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Galston High School Teacher Wins Masterchef

Well done to Elena Duggan, the Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts at Galston High School, for her wonderful achievement in winning Masterchef 2016

So many people in our community watched the show each week, following Elena's progress. Facebook was alive with comments of encouragement. The nail-biting and highly emotional finale was an amazing demonstration of human selflessness and portrayed a true spirit of generosity. Those who watched, particularly her students, witnessed something quite amazing when Elena stopped and took the time to help her opponent when he struggled to complete some of the tasks in the final moments of the competition. What an inspiration to us all.



"The school is absolutely thrilled for her. Students and staff have been enjoying watching and following her successes. Obviously, we are disappointed that she will be putting her teaching career on hold, but this is a fantastic opportunity for her and very well deserved." commented Lisa Pieper, Deputy Principal at Galston High School.

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The end of Term 2 was very exciting for Galston Girl Guides as 5 girls and one of our unit helpers made their Guide Promise.



The Junior Guides and older Guide unit met together at The Edge Rock Climbing in Castle Hill. Some of the younger

girls actually climbed the highest!

We also enjoyed watching the local Scouts and Guides in the Cumberland Gang Show at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta. Girl Guides meet on a Thursday. Junior Guides (aged 6-10) meet 4.30-6pm and Guides (aged 10-14) meet 6.15-8.00pm. Please contact Mary 0423 353644 for further information and to arrange your daughter's free visits.



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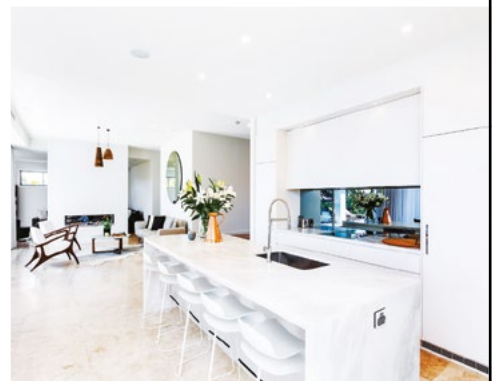
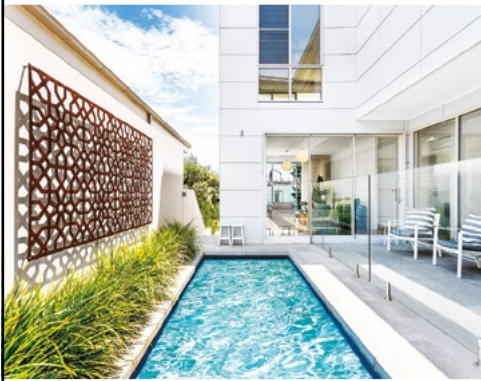
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Dural and District Historical Society

Great North Road

From a story in the archives of our Historical Society

Land grants were first given in our district of Dural, Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia by Governor Macquarie in 1819, and the land was being opened up for cultivation. Settlers in the Hunter Valley were petitioning the Governor for a better and shorter road to their properties.



A very young surveyor called Heneage Finch arrived in the colony with a new university degree and a young wife in 1825 and the Governor put him to work surveying a line of road from the 19 mile peg on the Windsor Road (where the Bull and Bush inn is now) up to the head of the Wollombi Brook in the Hunter Valley. He collected horses, tools supplies and convict gangs and completed the work in good time, often following Aboriginal tracks along the ridges



In 1826 under orders from the new Governor Darling, work began on the road from Castle Hill northwards, under the supervision of Lieut., Jonathon Warner. The convict gangs of 50-60 men, some of whom were in irons, felled and burned trees, and the Aboriginal word for burning logs or trees with smoke coming out that stuck to one particular

area—"Dooral- Dooral" The road took 10 years to build. The part we know as Old Northern Road runs from Baulkham hills to Wisemans Ferry. The part north of the Ferry is not trafficable but displays engineering excellence in the massive stone retaining walls, some of them up to 12 metres high, supported by massive stone buttresses every twenty metres.

The road fell into disuse over the following decades because other routes became available. There was no water for stock, as the road flowered the ridges and it was isolated. The section from Glenorie to Maroota fell into disrepair for many years. Now the north section is Heritage listed and is called the Convict Trail.



Several years ago a small box of old "bits" was left at the back door of History Cottage with an anonymous note saying they were found about 30 years ago on the site of the convict camp on the south side of Wisemans ferry. They are very interesting and tell a story of the 1830's

Prof. Dr Ian Jack has been researching the writings of someone who called themselves "XYZ", and wrote about the Convict Trail. Who was this XYZ? and what do we learn from his writings. This year Ian Jack is coming to deliver the June Roughley Memorial Lecture at the Arcadia Community Hall on Saturday, 20th August at 2pm. Free entry. All welcome to come and find out about "XYZ"! (see Ad on page 29)

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Next meeting will be our International Day. This year we have been studying MONGOLIA. Our primary school projects will be judged and those winning will go onto group level. Good luck to our entrants.

We welcome our newest member Miranda. She is a junior member, receiving the membership as a thank you for entering in the junior cooking competition this year. She is one of three generations now within our group. Our general members range in age from 30 years to 90+. Junior members also welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact the numbers below.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 10th for International Day.

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

Donations of material and other items also welcome. Please visit our facebook page for details of specific items. www.facebook.com/CWAGalston

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Local Cyclist Wayne Grech to Cycle Again for Charity

Local Hornsby Shire resident, Wayne Grech, is set to once again take part in the annual Big Red Ride charity bike ride, cycling 150km from Bondi Beach to Katoomba and climbing over 2500 metres to raise money and awareness for Muscular Dystrophy NSW (MDNSW) on Sunday 6 November 2016.

One hundred per cent of funds raised will go to the MDNSW Kids For Life Program, which provides critical life-changing support and assistance to children living with Muscular Dystrophy to help them live longer and more fulfilled lives. Four hundred thousand dollars has been raised over the last four years to support children and their families living with Muscular Dystrophy.

Cyclists will depart from Bondi Beach at 6.30am. The riders will then head north on the Pacific Highway towards Hornsby, descending into Galston Gorge before the grueling climb out. Cyclists will continue on to Dural, then Richmond via Annangrove and Windsor Road for the lunch stop where they get a chance to mix with some of the kids with Muscular Dystrophy. With the ride departing Richmond and with 90km under their belt at this point, they will continue uphill to the finish line in

Katoomba.



When asked why he chose to participate in this gruelling ride Wayne stated, "The answer is quite simple, really. We have nothing to complain about.

When you see what these kids have to go through, it puts life into a different perspective. I did this ride last year not knowing a lot about Muscular Dystrophy, but when we rode into Richmond (the halfway point) and the finish line at Katoomba and saw all those happy kids, it just inspired me to want to help more. It has always been a policy of mine to help wherever I can. So if you're a keen cyclist - and I know there are plenty in the Hornsby Shire - sign up for the ride of your life. You will love it and you will love the kids!"

To sponsor Wayne - visit his fundraising page at http://bigredridesydney.gofundraise.com.au/page/Wayne_Grech

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"The annual SPASA Awards of Excellence is a result of months of tireless work by Dural Poolsmart, who constantly strive to set new pool and spa industry benchmarks," says Michael Freame.

"In this year's judging, Dural Poolsmart collected the 2016 SPASA Award for Pool and Spa Service Business of the Year reflecting our companies commitment to quality and service." "We also had Kelly, our shop manager, gain a highly Commended award in the Retail Salesperson of the Year award category."

