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The Bachelor Moves to Glenorie

Glenorie is now on the national map as Network Ten's The Bachelor starts to film its next series in Abbot Place, Glenorie (just off Cattai Ridge Road). Locals may have noticed an increase in limousines and helicopters, as the stars come and go from the location and the filming commences.

There have been many comments on Facebook speculating what the impacts might be on our local community. Local retailers are hoping that the film crews, support people, photographers and Bachelor fans will use the services in our local shopping centre and RSL Club, giving an increase in sales. The last few series were filmed at Hunters Hill and the local residents were reported to be pleased it moved to another location due to noise and local disruptions. However, Hunters Hill is a very different location to Glenorie. It is hoped that due to the rural nature, local residents will see little disruption from the filming of the next series. Those living on Abbot Place will undoubtedly see an increase in traffic, photographers and sightseers. Already the number of L drivers appears to have increased, as its great excuse for locals to have a "sticky beak"!

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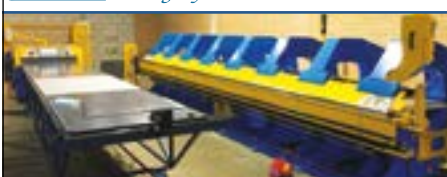
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Council Donates \$10,000 to Womens Shelter

Hornsby Shire Council has donated \$10,000 to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, in recognition of the valuable work it continues to do.

"When I suggested this donation there was no hesitation among the councillors, who voted unanimously for it," Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell said.

"Domestic violence is a scourge we do not tolerate and it's been heartening to watch the community come together in an effort to eliminate it."

The shelter board director Sallianne McClelland collected the cheque from Mayor Russell and is highly grateful.

"It's a huge relief and contributes significantly, meaning we don't have to worry as much about the next rent cheque," Mrs McClelland said.

"We receive no government funding at all, so each year we need \$400,000 in fundraising to continue operating.

"This donation helps us a lot."

The shelter has now been operating for more than a year and its 10 beds are always full, with an average of 20 women having to be turned away each week.

"It's obvious there is a real need for this shelter in our community and Council is proud to be able to assist," Mayor Russell said.



Mayor Russell handing the donation cheque to Mrs McClelland.

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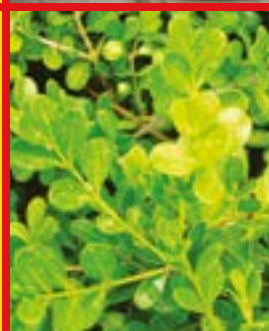
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Please come along and join our club. Enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group; Mah-Jong Group; Theatre Group; Tennis Group plus overseas and local day trips to name a few.

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Cameron's Nursery Named Best in Australia...Twice!



Sonja Cameron - NGIA Environment Award 2016

Thriving local business, Cameron's Nursery, has staved off tough competition from across the country to take out the top gong in the environmental category at the prestigious national Nursery & Garden Awards.

Cameron's Nursery, a wholesale garden nursery in the Sydney Hills district, was warmly praised while picking up the award for Best Environment for the second time in a row for its outstanding commitment to environmentally sustainable practices and unique community outreach projects.

Presented by Nursery & Garden Industry Australia in Adelaide last night, the Awards recognise and reward excellence within the industry and acknowledge leaders as they strive to achieve best business practice. Owners Sonja and Andy Cameron have been operating in the Sydney Hills district since 1992, growing perennials, herbs and other specialist lines. With sustainability at the heart of its operations, the multi-award winning business has reduced the nitrogen and phosphorus levels from nursery runoffs using bio balls as the filter in a newly installed wetland onsite.

In 2015, Cameron's Nursery installed brand new environmental monitors to collect essential data and identify any potential issues immediately. Along with its significant sustainability program, the operation has also been responsible for helping educate suppliers, customers and the community about the benefits of being environmentally responsible, and believes that small changes can have big results.

CEO of the Nursery and Garden Industry, Peter Vaughan, said judges were delighted with the standard and quality of entries this year and applauds winners for displaying exceptional environmental leadership.

"Our aim is to continue to increase green space and the winners of the 2016 awards have created new benchmarks to achieve and surpass the goals that are set," he said.

"We heartily congratulate Cameron's Nursery for this outstanding achievement and we thank the team for its ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability, quality and service," Mr Vaughan said.

Australians can look forward to more trees, plants and turf thanks to a campaign supported by the Nursery and Garden Industry encouraging councils, developers and landscapers to help improve green life in urban areas by 20 per cent before 2020. More than 9 million square metres of new green space has already been planted in cities across the country the campaign began.

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Galston Concerts go Mostly Mozart

The Galston Concerts close their 2015-16 series with a Mozart & Vienna mini-festival of two programs, Saturday and Sunday 7 & 8 May, in Galston Uniting Church.



The weekend of *Mostly Mozart* features Vienna's Ensemble I after their Classics Concerts Cruise for Princess Cruises in April performing popular classics for piano and strings by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and other Viennese greats.

A 3pm start on the Saturday sees *Mozart, Duos & Dances* with duo pianists Brachi Tilles and Jenni Flemming, Jenni being the founder and Director of the Australian Piano Duo Festival at the Queensland Conservatorium.

Founder violinist and Leader of Ensemble I, Spiros Rantos, and cellist Gwyn Roberts will join their pianist partners in string-piano contrasts.

The 3pm Sunday start sees *Mozart & the 'Trout'* with a first half of Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro', a Piano Concerto and a Quartet. Mothers Day Mozart!

The second half features one of the greatest and most beloved of all the Classics, Schubert's Trout Quintet, with a rumour of Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik to close the festival.

Ensemble I takes its name from the Chinese philosophy of the I Ching concept of change, hence the varied combinations and sounds through the group's concerts.

Their multi-national origins – Greek, Israeli, Canadian, Hungarian, Taswegian and Queenslander – are matched by their successes in well over forty countries and on high seas concerts cruises.

The festival will also see the launch of Young Artists performance awards for 2017, a major goal of Galston Concerts to encourage the next generation of young musicians.

Bookings for both concerts are best made on-line with www.trybooking.com/KUVF for the *Duos & Dances* on Saturday, www.trybooking.com/KUVD for *Mozart & the Trout* on Sunday.

Tickets at the door may be available prior to each concert but can not be guaranteed. Enquiries & further information from Robert Harris on 0428 248 348 or festivalarts@outlook.com

A Galston Concert on 10 July will launch their 2016-17 series to start in October, complementing Arcadia & Berowra concert series which commence on 29 May & 5 June this year.

