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Galston Club Celebrates 50 years

The Galston Club celebrated 50 years of community service on Saturday 16th March. A Golden Jubilee Dinner was held for original founding committee members up to the current committee plus staff and others who had been long term supporters of the club.



Photo of first committee members (1968)

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2018 ANZAC Sunday Commemoration Service

The Hills District RSL Chapter (formerly Hills District RSL Sub-Branch) will hold the annual ANZAC Sunday March and Commemoration Service on **Sunday 22nd April at 2.30PM** at the Galston Cenotaph, located next to the History Cottage on Galston Road. Marchers will be led by The Hills District Pipe Band, and will assemble on the Aquatic Centre Road at 2.10pm ready to move off at 2.20pm. Those attending the service are asked to be seated by 2.20pm. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the Galston Memorial Club, Arcadia Road. Following the service afternoon tea will be served at the Club.



Enquiries to **Bill Rosier**, Hills District RSL Chapter Coordinator, mobile 0432 847 137.

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Friends of Fagan Park

Planning is under way for our next Open day on ANZAC Day, **Wednesday, 25th April**. Everyone is welcome to come and see all our displays. It may be of interest to people that every item on display in the museums and homestead is in original condition, and in the case of mechanical items like tractors, engines, carts etc, all in working order. We choose to bring out a selection each Open Day and give them a run.



The problems with the Farmall F14 tractor restoration project mentioned previously have been overcome, and we can now report that as of 6th March, it is running quite well and was driven around the Museum area to celebrate. There remains only some tidying up, paint touch up and fitting of decals to complete the project. It is 67 years since it last ran, so it gives a lot of satisfaction to see it finally restored. We started in August 2015, so it has been a 2½-year project. A photo of the tractor and some of the volunteers who have been involved in the project is featured. As mentioned before, it has quite a history, which will be part of our ANZAC Day display.

The Friends of Fagan Park maintain the gardens around Netherby Homestead, and in spring in particular they are magnificent. With recent rain, everything has bounced back from the very dry spell. If residents have any repairs needing the attention of our blacksmiths, please feel free to bring them to the park, (on a Tuesday morning for preference), and they will be only too happy to assist. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Two Honourable Grannies

Ella Horton of Glenorie has some high family achievement to live up to, with both her grandmothers being recognised in this year's Australia Day Honour's list.

Dr Diana O'Halloran from Glenorie was made an Officer in the General Division (AO) for her distinguished service to medicine in general practice and Judy Horton from Middle Dural was awarded a medal (OAM) for the promotion of horticulture and gardening. Diana and Judy celebrated recently by enjoying lunch together at the Sasanqua Café on Cattai Ridge Road.



Judy (left) and Diana at their celebratory lunch.

Ella, who graduated last year from Galston High School, is possibly the only young person in Australia who has had both her grandmothers simultaneously honoured, but in two entirely different fields.

Diana and Judy will be officially presented with their awards at Government House Sydney in May.

Galston CWA News

This month we attempted to make soap with a lovely outcome. This has inspired us to try more complicated designs and we look forward to learning more about the process. Thank you to All Australian Candle Making Supplies for getting us started. candlemaking.com.au



Several Galston Branch ladies will be attending the tea rooms at the Royal Easter Show this month, please show your support and grab some tea and scones!

Also happening this month is the Group cookery and Handicraft competition in Blacktown, good luck to all who entered. Anyone who wins 1st prize will then go onto State level.

The CWA's AGM will be held soon in Armidale. This is an extremely large event with ladies from all over the state attending. We look forward to reporting back on this event in May.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday April 11th**. Chocolate making class will be held at our **9th May** meeting. We meet at the Galston Health and Community Centre, cnr Glade and 17 Arcadia Road, Galston. Visitors are most welcome to attend.

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

We are always looking for new members if you are interested please drop by. Our general members range in age from 30 years to 90+. Junior members also welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact the numbers below.

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By Katy Joscelyne

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We sort through every box and every bag, and saleable items are priced and placed on our shelves to be sold. The proceeds are then directed back to assist needy members of our community. Excess clothing and shoes which may be a bit old fashioned or faded are sent overseas to help Third World poverty-stricken countries.

We are happy to accept clothing, shoes, hats, handbags and accessories as long as these items are clean and free from stains, tears, missing buttons etc. Homewares and picture frames sell well, as do books, stationery and craft items, DVDs and CDs, toys, sporting goods, linen and toiletries.

We cannot rehome your old cassettes and videos, electric blankets, plastic heaters, mattresses, broken china, rusty saucepans and tools, worn out sneakers, and electrical items that are no longer working. Please be mindful and place these in your own garbage bin.

Sadly, we have to empty the equivalent of six skip bins every week to dispose of items that we cannot sell, and this comes at considerable cost.

Please be mindful when you bring us your donations, that if things are broken, chipped, torn, stained or no longer working, the cost of us having to bin them may cancel out our earnings from yours and others donations. Thank you for your help.

On **Thursday 29th March**, the day before Good Friday, both Salvos stores will be having a **STOREWIDE HALF PRICE DAY**.

When you are next in the area, please call in and meet the teams at our Glenorie and Dural stores. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome.

Dental Care Changes

Well-trusted local dentist Dr Phillip Westley-Smith has closed the doors of his established practice after over 40 years serving the Round Corner community and surrounding suburbs.

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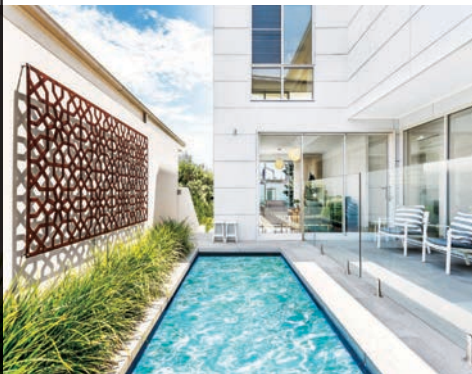


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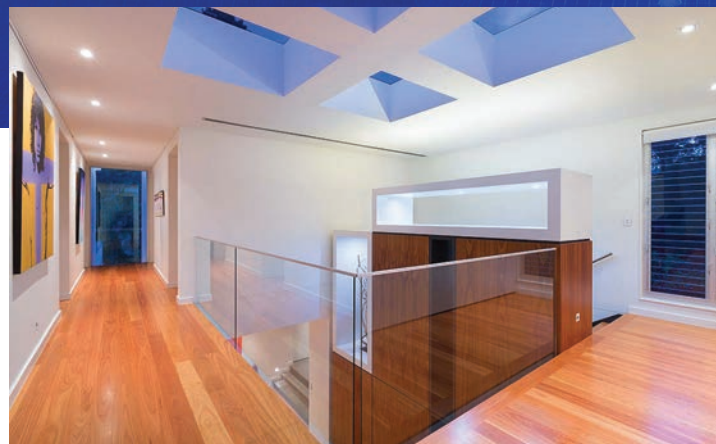


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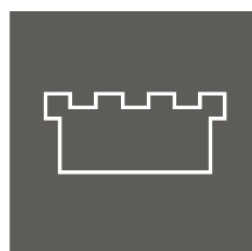
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Photo of past and current committee members and staff

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members. The full licence was granted on 27th November 1967, with the new club opening on 2nd December 1967. An inaugural commemoration was held on 16th March 1968 to celebrate the official opening with the new name of the Hills District Memorial Club.

The first committee members were Ted Burgess (President), Ernie Wickson, Jack Barrett, Les King, Elly Elsholz, Kevin Banks, Maxwell Weymouth, Louis Heather, Leonard Etherington and Henry Black (see image on front page).

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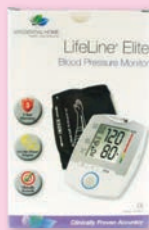


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Why use an agent?

Although it is possible to sell a property without an agent, securing a good agent is one of the best ways to ensure you receive the highest possible price for your home. Do your research before settling on an agent so that you can find one that you trust to give you the best outcome overall.

Although it may be tempting to go for the cheapest option, it's important to remember your end goal. An agent who charges very low commission may not be highly skilled or may lack confidence and negotiation skills. Even though you may save money initially, if your house sells for less than you had hoped for you could end up worse off overall.

You get what you pay for

If you want the best possible price for your house, it's worth paying a premium for an agent who has a strong track record of sales and will work hard to help you achieve your goals. To prevent any nasty surprises further down the track, make sure you get all the fees and costs in writing before you move ahead.

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"On Thursday 24th August 2017, the local community came together at Biviano's Restaurant Dural for the Hills Annual Charity Gala Ball to raise money for the Grace Centre for Newborn Care at The Children's Hospital at Westmead", said Raj Kumar owner of Bivianos,

"The Grace Centre (ICU) provides intensive care to approximately 600 critically ill newborn babies each year who have surgical, cardiac and other complex medical conditions" said Mag Hosny JP, Marketing Manager for Biviano's. "Sadly, the demand for the Centre outweighs their current resources and funds, and we heard their urgent plight by including-ICU in our last year Biviano's Gala Ball".

To help ICU to continue its life-saving work, our goal as organisers and supporters was to raise sufficient funds to purchase an urgently needed \$24,000 for one Panda Medical Bed.

"Through the generosity of sponsors, donors, and guests on the evening, enough funds were raised to purchase not one, but two of these incredible beds" said Mayor of The Hills, Dr Michelle Byrne. "I feel extremely lucky to live in such a generous community and thanks to Biviano's Restaurant Dural for hosting such a great yearly event".

Dr Jim Taggart -OAM , who was the MC and auctioneer for the night said "I want to thank everyone who attended and donated to the event. It was for such a worthy cause, and I was delighted to be involved with Biviano's".

On Friday 2nd of March, the two new Panda Medical Beds were officially presented to Professor Dr Nadia Badawi AM- Medical Director and her team Angela Casey and Robert Halliday of the Children's Hospital at Westmead- ICU.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said "I want to thank the generous people of the Hills who donated funds which secured these beds on behalf of The Grace Centre at Westmead Children's Hospital. These two beds will be vital to saving the lives of hundreds of babies in the future".

📌 If you are interested in attending the next Hills Annual Charity Gala Ball will be on 23rd August 2018. Tickets go on sale on 7th May.

Wanting Donations



Kerrie from the **Galston Village Pharmacy** is once again organising The World's Biggest Morning Tea which will be held in their new premises on **Thursday 24 May**.

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Harmony Day

By Rabia Rasul



I am an Australian born Pakistani muslim. I will be attending year 11 at Mount St Benedict College. I have a passion for humanitarian studies and enjoy reading. I am 15 years old and was born on the 21st March.

The 21st March is the International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination otherwise known as

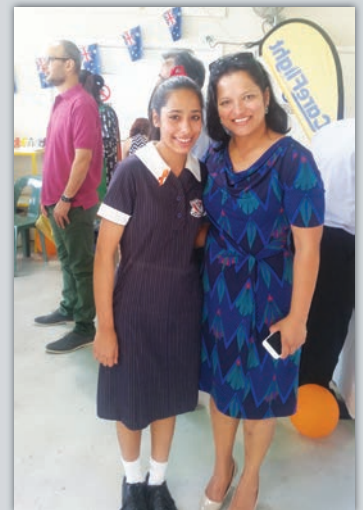
Harmony Day. For the past 2 years, I have done something to mark Harmony Day by trying to give back to the community.

In 2016, I hosted an event at the Careflight Base in Westmead to celebrate Harmony Day. I raised just under \$4000 and all the proceeds went to Careflight. In 2016, I was also nominated for John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award as part of the Office of the Order of Australia.

In 2017, I cut off 17cm of my hair and donated it to a charity called the Little Princess Trust. This year I hosted an event to celebrate Harmony Day in order to signify and spread a message of

unity. It was held on **Sunday 25th March** at the Careflight base in Westmead.

Careflight are an aeronautical rapid response team that provide medical assistance to patients involved in emergencies. They are often the first people on the scene and are reliant on donations from the public. They don't discriminate when assisting patients. Harmony Day is about coming together to celebrate our similarities and acknowledge our cultural, religious and spiritual differences. It is about recognising that we live in a multicultural society, but at the end of the day we are all Australians aiming to achieve a better future in a better world, where we are surrounded by love and respect.