Michael Freame, managing director of Dural Poolsmart, said how extremely proud he and his staff were to win such an important industry award, in such a competitive business especially as they are celebrating their 20th birthday this year.

Now into their 30th year, the SPASA Awards of Excellence are judged by an independent panel. The awards are designed to promote achievement in design and innovation, energy and sustainability, construction, service, and professionalism across all sectors of the swimming pool and spa industry.

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Eastbend - notice of upcoming meeting

On Monday August 15th there will be a quarterly meeting of Eastbend Rural Communications at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School.

Among items to be discussed will be the ongoing co-operation between Living Heritage and Forgotten Valley Views. The latter newsletter has been included in Living Heritage for the last few months and has been well received.

We will also be addressing issues concerning local applications for Rural Cluster Subdivision. At present these are only available in the Hills Shire but there are concerns that they could also be introduced in Hornsby Shire. A number of problems have arisen since the introduction of this type of subdivision, and Eastbend, together with the Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum (GMBF) has been instrumental in bringing these issues to the notice of Council.

If have any local matters you would like to discuss or have help with please come to the meeting. If you can't come yourself, please contact the Secretary, Pat Schwartz, at deblacko7@hotmail.com or 9652-1276, or Tessa Corkill, at 2archaeics@gmail.com or 9652-1470. As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting starts.

Dural Galston Probus Club

Will hold it's next meeting at 10am on Thursday 18th August at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. Douglas Edwards will be speaking about "Life in a Submarine" (not a technical talk). Visitors welcome, so come along and join us for a friendly morning and maybe, even stay on for lunch if you wish. Contact Anne 9653 1004.



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Fun & Funds for Lisa Harnun Foundation

The LIONS club of West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook organised a fantastic Fun Night of Trivia on Saturday 25th June in aid of the Lisa Harnun Foundation. The Foundation help fund The Hills Women's Shelters and are active in educating about the effects of domestic abuse in the Hills.

A sum total of \$2000 was raised by the LIONS club, however the Foundation benefitted by more than \$5000 from the event. The Galston and District Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank were most generous, donating resources to the tune of \$1500 in support of this worthy cause. The one hundred strong Lions members and local trivia buffs also contributed with more than \$1500 worth of donations of non-perishables, food, essential necessities, toys and kitchen and household commodities.

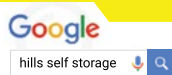
The WPHC Lions club was overwhelmed with this generosity and the success of the night. The Foundation had to make several trips to ferry the goods, so enormous was the collection.

Gavin Ridley, President of the West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Lions Club, welcomed the trivia enthusiasts whilst founder and executive director of the Lisa Harnun Foundation, Aileen Mountifield, updated the guests on the progress of the Hills women's shelters. Attendees were privileged to hear the 201N5 (Sydney) District Lions Youth of the Year public speaking winner, Jack Naylor, formerly of Pennant Hills High School. The current Normanhurst Boys student presented his speech on The Hidden Curse; Domestic Violence in Australia. Jack was invited to become a youth ambassador for the Lisa Harnun Foundation and he has already begun plans to start a Leos Club, a youth branch of Lions.

The Foundation were winners in more ways than one; their table also took first prize in winning the trivia to give a fitting end to a wonderful evening. Lion Philip Watson, co-ordinator of the event, should be congratulated on ensuring our vision resulted in such a successful outcome. More information can be found at www.wphclionsclub.org.au and www.lisahf.org.au, including a full transcript of Jack Naylor's winning speech.

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Dural Rotary Changover

Barry Chain, Dural Rotary

The Rotary Club of Dural celebrated its 49th annual changeover to a packed audience of members from Dural, Kenthurst and Galston Rotary Clubs and invited guests, at Dural Country Club on Tuesday 28th June 2016.

Co-President Alf Barbagallo handed over to President Allan Forno the Chain of Office for the 2016 -2017 Dural Rotary year

Past President Alf Barbagallo then presented an award to President Allan, a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin for his outstanding contribution in remaining President on many occasions over past years, thus ensuring the membership continuity and leading the club through those difficult times.

Past President Alf also presented the clubs Treasurer, Joan Forno, with a Paul Harris Fellowship award for her work both as Treasurer over many years and praised her assistance in many other Club activities and, most importantly, her management of club funds, ensuring that they were distributed to the many charities that Dural Rotary supports.

All in all, a great evening was had by all. Dural Rotary is now preparing a possible amalgamation with Galston Rotary to bolster club membership. Planning starts now for the 50th Anniversary of Dural Rotary next June 2017.





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News From Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

Wow! So much has happened in the last month! We were blessed with great weather and a good crowd over the June long weekend, for our two market stalls. We sold a lot of stock and took orders for special items.

We have the Maroota Muster next, which is held at Maroota Public School each year. This year's Muster is on Sunday 21st August and it is a day not to be missed. The Muster welcomes visitors to the area to enjoy the local hospitality, great and varied stalls, one of which will be the Men's Shed stall.

Have you visited the Wisemans Ferry Grocer Café lately? If so, did you happen to notice the new timber seating? This was proudly built by the Wisemans Ferry Men's Shed.

On Sunday, 3rd July the Men's Shed held their first ever BBQ at Bunnings, McGraths Hill. Wow! What a busy day that was. It is truly an eye opener running one of these, with lots of preparation required. A huge thank you to all who come and supported us. Thank you again to Jacqui and the staff at Bunnings for this opportunity to fund raise and for your support of the WFCMS.

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) 0410442275 (Robin Hitchcock) or email wfcms2775@gmail.com.



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Come Along & Explore Convict Sites With DLHHS Inc - Saturday 27 August 2016

In August, the Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Inc will be leading an excursion to the two 'road encampments', formerly referred to as the 'stockades', situated above Wisemans Ferry. These encampments were used from 1827 until 1832 to house the convicts working on the construction of the Great North Road down into Wisemans Ferry. There are two groups of stone structures, one with some 13 ruined fireplaces and the other, 200 metres to the north, with some 5 fireplaces and the ruins of a stone room. We will also visit Court House Rock overlooking Wisemans Ferry which has a magnificent view down to the Hawkesbury River.

We will meet at 10.00am at Hawkins Lookout (about 1 km out from Wisemans Ferry) on Old Northern Road for morning tea prior to proceeding to the road encampments. We will park at the Goliath's plumbing sign and proceed to walk into both sites.

After the walk we will then proceed down into Wisemans Ferry and have lunch at Cobham Hall (Wisemans Ferry Hotel). The owner of the hotel has a collection of memorabilia from the 19th century housed upstairs which we will visit after lunch.

Be sure to wear enclosed walking shoes and bring hats, sunscreen and/or wet weather gear, water and morning tea. **Time:** 10.00am at Hawkins Lookout for morning tea before the walk. **Cost:** A gold coin donation to the society and cost of your lunch purchased at the hotel. **Bookings essential:** Phone 0405 321 478 or email enquiries@dlhhs.org.au. Please include a contact number when booking as we may need to contact you if due to bad weather the walk is cancelled

Tapping Into Technology to Boost Farm Productivity

TAPPING into the latest technology to boost farm productivity and reduce input costs has paid dividends for the Cameron's Nursery team.

With funding support and expert guidance from Greater Sydney Local Land Services, owners Andy and Sonja Cameron were able to install Wi Fi and environmental sensors at their busy Arcadia business and have quickly realised the benefits.

"Since installing the sensors we are able to monitor our water and on site weather anywhere and anytime," Sonja said. "This has dramatically boosted our productivity by taking the guess work out of measuring the environmental factors affecting our



Sonja Cameron accepting an industry environment award as a result of the project.

business. It also allows us to react quickly to any signs of crop spoilage.

