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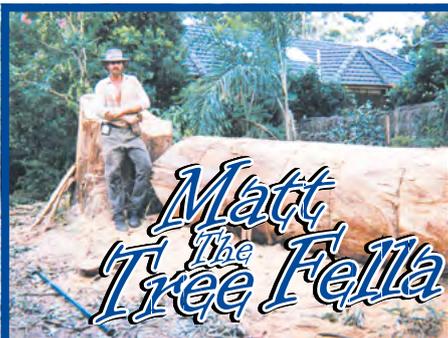
New Service Station in Glenorie?

Residents may have noticed that the redevelopment of the site of the old service station on the corner of Old Northern Road and Whites Road has commenced.

The site at 912-914 Old Northern Road is approximately 2 hectares (20,000m²) Previously the site had been used as a bulk fuel storage depot and service station. The land had become contaminated with petrol spillage and in past years remediation work had been carried out. In 2015 the land owner applied to Council for the rezoning of the land from RU6 Transition to Light Industrial IN2. This has now been approved. One of the points cited in the application was a report from CM Jewell & Associates P/L, that the Contamination Site Audit recommended the site was only suitable for industrial/commercial purposes. The current RU6 zoning allowed for uses such as dwellings and home-based child-care centres which were considered to be unsuitable due to the remnants of contamination. The full application can be found on the Hills Shire Council Website, Application No 2/2015/PLP.

Although no concept plans for the future development had been submitted with the rezoning application, the rezoning does facilitate the redevelopment of the site for uses such as a new service station on the Old Northern Road frontage and light industrial development to the rear of the site. The site has a maximum possible floor space ratio of 7,500m² but in reality, this will be less due to parking requirements and set back. Estimated jobs for the site are 107. The site has a 10m height restriction and trading hours for the businesses operating within the industrial centre will be from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday (this could be varied for a service station operation). Access points to the area will be via Old Northern Road and Whites Road.

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The details of the event are:

When: Saturday 5th March 2016 starting at 4.30pm

Where: John Purchase Oval (behind the Cherrybrook Community Centre off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook)

What's On:

From 4.30pm - Entertainment with performances by local community groups and local schools, SES and RFS displays, Minion Jumping castle, Climbing Wall, Face Painting, Food and Drink, Costume characters including Minions, Kym the Scout Mascot and Paddy Platypus from the SES.

From 7.30pm (approx) - Minions movie (Rated PG)

From 9.30pm (approx) - Fireworks finale

Our website (<http://www.cherrybrookmovieunderthestars.com>) contains additional information about the event.

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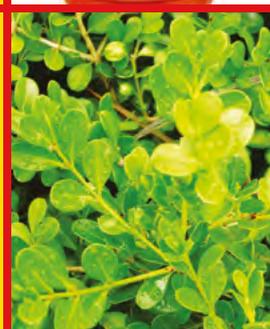
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When: Sunday 6th March, 9am - 2pm

Where: Glenorie Bakery, 930 Old Northern Road, Glenorie

Cost: \$99 per person

Includes: Your ticket to join the Saucy Sauce Master Class, lunch with your fellow apprentices and 5 bottles of sauce to take home with you.

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2016 Starts with a Bang

The lady bowlers at Dural Club had a mixed start to the year with drenching rain on Day 1, and scorching heat on day 2. However that hasn't stopped the Club Pairs being played and won. Again this year congratulations go to sisters Marelle Saunders and Leone Lesslie who won the event but a new pair, Beryl Glover and Terri Hezlett, Galston's star bowler, were worthy runners-up having beaten two good teams in previous rounds. It is encouraging to newer bowlers to know that new teams can get to finals.

Another highlight is the planned battle with the Men's Club for the Club Challenge, a grandiosely titled practice for the ladies' pennant teams for the season which starts on March 1st. Always played in good spirit the challenge even has a trophy!

Between the challenge and the pennants Dural will host a Fours Carnival with people coming from as far as Merrylands, North Ryde RSL, Wiseman's Ferry and Northmead for a game in the bush! City folk love the baby goats over the fence.



Winners: Marelle Saunders and Leone Lesslie



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Every year, since 1958 The Exodus Foundation (steered and driven by Reverend Bill Crews), has coordinated more than 1000 dedicated individuals, schools, community groups and corporate organisations who donate their time and expertise to make a real difference to the lives of the homeless and at-risk in our general community.

The Galston High School achieved an excellent result this Christmas and the Galston Club, who are always ready to assist, generously contributed by displaying the huge amount of canned food under their foyer Christmas tree.

Galston Rotary who have enjoyed a very close relationship within the community for several decades, and is respected for its long standing contribution to areas of need and assistance, was once again delighted to be of help by coordinating local activities.

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Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Folk Club

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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

A Busy Start to the Year

Although the Sydney region has been spared the fires that have recently been seen in other states, Galston Brigade has still had an active start to the year with ongoing intensive training of new recruits and a number of emergency and fire calls.



Most significantly during the storms at the end of January Galston Brigade attended approximately 20 callouts over a 2-day period which involved assisting with the emergency response to heavy damage including damage to houses, powerlines and cars.

75th Anniversary

Galston Brigade is turning 75 this year! At present planning is underway for an event to commemorate this occasion which will take place later in the year but if any past or present members would like to attend or share memorabilia please email media@galstonrfb.org.au and we will keep in touch.

Pile Burns

We would like to remind members of the community that a council permit is required for anyone wishing to undertake a pile burn. Pile Burn enquiries can be directed to Hornsby Shire Council on 9847 6853. Useful information can also be found by following the link to: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/media/documents/environment-and-waste/bushland-and-biodiversity/bushfire/Requirements-for-pile-burning-in-Hornsby-Shire.pdf>.

If you require assistance or are concerned about safety in conducting a pile burn please don't hesitate to call the Brigade Duty Officer on 0491 119 152.

Facebook Page

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Dural and District Historical Society

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*By Margaret McKinley
with help from Ken Waddell*

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Two brothers, William (b.1826) and James 11 (b.1840) came to this country with their parents, James and Nancy and 3 sisters from County Monaghan in Ireland, arriving in October 1841. They first settled in the Hawkesbury district, and they earned their living as shingle cutters. Shingles were in much demand as a roofing material before iron became available. Eventually, by 1853 James saved enough to buy 100 acres for 100 pounds at Galston, where he established a productive citrus orchard. The first home was built in Lailors Lane (now Belbowrie Close, near Greenshades)

Over the years and several generations the Waddell family has increased in number, but many of them have stayed in the orcharding business. In the 1890's the Dural-Galston area was the biggest citrus growing district in Australia. When the piped water supply became available after the water tower in Galston Road was built in the late 1930's, it was possible to produce stone fruit, maturing in the summer. Now Persimmons (both the soft and hard varieties) are in big demand.