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HRAA Meeting with Rob Stokes – NSW Minister for Planning.

Recently Warren Waddell and I were able to lobby Rob Stokes directly regarding the proposed rezoning of the Hornsby Rural Area as well as the need to widen New Line Road.

Rob promised to help see things through at State level once Hornsby Council has submitted its request for changes to the Area.

Whilst the discussion regarding New Line Road was robust, we do think Rob appreciated that it was unfair to expect any developer to pay the entire cost for the project. However, it does present an opportunity for the Government to have a significant contribution to costs that it would be responsible for in any event.

HRAA is vigorously pursuing both agendas – Hornsby Rural Area Rezoning and the widening of New Line Road.

With the help of Matt Keane and Steve Russell in particular, we can see the strong possibility of a good outcome.

We will keep everyone abreast of the latest developments and ask that you talk to your neighbours and friends about these two major issues which impact our area and ask them to join HRAA if they have not already.

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With a valid disability permit, Susan Hughes parked in a disabled spot opposite Hornsby train station. Waiting to pick up her 87 year old aunt, she got out of her car, walked a short distance to check the timetable, and walked back and waited in her car for the train to arrive.

A man watching from afar then approached the car, walked around looking at the car and then proceeded to bang on the window and voice his opinion. "How dare you park here! You haven't got a disability." He said while swearing and cursing as he stormed off.

It's not the first time Hughes has experienced this type of thing. Her disability, rheumatoid arthritis, is a chronic progressive disease causing inflammation in the joints and resulting in painful deformity and immobility, especially in the fingers, wrists, feet, and ankles.

Hughes is one of around 400,000 people in Australia that suffer from the disease. The nature of the disease means that sufferers often don't need walking frames, crutches or any other visible aids. To an observer, the disease is often invisible. For the sufferer, common daily tasks are often excruciating.

"Do we all have to resort to faking a limp, when we are in really excruciating pain in our skeleton and our muscles, just so people don't think we are there illegally," she said.

Recently, Hughes has become a member of a new organisation called Dragon Claw. Established in 2014, its aim is to provide a community for sufferers that will help them navigate the health system to help them find services and support.

Its founder, Michael Gill, acknowledges there is a lot of discrimination in the community when it comes to these types of invisible disability. He also believes it extends into the workplace as well, compounding the effect of the disease. He believes the organisation is important, mostly for the support it provides to sufferers.

"The typical symptoms are extreme fatigue. They get very tired, very quickly: stiffness and continuous or cyclical pain. On a bad day you can be staggering out of your disabled car park to go to do some shopping. On a good day you can walk normally. But then again on a bad day you might be able to walk fine but you can't carry anything very far. So a shopping bag becomes too heavy," he said.

"I think there is a reasonable amount of discrimination also in the sense that people can't hold jobs down. Either because of the effects of the illness or because the employer doesn't like to carry someone with a chronic disease," he said.

The organisation has set a goal of attracting over 20,000 members in the next five years. For more information on Dragon Claw you can visit their website at: dragon-claw.org

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

By Elizabeth Whiteman

Fuel Management Burn Preparation and Training

Regular rain throughout January saved our local area from a severe bush fire season. However, the brigade has kept busy with fuel management burn preparation, storm clean up and regular training.

Glenorie Brigade training in March was in motor vehicle accident response. Because the nearest Ambulance, Police and NSW Fire & Rescue stations are all approximately 25 minutes from Glenorie, we are often the first emergency vehicle on site. Specialist training ensures our members are equipped to deal with whatever a call requires.

Autumn Recruitment – Meet one of our members:

Chloe Paton, a 22 year old food technologist who joined Glenorie Brigade in 2014.

• Why did you join the brigade?

Chloe: "I was 9 when the 2002 bush fires went through Glenorie, which left a lasting impression on me. Since then I developed an interest in joining the Rural Fire Service (RFS) which had helped us and others in the community. I wanted to volunteer in something that would be giving back to my local community, where I could take on real responsibility, learn new skills and balance with work and study."

• What is the best part of being in the brigade?

Chloe: "The feeling of making difference, the friendships I've developed along the way and the many opportunities to learn and develop new skills and qualifications."

If you enjoy meeting people, gaining new skills and are wanting to make a meaningful contribution to your local community, come along to our **Volunteer**

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News from Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

On Monday 29 February, we delivered our application for our Construction Certificate to Council, so we are now just waiting for the approval of this to start building our shed. This will be in the grounds of Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club, who have been a tremendous support to us. So keep an eye out for signage and activity happening there very soon we hope. We will be operating once a week (on Tuesday's 9.30am-3.30pm) to start with, but once settled will also operate on a second day (Thursday) as well. Our thanks go to Warren Lumley and the board for this very valued support.

We are looking forward to being able to grow our membership then with easy access to our site and plenty of room to move. Hopefully there are plenty of men out there that will be interested in being part of a brand new shed and a great team of blokes who enjoy each other's company, while sharing various skills and interests. If you are that way inclined, there will be plenty of positions to fill for those that are good at organising and supervising activities. If not, you can simply come along, have a cuppa, a chat and a catch-up with like-minded members.

Meanwhile we are still operating from our temporary site, 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 would love to see you there!



Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society - April Excursion

Saturday April 30
Time: 9.00am - 1.00pm (walk is 4 hours and covers 6 km)
Meeting place: The entrance to Muogamarra Nature Reserve (4km north of Cowan on the Old Pacific Highway).
Cost: Adults \$10, Children \$5.
Bookings essential: Phone 0405 321 478 or email enquiries@dlhhs.org.au
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Dr Mohammed Ansary qualified in medicine in 1999 and was a medical practitioner in the UK for 4 years and then in Australia for 7 years in Goulburn and Central Coast NSW. He has had a wide range of teaching experience supervising students from University of Sydney, UNSW and ANU as well as supervision of general practitioners preparing for their fellowship exams. He enjoys seeing patients of any age. He has particular interests in mental health and treatment of skin lesions. He performs skin checks using computerised technology and advocates many preventative health measures. His general interests are family medicine, women's and men's health. Along with Drs Campbell and Beardsell he is able to provide home visits to regular patients who are unable to attend the surgery. He is available for consultation Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He also consults on some Saturdays. He is married with 2 children and lives in the Hills district.

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Hornsby Shire Major Moves to Arcadia

Hornsby Shire Deputy Mayor, Michael Hutchence is in the final stages of purchasing a property in Arcadia in the shire's north west, A-ward region.

