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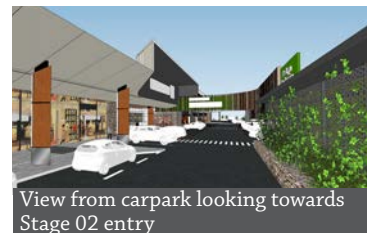
Cherrybrook Shopping Village set for \$36m upgrade

Mirvac, the owners of Cherrybrook Shopping Village, have put in a DA to Hornsby Council to upgrade and expand the existing shopping centre. The development will increase the size by 6,599 sqm of commercial floor space and expand the existing car park into multi-storey. The current floor space is 9,636 sqm so it's quite a significant increase in size. The proposed retail extension provides new retail shops (including Woolworths and Aldi), a medical centre, gym and centre management offices. The shopping village also has a 48 place childcare centre.

Two entrances are proposed, one in Shepherds Drive opposite Macquarie Drive and the other Shepherds Drive opposite Kenburn Avenue (the existing access) to accommodate the increase in traffic. This increased traffic could access the shopping village via Shepherds Drive, but also Purchase Road/Beechwood Parade, as this route would lead to the new access opposite Macquarie Drive.



View from carpark looking towards Stage 02 development



View from carpark looking towards Stage 02 entry



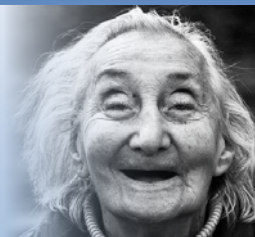
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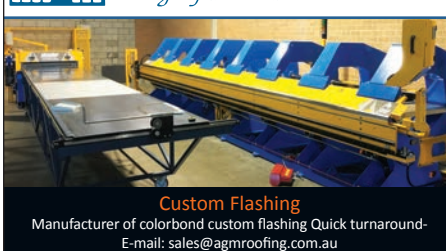


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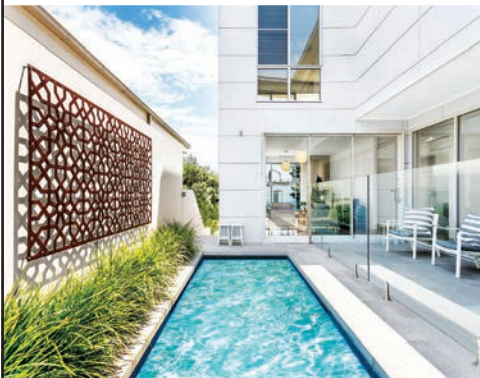
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Eastbend update and notice of 2016 AGM

On Monday August 15th there was a quarterly meeting of Eastbend Rural Communications. Items discussed included 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. There have been a few problems of non-receipt of the newsletter in the areas north of the Hawkesbury but these are being dealt with. Advertising has also picked up so the *Living Heritage* finances are in good shape.

Eastbend's Annual General Meeting will be held at 1.30pm on Monday 21st November at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School. An election will be held to choose members of the Executive Committee for the coming year. If you wish to nominate for any position or have anything 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, on deblacko7@hotmail.com or 9652-1276, or Tessa Corkill, on 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Galston Gala - 20 November

The Galston Concerts will return with a Galston Gala on Sunday, 20 November.

The Classical 'variety concert' will commence at **2.00pm** in **Galston Uniting Church**, 11 School Road, Galston.



Leading Australian professionals of international profile will present an appealing range of musical styles from Baroque and Romantic to folk and tango settings.

Concert pianist Tonya Lemoh, after perennial successes in Europe and North America, will perform Liszt and Granados from her recent CD.

Organist Pastor de Lasala, a prolific recording artist and annual performer in concerts in France, will offer music of J S Bach on the splendid historic organ of the Church.

Robert Harris and Viola Plus, returned from European concerts in Germany in July, will program music for strings by Handel, Telemann and Piazzolla tangos.

Pianist Nicholas Kennedy, recently awarded 'outstanding young pianist' at the Australian Concerto and Instrumental Competition in Townsville, will perform Mozart and Chopin in keeping with The Galston Concerts support of 'rising stars'.

The Gala will also preview an exciting line-up of Galston Concerts for 2017.

Further enquiries to Helen Jordan, Promotions Co-ordinator for The Galston Concerts, at 9653 2079 or 0425 339 841. Bookings are available on line at trybooking.com (search for *Galston*).



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Local artist Val Wright will exhibit her **watercolour paintings** in her Galston studio from 21st to 28th October 2016. The paintings, together with a range of greetings card prints of the pictures, will be for sale. Ten per cent of all sales will go to Anglicare through St Jude's Anglican Church, Dural to help those in difficult circumstances, particularly approaching the Christmas season.



Val and husband David arrived from UK as migrants in October 2013 and settled in Galston soon thereafter. Val paints in watercolours, chiefly animals, birds and still life. After

extensively travelling in the outback last year she has been inspired by Australian animals and birds in particular. She has exhibited many times before moving to Australia and has painted numerous animal portrait commissions in which she specialises.



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Gary Mangan presents club captain Kate Johnson and Jarrod Dearden with \$5000.

The success of the club is a combination of a lot of hard work by the kids, our coach Stacy Harding and her staff, an amazing committee and our wonderful sponsors. This month we would like to say thank you to **Bendigo Bank** who have just kicked in an amazing **\$5000**. A community bank standing by its mantra of supporting the local community. We are also attempting to get a grant from Holden for new starting blocks. Search Galston Swim Club on YouTube and have a look at our application video....very funny!!

Dural Musical Society

A very funny comedy you can actually bring your Nan along to enjoy

Set in New York, Bridget takes the opportunity to spend some time with her favourite Grandmother before heading off to University. The visit introduces her to Tom, the local cop on the beat, and Nana's dear, and very interesting, friend Vera. As Bridget discovers and freely admits... being Nana's roommate for the Summer is going to be an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet Grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling hand-made naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the area! Will Bridget be able to handle all the excitement? Will her Nana get arrested - or worse! - evicted? If you like a good laugh, then come along to the Dural Soldiers' Memorial Hall to find out how Bridget manages to cope with her Nana's illegal sideline and the apartment block manager who is trying to evict her.

Following the success of "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum" in May, Dural Musical Society follows up with another comedy - this time a modern day look at how an enterprising old age pensioner and her best friend can cause havoc in the city of New York. DMS regulars will be pleased to see Linda Corbin and Judy Clarke playing Nana and her friend Vera, while "Forum" patrons will recognise Brooke Stephens as Bridget, Tom Oliver as the local policeman, and Millie Reid as the unexpected visitor. Support roles are played by Eddie Bruce, Joshua Brown and Karen Smyth.



Sylvia (Linda Corbin - right) and her best friend Vera (Judy Clarke)

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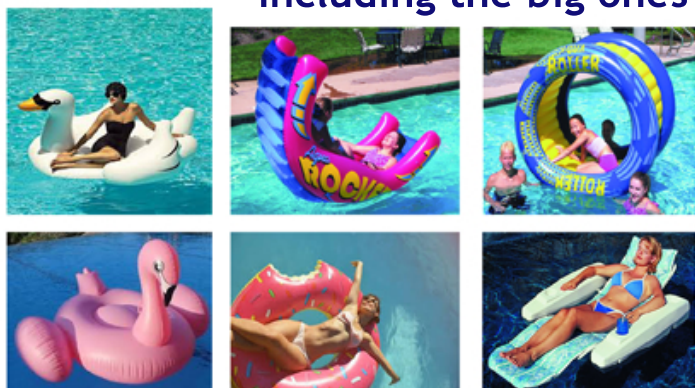
Saturday 29th Oct 10.00am to 12 noon

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Outcome of Conciliation Conference - Glenorie Shopping Village

The Hills Shire Council received 76 submissions from residents regarding the Shop Top Housing development at Glenorie Shopping Village.

At the conciliation conference arranged by Hills Shire Council approximately 40 residents attended plus 4 attendees from the Applicant including Mr Tassie Pirina, his Architect and Planning Consultant.

There were approximately 6 speakers on behalf of the residents and they raised a number of issues. These included::

1. The proposal does not enhance or integrate the village
2. Units are not in keeping with the character of the area
3. Concerns over the loading dock being close to residents
4. Removal of waste considering the number of residential apartments and retail spaces.
5. Impact on traffic flows along Post Office Road, in conjunction with Woolworths and Glenorie RSL Club
6. Overshadowing and privacy impacts on local residents.