Many people will remember Ron and Vera Waddell, who lived next door to the Waddell packing shed and shop, which was the best place to buy fresh fruit, particularly oranges all year round. They died only 13 days apart in 2009, and, unfortunately, most of the original Waddell property has now been sold.



"Norquay Farm", a 10 acre property on Galston Rd, is still in Waddell family hands. It is planted out with Persimmon trees. The name, Norquay, comes from one of the many ancestors connected to the family.

Waddell Cottage, now within the grounds of Galston High School, was built in about 1866 by James III out of stone quarried from the site. The house has bedrooms up a staircase (hence the dormer window) and the kitchen is a separate building



out the back. This was customary at the time, so that if there was a fire in the kitchen the whole house was not burnt down. James son, known as old Jimmy", never married and lived in the house until his death in 1969. The Department of Education acquired the property and it appeared that the Cottage would be demolished. Fortunately a group of local citizens got together and raised money to restore it. The school's first English/ History teacher, Tom Richmond, played a significant role, and ensured that the Cottage was used as a valuable resource within the School

At the next meeting of the Dural Historical Society on Saturday 12th March at 2pm, the guest speaker will be Andrew Phippen who will talk about Bass and Flinders All welcome

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Lombardo's Restaurant & Bar

Our Confit Pork Belly is something that is well received by our patrons. So this month I have decided to take the opportunity to give you the reader and diner, a bit more of a background and origin of the cooking process of confit to help develop your appreciation for what is one of my most passionate forms of cooking.



The term confit is steeped with French history, but in short is derived from the French term "to preserve". It is a simple process of salting the meat and then cooking it in either duck, goose or pig fat for long periods of time on a low heat and then storing the meat in a jar covered in the fat that it was cooked in. This process allowed the French to preserve the meat before the days of refrigeration. When originally being exposed to this technique in the my early years of cooking, I was told it originated from the French Alps where due to the amounts of snow people weren't always able to move freely in the winter, thus making preserving a necessity. The thoughts of being in such surroundings while smelling the aroma of the slow cooked pork belly, generates a huge amount of enthusiasm for the product, but also humbling to think of something so drenched in one culture's history.

Opposite is the recipe for our aromatic salt we use to confit a full pork belly:

Aromatic Salt

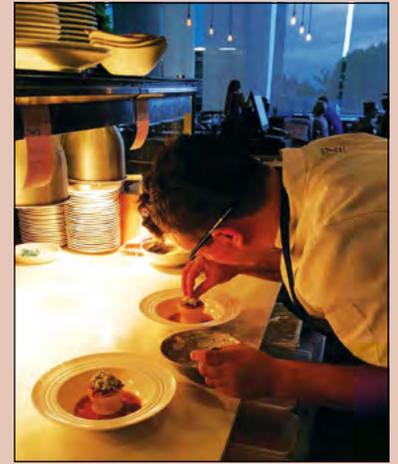
Ingredients:

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6 sprigs of thyme
2 large rosemary sprigs
3 star anises
6 juniper berries
1 teaspoon of smoked paprika
4 coriander seeds

Method:

Place all ingredients into a food processor and blitz until you form a coarse aromatic salt. (This salt will keep fresh in an airtight container for weeks.)

If you're deciding to do a pork belly, our cooking times and length (for a full pork belly) is 85°C for 30 hours before pressing for 24 hours. Please enjoy the recipe and use it also for braising in the coming colder months.



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CAUSES OF SLEEP PROBLEMS

There are many causes of sleep problems and stress is a common factor. If you think stress may be affecting your sleep discuss your concerns with your Pharmacist or Docto, family or friends and try relaxation techniques. Other things can affect your sleep eg food or drinks that contain caffeine or alcohol, exercising or eating too close to bedtime, your lifestyle and some medical conditions.



HEALTHY SLEEP TIPS

- Be as active as possible during the day and spend time outdoors
- Reduce the amount of caffeine you have each day
- Avoid smoking and drinking alcohol in the evening
- Avoid naps during the day. If you do nap, keep it to 20 minutes and before 3pm
- Avoid heavy meals, exercise or working on the computer late in the evening
- Relax for 30 minutes before going to bed or try a warm bath

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

Elizabeth Whiteman

Glenorie Brigade is Recruiting for the Autumn intake.

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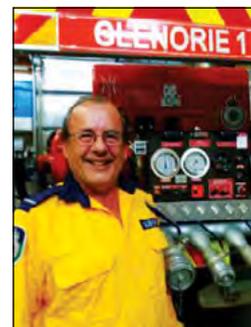
We need you.

Here's what one new recruit has to say:

Why Join the Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade?

I decided to join Glenorie Brigade last year (finally – better late than never!)

I was inspired to join by my memory of the amazing work of the Brigade protecting our community during the 2002 fires and have been impressed by Glenorie Brigade's obvious commitment to our community.



Adrian Howie

Since joining, I have found:

- The Brigade genuinely welcomes new members: newcomers are made to feel included in the team;
- Each of us is on the lookout for the safety of our colleagues and people in the community; commitment to personal safety is strong;
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- In stressful times, the Brigade members are there to support and assist as required;
- Commitment to community is strong, whether it's assisting a resident with advice about property protection, conducting a pile burn, or being at a community event, the Brigade is happy to oblige. They are also happy to travel to all parts of NSW and Australia to assist others in need;
- All required personal protective clothing & equipment is supplied.

The Brigade gets together at the Fire Station 2658 Old Northern Rd (just past the Les Shore Oval) every Saturday at 2pm and Monday night at 8pm.

Please join me in a great team which has a strong sense of commitment to the community and an interest in helping others. I encourage you to come along, check us out. You will be made to feel very welcome within the firefighting family of 40 in Glenorie, over 600 in The Hills District, 70,000 in NSW and millions worldwide.

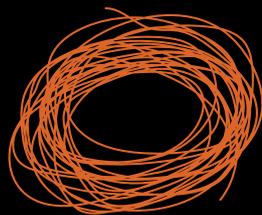
For further information: If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to call the station on 9652 2017, leave a message and someone will get back to you. Visit the brigade stand at the Glenorie Growers Market, 4th Sunday of the month in the grounds of Glenorie RSL. You can also call your local RFS District office: The Hills 9654 1244, Hornsby 9883 2000 or check the RFS website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. You can keep up to date with Glenorie Brigade activities on our facebook page.