The current C-Ward (Beecroft, Cheltenham, Epping) councillor has been looking at property in Hornsby's rural areas for over two years.

Whilst he is yet to confirm whether he is running for the next term of Council, he said moving to Arcadia will probably have very little impact on his decision on which ward he will stand for.

"For the past few years all of my heart and soul has been in C-ward. It has been the most contentious and most difficult and also the most rewarding of all the wards in my opinion. If I run, I would need to look at the new boundaries under a merged Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Council," he said.

"But just because I have moved house that doesn't mean I can't still represent the area I have in the past. I note that all of the current B-ward councillors currently don't reside in B-ward."



Dural Prostate Cancer Support Group Meetings

Monday 18th April 2016

Speaker: Professor Warick Delprado

Warick is a histopathologist with Douglas Hanley Moir. He has a major interest in Prostate Pathology

Monday 16th May 2016

Speaker: Ross Waldren (TBC)

Stroke Foundation Ambassador Ross has an amazing story to tell having had a stroke at age 27 and his road to recovery.

Dural Galston Probus Club

will hold it's next meeting at 10am on Thursday 21st April at the Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon at Berowra. Contact Anne 9653 1004.



Australian Plants Society

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet at 7-45 pm on April 8th in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David, Avenue, Hornsby on Friday, April 8th. Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale. Guest speaker Marco Duretto will present "Royal Botanic Garden Herbarium-what, why and how to make a good collection." The National Herbarium of NSW is located at the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney. It contains over 1.2 million preserved botanical specimens for research. Marco Duretto leads the Plant Diversity group and he will discuss the function of the herbarium and why it is so important.

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2015 saw a lot of much needed maintenance on the hall including: the sanding and oiling of the wooden floor and replacement of dead turf thanks to a Crown Grant; a new oven provided by Bendigo Bank, Galston; redecoration of the entire hall thanks to volunteers from NetApp.

The Galston Guide hall is a community resource and is available to hire for birthday parties, exercise classes, drama groups or playgroups by contacting the Booking Officer Suzi on 0414 210278.



Girl Guide meetings are on a Thursday. Junior Guides (aged 7-10) meet 4.30-6pm and Guides (aged 10-14) meet 6-7.30pm.

We are also looking for more adult helpers. If you are interested please contact Mary 0423 353644 for further information.



The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees

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

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 1st April, 2016. Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.30 am.

Our guest speaker will be Richard McDonald NSW Chair of the Australian Shareholders Association his topic is "Seniors and the Sharemarket".

Our March meeting proved very interesting with the representative Rodney Horin from Joseph Palmer & Sons. He spoke on the processes of accessing Aged Care Facilities and explained the Government regulations and connections with Centerlink.

This was followed by a discussion session conducted by one of our very knowledgeable members on topics identified by our members as being importance to them.

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Wildlife Gardening

By Mary at Heritage Haven

It has been a long, breathless summer from which I have often sought respite on the shady southern side of our old farm house. Tonight, as I paused for a cup of tea, I leant my forehead against the kitchen wall, only to find myself exchanging silent salutations with a small garden dweller. Separated merely by the cool glass of the kitchen window, a garden frog sprawled motionless, save for the silent, shadowed thumping of his heart against the glass. He is no stranger here ... some nights he even appears with a couple of mates, but tonight he is alone, and wordlessly I rest my finger tips gently against his white pulsating belly and admire his athletic presence. How many insects will he consume tonight? Will he leave a dent in my backyard's insect population?



Common frogs enjoy a diet of flies, moths and slugs, and my wee visitor obviously anticipates being treated hospitably ... especially if it includes enjoying supper on my kitchen's window sill and even more preferred if mosquitos are on the menu.

Outside below my window sill, an old copper bath has become a resident home for travelling frogs, tadpoles and snails. Dragonflies are always welcome visitors, while birds will frequently pause for refreshments or a quick dip in passing. Here also damp mud and gravel encourages plants like pennyroyal and soapwort to thrive.

North Rocks Parramatta Fashion Parade

A fashion parade was hosted by North Rocks Parramatta Lantern Club to raise funds for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

This was a fun-fashion show presented by the Airts and Grace's collections and was held in the delightful surrounds of the Renwick Centre at RIDBC. The lantern ladies modelled the clothing to the delight of the audience and the hand-made cakes and sandwiches were delicious.



Lucky door and raffle tickets prizes were plentiful and contributed to making the afternoon a financial success.

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Hornsby Art Goes to Gosford



Gosford City Mayor, Lawrie McKinna and Acting Chairperson of Hornsby Art Council, Michael Bell

A significant collection of over \$500,000 of art, collected in Hornsby, has been donated to Gosford Regional Gallery. The size of the collection is so significant it has more than doubled the value of the existing collection in Gosford.

Gosford City Mayor, Lawrie McKinna said the entire Gosford City community is set to benefit from this generous donation.

"My fellow councillors and I are extremely grateful for this amazing act of generosity. What an amazing gift for Gosford and our wider community," he said.

Hornsby Arts Council Incorporated (HACI) has been collecting the donated works of art from local and regional artists for about 15 years. The works have either been hung or displayed in various Council and public buildings around Hornsby Shire or stored at HACI's expense.

HACI has been trying to find a permanent place to display the collection for some time. In late 2014, it became apparent that Hornsby Council was not going to provide a place for the artworks in a dedicated gallery. As fantastic as the Wallarobba arts centre is, it is not a regional gallery and does not have the space to accommodate a collection of this magnitude.

Michael Bell is the acting chair of HACI, while he and the arts council are pleased to find a dedicated space for the collection in Gosford, he says it is disappointing the works had to leave the Hornsby Shire.

"The works were collected for the people of Hornsby. It is regrettable that Hornsby residents will not have the accessibility and close daily contact they would have had if the collections formed part of a Hornsby regional gallery," he said.

"Unfortunately Council chose to spend its money in other areas and missed opportunities when they were there. In particular we recall the sale of the Cinema, the equestrian centre and the swimming pool upgrade. "Wallarobba" is an excellent facility supporting artists but it is not a visual and performing arts centre."

In response, a spokesperson for Hornsby Shire Council noted the conditions required to not only display but to store a collection of this size was something that could not be met.

"Hornsby Council has communicated with Hornsby Arts Council about the Bestowed Art Collection over a number of years. The Hornsby Arts Council imposed a number of conditions on the transfer of the collection that unfortunately Council was unable to meet," said a Hornsby Council spokesperson.

