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Greater Sydney Commission names our Rural Areas as Significant

The North District draft report has just been released. It states: There is an agricultural cluster in the North District – a multi-use horticulture cluster, with vegetables and fruit trees – around Middle Dural, Galston and Arcadia. This cluster extends into the Hills Shire in the West Central District. Nurseries – both outdoor and undercover – are the most economically productive form of agriculture in the North District, while cut-flower and stone fruit production are the other main agricultural activities.

There are also a number of extractive industry operations in the North District, around Maroota, producing construction materials such as sand. These industries are vital as part of the overall supply of construction materials to support growth and urban development across Greater Sydney.

It further states in the Sustainability

Priority 8 section:

Urban development in the Metropolitan Rural Area is not consistent with the protection of the Area's existing values. Conversion of land to urban residential development is not necessary in the short to medium term given the supply of land for housing in other parts of Greater Sydney, and conversion of rural land to suburban development does not form part of the housing targets that have been defined for the District or individual local government areas.

The full North District and West Central District Draft reports are available at

<http://www.greatersydneycommission.nsw.gov.au/north-district>

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Also see further development reports in this edition on pages 31 and 32.



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Dural Country Club Bowlers



The last event for the year has reached the finals. It should be a good match between Gwen Scott, Pam Hilder, Diane Trovato and Skip Terri Hezlett and Dinie Smith, Christine Fitzgerald, Margaret and Judith Harris. Anxious readers will have to wait till 2017 for the results.

As a finale to the fiftieth birthday celebrations, bowlers and members of the Country Club board gathered to unveil the plaque presented by Women's Bowls NSW at the recent birthday Luncheon. Board Sport Director George Truelove assisted by Ladies' President Judith Harris performed.

This delightful snap shows one of the men bowlers treating his grandson to time on the play equipment at the club. A new electronic games room will soon be opened for the youngsters who visit with their parents.

The club coaches look forward to some new bowlers starting ready for 2017. Phone 0432 181 635 or 9411 375 580



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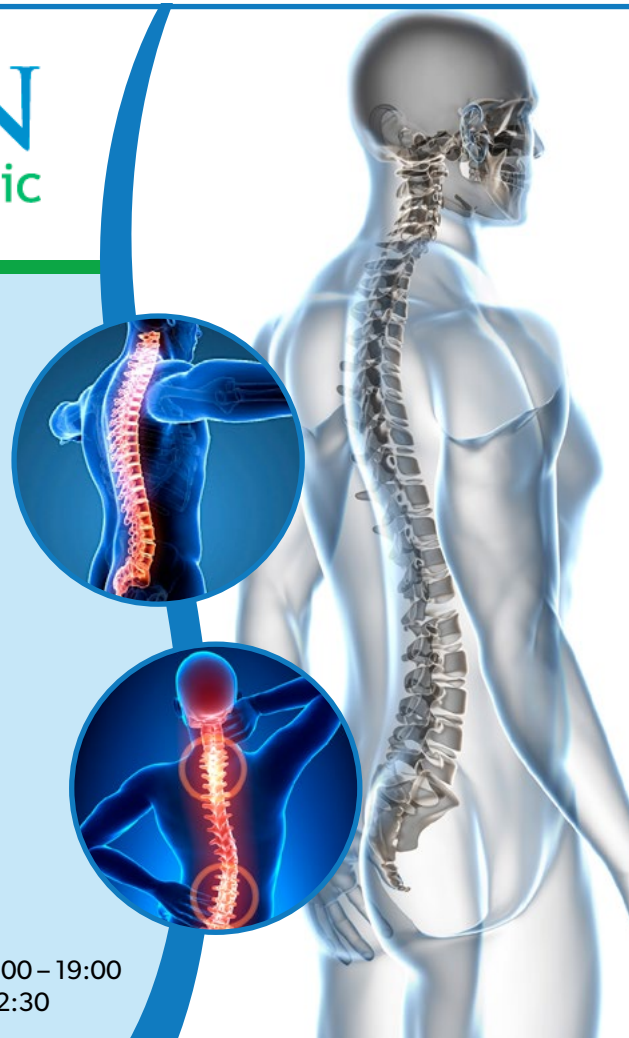
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Australia Day. Thursday 26 January 2017. Fagan Park, Galston

Rural Museums and Netherby Homestead Open Day.

Tell all your family and friends to join with The Friends of Fagan Park to celebrate Australia Day on **Thursday 26 January 2017**. The Heritage Area of Netherby Homestead and Rural Museums in Fagan Park will be open between 9am and 4pm.

This unique property provides an insight into the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. There will be a display of trucks, tractors, and stationary engines including a steam engine, road roller, horse-drawn sulkies, a display of hand tools, and restored farm machinery to see.

Trucks and tractors will be paraded at about mid-day through the park.

Explore the magnificent Netherby Cottage and beautiful gardens.

There is always something new and a lot to see and do for the whole family. Don't miss it!



Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available, provided by the Friends of Fagan Park at a modest charge. All the park facilities such as picnic areas, barbecues, children's playground, walking trails and the stunning Gardens of Many Nations will be open.

Bring a picnic lunch to have in the park. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fagan Park is located 1km North of Galston Village on Arcadia Road.

Entry to the Park and Museum Area is free.

Entry to Fagan Park car park is \$5.00 per car (pay and display).

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They're Back - Concerts Triumph

The Galston Gala on 20 November was a triumph. The audience was abuzz about the musical pleasures from the line-up of international performers - piano, organ, strings - many of whom just happen to be Hornsby and Hills residents!



From 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba' overture to an 'Adios Muchachos' encore music included Bach, Vivaldi, Chopin, Liszt - all Classical greats. Folky contrasts included Hungarian, Spanish and Argentinian Piazzolla tangos.

Violist and Artistic Director, Robert, thinks the formula succeeds for many reasons. "The crowd likes the mix of instruments and sounds, the mix of composers and styles, the mix of hearing music they know but also other music they've not heard before". "The relaxed, chatty approach from the performers, easy parking, the great acoustic in the Church and a very tempting afternoon tea all seem to impress the audience."

Concerts scheduled for 2017 will offer similar variety. Concert pianist Bernard Walz, known to many as Director of the Good Old Days Concerts at Sydney Town Hall, will present 'One Man and a Baby Grand' on 19 February. Pacific Opera Young Artists will perform 30 April, a return to the Hills after their Opera by the Lake spectaculars at Fagan Park in years past. Organ and brass will feature on 30 July followed by the acclaimed Lurline Chamber Orchestra on 17 September.

The series will close with another end-of-year Gala 22 October - piano, organ, strings, voice, guitar - to preview 2018.

All enquiries to Rob Harris on 0428 248 348 or Helen Jordan, Promotions Coordinator on 0425 339 841.

Changing Lives at Amata

The children at the Amata Anangu School in the APY Lands of North Western South Australia, and their teachers, are enjoying the 40 iPads which our community provided last year.




A teacher can be seen providing one-on-one attention to a child behind the little boy, who spelt "rain" upside down whilst holding the iPad towards the photographer. Videos were also taken showing the interaction and communication being generated with the use of the iPads.

The Principal of the School and her staff, children and community have expressed their ongoing gratitude for our fundraising effort.

