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This year's "Art Trail" takes you through Dural, Galston, Arcadia, Fiddletown and Berrilee. It brings the people of Sydney, Blue Mountains, the south and north coast of NSW and beyond, to this area, to experience the special talent exhibited by our Australian artists. All work is handmade by our exhibitors.

This year we are excited to be including two new private Studios along our "Trail"

Both these venues are in the Galston area, namely, "Pine valley Studio" and "Melanie Jai Studio".

On the weekend of **November 12th and 13th from 9 - 5pm** bring along family and friends.

You will be captivated by the work presented along the trail visiting eight private studios opening for the weekend. There will be over 50 artists exhibiting, many of whom will be demonstrating their skills.



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Up to 50 school kids from 20 local schools had the opportunity to dress up in tunnel safety gear, test out noise real noise testing equipment used on the project, have a close up look at the kinds of rocks coming out of the ground and have a go at constructing their very own model tunnel.

Hornsby MP Matt Kean dropped into join the school holiday program class and speak with the children about their thoughts and ideas on the NorthConnex project.

"The school kids were very enthusiastic and asked lots of questions during the presentation session," Mr Kean said.

"Hopefully this program helps to inspire the next generation of tunnellers and encourage them to take part in science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects at school."

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Arcadian Artists *cont'd from page 1*

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Signs along the route will direct you to each of the venues. In addition, brochures which include both the artist's profiles and a map will be available closer to the event from **Galston Village Shops**, The Hills Information Centre on Old Northern Road, Hornsby Council Office and Libraries throughout The Hills, Hawkesbury and Hornsby Shires.

Also available will be our Arcadian Artists Stand located outside the Bendigo Bank, Galston (our major Sponsor) for the duration of the Exhibition where Brochures and maps will be available for your convenience.

Arcadian Quilters Inc News

Our group has been very active making quilts for the 'Aussie Hero' in our defence forces. So far we have delivered 8 and another 5 are on the way to the Aussie Hero's co-ordinator. We have also donated a bolt of batting as some quilts made by other groups are just the top layer and are finished off by us before being sent abroad.

The photo shows one of the "Hero" quilts made by our group. We have a monthly assignment and this is to make a block. The completed blocks are sashed, a border added to make them to the specified size, then bound off, ready for delivery to the co-ordinator.

We have also donated quilts to the Riding for the Disabled, Make a Wish Foundation, Bupa at Round Corner and Our Lady of Grace on Old Northern Road to name just some of the establishments and charities we have supported over the years. The donated quilts are used for fund raisers.

Arcadian Quilters meet at the Galston Community and Health Centre the first and third Wednesday morning at 10.00am each month. We would welcome new members. For further information please ring Carole (President) 9894 7749.



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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

By Kara Dubois

Galston Rural Fire Brigade turns 75



Last month the Galston Rural Fire Brigade celebrated 75 years of service to the community with a magnificent anniversary dinner at the Galston Community Centre.

It was a wonderful evening for old mates to reconnect, honour our Life Members, award long service medals, and reflect back on the brigade's long and impressive history.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the night a roaring success, including our MC Tim Webster, NSWRFs Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Hornsby Mayor Steve Russell, Local MP Matt Kean, and all our Life Members and former Captains.

Midweek structure fire

This week the brigade was paged to a house fire on Galston Road, near Middle Dural Road. On arrival the Galston crew faced near zero visibility across Galston Road with a thick column of smoke under heavy winds. This was immediately made worse by a running 100 x 100m grass fire also on the property.

The brigade managed to turnout both our brigade appliances and 11 brigade officers and members to this incident and provided substantial breathing apparatus (BA) manpower while also holding a number of incident command positions.

Due to the asbestos environment of the structure our BA operators needed to be decontaminated and all their gear taken away for thorough cleaning.

Amazing turn out by our firies - especially for a mid-week call!



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Galston Girl Guides enjoy the outdoors

Galston Girl Guides enjoyed an overnight camp in the Guide Hall at the end of Term 3. We were awoken early by the sunshine and enjoyed a bushwalk around Galston Recreation Reserve listening to the bird calls and looking for animal tracks.

During the school holiday, many of the Galston Guides enjoyed a 3-night camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre with over 200 Guides from the Northern Sydney Region. The camp included swimming, canoeing, archery, low ropes course, abseiling, rock climbing and a giant swing.

Term 4 is the start of our outdoors activities again and we will be running a number of outdoor unit meetings. If your daughter is interested in coming along for some free trial visits, please contact Mary on 0423 353 644 for further information.



Galston Gala

Dear music lovers

We have much pleasure in inviting you to an enjoyable afternoon of musical excellence to celebrate the return of The Galston Concerts.

Our return is being launched with a **GALSTON GALA** to be held at the **Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston from 2pm – 4pm on Sunday, 20 November.**

The performers are artists of Australian and international acclaim and should indeed provide us with an exhilarating afternoon.

The Galston Concerts by such leading professionals are not only providing entertainment and enjoyment for attending audiences. We also will be supporting 'rising stars' - young musicians - with future concert and competitive opportunities. More will be mentioned of these projects and of The Galston Concerts for 2017 as part of our launch.

We look forward to your attendance on Sunday afternoon, 20 November, and to an opportunity to chat over coffee and cake at our post-concert Afternoon Tea.

Tickets are available online by searching "Trybooking Galston Gala". Should you require further information please don't hesitate to contact our Promotions Coordinator, Helen Jordan, on 9653 2079 or 0425 339 841.

Kindest regards

*Robert Harris (Founder and Artistic Director)
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News From Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

We were hoping by the time this article was due that we would be able to report that our shed had arrived but it looks like it has been put back a week. Oh well that is the construction industry for you and by now we are quite getting used to plans changing. However the foundations are down and cured and we are ready to roll once it arrives. Soon we will have the frames up and the roof on. We might need some help erecting the walls but hopefully there will be some local tradies that might be able to give us a hand with that. We have had such fantastic support from our local community thus far which is so encouraging.

This just follows tradition of the members of this great community, getting out there and making things happen. It was the local community of the time who built the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club together, just on 50 years ago. Since then the locals have pitched in and helped build the wonderful Wisemans Ferry ANZAC Memorial next to the Bowling Club which is a credit to all involved and stands proud in the town.

We have been most fortunate to have had the support from the Galston & District Community Bank, branch of Bendigo Bank in this project. They have assisted us in getting the Men's Shed off the ground with sponsorship, arranged shirts to wear at our market stalls and now will be helping to fund our electricity to the shed. Gary and his team are so supportive of their community and there would not be many community groups out there that have not had a helping hand from them. They are about to celebrate a huge milestone of returning to their community, \$2M in sponsorship and donations. Where would we be without them? Please consider them in your financial plans and help to support them to support all of us.

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This year the Carlson Chorale won the Chamber Choir section and the A Capella Choir Open Age, the Federated Music Clubs of Australia Philip & Peggy Woods Award at the Ryde Eisteddfod.

The Chorale is performing on **Sunday the 20th November at 3 pm**, at the Convent Chapel, Mt. St. Benedict Convent, Pennant Hills. Enquiries 02 96531066.

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Lawn Bowls for Family Enjoyment

The mixed pairs have been played and won at the Dural Country Club with the final fought out **on the green** by two married couples. One couple has been playing for many years, the other a relatively short time showing that bowls is a game for men and women of all ages. They say the average of the Australian bowls team is younger than the cricket team (and they're more successful too at the moment!) On this occasion the experience and skill of David and Leone Lesslie won out, defeating Tom and Diane Trovato in the final. Congratulations to the winners and also the runner-up as there were many strong pairs in the competition.

The Ladies Drawn Triples has also been finalised. Eileen Bromley, Elizabeth Whelan and Gwen Scott proved too strong for Terri Hezlett, Barbara Wood and Marilyn Bonvino. As the photos show it was played in very windy conditions which can make even a heavy lawn bowl do odd things on the grass. Each of these ladies has had a very successful year, as had the mixed finalists, reaching a number of finals.



T. Hezlett, M. Bonvino, B. Wood

With the end of a busy approaching, the bowlers are planning for Christmas. The coaches at Dural could have new players ready to start playing in the new year if they contact 0423 181 635 or 0411 375 580. One is never too old or too young for bowls.



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Galston CWA

This month was our AGM meeting. We said goodbye to our current president and welcomed a new one. Thank you to Val for her years of service.

Our stall held outside the Bendigo bank was a success and we look forward to holding more in the future. Next time as requested we will have cookbooks available.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 9th** with a morning tea session starting at 10am followed by a light lunch and our regular meeting.

We look forward to the coming year and future events.

Please feel free to contact us via our Facebook page; CWA-Galston Branch or contact Melissa on 96531268.

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BY MARY AT HERITAGE HAVEN

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The flowering of old shrub roses is lavish and spread over a season. The many-petalled roses are coloured white and pink, through to magenta and deep purple: they are rounder and more flat than modern roses, yet, profuse with thin to medium-thin petals. Most roses that are not picked will bloom again in autumn with scarlet rose hips, tangy but full of vitamin C.



To discover the exuberance of fragrant old roses, seek out those classified as Damasks, Bourbons, Centifolias, Gallicas and Rugosas. Plant them in moderately rich soil, then water and mulch to encourage deep root growth and to conserve moisture. Old-fashioned roses are remarkably resistant to disease and if not sprayed with insecticides can be enjoyed herbally in potpourri and for cosmetics, or culinary purposes.