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Galston Concerts' Bach's Birthday

Bach Bonus for Galston

The Galston Concerts grow from strength to strength with the addition of a *Bach's Birthday* bonus concert on Sunday 20 March.

A 3pm start in Galston Uniting Church will find trumpeter Bruce Hellmers and organist Pastor de Lasala performing bubbly Baroque music by the great Johann Sebastian Bach, his contemporaries Handel, Vivaldi and more.



After many years as a 'heard-but-not-seen' member of the opera and ballet orchestras at the Sydney Opera House Hellmers career takes new paths with recitals and tours including concerto solos in Rome, Florence, Venice, Vienna and Prague in October.

Organist at Sacred Heart Mosman & Mosman Uniting Church, Pastor de Lasala tours annually to concertise in Europe, especially France, including Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Pastor's expertise in historic organs is perfectly matched to the 20 March recital on Galston Uniting's superbly restored 1887 English pipe organ.

Galston Concerts Young Artist Joseph Eisinger will offer the contrast of music for solo cello by Bach and Peter Sculthorpe.

The program of secular music nevertheless reflects the span of Holy Week from the triumph of Palm Sunday to the sorrow of the Passion.

Bookings for 20 March - \$40, \$30, \$15 with children 12 and under free when accompanied by a ticketed adult - are best made on-line with www.trybooking.com/KFXF or www.trybooking.com/179743

May 7 and 8 sees the culmination of the 2015-2016 Galston series with a festival weekend of *Mostly Mozart* from Vienna's Ensemble I after their Classics Concerts Cruise for Princess Cruises in April.

Enquiries and further information from Robert Harris on 0428 248 348 or festivalarts@outlook.com

All the Galston Concerts have been planned in consultation as a complement to Arcadia & Berowra concert series which commence respectively on 29 May & 5 June this year.

North Rocks Parramatta Lantern Club Fashion Parade.

The North Rocks Parramatta Lantern club is holding a Fashion Parade on Saturday 19th March - 1.30 for 2.00pm. at the Dorothy Paul Centre, the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children North Rocks, opposite Westfield North Rocks. Clothing is being presented by Aires & Graces fashions. Cost is \$15 and includes afternoon tea. All proceed to benefit RIDBC.

Bookings essential RSVP: 11th March. Details: Joan 9871 6128 or Elaine 9639 6159.

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Hidden Treasures

By Mary at Heritage Haven

Late summer lingers in my garden, but the overgrown fernery and potting area is shaded by an excess of Giant Burmese honeysuckle that offers a cool wilderness and welcome respite from the heat.

The honeysuckle was unearthed in the compost heap of an old Victorian camping site almost thirty years ago; today, those purloined cuttings have spread into a glossy wilderness of shadowy protection, ideal for today's re-potting of summer seedlings.

Variegated Apple-Mint has sprawled its leggy growth across a number of old pots, spreading new roots into various shallow pockets of healthy propagation. Iced mint tea would be a delightful respite, but the fragrant herbs sprouting around my finger tips are refreshment enough at this time. A sprawl of furred peppermint geranium extends velvety leaves to my fingertips



... its fragrant growth wanders into shadowy crevices beneath the propagation tables, and I hasten to press visible, fragile roots beneath any pockets of damp earth. In this damp, neglected corner of the garden, surprises sprawl as fragrant perennial basil cuttings have also escaped their starter pots. Memories of my grandmother's old fernery merge with the discovery of creeping salad burnet plants and the delight of tasting the fresh wilderness of nutty salad burnet leaves.



Suddenly, I notice, nearby, a leggy mass of greyish-green, aromatic foliage. Dense spikes of tiny, fragrant, lavender-blue flowers. This is a lavender to delight, Lavender Bosisto ... it has been neglected, but what a delightful survivor ... definitely another hidden treasure.

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees.

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

Our first meeting for 2016 was very well attended it was ever so nice to welcome our members back after the break and see so many visitors.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 4th March, 2016. Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.45am.

We are very excited about our new venue. COME ALONG!

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News From Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

What will you be doing over the long weekend this Easter? Why not pop down to Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club on Easter Saturday 26 March and enjoy a day at the markets! The Men's Shed will be there showing their wares, together with many other varied stall holders. Some of the items we will have for sale are; children's picnic tables, mailboxes, shoe removers, planter boxes, platters just to name a few. Don't miss what the Wisemans Ferry Markets has to offer with food stalls, plant stalls, clothing and coffee stalls along with entertainment and displays. It's a day not to be missed!



Further to our progress with building our shed, we are gathering the necessary engineer reports to support our construction certificate and hopefully by the time this goes to press, it will all be in the hands of council, awaiting approval. We can't wait to get this

started and there will be lots of hard work ahead of us. Therefore with our eyes on the finish line and the continued support of our community, we look forward to soon having our Men's Shed operating in the hub of Wisemans Ferry, with access to those valued members looking for camaraderie and the sharing of their skills.

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.

Galston Swim Club

During January, 22 swimmers represented Galston at the NSW Swimming Championships. It is an honour to even qualify for this event, so to have fifteen 10-12 year olds and seven 13-18 year olds in attendance was a tribute to all the swimmers and coaches. Many Personal Bests were set. Olivia Charlton finished in the top 10 for girls 100 backstroke, and we had many top 20 finishes. We have two swimmers who have now qualified for the Australian Championships in Adelaide this March and April, and several more right on the cusp of qualification.



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Old Movie Theatres

I have been away a fair bit lately, but upon my return home, I found that a reader had written and asked if I could give a talk to a local group about memories. I am not one for public speaking, despite working in radio for a few years. I have yet to respond to the writer as I am going through my diary to find a suitable date.

This letter, however, caused me to consider what prompts our memories. It may be a photograph of a place or a person, a song playing on the radio, a movie on television, or a question asked on a quiz show. Any number of things can bring back a memory from the recesses of our mind. Now if you have some memories why not share them here.

Last year I wrote an article about James Pegler, a local boy who made quite an impression in the world of song in Australia in the 1960s. What is not so widely known outside the Hills district is that the Pegler family also owned and operated Castle Hill's only movie theatre or cinema for many years.