The applicant's Architect responded to most the questions raised, and took a few questions for further investigation. He stated that the development would comply with all council regulations and Australian Standards.

Council confirmed that they will consider the issues raised during the Conference and this would help inform their decision.

If you wish to read the Minutes of the Conciliation Conference, they are available on our website at www.galstoncommunity.com.au/local-news-2.



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Hornsby Small Business Networking Evening

Hornsby's business community came together for a networking evening earlier this month with NSW Minister for Small Business John Barilaro and Hornsby MP Matt Kean.

The networking evening on September 5th at Magpies Waitara was an opportunity to showcase local business opportunities and build better contacts across the Hornsby Shire.

It was also a chance for small business owners to share their concerns and hear how the NSW Government is working to remove red tape and assist small business to operate better and more effectively.

Minister Barilaro told guests about his experiences running a small business before entering politics and said he understood the challenges small businesses face.

"As a business owner myself, I understand the commitment and sacrifice it takes to own and run a business," Minister Barilaro said much of this country's economy and culture have been shaped by the contributions of family businesses, with them making up nearly 70 per cent of all Australian businesses.

"The NSW Government is committed to supporting small business that's why we have already cut over \$1 billion of red tape for businesses in NSW since September 2011."

Hornsby MP Matt Kean hosted the third annual Small Business Networking evening in co-junction with the Hornsby Chamber of Commerce and Small Biz Matters.

Mr Kean said he was thrilled with the big turnout for the event which continues to grow every year. "Small business is the largest employer in the Hornsby Shire and the engine room of our local economy," Mr Kean said.

"I encourage any businesses in our local area that would

like to better network and connect with other local businesses to sign up and become a member of the Hornsby Chamber of Commerce."

Donations totalling \$923.90 were also collected throughout the evening to raise money for the Hornsby Kuring-gai Women's Shelter.



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by Margaret McKinley

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In 1955 the "Cold War" was at its hottest and there were lots of talk about what would happen if an atom bomb was dropped on Sydney. Maps appeared in newspapers illustrating how far out you would have to be to not be affected if the worst happened. Dural was just beyond the outer radius.

The headlines in the Sydney Morning Herald for 18th May, 1955 ... "Government to build Ammunition Filling Factory at St. Mary's.....Fears that a single factory could be easily pinpointed and wiped out in an atomic attack". Just at this time a certain young couple with great plans to build a home, decided to buy an old citrus orchard . covered with blackberries, for one hundred pounds an acre, at Dural. They too, had noticed the atomic attack warning.

The other big announcement was " State Cabinet (Mr. Cahill was Premier) has decided that the Sydney Opera house will be built on the site of Fort Macquarie tram depot at Benelong Point (sic)" There had been 20 other sites suggested. They decided to have a competition to determine the design. It was to have 2 Halls, one to hold 3,500, the other 1,200 and parking for 200 cars. The public would be invited to subscribe towards the cost. In this article they seemed to be more concerned about shifting the trams than anything else. As it was the last trams ran in Sydney in February 1961

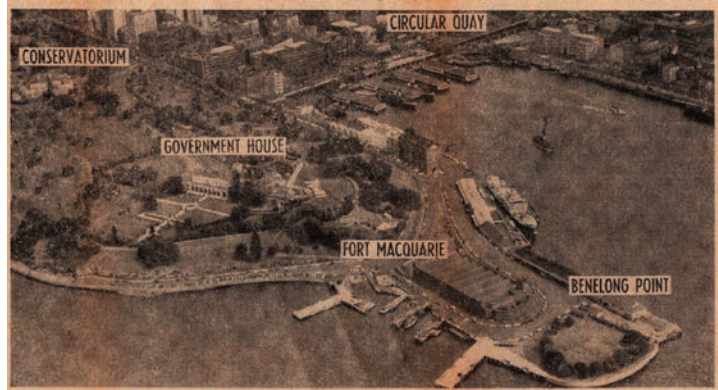
In this same paper there is a photo of a cage of Cynomolgus monkeys that had been imported for the manufacture of Salk Polio Vaccine.

All this happened before television in Australia, which started in September 1956, in time for the Melbourne Olympics. Just imagine life without TV and mobile phones and computers! The main way of communicating was through radio and newspapers. And people wrote letters, which were written with a steel nib pen and ink, or perhaps a fountain pen. The biro had not been invented. The typewriter had been invented back in the 1880's and was used for all official documents, with the use of carbon copies for keeping records.

Ah! The good old days! Perhaps we need to "look under the lino" occasionally to realise how far we have come in the last 60 years

The Annual General Meeting of the Dural and District Historical Society will be held at the History Cottage on Saturday, 8th October at 2pm. A "Show and Tell", when members show some of their treasures and tell the stories behind these objects will follow. All welcome.

BENELONG POINT OPERA HOUSE SITE FROM THE AIR



This air panorama shows the site of the proposed State Opera House at Benelong Point selected by N.S.W. State Cabinet yesterday. (Stars, page 9.)



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Some of the girls from the unit took part in the Kenthurst and District Family Fair, part of the 2016 Orange Blossom Festival.



Galston 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.

Dural Country Club, Men's Lawn Bowls Club

Men's Minor singles final

Phil Bonvino has won his first lawn bowls singles title at Dural Country Club. Phil claimed the title by defeating Doug Farlow 31-28, as the score indicated the game was very close throughout the entire match. "I started really well", said Phil "but Doug kept coming back at me and after the thirteen ends we were even on 9 shots each." Each player went shot for shot over the next few ends where on the 25th end it was again all square at 18 shots each. Doug said, " From the 26th end I really started to nail my shots and I was feeling comfortable with my game but wary of the ability of Phil". Doug was up 26 to 18 after 28 ends and looking confident. Phil then found his rhythm again and started to catch Doug and by the 34th end the scores were again locked up at 28 each. Only one more end was needed, where Phil scored 3 shots to defeat Doug 31-28.

Doug was upbeat in defeat and said he was eager to come back next year and go one step further.

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Bush Bashing

Cluster Subdivision Explained.

Kirsten Cowley, Glenorie-Maroota Bioregional Forum.

Subdivision of the rural areas of the Hills Shire has been a long running and contentious issue for well over ten years. In 2012, Hills Shire Council adopted new planning controls that allow for increased housing density on land of 10 hectares or greater, that has been mapped as being of high biodiversity value. The objectives of these planning controls are to “ensure land is developed, managed and conserved in a holistic and sensitive manner to achieve an environmental outcome that ensures the protection of the landscape, biodiversity and rural setting of the land” (Hills Shire Council DCP 2012). In the minimum allowable area of 10 hectares, at least 60% must be a community block and 6 housing blocks are allowed. In a larger area there can be more housing blocks.

Despite the rather lofty environmental sentiments portrayed in the zoning objectives, there are a number of concerns that we have identified that the Hills Community should be aware of.

Many approved cluster subdivisions are unlikely to fulfil the required biodiversity outcomes

There have been a number of cluster subdivisions that have required some level of vegetation clearing for the building lots. This loss of vegetation including trees (mature trees in some cases) on the building lots reduces bird and marsupial habitat. Vegetation clearing also increases erosion which can severely impact our creeks and waterways. On-site wastewater systems can lead to nutrient rich water flowing through to the community lot, which means weed plumes and poor water quality of streams, wetlands and creeks.

Bushfire

With population increases comes a significant risk of bushfire and greater risk of property damage and death during a fire. The risk to our Rural Fire Service volunteers who are fighting these fires also increases. Many of these cluster subdivisions are in areas which have no town water supply, reducing firefighting abilities by land owners and greatly increasing the risks.



King Parrot

Biodiversity management – a costly responsibility

There are significant costs associated with managing the community lots. The vegetation management plans (VMP) which must be developed for the community lots, with controls such as bush regeneration, weed control, fencing and water management. There might be prohibitions on pet ownership. These controls are enforceable and the payment of a bond is required to ensure the VMP is followed. Management of the community lots is similar to strata title within apartment blocks. While this process will be positive for owners who share a common goal of environmental protection, there will be many who find this responsibility too difficult. Which means more risk to the environment.

