Kerry 8856 4794 or go to thehillsmotorscootergroup. blogspot.com

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

#### CHURCHES

Galston Uniting Church - Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.30pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursday evenings of the school term from 7.00 to 1 0.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest-. Men's Choir, Ladies Choir. For all enquiries, please call the church office on 9653 2039. 11 School Road Galston or visit www.galstonunitingchurch.com

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church - Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service at 49 Arcadia Rd Galston. Contact Minister Pr. David McKibben 0431 601 681.

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

Hillslife Church - Meets 10:00am every Sunday at Galston Public School. Pastor Corri Byrne Ph: 0416 233 629. For more info 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 and 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.

St Madeleine's Catholic Church - 28 Annangrove rd. Kenthurst. Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am,10am and 5.30pm.

#### LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

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

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

Dural Rugby Club - Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email efi86029@bigpond.net.au or phone 0412 230 328 or visit our website http://dural.rugbynet.com.au.

Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club Meets at 7.30pm at The Galston Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 0404 600 460. ggcc.nsw.cricket.com.au

Galston Club Golf Club - Plays Monthly - Variety of courses.

Contact - James Roberts 9653 2017 / gm@galstonclub.com.au

Galston Equestrian Club - New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at the 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 All enquiries to secretary galstonnetballclub@ hotmail.com or visit the website www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club meets at Galston Aquatic Centre on Galston Road on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Whether you want to swim laps, compete in competitions, or just have fun, fitness and friendship Ring Di on 9652 1215.

Hills Hawks Soccer Club. For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or agminsulations@bigpond.com. Hills Hawks Softball Club. Our competition is held during the

Hills Hawks Softball Club. Our competition is held during the summer season (September to March, excluding school holidays) at Hayes Park, Galston. We welcome new members! For enquiries please contact our registrar Hazel Postill on 0414 474 461 or visit our website: http://hillshawks.softball.org.au.

Hills Pumas Football Club - For information including registrations, call Sarah Sumskas on 0430883385 or email registrar@ hillsoumasfc.com.au

Kenthurst Netball Club - Registrations. Contact Sally Coppini 0407942986 mitre@tpg.com.au

Table Tennis – Junior and Adult Coaching and Social play, Dural and Glenorie Ph Chris 0468300822 or spinclub@bigpond.com Tennis / Squash Social Group - looking for new players. Call Karen

0412 485 411 or email tennisandsquash@live.com.au Tennis Court for Hire Galston - At rear of Galston Community Hall.

Available Day or Night, Mobile 0414 647 638. 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.

Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District - Players of all standards are welcome. For more details and contacts please see our website at hillsladiestennis.org

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