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South Dural's 3,000 new homes - have your say

By Jenny Barlass

Residents across north western Sydney are being asked to comment on plans to build nearly 3,000 homes in the South Dural development.

Hornsby Council is looking into significant re-zoning of 250 hectares of rural land bound by New Line, Old Northern and Hastings Roads to allow for residential subdivision, and wants public opinion about the re-zoning.

Developers Lyon Group Australia and Folkestone Ltd have in their sights building units, townhouses and houses in a staggered development, starting in 2019. The new-look suburb is dependent on Council's re-zoning rural land for urban use, amending lot sizes and buildings heights, the creating of five precincts to be the subject of future detailed urban layout plans and allowing around 113 hectares of infill residential development. The plans include using existing roads as well as building a new collector road, plus providing a sports field and local parks, while 62ha of threatened and endangered native forest along the Georges River will be left untouched.

Residents' Infrastructure and Planning Alliance spokesperson Andrew Harrington said: "The piece of land known as South Dural is equivalent to 129 Sydney Cricket Grounds and is intended to deliver 2,900 homes including apartments up to six storeys high, and house up to 9,000 people. This will place extra pressure on schools, roads, transport services, and shopping facilities.

"The proposal doesn't include any plans for the development of the road infrastructure surrounding it. These roads are already at capacity so it's unthinkable how they'll cope when there are an extra 9,000 people using them."

But Lyon Group spokesman Mike Milliken said that "there's no question the roads around South Dural are failing; our proposal seeks to be the catalyst to not only fix this but to upgrade roads as new housing comes on line."

Schools are another concern, says Andrew Harrington. "Take Cherrybrook Technology High School - already one of the largest in the state with over 2,000 students. With no school facilities included as part of the South Dural development, there will simply be nowhere for high school age children to go. The end result is that they will have to be shoehorned into Cherrybrook Tech and surrounding schools."

Hornsby Council wants public feedback regarding the rezoning, until December 2, via email: hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au, or visit a drop-in session.

South Dural Community Feedback Drop-in Sessions

- **Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre**
Redgum Room, 31X Shepherds Lane (off Shepherds Drive), Cherrybrook
Wednesday 2 November, 10am - 1pm
- **Galston Community Hall**
Hall 1, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston
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With the surge in infrastructure developments like NorthConnex and Metrolink North-West right on their doorstep, concerned Hornsby residents wanting to keep a track of their progress have banded together to form the Residents' Infrastructure and Planning Alliance (RIPA).

"It started because a number of community groups were concerned about the growing number of developments in Hornsby Shire," said spokesperson Jacqui Goddard, a former architect with a background in historic buildings.

"Each group was fighting individual spot fires, and inappropriate development was continuing unchecked. Road

congestion, safety, school overcrowding, pressure on amenities and loss of rural lands came up repeatedly."

She said that while planning for future communities is to be applauded, "it cannot be achieved by listening only to developers and failing to consult the present community. Ignoring communities is unacceptable."

RIPA cites the example of government assurances that initiatives like Metrolink North-West and NorthConnex, designed to alleviate congestion, whilst also announcing urban consolidation measures to increase population densities, as the sort of issues the Alliance will tackle.

Goddard said: "Any benefit to traffic that a Metro may offer to areas such as Cherrybrook will be quickly negated by increased population particularly along arteries such as Castle Hill and New Line Roads. NorthConnex will have little effect on these roads and for areas like Beecroft and Cheltenham the metro offers no benefit."

RIPA plans to have its sizeable voice heard - nine groups representing around 5,500 people - by setting up meetings with politicians and government departments on specific issues, as well as submission writing and Q and A forums. Community groups wanting to be involved should contact ripasdney@gmail.com.



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Leeser rolls up sleeves for mental health

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Around 40,000 books went on sale at Oakhill College, with the MP manning the donations jar at the entrance while Joanna organised books.

Mental health issues are close to Leeser's heart - in his inaugural speech in Parliament last month he spoke of the immense sadness and pain surrounding his father's suicide resulting from depression, and the Liberal MP has vowed to fight hard for improved mental health services in his electorate.

His wife Joanna Davidson, a barrister specialising in constitutional law, has her own reasons for working as a volunteer counsellor at Lifeline since 2010.

"A close friend of mine took her own life and that was my motivation to train as a counsellor, to help others feeling overwhelmed. Working at Lifeline I've found there's a constant level of people thinking about suicide - lots of people are very lonely and unable to cope with life.

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

By Elizabeth Whiteman

The brigade enjoyed hosting the Glenorie Public School years K,1,2 and 5 for the annual Firewise for Kids day on Friday October 21.

As each year group arrives at the station they learn about what it is to volunteer, the importance of protective clothing and the role of a firefighter. They practice Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll, should their clothing catch alight. One member (Chris Compton) dressed in full CABA (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) gear to help overcome children's natural fear of the mask.

The students then break into three groups and rotate around specialist stations. Learning through fun games, discussion and hands on experience, the value of preparation, water in fighting fires, personal protection, family home evacuation and a safe meeting place. They each get a turn on the '000' simulation phones and get to talk to a real person!

Just a reminder, teach your children to answer a couple of basic questions:

- What state are you in?
- What is the town or suburb?
- What is the nearest cross street or landmark?

The senior students discussed the value of a household fire plan and answered 3 very important questions. Where will we go in the event of a bush fire threatening our home? How will we get there? What will we take?



It was good to see how much thought they put into their answers.

150 students accompanied by their teachers to attend the station with 14 Rural Fire Service members from several brigades coming together to create an exciting and educational experience, which we all hope will translate into safer homes throughout our district.

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Mr Pirina said "we are so proud of this award, this design has been in the making for many years and I would like to thank all those who have helped me throughout this time and specially my team at the bakery for giving me the support I needed to complete this mammoth build"

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Memories of St Joseph's Church, Dural

By Margaret McKinley

In 1960 Father Joe Walsh, the parish priest of St Bernadette's church and school in Castle Hill, bought nine acres of land at the corner of Old Northern Rd and New Line Rd., for six thousand pounds, with the intention of eventually building a church and school. There was a small fibro cottage on the land. The interior walls were removed and the house was converted into a little church, seating about 130 people. The Altar was donated from the old St. Monica's, Northmead, and parishioners provided seating, vestments and furnishings. From about 1973, the little Harmonium organ was played by Shirley Pronk. It was previously in the original St. Bernadette's Church.

Officially Castle Hill, Dural and Kenthurst were in the Parish of St Michael's, Baulkham Hills, which had been established back in the 1850's. In May 1970 Castle Hill became a separate parish responsible for Dural and Kenthurst. The little sandstone Church of St Madeleines at Kenthurst had been built by the parishioners back in about 1915, and a priest came from St Michaels then to say Mass there once a month.

Father Walsh said the first Mass at Dural at 8am on December 4th 1960 and Greg Smith was the altar boy. Of course the Mass was in Latin, the altar against the back wall, and all the ladies wore hats and gloves! And you wouldn't speak a word in the church. Ted and I had 3 small children then, and Paul was the youngest, at six months. In later years we added another 5! There was a great sense of community



25th Celebrations in December 1985



The old church as it is now

in our little group. Some of those who were present at that first Mass were Mr and Mrs Gloster, Mrs Ruby Leslie, Mrs Iris Newman, Mr and Mrs Larkins, Bid and Bill Garretty, The headmaster of Dural School, Mr Jack O'Brien and Peter and Dorothy Brown.

We gathered for Mass every Sunday morning at 8am, and usually one of the monks from the Benedictine Monastery came to say Mass. Father Mark was a great favourite and our little congregation grew until the church was just too small. The little church at Kenthurst, where they had Mass at 9am, was also bursting at the seams.

About this time St. Joseph's was the object of several serious vandalism attacks which made the church unusable. The decision was made to sell both churches and to join with Kenthurst and buy a block of land for a Church/School. So 20 acres were bought in Annangrove Rd where the present St. Madeleines Church/ School is now.

The St. Joseph church was repaired and in November 1986 it was sold to the Salvation Army, who have developed the site with a new Church and improved the whole block into a great amenity for the general community.

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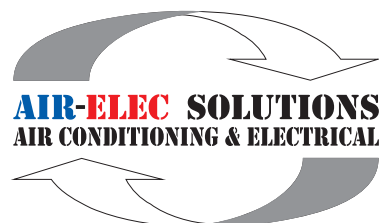
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Sandra & Maria first delved into the art of ceramics in 1996 instantly falling in love with the enormous creative possibilities ceramics offered. It didn't take long before plans for a kiln & a suitable workspace emerged. With the inception of Sandra's Ceramics Studio in 1998 this award-winning pair

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Largely inspired by their Italian heritage in their use of vibrant colour & intricate design, Maria's work greatly reflects her keen interest in lustre & third-fire products while Sandra enjoys experimenting with a diverse range of techniques. They both have a distinctive passion for learning & this is truly represented in their artworks.