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You will hear from two solar experts, one from the residential solar industry and the other from the commercial solar industry. They bring with them expertise from installing solar systems for Bunnings Warehouse, South West Rail, Hammond Care, Dubbo RSL, IGA, Officeworks together with local installation experience.

Both of our experts live locally. They are passionate about the benefits of solar, how to size the correct system, and whether or not batteries are right for you.

A short presentation will commence at 1.30pm with plenty of time for questions afterwards.

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Our goal is to raise \$40,000 and we are reaching out to the local community to support the event by entering a team, sponsoring a hole, donating a prize or volunteering on the day!

Tickets are \$225 per person and include golf, shared cart hire, a delicious lunch and dinner. Alternatively, join your partner for dinner only at \$60 per person. There will also be a fundraising raffle and auction on the night and lots of exciting prizes to be won on the day!

The Golf Day is always a fun and enjoyable day. Inala is very grateful to the local community and the support given to this event which enables Inala to flexible day and accommodation services to enrich the lives and sense of wellbeing for individuals living with disability.

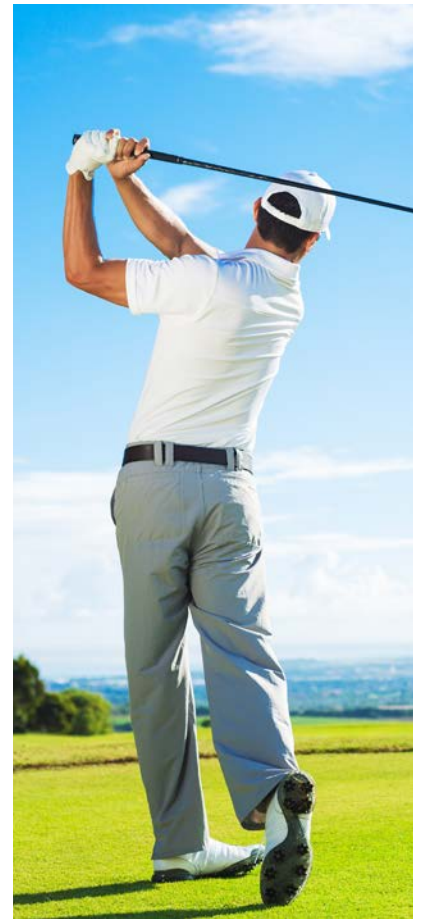
Many local businesses and community groups are supporting this year's event, including Gold Sponsor, Jennmar and Trophy Sponsor, Coonara Chemist. Other sponsors

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Hornsby MTB Trails Update

By Susanna Mills

OMV is officially open!

Hornsby Council and Northconnex have kept their word to the community, re-opening most of the custom-built MTB trails (created by professional trail builders, Synergy Trails) near the old quarry. Trails have been improved, linked by subways under the conveyor belt and steep fill-truck access road. It is really interesting to take a breather on the steep TAFE side of the trails and look down upon the hive of Northconnex activity.

Council is also reviewing the unofficial, community-built trails of Westleigh (aka H20) and, fingers crossed, there may be some exciting news about that in the near future.

Since the official opening on 13 December, 2017 by Mayor Philip Ruddock, thousands of offroad cyclists, some travelling from as far as Newcastle, have been enjoying these two small MTB trail networks. The new Old Mans Valley (OMV) trail access ramp below the TAFE is proving very popular with mountain bikers from surrounding suburbs



who are leaving the car at home. **During school holidays it is wonderful to see how many local teenagers and primary school kids are now cycling at OMV and living life, instead of watching it go by on a screen.**

Sadly, the Quarry Road fire trail remains officially closed to all BVNP trail users, thanks to rifle range bosses. NSW Govt (OEH) cut budgets to our National Parks, so there's 'no money' to build QRT detour trails (or build and maintain any bush trails generally) for taxpayers to explore our vast National Parks on foot or bicycle. But, billions of dollars are lavished on toll roads and stadiums... enough said.

Regenerating OMV is a sound investment in ratepayers' quality of life and the local regional economy. It's not just off-road cyclists who are benefitting either. OMV is a perfect example of how authorities and communities can work together to transform an environmental eyesore into a valuable asset. With Sydney MTB trails development and land access looking rather grim back in 2017, it is absolutely marvellous to share this very good news in 2018!

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DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Approx. 6km per lap. Not recommended for novices, unless you confine your ride to the green trails on the map. (H2O Westleigh is less intimidating) Technical flowy trails with several big drop-offs and rock riding for experienced mountain bikers. There are also demanding, technical climbs- so all up OMV is an excellent mental and physical workout.

FACILITIES: No toilets or change rooms yet at OMV (though there is a toilet in neighbouring Hornsby Park). A central new OMV jump spot has been completed by Synergy Trails to hang out at. Nearby cafes and the swimming pool to relax in after your ride. Support the local businesses.

MORE INFO and UPDATES: <http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/mbt> and watch the fun 'Ruddock Rides' video about OMV on You Tube!



Eastbend Report

At the Eastbend Rural Communications quarterly meeting at Maroota on February 19th a number of issues were discussed, including changes to the organization's banking procedures, a submission concerning the proposed Windsor Bridge replacement and recent proposals for new or extended sandstone quarries in the district.

The next meeting will be held at Maroota Public School on **Monday May 21st**. If you have any local items you would like to discuss or have help with please come to the meeting.

📍 If you can't come yourself, please contact Pat Schwartz, at deblacko7@hotmail.com or 9652-1276, or Tessa Corkill, at 2archaeics@gmail.com or 9652-1470, to raise any issues. As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting starts. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

We welcome all residents to our monthly support group meetings. Our next meeting is:

DATE: April 16th

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First National's Close Shave



Mark Geyer and Adrian Rovere

Dural First National is throwing its support behind this year's World's Greatest Shave charity, by 'shaving off' some of the commission from sales made between **March 18 and August 5** to boost funding for the vital research into finding a cure for blood cancers such leukaemia. Senior sales agent Adrian Rovere has shown further commitment to the cause by "taking one for the team" and having his luscious locks shaved off during a gala event hosted by Glenorie Bakery.

It was a real family affair with Adrian's daughter Courtney doing the honours, whilst bakery owner Rob Pirina had great pleasure in shaving the head of his general manager Adrian Membrick.

Adrian said the early response to the initiative has been excellent and, going forward, that will gain momentum as we move closer to August 5. "The reason it is that particular date is because the period is 20 weeks, and that number is in align with this year being the charity's 20th anniversary."

Adrian said with everyone touched by cancer in some way, shape or form, it was heartening to be partnering with not only our vendors but also the Glenorie Bakery and the Galston Club, where the very popular secretary-manager James Roberts, has faced his own health challenges. "James is a top notch human who despite facing some personal health battles of his own, is always so very generous with his support of charities.

"The Galston Club, like the Glenorie Bakery, are the heartbeat of the community and the number one meeting place for local residents and visitors alike," Adrian said.

Adrian said he is hoping this gesture by Dural First National is adopted right across the First National group which numbers up around 500 in both Australia and New Zealand.

Rustic and Rural Artisan

A unique opportunity to peruse pottery, basket weaving, loom weaving and recycled vintage goods in a beautiful rural setting awaits you at the Rustic and Rural Artisan Weekend.

Ruth Fugar of Barakee Pottery will be exhibiting and selling her earthy handmade pottery on **5th-6th May**. Sharon Bartle will have an amazing display of baskets and wreaths which are handcrafted using foraged vines and natural materials. Marie and Rod of Picket Fence Imports specialise in handcrafted timber wares and will have an array of eclectic pieces available for purchase. Talented loom-weaver Rachel Rutt will also have her beautiful weavings on offer, handcrafted using natural and spun elements.

Come down and enjoy a relaxing lunch or coffee in the extensive cottage gardens at 135 Miller Road, Glenorie. There will be vegan and vegetarian whole food snacks prepared for you by Laura of Good Earth Kitchen as well as the Wanna Cuppa Coffee van to satisfy any coffee cravings.

As this will be happening the weekend before Mother's Day it could be a nice opportunity to treat your mum to a pleasant day out!

To find out more about these exhibitors and their work, have a look at their Instagram pages: @barakeepottery | @wildweaving | @picketfenceimports | @rachelrutt

For any enquiries about the weekend contact Ruth at barakeepottery@gmail.com



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Glenore Progress Association News

By Di Coxon-Ellis

Issue number one being dealt with is the *Boral Concrete Upgrade*: We extensively advertised the Information Meeting on 13 March and 38 members and residents attended to hear the response from Boral to date.

Boral Concrete representatives engaged with the residents of Glenorie in a positive way and presented these documents for everyone's consideration. In these presentations Boral has responded to the submissions from the Glenorie Progress Association, the Glenorie Pony Club and only two other residents of Glenorie.

They have given their perspective of the key concerns of traffic; noise; safety; visual appearance; operational hours; scale of the proposed upgrade and effects on the character of Glenorie Village.

The only significant alteration to the original proposal is the enclosure of the new slumping stand for noise mitigation.

Other concerns yet to be addressed are:

Dust and associated problems; machinery commencing out of current operating hours, height of the communication tower (in comparison with the proposed 21m silos) and provision of artists impressions of likely sight effects from the north, east and west.

Boral has addressed another issue raised of their trucks using the water stand at the bus bay and have issued instructions that NO BORAL TRUCK is to use this facility for filling or washing trucks.

The next step for Boral is the compilation of a newsletter for distribution around the previously identified footprint of residents close to the Batching Plant.

This presentation is on our website so have a look at <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/>

Note that the Boral DA is to be lodged to The Hills Shire Council in the coming month so I again urge all members to submit their concerns and spread the word to ALL who may be affected by the upgrade. You still have an opportunity to have input into a DA PRIOR to its submission!

Issue number two is road safety on Glenorie roads: Your letters about speed limits were sent to the RMS, The Hills and Hornsby Councils, thanks to Authorities Officer Vince. We are awaiting a response.

An event to look forward to is the Solar Information Day on 22 April as part of the series of Lifestyle workshops at the Glenorie Hall. A short presentation will be made at 1:30pm and you can bring your power bill along so our experts can help you "Make sense of Solar. Details are in a report for this event in this magazine on page .

The Environment Centre group has reported on Streamwatch testing highlighting issues with the Glenorie Creek salination and Council is on board checking the conductivity. Also note the intended removal of rubbish including mattresses and furniture from the creek by Council. Sydney Water Reference Group is investigating diverse source nutrient pollution in the Hawkesbury Nepean catchment.

As far as other environmental issues are concerned, our residents, particularly new residents in the area are urged to think about bush care. New residents are attracted to the district for the peace and quiet, native animals, birds and vegetation. Care of the bush is part of living here. Please be aware of Council rules on removing vegetation. We all work towards retaining the ambiance of Glenorie and surrounds while still going forward with developments and the additional infrastructure need to support them.

We hope to have a dedicated 'Associations' noticeboard next to the RFS board for our Glenorie community associations to post information to. This will NOT be a community board for all to use but dedicated to the GPA, Glenorie Hall, Maroota Bioregional Forum, Eastbend etc. Here we hope to keep all residents of the district informed of issues relevant to them. To this end, Woolworth's management is looking into the matter of a completely new set up of all notices on the wall of Woolworths.

This is a list of items being discussed with Hornsby Councillor Michael Hutchence and Ward A Councillor Warren Waddell:-

Bus bay - Photos of Illegal dumping were forwarded to HSC Waste Management team and cleaned up. If it becomes an ongoing issue Council can set up portable CCTV units.

Bus bay gardens are to be completed in the near future. The Waste Manager is currently looking for a contractor.

We are advised that signs at the Post Office Road and ONR intersection should relate only to the property in front of which they are placed. ***However Council is lenient with sport registration signs which can be left only until the season starts.***

Very shortly we will have the facility to join the GPA and to renew your membership online and even better news is that if you join or rejoin now it will be included in the 2018/19 year.

The boring stuff now... All our reports and minutes will be available on the Glenorie Progress Association website: <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/>

We are getting desperate for a Secretary as I am finding it difficult filling the role of President and Secretary. We also need a Public Information Officer to assist in the organization of Public Information evenings. Plus we would like a Membership Officer to look after our membership listings. Many hands etc....