"This technology has been a great too for our business and Greater Sydney Local Land Services has been an excellent partner in introducing this new innovation.

"This technology is so advanced it can be adapted to any agricultural/ horticultural enterprise as well as animal production systems like poultry," he said.



Technology installed at Cameron's Nursery

"Nutrient run off from intensive industry both on and off farm is a very real issue for farmers and through this event we hope to demonstrate the benefits of using Wi Fi monitoring systems with integrated controllers, sensors and readers."

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Winter's Finale

By Mary at Heritage Haven

A pair of fairy-wrens are tripping through the prickly branches of David Austen's Eglantine rose bush, where an unexpected flush of roses are releasing their sweet yet surprising fragrance. The merest scent of this rose envelopes me in comforting memories of rose petal jam, rose hip tea and the pure, sensuous delight of rose-fragranced Joy perfume.



All my rose bushes should have been pruned a month ago, but winter rains fell copiously, and then frost covered the gardens. Now a dense carpet of weeds have webbed the pebbled pathways and I am not the least motivated to kneel-and-clear. Instead I have brushed past aromatic beds of French lavender to bury my nose

in vanilla-scented clusters of heliotrope, and befriended the bees bumbling through my favourite rosemary bush.

In this patch of neglected garden, violets have emerged in clumps amongst the pebbles, peering from beneath the skirts of the Fairy rose and bashfully hiding their heads amongst their heart-shaped leaves. Beloved of bee and butterfly, a delight to child and gardener, violets generously proffer their perfume and their beauty. Blossoms and leaves can be steeped in tea, lemonade and wines, or used to decorate cakes, but I love to enrich salads or desserts with a handful of vitamin-enriched, fresh leaves and vibrantly purple blossoms, that taste as good as they smell ... like violet perfume. How fondly I recall the bunch of violets my father gathered for me on my sixteenth birthday. Surely the sweetest nosegay for this wintry day, would be a fulsome Eglantine rose surrounded by a skirt of scented violets.



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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

By Kara Dubois

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Galston Rural Fire Brigade and Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade. The two brigades were originally combined as one under the name of Hornsby Shire Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. We've come a long way in 75 years...the brigade's original gear only consisted of thirty 30gallon water drums, and a number of volunteered motor trucks on standby to cart the drums. Despite the limited gear - within a few days of its beginning, the new Brigade's services were already being called upon.

To help commemorate our 75th anniversary there will be an official dinner event at 6pm on Saturday the 10th September, at the Galston Community Centre hall. The invite is open to all current and past members. Ticket prices are yet to be confirmed but they will be no more than \$65 per person.

If there are any questions about the event, please email 75th@galstonrfb.org.au or call the duty phone: 0490 470 205.

You are cordially invited to celebrate the

75th Anniversary

Galston Rural Fire Brigade

Saturday 10th September, 2016
6pm, for 7pm dinner

Galston Community Centre
37 Arcadia Road, Galston

Dress: Semi-formal
Please note: no uniforms

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Hills Ulysses Show and Shine at Dural Country Club

Hills Ulysses in conjunction with the Dural Country Club will be conducting a Custom bike show to raise money for a number of Charities and provide community awareness for both the Dural Country Club and Hills Ulysses.

The event will be held on **Sunday the 21st August 2016 from 9 am to 4 pm at Dural Country Club, 662a Old Northern Road, Dural.** All money raised will be donated to the Westmead Hospital Pulmonary Rehab Unit and the Ulysses Arthritis Association.

Bob Habkoux and Frank Boffa are the event organisers with Hills Ulysses. Bob has a special place in his heart for the Westmead Pulmonary ward as without them he would not be here today.

The event is a family fun packed day and will feature exhibitors from bike shops, merchandisers, NSW police, Care flight plus there are live bands, kids face painting, pony rides and jumping castle.

A sausage sizzle will be available all day with drinks and tap beer. The Dural Country Club will be offering a range of light snacks and meals.

Bike entry registration is \$10 on the day and Visitor entry is by Gold coin donation. Sponsor's trophies will be provided to all category winners.

For more details contact ...Bob on 0474 206 910 or Frank on 0409 841 788.



Bob Habkoux handing a trophy to Jack Phillips who won an event and has just turned 89. He is still riding and a member of our Ulysses Branch.

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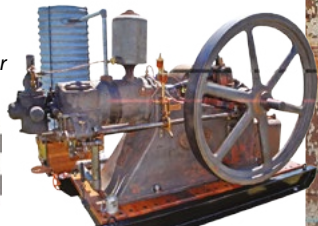


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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

Elizabeth Whiteman



Glenorie Growers Markets

Thank you to everyone who has visited James and the team at the brigade stand at the monthly Glenorie Growers Markets. This month the theme is **Preparing for the Bush Fire Season**. If you would like a property check or you have a Static Water Supply (dam, pool, large tank) you think may be useful for fire-fighting in your area, please talk to one of the team and they will arrange to come to visit at a time that works for you.

Glenorie Public School Fair

The brigade will be at the school fair Sunday 18 September, and once again would love to chat to you about the upcoming fire season and the best way you can prepare your family, home and property.

Brigade Training

To ensure all members are ready for the coming fire season the brigade continues to train regularly with a major training excises each month. July training was pumps and pumping. Getting water onto a fire is always very high in our priorities, second only to safety to the public and members. Regular training ensures all members work together avoiding unnecessary delays.

If you have a fire pump on your property but are unsure how to use it efficiently, please chat to a member and we can organise a demonstration for you. Knowing how to use your equipment minimises delays and could potentially save your life or that of your loved ones.

Pile Burns - Before the Bush Fire season begins is the ideal time to do pile burns on properties, however, pile burn regulations vary between shires so please contact your local Rural Fire District Office: The Hills 9654 1244 or Hornsby 9883 2000.
Failure to comply with regulations can incur a fine.

A couple of basics:

- No fires can be lit on unoccupied land.
- Pile burns must be to standards and not be used for the purpose of land clearing.
- Your district office and all neighbours must be notified 24hrs in advance.

Brigade contact details: Station Phone: 9652 2017 (leave a message and someone will get back to you) or talk to a real person, James: 0422 168 914. Visit the brigade stand at the Glenorie Growers Market, 4th Sunday of the month in the grounds of Glenorie RSL. Facebook: Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade Email: Glenorierfs@outlook.com



Photo by Natalie O'Brien: James, Sean, Adrian Elizabeth in the background with 2 little O'Brien's.



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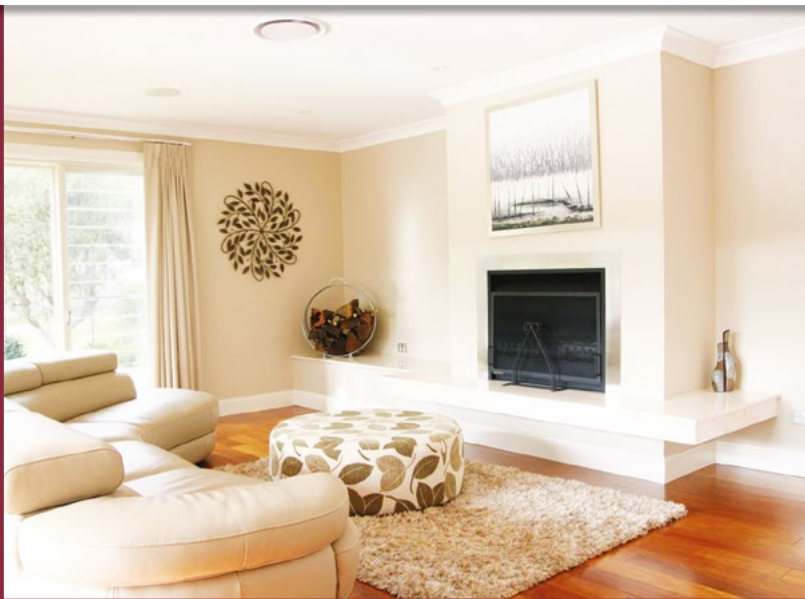
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Warrah's Spring Fair is about our local community. First established in Dural in the 1960's, many people say that Warrah is 'Sydney's best kept secret!' We think it's a great opportunity for locals, friends and families to acquaint themselves with Warrah and its unique offering as a local community service, but also to have a great day out.