Disputes between neighbours

Similar to body corporates within strata title there will be the likelihood of disputes over how the community lot is managed. Disputes are relatively common within apartment living and can lead to court action. It's possible that VMPs may not be implemented due to these disputes which will again lower environmental outcomes.

Traffic

With more people there will be more traffic. *Unlike other developments, cluster subdivision developers do not have to contribute to funding road upgrades.* The existing community will therefore have to contend with more traffic as well as degrading roads. With no viable public transport options, adding a cluster subdivision population to the proposed developments along New Line and Old Northern Roads will mean severe traffic stress for those of us who work outside the district.

Conclusion

While there are a few positive outcomes for these cluster subdivision developments including benefits to local business, increases in school populations and better biodiversity management in some cluster subdivisions, there are quite a number of negative outcomes that will impact not only on our unique environment but also on the community at large. We need to be asking Council whether this new type of development is actually meeting its objectives and whether the negative outcomes that result from them are actually worth it.

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1844/2016/ZD	8/06/2016	Subdivision creating six community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)	4096 Old Northern Road, MAROOTA NSW 2756	Evaluation
1934/2016/ZD	23/06/2016	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot including demolition (rural cluster)	4662 Old Northern Road, MAROOTA NSW 2756	Evaluation
2/2017/EC	6/07/2016	Subdivision creating eight community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster) accompanied by application to vary development standard	20-20A Schwebel Lane, GLENORIE NSW 2157	Lodged
52/2017/ZD	16/07/2016	Subdivision creating eight community title rural residential lots and one community association lot including new road (rural cluster)	3214 Old Northern Road, GLENORIE NSW 2157	Stop the Clock
36/2017/SC	1/09/2016	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)	83A Cattai Ridge Road, GLENORIE NSW 2157	Approved
9/2017/EC	8/09/2016	Subdivision creating nine community title rural residential lots and one community association lot including demolition (rural cluster)	49 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE NSW 2157	Lodged
40/2017/SC	12/09/2016	Subdivision creating four community title rural residential lots and one community association lot accompanied by an application to vary a development standard (rural cluster)	118 Cattai Ridge Road, GLENORIE NSW 2157	Lodged
36/2017/EC	21/09/2016	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)	16 Wheeny Creek Road, CATTAI NSW 2756	Lodged
473/2017/HA	21/09/2016	Single Storey Dwelling, Shed and Retention of the Existing Dwelling as a Secondary Dwelling	21 Wisemans Ferry Road, CATTAI NSW 2756	Lodged



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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.

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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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Playgroup

Make a Wish Foundation

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Arcadian Quilters meet at the Galston Community and Health Centre on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9.30. We would welcome visitors to join us for further information please ring Carole (President) on 9894 7749.

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 7th October, 2016**. Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.30 am. The guest speaker will be Narelle Brown Ombudsman for Energy and Water speaking on energy rebates.

We are very excited about our new venue. Come along and make new friends! We welcome recently retired citizens and Baby Boomers, who are, looking for new interests.

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

Glenorie Public School Fair

The brigade attended the school fair Sunday 18 September. The smoke tent gives a great example of how smoke builds up and why we "GET DOWN LOW AND GO, GO GO! Preparation for the coming fire season was our main theme for the day. If you would like to talk to a member about your property preparation and/or developing your fire plan, please call the station on the numbers below.

Lendlease Gardeners

A big thank you to the eighteen Lendlease personnel who came to our station Thursday 15 September to assist the brigade with a "spring clean" of our gardens and surrounds. They weeded and mulched for much of the day as part of their 21st annual Community Day. Everything looks lovely, much appreciated by us all.

Brigade Training

We have six new members currently doing their Bush Fire (BF) Training. They should be ready to respond in time for this season's fire-calls. Three members have just completed off road driver training. This course had to be postponed earlier due to wet weather. Hopefully the late rains will also postpone the fire season giving everyone a little more time to prepare.



Glenorie Public School Bush Fire Drill and Assmibly

The Principal, staff and children at Glenorie School take the practice of emergency drills very seriously and the brigade is privileged to assist. As always they did an excellent job, which should give parents and carers peace of mind knowing their precious children are in good hands should a bush fire threaten the school.

Fire Season Started October 1

PERMITS ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL BURNS. Please contact your local Rural Fire District Office: The Hills 9654 1244 or Hornsby 9883 2000, for a hazard reduction certificate (HRC) and then your local Brigade to arrange for a permit officer to visit and issue a permit. **Failure to comply with regulations can incur a fine.**

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



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Back to Normal at Dural Country Club

After the Fiftieth birthday celebrations the Dural ladies are back on the bowling green in competition mode. The Fours Championship and the Consistency Singles have been decided.

Experienced bowler Leone Lesslie was too good on the day for Diana Sweeney in the Consistency which is a singles game where the four closest bowls score: 4,3,2,1, ie 10 per end. It is a great game for developing one's game as control of each bowl is the key. "Happy accidents" are rarer.

Elizabeth Whelan, Eileen Bromley, Sue Vindin and Diana Sweeney combined well and showed their greater experience to defeat Marilyn Bonvino, Christine Fitzgerald, Robyn Cook and Judith Harris after a close game. Christine has had a very impressive first year of bowling getting to two finals.

Why not become a Dural bowler. Free Lessons are available, Ring Robert on 0411 375 580, or 9651 4760



L-R: E. Whelan, D. Sweeney, S. Vindin and E. Bromley.

Galston CWA News

Congratulations to all of our primary school students who entered in our International Day project competition. This year was the first time PowerPoint presentations were allowed. Challenges occurred because of this but we hope to improve as the years progress. This year's country of study was Mongolia. There were some very impressive entries and I am sure this added to the students knowledge and understanding of the country and its traditions. Well done.

Our group will be holding a stall at the local shops during the Galston Open Garden Festival, **October 14th- 16th**. Please check our Facebook page for details.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please drop by. 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 October 12th for a craft morning to gather supplies for the upcoming stall. If you have ready made craft items please drop them by then.

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

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Vodafone regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determinations 1997 ("The Determination") based on the description above.

Further information can be obtained from Vanessa Davies on behalf of Vodafone, (02) 9465 5718, vanessa.davies@vodafone.com.au and at www.rfnsa.com.au/2171003 Written submissions should be sent to:

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Galston VIEW Club

Galston VIEW Club, will be holding its Annual Fashion Parade on **Wednesday 5th October 2016** at the Glenorie RSL Club commencing at 10.30am.

Airs and Grace Fashions will present their beautiful clothes, handbags and jewellery. Cost is \$25 Per person which includes a lovely lunch.

We will be holding its October Luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on Wednesday 26th October, 2016. Our guest speaker for the day will be Craig Cook "Sydney Harbour Federation Trust" who will speak on "Rediscovering our Harbour Gems"

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Here is a summary from their facebook page: "West of the large sandbank of Calabash Bay is zoned Environmental Protection A 'Wetlands'. Where the Wetlands meet the River Settlement - 3 additional blocks of land have been proposed on very steep land. (In addition to the one block that already exists)

DA 1009 and this subdivision was recommended for approval at the last Council Meeting and was deferred only because of a legal challenge.

This Development Application is being assessed under the Local Environmental Plan 1994 because it was originally lodged several weeks before the LEP 2013 was gazetted. DA 1009 has been kept active through several major reincarnations, the latest of which involves picking up 3 huge blocks on the ridge and moving them to the river frontage.

Many residents of Calabash Bay believe the additional development on this wetlands boundary will result in unmanageable environmental stress on the wetlands and river system and unnecessarily introduce buildings into a pristine and uniquely beautiful place that should belong to future generations.

This is a complicated issue with environmental issues at every turn with quite a few 'clever' planning precedents being trail blazed for good measure.

Any advice or suggestions are greatly welcome. A legal challenge may be our only hope. "

A more recent facebook posts suggested that dredging of 3500m³ maybe be required in order for the RFS to safely access the new development.



4 Dolphins spotted at Berowra Creek. Image courtesy Sharon Watson, taken 9th September 2016

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Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith.