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Club Champion (again) and Richard, who was last year. Photo shows Arthur holding his stick and bowler's arm with which he plays, only using the wheelchair to conserve energy between ends, with Carl who plays in the chair and has considerable success in special events around the state.

At 42 Karen Murphy is the oldest lady in Australia's Commonwealth games team, her fifth games, so it seems bowlers in all those advertisements for retirement villages are only half the story. It is sensible to start any physically and mentally challenging sport while the body is at its best so the rewards of skill come sooner and last longer.



Richard and Ben

The Club's Drawn Mixed triples has been won by Larry Gillespie, Marelle Saunders and Ray Vindin who played super bowls to defeat Keith McGill, Judith Harris and Richard Thorp who could not withstand the consistency of the winners.



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The Hawkesbury Show is deep in tradition and history, now in its 132nd year, it is backed by a strong committee dedicated to deliver an amazing display for all generations. This year visitors will also have an opportunity to support the Autism Advisory and Support Services and their mega-sized raffle.

In the Philip Charley pavilion you will find the art, craft photography, sewing, preserves, flowers, fruit, vegetables, honey lapidary and for the second year Lego displays. If you wish to enter in these categories, please contact the Show office.

For the children the Animal Nursery is always a popular destination where you can feed a lamb or a Kid or hold a duckling or chicks. The arena entertainment will have everybody on the edge of their seats as the Motor Cross team jump high into the sky. There will of course be hundreds of different showbags to choose from.

With over 200 commercial displays you will be amazed at the quality of the locally made goods and services on offer. Free entertainment is in abundance – free range bird exhibit, grand parade, stage performance, Isuzu D-Max precision driving team and the ever-popular fireworks on Friday and Saturday night.

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Morris Geoffrey Higson Eulogy

Dad was born in Hornsby on 16th August 1943, the second son to Topsy and Geoff Higson. He was taken home to Chilcott Road, Berrilee where he joined his older brother Lindsay, and seven years later a younger sister Frances joined the family. This address happily stayed with him for the next 60 years, first living in his family home as a child and adolescent, and later in his early married life in a small fibro dwelling before building a three bedroom brick veneer for his own family, and then on to the adjoining property at the end of the road to again build, this time a larger house and many sheds as the need arose.

Dad started his school life at Berrilee Public School where he was to make many lifelong friends, some of whom are in attendance today. While in primary school dad spent many hours exploring the bush and creeks surrounding Berrilee with his friends and siblings, and also ventured to nearby Berowra Waters to swim in summer. Work on the family farm also started in these early years.

He then went to Hornsby Boys Technical College and from there Normanhurst Boys. Dad didn't particularly enjoy his days at high school and was pleased to be able to leave school and explore more practical pursuits.

His first job was poultry farming, first with Mr Keighran and then with Uncle Bob Bradley in Arcadia. His love of farm machinery became evident early. In his late teens he worked for Chamberlain and then David Brown Tractors. With this job he enjoyed travelling throughout country NSW.

Dad met Mum at a local dance at Dural, in the early 1960's. They married in 1965 when they were both 21 and settled in Berrilee. He returned to the family citrus orchard to work. He soon after became the milkman for Berrilee, Arcadia and Galston, home delivering seven days a week. During this time, he became a father, Carolyn being born in 1966 and myself in 1968. Mum had the unenviable job of keeping two young children quiet all morning until dad got up and started work again in the afternoon cutting sandstone from the property.

In the early 1970's dad started his first business with trucks, carting shale. He moved to earthmoving soon after, purchasing a backhoe which he worked for many years, forming firm friendships with the teams he worked with.

By the 1980's dad had started working for Glenorie Bus Company performing many roles, including driving and later as an inspector. He again made many friends during this time, and again, many of them are here today. He worked there on and off until his forced retirement in 2002 due to his first stroke.

During the late 1980's, dad returned to tractor sales, this time working for Harold Shore at Glenorie. By the 1990's dad returned to the delivery business, distributing smallgoods to deli's across the Blue Mountains.

Dad had the great pleasure of watching his four grandchildren; Cameron, Courtney, Dale and Annabelle grow to adulthood, and of enjoying his first great grandchild, Destiny. Dad's hobby of working with timber grew from making toys for all his grandchildren. He gained great pleasure watching them all play with his creations.

Dad's other leisure activities included gardening, bushwalking, reading, playing cards, doing puzzles, caravanning and spending time with friends and family. The one thing that dad never stopped enjoying was his love of driving and anything mechanical. He drove professionally in a number of capacities, owned a variety of vehicles and the loss of his licence was the one thing he never really accepted. As many local people here today are well aware, he continued to drive his motor scooter around Galston until only a few weeks ago, allowing him independence, possible at the expense of several near accidents of others, of which he was blissfully unaware.

Beer with mates on upturned milk crates in sheds, more recently became breakfast on a scooter at the local shops, but the constant of good friends, mateship, enjoyment of food and drinks remained continuous throughout dad's life. In addition to this, a pet dog was never far away, and he enjoyed feeding all the local dogs in Galston, along with the children who owned them, until just last month.

Dad had been a member of Galston Club for 50 years and was a director there for 3. He had been looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the club tomorrow evening, and will definitely be there in spirit.

Carolyn and I are deeply grateful for the influence dad had on us, both of us enjoying many of the pursuits introduced to us by him, such as travelling in Australia, bushwalking, gardening, reading and the love of dogs. Dad taught us both to drive by providing us with many paddock bashers, but this may have been a more successful strategy for myself than Carolyn.

Eulogy by Jo Anne Pierce,



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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Have you been to Hornsby Shire Council's Community Recycling Centre yet? You need to try out this great new facility, which is receiving glowing praise from everybody who visits. It's an easy and safe way to get rid of a range of household problem waste items that are unsuitable for your bins at home.

One of the best features is the specially designed drive-through that makes it so simple, but even better is the fact it's entirely free of charge.

Household problem waste items that can be dropped off at the centre include paints, gas bottles, household and car batteries, light globes, smoke detectors, TVs and computers, printer toners and mobile phones.

There's quite a bit of uncertainty around the recycling industry at the moment, due mainly to China's decision to accept less recyclable material, but right now it's business as usual in Hornsby Shire.

We are keeping a close eye on the situation and will let you know if anything changes, but for now there is no need to worry. Did you know that last year alone we recycled 14,000 tonnes of co-mingled material? That's a sterling achievement that we want to continue.

Philip Ruddock
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES



If you were not able to attend, there is a summary of the decisions and outcomes from the last Council meetings at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/meetingsummaries

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From Left to Right/Top-Bottom -All Convict Footprints cast unless noted otherwise: Lew McDonnell. Jerry Retford, Leofric Kingsford Smith, Pauline Kingsford Smith, Liz Templeton [WFFVA], Anthony McAuliffe [Wiseman's Ferry Inn]

“Wiseman’s Colonial Weekend” — Inaugural Event

Wiseman’s Ferry May 19/20 2018

The township of Wisemans Ferry will be filled with a host of historical entertainments this coming May for the inaugural Wiseman’s Colonial Weekend as Solomon Wiseman himself welcomes colonial theatre, street entertainment, period buskers, artisan stalls, indigenous ceremony and classic colonial bush dance to the town along with the premiere of another TWO brand new ‘Theatre in the Wild’ productions from the Convict Footprints team over the weekend.

Partnering with the Wisemans Ferry Forgotten Valley Association and local sponsors including major sponsor WFR Real Estate Agents, Convict Footprints brings their unique brand of living history immersive entertainment to the picturesque riverside town with a day of roving street theatre culminating in the first premiere of the weekend as they launch a brand new production on the Saturday evening at the Wisemans Ferry Inn. The show includes a delicious Australian Spit Roast dinner and will be followed by a free fireworks display. The night continues on with classic colonial bush dance provided by the much celebrated Ozimaid Bush Band, with a prize for the best dressed gent and lady in colonial costume. The fun continues Sunday as another brand new Convict Footprints show premieres at the amazing Tobruk Station with shows morning & afternoon - join them up the hill above the town for a bawdy historical romp through our country’s farming history as actors, stockmen, Jillaroos, sheep, dogs, horses, actors dressed as sheep... all come together in a wonderfully chaotic entertainment which includes a classic Australian bush BBQ lunch.

Bring the whole family on a trip back through time to Wiseman’s Colonial Weekend, 19th/20th May 2018 - a destination of historical events for all the family that’s sure to entertain as well as educate on a little of the area’s local history.

Free entry to township/day events/stalls etc and fireworks.

Tickets for either of the Convict Footprints show/meal special events are available online from

www.tickets.convictfootprints.com.au

There are a wide variety of accommodation options available in the Wisemans Ferry area from the recently restored colonial quarters at the Wisemans Ferry Inn to family camping and cabins at Del Rio, and everything in between. See the Wisemans Ferry website or Facebook pages for more information.

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Wisemans Ferry Park upgrades

Wisemans Ferry Park is a much-loved community facility enjoyed by residents and visitors alike to The Hills district.

Towards the end of 2017 Hills Shire Council completed foreshore improvement works within Wisemans Ferry Park. The river banks were collapsing and the ageing rock filled baskets along the river edge were in poor condition.



Mayor Byrne pictured at the upgraded playground

Council has installed two new sandstone rock walls providing stability and access to the river edge, and other sections of collapsing river bank were filled with soil and stabilised with sandstone boulders and new plants.

Stainless steel barbecues have been installed adjacent to the playground. Paths have been upgraded. Three large all-weather park shelters will be built at the site to provide shade to those using the barbecue facilities and existing furniture. Picnic settings have been replaced with newer and more modern versions and additional seating upgrades are also planned.”

Most recently, new play equipment, including additional swings, a play unit nest swing and native planting was completed at the park. A nature play area with balance beams, stepping stones and a sandstone rock with a poem about Wisemans was designed to create symmetry with the region’s convict past and our modern vibrant community. Additional playground equipment is scheduled to be installed next month including a flying fox cable ride, giant climbing rope and slide.

Old Northern Road and Glenhaven Road Upgrade

Works at the intersection of Old Northern Road and Glenhaven Road will soon commence after Council awarded a tender to Clearly Bros on Tuesday, February 27.

The construction management company will now be tasked with upgrading the busy intersection, ultimately improving safety for all road users. “It is a big win for residents who have campaigned for years for upgrades to be made at this busy stretch of road. Road safety is very important to our community and improving the Old Northern Road and Glenhaven Road intersection has been a top priority for Council”, said Mayor Bryne.

“After the relocation of services, the next step of the project includes reconstruction and widening of Old Northern Road and Glenhaven Road, and the installation of traffic signals at the Glenhaven Road intersection. These upgrades wouldn’t have been made possible without the support of the Minister for Disability Services and Multiculturalism and the local member for Castle Hill, Ray Williams MP, who has continued to work with Council and the Roads and Maritime Services to finalise designs.

“This is a great outcome for residents and I am so happy we can deliver this important project, while improving connectivity, reliability and performance of one of The Hills’ major arterial roads. I thank the residents for their patience in what has been a very long process to get to this point,” Mayor Byrne added.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robyn Preston said she was pleased to see work finally underway.

“Residents have been crying out for more than a decade to have this stretch of road upgraded,” Deputy Mayor Preston said.

“It’s fantastic news that we are finally moving along with this important project,” she added.

State Member for Castle Hill, Ray Williams MP, said the upgrade has been a long time coming.

“There were many obstacles in our way and no one could have foreseen them when the upgrade was initially announced,” Mr Williams said.

“I want to commend the Council, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and the NSW Government for funding this very important project, which will improve road and traffic conditions.

“I want to also take the opportunity to apologise to the community who had to wait so long for this road project to begin. But regardless of the outcome, we would have had to go through this same process to achieve the results we need to improve this important intersection.”

The RMS and Council have jointly funded the \$9 million road improvement project.

Works will begin in early April 2018.



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Quirindi with Galston High School

By Richard Young, Galston Rotary

Galston Rotary have supported the agricultural students at



Horse stud with brood mares in background

Galston High School with annual education trips to Quirindi.