This is an event not-to-be-missed so be sure to mark the dates in your diary. You can visit www.facebook.com/sandraceramicsstudio to see more of Sandra's & Maria's work, & for further details about the Open Weekend you can phone Sandra on 0409 992 881 or email her via sandraceramics@bigpond.com



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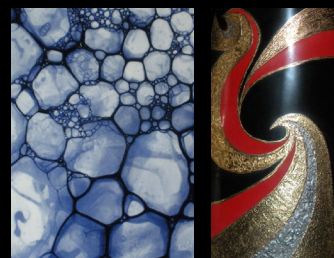
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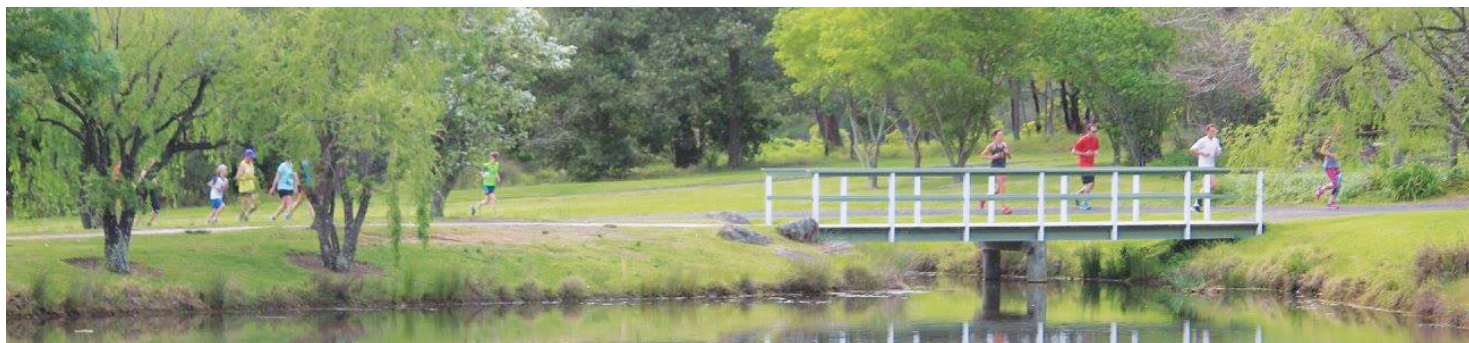
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Galston Parkrun

Parkrun is a collection of free, timed, weekly 5km running events that are held every Saturday morning at various locations around the world. The concept began in the UK in October 2004, with a weekly 5km time trial organised around Bushy Park, London. In the following years, more of these time trials started up around London and the rest of the UK, and in 2010 became known as "parkrun". Founder Paul Sinton-Hewitt continued to facilitate the establishment of new events not just in the UK, but also around the world, and parkrun now operates weekly 5km runs in 14 different countries! The first event in Australia took place at Main Beach, Gold Coast in April 2011, and since then nearly 200 new events have launched in Australia. Galston parkrun launched on 8th October 2016, with an attendance of 250 runners including visitors from all parts of Sydney as well as Newcastle.

Each parkrun event is run completely by volunteers. In order to remain free for all participants, parkrun also relies on support from local and national sponsors. Medibank, Suncorp and Stockland are national sponsors in Australia, and Health Space Hornsby is a local supporter of Galston parkrun.

Parkrun is inclusive of all abilities - participants are free to run, jog or walk at their own pace. Galston parkrun is pram-friendly. Dogs are also allowed (but must be kept on a short lead), and children of all ages are welcome (those under 11 must be accompanied by an adult). Parkrun has proved to be extremely effective in encouraging people to start a regular pattern of exercise, as well as developing strong, close-knit communities.

Each week, a number of volunteer roles need to be filled in order to conduct the event. These include run director, course setup, timekeeper, handing out finish tokens, barcode scanner, marshal, photographer, and tail runner. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer a few times a year. The roles are very straightforward and volunteers are given full instructions on what they need to do.

To register for parkrun, go to www.parkrun.com.au/register. It is completely free, and you only need to register once. After registering, you receive a personalised barcode which you need to print off and bring along to each run. This barcode is required in order for your time to be recorded.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Preparations are continuing for the rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry, which will transform the abandoned hole into the region's premier recreational facility. By early next year work will begin to partially fill the quarry, but already our minds are turning to bigger issues.

The main question is, what exactly are we going to place in the new park? That's where we need your help. This is going to be the park that the people of Hornsby built and we want to hear your ideas. Start thinking about what you would like to see included and get ready for the public consultation that will occur in coming months.

In the meantime, check out this video: bit.ly/HornsbyQuarry

Steve Russell
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SOUTH DURAL PLANNING PROPOSAL

Council is exhibiting the South Dural Planning Proposal from now until Friday 2 December 2016.

The Proposal seeks to rezone land known as South Dural, bounded by New Line Road, Old Northern Road, and Hastings Road to allow residential subdivision.

The proposal is also supported by an Infrastructure Strategy and Business Case which outlines a funding approach for local infrastructure and regional road network improvements to support the proposal.

The draft Plan can be viewed on Council's website: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition for more information please call us on 9847 6726.



Next Council meeting

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Franchisee of the Year Award (Australia)

Think Water Dural: going above the call of duty

THERE are many things that separate a good business from a great one, and a team of skilled employees is one of them.

For the team at Think Water Dural, a combination of strong product knowledge and expertise is considered as valuable as the product or service being sold.

It is this commitment to creating positive customer experiences that saw the business recognised as the joint Australian winner of the Think Water Franchisee of the Year Award for 2016.

Think Water Dural general manager Donna Dawson said the result was a testament to the dedication of her staff to both the business and the Think Water brand.

“Think Water Dural has consistently supported the Think Water brand since it joined the national franchise network as an inaugural member in 2008,” she said.

“Our position has always been to contribute to all aspects of the Think Water group, whether by encouraging the start-up of new stores or supporting our preferred suppliers.

“We also believe in working together with our fellow members to share in the benefits that the Think Water group offers, such as teamwork, buying power, branding, marketing support and training.”

As one of the largest irrigation specialists on the east coast of Australia, Think Water Dural has been servicing and supplying irrigation equipment and professional advice for more than 35-years.

Under the ownership of Steen and Rhonda Hermansen, who recently semi-retired, Donna leads a crew of 10 employees who each bring with them skills in specific areas, along with a desire to go “above and beyond the call of duty.”

“It sounds old-fashioned but going the extra mile for every customer really does pay off,” Donna said.

She said a desire to see every customer’s problem solved in a timely manner created a “very satisfying and positive environment” in which to operate.

“Our view is that each customer is equally important to us, from those we have dealt with for years to our one-off walk-ins.

“But you could argue that developing these relationships – which we take a lot of pride in, is almost second-nature when you and your staff enjoy, and are passionate about, what you are doing every day.”



LtoR: Rhonda Hermansen,
Steen Hermansen
Donna Dawson,

Donna said her staff were congratulated on their success in the awards with a gifted bottle of champagne and a 60-minute remedial massage.

“Nothing works better for morale and happy customers than staff feeling valued and appreciated,” she said.

In addition to the supply of irrigation equipment, Think Water Dural also designs and supplies sprinkler systems for home gardens.

Donna said the business had successfully introduced a range of relative products to the retail store, including pond and water feature equipment in response to growing customer demand.

“We are also a 100 per cent retail and ecommerce site,” she said.

“The past year was one of our busiest, but our store is looking better than ever with some physical changes that have enhanced the in-store experience.”



Think Water Dural – The Journey

Think Water Dural is one of the founding members of the Think Water Group which started in 2007 with the idea of building an Australian-born international brand of irrigation and water management stores. Before joining the group, Think Water Dural has been operating as Dural Irrigation for more than 25 years in the Hills district of Sydney. During its operation as Dural Irrigation, the store was well regarded in its local market, but the ambition to build a national and international brand was always there. In 2007, and in a conference in Alice Springs, the Think Water Brand was launched with 32 members of what was then called the Independent Water Group signed to join and operate under the Think Water name. Since then, Dural Irrigation ran as Think Water Dural, providing the local community with a broad range of irrigation and water management products for any agriculture, commercial and residential application. There are many reasons for Dural Irrigation to join the Think Water group amongst them; five main reasons stood out:

- 1. Branding:** Being part of a fast growing international brand provides us with a strong bargaining power in the industry. Also, the continued growth in the brand awareness improved the brand equity and thus the value of our business
- 2. Buying Power:** After joining Think Water we now have access to better supplier arrangements as result of the group buying power which makes our store more competitive than our local rivals.
- 3. Training and Development:** Ongoing training is an integral part of staying competitive in business today. Small businesses may have difficulties in continuously



providing training for their staff. However, being part of larger organisation give us training and development opportunities, so our team receive the latest industry knowledge and technology which help us stay competitive.

- 4. National Marketing:** When joining Think Water we become part of periodic national marketing campaigns as well as receive support for local marketing activities. National Marketing ensures our store remains competitive in the local market.
- 5. Business Support:** Think Water Dural have access to a full range of business support services including human resources, WHS, project management, benchmarking and much more. Business support helps us stay focus on what we do best, which is solving our customer irrigation and water management problems.

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Australian Women look good in Green

Donna Dawson from Thinkwater Dural recently had the opportunity to attend an industry event that's making its way Down Under!

Donna said the event, the 2015 Women in Green Industries held in San Francisco, California, addressed many different aspects of the challenges affecting females in the industry.