Helen Jordan for the Amata Anangu School Fundraising Committee






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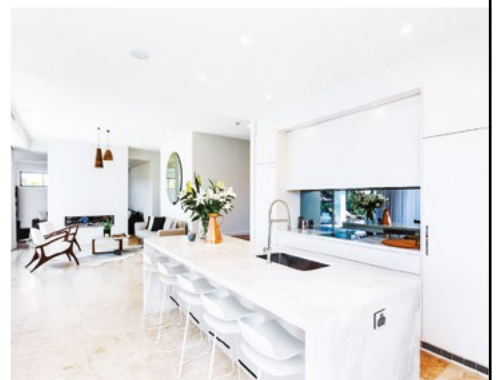
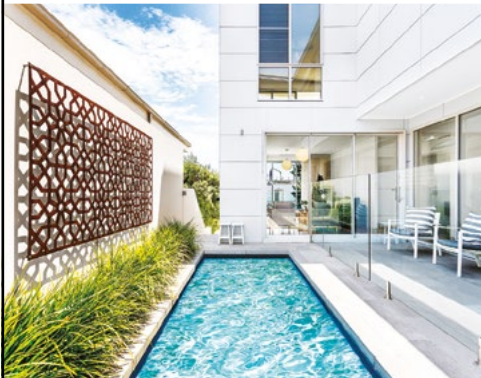
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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

By Kara Dubois

Have you got a bush fire survival plan?

The summer fire season is well and truly upon us. This month the Galston crew were kept busy assisting numerous local brigades with fires in Cessnock, while multiple other fires raged along the NSW north coast.

It serves as an important reminder to get ready for a bush fire near you. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save their lives, as well as your home.

There are four simple steps to get ready for a bush fire:

Step 1: Discuss what to do if a bush fire threatens your home

Many households find that having a discussion over dinner works best as everybody is together and focussed.

Step 2: Prepare your home and get it ready for bush fire season

There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a bush fire, like keeping the grass low and having a cleared area around your home.

Step 3: Know the bush fire alert levels

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website and in the 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert level so you know what you should do.

Step 4: Keep all the bush fire information numbers, websites and the smartphone app

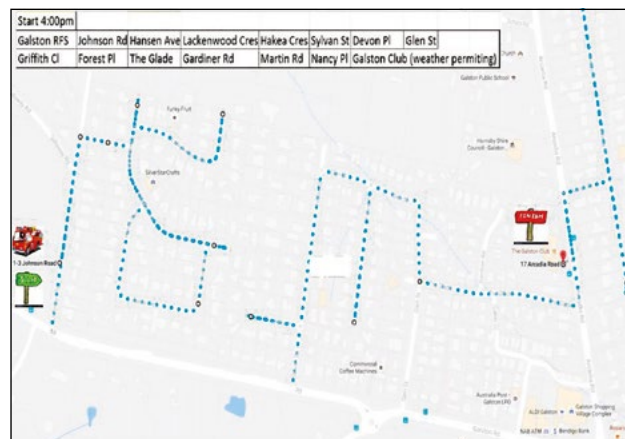
In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.



It's a fact. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bush fire. For more information visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Galston Rural Fire Brigade Annual Galston Village Santa Run

The annual Galston RFB Santa run will be held on **Sunday December 18th from 4pm to 7pm**. Santa will make his way aboard the fire trucks and on foot through the local streets of Galston. When you hear the sirens, Santa will be coming. Santa's helpers will have lolly treats for the young and young at heart.



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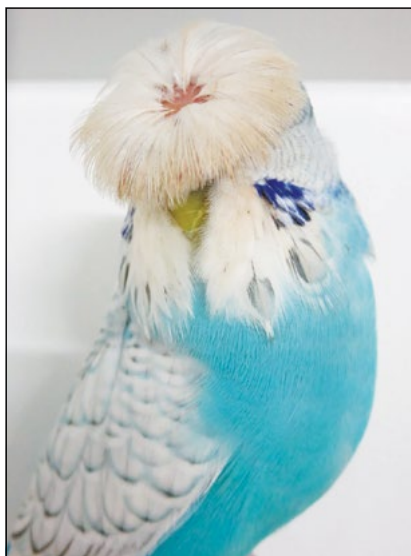
Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith.

The Sydney Lawn Show was held during November at St Ives Show Ground, where many specialist breeders attended, to showcase those varieties of budgerigars namely; Clearwings, Crested, Blackeyed Yellow and Whites, along with the more popular varieties. This show being held just prior to Christmas also attracted Santa, which created joy for the younger people amongst the good crowd of Exhibitors and visitors in attendance.

At the recent meeting of the Hills Branch, the annual Night at the Flicks, attracted exhibitors and visitors from near and far to view the birds that competed at the 2016 National Titles held in Tasmania. This night allows for Society Photographer Nola Bradford, the opportunity to present the birds for those exhibitors who were unable to attend Tasmania. As part of the night, pizza was provided to the large crowd in attendance.

Hills Branch also held the club Christmas Function at a Pennant Hills Restaurant, where members and partners enjoyed great company and some Christmas cheer, with minimal discussion of budgerigars. The 2017 Royal Easter Show, will be held at the Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, between the 6th April and the 19th April. Caged birds will be on show during Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of April.

A location change has been made for the 2017 Show and will now feature a new Pet Pavilion located in Hall 3 on Riverina Avenue, in the former Arts and Crafts Pavilion



and adjacent the Showbag Area. This is a new activation where Domestic Animals Competitions will be showcased; along with a variety of Commercial exhibits, and will feature a Pet related entertainment arena. Budgerigar Section Judges have been announced and Mrs Kathy Manton of Marsden Park and Mr Wayne Doull of Lethbridge Park have been appointed.

Entries for the Caged Birds will close on the 22nd of February 2017. This opportunity is taken by Hills Branch President, Mr Ian Manton to wish readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2017. Interested in being part of a hobby that can be enjoyed by the individual, family or partnership, then contact should be made with Peter Dodd on Ph 9888-5631 or Peter_dodd@primus.com.au

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

Elizabeth Whiteman



Hazard Reductions Postponed

Weather conditions meant our planned Hazard Reductions have had to be put on hold now until next autumn. Many brigade hours go into the planning and preparation for these strategic burns and it is disappointing when it is either too wet or too hot and windy to safely and effectively carry out a burn. Thank you to all the residents who have been so helpful and patient.

Hillside School 'Firewise for Kids'

It was great to be able to assist Hillside Brigade with their Firewise for Kids program. The students and staff visited the Hillside Fire Station for a fun and informative program. The answers to some of the questions showed just how well the students were listening and how highly they rate the importance of the risk of bush fire in this area.

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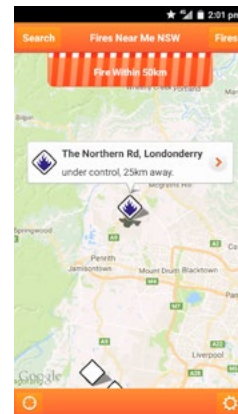
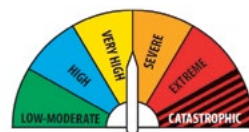
It's that time of year again when all our vehicles and equipment are checked and serviced, ready for the fire season. And it's time too for you to check your fire safety equipment is all in good working order and your home and property are prepared.