My wife, Julia, and I set off from Galston with the aim of getting to Quirindi later that day.

First stop, Singleton for breakfast and were there joined by two other Galston Rotarians, Brian

and Harley.

Next was to catch up to the students bus at Arrowfield Horse Stud. This is claimed to be the number one horse stud in Australia.

About 20 brood mares in a paddock near the first assembly area put on a good display of galloping around the paddock. Then it was on to see mares with foals, some only 4 days old. The next stop was a yearling horse training area where young horses are trained ready for the yearling sales.

The errands in Quirindi included picking up the key for the race course from the council and food for the students. With the

food in the fridge it was time to join the students at Windy Station. I thought Harley was a bad navigator but the bus was even worse. Harley, Brian, Julia and I were at Windy Station a good 15 minutes before the bus and students.

Windy Station is changing direction from lot feeding to natural grazing, which means no more hormone treatment. We were also shown the sowing of sorghum.

The BBQ dinner, with a few members of Quirindi Rotary Club, was enjoyable. The good news for Quirindi Rotary is they have a lot of new younger members who are enthusiastic.

Thursday morning saw breakfast at the race course, then off to The Cox's farm, owned by Robert and Muriel. This was one of

the first farms visited when this Galston High School Year 9 Ag Class trip commenced 34 years ago under the instigation of former charter member George Cromie.

Due to the rain on Wednesday night, bailing of the prepared Lucerne hay was not possible, however the wrapping of a bale of silage was demonstrated along with the machinery



Mother and foal

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Just drill section, Julia fore ground bus background

used in cutting and bailing was shown.

Following the visit to the Cox farm, the students visited Quirindi High School Ag department prior to trip to Breeza Station. The four Rotarians arrived just in time to board the bus as they had made a trip to Werris Creek Railway Station. Well worth a visit to



Students on top of the hill



All finished, out you go.

the museum in part of it.

Breeza Station grows cotton, both irrigated and dry, 2 types of wheat including durum, corn, sorghum, chic peas, some other smaller crops and they raise cattle on 12,700 acres (that sounds a lot bigger than 5,080 hectares). This station, along with the other properties, is situated on the Liverpool plains. This is the most fertile area in Australia along with the Darling Downs.

I am saddened that mining interests and Governments want to put the viability of this national asset at risk.

The Cox's and Daniel from Breeza Station joined us for a meal at the RSL on Thursday night.

Friday after breakfast off to the sheep station on top of the hill on the road to Timor.

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Convict Road Gang Site Guided Tour

By Robyn Downham

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society in conjunction with the Convict Trail Project would like to extend the invitation to the general public to join us in our walk along the Convict Road Gang Site.

Visit the old convict road camp site and learn about the life of a convict on the Great North Road. This site is one of the best surviving material records of housing the road gangs known today.

This tour provides a unique opportunity for those attending to walk amongst the old remaining ruins of this convict camp site. The gangs assigned to the Great North Road arrived in Wisemans Ferry in 1827 under the supervision of Lieutenant Jonathan Warner.

It is thought that the site may have been chosen as it was close to major works on the road but removed from the few settlers in the vicinity.

This site is managed by NPWS and due to the nature of the site the group numbers will be limited for this walk. The main site is up a smaller hill with an uneven surface but not a hard walk. The second site is a little less accessible but can be visited by those who are up to the walk.

Date: Saturday, 21st April 2018

Time: 10.30am

Location: To meet at Hawkins Lookout Wisemans Ferry.

We will be car pooling due to the limited parking at the site and leaving some cars at Hawkins Lookout. We will have morning tea here prior to the walk.

Dural and Districts Historical Society

Two Important Local Buildings

By Margaret McKinley

BELOW IS HISTORY COTTAGE.



It was built by Hornsby Council in about 1945, on crown land, as a residence for the caretaker of the adjoining showground and the sports ground. The first caretaker was Alan Blaxland and his wife, Gertrude. They had 3 children, and lived there from about 1945 to 1952. Mrs Blaxland ran a Tea Room there and was famous for her scones. Later other people rented the Cottage as a restaurant, until August 1997 when the Dural Historical Society leased the building, and were able to renovate it, under the leadership of June Roughley, our founding President.

At our next meeting on Saturday, April 14th at 2pm, the guest speaker will be from the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. The topic will be the History of North Head, All welcome.

Did you recognise the mystery item photographed in last month's magazine? It is a metal wedge used to align steel plates during the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It was found buried at the northern end of the Bridge, and can now be seen at History Cottage, which is open on Sundays from 10am to 4 pm. But the cottage will be closed on Easter Sunday.

These walks are suitable for all ages. They require participants to be able to walk for two hours and negotiate uneven bush tracks. There are no toilet facilities on this walk.

Wear suitable walking attire – closed shoes, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Bring your camera and a drink.

Bookings are essential for this walk as numbers are limited to 30, first in best dressed.

Please contact either the Convict Trail Project by email: theconvicttrail@gmail.com or The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society enquiries@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Wednesday, 18th April 2018. Please provide contact phone numbers in case of inclement weather.

Lunch: We suggest lunch at Wisemans Ferry Hotel as a fitting way to finish the walk.

ANZAC Gravely Speaking – Of War and Remembrance

By Kerron May



ANZAC Day our national day of remembrance causes us to pause and reflect on those who made the ultimate sacrifice for God, King and country in the Great War but there is another side to the day to consider: other victims of war – those left behind to mourn both victor and vanquished. Each soldier was a loving son, a beloved husband, a devoted father, fond brother, a lover and good friend, someone who cared and in return was cared about.

Deus vult or God's will is often quoted on military headstones as an acceptance of the fate of war and as an acknowledgement of the humility and pain of a suffering family having lost a loved one in the cause of the greater good. At its most austere, a soldier lived simply, died bravely in total acceptance of whatever is, is best.

But remember just as it takes two to make love, it also takes two to make war. Soldiers on both sides had loving families so perhaps the true compassion of the victor extends through the shared suffering of the loss of a loved one, where to love one's enemy in terms of Luke 6: 27- 28 overcomes and transcends a sad world through mutual and extended kindness.

It is Mothers who have a greater understanding and therefore compassion in dealing with the death of loved ones and one particular epitaph comes to mind which has special tenderness. It reads:

'Tread softly o'er my darling son's grave for a Mother's love lies here'

This poignant message is indicative of remembrance of not only a son who did not return home from the war but is the lament of all Mothers whose sons who did not return either.

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Sallianne McClelland named Hornsby Woman of the Year 2018

Hon Matt Kean MP

Sallianne McClelland is one phenomenal woman. Her passion, hard work and determination to ensure the success of the Hornsby Women's Shelter makes her an obvious choice for 2018 Hornsby Woman of the Year.

More than 200 women have been given a place to stay and hope for a new life thanks to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. Recently celebrating their third birthday it's a great success story for our community.

As president of the Board there is not an aspect of the shelter Sallianne is not involved in. From promotion, to fundraising, to assisting in setting up a transitional home – Sallianne is always there. Her time, effort and commitment to the shelter is nothing short of amazing.

Sallianne was the brains behind The Apron Project which has seen \$40,000 raised for the shelter. It started with her asking some artists to paint aprons for her to auction off. It has continued to grow and last year they had 100 aprons, with artists including Ken Done. They are expecting it to be even bigger in 2018, which doesn't surprise me when Sallianne is involved.

Congratulations Sallianne, we thank you for everything you do for our community.



Matt Kean MP, Hornsby Woman of the Year Sallianne McClelland, her husband Neil and son Max.

Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra, to Address Galston Rotary Club on Mental Health Issues

Julian Leeser had a special mission in entering politics. Having suffered the anguish of his father's suicide some years ago, he is now determined to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention and to persuade governments to do whatever possible to achieve this.

On **April 17** he will address Rotarians and the general public on this issue. Rotary has also invited youth crisis group, Youth Insearch, who will also give a brief address. Youth Insearch has been operating since 1985 and is renowned for its effective treatment programs which have helped countless young victims of abuse and trauma, to turn away from suicide and turn their lives around.

Many Rotary clubs have joined Galston in making Youth Insearch one of their major ongoing projects, and we will be urging Mr Leeser to push for proper funding for that organization so that hundreds more vulnerable youths can be saved. Galston Rotary President Tom Drake-Brockman points out that in preventing youth suicide and social dysfunction, Youth Insearch can not only save lives but save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

Julian Leeser will also be available to answer other questions of concern to the local area.

📍 The public meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 7pm at the Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Rd, Galston. For further enquiries contact Tom: 0418 762575

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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

By Kara Dubois



Crew Leader Training

Members of the Galston Brigade are always looking for opportunities to increase their knowledge and skills within the organisation. Throughout the year members will often complete additional levels of training in both operational and non-operational areas. We currently have four members completing their Crew Leader training. Once successful, it will give them

the potential to become a Brigade Officer and to also lead teams on a fireground.



International Women's Day

Last month marked International Women's Day. It was a day to remind us to celebrate the growing number of women in various roles throughout the NSW Rural Fire Service, and especially within our local Galston Brigade.

Each year, a growing number of women are choosing to become part of our organisation that is dedicated to helping the community. If you are

thinking of joining, give us a call, or visit the RFS website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Bush fire season draws to a close

April marks the end of the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period, which began on 1 October 2017 and ended 31 March 2018.

While we can expect a lower bushfire risk as the weather cools down, everyone in bushfire prone areas should always be fire ready. Visit the RFS website or call the Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737) for more information.

Brigade Contact Details:

Duty mobile: 0491 119 152 Email: info@galstonrfs.org.au

Middle Dural Rural Fire Brigade News



We came to the end of the fire season at the end of March. From April, conditions for lighting fires differ depending on whether you live in The Hills Shire, or Hornsby, so check with your local fire captain (Middle Dural, Len Best 0408220705). The coming months are ideal for clearing hazardous vegetation prior to burning or mulching, rather than delaying it till next fire season!

Our Annual General Meeting will be on **Monday 9 April, starting at 6.30pm** with dinner, followed by the meeting. All our residents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Now that summer is over, Middle Dural Brigade will be undertaking hazard reductions in our own area and joining other brigades for larger-scale burns elsewhere in The Hills. These team efforts, where many crews work together, enable us to truly prepare for emergencies, as we get to know and trust each other. This was the start of multi-brigade Annangrove burn last year.

In Middle Dural Brigade, two new recruits are undergoing their first course, Basic Firefighter. They have had some months familiarisation around the station, getting to know the ropes. Once they have the Basic Firefighter qualification, they will be welcomed as full members of the Brigade and encouraged to take part in those upcoming hazard reductions.

Our new recruits can take further training, such as Village Firefighting, Advanced Firefighting and Crew Leader, with many other courses available depending on where their interests lie. These include chainsaw operation and heavy vehicle driving, on and off road. However, if you think you might be interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, there is no obligation to commit to any courses, until you're sure that it is what you want to do. All fire-prone areas in New South Wales depend on their volunteers, and all interested people are welcomed, but you need to spend some time with us and at the station, before you decide you want to commit to training. We encourage you to check us out!

Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade



March has come and gone in a flash, and our brigade is getting busier and busier for 2018. We welcomed those storms that rumbled over Sydney, in which the rain relieved those drought like

conditions and aided the many firefighters around the state. It was important that we continued to remind the community that it was still fire season and two permits were required for piles. Now that fire season is over for another year, residents are required to obtain their council permit and abide by those instructions.

Arcadia has been starting their Hazard Reduction preparations for those that are planned for the area. These HRs are large tasks to undertake and brigade members have been starting the process by talking to residents and obtaining consent from them. This first step is then followed with preparation of containment lines around the prescribed burn area. At this stage there are no dates available for these HRs, but once we acquire further information we will be informing the community.

The Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai district conducted their Crew Leader assessment in Fiddletown in March. It saw a number of candidates being put through their paces on varying scenarios, including grass and bush fires, property protection, coordinating trucks to attend other incidents, and leading multiple crews. One of our own Arcadians, Mike, represented the brigade well and passed his assessment. Congratulations Mike, your dedication was evident during that grueling assessment.