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Hills Branch continues to provide members and visitors with interesting agendas at each meeting, along with table shows comprising some of the best budgerigars in New South Wales to view, similar to the Spangle Variety bird shown adjacent, at the recent meeting. These meetings allow for a helping hand and information for members and visitors or just general discussion over a cuppa. The recent September meeting welcomed Mr Mike Cannon, Veterinarian, to address the branch.

October Meeting will see the **Society Photographer Mrs Nola Bradford** visiting the branch with a presentation of the 2016 National birds. This is an eagerly awaited event, and provides the members and visitors with the opportunity to view the best birds on display at the recent national show.

November Meeting will feature Mr James Matthews delivering an interesting presentation on preparing birds for the show bench. This presentation will also compare the work involved in the show preparation of ducks. Care to be part of a hobby where all ages, individuals, partnerships or families can participate; then contact should be made with Mr Peter Dodd by telephoning 9888-5631 Peter_dodd@priomus.com.au



The Hills Are Alive Choir Festival: In Aid Of Camp Quality

A first of its kind music festival for the Hills district is being organised by a local Castle Hill choir, Ad Musicam. The inaugural Hills Are Alive Choir Festival will be held on Sunday afternoon 30th October 2016, at Pacific Hills Christian School, Quarry Road, Dural, starting at 3.00 pm. The festival will be a fun afternoon, celebrating the joy of music, whilst also being a fundraiser for children living with cancer - all funds will go directly to Camp Quality.

The event will comprise six local choirs, each performing in turn a number of songs celebrating choral music of differing styles. There will be a diversity of choir styles, with something to suit every taste, ranging from barbershop style to rock and soul, and primary to high school choirs. At the end of the individual performances, all the choirs will join together for the finale.

Along with hosts, Ad Musicam, participating choirs include the Rock and Soul Choir, Spirit of Sydney Chorus, Hills Harmony Chorus, Kellyville Ridge Primary School and Mount St Benedict College.

So if you enjoy something a little different, and want to help raise some much needed funds for children with cancer, then tickets for this not-to-be-missed festival can be bought at <https://trybooking.com/MGNC> or <https://trybooking.com/215308>

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News From Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

The hard work begins! The Construction Certificate has been approved and the shed has been ordered and due for delivery mid- October. It is an exciting time and the committee is busy behind the scenes making sure things happen. The tradies are on their way and it will be a case of watch this space and see it grow! With all things going to plan, we hope construction and fit-out will be completed and we will be moved in by Christmas.

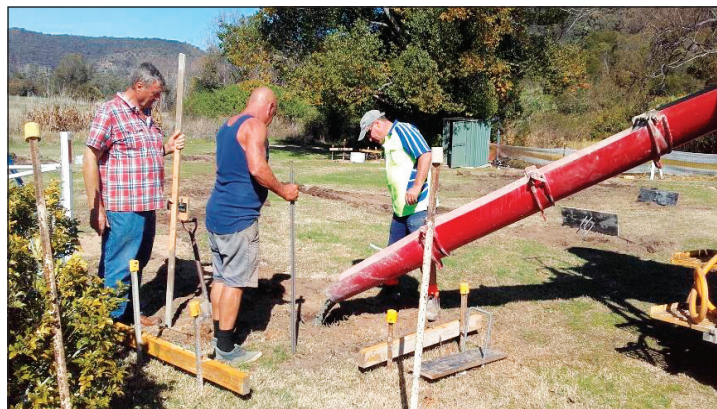
What a great Christmas present this would be for Adrian and Annette! We have now been inhabiting their space for just on two years which has been such a long time for them. They must have thought they would never get their home back but at last they can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We sincerely thank them for their patience and support of the shed.

Many of the shedders have made such a great contribution to this shed happening too. They each bring a special attribute to the shed, even if it is just a bit of good banter. Our eldest member, Alan is just such a gem and he would have to be the most hard-working person you could know. Not only is he there every Tuesday without fail, organising where things go, but he also works tirelessly throughout the rest of the week, collecting timber, dropping off orders, or accompanying Adrian to meetings etc. Alan is also out there helping others in his community that might need a hand as well as dedicating many hours to his family and grandchildren. He is a true champion and one of our most valued members, we truly appreciate him.

A new Rotary Raffle is now available and this one will be drawn in January. We hope to be out and about soon, selling

tickets, so keep your eye out for us. You could win such great prizes and it not only helps us fund our shed but it also helps Rotary, who are always doing such great things in the community.

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.



Jazz at the Pines

The next Jazz at the Pines is on Sunday 16th October and features the popular 'The Nigel Hearn Quartet, starting at 12.30pm. Location is Roughley House, 656 Old Northern Road, Dural. Tickets \$20 adults and \$15 concessions. Book online at www.jazzatthepines.org.au or phone 9651 4411.

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Seasonal Magic

By Mary at Heritage Haven

This morning, the tiny butterflies of my childhood are tripping amongst the damp fronds of grass and flirting near the sprawling scabiosa in an area of garden where butterflies are encouraged.

Perhaps transcending magic, is the arrival of

Spring in the alcove formed between our house and the garden where butterflies are encouraged. Here, self-sown seeds of alyssum, nasturtiums and galloping calendulas, delight in scrambling amongst the last of the fragrant violets. In such a mild wilderness of herbs and cottage plants, butterflies love to congregate: only yesterday a brilliant Wanderer butterfly, migrating from the north, spread its black-veined, tawny-orange wings and fed repeatedly on the purple sprays of the Buddleia. It is not unusual, in this part of the garden, for butterflies to actually land on one's head no, it is not unusual but it is always magic!



Across the garden's entrance gate, an archway of yellow banksia roses clamber. The pathway is lined with rosemary bushes, mostly propagated by mere cuttings from friends' gardens over the years now, all are bearing spikes of the

translucent blue flowers that the bees cannot resist. A robust Portugese Pink Rosemary sprawls beneath the garage downpipe, sturdily dependant on occasional rain falls and ever-eager to welcome the felicitations each spring from the Wanderer Butterfly and other "flutter-bys".

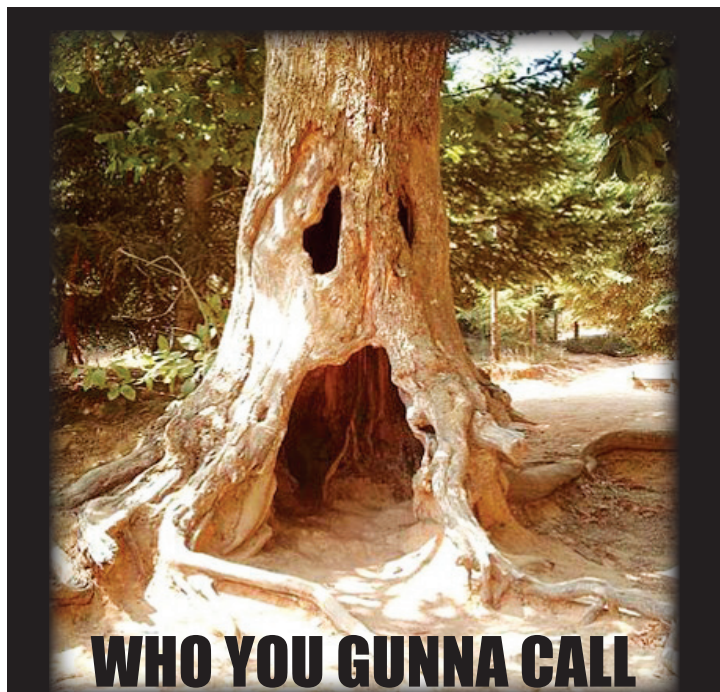
Nearby, Fruit-Salad Sage stands head-high, eagerly proffering its wide, velvety leaves as butterfly landing pads, and its tubular, pink clusters of flowers as a sweet taste for passing honey bees. This is truly a magical season, as medieval, blue-starred borage self-sows around the old well.



Rainfall Chart



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Angelika Erbsland ... Figure Drawing

Wednesday 5th October 7.30pm

Angelika is best known for use of colour and figurative work, often in a modern contemporary style, and has won many prizes for her work in watercolour, acrylic and mixed media. She is a member of Portrait Artists Aust.

Visitors are welcome to the meeting at Castle Glen Community Centre, Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill (at rear of Knightsbridge Shops).