Movies were shown at the Returned Soldiers Memorial Hall at Castle Hill in 1935, by April 1938 a purpose built theatre the "Castle Hill Theatre" with seating for 425 was opened on Old Northern Rd, where Castle Mall is now located. It was built on land that had previously been owned by the Crane family and the first movie to be shown was "Emperor's Candlesticks" starring William Powell and Dulse Rainer. This theatre was owned and operated by Wes Pegler the father of James Pegler. It was

thought fitting that, as movies were originally shown in the Returned Soldiers Memorial Hall and then later at the Castle Hill Theatre, Australia's government awarded a certificate to the Pegler family, which was recently uncovered by Wes Pegler's granddaughter Emma whilst going through some family records (Photograph right). Following the death of Wes Pegler in 1944, Eileen Pegler, his widow, continued the operation of the theatre, eventually handing over the management of the theatre to Harry Holland their projectionist, whilst the Pegler family continued to own the Castle Hill Theatre which singer, James Pegler sold in 1968, after the death of his mother. The theatre was then converted into a Franklins supermarket and in 1979 was demolished to make way for Castle Hill Mall.

Many of the old theatres have now gone and have been replaced by what is now known as a multiplex where a number of theatres are combined into one complex owned and operated by one of the large movie chains. These large complexes do not have the same character as the old movie theatres, but



Two photos of the theatre in the 1960s courtesy of the Kentwell family.

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Budgerigar Society of N.S.W. Inc.
Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith.

On Sunday the 6th March, Hills Branch will celebrate 40th Years of operation, and is staging the 2016 Annual Show at the Don Moore Community Centre at North Rocks; with increased awards and prizes along with associated social events. The prior Saturday evening has been allocated to a social get-together for exhibitors, judges and Hills Branch members. It is anticipated that country and metropolitan exhibitors will be in attendance in greater numbers than normal, for this 40th Show.



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Judges for the show will be Gary Gazzard (Newcastle), Jean Painter (Bargo), and Keith Nicholls (NABIAC). The original judges who officiated at the first show held by Hills Branch are endeavouring to be in attendance. Hills District residents will have an ideal opportunity to see some of the best budgerigars from all parts of the state, under show conditions. It is anticipated that 500 – 600 birds will be in attendance. Visitors can view the birds from 12-30 pm

The Royal Easter Show will also be held during March, with the Caged Birds exhibits and in particular Budgerigars being held on the 17th and 18th, Including a separate section for Junior Exhibits.

Other annual shows will be held on the 13th March , at Canberra, New England and Newcastle, with further **details being available on the Budgerigar Society Web Site, www.budgerigar.com.au NB.** Why not checkout the Hills Branch information which is also linked to the above site.

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

Memories....continued

today's generation still flock to them just the same as the older generations went to the local cinema. Remember the candy bars, the choc top ice creams, the ushers and usherettes, the chandeliers in the foyer of many cinemas. Cinema continues to thrive despite the advent of DVD's, television and the internet.

Now what about your memories or your story.

If you have some great memories, or perhaps you belong to a local community organisation and would like to share your organisation's history or story with us then feel free to share your memories or experiences by writing to PO Box 1278, Baulkham Hills, NSW 1755 or email to metropoll@optusnet.com.au. You can also share memories on any of my facebook memories groups including Hills District Memories which you will find here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Hills.memories/>

You can write about childhood memories of where you may have grown up. Tell us about your school days. Where you worked, played or went on holidays. Your first car or that first date or maybe the history of your group or organisation in the district. This page is about memories so tell us yours.

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The Jam-Packed Year at the Galston Equestrian Club has Begun!

Our Registration Day on Saturday 6th February was very successful with returning members and many new members keen to enjoy all GEC will be offering this year. Check our new website (www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au) to see all the various competitions and activities planned for 2016. There is bound to be something that interests you! The car boot sale was a hit, with happy shoppers going home with great bargains, and the sellers left with much less to pack up than what they brought!

On Thursday 11th February, we had a very informative talk by Nicolle Murray on the benefits of Joint Performance at the Galston Club, which was a most enjoyable evening, socialising and meeting many new members.

Our first Training Day on 14th February, was well attended by members wanting to be instructed by expert trainers Kate Taylor-Wheate (dressage), Peter Turner (flat work) and Amanda Benson (show jumping). The feedback from riders was excellent, with everyone benefitting from their instruction and having fun, and asking when can we do it again?! Thank you Kate, Peter and Amanda for helping our riders improve their skills.

Our second training day will be on 13th March – a busy day planned with a show jumping clinic with Keira Byrnes, a local NCAS level 1 coach who has competed up to 4 star level at the Adelaide 3 Day International. The information flyer is on the GEC website calendar and Facebook for keen beginner to advanced show jumpers. There will also be a free Natural Horsemanship demonstration from 10.30am by Neil Pye, Australia's most senior Parelli instructor, which will be followed by "How to solve horse float loading" at 12.00. This demonstration is open to both members and non-members, and an opportunity not to be missed. See the website or Facebook for more information.

Dressage riders are looking forward to our first dressage competition of the year - our Members Only (Restricted) Dressage Day on 28th February. This will be a relaxed and informal day (no plaiting or jackets!) to get everyone started for the year and to give a different test a go! Lovely judges Pam Dalrymple, Sue Lewis and Nicole Pullen will be giving us the benefit of their expertise.

Keep informed with upcoming events by looking at our gorgeous new website!

Arcadia Pony Club Gallop into the New Year with Mounted Games Training Session!

Arcadia Pony Club had a strong turnout of over 30 riders for the second rally day of 2016 on Sunday the 7th February. It was a great start to the New Year and many riders were no doubt keen to watch and learn from some of the experts from NSW Mounted Games who kindly donated their time to demonstrate their skills.

Riders Matt Dillon and sisters Annalise and Emily Gasparre spent the rally day taking all levels of riders through the various mounted games courses including western bending, five flags, rope race, pyramid race, tack shop race and many more!

Mounted games has an interesting history, first being



Amanda Benson with a student on our Training Day

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Arcadia Pony Club....continued

developed in the UK in the 1950s. When His Royal Highness Prince Philip first devised the Prince Philip Mounted Games for Pony Club, it is doubtful they could have envisaged the growth and spread of the discipline throughout the Pony Club movement world-wide!