One of our other continuous training requirements Breathing Apparatus (BA), used in areas that the air is dangerous to breath without clean air, such as structure and car fires. These yearly exercises are designed to keep the crews qualifications up-to-date. Arcadia is a BA brigade, which means our Bravo truck carries breathing apparatus and oxygen cylinders on it.

Arcadia is proud to have an inclusive and supportive environment for everyone. In March we celebrated the achievements and skills of our fire fighter women. Our membership numbers have grown over the past year, as have the involvement of women in our community, which is exciting to see. The brigade is a professional community service and if you are interested in being involved to contact us via enquiries@arcadiarfs.org.au

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

By Elizabeth Whiteman, Glenorie Brigade

Congratulations James and Kathleen

As this goes to print our Community Engagement coordinator James Wicking is on his honeymoon with his beautiful bride Kathleen. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate James and Kathleen and wish them all the very best for their future together.



The team will attend Glenorie Markets and are still available to answer your fire related questions and assist you with property protection while James is on leave.

End of the Fire Season

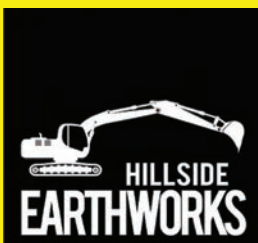
The end of March is the official end the Bush Fire season. You are no longer required to apply for a permit to light fires however regulations still apply, so before you light a fire please contact your local District Office to confirm regulations and give notification of intention to burn. NB: you are required to give notice of intension to burn.

Fuel Management Burns

Autumn is the time brigades plan to do Fuel Management burns. If your property backs onto a proposed burn you may notice brigade members in the bush preparing for the burn (members will always be in fire brigade uniform if on your property for this purpose). Stop by the brigade stand at Glenorie Markets to check on the progress of proposed burns.

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

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Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

Heartbeats is about recognising the good news stories which are happening in our community.

This page is all about sharing and acknowledging the wonderful events, surprises, joy and magic which weave in and out of our lives. Our aim is to make this a regular inclusion in our magazine and everyone is encouraged to contribute their stories....you are what make this community great, so please share so that we can spread your news.

If you would like to contribute to this page please contact Mary.advertising@galstoncommunity.com.au

“Thanks to the Local Community”



Michelle from Michelle Riley Fitness and Performance Management is VERY excited to be nominated as a finalist in the “New Business” category for the Local Business Awards. This wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support and encouragement from not only the local Community but her amazing local ladies that come to fun female fitness classes.

Michelle would like to extend her appreciation and graduate to all her amazing ladies for helping to create a positive and encouraging environment where ladies can come and have fun while getting “fit and healthy”. Michelle is continuing to encourage ladies to get active and take time to look after themselves and enjoying fitness.

We look forward to meeting you!

Well-trusted local dentist Dr Phillip Westley-Smith has closed the doors of his established practice after over 40 years serving the Round Corner community and surrounding suburbs.

He is entrusting Dr. Roy Robertson and Dr. Olivia Ignatiou at Round Corner Dental with the ongoing care of his patients. We have already met a number of wonderful locals that have been well looked after for many years, some for decades! It is a privilege to be asked to look after such loyal and satisfied patients.

There is nothing more wonderful than a wedding.

On a spectacular Sunday morning in mid March I had the pleasure of marrying a former employee of The Galston Community News. Karla, while searching for a celebrant, came across my website and decided that I was the one to perform her ceremony. As we started to chat it was revealed that she once worked in Glenorie, a little more chat and we realised that I am now doing the job she once did for The Galston Community News. How marvellous and such a coincidence.



Karla Orley and Dan Hepburn's ceremony was held in Boronia Park, next to The Epping Club where they followed on for their celebration. The open and expressive faces of the 100 guests projected love and support for Karla, Dan and their combined families. It was a beautiful occasion and Karla and Dan should feel elated by the whole experience.

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A run in the park

A huge thank you for the volunteers who put on Galston PARKRUN. You all do an amazing job and we appreciate your efforts every week. Are you yet to discover Galston PARKRUN? It is on every Saturday, 8am at Fagan Park. We love going as it is for fun, fitness, families, friends and all for free. Run, walk or jog with the whole family including puppies on leads. So get a group together or come by yourself. To register go to <http://www.parkrun.com.au/galston/>. They will track your time for you every time you come. That way you can see how you are improving. It is so easy. You never know who you may see. Thanks again guys from all those who keep coming back each week!!

Contributed by Jasmin Old



Celebrating first year success

This time last year my dear friend, Michele, and I came together to share a vision. We dreamt of a space where people could connect, learn and nurture themselves with beautiful treatments. We found a suitable house and sat within the empty walls envisioning the space filled with people, laughter and love. Now one year later we have just celebrated our first anniversary! On March 1 we honoured this amazing year by hosting a musical morning tea. Our guests had fun with inspirational music and a beautiful tea ceremony, launching our new Sacred Space tea blend.

We are truly grateful for the support of our local community, OSS member practitioners and the amazing Dural Chamber of Commerce! The Chamber has been such an important part of our growth this first year and we look forward to welcoming them and our local community to the **Our Sacred Space Market Day on April 29th**. With Gratitude, Catherine. contributed by Catherine Czerepak Co-Creator from Our Sacred Space Meditation and Wellness Centre



Local Business Finalists

Congratulations to Salts of the Earth, Dural and Cafe Sasanqua in Glenorie and Rodneys Hair, Galston for being voted as finalists in the Hills Local Business Awards.

All businesses were nominated by their customers and through votes from their customers have both been declared as finalists in their categories.

We wish them luck in the Grand Final to be held in April.

So nice to have such passionate business owners locally and great to see our community get behind them.

Cool Kids

Galston playgroup has been in operation for a number of years. Our original air-con unit was old and struggling to cool our playgroup room. That was until Galston's Bendigo bank kindly paid and installed a top of the range air-con unit. This has provided such a cool and comfortable environment for our mums, dads, grand parents, bubs and children to play in. Galston playgroup would like to send their sincerest gratitude to Bendigo bank.

Currently, Galston playgroup have two sessions in operation, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. Attendee numbers are increasing quickly, so further days will soon open. New mother's groups are also welcome to start their own mornings.

If you would like to join this playgroup, which caters for all ages and which has a newly upgraded safe space for babies, indoor and outdoor toys, crafts, paints and a well equipped kitchen with a microwave and the all important coffee machine and only \$2.50 per session, please contact Natalie Schunke on 0468 403 771. Thank you so much Bendigo bank!

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Galston Equestrian Club - So many varied activities!

Our Members Only Dressage Comp on 25th Feb broke the drought. We did a rain dance on the dressage arenas and the drizzle started during the last classes for the day, and by the time we packed up we had proper rain. We had 44 happy members doing 78 tests. Congratulations to Anne-Katrin Liebe on Salukah (pictured) who won the amazing prize of an initial -plus- follow -up consultation from Equine Euphoria Massage Therapy for the highest point score in the Prelim to Elem classes. Thank you to our regular sponsors Horseland Dural and Coprice Feeds for the prizes. We had many wonderful volunteers who made the day a great success, and thank you to the judges (Pam Dalrymple, Sue Birch and Tori McBeath), some of whom travelled a long way to attend, and Peter Turner, who both rode and judged!

Training day on 11th March with Anne-Katrin Liebe instructing cavaletti and Celeste Amezdroz teaching flatwork was very well supported and the feedback on the lessons was extremely positive! Everyone enjoyed themselves and had many new ideas to work on.

Specials coming up :

First Aid Training on **Sunday 15th April** which GEC will subsidise for members, to be held at the Galston Club. This covers first aid and basic life support, including CPR, so there will be more first aiders at our events to deal with anything your horse might throw at us – including you! Contact Linda McGregor on 0403 573 379 or email linda.mcgregor@allabouteve.com.au



Ann-Katrin Liebe and Salukah

📍 **“Reiki for Rookies” on Tuesday 17th April starting 7:30pm at the Galston Club. A fun social night for a free talk about the hands-on healing technique, Reiki. Learn how it can benefit both you and your horse, using energy to help reduce stress, balance the body, aid sleep and promote healing. Contact Linda McGregor on 0403 573 379 or email linda.mcgregor@allabouteve.com.au. Non-members welcome, meals can be purchased from the bistro and consumed in the auditorium.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS :

- 3 April** – Training Day – Flatwork work with Caroline Hooper and Show Jumping with Sandy Lucas
- 8 April** – Dressage and Flatwork training
- 17 April** – Horsemanship with Barbara Anderson at the GEC grounds
Reike for Rookies information evening at the Galston Club
- 21 April** – Keira Byrnes Show jump clinic
- 22 April** – Show jumping – Clear Round and Legerete training
- 1 May** – Flatwork with Caroline Hooper and Show jumping with Sandy Lucas
- 3 May** – Feldenkrais presentation in the evening at the Galston Club
- 12 May** – Float loading and transport safety awareness and Dressage Protocol day

As usual, please check our Facebook page and our website for up to date information on all our events. <http://www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au/>

Members Dressage Day



Trapping and Tracking to Tackle Tabbies

Hornsby Shire Council will expand its feral cat trapping efforts and join the Cat Tracker Australia program, in an attempt to reduce the impact of cats on our local native wildlife.

Only feral cats will be targeted by the traps, which have been carefully designed to cause no harm to the animals.

“If a domestic cat is captured by one of the traps it will be immediately returned to its owner. It is important that domestic cats are microchipped and registered so we take them back to their home.” Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock said

When feral cats are captured they will be humanely euthanased by a veterinarian. Council unanimously voted for the measures at this week’s meeting.

Cats inflict a very heavy toll on our wildlife and it’s estimated they kill as many as 377 million birds in Australia each year.

The other feline-focussed initiative from the meeting was for Hornsby Shire Council to join the Cat Tracker Australia program. This allows cat owners to place a GPS tracker on their cat to find out exactly how far they roam. It is a valuable educational exercise for cat owners, one that is already undertaken by a number of councils in our region. The ultimate goal is to raise awareness of the harm their cat might be doing and encourage behaviour change among pet owners.”

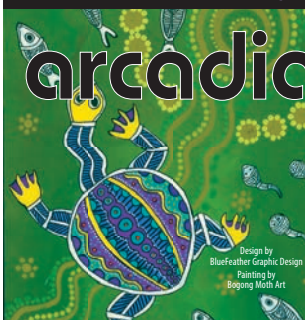
Both proposals were suggested by Councillor Nathan Tilbury, whose cat Luna permanently stays inside his house. “I’m clearly not a cat hater – I love my cat – but I am also aware of the damage cats can do to our fragile native ecosystem,” Cr Tilbury said. “These are two small but important steps towards reducing the extent of that damage.”

In six months there will be a report to Council on the effectiveness of the increased trapping and the Cat Tracker program.



Cr Nathan Tilbury with his cat Luna

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Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss



A delicious morning tea of hot cross buns and gingerbread bunnies eaten under the school's beautiful leafy trees was an especially fitting end for Term 1. Earlier in the morning a visit from a very happy and energetic 'Easter Bunny', as well as a colourful Easter hat parade, was enjoyed by Galston Public School students. Their efforts have ensured a wonderful and productive start to the year.

The two Early Stage One classes K/1W and KB have settled in very well to their class routines. They are engaging and enjoying interesting class activities and almost too soon, it will be the end of their first school term.



School Captains and Vice Captains, Chase, Charli, Sam and Annabelle are setting an excellent standard by demonstrating responsible leadership with all their respective duties.

At the Beecroft Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival which was held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush recently, a courageous and determined Galston Public School team competed. The day was a great experience for them. The competition was tough and tiresome, however all the students swam competitively and proudly represented their school.

Before the end of term, the Student Representative Council (SRC) will be holding their first mufti day. The students will wear predominately 'blue mufti clothes' and make a gold coin donation which will go towards raising funds for this worthy organisation, Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect).

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News from Galston High School

Galston High School Leadership Camp

Prefects, house leaders and the SRC recently attended a fun-filled and productive leadership camp at Vision Valley. The main purpose of the camp was to plan and organise the events for the year and to build leadership capacity while developing the bonds between the leadership teams. Highlights of the camp included a night of team-building activities run by the Year 12 prefects with a focus was on developing house spirit.