The Fair also aims to raise funds to support some of Warrah's innovative projects. A current project is the fit-out of a Farm Training Room - equipped to deliver 'foodie' courses to people with disability that feature Warrah's freshly grown farm produce. All fund raised from the Warrah Spring Fair will once more be supporting people with a disability.

Annual Knit-In for Charity

It's that time of year again, when the community-minded locals who have been working their needles all year come together for the annual Knit-In at Hornsby Library.

Patricia Grant is among those who are excited by the approaching event. She has been part of the Pennant Hills Library knitting group since the beginning, nine years ago, when there were only four knitters. Now the group has 25 members who meet each week and produce around 250 wraps a year, which are given to charity. "We all come together for the community, the chat and the happiness," Patricia says. "We laugh a lot and have a great time, but at the base level it's all about helping other people."

There are a number of knitting groups across Hornsby Shire, including one at each of Council's libraries, and they involve a range of people from schoolchildren to nursing home residents.

At the annual Knit-In they all come together to catch up with each other and compare their work. All members of the community are warmly invited to the Knit-In, whether they can knit or not.

When: Friday 5 August, 9am to 12.30pm

Where: Hornsby Library **Cost:** Free **Contact:** 9847 6614



Patricia Grant with members of the Pennant Hills Library knitting group.

Rainfall Chart

Rainfall recorded Galston period:
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Over the next few weeks the project's economic growth specialist Mr Roger Gibbins will be contacting local businesses with regard to developing the economic strategy. Community consultation for the project also includes working closely with the Brooklyn Community Reference Group (BCRG) which will provide ideas and feedback during the project. The first meeting for this group is planned for early August.

While this project is still in its early phase it's exciting to report these updates. Please keep an eye on Council's website for regular progress reports.

Steve Russell
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council



ANNUAL KNIT IN

Join us for a fun morning as we knit, crochet and sew all for a good cause, to donate to Wrap with Love. If you don't have time to come along, you can leave your wraps and squares at the library any time in the lead-up to the event.

Friday 5 August, 9am-12.30pm.

Hornsby Library. Free.
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PROJECT UPDATES

Parsley Bay Wharf upgrade is on track, despite recent wet weather, and is due to be finished in September.

The construction of the new Hornsby Station Footbridge is going very well, with the project currently at the stage of installing ceiling and roofing supports for the new bridge.

For more information about any major projects, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au



MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL CLOSURE

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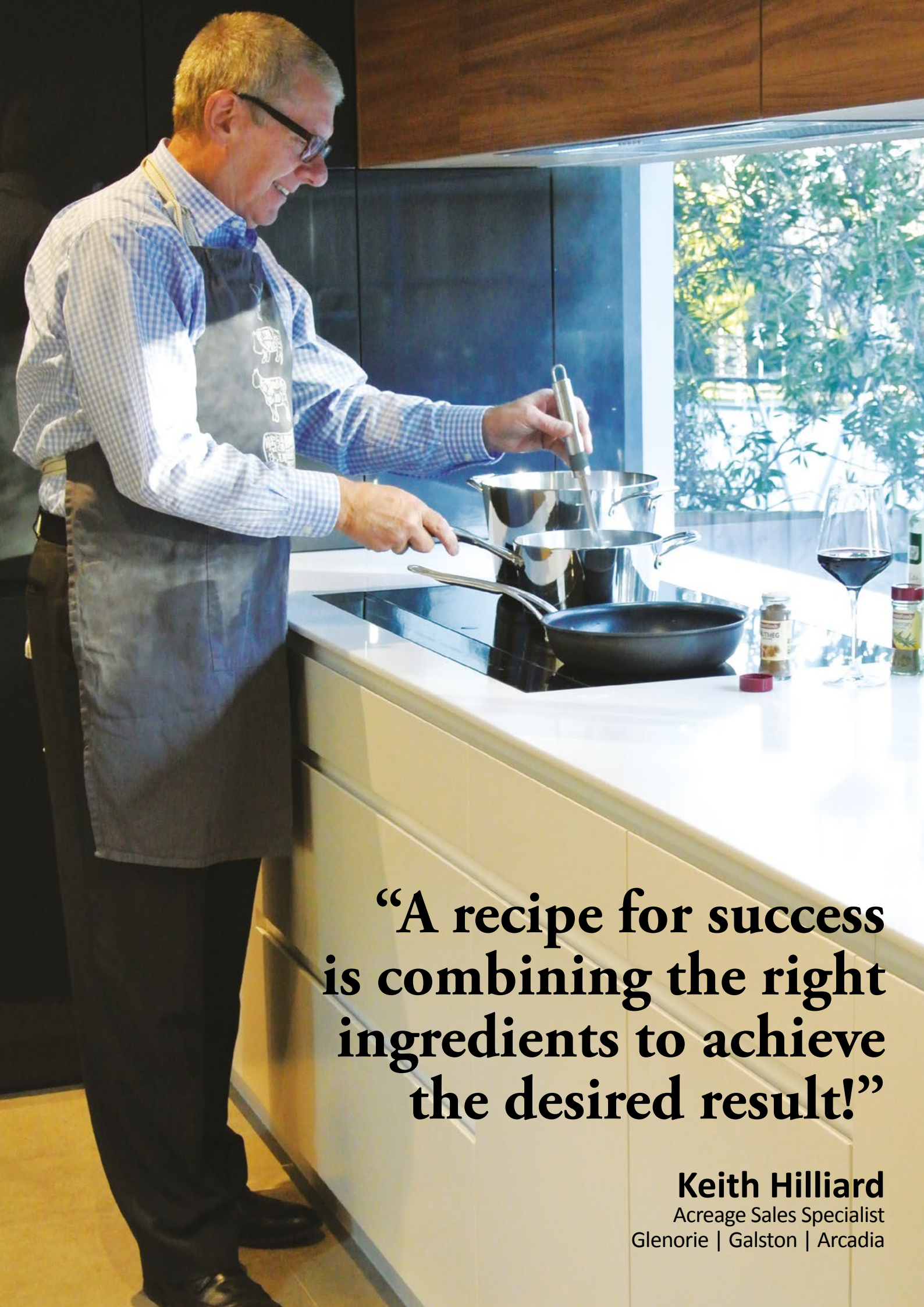
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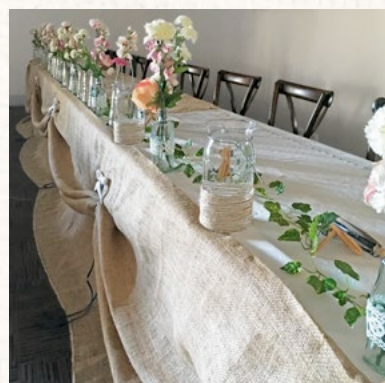


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Arcadia Pony Club Receives Funding Boost

Arcadia Pony Club members received a funding boost late last month following a sports grant from the NSW Government.