"The Bestowed Art Collection is a private collection that was held by the Hornsby Arts Council and it is their decision where to house the works. We are pleased that the public will now be able to view them.

Hornsby Shire Council is proud of its contributions to the arts, including the opening of the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in 2011."



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The Business of Dance

By Catlan Charles

Tash Schuddeboom fell in love with dance at the age of three. For the past six years she has poured that enthusiasm into teaching her craft to others under the guidance of Jen Dalton, the owner of Jigsaw Dance.

"At 14 I said 'I want to teach' and Jen has been mentoring me ever since. It's so exciting and I want to learn as much as I can," Schuddeboom said. Now at the age of only 19, Dalton is backing Schuddeboom's ability, enthusiasm and developing business mind by appointing her head teacher at their new studio in Wahroonga. Dalton said when the opportunity to open a new studio came up, Tash was the obvious choice.

"Tash is dedicated, passionate, good with children, and wants to share her love of dancing with others," said Dalton. Schuddeboom hopes to help young dancers develop their skills and find their passion. But it's not just the dance that drives her, she is excited about running her own business.

"It's always been a dream of mine. I love doing the business side and being able to create new ideas. With this I am also able to have a bit of freedom and implement some of my own ideas while also being mentored by Jen [Dalton]," she said.

"I want to gain as much knowledge as I can around business and teaching as well."

Ultimately, it is the 19-year-old's intention to combine her love of dance and a keen interest in business to make the studio a success.

That keen interest began back in school and culminated in becoming a finalist in the 2014 Dural Chamber of Commerce's Young Business Mind of the year.

Currently studying a Certificate IV in Dance Teaching and Management, Schuddeboom is preparing herself for running the studio and teaching all the classes.



Galston CWA News

We held our cookery competition on the 24th February. It had been a few years since our branch had held this competition and we had a wonderful response. Those whose cakes and jams won first place will now go onto Group level (Semi finals) and will be judged, with the winners then going onto State. Our youngest entrant Miranda, 10 years old, who entered the Junior section- Crunchy Topped Lemon Loaf will also go onto Group level. Fingers crossed for all our entrants!



Miranda, who entered our Junior Cooking Competition with her Crunchy Topped Lemon Loaf.

Information on next year's competition will be announced in the new year. Everyone is welcome to enter, not just CWA members.

We have welcomed a few new members to our Branch over the past few months, Thank you to our newest members. We are always looking for others to help make CWA a continuing asset to our community and realize we are not just about tea and scones.

On the subject of tea and scones however, thank you to our members who volunteered in tea rooms at the Castle Hill Show and the Royal Easter Show.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 13th, from 10a.m. for craft (felt blueberries) with a meeting to follow at 1p.m. We meet at the Galston Health & Community Centre, cnr The Glade and 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

The Hon Philip Ruddock MP, Member for Berowra

Federal Member for Berowra Philip Ruddock MP has announced that Pacific Hills Christian School will receive \$300,000 in Capital Grants Funding.

Mr Ruddock said "The Capital Grants Programme is there to provide and improve school capital infrastructure, as well as ensure attention to refurbishment. The government recognises the importance of providing and improving school facilities and Pacific Hills is the first in Berowra to benefit from such funding"

The funding will contribute to Pacific Hills' construction of a senior school facility providing five general learning areas, a PDHPE area, two science labs as well as storage and change rooms.

"This grant will see that students have learning spaces necessary to get the most out of their time at school, while buildings alone do not make a school, students will benefit when these projects to upgrade facilities are completed".

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The Shelter has saved lives, given hope and made a difference. Well done to the volunteers, staff and the Board. I was so impressed with the Shelter's achievements that I proposed that Council give a one-off donation of \$10,000. This was unanimously endorsed by my fellow Councillors at March's meeting, and we are delighted to be able to support this worthy cause. You can learn more about the shelter by visiting hornsbykuringgaiwomensshelter.com.au

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The Roughley Family

*By Margaret McKinley, with reference to
"These Walls of Time" by Ken Roughley*

The family name, "Roughley" comes up in many aspects of our local history. The first Roughley members to come here were father and son, Joseph and James, who lived in Lancashire. They had been found guilty of stealing several pieces of cloth to the value of five pence (!) and were sentenced to transportation for seven years. They arrived in Sydney in October 1818, and were sent to Parramatta for distribution. In 1824 they were given "Freedom from servitude" and James married Harriot Kentwell of Castle Hill in September, 1825.

They moved to Dural in about 1830 when they tenanted 50 acres from William Mobbs. This land was situated on the western side of Old Northern Rd. opposite where St Judes Church is now. The Roughley family had given 2 acres of land for the building of a small house which was used for church services and a denominational school. Later, in about 1846 the present St. Judes was built, but it was not until 1865 that the land, including the school, was officially conveyed to the Bishop of Sydney.

Most of the descendants of the original Roughleys had large families. Some were of 10 or 11 children. James 11, who married Lydia Hunt, built "The Pines" in 1856 and the house was occupied by several generations of Roughleys, the last being Clive, who will be remembered as the "Honey and Egg Man" by some of our older residents. Clive had no descendants and in about 2001 gave the house and land to Baulkham Hills Shire Council (now the Hills



The Pines" by Myra Southgate

1981. June Roughley also published the story of the Roughley Family, "A Loftier Race", which has detailed family trees and is available for sale at the cottage. June was on the committee of the Kenthurst Literary Institute in 1961, when the decision was made to build the swimming pool which was entirely financed and built by the local community. At that time it was the only pool in the district, where children could be taught to swim.

The formation of the Dural Historical Society in 1984 was June's idea, and we are eternally grateful to her for the tireless work she put into setting up an organization to record and preserve the history of our district. Finding a home for the Society took several years, until the cottage near the Cenotaph became available. It had been built for the caretaker in about 1946. The members of the Society worked hard in renovating, altering and decorating the building and had it all ready for the opening on 29th August, 1998, by Hon. Kevin Rozolli. "History Cottage" is open for enquiries on Wednesdays 1pm-4pm, and on Sundays from 10am to 4pm. All welcome

Shire), who now maintain it as a tourist attraction. There are regular guided tours of the house, and it is well worth a visit to be reminded of the old days and ways.

Miss June Simeon was appointed as the teacher at Annangrove School in 1948, and met and married Bert Roughley. She was an outstanding teacher, and was instrumental in researching the history of Kenthurst and Annangrove, for the publication of a book, by Catherine Charlton in

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Convict Footprints Director Mr Jerry Retford said that the play was a true salute to the hardships faced by the convicts when they built the road with blood, sweat and tears.