Matt helping riders from Arcadia Pony Club with skills for the rope relay

The highlight of the day was without a doubt the demonstration from Matt, Annalise and Emily during lunch. The thunder of hooves as they showed their skills with a relay balloon race seemed even louder given there was no sound from everyone watching on with awe! Arcadia Pony Club would like to say a big thank you to Matt, Annalise and Emily for volunteering their time and to Club Committee member Felicity for organising the day.

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>

News from Hillside Public School

Term 1 at Hillside and already so many things planned and happening!

2016 is shaping up to be a year full of learning and fun.

Teachers welcomed students back and were very happy to see new faces, both in Kinder and other years.

The Kindergarten children have settled in and are loving every minute of their busy days at school.



Last week saw our Year 6 leaders enjoy three days of Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. There they learnt many things about good leadership as well as hearing interesting speakers and participating in great activities with new friends.

Our swimming carnival will be held on 12th February and all our students are looking forward to competing with Middle Dural and Annangrove Public Schools.

Our PBEL focus for this fortnight is how to be a Responsible, Respectful Learner before school. The students have been involved in role plays that demonstrate the qualities needed. Next week the focus is Responsible, Respectful Learners in the playground.

The vegetable garden has already been harvested with all students taking home big bunches of delicious spinach. Thank you Lucas and Blake for cutting, banding and distributing the spinach.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2016.

Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss

Galston Public School students are doing a great job of settling into life at 'big school'. The two kindergarten classes of



KW and KB are making a smooth transition and many have made new friends already. All other classes are also engaging in many challenging and interesting class activities.

Positions for Sport House Captains and Vice Captains were keenly applied for and at the annual swimming carnival enthusiastic competitors demonstrated true Galston Public School spirited competition and exemplary sportsmanship. A courageous and determined team will now go to compete at the Beecroft Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival which will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush.

At the Hornsby and Dural Network Leadership Camp our School Captains and Vice Captains attended a Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. Overall they had a great time and are looking forward to drawing on their experiences and knowledge from the camp to help them in their roles this year.

The Student Representative Council leaders have also been elected. These representatives are keenly looking forward to representing their respective class and also enthusiastically organising many fundraising ventures for this year.

The very important positions of Library Monitors has also been decided. Throughout the year these monitors will undertake many responsible library duties such as caring for library resources and ably assisting our school librarian.

Galston Public School has many wonderful parents who give generously of their time and efforts particularly the family who took care of the Coop-a-cabana residents. Thank you Grace for looking after these 'girls'. They had an especially enjoyable holiday during the Summer break.

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

Arcadia PUBLIC School

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Big Futures for Little Arcadians

It was smiles all round as Kindergarten 2016 kicked off their 'big' school careers at Arcadia Public School. They are pictured here with Mrs Crouch wearing their very special welcome gift from our generous P&C, an *I'm a Little Arcadian T-shirt*, very cute! The Kindies weren't the only ones making new friends. Their mums and dads enjoyed a reassuring cup of tea and a chat with understanding parents who've been through it all before.

Mrs Archer also appreciated her warm welcome from the Arcadian school community as this year each of our students commences Mandarin



language lessons. Infants and primary school are the most ideal time for students to commence learning about languages. It is an excellent vehicle for promoting memory and thinking skills, developing empathy and understanding of others and a curiosity for different cultures and ideas.

In early February our captains, Ashlea and Jack, and vice captains, Tsara and Oliver attended the student leadership camp at Vision Valley. It was a great opportunity to hone their public

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News from UnitingCare Galston Early Learning Centre

It's a New Year at Galston Early Learning Centre, the educators have come back from their holidays ready to start with enthusiasm and inspiration. The children have shown a great interest in the progress of our vegetable garden over the past month and we have been focusing to embed our sustainable practises for 2016.



Late 2015 the children started to plant our vegetable / herb garden and can now see what has happened to the small pumpkin seeds that they have been watering every few days since December. We currently have a lovely pumpkin growing in our garden almost due for harvest, as well as some tomatoes and a variety of herbs. In a few weeks' time the children and our cook will harvest what is ready from our garden to cook and use the produce in our daily lunches.

The children are also involved in assisting with looking after our worm farm and compost bin. On a daily basis the children are able to collect the food scraps from their meal times and are then place them either in our compost bin or feed them to our worms. We believe this process is a very important link to our natural environment for children to learn to respect, understand and be active contributors to our community as they assist in looking after our natural surroundings.

Here at Galston Early Learning Centre we strongly believe that there is an importance for children to be a part of embedding sustainable practises into their everyday life and we hope that they continue to share these practices with their families back at home.

If you would like to come and have a look at the centre or ask any questions regarding our Educational Program please feel free to contact the Centre Director Daniela Balmer on 9653 1475.

Arcadia Public School....continued

speaking abilities, meet new friends and practice the skills of cooperative team work. Student involvement in decision making and planning is promoted and valued at our small school.

Galston Pool was the venue for our 2016 swimming carnival and as usual it was an exciting mixture of edge of the seat competition, fun, cheering and splashing in the novelties. Best of luck to our swimmers who will represent their school at the Homebush Aquatic Centre in the zone carnival later this month.

Saturday April 30 will see our beautiful grounds full of shoppers on the lookout for that unique gift for mum. Come along and enjoy the fabulous *Arcadia Markets*.

We invite you to find out more about the great opportunities for your child at Arcadia PS. Contact our school office on 96531207 or visit arcadiaschool.com.au

Something Fishy at Northholm



Northholm students are looking forward to an upgraded aquaponics system following a successful pilot program

Building on a successful Agricultural program, students and teachers at Northholm Grammar School are looking forward to establishing a commercial scale Aquaponics facility at the school.

Year Nine student Mathew Edwards explained "Aquaponics is the combination of aquaculture - or fish farming with hydroponics - growing leafy vegetables without soil." Classmate Annalise Snow said "It's completely organic because the fish produce natural fertilizer which is then used by the plants so no man-made chemicals are used".

Northholm Agricultural Technology teacher Melissa Duff said the program called *Aquaponics in Action* will encourage students to study STEM subjects as a taster for some of the great careers they can pursue from their studies of science, technology, engineering and maths.

"Students aren't just reading, writing and discussing their subject" she said, "with *Aquaponics in Action* they will be experiencing their subjects, which is a far better way to solidify their learning".

Design and Technology teacher Andrew McMillan said "it really covers a lot of subjects and will include students from both the junior and senior schools. Specific areas of focus for the program include sustainability, agriculture, the food system, financial literacy, economics, marketing and leadership".