"I found it extremely inspiring, educational and empowering," she said.

"Along with the networking opportunities, a day of workshopping covered a broad range of themes, such as strategic thinking, leadership skills and other job specific subjects. Delivered by women from within the industry and leaders in their fields."

"Women, collectively, are getting better at supporting each other in the industry, but I think more has to be done to foster this.

"Events such as these are valuable for providing a platform to hear from strong, successful women who have been through challenging circumstances and for them to pass on their knowledge and experiences."

"It gives us the opportunity to ask those questions that are specifically 'female questions'."

Donna said "Women across the world are making significant contributions not only in irrigation, but landscaping, nurseries, green keeping and other affiliated industries."

Passionate about giving local women the tools to grow personally and professionally, Donna is now working to bring the event to Australia in 2017.

The Women in Green event was supported by vendor partner Hunter Industries, who are also keen to support an Australian version. Hopefully with a couple of other suppliers getting behind the idea, an event for Australian women won't be too far off.

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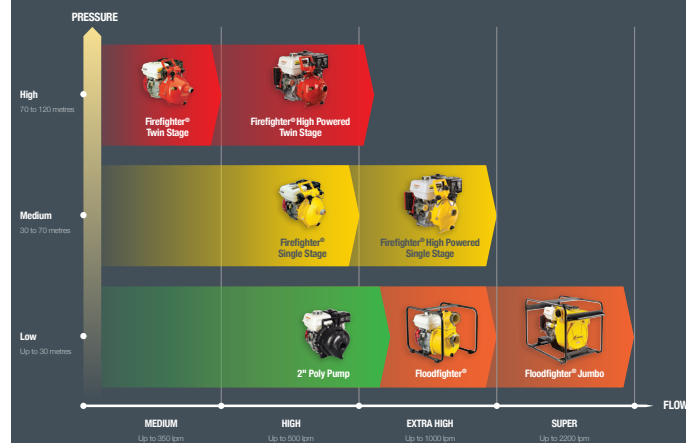
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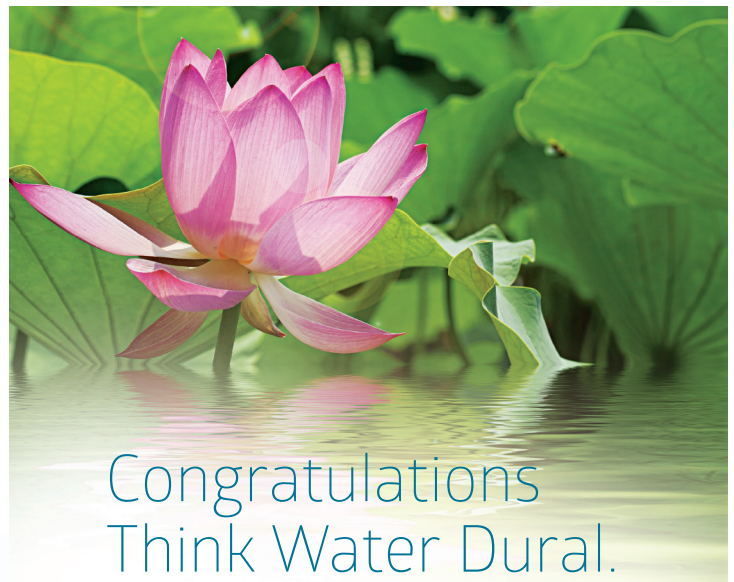
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Fire Fighting Authorities across Australia are warning of a potentially catastrophic bush firefighting season this year. Winter rains have been a bonus for farmers but have also lead to a huge increase in undergrowth posing major hazards, not only in country but also in urban areas.

The document details extensive knowledge and information on preparation work to be done in advance. Even if you decide to 'get out of the way' of oncoming fire and leave, a well prepared home is more likely to survive and is easier to protect. The guide also illustrates on how to prepare your home so that you have substantially better protection if you are prevented from retreating.

The survey taken of Victoria's CFA, New South Wales, RFS and Queensland's FES indicates a similar sombre view of the coming summer season. "Stable rainfall over the winter season, means that vegetation growth has been much greater than ever before and will continue to grow over spring", said Aussie Pumps' Brad Farrugia. "Meaning that there is more



Josie Robertson, from NSW checks out the new Aussie Survival Guide.

fuel for the sweltering hot fire season, which authorities have predicated will be disastrous. We have bumped up production and begun an active education program for dealers, farmers and home owners", he said.

Aussie Fire Ready Survival Plan, a 24 page document packed with invaluable information, is available free of charge from Aussie Pump distributors and other key outlets throughout Australia.

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Mayor Yvonne Keane congratulates bronze medallist Jonathon Milne on his efforts in the Rio 2016 Paralympics

The Hills Shire Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Keane, has praised para-archery athlete Jonathon Milne on his efforts in the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games on Friday.

Mayor Keane commended the Abbey Archery staff member and pro athlete for achieving huge success in the Summer Paralympics and doing the Hills Shire proud.

"I would like to offer my warmest and heartfelt congratulations to Jonathon who has truly excelled in archery and done Australia proud with a bronze medal," Mayor Keane said.

"Jonathon should be extremely proud of everything he has achieved.

"The whole Hills Shire community has been behind him every step of the way – from the qualifying rounds through to the finals.

"His efforts in the 2016 Paralympics has been truly inspirational. I wish Jonathon every success in his future sporting career."

Jonathon was Australia's sole para archer in the Rio Summer Games and was Australia's first medallist at the event since 1984 when Ian Trehwaha took two silver medals in the double advanced metric tetraplegic and the men's short metric round team.

The 30-year-old began his career in archery four weeks after a surfing accident left him paralysed from the chest down in 2012.



End of '16 Concert by Ad Musicam Choir

To bid farewell to 2016, AD MUSICAM, a community choir for adults based in Castle Hill, will showcase their current repertoire at **2pm on Sunday December 4th, at Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston.**

Demonstrating their differing styles of music, the choir will perform a variety of classical, folk and contemporary pieces, starting with a selection of movements from *The Peacemakers*, the hauntingly beautiful work by composer Karl Jenkins that has been taken up enthusiastically by choral societies around the world.

The Peacemakers offers inspiration and solace for a time in need of both. It features texts from some of the greatest peacemakers throughout history, including Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, Anne Frank and Mother Teresa, as well as words from the Bible and the Q'ran with some new text specially written by Terry Waite.

Following *The Peacemakers*, the concert will shift key, with pieces from around the world, including some well-known favourites and a selection of African songs.

Tickets for the End of '16 Concert can be bought at <https://www.trybooking.com/NNZU> and will also be available at the door from 1pm: Adults \$20 and \$15 for children up to 12 years old. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Ad Musicam was formed in July 2005 by a group of people who wanted to make choral music part of their lives. Under the direction of Ansa Fourie, they espouse the joy of song and sharing music by performing a wide range of musical styles. The choir rehearses once a week on Monday nights. Prospective members may contact Ansa at 0415 368 489 to attend a rehearsal to sample and enjoy the choir's style and energy prior to joining.

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On Sunday 23 October 2016, hundreds of firefighters ascended all 98 floors of the Sydney Tower Eye wearing full firefighting kit to raise money for MND research. This included five members of the Hills District NSW RFS.

Fire and Rescue NSW in partnership with Macquarie University have teamed up to organise a major fundraising event called Fire Fighters Climb for Motor Neurone Disease (MND). This year, the Fire Fighters Climb for MND invites firefighters from all fire services, both within Australia and internationally, to take part in this incredible fundraising event.

Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade Firefighter Evan Lister, saw this as a great opportunity to participate in a worthwhile cause as he sees it as a great challenge and a good way to bring up our fitness levels and also to increase awareness of this insidious disease by doing something out of the ordinary.

Evan lead the team of five firefighters from the Hills District who includes fellow brigade member Zac Young, along with Matt Tregear and Kane Chamberlain from Rouse hill brigade and Nick Taylor from Maroota South brigade.

"This will also serve as a test of endurance for our fire fighters as they prepare for the coming bushfire season, It will be a gruelling challenge, however it is nothing in comparison to the challenge patients with MND face every day." said Evan Lister

Superintendent John Hojel said "It is great to see our volunteer members continue supporting the community through a variety of avenues."

Every dollar raised will directly support vital MND research at the Macquarie University MND Research Centre." said Superintendent Hojel.

For more information on this event please go to www.firesclimbformnd.org.au





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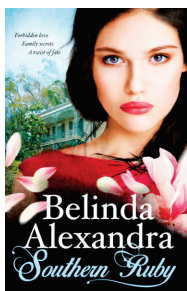
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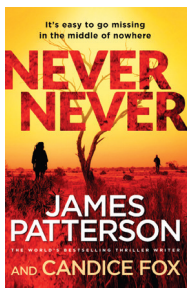
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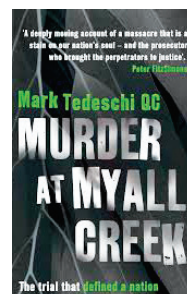
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Mark Tedeschi

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Up the creek

By Jenny Barlass

The development angering residents of Calabash Bay

High up in Berowra Creek, Hornsby Council is considering a Development Application for a local landowner to move three landlocked lots held up on a ridge above Calabash Bay, down to the foreshore for homes to be built.