"Being connected with this play has been an amazing experience and truly a journey of discovery, learning about the trials and tribulations of the men who worked in chains, in the searing hot Australian sun.

"It truly has been an honour to be associated with bringing this history to life in-situ", Mr Retford said.

"The play is a delightful interpretation of how the road was built which takes audiences on a roller coaster of emotions", he said.

"The sad tales of the convicts and the suffering they endured is lightened by that 'good old Aussie humour' to take audiences on a journey back in time.

"We have seen audiences members with tears in their eyes as the 'convicts' tell their stories of hardship and despair, but soon the mood is lifted as these same convicts rebel against the Government officials and red coat soldiers.

"The script has been carefully researched and follows historical fact closely, but we encourage the actors to improvise in their interaction with each other and audience members so you never really know what might happen," said Mr Retford.



National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Area Manager, Angela Lonergan said the partnership between NPWS and Convict Footprints production company was an excellent way to introduce people to parks.

"The play is performed in situ on the most spectacular section of this historic road and it really is a great opportunity to learn more in a unique and enjoyable way.

"We are really proud of this production and the reaction from audiences is always so positive, we just want as many people as possible to have this experience.

"Proceeds from ticket sales go to undertaking the production and paying the actors, but NPWS wins too because we get to offer a great visitor experience to one of the best locations on the Central Coast," said Ms Lonergan.

If you are interested in this unique experience get in quick as tickets are limited to 50 per performance. The play will be conducted over two weekends only: Sat 7th May 11:00 and 4:00; Sun 8th May 11:00; Sat 14th May 11:00 and 4:00; Sun 15th May 11:00.

Tickets are: \$55 Adult; \$45 child 8-18 years; \$45 Concession; \$150 Family (2A & 2C)

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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 the light showers is another must have accessory for a scooter.

In most of the standard non portable scooters, 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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Anzac Commemoration Service



The Hills District RSL Sub Branch Anzac Commemoration Service will be held on **Sunday 17th April 2016, at 2.30pm at the Galston Cenotaph**, which is located next to History Cottage on Galston Road.

We would appreciate those attending to be seated by 2.15pm and Veterans wishing to participate in the March to assemble on the road leading into the Aquatic Centre by 2.20pm. If the weather is inclement the service will be held at the Galston Club.

Refreshments will be served in the Galston Club following the service. For further information please contact: Hon Secretary, Hills District RSL Sub-Branch, PO Box 72, Galston NSW 2159 or judithfaytaylor@bigpond.com.

Glenorie Anzac Day Services

Dawn Service commencing at 6am at the Glenorie Cenotaph, on Old Northern Road, Glenorie. Service to be followed by tea and coffee served in Glenorie Memorial Hall. All Welcome.

Afternoon ANZAC Service and march, 3:15pm at Glenorie RSL Club, see page 34 for more details.

The Friends of Fagan Park

ANZAC Day Rural Museums and Netherby Homestead Open Day.

Monday 25 April 2015. Fagan Park, Galston.

Commemorate this ANZAC Day on Monday 25 April at Fagan Park, Galston. The Heritage Area of Netherby Homestead and Rural Museums in Fagan Park will be open between 9am and 4pm.

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

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

The trucks and tractors will be paraded around the park at noon.

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

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

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

Entry to the Park and Museum Area is free.

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Local Community Choir - Stay Tuned

The Stay Tuned Choir is excited to host UBUNTU, a group of singers, musicians and dancers who were former members of the world-renowned African Children's Choir.

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For more information visit www.kwaya.org or follow the tour on Facebook www.facebook.com/ubuntutour

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Galston Equestrian Club - Something for Everyone!

Our first dressage competition of the year, the Members Only Dressage Day on 28th Feb., was very successful, with riders enjoying the relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Judges Pam Dalrymple, Sue Lewis and Nicole Pullen did a sterling job, and Horseland and Coprice were most generous with the prizes as usual. Thanks to all the volunteers for their invaluable help and to Liz Jones for organizing another well-run day. Our new canteen menu was popular and we look forward to more delicious, healthy food in the future, thanks to Lynne Livingstone.

On 13th March, we ran a show jumping clinic with Keira Byrnes (a local NCAS level 1 coach who competed up to 4 star level at the Adelaide 3 Day International) teaching students. There were classes from 40-50cms, 50-65cms, 70-85cms, and 90cms, and enthusiastic jumpers were put through their paces and increased their knowledge while having fun. The feedback was excellent with happy jumpers enquiring when would we be organizing the next one!

In another arena, we were lucky to have a Natural Horsemanship demonstration by Neil Pye, Australia's most senior Parelli instructor, which was very informative, and gave the crowd of spectators much to think about in the way they communicate and understand their horses.

Our next event will be a Dressage Protocol Day on 2nd April, when riders will have a wonderful opportunity to ride the dressage test of their choice and get instant feedback and instruction. Our judges, Gisela Nilsson-Harding (level A judge, mentor, judge educator and EA young horse judge) and Pam Dalrymple (a level B judge who has had competition horses at the highest level) are both exceptionally experienced and keen to help riders improve their scores. This is perfect timing as our next dressage competition will be our first Open (Official) Dressage Competition on 24th April.

In the meantime, we have Clear Round Show Jumping on Sunday 10th April, and a talk by well-known Dr John Kohnke at the Galston Club at 7.00pm on Thursday 21 April, which is free to all interested equine enthusiasts. Come along and have dinner and a drink with us beforehand! On Saturday 30th April, we are having St Johns non-accredited Sporty Injury training in Galston – very useful for anyone attending horse events. Check our website or Facebook for more information on all these events.

We are very happy to announce that we have now over 100 members, exceeding the total membership of 2015, so our new committee providing the club members with what they want is proving successful. Join now before we have to cap our membership!



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Lucy and Max enjoying the cross country jumps

Each year Arcadia Pony Club holds their pony club camp weekend where members, their families and their horses spend two nights at an equestrian facility that caters to pony cubs just a few hours from Sydney. It is a highlight for members who have the opportunity to ride all weekend along with spending time with their pony club friends.

Last year, Arcadia Pony Club held their annual camp over the long weekend in October at the beautiful Fernances Creek Farm in the picturesque Wollombi Valley.