Students will be sharing their knowledge of aquaponics at their demonstration stand at the Castle Hill Show on the 4, 5 and 6 March and encourage other schools and the public to get to know a bit more about this healthy, sustainable and fascinating method of food production.

Principal Lynne Guthridge said it is an exciting development at the school, with funding approved by the school council earlier this year. "As well as offering another way of teaching and engaging our students in the important STEM subjects, it will also be a showcase and teaching resource for other schools and another agricultural training facility on our school grounds.

Visit www.northholm.nsw.edu.au for more information or to book a school tour.

Galston Medical Centre

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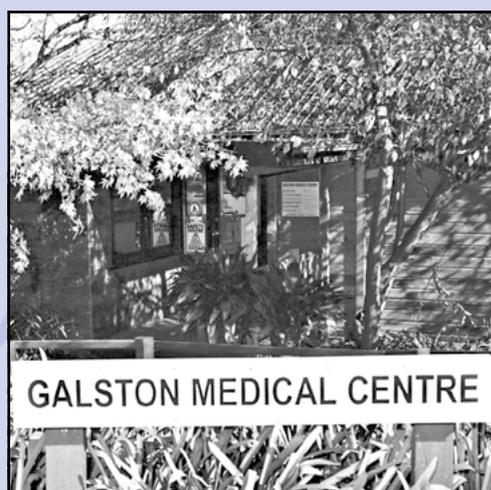
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Hills Grammar Celebrates Alumnus, Joel Edgerton

The inaugural Hills Grammar Original, Alumni Award was recently presented to Joel Edgerton from the Class of 1991. The award recognises a past student's outstanding contribution to the community in his or her field of endeavour – it celebrates excellence, integrity and service.



Joel Edgerton accepting the Inaugural Hills Grammar Original Award from Vice Captains Isabel Tegel and Patrick Corrigan

Edgerton was a foundation student of The Hills Grammar School and took advantage of every theatrical opportunity possible until he graduated and moved into the University of Western Sydney's Drama School. With a string of theatre and film performances to his credit, Edgerton has now added writing and directing to his bio with his latest box office success, *The Gift*.



Joel Edgerton addressing the Hills Grammar community after receiving the inaugural Hills Grammar Original, Alumni Award

"It was such a thrill for the school community to have Joel and his parents attend Presentation Day. We didn't know until a week or so out that he would be able to be there in person," explained Liz Pellinkhof, Director of Marketing, Enrolments and Community Relations. "We kept it a secret until Joel came to the stage to accept his award. The Vice Captains Isabel Tegel and Patrick Corrigan were beside themselves!"

Edgerton engaged the students and parents with some memories of school days, thanked his creative arts teachers, apologised to the Maths staff and, in reference to his film, *The Gift*, asked the students to "be kind to each other – it's important, not difficult and makes such a difference to those around you."

A plaque will be set into a pathway at Hills Grammar which will become the Walk of Excellence as future recipients are added.

KU Galston Preschool

We are off to a great start here at KU Galston Preschool, the children are all making new friends and settling into their new routines which is fantastic.

This week we celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the monkey. The children made their very own dragons head and musical drums that we were then able to use in our dragon dance. We decorated our classroom with Chinese signs for luck and prosperity and got our very own lucky red envelope for best wishes for the coming year.



We have been lucky enough to have a few trees removed from near our preschool and have been able to use the trunks to create an amazing climbing structure for the children. It has been wonderful to see the children resourcing their own learning as they added timber beams to drive their trucks down or to make a see saw, the problem solving and learning has been amazing.

We still have a few vacancies for 2016 on a Monday, Thursday or Friday, please feel free to visit the preschool or contact our director Rebecca Onslow 9653-2252 or at ku.galston@ku.com.au.

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News from St Madeleine

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that the holiday was a safe and special time for all families. We look forward to an exciting year of learning. As the year passes we will share the many events that shape our school community.

We ended 2015 with a beautiful Christmas concert that celebrated the birth of Jesus. It was a special time when all our community came together to remember Jesus and the profound effect his birth had on our world and our lives.



Fr.Vince and the whole school community welcomed our new Kindergarten students at our School Eucharist, we look forward



to seeing them learn and grow into confident St Madeleine's students.

Congratulations to the 2016 Year 6 students who received their badges at our Beginning of Year Mass. We wish them well in this coming year.

We look forward to unveiling our renovated classrooms in the next edition. Stay tuned!

Middle Dural Public School Notes

Ian McArthur

2016 will be a huge year for Middle Dural Public School as we celebrate our 125th birthday.

The two main events have now been settled on. There will be a Colonial Theme Day in March, close to the actual birthday and a birthday party at the school in September.



Cameron McArthur School Captain

The Colonial Theme Day will be a fun day for the children and teachers with dressing up in period costume, music, dancing, food and games all more in keeping with the late 1800s than now. This day will not be a public event, but one or more other schools might be invited to attend.



School Captain Rachael

The birthday party will be a big event, including a reunion for past students, cake cutting, a small number of stalls and lots of souvenirs. Souvenirs will include 125 year jerseys and a 125 year book in electronic form.

We will keep you up to date with exact details closer to the event, but the best way to find out is to look at the Facebook page "MDPS: The First 125 Years".

The new School Captains, Rachael and Cameron have started the year with a Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. The weather restricted many of the outdoor activities, but there was still plenty to do. The Public Speaking workshop made a particular impact on our leaders.

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News from St Benedict

Monastery Fair Sunday 13th March

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Easter 2016

Easter is early this year – it will be celebrated on the final weekend in March.

St Benedict's Easter Service Times

Holy Thursday – 24th March 7.30pm Parish Centre
 Stations – Good Friday 25th March 10.30am Parish Centre
 Passion – Good Friday 3.00pm Parish Centre
 Easter Vigil – Saturday 26th March 8.30pm
 Easter Sunday – Sunday 27th March 7am Monastery
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Project Compassion

Throughout Lent, the six-week period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we support Project Compassion, with households making Lenten sacrifices and collecting donations in Project Compassion boxes. Run by Caritas Australia, Project Compassion is celebrating 50 years of raising funds to empower the world's poorest children, woman and men with vital learning and renewed hope. The program's motto is 'End poverty, Promote justice, Uphold dignity'. St Benedict's parishioner Sophie Rebula from Glenorie is shown at the beginning of Lent with her project Compassion Box.

Educational programs

The new school year is in full swing with all the local schools being visited regularly by trained Catechists. The parish sacramental program has started, too. Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated in March and May respectively in the parish.