The NSW Sport and Recreation grant of \$1500 will go towards instructor school attendance costs and volunteer training manuals.

Club spokeswoman Jo Morgan said the funds would assist with a large instructor recruitment drive following a period of increased membership over recent years.

"A number of our [member] parents have agreed to undertake instructor training which includes theory requirements, face-to-face instructor school and regular practical training sessions," Ms Morgan said.

Many of the instructors at Arcadia Pony Club have been with the Club for over 5 years and a number for over 10 years.

The club has traditionally funded training programs like this but has recently had a large increase in membership numbers which requires additional instructors."

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean said he was thrilled to support Arcadia Pony Club and help its growing membership base.

"The Hornsby Shire is well known across Sydney and throughout NSW for producing talented equestrian riders who have represented Australia on the international stage," Mr Kean said.

"Pony clubs like Arcadia are often the grassroots training ground for a number of Australia's highly talented equestrian riders.

"Hopefully this sports funding for an instructor program can help develop another future equestrian star," Mr Kean said.



Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP presents Melia riding Belle and other members of Arcadia Pony Club, with a NSW Government sports grant.

Glenorie Pony Club Rebuild Underway

Progress is being made on the knockdown and rebuild of Glenorie Pony Club, with Hills Shire Mayor Dr Michele Byrne laying a horseshoe in one of the steps at the new facility.

The historic club, which was started in the mid-1950s, had introduced generations of Hills residents to ponies over the last 60 years.



"Every little girl loves the idea of riding a pony and the Glenorie Pony Club has given countless residents exposure to ponies for the first time," Mayor Byrne said.

"Whether it's horse riding, dressage, show jumping, show riding, sporting, mounted games, trail riding, polocrosse and more – many have learnt at Glenorie Pony Club."

The Club's Vice President Wayne Pernice said they cater for all abilities but have a focus on beginners.

"At Glenorie Pony Club, we pride ourselves on how well we cater for new members," Mr Pernice said.

"While we are proud of winning all the Club trophies at the Zone 26 Jamboree (for the third year running), our greatest achievement is how well we develop our new and beginner members."

"With the generous assistance of The Hills Council, our families and sponsors, we have built one of the best resourced and most successful Pony Clubs in NSW, if not Australia."

The Glenorie Pony Club will officially re-open in November 2016.

Hornsby District Softball Association

Hornsby District Softball Association's home ground at Hayes Park, Galston is set to receive a sports upgrade after a joint-funding commitment from the NSW Government and Hornsby Council.

Two additional softball back nets will be installed at the ground following a \$7,700 sporting grant from the NSW Government and a \$12,300 funding commitment from Hornsby Council. The upgrade will enable the association to schedule additional softball games to be played simultaneously at Hayes Park.

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean joined Hornsby Council mayor Steve Russell to announce the sports funding upgrade and meet several of the club members.

"I would also like to congratulate the Hornsby Association's under 19s softball team who recently won the State Championship," Mr Kean said.

"This is a terrific achievement by the girls team who went close to winning championship in the under 15s and under 17s before clinching their first title against Sutherland."

"The Mayor and I tried our hand with some softball batting training and we saw first-hand how talented this girls' team is," Mr Kean said.



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Glenorie Public School

Thanks to the Hills Shire Holiday guide, a lot of excited children had fun during the school holidays. There were lovely activities some of which were “drawing with u” which increased children’s ability to draw and paint. There also was an exciting dance studio that was “Tania’s Strictly Dancing”, which influenced kids to achieve their full potential.

What a great time we had at our amazing athletics carnival. Congratulations to all who participated and those who made it to the zone events.

Congratulations to **Ben Stringer** who has competed in the NSW cross country state event on July 22nd.

On the 26th July our stage 2 students attended an excursion to Barangaroo and learnt about many exciting things to do with our heritage and history.

We had another successful year 6 fundraiser on election day and would like to thank all those donated and volunteered on the day. An amazing effort and we really appreciate it!

Keep **18th of September** open in your calendar because it’s Glenorie’s famous country fair! There will be a silent auction for firewood in the office. It is part of the Country Fair, but we are doing it now because we don’t think you’ll want your firewood in September!



News from Galston High School

The Ngamuru Program at Galston High School

Galston High School has been very fortunate this semester to have Amelia Corr from Macquarie University’s Outreach program run a ten week course for our Aboriginal students. The program is called Ngamuru, which means ‘to see the way’ in the language of the Darug people. The Ngamuru program involved students from years 7 to 12, and focused on developing their strength in identity, self-esteem, resilience and leadership capacity. The students met with Amelia and each session had a strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander grounding.



Our Library Rebuild has Begun

The rebuilding of the school library began in the school holidays with the overhead walkway and cement slab being demolished, crushed and redistributed as land fill for the site. It



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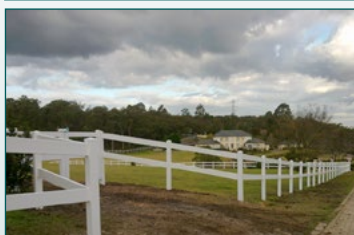
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Presenting The Buddy Holly Story plus The Great Rock n Roll Party for a good cause

August 20 - The Galston Club

On Saturday the 20th of August The Galston Club will polish up its dance floor and get ready for a whirlwind night of dancing, singing and twirling; traditional rock 'n roll style.

In an exciting double bill, All Things Entertainment presents The Buddy Holly Story plus The Great Rock n Roll Party – a night of dancing and singing – where you get to put on your best party frock and win fantastic prizes for the best dressed or best rock 'n roll dancer.

The event kicks off at 8pm, with The Buddy Holly Story. A live presentation of all the best Buddy Holly songs including Peggy Sue, It Don't Matter Anymore, Rave On, Oh Boy, That'll Be The Day, Be Bop A Lula, and many more. After the intermission we return with The Great Rock 'n Roll Party where we will dance the night away with the top classic hits from the 50's and 60's. This half of the night includes the prize-givings, raffles and competition winner announcement.

A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the annual drive to support the Verkykerskop Winter School Fundraiser – a family run initiative that raises money across 3 countries - supporting a rural school in South Africa with clothing, arts supplies, music and sports supplies and vital building upgrades.

Bring the whole family, grab dinner at the club and secure your seat for the most fun you've had in a long time! Use your ticket stub or online ticket to enter the main competition on the night. Tickets available from the club or Eventbrite (link on Galston Club website).

Thoughts from a School Mum at Arcadia Public School

Don't rule out your local school just because it's "small"! (Like I almost did!)

Dismissing the option of my local school because it was supposedly, "too small", is the mistake I was very close to making. I had decided that a school with less than 100 students couldn't possibly provide the learning opportunities, expertise and academic challenges that I was hoping for. During my decision making process my husband asked why I had not arranged a tour with our local school – I told him it just seemed so tiny! My husband response: "So what?!"...So what indeed! My preconceived ideas were not based on facts – they were based on fears – unfounded fears about the lack of opportunities on offer in a small school. So I booked a tour! And it was impressive to say the least! A few weeks later after continuing to stew over the "small size" issue, I decided to enrol my child in my local "small school" – Arcadia PS, as I could find no valid reason not to. What a great decision! . So if you're thinking of bypassing your local school because you think it's "too small", please do yourself a favour and think twice. At least take a tour of your local school so you can objectively assess what is on offer. You won't be disappointed!