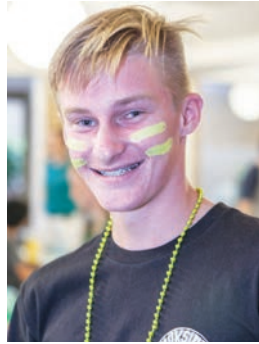


Photo: Aaron Hogan

Galston High School Student Representative Council (SRC) Induction



2018 Student Representative Council

The Principal was delighted to induct our new student representatives in front of the whole school, parents and student leaders from our local primary schools. The SRC is the voice of our students. The representatives are elected for their leadership qualities to enhance the school community, focussing on the needs of the student body. They are also our social conscience as they raise money for different charities and support a variety of causes that they feel are important. This year they are being ably lead by their president, Damian Shahfazli with the support of Mia Rowe as Vice President.



AG students handling the sheep

Castle Hill Youth Expo

Agricultural students from Galston High School attended the revamped Castle Hill Show Youth Expo recently. The students entered 7 sheep and 28 chickens as part of their course of study to learn animal handling and preparation for showing. There was a flurry of chook washing and drying as part of the process. Congratulations to all the students involved and the excellent results they achieved.

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Northholm Students Support The World's Greatest Shave

Every year, a handful of Northholm students choose to cut or shave their hair as participants in The World's Greatest Shave – but not this year. This year, 13 students and a teacher braved the scissors or clippers for this great cause.

In its 20th year, the World's Greatest Shave raises money for The Leukaemia Foundation. Since 1998, people of all ages shave, colour or wax, cut pony tails, banish beards and trim top knots. Some have a personal connection to blood cancer, while others take part simply to raise money for a good cause.

Joseph Clemmit (Year Nine student) has a particular reason he supports this cause.

"My godmother, Lynette, lost her life to leukaemia when she was only 29 and I want to stop this awful situation from happening to other people. Also, one of my friend's younger brothers was diagnosed with leukaemia when he was just eight years old and



went through the process of a bone marrow transplant and several months in isolation due to his weak immune system.

"This year, it was amazing to see so many students from

Northholm shaving and cutting their hair to take part in this great event and raise over \$6,000. Northholm will have helped so many people with this money raised, as well as helping fund research needed for a cancer free world. I'm sure Lynette would be proud."

Northholm is proud of all its students but in particular, Joseph,

who has shaved his head annually for the past six years and has individually raised more than \$7,000 toward this great cause.

The School is also very grateful to Mieka Hynec (Year Twelve 2008), Campaign Co-ordinator for the Leukaemia Foundation, for her address to the Senior School; Radical Hair Design at Round Corner Dural, who very generously supplied three hairdressers to cut and shave our students' hair; and Helen Mercieca and Sarah Gatt who volunteered their time to wax the arms and legs of teachers, Mr Cunningham, Mr Moschione and Mr Turbott. Understandably the purchase of wax strips were very popular!

Arcadia Public School Team Spirit

Arcadia Public School has had a brilliant start to 2018 with every class already immersed in learning! Years 2 to 6 had a day away from the classroom and into the pool for the much anticipated swimming carnival which was a huge success. The cheering and chanting could be heard from outside the pool as each House Team encouraged their swimmers along in every race. What fantastic team spirit! Well done to the extremely organised House Captains who displayed great leadership both prior and during the day.

Our new Kindergarten students for 2018 have settled quickly into school life and their big buddies have been a great support in helping them learn the ropes at big school. One of their big buddy responsibilities is to teach their Kindergarten buddy how to care for our school chickens. There is always much excitement over egg collection. Especially the beautiful blue eggs! Big and little buddies also start the year eating lunch together. Kindergarten buddies just can't get enough of their big buddy friends.



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KU Galston Preschool

This month we celebrated Chinese New Year with the children helping to paint and collage a dragon head for our dragon dance. The children made drums to use as percussion as we danced in the playground with our dragon head. We enjoyed stories about celebrations and how different cultures celebrate special occasions. We made fried rice and had lots of fun trying to use chopsticks to eat with, we found that it was really tricky but it helped if we moved the bowl closer to our mouths!

Thank you to one of our mums, Yuki, who came in to read a story to the children in Japanese. The children were mesmerised by the language difference, however were competent in knowing what the story was about through reading the pictures, as they say “a picture tells a thousand words”.

Mrs Natalie Crouch spent the morning with us reading to the children and talking about the transition to 'big school' at Arcadia Public School. Thank you to Archer, a prior student, who also came along to tell the children about how wonderful their school is. We look forward to welcoming the buddies from year 5 and the band in the coming terms. It is so important to develop close relationships with the local schools to help with a smooth transition into primary school.



📍 If you would like further information about our wonderful preschool or for a tour please contact our director Rebecca Onslow on 96532252 or at ku.galston@ku.com.au.

Hills Grammar's World's Greatest Shave Record



Today's Show, Natalia with the Year 12 boys

Congratulations to Hills Grammar Year 12 students! Exceeding their \$20,000 goal by a huge \$14,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. This is the 15th year that Year 12 has been raising funds for cancer research and this year all records were broken as they became the 2nd highest fundraising school in NSW and 5th in the nation. School Captain Will Sampson commented, “The atmosphere around Hills Grammar in the days leading up to the event was fantastic and the ability of our grade to generate awareness and drive for the cause was crucial to our success. We finished with a strong result that exceeded all our expectations.”

An extra impetus to do the very best they could for blood cancer research, was the sad loss of their classmate, Adam Sheen, to leukaemia eight years ago when they were in Year 4. His mum, Danielle, was there to thank and support Adam's cohort as their locks dropped for the World's Greatest Shave. Over 60 students and staff lined up for L'Yvonne's hairdressers to shave heads and lop ponytails.

The girls had been growing their hair for years for this moment. “Our hair can be used for wigs (which I was able to donate enough (35cm) to make a child's wig) and to create oil 'booms' to protect places like the Great Barrier Reef from oil spills”. Major Year 12 fundraiser, Talja Coleman explained, “The morning of the shave was full of excitement and having the Today Show there live was an amazing experience and made our contribution feel more noticed by society, hopefully gaining more awareness for this terrible disease which claims more people than breast cancer does per year.”

The gauntlet has well and truly been cast for the Class of 2019 as we raise those much needed research funds.

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Get Ready to Leap Into Year One Reading Club

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne encourages budding readers to explore the wide world of literature with the Year One Reading Club.

The Year One Reading Club is already underway at The Hills Shire Libraries and will continue to run until October 31. Members will receive a sticker for their log every time they visit the library and borrow. The more stickers they collect the more rewards they'll receive. "One of my all-time favourite places is the local library and the Year One Reading Club introduces children to the endless opportunities available to them at their nearest Hills Shire Library Branch," Mayor Byrne said.



1 To join the Year One Reading Club head to one of The Hills Shire Libraries or visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for "library" in the search bar.

Kookaburra Cottage Family Day Care



Early Childhood Teacher Janine Frost is the creator and founder of 'Kookaburra Cottage Family Day Care' which is a new and innovative childcare service situated in the heart of Galston. Traditionally,

family day care is based in an educator's home. However, Kookaburra Cottage is a free standing, purpose built service situated on 1.7 acres. The benefits of this are that the children have the opportunity to revisit and extend on their previous ideas as the environment is exclusively theirs. Importantly, it also provides a sense of belonging for the children and their families. The service is extensively resourced and provides quality care and education for children between the ages of 2-5 years.

Holding a Degree in Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years) together with 26 years' experience in the Early Childhood profession Janine has combined the positive attributes of Preschool and Long Day Care together with the long-established benefits of Family Day Care to create a unique and homey childcare service to the Hills District. Janine holds a current Asthma, Anaphylaxis and First Aid Certificate and a current Working with Children and Police check.

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The Galston Concerts offer a special event featuring rising stars from **2pm Sunday 8 April** in Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston.

The concert showcases school-age prizewinners: Matthew Brice, a National euphonium champion; cellist Gabrielle Zhong, a candidate for A.Mus.A. diploma after just six years of study; Alexander Frisina, a member of award-winning saxophone and Euro-touring wind ensembles; violinist Eunice Cheng, A.Mus.A. in both violin and piano in 2015.

Hornsby-resident Makito Mizushima, first prizewinner of the Sydney Organ Competition in 2016, will perform on the historic 1888 church organ.

The **8 April** gala features music by the great J. S. Bach, contrasts in folk, jazz, rock and tango styles plus the famous Swan from Carnival of the Animals.

The concert is **FREE** for subscribers to the Galston Concerts series.

Other bookings at special rates (\$25 adult /\$20 senior /\$10 for student / **FREE** for 12 and under) can be made on www.trybooking.com (search Galston) with tickets also available at the church just prior to the concert.

📍 **Enquiries to Helen Jordan, Promotions Coordinator for The Galston Concerts, on 9653 2079 or 0425 339 841.**

Castle Hill Art Society

“Charcoal and Ink Portraits of Animals and Birds”

By Jeanette Star

Wednesday 2nd May

Jeanette loves to work in various mediums, particularly charcoal and ink and prefers painting in oils. Her subjects are mostly animals, birds and people, but especially horses. She will demonstrate drawing in charcoal and ink using different techniques.



📍 **Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.30pm at Castle Glen Community Centre, 155 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill. Enquiries 9899 3179. Visit www.castlehillartsociety.org.au**

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Cherrybrook: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

By Carmel Liddell.

Way back in colonial times, Cherrybrook was part of the Castle Hill Government farm, an area renowned for having soil of 'best and most productive kind'.

It was there in 1838 that pioneers Joseph and Mary Ann Harrison settled on a 65 acre block of land inherited from Mary's mother, Hannah Russell. The couple built a small timber cottage, raised thirteen children and set about planting orchards of peach, apricot, pear, plum and citrus fruit trees. Their fondness for cherry trees, which were established by the creek at one corner of their land, prompted the couple to name the area, 'Cherrybrook'.

With the Harrison farm surrounded by bushland, timber-cutting became the first industry in the area. Gradually the land was cleared and during the 1850's, more and more orchards were established. By 1915 all ratepayers bar one, were listed as fruit growers. After World War I, they also began farming poultry in conjunction with their fruit trees. The settlers, most of whom were Wesleyans or Methodist, quickly attended to their social and spiritual needs. In 1845, they established a chapel and burial ground

on New Line Road. The Harrisons were amongst the regular churchgoers and for thirty years, Joseph Harrison was the chapel's Sunday school teacher. All was well. However, the nature of Cherrybrook's idyllic rural landscape, was about to change.

In the Sydney Region Outline Plan of 1968, Cherrybrook was targeted for urban development. Within ten years of the 1978 land release, twenty four thousand houses had been built. Developer L.J. Hooker called the first subdivision the Greenway Estate. He named its streets after architect Francis Greenway, other prominent colonial architects and pioneers. The streets in the ensuing land release, were given names of native and exotic flora.

Long gone is the Cherrybrook of 1838 but one landmark remains: the Uniting Church Hall and burial ground on New Line Road. Apart from regular maintenance to its painted brickwork, the Victorian Gothic style building's original features, including stucco slate and stained glass, have endured. The social significance of this charming primrose yellow church is not forgotten. Moreover, it is inextricably woven into Cherrybrook's history - yesterday, today and tomorrow.



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So Many Meanings

Pr. Alex and Dee Valich

I truly admire the families who have come to live in our beautiful country of Australia and who take time to learn our language. Their young people learn English at school while their older family members go to TAFE to study English as a second language for two or maybe even three years. They work hard to read and write English, as well as learn to communicate through oral conversation. This surely must take lots of initiative, patience and concentration.

How confusing it then would be, to come across homophones! These are words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings.

On our GCC noticeboard at the moment, (corner of Munros Lane and Old Northern Rd), we have a sign that uses homophones:



WEATHER FORECAST- GOD REIGNS THE SON SHINES.

Jesus tells us in the bible that ‘God makes His SUN rise on the evil and on the good and sends RAIN on the just and the unjust.’ (Matthew 5:45)

So we understand that God created the seasons, the sun, moon and stars. Sunrise and sunset, sprinkling rain and thunderstorms are all part of His Creation for us.