The camp was held the last weekend of the school holidays and was very well attended with 48 riders and family members and 28 horses and ponies. The weather was very warm but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm with riders saddled up bright and early Saturday morning to explore the cross country jumps and the riding trails. The younger members started the day off well with some rider safety sessions then fun games such as 'walking' egg and spoon races on their ponies in the enclosed show jumping paddock.

Late Saturday afternoon after riding there was swimming in the dam and many riders also enjoyed apple bobbing – what a great way to stay cool and the ponies got lots of apple core treats as well!

Saturday evening was spent around the camp fire for dinner and sharing stories from the day, whilst toasting marshmallows of course! Sunday was more fun with cross country and trail riding with campers sadly packing up after lunch to head home.

A special thanks to Katie from Arcadia Pony Club for organising the weekend; and to the wonderful instructors that also attended with their own families and horses and ran sessions throughout the camp. We can't wait for this camp this year and have already started planning for it!

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



Little riders have fun at camp too!

Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss

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

The two kindergarten classes KW and KB have settled in very well to their class routines. They are engaging and enjoying interesting class activities and almost too soon, it will be the end of their very 'first big' school term.

School Captains Henry, Grace, Nick and Stella are setting an excellent standard by demonstrating responsible leadership. They along with the SRC just recently organised a very successful Mufti Day. The results of the gold coin fund-raising was donated to the 'Guide Dogs NSW/ACT' organisation which exists to enhance the quality of life for people living with blindness or impaired vision.

A courageous and determined team competed at the Beecroft Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival which was held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush recently. The day was a great experience for the team, especially with the senior boys' relay team which took out third place. The competition was tough and tiresome, however all the students swam competitively and proudly represented their school.



Congratulations to the 7-a-side rugby league team for their success in the Peter Wynn Shield, finishing as runners-up in the B Division. This fine team of boys not only demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship but as well helped pack up equipment at the conclusion of the carnival. The NRL Development Officers were particularly impressed with their manners.

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News from Northholm Theory to Practise

Last month Northholm Grammar School Year 12 PDHPE students travelled to the Australian Institute of Sport for a series of specialised lectures and practical sessions that were developed to enhance their classroom studies.

At Northholm there is a growing emphasis on providing students with opportunities to apply their knowledge to real-world situations. This strategy is proving very successful in promoting academic excellence across all year levels as students are better able to see the purpose for their learning.

Additionally, the class attended the Brumbies v Waratahs Rugby match at GIO stadium where they once again experienced first-hand how theory relates to practice. Further highlights of the stay included a tour of the AIS and an afternoon session at Sportex, as well as star spotting in the AIS dining hall where the class interacted with a number of elite athletes.



News from Uniting Galston Early Learning Centre

This month at Galston Early Learning Centre the children have shown great interest in Superheroes! After reading the story "Super Worm" by Julia Donaldson, the children enjoyed discussing how they learnt about the heroic worm that saved many of his insect friends from danger. The children's interest in the story led to many discussions about what heroes do, who are our heroes and what makes a person a hero. Throughout our discussions, the educators reinforced the positive qualities that our heroes have, how they help people, protect people, are kind, strong and brave. We then discussed how hero's role model positive helping behaviour and how we can all encourage this behaviour amongst our friends, families and the outer community. The children were able to brainstorm different superheroes and answers questions on how they would use their powers to help others.

We channelled our superhero interest in to our art and craft experiences where over the course of two weeks the children were given the opportunity to get involved with some superhero box construction, paddle pop stick superheroes and superhero masks. These activities allowed the children to express themselves creatively and take ownership and pride in their creations. These were great opportunities for the children to engage in shared play, developing their ability to listen to each other, taking turns, interacting and negotiating with one another.

We are now looking at our local superheroes from our immediate community, we believe that these people are great role models for our children and we hope that they are able to look up to them and follow in their footsteps.

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Middle Dural Public School



Middle Dural students took part in the annual Small Schools' Swimming Carnival on Friday February 12. The carnival was organised by Hillside PS and attended by Hillside, Annangrove and Middle Dural students. All Middle Dural students performed well against their friends from the other small schools, particularly in the relay events.

We are sending a relay team with Hudson, Cameron, Caleb and Jack to compete in the zone competition on 7 March.

February 26 saw the start of our Learn to Play squash program, initially for years three to six. This is part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) program and is delivered by a qualified and endorsed instructor. The children had a great time on day one, and surprised us all with their ability to hit the tiny ball with a small racket. In later weeks they will head off to the Dural squash courts and on the final day, K,1,2 children will be included in a fun day.

Our Zone relay team of Hudson, Cameron, Caleb and Jack came second in the Peter Dobson trophy for small schools today and qualified for the Regional meeting later in March.

Ian McArthur and Mel Hayes



Hillside Public School

On Monday 7th March, five students, Patrick, Tjannaya, Tarj, Lucas and Arabella attended the Zone Swimming carnival at Homebush. They all swam their very best with the relay team winning the Small Schools Relay race.



This means the four relay swimmers are off to the Area carnival in a few weeks. Congratulations to all swimmers.

The Environmentors program, Schoolyard Harvest, visited our school last week. A very interesting program was enjoyed by the students. Students were taught about the necessary things needed to grow delicious and healthy vegetables and fruit.

What a wonderful day we had on Tuesday 8th March. Middle Dural invited us to join them for a Colonial Day. The Journeymen were there and they told us of the history of settlement in Australia through stories, dance and song. Everyone looked fantastic in the period costumes.

Years 2-6 are learning the skills needed to play squash every Friday and this Friday are off to the squash court to play a real game!



Next week sees years 4, 5 and 6 join with other local schools to visit Bathurst and the goldfields at Hill End. All students are excited about finding their fortune – a gold nugget!



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Better Homes for Arcadia's Chickens

Linking learning, fun, design and fame all in one episode! Where else but Arcadia Public School. While Dr Harry had a student led tour of the vegetable gardens, learnt about our excellent sustainability education program and shared his knowledge of all the ins and outs of caring for chickens, Adam and his team built our fabulous new chicken coop. It's fantastic! Why were we so fortunate?



Well talent and enthusiasm, of course. The coop is based on Rose's winning entry in the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW research and design competition. Each of the students' models was on display at the Royal Easter

Show. You may have watched Arcadia PS shine on Better Homes and Gardens on March 18. Thank you Better Homes and Gardens and congratulations to Rose and our talented students!

Glenorie Public School

Welcome back everyone for 2016! School has only been in action now for nine weeks, but Glenorie Public has already started on many exciting things! You might remember the buddies program that started last year, with our previous Year 5's, now our new Year 6's are continuing the program! It's an amazing thing, watching shy and nervous kindies step out of their shell and get started with daily school life. They have seen new things and learnt a lot already. Some of them (most of them, actually) have already gained their first awards for good work!