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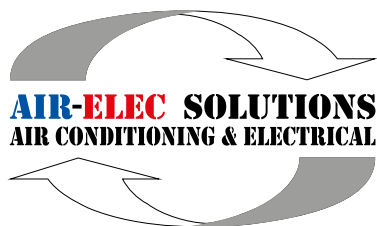
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Hillside Public School

Term 3 has arrived very quickly. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through 2016 already.

Hillside Dance Group performed in the Sydney North Dance Festival, at Glen Street Theatre. They were on stage over three days. The dancers wowed the crowd with the savvy dance steps and wonderful routines. Thank you Mel for all your hard work creating the dances and teaching all the children the routine.



Last week all the students participated in a very enjoyable excursion to the Field of Mars Environmental Centre, where they learnt about biodiversity and habitat design. The students produced a plant identification multimodal text for school.

The vegetable garden has been transformed by a group of dedicated gardeners. They cleared, applied fertilizer and planted out a variety of seedlings in our raised garden bed. They also set up our worm farm, which we were given by Hills Shire Council, for participating in the Waste Free Lunch Initiative. We all look forward to reaping the benefits of your hard work when the vegetables are harvested next term.

Preparations for our 90th birthday celebrations in October continue. A Bush Dance will be held on Saturday 29th October, 2016. Lock the date in for a fun filled time!

We say good bye to Tarj and Tjannaya who have moved to Terrigal. We wish them all the best in their new home and new school.

Musical practices continue, with all children busy learning songs and their speaking parts.

If you are looking for a small, friendly, community-based school in a semi-rural area, Hillside may be the place for you. Come and see. Enrolments are now being accepted for 2017.

Middle Dural PS

Ian McArthur and Mel Hayes

Egg Drop Challenge

The Science Project at Middle Dural PS this year was the design and construction of packaging that would protect an egg from breaking after being dropped from a height of 2.4 metres. The solutions were both ingenious and quite varied, from containing the egg inside a grapefruit to boxes within boxes, balloons, parachutes and toilet rolls.

Most designs worked, although some did not actually fit the definition of a container, but the children (and parents, who were allowed to help) spent many hours building and testing their ideas before the day.



Some of the successful egg droppers

Sydney Zoo Coming to Middle Dural

Middle Dural PS students entered a statewide 'design a banner' competition for the Sydney Zoo recently. We are very proud of Year 2 student Emilia who won her section.

Emilia and her family will be heading to the Zoo soon to celebrate and the Zoo will be coming out to Middle Dural Public School in term 4.



Emilia being congratulated by Principal Ann Mills

News from St Benedict's

St Benedict's Parish Fete Sunday 29th August

Our popular parish fete is a little earlier than usual this year so don't forget to note the date in your diary. It's on Sunday 29th of this month!

The fete is always a popular local event with rides, animal farm, face painting, food, chocolate wheel, cakes, plants and all your other favourites. And it will be on, rain or shine. Where? At St Benedict's 9 Fagans Road Arcadia (corner of Arcadia Road) from 10 am to 3 pm.



St Benedict's Feast Day

The parish celebrated the feast day of our parish patron saint, St Benedict, on Sunday 10th July after the 9 am Mass. Parishioners young and old shared in the fun, enjoying a yummy barbecue brunch while watching the children (including Father Bernard, the biggest kid of all) on the jumping castle. There were also games and face painting and, most of all, camaraderie, as we joined together to commemorate St Benedict.

Farewell to Karen and Luke

At the masses on Saturday 2nd July and Sunday 10th July we held formal farewell ceremonies for Karen and Luke, our two young pilgrims who were preparing to travel to Krakow, Poland, to take part in World Youth Day at the end of July. Held typically every three years since the 1980s, World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people (this year more than two million were expected) who want to take part in a festive celebration of their faith. A highlight of each event is the visit of the Pope and we know Karen and Luke were particularly excited about the opportunity of an encounter with our Holy Father Pope Francis. We are all looking forward to hearing about their life-changing experiences. Picture shows Father Bernard conveying the parish's best wishes to the young pilgrims before they set off on their journeys.

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.

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By Corri Byrne, Pastor

A word that is plaguing my thoughts at the moment is platforms. Each of us has a platform; a position of influence within our circle of friends and acquaintances.

The question that I keep considering is how are we using our own platform?

A platform is something you step up to, a raised area that offers the opportunity to influence others around you, to share or express your opinions. Again I emphasise, WE ALL HAVE A PLATFORM.

The size or scope of our platform may differ – it could be our family, where our children look up to our example to define their own actions, it could be at work, whether a position of great influence or a small team, it could even be the local Over 35's soccer team.

Whatever it is, we all have a sphere of influence within our reach and with it a level of authority to press those opinions on others.

So how are you using your platform? Are you influencing others with a positive word or an abusive taunt? Or you demonstrating actions that you would proudly see your own children doing? Or maybe you would rather your actions are not so clearly on display.

For those that profess to be Christian, our platform also comes with a responsibility. We are the light of the world, we are the city on the hill, that we, as much as possible, glorify God through our words and deeds.

Our platform extends beyond just the service on Sunday, it is a platform that we stand upon throughout the week and our every action is on display. In fact, even our thoughts are to be brought to light.

This month reflect on the platform you've been given. Are there areas you would prefer not to be brought to light? Areas that you just would not like highlighted?

Here is a great place to start. Prepare yourself to step up to your platforms with confidence, seeking to shine the light rather than hide from it.

Glenorie Mission Church

Having put our trust in the Bible as the inspired word of God, the creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them including the first man and woman who ultimately led to you and me, we have a guide book as to the way we should live and the standards we should aspire to live by. Through the line of history recorded in the 66 books of the Bible, written over a 1500 year span by about 40 different authors, we are shown the true character of our creator and His love for us, His creation. In wanting us to have a safe, fulfilling, joyful, and abundant life He has given us guidelines and a moral code to follow to keep us from harm or from harming others, as a perfect loving father would guide his own children.

He has also given us insight into the created world around us. Nature, the earth, planets and stars. This has inspired great scientists over the centuries to study, and try to understand the workings of His creation, such as Johann Kepler, Blaise Pascal, Galileo, Nicolas Copernicus, Isaac Newton, Carolus Linnaeus, Michael Faraday, James Joule, Louis Pasteur, Werner Von Braun, just to name a few who trusted in the truth of the bible. If we care about our children, our family, our friends and indeed ourselves should we not investigate this Bible to educate and equip ourselves to help others and to understand the purpose of life? Our society and the law we follow, has basically been developed along these biblical principles and when we see, these standards changed by a society which is increasingly rejecting the belief in a creator, what do we see? Just watch the latest news broadcast!

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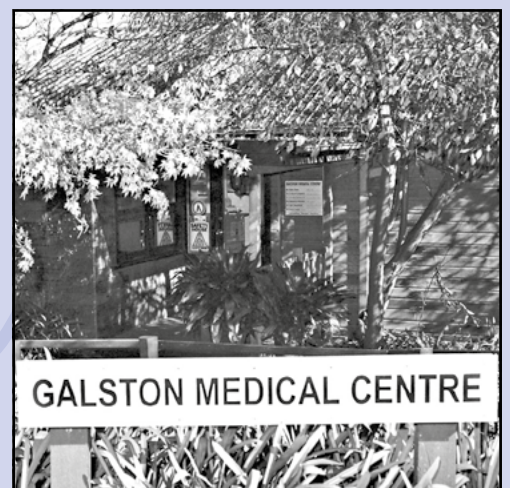
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St Jude's Dural

Adam Lamb

"I'm a bit sceptical....