It's also time to check your Fire Survival Plan and know your triggers for leaving early. However, as we have seen in other areas in recent weeks, fire can spread very quickly and there may not be time to leave. The first message you may get is: "Seek shelter as the fire arrives". A well-prepared property may be your safest option.

Stay Aware and Stay Safe!

Watch the FDI (Fire Danger Indicator) sign and be ready to put your plan into action. Use the Fires Near Me app to keep track of fire activity near you.

Know what the fire alerts mean:



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

Annual Glenorie RFS Sant Run: Saturday 24th December from 4pm, see map and full details on page 28

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



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Galston Girl Guides Learn Outdoors

This month Galston Girl Guides learnt to use a compass to follow a treasure map and find hidden treasure. We played team games at the Galston Recreation Reserve. We enjoyed dressing up for spooky night on 31st October and playing games with our friends. We have also looked at a range of animal tracks and tried to work out which animals made the tracks. We finished the term at Dural Putt Putt in the Gardens.

Girl Guides do not meet during the school holidays but we welcome new girls in Term 1 next year. Please contact Mary 0423 353644 for more information or visit www.girlguides-nswact.org.au



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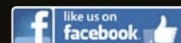
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Galston Gorge Road

Margaret McKinley, with reference to Les Geelan's "Memories of Value, 1819-1986"

Recently a visitor to History Cottage came in to enquire "Why did they ever build the Galston Gorge Road?" The answer requires some understanding of the times a hundred and twenty five years ago.

The railway to Hornsby Junction from Strathfield was opened in 1886. When the rail service commenced many Galston people going to Sydney would walk via a well defined track which was created through the gorge using a couple of logs put in place to cross the creeks. The Dural- Galston area had become the largest producer of citrus in Australia, and the orchardists wanted the easiest way to get their produce to market. So a cart road to rail seemed to be the answer.

The Government authorised £3,000 to construct two Macdonald Truss bridges to cross Tunk's and Berowra Creeks. These bridges were built before the road was made by manhandling the huge timber beams over the edge of the gorge with ropes and pullies. The bridge over Berowra Creek was severely damaged by a flood and replaced by a concrete bridge in 1937. Road construction was carried out by the Department of Works with unemployed men during the economic downturn of the 1890's. Some sections of the road were undertaken by private individuals and were known by their names such as Murphy and Dillon. Imagine building that road with just pick and shovel and horse and cart. No bulldozers, diggers and trucks then! Initially the road was not fenced but that was done several years later. The Armguard fence was installed only a few years ago, and the road was sealed within the memory of some local residents. The road was officially opened by Hon. Jacob Garrard M.L.A. on 18th March, 1893, at a ceremony presided over by George Hudson. All this was 13 years before Hornsby Shire was established in 1906.

Sam Fagan was very proud of an unbroken fruit processing and marketing record he established and also his



Horse watering trough near the Water fall, Galston Gorge

introduction of Emperor mandarins to the lucrative New Zealand market. In order to meet deadlines, on more than one occasion he had fruit pulled early in the morning, packed into export cases, transported by horse team lorry to Hornsby Station, railed to Darling Harbour, loaded onto a ship which passed through the Sydney Heads before midnight en route to Auckland, an eighteen hour exercise. Another record was set in 1894 by Will McFayden when he rode his pushbike from Sydney to Galston, via the Gorge, in 2 ¼ hours

Drinking troughs for the horses were another important feature of this road. Four of these were spring fed and always full of cool water. Several of these are still there, if you know where to look.

The History Cottage will be closed from 4pm on Wed. 14th December until 1pm on 18th January, 2017. All the members of the Dural Historical Society wish you a very happy Christmas, and invite you to come to the Cottage (402 Galston Rd, next to the Cenotaph) and find out more about the history of our district.



Macdonald Truss bridge over Tunks Creek



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Final Call for Arcadia Musical Recitals



On Sunday the 13th November, Margaret McKinley and Michael Bell decided to end their fifteen years of organising the Arcadia Musical Recitals. The final concert, in the chapel of St Benedict's Monastery, was by the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Soloists.

In the first and only concert in 2002, Ben Martin of Berowra played the chapel organ to an audience of 100. Last Sunday's concert, the fifth for this year, had an audience of more than two hundred. Over the intervening years the audiences totalled more than ten thousand. Generally, patrons were from surrounding suburbs but some dedicated enthusiasts travelled from the Hunter, the lower Blue Mountains and inner Sydney suburbs. Often patrons brought their overseas visitors, who expressed their surprise and admiration.

A wide variety of music has been performed by national and international singers and players. Local schools were sponsored to send some of their students to experience and talk to talented performers.

During all this time the concerts, run as a co-operative, were able to maintain their financial viability without any grants or sponsorship.

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With an increased number of students at Warrah Special School, our old school bus is no longer big enough. In order for students to have good access to our local community they need good access to transport. With only one 12 seater bus available for school transport and 22 students, we are falling short of the mark!

It is for this reason that we have applied for funding via the Variety - Sunshine Coach Grant funding program to obtain an additional bus. Your support can help to make it happen! We thank you for once again thinking of Warrah this Christmas. Don't forget, your donation is fully tax deductible.

From all at Warrah, we wish you a joyous Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

New Canteen for Galston Public School

Students at Galston Public School now have a new canteen to visit at lunch-time following the completion of a major upgrade late last month.

The new canteen was funded with the help of a \$10,000 grant from the NSW Community Building Partnerships fund and a donation from the local Galston and District Community Bendigo Bank.

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean said he was thrilled to be able to support this project which will benefit the entire school community.

"This new facility will give the students a new modern canteen area and also serve as a uniform shop area," Mr Kean said.

"I would like to especially like to thank Galston Public School's P&C President Jo Stephenson, School Principal Rob Jarvis and Bendigo Bank Branch Manager Gary Mangan for all their hard work behind the scenes to make this project possible."



Hornsby MP Matt Kean joins Galston Public School P&C Committee President Jo Stephenson (back left), Principal Rob Jarvis (back left centre), Galston Bendigo Bank Branch manager Gary Mangan with canteen staff and students.



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Hornsby Rockets Ten Pin Bowling Team Succeed Again!

The Hornsby Rockets Ten Pin Bowling Team Inc have yet again conquered the New South Wales Ten Pin Bowling Association Inc State Disability Championships held at Tenpin City Lidcombe on Saturday 5th November.

Amy McFadden, Adam Mandarano, Angela Moxham, Ben Barber, Candice Lundie, Karina Peters, Mark Milner, Natham Constable, Robert Klabbers, Tim Wilson and Warren Seymour, attended and they came home with 23 medals and 7 trophies – outstanding effort.

On Sunday 6th November, Angela, Ben, Karina, Natham, Tim and Warren competed in the Masters Competition.

Karina came third in the Female Division while in the Male Division, Ben came 2nd and Tim came 3rd.

However, the winner of the Male Masters was Natham Constable from Arcadia. He is only the 3rd Hornsby Rockets bowler to ever win this competition. His win enables him to compete in the National Masters held at Rooty Hill in June next year.

Also on the Sunday, Adam, Amy, Angela, Ben, Karina, Natham, Tim and Warren competed in the NSW State Disability Roll Offs, which is the selection for the NSW State Teams. Adam was selected for the Open Division, while Natham, Karina, Ben, Tim and Warren were selected for the Cole Cup Division.