The year sixes and our principal Mrs Pearce, have come up with a fabulous idea; we have all decided that we would like to help other schoolmates by assisting with unpleasant behaviour. The people who have agreed to help are known as the iHelp people and they can be identified by their iHelp hats. If any of your friends/children have problems with another child in the playground, tell them to, next time it happens, find the iHelp people.

We have also selected new sport captains; they have already started their responsibilities enthusiastically. They love helping out, and are eager for more jobs. *Student Report, Justin Lin & Alys Cotton*

Arcadia Playgroup

Arcadia Playgroup is held every 2nd Thursday on the beautiful school grounds of Arcadia Public School.

Place: Arcadia Public School, 140 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia
 Time 9am-11am

Meeting place: Picnic table between the large sandpit with play equipment and the kindy room. If you have trouble finding us on your 1st day, go to the office and the school secretary, Hazel, will bring you over.

Wet weather meeting place: The school's wet weather shed.

Details: Our playgroup has a very relaxed format. There is usually a craft activity which relates to current events eg. Australia



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G'day all,

We hope that your Easter was restful and restorative. While ours was busy, it was nice to also have some time with family and friends.

We've been having a very social time of it lately...

There was the international night – more than 80 folks having dinner together, eating and learning about different foods and cultures. Yum

In the past year we've been involved in a conversation about doing more joint activities with our sister Churches in the district. Last July we hosted a gathering, in February we (and Hillslife) were guests at St Judes – it was a terrific morning with loads of people and we look forward to doing it again somewhere else and with more churches!



Even more socially... we had a lovely (and lively) picnic at Fagan Park – there was games, face painting, activities food and good company – it was fabulous.

And all that's before I even talk about our regular programs – particularly KUCA having a very wet water games night and our youth getting together around the community for a progressive dinner... although Josh learnt something unexpected about feeding other people's fish...

Oh, and just to keep the social theme going – we also had a joint youth night with Hillslife.

Then there was the Sunday afternoon concert for Bach's birthday... but that's another story...

Come join us... as you can see, there's plenty going on.
Cheers, Geoff

Arcadia Playgroup....continued

Day, Chinese New Year, Easter. However, some kids choose not to participate in craft as they are having too much fun in the enormous sandpit. Our toys and resources cater for all ages. We have playmats and toys for babies, musical/percussion instruments, water play and more. The kids love checking out the chooks in the coop next to the sandpit and everyone enjoys a delicious, healthy smoothie, free of charge, from the school canteen. We request a gold coin donation when attending. All of our regular attendees become members of Playgroup NSW - we currently offer a \$20 Woolworths voucher incentive to join our playgroup.

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News from St Benedict

Monastery Fair Sunday 13th March

The 51st annual Benedictine Monastery Country Fair was a wonderful success and the organisers have asked that their thanks be passed on to everyone who worked on the day, made donations and, most of all, supported this long-established event. Funds raised will go to support some of the neediest people in Australia and overseas.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a Holy Year of Mercy. Parishioners participated in a twenty-four-hour Year of Mercy prayer vigil at St Benedict's in early March and each week our Parish Bulletin has suggestions for other ways to support the Pope's aims in this special year. A typical suggestion is to do something kind and helpful for someone you don't get along with, or who has annoyed you. This would be truly following the teachings of Pope Francis and Our Lord Jesus.

Catechist News

We had a joyous celebration on the 6th March to commission the members of our catechist team, the generous people from the parish who teach God's word in our local schools. The picture shows Parish Priest Father Bernard leading the ceremony and welcoming and thanking the catechists on behalf of the parish. This happy occasion concluded with a family barbecue after the 9am Mass.

Parish Centre refurbishment

Work is continuing on re-arranging the layout of the Parish Centre so that we can all celebrate together in the main section of the church building. Newly painted walls and ceiling have certainly smartened things up.

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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Glenorie Mission Church

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

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

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

Jesus died and his tortured body was placed in a tomb. His followers were dispersed and confused. On the third day he overcame death and rose again. On Easter Sunday we remembered and gave thanks for his resurrection.

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

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

Please join us at Glenorie Mission Church, to find out more,

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Galston High School - New building projects underway

The Galston High School community is very excited by a number of building programs that are currently being undertaken. Two science laboratories are being refurbished as are two sets of the student bathrooms. Most importantly, the new library has gone to tender and construction will hopefully begin in May. For more photos regarding the library, see our web page at www.galston-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/



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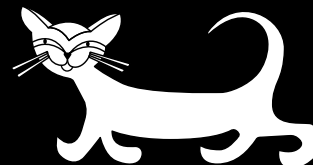
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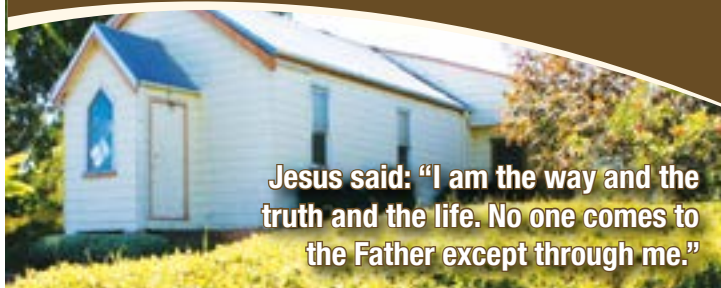


By Corri Byrne, Pastor



Geoff Smith (Galston Uniting Church), Corri Byrne (Hillslife Church) and Adam Lamb (St Jude's Anglican).

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All too often churches are known for their differences rather than our unity. Throughout the ages there have been many theological debates that have created division within our church body.

From the second century, just years after the death of the apostles, the church began to show signs of division.

Unfortunately for church, as it grew, so too did the bureaucracy. So too did human intervention. I suppose it's inevitable. A larger community requires organisation and with it structure and leadership.

This was accompanied by more and more rules – the legalism that the Pharisees were criticised for!

For centuries we have witnessed church splits and Christians fighting against Christians.

Against this backdrop, how wonderful that in a small community based in the Northern districts of Sydney, three churches ignored all our differences, and joined together to celebrate as one body in Christ.

Starting with the deep harmonies of the Galston Uniting Church men's choir, to the great worship of St Jude's Anglican Church; how wonderful it was to join as one body praising the one and only head.