- AND the bible also tells us that Jesus Christ “will be great and will be called SON of the Highest...and He will REIGN forever and of His Kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:32-33).

As we celebrate the season of Easter, let’s think about and remember Jesus, the Son of God who reigns.

God says to you, “Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.”

May God bless you.

St Benedict’s Fete – A huge success

By Judy Horton

We were blessed with brilliant sunshine for our fete on **Sunday 11 March** and it was a wonderful community event. The chocolate wheel span right through the day, dispensing prizes to lots of happy winners. The cakes were snapped up – our home bakers have a great reputation – and happy shoppers bought craft items, second hand goods, plants, fresh flowers. All were donated by much-appreciated supporters from near and far. Thanks to all the donors and to the people who worked to make the fete such a success.

Food on the day was yummy, the kids’ activities and treasure hunt were well patronised and probably the most popular stall was the gigantic fruit and vegie tent.

Then there was the raffle. The lucky first prize winner will be enjoying a week away in Hawk’s Nest sometime during the year but possibly most interest was in the second prize. Donated by the monastery, this was a young Limousin steer named Origen. Origen (pictured) was born in January and was won by long-time parishioner Leonie Miller. The monastery has offered to keep Origen and Leonie will have the fun of watching him grow up.



Limousin steer - Origen

ALPHA talks

A series of talks called ALPHA will begin in the parish in May. ALPHA will be of interest to anyone who wants to more deeply explore their Christian faith. If you would like to know more, please contact parish priest Father Bernard (0416032497) or parish secretary Sandra (0410587735).

Project Compassion

Once again this year during Lent, the period leading up to Easter, parishioners took part in Project Compassion. Project Compassion is a donation program that assists disadvantaged people around the world. A typical example whose story is told on the Project Compassion box is Janaki from Nepal who was helped to begin her own successful sewing business.

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 and Arcadia Rd 7 pm Saturday, 9 am Sunday.

Glenorie Mission Church

(a continuation of the messages by Rev. Ed Long)

Every believer is sealed by the Spirit. Ephesians 4:30 states: 'Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you have been sealed for the day of redemption'. By this action we are stamped with the sign of God's ownership, a mark which remains until we are taken home to Heaven. The very presence of the Spirit in our heart is God's distinguishing seal that we are His.

What is his continuing work?

After His initial or crisis work, what does the Holy Spirit do in a life which belongs to Christ?

In what way does He continue His ministry?

1. The Holy Spirit will help us grow.

The Holy Spirit wants to create and maintain those conditions under which our new life in Christ can grow. 'He will bring glory to me...' said Jesus Christ (John 16:14).

He is the Spirit of holiness' so He will teach us Holy living. He is the Spirit of power, so He will teach us what the resurrection life of Christ within us can mean in daily living. See Romans 8:2. 'Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death'. This means that the demands and standards of our new life can be fulfilled in us and by us

with His enabling. The measure of our power and of our spiritual growth will be according to the measure of our surrender to the indwelling Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit prays for us. (Romans 8: 26,27)

Here is one of the most encouraging aspects of the Spirit's present ministry. Often we do not know how to pray. Or it may be that physical or emotional weakness makes it difficult for us to pray. But the Holy Spirit not only knows our condition, He knows the will of God. Therefore he intercedes for us.

The explanation of much that happens for good in our lives is that same intercession on our behalf.

3. The Holy Spirit witnesses with our spirit. (Romans 8:15-17)

Again this is part of His continuing ministry. He works to produce assurance in our hearts that we are God's child. The Bible itself is the ground of our assurance, but those who know Jesus Christ as Saviour also know the quiet peace which comes as the Spirit of God witnesses with our spirit. That witness may be hard to describe, but the true believer knows the truth of it.

(to be continued)

📍 Come and find out more at Bible study 7.00 p.m. (light meal included) Tuesdays. Sunday Service 10.00 a.m. at Glenorie Mission Church 1409 Old Northern Rd Glenorie

The Training Ground of Life

Pastor David McKibben

Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

In a few days' time the Commonwealth Games will get under way on the Gold Coast. Thousands of contestants from over 70 countries around the world will compete in a range of disciplines for the prize of a Commonwealth Games gold medal. That medal represents victory. It stands for excellence. It is also a testimony to faithful training – prolonged, extensive and diligent training.

By its very nature, however, training is invariably mundane and routine. There are few people, if any, to witness the early morning run on the track or the lap of the swimming pool. There are no shouts of support or rounds of applause to encourage these efforts. Yet training is vital if the goal is to be achieved. If a competitor's training regime has been deficient, it will show in his or her performance.

What is true of sporting achievements often applies to life

itself. Great accomplishments result from faithfulness in everyday efforts, usually away from the glare of publicity.

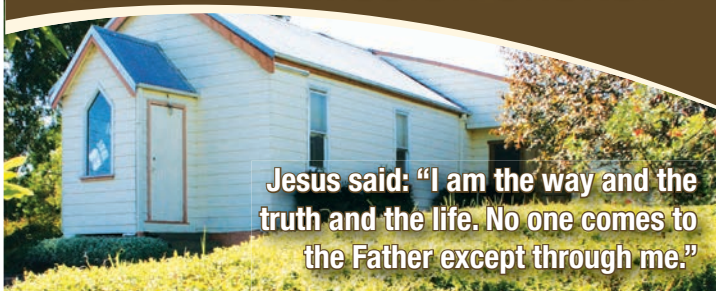
An example is Professor Ian Frazer, who was the 2006 Australian of the Year. He was honoured and recognised for his work in developing vaccines to prevent and to treat cervical cancer. However, behind this public recognition was 20 years of pain-staking research, diligence, and perseverance. No doubt there were long hours of routine, possibly boring, work in the laboratory conducting hundreds of experiments, keeping records and noting outcomes.

The great inventor Thomas Edison once said that genius was 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. The wise man Solomon put it this way:

**"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)**

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Authenticity

By Corri Bryne, Pastor



Is Our World on a Crash Course With Authenticity?

As we hide behind walls offering glimpses of reality – those that are “insta” worthy – are we speeding towards a head on collision with truth?

The famous retort of Pilate resonates, “What is truth?”

Has culture so clouded our judgment that we can no longer discern truth from fiction? Our real selves from our public personas?

With ever rising levels of mental health; anxiety, fear, depression, addiction, suicide ... how long before we encounter truth? How long before we even desire truth?

Our society has hoodwinked us into believing that more is better. More money, more power, more wealth, more possessions, more control, more for me which ultimately means less for you.

Yet time and time again I’ve seen that those that achieve this “more” actually seem to have less. Less joy, less security, less trust. Though do achieve more anxiety and more fear trying to protect what they have eked out.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

If the answer doesn’t lie in wealth could it lie somewhere else?

Could we achieve security somewhere other than money? Find joy in something other than possessions? Discover fulfilment, our plans and purpose, without the pursuit of destructive power?

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Matthew 6:25

Are we not more than our possessions? Our jobs? Our bank balance?

Truth escapes no man – all will face it at some point. But when faced with our authentic selves will we be happy with what we see? Will the mirror reflect a face filled with joy or fear? Bound by love or alone?

This month I encourage you to seek truth. Does what you do give fulfilment? Who you are fill you with joy or loss?

There is a way, a truth and a life that offers true hope. In fact it is “THE way, THE truth and THE life” (John 14:6) and if we mimic this life then we are promised access to the Father and a life that will be filled with hope and joy.

Socrates shared the wisdom know thyself. Are we ready to face our authentic self?

You can find your true self, and with it, the joy, peace and love that has proved so elusive ... and you will get rest.

Testing Our Local Creek Water



We, at Still Creek Landcare, have been testing the quality of some of our Galston, Arcadia and Berrilee creek waters for the last 9 years. We test for pollution and ability to bear life, salts, phosphorous, oxygen, acidity, turbidity and E.coli. More recently, we have been measuring the presence of biological indicator species such as stoneflies, mayflies and caddis flies.

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Interested in doing some testing yourself? Then contact us on via our website <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au/> or phone 9653 3870 / 9653 2056. Come and join us, it’s interesting, scientific and not hard to do.

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So let us not give up on those days when the tasks are rather boring and our efforts do not appear to be particularly productive. Faithfulness and perseverance in the everyday routine of life are the qualities upon which significant achievements are based.

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Galston Garden Club



Our Social committee has been very busy organising interesting Guest speakers for our meetings and upcoming outings. The guest speaker this month was Ken Bradley, the Garden Clubs Australia representative on the committee for the Remembrance Driveway from Canberra to Sydney. The Remembrance Driveway commemorates those who have served in the ADF from World War II up to and including subsequent wars or operational theatres around the world in defence of our nation. The hope is that as people see this living memorial garden that runs, from Sydney to Canberra; that's 320 km of garden, and we will remember those who serve and sacrifice for our country. He spoke of the support given by the RMS, sponsors and public support as they maintain, improve and grow the garden. Each rest stop along the highway is named after a Victoria Cross awardee; there are currently 18 in NSW and 5 in Canberra, each with a plaque to read the citation. The committee is currently researching all names on cenotaphs and in our local area of Galston. They are trying to find any information about the Wilson family who are on the cenotaph. Please contact Ken Bradley via the RMS web page or www.remeberancedriveway.org.au if you know of the family or have any information to assist them. Our Guest Speaker for April will be Leanne Johnson, an Environmental Scientist speaking on Bush care and Native Plants.

Each month we have a time in the meeting for Show and Tell. This is an encouraging time as members bring in plants and flowers



from their gardens to display and share growing tips or difficulties. It may be a plant, flowering bulb, a tricky plant to bring to flower or just the excitement of a beautiful rose. From the unusual to the common, the gardener is encouraged, and there is much pride in sharing their passion with like-minded and appreciative people.

The Open Gardens committee is making preliminary preparations for this year's Open Gardens Weekend, so save the dates of 19th, 20th and 21st October. If you are a garden owner who would like to be a part of the Open Gardens weekend, or if you know someone who might be interested in being part of our Open Gardens weekend, the Open Gardens Committee is always on the lookout for new gardens to maintain the variety of differently styled gardens in the district. Please contact Bill Fleming our Open Gardens Convenor on 96532394 or email: wflaming@primusononline.com.au if you would like to be a part of this wonderful event.

We hope to see you at one of our club meetings and to join us for another happy gardening year.

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

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UNSH Autumn Rose Show

By UNSH Chair Kate Stanley

A new specialist rose group has started in Galston. Well known radio and television presenter, Graham Ross launched this new group in May, 2017. The group is a regional group under The Rose Society of NSW and meets monthly on the third Sunday, in the afternoon. Galston Community Centre is the home base for UNSH and during the year, meetings are also interspersed with garden visits, "Christmas in July" and visiting Rose and Garden Shows. The membership had grown to 70 household members in this short time and UNSH is having its first Rose Show on **Sunday 8th April, 2018** at the Galston Community Centre. Open to the public **11am -5.30pm**. Apart from a stunning rose display with exhibitors who enter shows such as the Royal Easter Show, there will be Devonshire Teas, light lunches, rose gift stall and Heritage Roses for sale. There will also be 5 separate raffles including a Mollymook Beach House raffle for 7 nights for 12 people.

The meetings have a speaker such as Garden Radio Hosts, Sandra Ross in May and Judy Horton in July. Members also are encouraged to bring their roses (or other flowers in off season) to place on the Show Bench. Others bring their roses to do a "Show and Tell". Raffles, afternoon tea and bi- annual Neutrog orders with Membership (\$30 single; \$35 couple) are offered with friendly chatting. Contact UNSH for venue details and times. (Autumn and Winter 2pm ; Spring and Summer 4 pm) There will be NO meeting in April due to the UNSH Autumn Rose Show. Visitors welcome.

📍 UNSH contact details: rsunshsecretary@gmail.com or phone 9653 2202



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Satin Bowerbird

By Peter Ord

It's Autumn and the seeds have set on my Magnolia tree, the word is out in the Bower Bird community – the annual feast is on,

attracting up to ten birds at one sitting. By nurturing this tree, I have inadvertently sent out invitations to dine, therefore I would like to know which Bower Bird community has accepted. As you may be aware, the male Bower Bird prefers blue objects to attract the female to the bower, where he will dance to attract her hoping for a little romance.