President, Lesley Constable would like to congratulate all the bowlers who competed over the weekend. They all tried their best and should be proud of their bowling achievements. They are a credit to themselves, parents and the committee that work so hard for them to be able to have the opportunity to compete in the sport they love.

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Now it is real!!Our shed construction begins!!

We are very excited little shedders as the materials for our shed arrived on the Thursday 13 October, a week later than expected and, thanks to two fantastic community minded blokes, Wayne Bonser and Les Sheather the construction began on Saturday 12 November! The early morning was heralded by thunderstorms and a lot of rain, and we were all thinking that the weather would put paid to any work being started. However, the rain had stopped by 7am and the skies cleared to a very hot sunny day. These two blokes, along with our one-armed member Adrian, worked non-stop all day, standing the frame for our shed. A huge thank you to you all for such selflessness, dedication and hard work.

We will now be calling on more community trades people to help us erect the rest of the shed. We still will have a lot to do, connecting electricity, installing flooring and fitting out the interior before we can start operating from the shed. But it is just so exciting watching it grow! We won't be in by Christmas but it sure will be well on the way by then.

We have come a long way from being told it can't happen, to the community getting behind us step by step and helping us make it happen. There are so many to thank for this; Concreting by Wayne Bonser, P F Formation, Bunnings McGraths Hill, Bendigo Bank - Galston, WFBC, Urban City Consulting, Wide Span Sheds, Wisemans Ferry Reality, many community donors and much, much more. Thank you to everyone who has given us a hand or donated to us, we truly are blessed by your kindness and support.

Meanwhile we can be contacted through Adrian on 0448833781. On behalf of the Men's Shed we would like to wish all our community a safe and happy Christmas.



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Crash Card Spreading throughout the State

The roll-out of the motorcycle CRASH Card has been highly successful, with the first 10,000 already being distributed.

The small card is carried in the helmet of riders, providing vital information to emergency services at the scene of a motorcycle accident.

It has been produced by Hornsby Shire Council, inspired by a similar initiative in the United Kingdom, and is supported by NSW Ambulance, NSW Police Force and Fire and Rescue NSW.

"Council's staff are always on the lookout for new initiatives that will help our community and they don't get much better than this," Hornsby Shire Mayor Steve Russell said.

"Of course, this doesn't just benefit local residents but offers great value for motorcycle riders throughout New South Wales."

Another 39,000 cards have now been printed, with significant improvements based on feedback from riders and medical professionals.

The updated card is now smaller in size, with a plastic sleeve to protect it from moisture, while riders are asked if they are a registered organ donor.

"Perhaps the greatest signal of the initiative's success has been the number of motorcycle clubs that have contacted Council looking for cards to share among their members," Mayor Russell said.

"Meanwhile, Tasmania's Government contacted us and is keen to roll a similar card out across their state, so we've shared all our files and artwork with them."

To find out more about the CRASH Card or obtain one for free visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crashcard

Arcadian Quilters Inc News

Our group is still very active in making quilts for the 'Aussie Hero' in the defence forces. We have also been busy making laundry bags for the same cause. The laundry bags are made to a special size, lined and have a draw string. These bags are all different and individual. On the front a piece of calico is framed with other fabric. The calico is blank, ready for the new owner to write their relevant details so as to identify their bag from others.

The photo shows part of our group working on these bags.

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





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Dear Santa.... from Hornsby Ku ring gai Hospital

Around 1200 babies are born each year at your local hospital, and they're asking for donations to help ensure safe deliveries for the years ahead

By Jenny Barlass

Hornsby Ku ring gai Hospital has launched its Christmas appeal and needs community and local businesses support to make its Yuletide wish list a reality.

Hospital fundraiser Liesl McGrath said: "We run a community appeal every Christmas and have always found our local community to be a strong supporter of the hospital.

"We're asking people to think about whether they're able to make a donation to our Christmas Appeal which helps us buy extra equipment for our hospital. Last year we raised around \$30,000 which was spent on extra paediatric equipment for operating theatres, a wonderful community effort.

"The hospital has developed this wish list for 2016 and we hope the community appeal will go some way to helping with these purchases."

Top of the list for this year's appeal is a foetal heart monitor for the maternity ward, costing \$40,000, to assist in the safe delivery of the 1,200 babies coming into the world at Hornsby every year.

"This monitor allows data to be transmitted wirelessly, so mums can move around all they want during labour while knowing their baby's heart rate is being accurately monitored. It also provides comprehensive information about mum - the level of oxygen in her blood, her blood pressure and heart rate.

Turrumurra mum Cymbeline Johnson with her twins Sierra and Xavier



"And if we raise more than we need for the foetal heart rate monitor, there are also other items we'd also like to purchase," says McGrath.

These include a specialised stretcher for the emergency department. "This trolley is ideal for patients requiring imaging as the patient doesn't need to move from the trolley, which means less manual handling for nursing staff." Cost: \$7,000.

Next on the Hospital's wish list is a stand-up patient lifter, which makes it physically easier for nursing and physio staff to help patients, and also increases patient mobility. "The lifter enables stepping and walking exercises, and it mobilises

patients during everyday transfers such as for a shower and toileting." Cost: \$12,500.

And finally, an ECG machine for cardiac rehabilitation - it monitors and assists in diagnosing cardiac heart function by identifying rhythm problems that can lead to clotting problems. Cost: \$9,500.

The highly-specialised foetal heart monitor the hospital is aiming to purchase is like the one which helped Turrumurra mum Cymbeline Johnson through her double delivery of twins Xavier and Sierra in the maternity unit in October.

"Having twins makes labour riskier so it was comforting to have this monitor," Cymbeline said. "It gave feedback to my husband and me, not just the medical staff. I know the importance of this monitor and I hope the appeal raises enough money to buy a new one."



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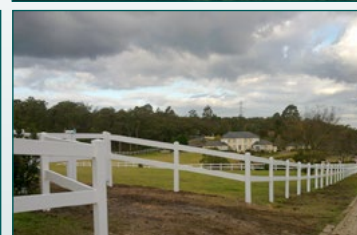
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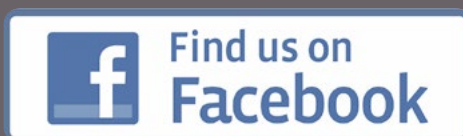
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Bio Banking - Arcadia Park and Galston Park

Hornsby Council is proposing to create Bio Banking sites at Arcadia and Galston Park sites.

The purpose of creating a Biobanking agreement is to provide funding to manage the land for biodiversity conservation and allow for public enjoyment. This is done through registering a Biobanking agreement on the property title to ensure biodiversity is protected and managed forever. The ongoing funding for management would be provided from the sale of biodiversity credits generated on the land. Biodiversity credits are a way of putting a value on our native flora and fauna. These credits are placed on the market and purchased to offset the loss of vegetation through development.

Galston Park Bushland forms part of an important green corridor linking private land to the west and Berowra Valley National Park, to the east.

The public notice period is from 1-28 November 2016. Late submissions may be accepted.