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

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By Corri Byrne, Pastor

Recently I recognised I was out of sorts, it wasn't a momentary a-ha moment but more of a gradual dawning.

Rather than living in joy, in God's peace, there seemed to be an undercurrent of angst, of unrest. My usual peace was disturbed and, simply put, I was irritable.

One evening I shared this with my wife, and she immediately replied my balance shaft was broken.

She explained that the balance shaft is crucial to a watch's timing. When a balance shaft is broken the watch may continue to work but it no longer displays the correct time. The timing mechanism is out of kilter.

The revelation of this was that the watch continues to function, it continues to tell time but it can no longer fulfil its purpose. What use is a watch if the time is always wrong?

For me, I was still functioning. I was still attending work, I still performed my duties. I continued to function – but I was out of balance. My balance shaft had broken.

The lack of peace, the angst and irritability were the warning signs that, though I functioned, I was not living out my purpose. Ultimately, if unattended, it would get worse and I'd be no use to anyone.

How many of us are living out life where our balance shaft is broken? How many of us continue to function but lack purpose?

If your life seems to be missing purpose, a meaning, if it's filled with anxiety or angst there is an answer. You can live a life on purpose – but it does require repairs, it does require recalibration.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

God has a plan and purpose for every life, and the promise is when you walk in this plan you will experience joy and peace. If your life is not filled with these then maybe it's time to recalibrate?

Disclaimer: I am sure there are a number of watch collectors out there with much greater knowledge than I, so forgive my rudimentary understanding.

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G'day friends and a belated Happy 2016! I do hope that things are going well for you this year. We've been so busy getting our programs up and running for this year that I completely forgot to write something last month – oops! However, we've almost caught up with our tails... which is a good thing given the imminence of Easter is a good thing.

By the time you're reading this we'll be half way through Lent as we prepare for our Easter observations. As usual, there is a series of activities that you would be very welcome to join us for any or all of. All activities will be held at Galston Uniting and include:

Sunday 20th March	Galston Concert: Palm Sunday – celebrating Bach	3.00pm
Thursday 24th March	Tenebrae Service (including meal)	7.00 pm
Friday 25th March	Good Friday Service	9.00 am
Sunday 27th March	Sunrise Service (bush chapel – weather permitting)	6.00am
	Breakfast to follow (BYO to share!)	
Sunday 27th March	Easter Sunday Celebration	10.00 am

If you come along to the Sunrise service, please dress for the chill! Following our early observances, you would be most welcome to join us for a BYO shared breakfast – for which we will come inside from the mornings chill to enjoy.

Oh, and just a quick word on the Galston Concert series – in conjunction with some local musicians, we've started a program to bring some great musicians and music to Galston Uniting Church and to our community. The program is varied each time and our March show will feature a recital on our magnificent Pipe Organ (a Forsters and Andrews instrument built in 1887). If this is your thing, it's not to be missed!

And if that isn't enough for you – all our regular activities continue apace – there's programs for children & youth, choirs, craft, even coffee gatherings – there's always plenty going on ☺

See you next month. Cheers, Geoff

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We all know the story of Noah, a man who found favor in God's sight. Noah lived in a world which had become so corrupt that it grieved God that He had made mankind. God saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of man's heart was only evil all the time.

God gave Noah instructions to build a huge wooden ark which would house Noah, his family and provide shelter for pairs of every kind of living creature. God told Noah because of man's wickedness, He intended to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens.

Noah obeyed God and began a task which would take him and his sons 120 years to complete. The ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high, a huge structure with an upper, middle and lower deck, made from cypress wood and coated with pitch. When the time came God called the animals to the ark. We can imagine them all filing in, two by two, after being summoned by their Creator. When everyone was in their place, God shut the door and sealed them in.

All the springs of the great deep were burst forth and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. The waters rose and lifted the ark which floated upon the surface of the waters. The high mountains were covered and every thing that moved upon the earth perished. Only Noah was left and those with him in the ark.

Christians look forward to a time, fast approaching, when Jesus Christ will return and call them to be with him.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." (Matt 24:36-39)

Our world today is full of violence, just as it was in the days of Noah. Jesus Christ is reaching out to you, take his hand while there is still time, before the door of the ark is shut fast, and the opportunity for Salvation is no more.

Galston Christian Education Association

Greetings readers!

Firstly, I do hope that all of the new students at Galston high school are settling in well – welcome!

The Galston Christian Education Association has been engaged in the provision of Christian Education to the Student of Galston High School since 1982. We are an Ecumenical activity supported by most of the Churches in our community. We do not receive any government funding, but are fully resourced by our local churches as well as by generous members of our community.

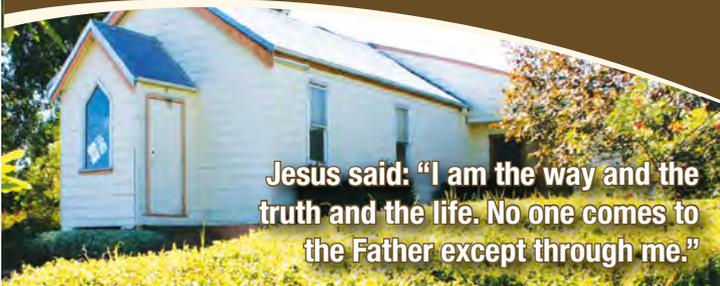
We seek to be a positive contributor to the life of Galston high school and enjoy our interactions with all students – whatever their background and faith perspective.

Our teacher, Lachlan Gage, is a local lad and has been working for us for a number of years. He's a terrific and engaging person with a great passion for our community. We appreciate the support he receives from the school community as he makes his contribution to school life.

We will be reporting on some of our activities in this great newspaper as we are able.

Until next time, Geoff (Rev Geoff Smith, Chairperson, GCEA)

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Galston Garden Club

Our first meeting for 2016 was enjoyed by many members. It was so great to catch up with this happy crowd. We held our AGM and selection of Office Bearers, and volunteers, and then were entertained by our Patron, Judy Horton, who presented a scintillating power-point presentation of her latest trip overseas. This took in cruises and land travel through Holland, Switzerland, France, Spain, Portugal, and the British and Irish coastlines. Wonderful gardens, history, art, music and gourmet delights. Look at www.botanica.travel to choose from a myriad of trips.



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Swane, and many other very knowledgeable people sharing their interests. However, it doesn't matter how little or much you know, come and enjoy great evenings. We have really interesting speakers, day trips, trips away, dinners, and of course, our Open Gardens.