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Monday October 3 – Sunday October 9 marks Neighbourhood Watch Week – a Neighbourhood Watch Australasia initiative, aiming to bring focus onto Neighbourhood Watch in the 21st Century. Jointly with the New South Wales Police Force, various events will be held around Sydney to mark this important campaign.

Neighbourhood Watch within the NSW Police - Kuring Gai Local Area Command, together with the local Police, are putting on a NHW Roadshow full of short, engaging, punchy presentations. The one-of-a-kind event, with the overall theme of "Bringing Back Community", will be held on Wednesday October 5 at Ku-ring-gai Town Hall.

Using a 'speed dating' type format, the fast-paced program aims to showcase to the public attending what has changed since they last took a look at their crime prevention measures – and how they can help protect themselves, and even get involved with local crime solving!

The day will consist of short, informative talks by various law enforcement officers – nothing over 10 minutes long each - as well as specialty speakers, delving into the subjects that matter most to our community members - such as the rise in identity theft and fraud, what to do if your home is broken into, how to report domestic violence and how anyone can assist with provincial issues such as graffiti removal. A range of the latest security products will be show-cased, with a focus on RFID* protection.

The public can choose to attend either of two separate sessions on the day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with lunch provided in between for anyone who wants to stay back late or arrive early.

Our local NSW Police Force Youth Liaison Officer will be on hand to give little ones a safety talk, but it's not all serious business - there are also plenty of fun activities to keep the kids busy including kiddy police car rides, colouring-in, sniffer dog puppies, police dress-ups, finger-printing and a special appearance by the New South Wales Police Force Highway Patrol.

It's a turbo-charged event in so many ways!

There will be numerous FREE goodies, and fantastic Lucky Door Prizes on hand thanks to Strandbags, in keeping with the RFID* focus. (Radio Frequency Identification) refers to the technology used in credit cards for PayPass, Tap and Go etc.

Details of the Event, are as follows:

- Date:** Wednesday 05 October, 2016
Time: 9:30 – 11:30am – Morning Session
 11:30 – 1:30pm - Lunch provided by Ku-ring-gai Council
 1:30 – 3:30pm – Afternoon Session
Location: Ku-ring-gai Town Hall
 1186 Pacific Highway, Pymble 2073
For more information contact: Julia Eagles: 0410 687 412

The tale of the beautiful Peacock Spider

This magnificent little spider - at 4mm he's no bigger than a match head - is resident in St Ives, and in particular the St Ives Wildflower Garden, known in spider circles as a Peacock Spider hotspot. In fact the Peacock spider is very well connected to the St Ives, Hornsby and Ku ring gai areas - the species was first discovered locally in 1887 and noted in its use of microscopic abdominal flaps in an elaborate mating display to attract females.



More recently St Ives resident Dr Jurgen Otto, a scientist that specializes in mites, noticed the peacock spiders' display on a walk in St Ives and filmed the amazing display. His videos have been viewed millions of times on the internet and he has made the spider well-known around the globe, even helping Sir David Attenborough find some for a recent documentary. Dr Otto has said in interviews that he wouldn't live anywhere else, due to these little spiders.



And the name? The *Maratus Volans* has a set of extendable flaps at the sides of the abdomen which he extends like a peacock's tail when he sees a female spider. The species name—volans—means "flying" in Latin, because in his description of them O.P-Cambridge indicated that the person who sent him the specimens from New South Wales had told him that he had seen the spiders "actually using [the flaps] as wings or supporters to sustain the length of their leaps." [3] This belief has been debunked by the Australasian Arachnological Society. [7][8] Nevertheless, the designation "volans" remains.

Photographed here by Martin Anderson - and head to our website <http://www.galstoncommunity.com.au> or Facebook page to see Martin's incredible video clip of the ritual.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I was delighted to recently attend the 75th Anniversary of the Rural Fire Brigade in Hornsby Shire, held at Galston Community Centre. We are so fortunate to have this important service in our community. We owe a great vote of thanks to members past and present for their service and commitment. On the same weekend I attended the 125th anniversary of Middle Dural Public School. This milestone is a wonderful achievement for the school and local community. Certainly in 1891 this area was a very remote part of the colony. No doubt life was tough but perhaps needing to work together to prosper was the key element in building such a strong local community. Fortunately we still have many strong local communities across the rural areas of Hornsby Shire. I am proud to be an A Ward Councillor and represent residents living in this area. Certainly some of our issues are different and I enjoy the challenge of helping to resolve them. This is a wonderful part of Sydney and it's important that we do all we can to keep this region unique and our community spirit strong.

Steve Russell
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council



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Links for people with disability and carers	06 October
Carers respite	13 October
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Counselling process and support for young people	27 October

MEET THE AUTHOR TIM ELLIOT

Meet the author of *Farewell to the Father*, an extraordinary memoir of growing up with a parent with a mental illness.

Thursday 20 October, 6.30pm, Hornsby Library.
Cost \$5.00 with light refreshments.

Bookings essential at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch.



Next Council meeting
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Galston Equestrian Club - For Varied Equestrian Activities!



On Thursday 18th August, we held another information night at the Galston Club. Our two guest speakers were from a company called Kelato Animal Health. Kelato's company motto is "Feel well. Perform well" and they have an extensive range of products covering everything from First Aid to Wormers. Natalie Hackl, BAnVetBioSc (Hon), BEqSt, flew from Queensland especially to give her talk on the ever popular topic of worming. This was such an informative session and a must for every horse owner. Emma-Louise Baldwin spoke about gastric ulcers and their product Gastroaid, again, another very informative session. Goody bags and lucky doors prizes made for a fun night!

These information nights are free to both GEC members and the public, and were what the GEC members said they wanted in our beginning of year survey. Attendance to this night was OK but for us to continue organising these nights, your attendance is needed. It's not very often that a club puts on regular free information nights so please make sure you take advantage of these.

Sunday 28th August was our Clear Round Showjumping day. This is a day of encouragement and an opportunity for people to have a go at jumping higher. Everyone can jump more than one round at the one height, and then higher heights also, if they wish. It is not a competition, but you do get a ribbon if you get a clear round. We ran 7 different heights from cross rails through to 1 metre, and the 32 horse/rider combinations jumped 72 rounds of show jumping. Many riders had their first go at a new height and there were many smiles and cheers of success throughout the day! A huge thank you to our sponsors, Bendigo Bank and Horse Float and Trailer Repairs, that enabled us to purchase new show jumping equipment this year. We hope lots of riders will join us at our Inaugural Derby Day on 23 October to try something new!

Our Dressage Protocol Day on 3rd September was very successful, with grateful riders extremely happy to have their tests moved to indoor arenas, instead of having the day cancelled due to the rain-soaked grounds. Gisela Nilsson-Harding (international A grade dressage judge) judged and instructed her riders at Durham Park Stud in Arcadia, and Prue Spurrett (C grade judge) judged and helped her riders at Suntori Park. The feedback from the students was excellent, with all thrilled with the positive instruction and help that only years of experience can give. A big thank you to Gisela and Prue for their time and expertise.

Tana Subotic ran a great day of Poles and Grids on 11th September, resulting in more confident riders and lots of smiling faces! Unfortunately Suzanne Bellette had to cancel the Agility and Equitation.

Remember to check Facebook and our website for up to date information. <http://www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au/>

Events coming up :

25th September – Dressage competition – open

9th October – Combined Training Competition – members only - entries via Nominate

23rd October – Mark Rodney Clinic at the Rural Sports Facility grounds

23rd October – Inaugural Derby Day at Dural Pony Club grounds – entries via Nominate

13 November – Training Day

27 November – Dressage Competition (Members Only)

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Zone Jumping equitation competition for Arcadia Pony Club

The Zone 23 Jumping Equitation competition was kindly hosted by Dural Pony Club on Sunday 11th September.

Jumping equitation is when the rider and horse are judged on their ability to jointly execute a show jumping round that is well balanced, with a mutual understanding of each other's needs and abilities and make every aid or change seem effortless. This should reflect their training and ground work. The rider should be effective and sympathetic and have a clear understanding of what the course and tasks are asking of them.