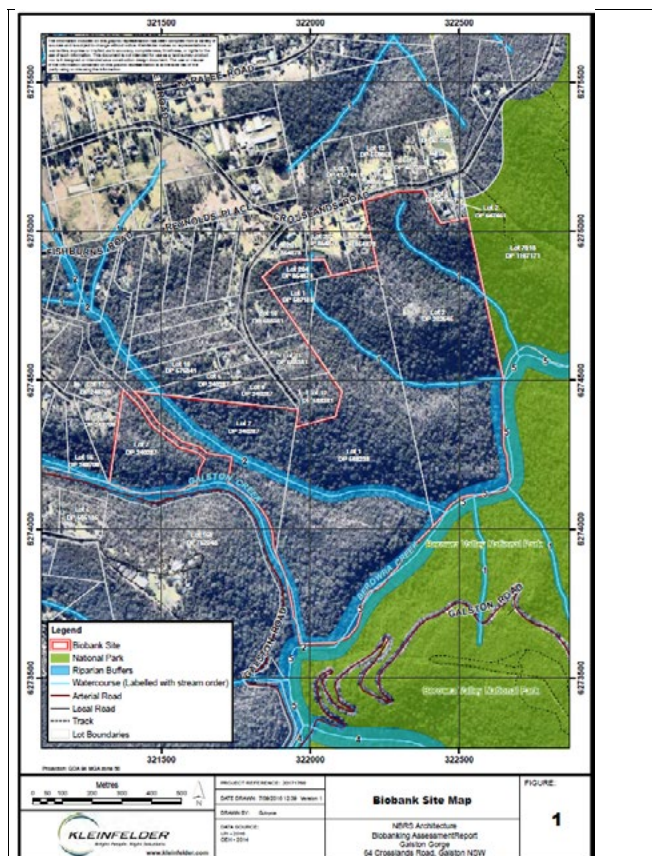
Biobanking Agreement site: The proposal is to establish an approximately 96 hectare biobank site in Galston Park Bushland. Figure 1 shows a map of the proposed Biobank site, including Council owned and managed lands and an aerial photo of the surrounding local area. The land is made up of Council owned community land.

The reserves are comprised of the following lots and addresses shown in **Figure 1**:

Lot and DP: Lot 2 DP 202545, Lot 1 DP 568238, Lot 1 DP 567189, Lot 204 DP 854878 and Lot 7 DP 240287 and Arcadia Park

Approximately 14 hectare biobank site in Arcadia Park Bushland. **Figure 2** shows a map of the proposed Biobank site, including Council owned and managed lands and an aerial photo of the surrounding local area. The land is made up of Council owned community land (Lot 761) and Operational land (Lot 3).

Figure 1: Proposed Biobank Site and Council Managed Lands: Galston Park Bushland



The reserves are comprised of the following lots and addresses shown in **Figure 2**:

Lot and DP: Part Lot 761 D.P. 1121447 and Part Lot 3 D.P. 618142

It is proposed that the Biobank site be limited to the natural area and will exclude the transmission line easements, other easements or services and access trails traversing the land. Biobanking within the reserves will not impact on this area but will improve the site's amenity through increased biodiversity (weed) management.

Landowners can create biobank sites (Figure 3 - how to establish Bio Bank site). The proposed Biobank site will be established through the placing of a Biobanking Agreement (under Part 7A of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995), over the two reserves. Biobanking Agreements are a type of permanent conservation covenant in which landowners are paid to protect and manage bushland and:

- limit what a landholder may or may not do on a Biobank site
- are registered on the land's title and bind future landholders, and
- create a right in favour of the Minister to enforce the agreement and hold the landholder to the obligations contained in it.

Figure 2: Proposed Biobank Site and Council Managed Lands: Arcadia Park Bushland

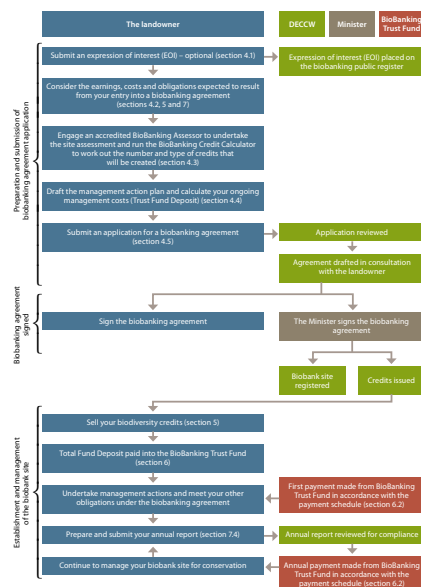
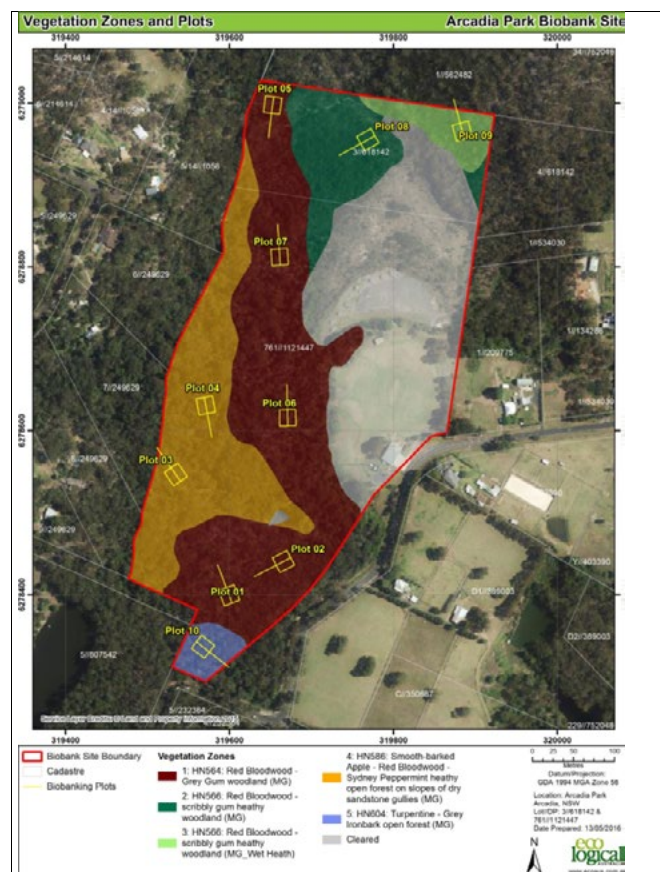


Figure 3 - How to establish Biobank site



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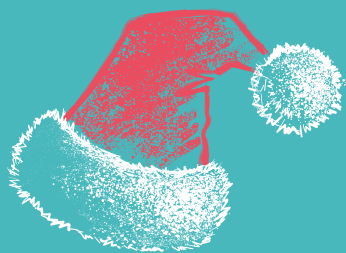
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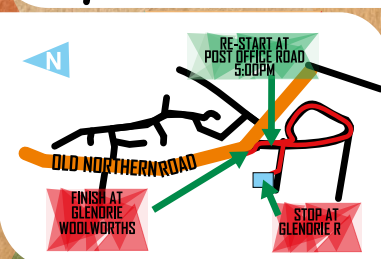
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Tuesday 13 December,
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Wednesday 14 December,
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SOUTH DURAL PLANNING PROPOSAL

The South Dural Planning Proposal is on exhibition until Friday 2 December. The Proposal seeks to rezone land known as South Dural, bounded by New Line Road, Old Northern Road, and Hastings Road to allow residential subdivision.