It's a scheme that has angered locals including the seven houses currently at Calabash Bay who say the delicate eco-balance of the area including designated wetlands under Environmental Protections, will be decimated. Local councillor Nathan Tilbury has dubbed it as "inappropriate" and "overdevelopment".

Calabash is a pristine area of the Hawkesbury River so remote it takes 25 minutes in a boat to get there from Berowra. The Bay is a regular spot for canoeists and campers wanting to escape city bustle. The waterway which also features precious mangroves and fisheries, is divided by a sandbank and the only access route for residents and bay users.

Adjacent to the sandbank sits the parcel of land on which the controversial DA has been lodged - to place the lots side by side in four parcels of land which are double existing frontage sizes, along the river frontage in a "boundary readjustment".

"These are contrary to the Council's Plan of Management for Berowra Waters which states there will be not further subdivision less than 40 hectares," said Lee Kemp, Chair of the Association for Berowra Creek.

"To build homes on these lots it's proposed two pontoons and jetties would be built halfway into the bay because the water is so shallow where tinnies carrying building materials could moor, as there are no roads to transport materials in.

"Yet because it's tidal and the water drops to 300mm at low tides throughout the day, this makes development appear unfeasible as you won't get boats across."

Another resident Sharon Howarth added: "There's seagrass there that's meant to be a protected marine environment and tinnies going across it would destroy this, though council has denied its existence. This increased water activity would also obstruct the flow of fish up the river and impede other users."

A vote by Hornsby Council in September was stopped due to a last minute legal challenge which Council is currently considering.

In the latest twist in this four year saga, in early October Hornsby councillors and officers travelled up the Hawkesbury River in boats to 'discuss the impacts of the proposed subdivision on the environment and character of the river settlement' said a council spokesman.

While the development contravenes current planning laws, Calabash resident and architect Jill Gleave said on the resident's 'Save Calabash Bay' Facebook page that 'the DA is being assessed under the Local Environmental Plan 1994 because it was lodged just 17 days before the LEP 2013 was gazetted.

'Many residents 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 area,' she said.

Cllr Nathan Tilbury added that he and fellow councillors were obliged to consider the application under the LEP at the time of initial lodgement. But he added that "the impact on the community is too big and the infrastructure - waste, parking and water is already at capacity so to put four more houses in is going to have a negative impact and result in overdevelopment."

Stephen Berry who represents the landowners and is the DA applicant, said there would be no harm to

seagrass through dredging as hydrographic surveys "showed access compliance 99% of the time." He added that at least one of the dwellings would be a low-slung eco-friendly home that won't need connecting to the grid or water and that there was an absence of seagrass adjoining the sites in question.

He said: "What we have here is a case of nimbyism. The owners have sought to address the concerns of the RMS, fire services and council all along, and the environmental concerns are ill-founded."

The DA was due to go before a Council vote once more, on December 14.



Hornsby Connect

On the **2nd of November 2016** Hornsby Connect is opening its doors to lend "A hand-up for all in need". Hornsby Connects President Steve Hopwood and his team of dedicated members have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to get this non-for profit organisation up and running. The aim is to provide support and hope to those that need it most within the community. With a growing population, the Hornsby Shire covers a large region and has fallen victim to the many social issues that are reflected within the wider society.

One major issue identified is the isolation and dislocation that some experience within our community. Whether it be the elderly or the young, due to cultural separation, or people experiencing financial hardships, Hornsby Connect is open for you.

Come and visit the safe Community Hub that will be open every Wednesday between 12-2pm to enjoy some company or a much needed tea or coffee. Hornsby Connects hub will transform into a low-cost Food Distribution Centre for those experiencing financial hardship providing bread, milk and groceries such as fruit and vegies as well as offering a Café Facility with tea, coffee and cakes to enjoy with company.

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The Greater Sydney Commission is embarking on something new for Sydney, planning for six 'districts' to connect local planning with the longer-term metropolitan planning for Greater Sydney - a big picture approach to better coordinate state and local government planning. Each will be headed by a District Commissioner, and have four expert members with strategic and statutory planning expertise. Two representatives will be appointed by the Council and two will be Government appointments.

One of these districts is the West Central District. This district includes the council areas of Blacktown, part of Canterbury Bankstown, Cumberland, Parramatta and The Hills. Another district is North District which includes the council areas of Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Kuring-gai, Lane Cove, Northern Beaches, Mosman, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby.

These **district plans will directly inform local council planning** and influence the decisions of state agencies.

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Following consultations with stakeholders (ie councils etc), District Plans will go on exhibition in late **November 2016**, then they move into **Community Consultation**. This is where locals can get involved to help shape what our villages will look like.

We will provide updates in future editions of this magazine, but if you want to keep up to date with District plans, you can follow them via their website www.greater.sydney or on facebook at Greater Sydney Commission or search #GreaterSydney

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Coming in from the cold

The low key weekly get-together with computers having remarkable results with teenagers

By Jenny Barlass

Anyone who's ever known someone with autism, Asperger's, ADHD or any of the other autism spectrum disorders will know of the social and mental isolation, the bullying and teasing, the ostracising and the day to day pain people with these conditions endure through no fault of their own.

Until the world is fully educated in treating people who are "different" with the respect and kindness they deserve, they will have to rely on the caring of an educated few - people like Mark

Buckle, a health professional who runs The Lab at Hornsby RSL.

What's the Lab? Mark explains: "The Lab is a safe place where teenagers who are socially isolated, who don't make friends easily, who sit at home alone on their computers, can come and interact with others and play on computers at the same time."

The Lab takes place every Saturday morning in two 90-minute sessions and is staffed by a team of volunteers with specialist IT skills who get it - they get the needs of these kids and how hanging out with others who are similar, works for everyone.

Kids from nine to 16 - mostly boys - sit at small desks and play on computers. It's a simple concept - but the benefits and outcomes are almost immeasurable.

The extroverts like to be heard as they play; meanwhile the quiet ones who occasionally get distressed by the noise, usually those with Asperger's, don headphones to shut out the noise. There's the occasional altercation, averted with a quite intervention from one of the volunteer mentors in the room.

"The kids have told me that the computers are icebreakers," says Mark who also runs Just Better Care Hornsby. "It provides them with a reason to leave the house. They can come and still sit on their own and not talk - or they can just sit and watch as others play games or watch videos. They're not judged and they can be themselves.

"Parents are delighted they have an avenue to direct their energies into, and somewhere to go to. They can talk to other parents at the coffee shop downstairs, sharing their experiences and concerns. They report their kids wake up excited on a Saturday morning as they have somewhere to go to."

He recounts the moving story of the 13 year-old boy with severe autism who'd been coming to the Lab for a while. He'd never eaten in public before, but one day when it was someone's



Mentor Max Meltzer, organiser Mark Buckle and participants Josh Biziuk, Brendan Connolly and Tom Dickinson

birthday and there was a birthday cake on the table, his mother reported excitedly to Mark how he had eaten a huge piece of cake. "To most this is a small thing but to this mother, it spoke volumes about her son's feeling he could trust where he was and relax enough to eat. Apparently he even came back for seconds."

The Lab has been running for four years and has seen around 50 kids come through its doors in Hornsby RSL. Turnover is low - most come and love the non-demanding

space and just stay. They come from a range of backgrounds from all over north western Sydney, attending mainstream and specialised schools during the week. Five laptops were donated, though most kids bring their own.

They're tutored in whatever skill the kids want to have a go at, by mentors skilled at tutoring in design, contouring, programming and games - Minecraft and Roadblocks are popular.

Unexpected newfound skills - aside from upping the communication between other teens - include using the phone for the first time so kids can arrange to meet up between Lab sessions. This in turn has propelled new friendships and outings like bushwalks, camps and picnics. Then there was the birthday invitations - no big deal to most - but to the 12 year-old who received one for the first time in his life, it represented a huge step forward in social acceptance.

And there are successes, though that's never the intention: "One of the boys took to programming like a duck to water and won a Department of Education prize for it and is now programming his own video games."

"And the first of the teenagers to turn 18 has just left the Lab and is now going to TAFE to study welding - something he could never have achieved without the socialisation skills he learnt at the Lab. Two others have left the sessions because they've landed part-time Saturday jobs.

"It's tapping into the natural abilities and pushing them in a positive direction."

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NSW Pony Club recognizes the valuable contribution of volunteers at Arcadia Pony Club

Members of Arcadia Pony Club have been recognised by Pony Club NSW for their commitment and dedication to the core values of Pony Club.

Melissa Harris has been a member of Arcadia Pony Club for nearly five years, her daughter Sarah is a riding member of the Club. Melissa joined the Arcadia Pony Club Committee at the beginning of 2015 in her current capacity as Canteen Manager. She is very well known for always being warm, friendly and engaging to everyone at a rally day! Nothing is too much trouble for her – from putting up jumps, to managing the canteen all day and trialing new canteen processes and menus. She has rarely missed a rally day – ever!

She also arranges for her lovely husband Geoff to attend and manage the BBQ for events such as Zone or Closed events.

Katie Breatnach, President of Arcadia Pony Club said "Volunteers such as Melissa are the backbone of clubs like ours. They turn up every single rally day and every competition helping out and it's wonderful that they can be recognised for the dedication and the valuable assistance they provide. Mel's smiling face and positive attitude are appreciated by everyone."