To find out which birds have kindly accepted my invitation (or maybe they are visiting your property looking for a feast), I would like to ask the community, if aware of Bower Birds in or around their property, to do the following: After marking with a permanent marker, stating your street name or if you prefer a phone number, could you scatter some blue plastic milk bottle tops and their rings – (cut the rings to avoid strangulation) straws, sections of pegs etc near your feast tree. As very little is known of their territory within the district, your input will help us all understand these beautiful birds.

If you find blue plastic marked Pinus Ave., would you contact me on overord15@gmail.com Peter Ord – 0417 047 757



Bromeliad Autumn Show

April 14 and 15 – Federation Pavilion – Castle Hill Showground

Bromeliads admire them for their colour, texture, flower spikes and numerous varieties, but one thing for sure is that on mass planting they will simply take your breath away.

The Bromeliad Autumn Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 14 April between 9-4pm and Sunday, 15 between 10-3pm.

Exquisite and rare bromeliads from local, interstate growers and collectors will be on display and also for sale to the public during the Bromeliad Society of Australia's annual autumn show.

This includes a Victorian Tillandsia expert and a grower from Queensland with specifically flowering plants and with Mothers Day just around the corner bromeliads make wonderful gifts. "This show is not to be missed if you're a bromeliad enthusiast or just looking for plants that are colourful, drought tolerant and very low maintenance, not to mention their wonderful flower spikes" said Ian Hook, President, BSA.

Bromeliad is the family name. Guzmania, Vriesea and Tillandsia are names of varieties within the family. Aechmea and Ananas (Pineapple) also belong to this family as do Neoregelia, Cryptanthus and Billbergia.

"There will be a huge bromeliad display, over 30 plant sale tables that are continually restocked, competitions, books, pots, information and free advice available by experienced growers" he said "There is plenty of parking on site and admission is free to the show" said Ian Hook. For further information call Ian Hook on mobile 0408 202 269 Email: ianhook1@bigpond.com or check out the website <http://www.bromeliad.org.au>

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Dural Galston Probus Club

Third Thursday of every month at 10am
The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston

Our next meeting is on 19th April and will be followed by Fish and Chips at Berowra. Probus is a mixed club for retired and semi-retired people who enjoy friendship, good speakers and occasional outings.

Visitors are always welcome, so come along!

Contact: Anne 9653 1004.

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees.

Friday 6th April, 2018 at 10.45 am.
Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft

Our next guest speaker will be Christine David, IT for Retirees "Travelling with Devices"

Considering retirement, in the near future, COME ALONG and Make New Friends!

We welcome early retirees and baby boomers, who are looking to become involved in new interests. While keeping abreast of the changes which are likely to affect you and your income in the future.

We need to work together for a better future in retirement.

Contact: Lauris Rennie 9634 1186

Probus Club of Round Corner

Monday 9th April at 9.30 for 10am
Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston 2159

Our speaker for this month will be NSW Fire and Rescue (FRNSW) one of the world's largest urban fire and rescue services and the busiest in Australia.

Contact Secretary: PO Box 822 Round Corner 2158

The Galston VIEW Club

Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 11am
Dural Country Club

The Galston VIEW Club which raises money to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program will hold its monthly luncheon meeting a week earlier on Wednesday 18th April, 2018 (due to ANZAC Day falling on the 4th Wednesday) at Dural Country Club at 11am. Members are invited to bring a special treasure from home and tell its story. Visitors are always welcome.

Contact: Vivien 98941189.

Landscaping of Barangaroo

Saturday 28 April at 2pm
Gumnut Community Centre, Gumnut Place, Cherrybrook

Stuart Pittendrigh - Horticultural consultant will speak about native plantings at Barangaroo.

Australian Plants Society (Parra-Hills)

Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc

Meeting every Tuesday 9am - 5pm and Sat 9am - 5pm

Contact: Alan Hunt 4566 4626 or Adrian Acheson 0448 833 781

UNSH Rose Regional (The Rose Society of NSW)

Meets on 3rd Sunday afternoon each month.

Home base: Galston Community Centre. Speakers, raffles, afternoon tea. Garden rambles; Rose and Garden Show visits. (2 pm Winter/Autumn; 4 pm Spring/Summer) \$30/\$35 Annual membership. Visitors welcome.

Contact: UNSH to check venue details.

Phone: 9653 2202 (9 am - 8 pm)

Email: rsunshsecretary@gmail.com

Living Sustainably Walks And Workshops

Annangrove Environment Centre, Annangrove Road

Growing from seeds

Thursday 12th April - 10.00am to 11.30am
Helpful ideas on how to sow and grow vegetables and herbs from seed. Tips on choosing, caring for and planting seeds. Trouble shooting hints and ideas provided.

Heritage Park Walk

Saturday 14th April - 10.00am to 12 noon
Explore the historical areas of Heritage Park on this easy walk. This is a nationally significant site and an important part of our local story. World Heritage Day 18th April.

Bella Vista Farm Tour

Thursday 19th April - 10.00am to 12 noon
Explore Bella Vista Farm, a site of cultural significance to the nation. Preservation of heritage sites is critical to maintaining our links to the past. Conservation guide

Scaly Bark Creek Bush Walk

Thursday 26th April - 10.00am to 12 noon
Conservation of our bushlands has many benefits such as providing great walking tracks. Stroll along a creek valley with swamp mahoganies and glider habitat.

Improving Your Soil

Thursday 3rd May - 10.00am to 11.30am
Improving your soil will help improve soil nutrition, reduce the use of fertilisers and pesticides, increase water holding capacity and biodiversity in your soil.

Painting

Wednesday 9th May - 10.00 to 1.00 pm
A popular workshop exploring different painting techniques and subjects. All equipment and material supplied to complete a finished artwork. The focus is painting with pastels.

Organic Gardening

Thursday 10th May - 10.00am to 1.00 pm
Discover the many benefits of growing organically such as organic pest and disease control. Knowledgeable presenter with lots of ideas. Compost Week 6th -12th May.

Platypus Creek Walk

Saturday 12th May -10.00am to 12 noon
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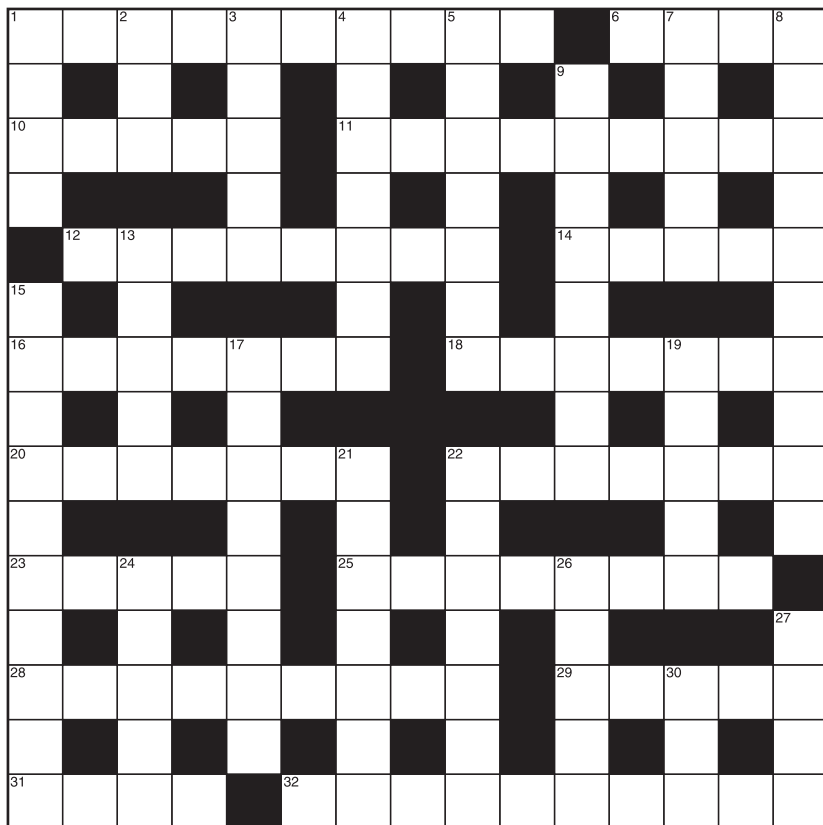
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1. TV forecaster
6. Keenly excited
10. Pass (law)
11. Banishment
12. Shabbier
14. Misbehave (3,2)
16. Cause of downfall
18. Capital of Cyprus
20. Swindled
22. Models' platform
23. Burglar deterrent
25. Andorran mountain range
28. Souvenir dish-cloths
29. Glowing coal
31. Snow monster
32. Persevering

DOWN

1. Bawl
2. Also called (1,1,1)
3. Loathed
4. Reciting, ... off
5. Analgesic drug
7. Bad conscience
8. Boarding ramps
9. Definite (decision) (5-3)
13. Shrub fence
15. Flaky pie base (4,6)
17. Share, have ... (2,6)
19. Urbane
21. Exhaust
22. Cadavers
24. Adjust
26. Requires
27. Steep rugged rock
30. Body mass index (1,1,1)

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Local Playgroups

GALSTON

Galston Kids Playgroup is located in the lower room of the Galston Community Health Centre. We have a fully stocked indoor/outdoor play area with sandpit, cubby, ride-on toys, craft supplies and more! Sessions span over a couple of hours and are unstructured, providing lots of time for kids to play while adults chat. Bring your own morning tea (nut-free).

New members are very welcome to drop in; the first two visits are free. Email galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.

GLENORIE

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

ARCADIA

Located at Arcadia Public School, 140 Arcadia Road
Every 2nd Thursday 9.30 to 11am. Contact Dale 0410 532 562
Parking in Community Centre next door.

Our playgroup has a very relaxed format. There is usually a craft activity, however, some kids choose not to participate in craft as they are having too much fun in the enormous sandpit. Our toys and resources cater for all ages. We have playmats and toys for babies, musical/percussion instruments, water play and more. We request a gold coin donation when attending. All of our regular attendees become members of Playgroup NSW.

ARCADIA

St Benedict's Catholic Parish Arcadia

St Benedict's Arcadia, cnr Arcadia and Fagans Roads Arcadia, playgroup meets every Monday during school terms from 10am to 12 noon. Contact Sandra 0410 587 735.

DURAL/GALSTON

St Jude's Anglican Church, 965 Old Northern Rd Dural (Off Galston Rd for parking). Every Friday 9:30-11:30 am Aged 0-5 All welcome.

Come and join us every Friday (during school terms) for play, story, music, crafts and so much more! It's free just bring a piece of fruit to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Gayoung 0448 770 722 if you have any other questions.

KENTHURST

Thursday's, during school terms, 9.30am til 11.30 am at the Literary Institute 131-135 Kenthurst Rd, Kenthurst.

CALLING ALL PLAYGROUPS

If you are organising or running a playgroup in the local area, please let us know. We would like to help you promote your playgroup, and also let our new mums know what groups are open in the area.

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

LOCAL RURAL FIRE SERVICES

(Station phones are unmanned and will operate answer phone services only. Call 000 for Emergencies)

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| Hills Rural Fire Service District Office | 9654 1244 |
| Hornsby Rural Fire Service District Office | 9883 2000 |
| Arcadia Rural Fire Service | 9655 1656 |
| Fire Captain David Byrne | |
| Galston Rural Fire Service | 0409 470 205 |
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| Glenorie Rural Fire Service | 9652 2017 |
| Fire Captain Shaun O'Brien | |
| Hillside Rural Fire Service | 9652 2245 |
| Fire Captain Andrew Baildon | |
| Middle Dural Rural Fire Service | 0408 220 705 |
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LOCAL JP's Bendigo Bank Galston - 9653 2227, Geoff Lynch Galston Newsagency, Cathy Vipond Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
Mary Ord - 0400 363 563, Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area), Ray Whiteman, Glenorie - 9652 2454 / 0400 008 083
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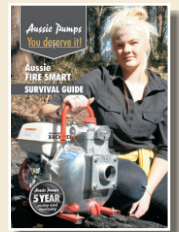


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