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the end of the year draws closer, my diary becomes full of Christmas events and school Speech Days. I really enjoy sharing this happy time with the community.

The Speech Days are uplifting. It's wonderful to see our young people achieving and celebrating their successes. When you see them perform and speak at these events you certainly feel our future is in good hands. These occasions also highlight the wonderful commitment and professionalism of teachers and school staff - they deserve recognition too.

I hope you continue to enjoy the many community events happening across the Shire. Keep an eye on our website for more activities during summer, we will be updating the information all the time.

My very best wishes
for the Christmas season.

Steve Russell
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council



SUMMER READING CLUB LAUNCH

Give your children incentive to read over the holidays and the opportunity to win great prizes by signing them up for the Summer Reading Club. A child's library card is essential to join the Club and attend the show.

Club registration with child's library card will open from 4.30pm followed by Gigalees, Crazy Circus Show at 5.30pm.

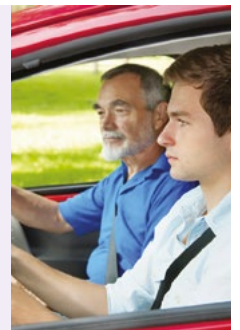
Thursday 1 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Hornsby Library.
Free. Ages 0-14.



TEACHING YOUR LEARNER DRIVER

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Saturday 3 December, 10am-11am,
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Summer Series heats up The Hills

The Hills Shire Council is excited to announce that its Summer Series of events is back for another year.

Summer Series offers a range of fun and exciting activities and festive celebrations across the summer in The Sydney Hills.

With brand new events alongside old favourites, there's something for everyone this season including pop-up eateries, outdoor theatre and cinema, light displays, festive celebrations and family friendly activities.

Plus, Australia Day and the Lunar New Year will be held at the historic Bella Vista Farm over two fun-filled days.

Hills Shire Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Keane, said there was so much happening that residents wouldn't want to leave The Hills this summer.

"For the very first time, the gates of our Shire's best-kept secret, Bella Vista Farm, will be thrown open every single day during the summer months [except Christmas Day]," Mayor Keane said.

"It's a truly special place made even more special this year

with my new secret obsession – Lil Miss Collins café, which has popped up just in front of the historic packing shed. This rustic little farmhouse-style café has literally been built out of a shipping container and is the brainchild of brothers Tony and David Moussa.

"Park Feast – a street food lover's delight – rolls in on November 12 and 13 with food trucks, music and fun for the kids.

"I can't wait to see the faces of our Shire's children as they dance under the snow and canopy of fairy lights to Christmas songs during the Christmas Sky Show.

"There are so many more amazing events that you'll be spoilt for choice – the wonderful Outdoor Cinema is happening at Castle Hill Showground and the Sydney Thunder will be wowing fans at a fan day.

"Thank you to everyone involved in bringing this year's amazing Summer Series together – and I hope to see you all there!"

List of Summer Series events:

NYE Sky Show

The Sky Show will return on 31 December for a special NYE event, featuring light shows, a live telecast of the Sydney fireworks, DJ sets, live entertainment and more.

Designed with the whole family in mind, the NYE Sky Show celebrates the spirit of Christmas, encouraging family and friends to gather together to sing and dance the night away and share a truly unmissable experience. With access to ample parking, public transport and a variety of delicious food outlets

When: Saturday 31 December;

Where: Castle Hill Main Street;

Times: 6pm-midnight.

Sydney Thunder Fan Day

Meet your sporting heroes, have a go and get active with the Sydney Thunder.

When: Sunday 18 December;

Where: Bruce Purser Reserve;

Times: 9.30-10.30am exclusive member's clinic; 10.30-12.30pm open to the public.

Australia Day at The Farm

This is Australia Day like you've never seen it before. Including show-stopping performances from your favourite Aussie artists including Ricki-Lee, Chris Sebastian and Alfie Arcuri, rides, kid's activities, delicious street food, Australiana displays, roving performers, fireworks and so-much-More! Australia Day at the Farm is a fantastic day out for the whole family, with ample free parking, just a 35 minute drive from the Sydney CBD.

When: Thursday 26 January 2017;

Where: Bella Vista Farm;

Times: 10am-9pm.

Sydney Hills Lunar Festival

A fusion of flavours, cultures and traditions, the Sydney Hills Lunar Festival welcomes in the year of the rooster with a festival like no other. Featuring Sydney's most popular food trucks, fireworks, traditional performances, displays and ancient Lunar New Year rituals such as the 'dotting of the Lion's eyes' - be immersed in the unique and vibrant customs of Asia at this year's lunar celebration.

When: Sunday 29 January 2017;

Where: Bella Vista Farm Park;

Times: 12pm-9pm.

Smooth FM Sydney Hills Outdoor Cinema

Flicks, food and fun for the whole family.

When: Thursday 12 January - Sunday 12 February (movies Thursday to Sunday only);

Where: Castle Hill Showground.

Development in Glenorie?

submitted by The Glenorie Progress Association

If you live in Glenorie (or any of the adjoining villages), the next 10 years are going to be interesting. Why? Because WE (the residents) need to decide how we want our villages to grow. No more developer led 'high density/out of character' developments! Hopefully.....

The Greater Sydney Commission is drawing up plans for the growth of Sydney.

They have identified our area (Glenorie, Galston, Middle Dural, Arcadia, Fiddletown, Dural, Forest Glen, Canoelands and Maroota), as significant areas (see Sustainability Priorities 8, 9 and 10 on the next page).

We will receive more consultation, and can be more actively involved in how we shape the future of our villages.

The Glenorie Progress Association has taken up the mantle of representing Glenorie. It has already embarked on updating its constitution to allow electronic voting. It now has a facebook page and a website. As a community minded "not for profit" group which has been in existence for over 21 years, it is encouraging residents to join so it can work collaboratively to plan and shape the future of our village and rural areas.

The Association needs all residents to join - Membership is only \$10 per year and you can join and pay online at www.glenorieprogress.org.au.

You don't have to attend meetings if that's not your "thing". All information about suggested growth plans can be emailed, placed on facebook and posted on the website. Surveys can be sent out via email, or can be completed on facebook or via their website.

This future growth may impact you - you need to know what's happening and the Glenorie Progress Association wants your views. It's important to have lots of residents voices.

Community Consultation Meeting Thursday 8th December 7.30pm

All residents are invited to this meeting. The Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) will be displaying maps of Glenorie, overlaid with current zoning.

The GPA want to start canvassing community views on development. This might include:

- expansion of the village
- types of housing
- community requirements in the way of services
- Environmental concerns
- Other general issues

The GPA wants be a collective of residents views from all parts of Glenorie. If you wish to join, please go to www.glenorieprogress.org.au and click join. Application forms will also be available at the meeting. GPA also have a facebook page /glenorieprogressassociation.

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Greater Sydney Commission Draft Plan North District: (West Central covers Hills Shire Areas)

Sustainability Priority 8:

Discourage urban development in the Metropolitan Rural Area

Urban development in the Metropolitan Rural Area is not consistent with the protection of the Area's existing values. Conversion of land to urban residential development is not necessary in the short to medium term given the supply of land for housing in other parts of Greater Sydney, and conversion of rural land to suburban development does not form part of the housing targets that have been defined for the District or individual local government areas.