Fifteen year old Emily Horbach was also awarded the 'Pony Club of NSW Junior Service Award'. The Junior Service Award was introduced in 2013 and acknowledges the service of junior members of pony club. Emily has been a member of Arcadia Pony Club for nearly four years.



Melissa Harris – Awarded Volunteer of the Year Award

Emily has a very high attendance record and consistently assists with set up and pack up for rally days, Closed events, and for all Zone events hosted by Arcadia Pony Club. She also enthusiastically participated in all activities associated with the Club's Open Day in November 2015.

Leanne Davies, Senior Instructor of Arcadia Pony Club said "Emily is a lovely young lady who always displays a positive attitude and a warm smile. She is encouraging and consistently helping out other members of the Club, especially the younger riders. She is also always on hand to assist at rally day set up and pack up without being asked".

Both Melissa and Emily receive acknowledgement on the Pony Club of NSW website honour role, a certificate and a prize pack including items from Mitavite, Australia's HorseWise magazine and SunSense.

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>



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Galston Equestrian Club - For Competitions and Information Evenings!

Despite the best effort by the rain, it did not dampen the enthusiasm or the enjoyment of the 60 riders at GEC's Official Dressage Competition on 25th September. All the riders had smiles on their faces - including the unfortunate Prep C riders at the end of the day who rode in the rain!. Many riders did PBs and some had their first go at doing a higher level test. A big thank you to our loyal sponsors! Winners of each class went home with a bag of horse feed from CopRice NutriRice, and Horseland Dural provided vouchers for the 2nd and 3rd place getters. We had four wonderful judges who generously gave their time - Penny Wood, Pip Tonkin, Rachelle Evans and Kay Barney. They all enjoyed their time with us and were extremely impressed with the beautiful grounds and how enthusiastic the GEC members were to volunteer to help run the day. The Committee would like to thank the many GEC Members who volunteered and helped run another successful day. It was wonderful to see the many helpers who stayed back after the event to pack up the three arenas at the end of the day.

With only 27 riders, it was a small but intimate Combined Training Competition on 9th October. It was an unofficial day for riders to try their first show jump round. Everyone was so encouraging of each other and willing to step in and help when



Sue and Phil Wenban - Horse Float and Trailer Repairs

needed. Congratulations to our place getters and thank you to our sponsors Horseland Dural and CopRice NutriRice. Phil and Sue Wenban from Horse Float and Trailer Repairs came to see the jump they sponsored, and Phil was

sincerely thanked for repairing our jump trailer, at a very competitive price, as it is now such a pleasure use!

Rebecca Booth gave an informative talk while demonstrating her massage

techniques, at our information evening at the Galston Club on 6th October. The 40 attendees were very interested in how this style of massage could improve their horse's wellbeing.

We have had such a busy year so far, offering our members so many varied and interesting events and competitions, it is not surprising that our membership has increased by over 50 percent from last year. The feedback from old and new members has been very positive and enthusiastic, which is encouraging for our hard working committee.

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

Events coming up :

- 12 November – Individual Flatwork lessons with Lucas Hurps.
- 13 November – Car Boot sale and Agility and Equitation with Suzanne Bellette.
- 27 November – Dressage Competition (Members Only) – entries via Nominate
- 5 December – AGM at the Galston Club
- 11 December – Presentations and Christmas party at the RSF grounds



Jenny Banks and Hamish at the dressage competition

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Old School Shed Sets a New Standard

This week Northholm Grammar School was delighted to welcome Costa Georgiadis, host of Gardening Australia, to officially open the School's Aquaponic facility. Students from Year Four, who are working on a STEM project focusing on aquaponics and Year Nine and Twelve Agriculture students were totally engaged and inspired with Costa's address. "He connected with our students from the moment he arrived," said Lynne Guthridge, Principal. "We share many passions including the importance of teaching our younger learners about food production and sustainability."



Set in an old locker shed near the school library, the aquaponics set-up is a state of the art system, which any commercial production would be proud of. The project began after the School's Design and Technology teacher, Mr Andrew McMillan and Head of Agriculture, Mrs Stellina Trestrail completed a practical aquaponics course for commercial production in 2015 as a result of a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) grant and decided to build a commercial system for the school.

Principal of Northholm Grammar School, Lynne Guthridge said that the aquaponics initiative at the school was an exciting development. "As well as offering another way of engaging students in the critically important STEM subjects, this new agricultural facility will be an excellent teaching resource for other schools and the community as it showcases a viable alternative to more traditional farming methods."



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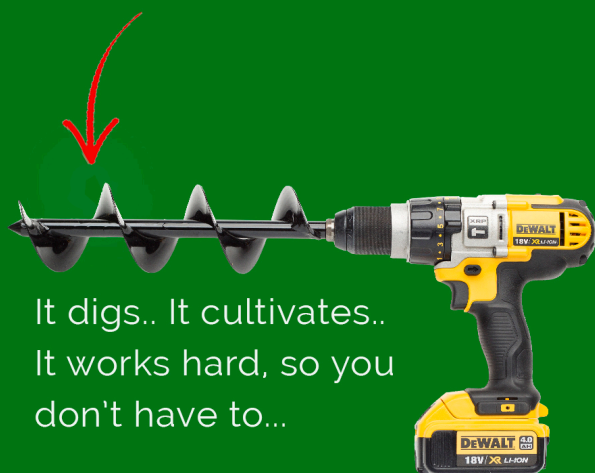


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actively participating and learning to make informed decisions about road and water safety. Their skills in water safety and survival will be further developed with great enthusiasm as they hit the pool in the NSW Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Galston Aquatic Centre in November.

Congratulations to Archer, Maddie, Jake and India who represented their school in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final. A challenging experience. Well done!

The great pride in which the APS students, teachers and community have in their school has been acknowledged in the 2016 Sydney Hills Garden Competition. Arcadia Public School was recently awarded third place in the category - School Garden Maintained by Primary Students. An outstanding achievement.

Come and check out our beautiful grounds on November 19 as the fabulous Arcadia Markets are on again! Yes, you'll find that unique Christmas gift, the children will spend the day on the rides and everyone will enjoy the Old Skool at School car show - it just gets bigger and better every year.

Contact our school office on 9653 1207 or visit www.arcadiaschool.com.au to find out more about our wonderful school.

Hillside Public School

Term 4 is in full swing with many activities planned for the students and school community

Preparations are in full swing for our 90th Birthday celebrations. A Bush Dance and Spit Roast will be held at Hillside on Saturday 29th October starting from 5.30pm The cost is \$12.50 pp and \$45.00 per family. All are welcome. For more details, please contact the school - 96521459

Kinder Orientation was held for the first time last Thursday with all our 2017 Kinders very happy to be at big school! The next 2 orientation days are Thursday 20th, 27th October.

Hillside is now in the final stages of rehearsals for the musical The Lemonade Kid. It promises to be a fantastic night of entertainment on 3rd November.

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2017.
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News from Galston High School

Good Bye and Good Luck Year 12 2016



Year 12 had a hectic final week of schooling before commencing their Higher School Certificate in October. Once formal classes were finished it was time to celebrate their accomplishments. The festivities began with a breakfast with the teaching staff and then they journeyed to Davidson Park on Middle Harbour for their picnic day. That night their accomplishments and successes were acknowledged at their Graduation Ceremony which was held in the school hall. The following day they were farewelled by the school community at their final assembly where they also had their final roll call. The Year 12 Formal was then held at Oatlands House that night.

As the principal, Jillian Turlas stated at the Graduation Ceremony, 'Year 12, our very best wishes go with you as you make your final preparations for the HSC and then as you take on life beyond the walls of Galston High. With considerable guidance from both home and school, you have reached this milestone with credit and integrity, well equipped for the world you now enter. I hope you have learnt to live your lives always demonstrating our core school values of respect, responsibility and personal best.' Best wishes Year 12 2016.



News from UnitingCare Galston Early Learning Centre

The season of spring has been a hot topic here at Galston Early Learning Centre! We have welcomed the warm weather and are spending a lot of our time outdoors exploring our natural surroundings.

While doing this, we had noticed that our vegetable garden had slowly died off over the winter months and in turn we decided to prepare the garden for new seeds/seedlings. We did this by pulling out all the weeds, turning the soil and finally sowing some snow pea, carrot, watermelon, radish, mint, parsley and coriander seeds.

Throughout the weeks the children watched our plants grow and helped this process along through watering on a daily basis. However over a period of time, we noticed that some plants were not growing as well as others and that the vegetables were being eaten by animals.

So combining our interest in construction and trying to find a solution to save our plants, the children decided to build a scarecrow for our garden. This was a fun experience as the children stuffed the straw into some old clothes and shared their ideas on how this scarecrow will save their plants and scare the animals away from their garden.

The children are now waiting to see how effective the scarecrow is, in protecting our garden and to find out whether it has made any significant difference to the growth of our plants.

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.



KU Galston Preschool

We are looking forward to another busy term with many exciting things planned for the children. As part of our transition to school program the children will be able to experience a visit to the Galston school library and to take part in a K-2 assembly as well as taking part in a cake day where we visit the school to purchase a cake for morning tea and familiarise ourselves with the school environment. We are all looking forward to these experiences.