If you have a property you feel you would like to include in this year's Open Gardens, or know of someone else's, please contact **Bill Fleming on 9653 2394** as soon as possible. We are so fortunate to live in an area that boasts beautiful gardens. You've done all the work, so it would be good to share it with other garden lovers who appreciate your efforts.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th March, 8.00pm at the Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Guest Speaker is Maroun Maait of Alpine TreeMovals, talking on the Nursery and Tree Moving business.

We are looking forward to a local garden ramble on Friday 18th March and a day trip to Kangaroo Valley visiting spectacular gardens on Thursday 7th April.

For more information visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com.au or email galstongarden@hotmail.com

Water Testing in Our Local Creeks

By Chris Noon

For 7 years the Landcare group in Galston/Arcadia has now been measuring regularly the quality of the water flowing at 3 points in our local creeks. Here's what we have found.



• **Is the water quality good?** Yes, most of the time.

• **Is the quality changing?** No deterioration has occurred during the last 7 years, but there is a lot of variation.

• **What causes this variation?** The biggest factor is when it rained last and how much it rained: see the photo of Still Ck waterfall in heavy rain. Just after rain phosphates from waste water and fertiliser get washed through into the creeks. This is very noticeable upstream nearer houses. On the other hand, salt levels are reduced with rain.

• **What is happening to life in the creeks?** We measure dissolved oxygen levels: 80% of upstream and more than 90% of downstream levels are within standards and so able to support life.

• **But what life is there?** Recently we have started a biological measure counting waterbugs and have found mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies, a good indicator. However, long-term residents know that the fish which used to inhabit the creeks are no longer there.

• **Can I see the results of these tests?** Yes, go to <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au/our-catchment/water-quality/>

• **What can I do about reducing pollutants?** A lot, just see our suggestions: <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au/rural-residents-guide/water/>

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Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc

Following the huge success of their first meeting in the Hills Shire the Bromeliad Society of Australia INC will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground Saturday, 12 March with plant sales from 12 – 1pm. Enter from the new Showground entrance into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.



“At our first meeting in the Hills Shire we had one of the biggest attendees for a long time. There are obviously many people in this area that love bromeliads.

Guest speaker on the 12 March will be Joy Clark and who will discuss the species *Neoregelia lilliputiana* and its hybrids. *Lilliputiana* is the smallest of the *Neo* species and is popular with growers who want the cute factor for their miniature collection. They are also idea for people who would love a garden but live in a unit or small property, as *lilliputiana*’s grow happily in hanging baskets and they are low maintenance” said Ian Hook, President, BSA

Our 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.

The membership annual fee is \$25 and the club meets on the second Saturday of each month with plant sales to the public and members commencing at 12.00pm followed by the meeting at 1pm.” said Ian Hook, President, BSA.

For further information please contact the President, Ian Hook ianhook1@bigpond.com, mobile 0408 202 269 or check out the website www.bromeliad.org.au

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet at 7-45pm on February 12th at the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale.

The speaker is John Cowgill and his topic is “Australian Native Plants as Bonsai.”

Join us for supper.

Further information at www.blandfordia.org.au or facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/APSNSG>



Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 23rd March 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 March, John McAuley will talk about brassavolas, an orchid genus wide spread across Mexico, Central America, West Indies and South America.

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

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CALLING ALL PLAYGROUPS

If you are organising or running a playgroup in the local area, please let us know.

We would like to help you promote your playgroup, and also let our new mums know what groups are open in the area.

Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/ hours to :

editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au



Important Local Information

HELP and INFORMATION SERVICES

General Emergencies 000	
Energy Australia Emgy	13 13 88
Hornsby Hospital	9477 9123
Hills Shire Council	9843 0555
Hornsby Shire Council	9847 6666
Integral Energy	13 10 03
Lifeline (24 hours)	13 11 14
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
Police - Hornsby	9476 9799
Police - Castle Hill	9680 5399
Sydney Water	13 20 90
Telstra Faults	13 22 03

LOCAL BUSHFIRE SERVICES

Arcadia Bush Fire	9655 1656
Arcadia Fire Captain Peter Jacobs	0415 369 683
Galston Rural Fire Brigade Brigade Contact	0491 119 152
Glenorie Bush Fire	9652 2017
Middle Dural Bush Fire Captain Len Best	0408 220 705
Hills Rural Fire Service District Office	9654 1244
Hornsby Fire Svcs HQ	9883 2000

LOCAL JP's Michael Bell, Arcadia - 9653 1365
Bendigo Bank Galston - 9653 2227

Cathy Vipond, Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
Ray Whiteman, Glenorie - 9652 2454 / 0400 008 083
Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive, every Saturday morning 10am to noon.

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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LOCAL VOLUNTEER WANTED?

The Dural Chamber of Commerce are seeking a volunteer to assist with general administration and membership duties. Training provided. If you have a spare few hours, please call:

9651 3473

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Avicultural Society of NSW Inc. Welcomes persons interested in Avicultural (bird keeping). The society holds monthly meetings which include presentations and talks on all aspects of bird keeping and breeding. For further information contact Paul Henry 9872464 or 0408 617686

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.

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

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, 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.

Castle Hill Art Society - Monthly Meetings and Art Demonstrations are held at Castle Hill Art Society - 155 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries 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 7.30-10pm. 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 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. 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 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 Birthday Luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on 23rd March 2016. Entertainment will be provided by Kristie Lee, singer/entertainer. Visitors are welcome. Inquiries Vivien 9894-1189

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

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 - 2nd 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 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 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

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 2nd Thursday of each month. For more information Visit www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au or e-mail StillCreekLandcare@inet.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 thehillsmotorscooterclub.blogspot.com

The Hills Trefoil Guiding (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 1.00pm. 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 McKibbin 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. Columb's Anglican Church, Arcadia - Sundays at 9.30 am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at - 3pm - enquiries Beverley 9653.1790.

St Madeleine's Catholic Church - 28 Annagrove 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 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Activities include a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing, organised short stay holidays and great social BBQ's. New members welcome. Contact Murray on 0407 950 939 or Bruce on 0428 970 439.

Dural Rugby Club - Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email efl86029@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. ggccc.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.galstonnsw.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 agminulations@bigpond.com.

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

Hills Pumas Football Club - For information including registrations, call Sarah Sumskas on 0430883385 or email registrar@hillspumasfc.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 Hills 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 hillsdiestennis.org

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