In general, urban development in the Metropolitan Rural Area will not be supported unless the relevant planning authority has undertaken strategic planning in accordance with Sustainability Priorities 9 and 10.

Relevant planning authorities should not support planning proposals affecting land currently within a RU (rural) or E (environmental) zone unless:

- these are in areas identified in a regional plan or a district plan as urban investigation areas
- these also form part of, or are identified as a result of, strategic planning in accordance with Sustainability Priorities 9 and 10.

Sustainability Priority 9

Consider environmental, social and economic values when planning for the Metropolitan Rural Area

Agriculture and primary industries are essential to Greater Sydney and to the North District's economy. They need to be planned and protected to avoid their transition to higher and better uses (in financial terms) such as suburban residential development.

In planning for the Metropolitan Rural Area, the relevant planning authority should undertake their own review of land use activities in the context of environmental, economic and social values, and consider our research regarding the multiple values and activities in their District to better understand how they are operating, the range of uses operating within them, their interdependencies, key constraints and opportunities to their effective operation and evolution.

On this basis, when planning for the Metropolitan Rural Area in the North District, relevant planning authorities should consider how to:

- provide greater certainty with regards to built form outcomes in and around villages

- articulate the different landscape and heritage values and character of rural areas, with different planning and development controls
- clarify the what the future should be for rural lands to prevent speculation and protect against encroachment conserve Aboriginal cultural heritage

Sustainability Priority 10:

Provide for rural residential development while protecting the values of the Metropolitan Rural Area Rural landscapes provide opportunities for housing in rural towns and villages, as well as rural residential living that is already dispersed throughout the Metropolitan Rural Area.

Any plans to expand rural towns and villages must first consider how these places fit in the landscape and how their valued characteristics can be protected and extended sympathetically in order to optimise their cultural and economic potential. This will involve analysis of the key characteristics of these towns and villages as part of a design-led approach.

Consideration of further subdivision for rural residential development should be approached in a similar way, with careful consideration of siting, impacts and potential to improve and ensure ongoing maintenance of biodiversity, ecological, scenic and productive values. Relevant planning authorities should adopt a design-led approach to planning for localities that:

- considers siting and design principles for rural residential development that conserves the values identified in the report on considerations for district planning in the Metropolitan Rural Area
- considers restrictions on additional rural residential development that may be affected by existing or future rural and agricultural activity
- considers setbacks and defines appropriate buffers for rural activities
- investigates and develops innovative approaches to conserve and manage biodiversity, habitat and scenic landscapes.

Councils should liaise with the Commission to develop design-led approaches for the Metropolitan Rural Area and in the first instance utilise the design approaches outlined in the NSW Government's draft Architecture and Urban Design Policy, *Better Placed* (October 2016). How these matters have been taken into account is to be demonstrated in any relevant planning proposal.

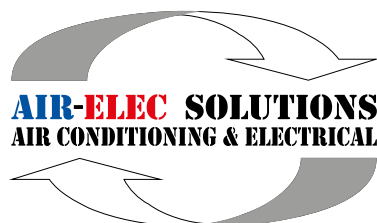
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South Dural Development - Community Meeting Cherrybrook

By Diana Paton

On 26th November, a community meeting was held at the Cherrybrook Community Centre to allow residents to learn more about the proposed development and to hear speakers from the Cherrybrook Residents Association and representatives from RIPA (Residents Infrastructure and Planning Alliance). The meeting was MC'd by Greens representative, Emma Heyde.

Over 580 residents attended, which filled the hall and overflowed into the entrance area of the Centre. Also in the audience were Federal MP Julian Leeser, State MP's Matt Kean and Damien Tudehope, Councillors Robert Browne and Deputy Mayor Michael Hutchence from Hornsby Shire Council.

A slide show of graphs and facts were presented. These included some interesting points:

1. A plan showing landholders who had allowed Fauna and Flora Reports to be conducted on their properties and those who had not. There was a much greater proportion of landholders who had allowed these reports. An assumption was made, therefore, that the landholders who had refused access to their properties for the Fauna and Flora Reports were pro-development, those who had not, were happy with the current zoning. The plan clearly showed a majority who appeared to be happy with the current zoning.
2. Although the development was in the Hornsby Shire Council area, the speakers advised that when a Hills Shire Councillor reviewed the proposed re-zoning, they were of the opinion that although the current DA was for 2,900 houses, the re-zoning could allow up to 20,000 homes. This fact met with gasps from the audience.

3. The South Dural rural area is not in a designated growth area in the NSW Government's Plan for Growing Sydney.
4. The recent release of the Greater Sydney Commission plans for North District notes that "there is an agricultural cluster in the North District - a multi-use horticultural cluster with vegetables and fruit trees around Middle Dural, Dural, Galston and Arcadia. This cluster extends into the Hills Shire in the West Central District. Nurseries, both outdoor and undercover, are the most economically productive form of agriculture in the North District, while cut-flower and stone fruit production are the other main agricultural activities. The report goes on to point out that these areas need to be supported and protected. Again, the speakers noted that the South Dural development was not in line with the proposed draft plans from these recently released reports.
5. Environmental Reports noted the presence of a number of protected and endangered fauna and tree species.
6. Traffic - the lack of an integrated road network to support the increase in vehicle movements. This point raised claps and cheers from the audience who clearly were very concerned about how all the extra cars were going to fit into an already congested road system. Suggested proposals to upgrade roads caused laughter in the audience due to previously 'promised' upgrades.
7. What benefit is there to our community in this development other than delivering a large profit to the developers?

Ultimately the community were advised 'if you do not want this development, then you need to voice your concerns by 2nd December to Hornsby Council'.

Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch

Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch will hold it's next meeting at a new temporary Building on **10th February 2017**. For details and Branch Enquiries 8850 7056.

Rainfall Chart

Rainfall recorded Galston period
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Think of the elderly these holidays

By Sue Buckle

Christmas and the summer holidays are a special time to spend together as a family, especially for grandparents, parents, neighbours or friends who live alone. According to the latest figures, one quarter of older people live alone – 69% are women and 31% men.

When you get together for the fun of the holiday season it's a good opportunity to observe if grandma or grandpa or other elderly family are managing well. Look for any changes that might mean they need some help around the house or to get out and about. It's a great time to have those critical conversations - many older people are reluctant to plan or get advice for their possible future care needs. This leaves many families in the dark about their elderly relative's preferences, and adds significant stress if a crisis happens and decisions need to be made quickly.

Getting care at home when the first signs appear gives everyone peace of mind and often helps older family members to remain happy and independent in their own home for much longer.

To work out if loved ones need a little helping hand, check these five key areas and talk to them about the best solution:

• Home safety

Any stairs, slippery tiles, high shelves and cupboards, cluttered walkways, slopes, loose carpet and rugs and uneven surfaces can become trip or fall hazards. A professional assessment by an occupational therapist can advise the appropriate safety measures and recommend the right assistive equipment and accessibility solutions – including handrails, chair-lifts to navigate stairs and walking aides.