It has been wonderful to see our chickens growing and developing. The children have been learning about how to care for them, feeding and cleaning up after them. We were excited to arrive at preschool last week to hear our rooster crowing "cock a doodle doo". Each day we have been looking at their nest to check whether they have laid their first eggs- we cannot wait! With the funds from our bake sale we are busy organising our new chicken run.

We are also investigating the lifecycle of our silkworms and are enjoying finding out many amazing facts about them. Did you know that silkworms have breathe holes along both sides of their bodies? We did! They are eating loads of mulberry leaves and some have even begun to spin cocoons.

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.



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Glenorie Public School



The holidays have literally FLOWN by! Term 4 has ALREADY started and we have a host of exciting opportunities for our school.

Last term, Stage 3 participated in something called 'Digi Ed' which is a fun and interactive program which teaches students how to animate using clay (Claymation) and also learn techniques used by the professionals with Dragonframe. All students worked in groups of 4 to create their own short movie. We got an idea of how long animated movies must've taken when we saw we only had 30 seconds of video after a whole day of work.

On the last day of Term 3, we had a surprise fire drill for the entire school. "On a scale of 1-10, I would probably rate our performance at 8," says Toby, a Year 6 student who participated in the drill. The students learnt that it is important to be ready for the upcoming fire season, and to prepare with your family in case of bushfire. "The middle of a bush fire is no time to start thinking about what you should do," says the NSW Rural Fire Service. It's imperative for kids to know the importance of preparing for a bushfire early so that in case of emergency, they know what to do.

Stage 3 did an exceptional job to secure a fun and exciting day for all of the lower grades with the Olympathon! We had loads of sporting events, complete with an Opening and Medal Ceremony.

Kindy Orientation started as well, with 2017 kindergarten students coming in for three days. This will help them acclimate to "big school" life. Glenorie Public School helps lessen the shock with helpful and sympathetic buddies and fun activities. They even got to share some watermelon and make balloons!

We've had a fantastic start to Term 4, and the fun's not over yet! We have gymnastics, the ball games carnival, presentation and performance night, formals and party day all coming up in a couple of weeks!



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.

125 Years for Middle Dural

Around 500 people enjoyed Middle Dural Public School's 125th Birthday party at the school on Sunday September 11.

The Reunion brought together past students, teachers and parents from as far back as the 1930's to wander through the school's classrooms and enjoy many memories of times enjoyed at this beautiful small school. The classrooms hosted continuous slide shows of the 125 years and a video presentation of a poem written for the event by bush poet Ben Eggleton. One room was set up as an old style classroom complete with ink and chalk.



Julian Leeser with Principal Ann Mills and P&C members Torie Cannon, Jennifer Maaait (the cake maker) and Mary Amerudi in front of the birthday cake

Visitors were entertained by demonstrations from the Middle Dural Students, the Hills District Martial Arts Team, the Little Gym at Dural and the Rural Fire Service. Children enjoyed a giant slide, playgroup fun, face painting, a Gamez Trailer, a jumping castle a blow-up obstacle course and the school's giant chessboard.

Apart from the many former parents and children, visitors included all three layers of Government; Hornby Mayor Steve Russell, State Member for Hornsby Matt Kean and Federal Member for Berowra Julian Leeser. Philip Ruddock the former Member for Berowra who has a long history of contact with the school was also present. Matt Kean spoke during the formal part of the day and commented that although the school is small in size it more than makes up for it in spirit. "It is a small school with a big heart." Mr Gary Mangan, Branch Manager, represented the Bendigo Bank, a valued sponsor of the school.

Principal Ann Mills, who has been with the school since 1978, spoke about the wonderful community spirit that has always been with the school. She then hosted a formal cake cutting by the oldest ex-student Mr Dudley Best (started 1934) and the youngest current Kindy student Brayton Cannon.

A special "First 125 Year" Booklet was prepared for the Anniversary and is available through the school on 96511761.

Galston Public School

by Carole Weiss

What a busy Term 4 it is going to be for Galston Public School students. Stage 2 students will soon experience their very first overnight excursion at Crusaders Summit Educational Camp. What a fantastic and amazing time they are hoping to have while participating in a variety of activities such as rock climbing, bush survival skills, low ropes and initiative games.

After many months of planning and preparation Year 6 students presented their original handicrafts and creative masterpieces at their annual Major Works night to an enthralled audience. The unique presentation ensured a happy and successful evening. Parents and visitors alike marvelled at the efforts and ingenuity of these senior students.



Kindergarten Orientation sessions 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.

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

News from St Benedict's

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day – Sunday 9th October

This was a very successful event with parish children acting out the story of Fatima, when in 1917 the Virgin Mary appeared six times over a number of months to three Portuguese children who were herding sheep near the then-tiny town. Ninety-nine years later Fatima is an important pilgrimage site that receives thousands of worshipful visitors each year, especially in the months between May and October. The play was followed by a procession, Mass and a celebratory supper.

Journey of Ageing Seminar 20th November

St Benedict's Monastery will host the second part of this important seminar on Sunday 20th November. The seminar, which is titled Meditation and Ageing, focuses on how the ageing process can become an opportunity for transformation. The seminar begins on Saturday 19th at North Sydney before moving to Arcadia for the next day. Ageing is a journey that begins at birth, so this will be of interest to people of any age. There will be eminent keynote speakers as well as personal testimonies and reflection groups. To find out more go online to www.christianmeditationaustralia.org.

Bishop Peter's coming visit

On the weekend of 10th – 11th December our local Broken Bay bishop, Bishop Peter Comensoli, will be visiting our parish and joining in our celebration of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We're very excited about this visit, especially as Sunday 11th is the date of our usual monthly Children's Mass. Let's hope the bishop like sausages – Children's Mass usually concludes with a yummy celebratory barbecue! (picture shows a trio of cooks preparing for a post-Mass barbecue).



Weekend Mass Times

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

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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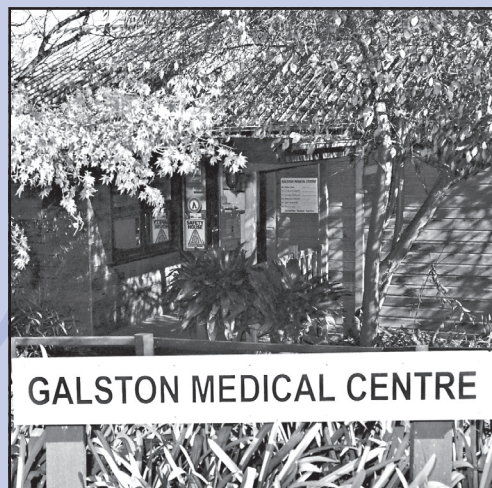
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A saying came up in conversation recently; a little knowledge is dangerous.

Interestingly it was the one who said it that should have heeded the warning.

The implication of this statement is that now armed with a little knowledge we can make giant assumptions about the area we know little about.

Proverbs 26:12 says "Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him."

A little knowledge is dangerous if not tempered by wisdom. Wisdom that many of our judgments, opinions and presumptions are actually based on little knowledge.

Surely the search for knowledge is not negative. Nor aspiring to grow, to learn or to increase. Yet wisdom is the knowledge that we always remain a student, and can always stretch that little further, there's always more to learn.

For when we start to believe we know it all then as in Proverbs 16:18 "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

This I believe especially applies in our judgments and biases. When we judge others it is always with a lack of knowledge, always hindered by our own bias and expectations.

Galatians 6:3 "For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

My encouragement this month is to focus on areas where we are quick to judge, to form an opinion, and as the thought arises turn the focus back on ourselves and consider more what it says about ourselves than what we think of others.

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So, spring has well & truly sprung... there's so many beautiful gardens looking wonderful!

As ever, I'm very much looking forward to November & the 'season of celebrations' begins.

Sunday 20th at 2pm we will be launching our next program of Galston Concerts with a 'Galston Gala' featuring a series of excellent performers, some of whom have played before - other who are new to the Galston Concerts. There is plenty of information out in the community or give us a call for more information. It will be quite a show ☺

Sunday 27th from 10am we'll be celebrating our annual Creativity Service. The church is always wonderfully decorated & colourful - with many exquisitely created quilts to admire and some available for purchase. Also displayed will be many other interesting pieces created by our members. This service is a celebration of the many talents we have to offer. Following the service, some things will be for sale. As ever, there will be a very yummy morning tea following the celebration - all welcome!

Finally, our regular programs for kids, youth and adults have all started again for term 4. Please get in touch should you wish to join in.

And then it will be Christmas activities - with plenty more music to come... see you next month! Cheers, Geoff

Glenorie Mission Church

How should we love one another?

1 Cor 13:4-7

Does love involve discipline?

Job 5:17 Prov 22:15

Prov 3:12 Heb 12: 9

Who should we love?

Luke 10:27 Mark 12:31

Luke 6:27 John 14:15

Do you feel loved?

John 3:16 John 14:21

Jesus loves you John 15:13

Speakers this month are Mark Mcrindle from Mcrindle Research, on the 6th Allan Nicolson, from Dural Baptist Church, on the 13th, Selwyn and Christine Sexton from Sowers International, on the 20th and Hilton Edwards from Bible League on the 27th.