For me it has been a highlight of my ministry and I pray for it to grow as we welcome other churches in our district to join together for a service about coming together – regardless of any "preferences".

Galston Girl Guides Position Vacant

We are currently seeking a woman interested in being the 'Rudder on our Ship'. This is a volunteer position and is essential to the smooth running of the District. Essentially we would like someone from the Galston, Glenorie & Hills District, someone connected to the community and has an interest in empowering and inspiring girls and women. Guiding experience is not necessary.

Call 02 8396 5200.

Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 27th April 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. 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. Circle member Graeme Russell will also talk about 'What judges look for in award judging'.

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.



Laelia tenebrosa 'Rainforest',

Restoring Carrs Bush

By Barry Lees

An unpleasant surprise awaits those who remove a mature privet tree - a thousand privet seedlings spring up to replace it! This is happening in our restoration area in Carrs Bush. A lush carpet of seedlings about 5cm high has appeared, powered by sunlight that was not there previously. We don't like spraying because it kills new natives hiding among the privet, so hand weeding is used. Among other things, bushcare teaches you patience!

You may remember that in August last year, we advised that our Landcare group had obtained a \$40000 grant over 3 years to restore a section of Carrs Bush, part of Fagan Park in Galston. The work is being done near the electricity tower at the corner of Bayfield and Carrs Roads. Since then, contractors and Landcare members have cleared privet, blackberries, honeysuckle and Ochna near the tower and on Carrs Road. You can now walk through some sections that were almost impenetrable.

Having received a sizable grant, some would expect to see bobcats and trucks removing trees, moving soil, reshaping the ground, planting new trees and laying turf, like most landscaping sites. For our work, you would be very wrong! Bush regeneration is about people crawling around in the undergrowth using small hand tools and a lot of knowledge. Experienced bush regenerators know the name of every plant, whether it is a native to the area or introduced, and how to efficiently remove the 'baddies' and encourage the 'goodies'. We get great satisfaction seeing an area change its character over time. We rejoice when natives reappear after being crowded out by weeds for years. We are governed by the speed at which the bush regenerates, not to a faster human timescale. Many workfaces are open at once, all being independently managed to avoid overclearing.

A small amount of replanting will be needed in badly degraded areas, using plants grown from local seed. However most plants will be supplied by the bush itself, from seed that has been dormant in the ground or spread from adjacent good bush. Once again, patience is the key.

Most of Carrs Bush is absolutely glorious. If you would like to help us restore the remainder, you would be welcome at occasional Landcare working bees, or you could join the Bushcare group. Call Barry Lees on 9653 3691, or go to www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au or Facebook.



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Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc

Bromeliad Society of Australia INC will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground Saturday, 9 April with plant sales from 12 - 1pm. Enter from the new Showground entrance into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.

Guest speakers will discuss "*Preparing Your Plant for Competition*" the plant does not have to be a spectacularly rare species, a really well grown plant is what we all strive to achieve" said Ian Hook, President BSA

"Meetings include plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet with like-minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Visitors to the club are most welcome to attend a couple of meetings prior to joining." Ian Hook, President - mobile 0408202269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com - website: www.bromeliad.org.au



Galston Garden Club

We had another very well attended meeting last month with speaker Morrie Maaht from Alpine TreeMovals. The next day many of us visited the nursery at 43 Moores Road, Glenorie, for a guided tour. This gave members a chance to see an aspect of the nursery industry which is rarely seen by the average gardener.

The company specialises in rescuing mature trees from properties which are undergoing redevelopment, and re-potting them for resale. Members were amazed at the scale of the



Alpine Treemovals visit

operation which has thousands of large trees in huge pots, many of the specimens being more than 5m tall. This is an exceptional local business which deserves to be more widely known.

Our Speaker next meeting will be Mark Massey. He is a clivea expert. Not sure on his exact topic, but it will be interesting!!!

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April , 8.00pm at the Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston.

The Kangaroo Valley day trip on Thursday 7th April is booking up fast. Members will visit two lovely gardens, lunch at Bistro One 46 by special request, Harper's Mansion and Berrima. Any queries for this, contact our Social Secretary, Richard Crompton, on oldesavannah@iinet.net.au.

Bill Fleming, our Open Gardens Convenor, would still love to hear from anyone interested in entering their garden in the Open Gardens this year. Phone him on 9653 2394 or email wfleming@primusonline.com.au

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Hornsby Fire Svcs HQ	9883 2000

LOCAL JP's Michael Bell, Arcadia - 9653 1365

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There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays between 1pm and 3pm. Hornsby Branch of the NSW Justices Association meets monthly at the Asquith Leagues Club opposite Waitara rail station. All JP members and potential members welcome. Enquiries to Gavin Moehead JP 9489 4662 or 0407 229 203.

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ACACIA (Living Life) Exercise programme for over 65's. FREE. Every Tuesday 9.30 to 10.30am 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.

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

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

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

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Arcadian Quilters - Meetings held at Galston Community Health and Resources Centre, 1st, 3rd and 5th 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.

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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 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm at History Cottage, 412 Galston Rd Galston. The Cottage is also open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Wed 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. Enquiries Denis 9629 2645 or Maurice 9654 2138.

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 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, and other special occasions. Contact Ian Browning. M: 0419 435 475 E: isandian@tpg.com.au

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

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

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

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

Galston Community Health Centre - This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade). Enq. 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 April Luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on 27th April 2016. Our guest speaker for the day will be Pat Sheehan "Blue Wattle" An Interesting Story. Visitors are welcome. Enquiries Vivien 9894-1189

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

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 environmental 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.

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Hills Shire Garden Club - Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1.00 p.m. at Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill. Enquiries 9624-5034.

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

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

JP SERVICES are available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village on 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 MAGPIES WAITARA, formerly "Asquith Rugby League Club" opposite Waitara rail station. JP's welcome to attend. Varied programme. Enquiries John Tibbitts 9875 1383 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 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays each month at 8pm in the Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills. www.phpc.org.au.

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

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

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

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The Hills Motor Scooter Group - Meets on the second Tuesday morning of each month for rides 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 thehillsmotorscooterclub.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.

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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 Bernard McGrath 0416032497.

St. Columba'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.

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Dural Rugby Club - Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email ef186029@bigpond.net.au or phone 0412 230 328 or visit our website http://dural.rugby.net.au.

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

Galston Glenorie Cricket Club - For further details regarding season events, grades and registration, please contact 0404 600 460. ggcc.nsw.cricket.com.au

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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.

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

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