When people tell me they have heard God, or God has told them this or that, I am always a little sceptical. Wild claims of hearing God are a dime a dozen on the internet and they are often saying contradictory things! And on top of that, it isn't my experience of God at all. I've never heard a booming voice or a voice of any type! When people at church say that sort of thing more often what they are actually saying is not that they heard a booming voice or even a real voice, but they really feel God would want them to do this or do that. It's a great expression of the personal nature of Christian faith. In a very real way a Christian believer is conscious and aware of God as we talk, as we act, as we live. It's a personal relationship with God. Of course my relationship with my heavenly father is very different from my earthly Father - I can see my earthly Father, I can't see God. I can hear and touch and smell my earthly Father. Especially after a day in the garden! I can't hear, touch or smell God. So if we can't see or hear or touch or smell God, why do we believe he exists? It's a great question. Most of us have a hunch someone or something made all this. We can't really believe it was just an accident. Our universe has all the hallmarks of something designed. But that hunch is confirmed in the life, and particularly, the resurrection of Jesus. The historical evidence is compelling.

So the apostle John writes, "That which we have heard, which we have seen and we have touched we proclaim to you." Jesus is God's communication to the world. The hunch is confirmed. The question is, are you listening?

Also, we have had great support from the community for our **Annual Anglicare Fooddrive**, and wanted to say thank you to all those who contributed through our local schools, through our local Woolworths or IGA stores or dropped food in to the church. Thank you! Together we raised over 33 000 items which will be distributed to the most needy families in our city.

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Minister Rev Geoff Smith

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Sunday Family Service 10 am

G'day all, I'm sitting here in my office – flooded with winter sunshine and thinking how lucky we all are to be living in such a beautiful part of the world!

Thanks to all of you who came to see the Foray Quintet last month. Sadly, I have to report that some of our planning for future concerts has changed with our collaborators no longer able to commit to the program's future. As we consider our options – watch this space for future announcements. However, we at Galston Uniting are deeply grateful for all of the support we've had for the program so far.

As I mentioned last month, but it bears repeating... Sunday 14th August from 10am we'll be having our annual blessing service for the Rural Fire Service. Come along and support these amazing volunteers who do such a brilliant, selfless job in our community. All the local brigades will be represented, there will be firetrucks on site to look at as well as lunch for all.

After a winter hiatus for some of our groups, as well as the school holiday break, all of our regular groups are up and going. Choirs, craft, coffee, kids activities and more – check us out online, give us a call or like us on facebook to get info or keep up with us. *See you next month, cheers, Geoff*

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Galston Garden Club

Wow, what a great month the members of the Galston Garden Club have had and there are more interesting trips, talks and social events coming up in our calendar. It was great to see a good number of the members turn up on a particularly cold winter's night and with the State of Origin on as well!

While our love of gardening brings us together each month, our social secretary is busy organising functions for members to attend. Our Christmas in June started with a tour of 2 gardens, in Kenthurst, followed by Christmas festivities at Allegro. A terrific turnout and enjoyed by everyone.

Our **Spring Blossom Spectacular** draws closer with 3 beautiful spring gardens being presented on **Sat 10th and Sun 11th September 2016, 9.30am-4.30pm.** The Buddhist Garden Retreat @ 405 Galston Rd near Galston High School is one of Sydney's most spectacular gardens featuring a wonderful display of more than



Buddhist garden

80 blossom trees which will be at their peak. The beautifully landscaped grounds include a wide range of citrus, camellias, conifers and other interesting plants. Also open will be two gardens in Fishburns Rd "Birchgrove" at 16 Fishburns Rd Galston will be open, the colour scheme is essentially "cottage" including over 90 specialty trees, camellias, magnolias, heritage roses, unusual bulbs and weeping cherries. As well the ever popular "Elegans" its beautiful garden full of amazing colour and Bill Fleming's eclectic collection of exotic species of shrubs and trees, it is conveniently across the road from "Birchgrove"! Get excited, come and see these beautiful gardens lovingly created by their owners.

Peter Hey was our July guest speaker, a clivia expert he shared his passion for breeding and developing new colours of these spectacular autumn flowering plants. It will be exciting to see the future releases of pink, gold, green, blue and eventually black colours that are now in the early stages of development. We were privileged to view a sneak peek of the some of the newer colours. He also touched on the fungal diseases that attack these plants and gave us valuable information regarding treatment and care.

Reminder our annual Open Gardens weekend is on the 14-16th October with 8 gardens being presented. More details closer to the date.

Garden Club meets on the 2nd Weds of the month at the Galston Community Centre 37 Arcadia Rd., Galston 8.00pm, new members are warmly welcomed. For other information, visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com.au



Christmas lunch

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group meets on the second Friday of the month at 7-45 pm in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. The speaker for **August 12th** will be Holly Parsons, and her topic is "Birdscaping Your Garden." Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale. For more information visit www.blandfordia.org.au



Monday Walks and Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden

The Monday Walk and Talk at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives on **August 8th** will be led by Australian Plants Society member Robert Failes and he will discuss "Acacias" then show you examples on an easy walk in the grounds.

Meet 9-45 am at Caley's Pavilion, wear suitable shoes and hat. Cost \$5 includes notes, with a discount for APS members. Native plants for sale. All welcome. For more information visit www.blandfordia.org.au or call Bill 9498 6052 or Wendy 9144 5600.



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Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 13 August with plant sales from 12-1pm. Access is via the new Showground entrance off Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.



"Guest speaker will be local bromeliad grower from Glenorie, Alan Beard who has been collecting and growing bromeliads for over 35 years.

Alan has a wonderful story to tell about how an interest in bromeliads grew into a lifetime passion and

a huge collection of hundreds of bromeliads that include his favourites such as neoregelias, billbergias and vrieseas.

Those who have been fortunate to visit his beautiful property are blown away by the amazing wonderland he has created using a variety of bromeliads in all sizes, colours and textures.

Alan will provide advice regarding the most suitable location for plants specific varieties and the importance of light and shade for the best results. This is an opportunity to learn from a man whose plants are exceptional and who is highly regarded within the industry.

Anyone keen to create a tropical garden effect or searching for something suitable to under-plant in shade where nothing grows, then why not consider bromeliads.

They are, very easy to grow, easy care, inexpensive and reward the grower with spectacular, long distance blooms and ornamental foliage in a variety of brilliant colours. They require very little watering and come in a wide range of sizes from tiny miniatures to the incredible giants," said Ian Hook, President ABS.

The Bromeliad Society of Australia 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. Contact Ian Hook - mobile 0408202269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com website: www.bromeliad.org.au

Spring Orchid Show at Winston Hills Mall – Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills

Wednesday 31st August – Saturday 3rd September

From Wednesday 31st August till Saturday 3rd September, during shopping hours, Winston Hills Mall, in Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills, will host a Spring Orchid Show by Cumberland Orchid Circle. On show will be many of the orchids in flower at this time of the year and there will be members of the Circle present at all times to discuss orchids and their culture as well as advise on any cultural problems that members of the public may have. The Circle will also maintain a sales table where orchids, many in bloom, may be purchased for very little cost and also conduct repotting demonstrations. Free cultural information leaflets will be available covering the cultivation of many specific orchid genera. There will also be a raffle where orchid plants can be won, the proceeds of this raffle being donated to the Westmead Hospital Medical Research Foundation.