Congratulations to all Arcadia Pony Club riding members participating in the event. Placing for our riding members were as follows:

95cms

Champion – Lucy Fretus riding External Influence

Reserve Champion – Molly Breatnach riding Church Hill

75cms

Champion – Sarah Harris riding Smoking Bow

Third – Grace Fretus riding Bliss

60cms

Champion – Montana Jonker riding Battle of the Century

45cms

Champion – Maddie Breatnach riding Daine Hill Dancer

Reserve Champion – Rosie Kenny riding Lolly

Third – Alexandra Langthorne riding Yartarta Park Cotton Candy

A big thank you to Dural Pony Club for hosting the event and of course to all our volunteer helpers that made the event possible.



Arcadia Pony Club members at Zone Equitation

Would you like to be involved with Arcadia Pony Club?

Do you love horses, enjoy teaching children and think you may have an interest in becoming a pony club instructor? We would love to hear from you. We provide a safe and structured learning program in line with Pony Club NSW guidelines.

Arcadia Pony meets the first, third and fifth Sunday every month at the Rural Sports Facility in Galston. We'd love to see you there!

To find out more about Arcadia Pony Club please visit <http://www.arcadiaponyclub.org.au>

NSW Begonia Society Monthly Meeting Sunday **16th October at 2.00 p.m.** Bloomin' Greenery Nursery 226 Annangrove Rd Annangrove Rhizomatous Begonias. Visitors welcome. Details 9679-1386



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Communion is one of the seven sacraments of the Church and one which can be described as uniting Catholics to Jesus in a very special way.

Holy Communion and the whole celebration is also known as the Eucharist; it comes from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'.

There is much to be grateful for; our community, our family and all of these special children who are now closer to Jesus.

Congratulations!

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu is the Parish Priest of St Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church and can be contacted on 9654 2260 or via web page: <http://stmadeleine.org.au>

Masses: Saturday 5.30pm and Sundays 8am, 10am and 5.30pm

KU Galston Preschool

Another term has flown by... In September all of our dads were treated to a delicious pancake breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. It was lovely to see so many dads spending the morning with their children, thank you for taking the time to visit preschool.



Last Saturday we held our very first "Bake Stall" at the front of the Bendigo Bank at Galston. We were hoping to raise \$650 to purchase a new enclosure for our chickens. We were so lucky to raise \$1210! Thank you very much to everyone who helped out with baking and helping on our stall, the KU Galston Preschool community spirit was definitely alive and well. Thank you also to Galston Village Pharmacy and the Prentice family for their generous donations towards our bake stall. We will now be able to purchase the Taj Mahal of chicken coops!

This term has seen us starting to have communal morning teas where we have asked each family to bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable that we can then cut up with the children and share for morning tea. We have also made with the children a tzatziki, hommos or avocado dip to dip our vegetable sticks into. We have seen many children trying different vegetables that they may not have yet tasted and overall there has been a push towards healthier eating by all.

We are currently enrolling for 2017 and have limited places available. If you have a preschool aged child please feel free to visit or contact the preschool for further information from our Director Rebecca on 96532252 or ku.galston@ku.com.au.

Glenorie Public School

On the 12th September, Glenorie's best athletes competed in the Sydney North Athletics Carnival (Area Athletics). Congratulations to Matthew, Nick, Nathaniel, Ben, Lachlan, Madelynne, Lilly, Amelia, Sienna, Chloe, Sam and Andy who will be going on to State Athletics on the 12th of October. Good luck!

18th September – you all know what day that was. The Glenorie Public School Country Fair. Every two years, the school buzzes with excitement and preparation for our famous country fair, every single person contributing to the success of this great day. We thank Mrs. Williams and the P&C for all their hard work that made the day such a huge success. As part of fundraising, Glenorie Public School students sold raffle tickets and each donated a jar full of goodies for a game and they also made signs.



23rd September – a day all students are probably looking forwards to. Yes, it's the END OF TERM 3! This term has literally flown by. We've learnt so much, had our famous Country Fair, plus about a hundred thousand other fun things. End of term is always an exciting time for students as we get to kick back and relax for a couple of weeks before again immersing ourselves in education.

Congratulations to those students who competed in ICAS English. The results of the competition came out a couple of weeks ago, and our school had brilliant results.



10 October is the start of Term 4. After a well-deserved rest, students will start their final term of 2016. Things to look forwards to in Term 4: K-6 Olympathon, 1st Kindy Orientation, Ball Games Carnival, Gymnastics and the Firewise Program by our wonderful Rural Fire Service.

Gymnastics starts on the 12th October. Our gymnastics program is compulsory and students gain not only flexibility and discipline, they learn to do things in a safe environment that they would never normally attempt. Gymnastics is part of our interactive PDHPE syllabus.

Stage 3 have been working hard to organise a sort of school version of the Olympic Games. There will be fun activities to do with the Olympics, there will even be an opening ceremony!

That's it for this month's bulletin, we hope you all enjoy your long-awaited holidays!



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News from Uniting Galston Early Learning Centre

Over the past couple months we have been working on our connections with the families and our outer community. We believe that by strengthening our connections within our community, we will be able to encourage our families to build strong connections for their children before they head off to school. To continue with our focus and team goal we started to plan trips out of the centre to local schools with the children and at the same time we planned to invite our families into our centre.

Firstly our trip to Arcadia Public School was a great success as we were able to participate in their Agricultural Day. The children were able to meet the principal and the kindergarten teacher while they had a go at milking a cow, holding some little chicks and feeding the sheep. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Arcadia Public School for the invitation and their



hospitality as well as Paul Udy who drove the bus to and from the school.

When then had an outing to Galston Public School's Cake and Fete Day! Throughout this

morning the children, educators and some parents had the opportunity to walk up to the school to buy some cakes from the school stall. Yet again the children were able to say hello to the kindergarten teachers who were running the stall while also having a recess time with their school friends and siblings. Thank you for a great day Galston Public and we hope to continue to participate in these events in future.

After our planned outings, we held our Father's Day sausage sizzle at the service. The afternoon encouraged many parents, carers and relatives to join us for the afternoon with the children to strengthen our bonds with the families. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to 'Century 21 at Dural' for their ongoing support and their hard work in preparing some Father's Day gift bags for our families.



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.



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Hillside Public School



It was wonderful to be able to donate to Wrapt with Love 10 hand knitted blankets made by the children and knitters of Hillside. Our thanks go to all those wonderful knitters and of course, The Knitting Club.

Middle Dural Public School joined us on Tuesday 3rd September on a fabulous excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village. Both schools dressed in colonial costume and looked right at home in the old slab huts and on the dusty streets of the village. The children learnt about how hard life was for the early European settlers in the Hawkesbury – pumping water, churning butter, washing clothes with a washboard, spinning wool and of course, going on a wagon ride. A fascinating look at life in the colonies.

Congratulations to our two Junior competitors in the Regional Premiers Spelling Bee – Rubee and Samuel L. Well Done and a great achievement.

On Monday 12th September four students attended the Metropolitan North Athletics Carnival at Homebush to run in the Austen and Bagley Small Schools Relay. Congratulations to

Arabella, Sam I, Joshua and Madison who won the relay race and are now off to represent Hillside at State Carnival to be held in October.

Hillside turns 90 this year and to celebrate, a Bush Dance and Spit Roast will be held at Hillside on Saturday 29th October. All are welcome. For more details, please contact the school - 96521459



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Galston Public School

by Carole Weiss

Galston Public School students are presently enjoying a well-deserved Term 3 break. Prior to this term vacation many events occurred, especially the unforgettable Canberra/Snow excursion Years 5 and 6 had. Their experiences are now memories that they will hold in their hearts and minds forever. Their teachers, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Cansdale and Mr Finch were very proud indeed of their enthusiastic participation and outstanding behaviour with all the planned activities. As well these senior school students more than capably organised and held their annual Year 6 Mini Fete. They provided a fun day for all the other students and teachers.

Congratulations to Anna, Chase, Henry and Finn who qualified to participate in the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee Final which was recently held at Hornsby North Public School. Anna reached Level 4 of this challenging competition and was indeed an exemplary representative of Galston Public School. An AWESOME effort.

Courageous and determined efforts were displayed by Galston Public School's Athletics Team which competed in the Beecroft PSSA Zone Athletics Field and Track Events. What a fine group of sporting ambassadors these students were.

Last week K-2 students had an incursion to learn about 'Responsible Pet Ownership' and in particular, 'A safe way to approach a dog', 'If you are approached by an angry dog' and 'How to Say Hello to dogs with their owners'.