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Still Creek Landcare

Small Native Trees for Your Garden

By Jutta Hamilton



In selecting suitable small species for smaller gardens there are several factors which need to be considered. Firstly, you need to decide what you mean by "small". For the purpose of this article I have adopted a maximum height of about 10 metres (30 feet) or smaller. Then you need to consider the local growing conditions in comparison to the conditions of the natural habitat of the various species.

Some trees may only grow to shrub size, with a naturally branched habit, but can be trained into a single trunk tree.

The first tree that springs to my mind is *Tristaniopsis laurina* (Water Gum). It is a small spreading tree with handsome leaves and beautiful pale bare sheen to the bark and dense clusters of yellow flowers around Christmas. Although its natural habitat in this area is along rocky creeks in sandstone gullies, it is quite adaptable to various soils and conditions.

Acmena smithii (Lillypilly) is a small tree with dense dark glossy foliage that grows quite tall in rainforest gullies, but is much shorter in the open garden situation.

Backhousia myrtifolia (Grey Myrtle) is usually found along banks of streams, but can grow on drier hillsides. It has dull dark green foliage and the young branches are covered in fine grey hair. It has cream coloured flowers in summer.

Many of the Bottlebrushes are large shrubs and can form tree-like trunks. *Callistemon salignus* (Willow Bottlebrush) has a corky bark and creamy flowers, while *Callistemon citrinus* (Crimson Bottlebrush) has bright red flowers.



Tristaniopsis laurina flowers

Melaleuca linariifolia (Snow-in-summer) is an adaptable small tree with papery bark. It puts on an extraordinary display of white flowers in summer.

Other local native favourites of mine are: *Elaeocarpus reticulatus* (Blueberry Ash), with its fringed flowers and pretty blue berries, *Trema tomentosa* (Native Peach), and *Ceratopetalum gummiferum* (NSW Christmas Bush).

So why not try one of the above selection when looking for a small tree or large shrub for your garden.

Contacts: www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au or Facebook

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group meeting will be held on **Friday November 11th at 7-45 pm**, in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Mark Able will speak about "Aquatic and Riparian Plants of the Sydney Area". Visitors welcome. For more information visit www.blandfordia.org.au

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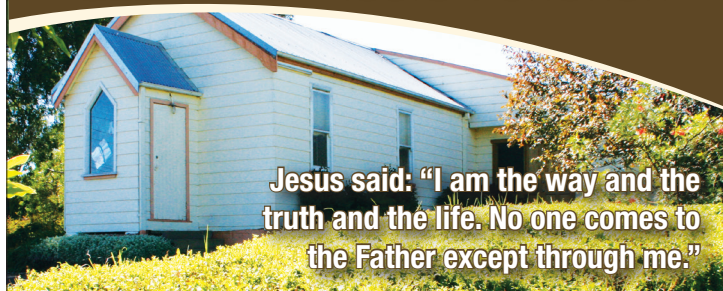
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Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting at Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on **Saturday, 19 November** 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 Lindsay Manton, Cactus and Succulent Society of NSW who will explain the how-to with succulents – soil mix, fertilising, propagation and how these plants can be used as art objects.

“Lindsay will also take the opportunity to emphasise how, simply, we can encourage people affected by poor health and behavioural disorders to use gardening as a form of therapy.” said Ian Hook, President Bromeliad Society of Australia

“Following the diagnosis and during my chemo treatment for cancer I went into depression,” said Lindsay. I’m convinced the interaction with succulents and involving myself in gardening helped my recovery from cancer and depression” said Lindsay

When people see my cacti and succulents flowering in a mass, they understand just why I love them,” he said.

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: ianhook1@bigpond.com, website: www.bromeliad.org.au

Cumberland Orchid Circle inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on **Wednesday 23rd November 2016** in Barton Hall, which is situated in Gough Drive (off David Road), Castle Hill. As our November meeting will be the last meeting for the year it will be our Annual Point Score winner’s presentation night and Christmas Party. The Committee has invited representatives from other Orchid Societies, Judges from our Shows & Display, Guest Speakers we have enjoyed during the year and people who have helped us during the past year to come and celebrate with us. We also hope to have a representative from the Westmead Hospital Medical Research Foundation present to which we would donate the proceeds of the raffles held during our shows & display. The committee would like to extend an invitation to not only our Members but also their partners, family and friends to join us on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 for this festive occasion. The young children or grandchildren of our members are very welcome at this party.

It is intended to have a short meeting starting at 8.00pm to commence the evening, and then break for our party. The Annual Point Score presentation will be performed at an appropriate time during the evening.



Cattleya loddigesii ‘Solitary Island’

There will be no point score competition this night. Instead Members are asked to bring 1 or 2, at the most plants to bench for a popular vote prize. There will be no open, or novice sections. There will also be a lucky door prize for one lady and one gentleman present.



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Galston Garden Club

Blessed with beautiful weather, our annual Open Gardens weekend was a great success. The garden owners as usual, had done a magnificent job to have their gardens looking spectacular. There was such a variety of differently styled gardens to inspire all of us to go back to our own gardens, large & small, with a number of good ideas from colour to design, or just to do the weeding!! A huge thank you to the Open Gardens Committee, who have worked tirelessly all year, with both garden owners & club members to organise this popular annual event. Also, a huge thanks has to go to the generous garden owners who not only open their gardens, but are on hand to chat to visitors about them. There were thousands of visitors over the three days wandering through the eight gardens; I believe L'hirondelle was especially busy where tea, coffee and many tasty delights baked by Garden Club members were enjoyed! Then there were the many friendly, garden club members who were on the gates answering questions & giving directions, baking goodies & donating plants from their own gardens to sell. All monies raised will be going towards a number of charities that we support.

Our guest speaker this month was Brent Tallis from Overland Nursey Arcadia. Overland Nursery is a second generation wholesale family business that sells its plants business to business, including landscapers, Bunnings & Big W. With smaller independent Nurseries becoming fewer it was encouraging to see how this nursery was growing & expanding, with innovative ideas & accreditation for best nursery practise that takes in water containment, best business practice & weed management. Brent gave us an interesting insight into supplying large quantities of plants to suppliers and the issues facing the wholesale nursery industry at large. He also shared how some varieties of plants have been reduced or lost due to the demand for year round

Brent at Overland Nursery tour



plants, even out of season. Then there were his very handy tips for trees & climbers.

The talk was followed up by a tour of Overland Nursery the next day, where we were given a behind the scenes look at a large scale wholesale nursery, from propagation to dispatch. A very interesting couple of hours with the treat of being able to purchase some plants direct from the wholesaler! Thanks to Brent & his staff who put on a lovely morning tea for club members that included homemade pikelets with jam & cream – fortunately we walked them off as we toured around the grounds.

There are many benefits to being a club member & apart from the many gardening tips & increasing your gardening knowledge there is the social side, where many friendships are made. Our social secretary organises some really interesting social events including the nursery visit to Overland and the recent fabulous tour to Toowoomba for 10 days in September enjoyed by many club members that took in amazing gardens, nurseries and of course lovely places to enjoy a meal. Coming up for club members only a joint opera and garden function, held in conjunction with the Opera and Arts Support Group. We will start with a champagne morning tea at a member's garden followed by lunch & opera recital at Allegro. A donation will be going towards the Opera and Arts Support Group to assist up and coming young artists.

Garden Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday 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



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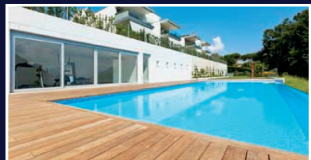
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Dural and Hills District Garden Club - Meetings at 8pm on 1st Wednesday of each month at Mid Dural Fire Station, 57 Mid Dural Road. Further information contact Di Glasgow 0409 909 161 or email duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

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 3rd Thursday of the month at 8 pm (during school terms). Enquiries 0403076175. 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 Christmas Luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on Wednesday 23rd November, 2016. Bob Brown will provide entertainment. 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@dhphc.com.au

Glenorie Progress Club - Hold its meetings monthly at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. 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 10.00 am to 12 noon; and at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre on Tuesdays from 11.00 am to 01.00 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 07.00 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. S7. 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 Berilee. 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 Evelyn on 02 9634 4987.

CHURCHES

Galston Uniting Church - Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.30pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursday evenings of the school term from 7.00 to 1.0.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest- Men's Choir, Ladies Choir. For all

enquiries, please call the church office on 9653 2039. 11 School Road Galston or visit www.galstonunitingchurch.com

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church - Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service at 49 Arcadia Rd Galston. Contact Minister Pr. David McKibben 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 Muscos Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 9652 1203.

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

St. Benedict's Catholic Church Arcadia Mass at the Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, at 7am every morning. Mass at the Parish Centre, Ph. 9653-2312. Corner Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd. 7pm Saturday, 9am Sunday Parish Priest; Fr Bernard McGrath 0416032497.

St. Columba's Anglican Church, Arcadia - Sundays at 9.30 am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at 9.30 am - enquiries Beverly 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.com.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. gccc.nsw.crick.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.galstonc.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 agmsinsulations@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 Sumsak 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 Hillside Public School on Cattai Ridge Rd is offering members of the public to hire their tennis court for a minimal fee. 12 month membership \$50 per family or \$8 per hour. Please contact Hillside Public School on 9652 1459.

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

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