For further information on Cumberland Orchid Circle or the show please contact the Circles publicity officer on 9481 8895.



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By Barry Lees

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These donated plants are local natives and so are ideal for revegetating the cleared areas. You can't buy local native plants from retail nurseries, so this is a special opportunity. The plants are top quality.

Are you planning or now doing any work like this? If so, contact Barry Lees now on 9653 3691.

I will help you work out what plants would be suitable for your site from the list of plants that are currently available from 2 Nurseries. I will then advise them to expect a call from you to organise a visit. For Hornsby Shire residents, the plants will come from the Community Nursery at Pennant Hills. For Hills Shire residents, the plants will come from Bunya Native Nursery at Dural. The minimum number of plants will be 1 tray of 40 tubes. Trays and tubes are to be returned to the Nurseries or to me when you have finished with them.

I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about Landcare, go to stillcreeklandcare.com.au or Facebook.



Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 24th August 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 approximately 2 hours. At the meeting, orchids in bloom will be benched for a monthly point score competition. The guest speaker for this month is Cary Polis who will do a hands-on presentation on orchids.

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

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Circle's Publicity Officer on 9481 8895.



What's On....

Free One-On-One Expert Advice at Hornsby Library

Hornsby Library will be offering residents free 20 minute sessions with experts on a range of health, wellbeing and financial topics as part of the new Community Connections Hot Desk.

The program, which is an exciting new initiative for Hornsby Shire, will begin in August with a different expert visiting the library every Thursday from 2pm-4pm.

To launch the Hot Desk, a friendly representative from Ability Options Employment will attend the library on Thursday 4 August to discuss career options.

This first session is ideal for young people over the age of 15, who are exploring their work options for the future.

Topics to be discussed include broad career advice, resume and interview tips, information about navigating the apprenticeship system and more.

There will be six free appointments available, lasting 20 minutes each, and to secure a space all you need to do is either book in person at a Hornsby Shire Library branch or call Hornsby Library on 9847 6614.

Other topics to be covered in the following weeks of August include: asthma education presented by the Asthma Foundation of Queensland and New South Wales (August 11), aged care services with a representative of Uniting Care (August 18) and Alzheimer's support and information from Alzheimer's Australia (August 25).

With these quick, easy to book and free appointment sessions, the Community Connections Hot Desk is a great way for residents to link up to local service providers and learn expert information about topics that are relevant to their lives.

For more information, or to keep up-to-date with the ongoing topic schedule, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Titanic Author Talk in Hornsby

The mystery of the Titanic's sinking is explored from an exciting new angle in David Dyer's book *The Midnight Watch*, which he will discuss at an author talk in Hornsby.

The event will be hosted at Hornsby Library on Thursday 4 August, with tickets only \$5.00 for both the author talk and some delicious refreshments to enjoy.

The Midnight Watch is a psychological thriller that examines the lesser known story of the SS Californian – a ship that was in the vicinity of the Titanic on the night that it sunk.

Although the Californian saw eight distress rockets fired from its neighbouring ship just after midnight on 15 April 1912, its captain and crew failed to respond.

Bringing this moment in history to life, *The Midnight Watch* features a rich tapestry of characters with protagonist John Steadman fearlessly investigating the truth about the Californian's lack of action for a newspaper.

Australian author David Dyer has a long-time interest in the Titanic, and was awarded a scholarship to research and write *The Midnight Watch* in 2009 as part of a doctorate.

In addition to writing, David has practiced as a litigation lawyer, and worked as an English teacher in Sydney.

When: Thursday 4 August, 6.30pm

Where: Hornsby Library

Cost: \$5.00 with light refreshments

Bookings Essential: Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ library or in person at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd August

Venue: Dural Country Club, Casa Nostra Room, 662A Old Northern Rd. Dural.

Time: 7:00 p.m. for 7:15 p.m.

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Speaker: Dr. Kris Rasiah - Urologist (New guidelines for PSA testing)

For further information call Denis: 9629-2645 or Maurice: 9654-2138

Red Cross Castle Hill

Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch will hold it's 27TH Annual General Meeting on **Friday 12th August**, with Morning Tea at 9.15a.m. and meeting commencing at 10.00a.m. with Speaker, Chris Mansfield, N.S.W.

Membership Team Leader, in The Tribute Room, Level 1, Castle Grand Library Building, Castle Hill.

New members welcome. Enquiries 8850.7056.

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 5th August, 2016. Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.30 am. The guest speaker will be Mark Young, will be speaking on computers and technology.

We welcome recently retired citizens and Baby Boomers, who are, looking for new interests.

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Len Best	0408 220 705
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LOCAL JP's Michael Bell, Arcadia - 9653 1365

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 Cathy Vipond, Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
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 Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive,
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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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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 :
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LOCAL PLAYGROUPS

GALSTON

Our playgroup has vacancies on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Sessions all start at 9.30am except Fridays which start at 10:30am. Sessions go for 1-2 hours and are very casual, you can come and go whenever. You don't need to bring anything.

We are located underneath the Community Centre. The first two sessions are free and after this fees are \$2.50 a session. All groups have children of mixed ages from babies to preschoolers. Feel free to try a couple of groups to see what suits you best as they all run differently.

Please feel free to contact galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com if you have any other questions.

GLENORIE

Glenorie Mission Church, Muscios Road, Glenorie
Every Thursday 9am-12pm - bring allergy friendly snacks

ARCADIA

Located at Arcadia Public School, 140 Arcadia Road
Every 2nd Thursday 9.30 to 11am. Contact Dale 0410 532 562
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Our playgroup has a very relaxed format. There is usually a craft activity, 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. We request a gold coin donation when attending. All of our regular attendees become members of Playgroup NSW.

DURAL/GALSTON

St Jude's Anglican Church, 965 Old Northern Rd Dural (Off Galston Rd for parking)

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

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

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. Enquiries Denis 9629 2645 or Maurice 9654 2138.

Dural and District Seniors 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 August Luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on Wednesday 24th August, 2016. Our guest speaker for the day will be Doug Spencer (Public Solicitor) who will speak on Legal Matters for Seniors. Visitors are welcome. Enquiries 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@dphpc.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 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

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

CHURCHES

Galston Uniting Church - Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUJA 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 McKibben 0474 493 793.

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 9.30 am - enquiries Beverley 9653.1790.

St. Jude's Anglican - Service Times: 8am Traditional; 10am Contemporary with Sunday Kids & Yr 5-9 Teen group; 6pm Evening church for youth & parents. 'Epic' Kids club and Youth Group - Fridays (see website for details). Senior Minister - Reverend Adam Lamb. Cnr. Galston & Old Northern Roads, Dural. Phone: 9651-1119

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

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

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

Dural Country Club Fishing Club meet at Dural Country Club on the 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. ggcc.nsw.cricket.com.au

Galston Club Golf Club - Plays Monthly - Variety of courses. Contact - James Roberts 9653 2017 / gm@galstonclub.com.au

Galston Equestrian Club - New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at the Rural Sports Facility Centre off Mansfield Road. Enquiries can be made to Liz on 0409 992 920 or to go to the Galston Equestrian Club's website at www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au.

Galston Netball Club All enquiries to secretary.galstonnetballclub@hotmail.com or visit the website www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club meets at Galston Aquatic Centre on Galston Road on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Whether you want to swim laps, compete in competitions, or just have fun, fitness and friendship Ring Di on 9652 1215.

Hills Hawks Soccer Club. For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or 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 Hillsdale 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 Hillsdale Public School on 9652 1459.

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