What a wonderful excursion Stage 1 students had when they visited Longneck Lagoon. They had educational adventures in Dragonfly Creek, captured snails, and even little fish and scorpions. Following all the outdoor activities, microscopic

investigations occurred in the indoor classroom. An exciting day was had by everyone.

Kindergarten Orientations will be held over four weeks in November. The first orientation will be held on Wednesday the 9th November, 2016 at 5pm. The subsequent days will be each successive Wednesday (16th, 23rd, and 30th) at 9am.

If you are thinking of enrolling your child please come along and you will find out about the wonderful programs which have been planned for Kindergarten children in 2017. You will also be able to meet other parents and enjoy a chat over coffee and cake.

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Hills Grammar

Year 5 Students Master Economics

The burning question of *How do we organize ourselves?* was posed to Hills Grammar Year 5 students in their latest International Baccalaureate transdisciplinary theme. Over the next few weeks the 10-11 year olds immersed themselves in the world of economics, systems of production, exchange and consumption of goods and services, culminating in Market Day



Isabella Banovic Ruby Cook, Ankana Dharmaratnam

Sounds a bit dry doesn't it? Well, not according to Year 5 entrepreneur, Samantha Chi "Market Day was a great experience and was one of the best things that I have ever done- even though it was a school project. This was a day of chaos, fun and of course, market. Year 5 were learning about economic activity, exchange, profit and loss and the financial world so, what better way to learn about these things than to set up your own stall."

Ruby Cook believes "The most important things I learned was

how to create a business plan and that presentation is the key; that customers like interaction and they expect value for their money."

Year 5 teacher, Chris Solomou commended the students "... on their collaborative work, the variety of stalls and creative way the children promoted and sold their products."

The weeks of research and planning in student teams not only brought reality to the theory of commerce but raised an amazing \$3623 to go to a cancer charity, in memory of Mr Phipps, the School's Principal who recently passed away.



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News from Galston High School

By Breanna and Tamara of 8X

Three Year 12 Students Gain Early Entry to Macquarie University

Galston High School congratulates three Year 12 students, Annabelle Pearce, Harry Trethowan and Harry Taylor, on gaining early entry into their chosen courses at Macquarie University through the Global Leadership Entry Program (GLEP). The GLEP recognises students who are active in their local and wider community and have good results at school.



Pictured: Harrison Trethowan - Bachelor of Medical Sciences, Annabelle Pearce - Bachelor Psychology (Honours), Harry Taylor - Bachelor Engineering (Honours)

Macquarie's Global Leadership Program is an extracurricular program that can be undertaken alongside any degree at Macquarie University. It provides students with unparalleled opportunities to enhance their study experience and develop important leadership skills.

All three students are extremely excited about their

Macquarie University offers and are looking forward to embarking on their studies in their chosen fields:

Galston High School is very proud of the academic achievements of these students and wish them all the best in their future studies and careers.

Battle of the Minds

Recently Maggie, James, Tamara and Breanna of 8X travelled to Auburn Girls High School for the Battle of the Minds. Battle of the Minds consisted of four challenges in science, maths, general trivia and an open round.

For science, the challenge was to build a bridge from straws and paper clips that could hold weights. Ours held 1.5kg. For the maths round we had to create a farm with the most profit, with little space. General trivia had 30 questions; we received a score of twenty three. The final round was to figure out three riddles. We all worked together on this and were able to figure out the correct answers for all three. We came seventh out of twenty four teams.

We really enjoyed taking part in this fun and exciting day.



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Middle Dural Public School

Book Week and Education Week



Parents and grandparents were invited to a special assembly at the school to mark Book Week and Education Week and children were encouraged to wear something that represented part of their life outside school.

The children shared five activities based on stories. They included: aboriginal rock paintings; European influences inspired by author May Gibbs; Australian Bush Poets; Literature of the 80's and 90's inspired by Jeannie Baker's collages and Stories from refugees inspired by Anh Do. Parents and grandparents showed great enthusiasm in taking part in the activities.

The day finished with a circle session of shared stories from all present. The stories included memories of World War two bombing in England, being strapped for whistling in a kindy class in the 1940's, watching TV when there was no colour and without a remote control and enjoying the scout movement.



“Cream of the Crop” at Arcadia Public School

Well-adjusted human beings, who thrive in their world, have a connection with where their food is produced and understand their effect on the environment. Yes, that is our goal for our students at Arcadia PS and with the support of our fabulous community we are well on track. Arcadia Public School Agricultural Adventure Open Day was a huge success. We were joined by pre-schoolers and their families who milked a cow, learnt about the care of chickens, felted the hair of alpacas and created a gathering of scarecrows in our fabulous vegetable garden. Thank you to our Year 5 and Year 6 students who, proudly displaying the “Arcadian Way”, lead groups of students and visitors around our beautiful school from activity to activity.

Months of preparation and rehearsal saw our senior choir once again participate in the recent ArtsAlive primary choral concert. It is definitely what memories are made of - performing on the stage of Sydney Town Hall.

Congratulations to our Zone athletics competitors, each one a star. Special mention to India who came third in the 12 year girls Zone discus finals.

Well done to APS Equestrian Team riders who represented our school at Tara Interschools. Both Oscar and Maddie were awarded ribbons and placings in various categories. Our team also competed at Arndell Interschools and Camden Interschools; all adding up to a full equestrian calendar – **GO ARCADIA!**

You are welcome to view photos from these events on our school website at www.arcadiaschool.com.au



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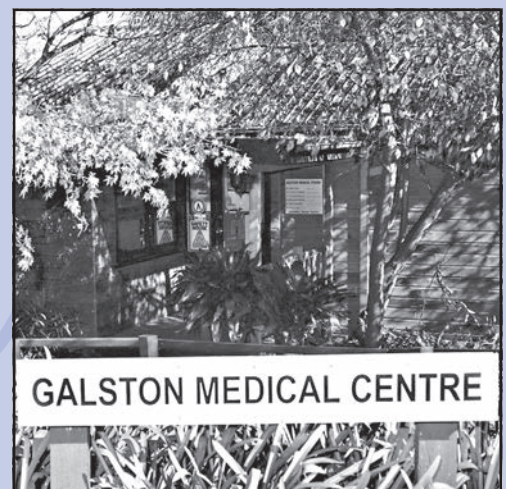
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Last year in November we took our Class 10 over to the Island State of Vanuatu. Our sixteen students got involved in two community service projects, one on the small island of Pele where we helped to put a roof onto their community hall/cyclone evacuation centre, and the second project in Vila where the students built two 3500 litre water storage tanks from woven plastic tubing material.



The earth-filled tubing walls rising and being compacted.



Students and the local women apply a cement render in order to protect the outside of the tank and make the inside watertight.

In June this year another Class 10 travelled to those same two communities in Vanuatu and offered their services. We had 21 students accompanied by six adults: three teachers and three professional past-student volunteers (two who were carpenters, and a tree lopper).

These trips happen in school term time and are scheduled activities where the

students make deep connections with the local people and their culture. They contribute to overcome infrastructure issues of a developing country like Vanuatu, and students also have a hands-on climate change experience by being involved in coral reef rehabilitation and the planting of coral branches in shallow waters. In this way, the world becomes their classroom.



The final connection to the roof is being done – tank two in the outer suburbs of Vila.



Class 10 and the local men after finishing their first water tank in Port Vila (Nov. 2015)

News from St Benedict's St Benedict's Parish Fete

We're still celebrating the success of the annual St Benedict's fete that was held at the end of August. Due to the hard work and generosity of so many people, the event raised close to \$35,000 but, most importantly, everyone had a wonderful time on the day. Special mention must be made of the ongoing commitment Charlie Camilleri and his family have given to the fete since it was first held decades ago. Charlie is retiring after 40 years of involvement and we'll miss him, but we all agree that he has earned a break. Thanks Charlie!



Picture shows the busy flower stall at this year's fete.

Confirmation and Sacramental Program

Confirmation was celebrated at St Benedict's on Friday 23rd September, a joyful occasion for a number of children in the parish. Earlier the candidates for confirmation were introduced to the parishioners at 9 am Mass on Father's Day. This meant that congratulations and good wishes were flying in all directions, with candidates and dads all being given special recognition. The Father's Day Mass was followed by one of those famous St Benedict's barbecue brunches – it's hard to concentrate on singing the final hymn when delicious barbie smells are wafting through the doors! Thanks, too, to the barbecue cooks who do such a good job on so many occasions.

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day – Sunday 9th October

This will start at 1pm at the parish centre with children performing a short re-enactment of the story of Our Lady of Fatima. This will be followed by a procession of the rosary in five different languages in the parish grounds and a concelebrated Mass. For more information contact 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

Each month I'm blessed with an opportunity to reach our local community via the Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural Community News, a privilege they have generously extended and something I'm very grateful for.

In fact I've been quite surprised by the reach of this monthly rant with many commenting they regularly read this collection of my words.

So this month I wanted to thank the editors and team that take on this magazine each and every month distributing it free to our community.

It made me consider what a blessing they've offered, and that I should not lose sight of their generosity.

All too often it's easy to fall into the trap of entitlement, a belief that it is my right to reach an audience, or my right to be included.

How often do we feel entitled? Feel that it is our right? Do we live with an attitude of gratitude or a sense of entitlement? That the world owes us.

Are we grateful for the blessings and the many gifts we have been given? It might be as simple as being thankful for our health, or our resource, maybe it's thankful for our family, our friends.

All too often it's not until we lose something that we are appreciative of the many blessings we've received.

The challenge is to live with an attitude of gratitude. To consider, even voice, the blessings we may take for granted. Maybe it's thanking your husband or wife for the many things they do, or for your kids making an extra effort at school. Maybe it's as simple as saying thankyou to the local shopkeeper.

Will you take it on? Each day take on an attitude of gratitude

continued next column

and find something to be really thankful for and where possible share a word of positivity.

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Glenorie Mission Church

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We can look back to the book covering the life of Job nearly 4000 years ago where God Himself declared him a blameless and upright man who revered God (Job 1:8).

But Job then went on to lose his wealth, possessions, family and health yet clung to the certainty of his restoration in the future (Job 19:25-27).

The apostle Paul around 1950 years ago lists the difficulties of his life as a believer in Jesus Christ in his letter to the church in Corinth (2 Cor 11:23-28) yet he always had the certain hope of his future restoration (Titus 1:2) and knew that all the bad things happening in his life will be more than outweighed by the perfect life God has promised us for the future. (Rom.8:18-23).

Coming up in October we have Tim and Linda Hobson, missionaries to North Africa, Reverend Gerald Beckett, Lachlan Gage, the religious education teacher from Galston High, Reverend Ken Harding, Kevin Rosolen and in early November, Mark McCrindle from McCrindle Research coming to teach us from God's Word.

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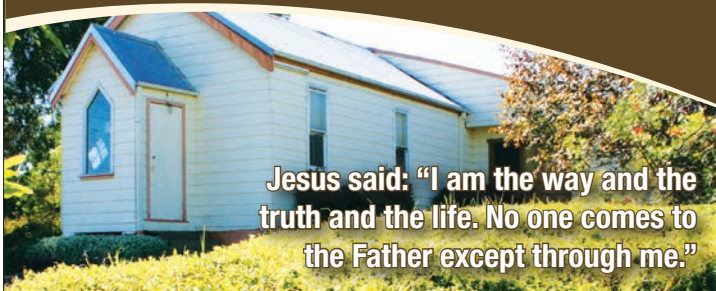
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What a wonderful way to usher in Spring than wandering around the Buddhist Garden Retreat last weekend. There were thousands of visitors from all around the Sydney area over the two days and there was so much to see from the formally clipped azaleas, the many flowering camellias, blossoms, the large selection of Bonsai and fruit trees, as well as an opportunity to take in the beautiful temple. Many then went on to see Elegans and Birchgrove two of our members' gardens also open on the weekend.



If you missed last weekend then book into your diary our annual **Galston Open Gardens weekend on the 14th, 15th and 16th October 9.30am-4.30pm** featuring 8 formal and informal gardens. If Australian natives, ponds and waterfalls with a bush setting inspire you then pop into 75 Cobah Rd Arcadia then follow this up by visiting 2 Marrakesh Pl Arcadia while in the vicinity. This is an informal rustic garden with waterlilies in the large dam and an enclosed productive garden, which will be of interest to food growers. Now head up to Glenorie to 43 Moores Rd where you will find a more formal garden with stone walled beds and hedges with a wide range of shrubs and ground covers. Pop next door to Alpine Tree Removals Nursery and be amazed by an aspect of the Nursery industry most never see - well worth the visit to see how established trees are rescued and rehomed in other gardens. Rounding up our gardens is 3170 Old Northern Rd Glenorie; this garden is maintained without access to town water. Divided into distinct garden rooms there are many interesting trees, shrubs and bulbs. Check out last month's article on the other four gardens, pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information. An inclusive ticket for \$20pp gives entrance to all the gardens over the 3 days or a single entrance \$5 ticket can be purchased at each of the gardens. Children under 18 are free. We are always appreciative to the garden owners of these private gardens who generously open their gardens over this weekend. All monies raised goes to a number of charities that we support.

Our guest speaker this month was the very lively, informative and funny Paul Kirkpatrick who gave a history lesson on "Le Potager" where he showed us how a productive garden can be edible, practical and beautiful at the same time. He took us on a history journey through France and the development of La Potager which he described as "Edible Art". From its romantic beginnings of planting flowering plants with vegetables to the rules and formality of the Versailles garden and onto the greatest La Potager garden Chateau Villandry in the Loire Valley.

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

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet at 7-45 pm, **Friday, October 14th** at the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Guest speaker Marion Anstis will speak about Frogs and Tadpoles. Marion is a retired music teacher who always had an interest in frogs and has published several books on this topic. Her adventures while researching her material are fascinating.

Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale. For more information visit www.blandfordia.org.au

Cumberland Orchid Circle inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on **Wednesday 26th October 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 hrs. At the meeting, orchids in bloom will be benched for a monthly point score competition. This month's meeting is Annual General Meeting and a Cultural Night and members who are having problems with any plant or have a question about anything associated with orchids are encouraged to bring it up at the meeting, where other members can offer advice about the problem. If you are bringing along a plant for advice, please let an experienced member see the plant before you bring it into the hall as we do not want a diseased plant in the hall which is liable to infect other plant in the hall.

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

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



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Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold its next meeting at Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on **Saturday, 15 October** with plant sales commencing at 12noon prior to the meeting. Access is via the new Showground entrance off Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.

Guest speaker will be George Oehm, Australian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) Sydney Group who will discuss the establishment of his Australian native orchid garden using different varieties of *Dendrobium speciosum* native orchids and also the native *Sarcochilus* orchids suitable for shady parts of the garden.

"Many of the Bromeliad Society of Australia members also grew various types of orchids and succulents and over the next few months we look forward to meeting the guest speakers who are willing to share exceptional knowledge and passion with us." said Ian Hook, President BSA.

BSA meetings include plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet with like-minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook - mobile 0408202269, email: ianhook@bigpond.com. Website: www.bromeliad.org.au



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By Jutta Hamilton



Many of our native wildlife need tree hollows for shelter and nesting. It can take 100 years for a tree to develop a suitable hollow and in urban areas there simply aren't enough old trees around. Where natural hollows are limited, the more abundant species like Brush tail Possum and Cockatoos may push out smaller and rarer wildlife making it even harder for their survival. So a good start to keep wildlife abundant is to maintain old trees and their hollows for the habitat they provide.

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A publication from the Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Build your own Wildlife Nest Box: A guide for Western Sydney is freely available on the internet. The guide gives detailed plans for nest boxes to house various native animals along with instructions for selecting material, installation, cleaning, and monitoring:

http://greater-sydney.lls.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/656610/GS-LLS-Wildlife-Nest-Box-2016_Final-Accessible.pdf

Nesting Boxes can be as simple as a hollow log hung in an appropriate location to provide great insulation against cold and heat and last for many years. But make sure you are not stealing

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Sugar Glider in nesting box

The Hills Shire Garden Club will meet on **Monday 17th October** at 1 p.m at Barton Hall, David Road, Castle Hill. Guest speaker Sean Farlow on Water Plants. All Welcome. Enquiries to 9624-5034.

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