• Early signs of Alzheimer's

The signs include cognitive changes such as difficulty processing information, remembering simple items or tasks, and concentrating. There are also emotional and physical signs too, including changes to their personal care and mood. Early intervention can help reduce the symptoms.

• Decreasing hygiene or personality changes

While physical and emotional changes can be an early symptom of dementia, they are also linked to depression. Social isolation is one of the biggest concerns for older



Australians, and a major contributor to depression. Regular exercise and maintaining social connections can help keep the mind healthy and the outlook on life positive.

• Health concerns

Many health conditions can be easily managed at home, provided that the person takes prescribed medication correctly, gets exercise and eats well. Fresh food and healthy meals can be delivered or prepared at home by an in-home carer.

• Loss of driving confidence

Many things can affect driving confidence, which is not easily restored. Without transport, simple things like shopping, getting to appointments or social engagements become very difficult. Find out what transport is available in the community or ask your local home-care provider about its mobility services.

Older family members who want to remain independent and healthy at home can take advantage of in-home care to assist with everyday living, jobs around the house and outings to the shops, appointments or social visits. Home care is considerably less costly than residential aged care, and can also provide companionship and help maintain social connections. About 800,000 older Australians receive home care.

Sue Buckle is a registered nurse and director of Just Better Care Hills District.



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Keep pesky bugs at bay with Insect repellent plants

By Sue Potthurst

Mosquitoes, flies and other insects irritate us at the best of times, but during Sydney's hot and humid summers when we spend so much time outside, these critters seem hell-bent on spoiling our fun – their sole mission is to drive us to distraction! There are of course various products on the market to keep them at bay but we must remember that these invariably contain toxic chemicals that poison our soils, our water, our wildlife, our plants and ourselves, so I'd like to encourage you to use natural methods of pest control.

Those plants most commonly used for their repellent properties are ones that contain "volatile oils", which usually means that when the foliage or flowers are crushed or brushed against, they release strong odours, some pleasant, some not so pleasant. Volatile oils work more effectively in warmer weather and in humid weather even more so – great news for us Sydneysiders!

The oils of these plants are extracted to make essences that can be used for many different purposes including natural insect repellents. If your growing space for plants is limited, try this easy homemade natural spray: put 2 tablespoons of white wine vinegar in a half a litre of water then add Citronella, Peppermint and Eucalyptus Oils (about 8 drops of each). Spray around the areas you'll be using the most – the barbeque and dining areas and the places the kids play in. If using oil extracts



Marigold

such as these, do buy good quality oils and essences from a reputable health food store and ask questions about the safety of the product for human use and also around your pets.

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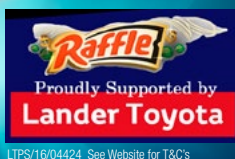
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Galston Equestrian Club - what an exciting and successful year we have had!

Sunday 23rd October saw GEC successfully run their inaugural Derby and Show Jumping Day at the Dural Pony Club Grounds at Kenthurst. After a few showers on the Saturday, Sunday managed to stay dry. As a Derby round of show jumping involves jumping cross country fences, the DPC were very generous in allowing us to use their grounds for the day. They also supported us with a wonderful canteen and help to set up on the Saturday. Thank you Dural Pony Club. We had entries from 34 riders on 38 horses, and on the day put through 33 rounds of show jumping and 36 rounds of Derby. A huge thank you to all the volunteers on the day, especially the non-GEC helpers. A very respectable profit was made out of the day, and there were a lot of very happy riders, who thoroughly enjoyed doing something a little different. Their positive feedback was most welcomed by the organisers.

Unfortunately the Flatwork lessons with Lucas Hurps on 12th November had to be cancelled due to the bad weather.

On a hot windy 13th November, 15 participants took on Suzanne Bellette's Agility Course. It was an even mix of first timers and "old hands". In no time everyone had confidently mastered the on-ground course and had their horses going over tarps, under bags and between rows of pool noodles. Then it was time to do the course under saddle and again everyone successfully mastered the course. Suzanne gave the riders encouragement and suggestions on how to safely get their horse through an obstacle. Riders were challenged to make the course more difficult and Debbie Mclean rode the course while carrying a large bag in one hand and won a bag of horse feed for her efforts. Thank you to Suzanne Bellette of Natural Equestrian for another clever course design and experienced coaching.

Our Car Boot Sale was very successful with many cars and floats packed with a huge variety of excellent quality goods for sale. There was a happy atmosphere as buyers wandered about picking up great bargains, even if they had no initial intention of buying anything! Many people wanted to put "Bindi" (an adorable 10 year old miniature pony mare, approx 9.2hh) in their car boots! She was looking for a new home.

2016 was a busy and successful year for GEC. We ran (to be read in tune to "12 Days of Christmas"): 8 training and protocol days, 6 evening presentations, 5 dressage competitions, 4 showjumping/Derby/CT Competitions, 3 agility and equitation

days, 2 car boot sales and a Christmas in July Funkhana ring! It wasn't all competitions and training, we also had fun and games at our Horsemanship fun days.

The GEC Committee wishes to thank all our members for their enthusiasm in both participating and volunteering at all the events. We wish to thank our generous sponsors - Horseland Dural for our many prizes, CopRice Nutrice Feeds who gave a bag of feed as first prize for all our competitions, Bendigo Bank who sponsored a new jump, Wenban Float and Trailer Repairs who sponsored their own jump and repaired our show jump trailer for a great price, and the Galston Club who also sponsored a blue and white jump.

At GEC, we look forward to an even bigger 2017, and to welcome back all our 130 members, and new members as well. Our Facebook page now has over 1020 followers – and we are still growing!

Events coming up:

5 December – the AGM at the Galston Club

11 December – Presentations and Christmas party at the RSF grounds

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

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and healthy, happy horses in 2017!



Show jumping at the Derby Day



Cross country at the Derby Day



Bindi at the Car Boot Sale

More fun and friendship at Arcadia Pony Club camp!

Each year Arcadia Pony Club holds their pony club camp weekend where members, their families and their horses spend two nights at an equestrian facility that caters to pony clubs not far just a few hours from Sydney. It is a highlight for members and instructors alike who have the opportunity to ride all weekend along with spending time with their pony club friends.

This year, Arcadia Pony Club held their annual camp on the last weekend in October at Vision Valley, nestled in the valley of the Ourimbah state forest.

The camp was very well attended with 20 riders and family members and 20 horses and ponies. The weather was great and all riders were saddled up bright and early Saturday morning to explore the cross country jumps and the riding trails.

Late Saturday afternoon after riding there was bareback riding, swimming and even grass sledding – though the grass sledding was for the riders only, not the ponies!



Happy trails at pony club camp



Bareback swimming at pony club camp

Saturday evening was spent around the camp fire for dinner and sharing stories from the day, whilst toasting marshmallows and then a few games of spotlight Sunday was more fun with trail riding with campers sadly packing up after lunch to head home.

A special thanks to our Club President Katie for organising the weekend; and to the wonderful instructors that also attended with their own families and horses and ran sessions throughout the camp. We can't wait for Pony Club camp next year!

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

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

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News from Uniting Care Galston Early Learning Centre

At Uniting Galston Early Learning Centre we focus on preparing the children with the social and emotional skills that enable them to become lifelong learners. The educators are consistently working towards preparing the children for their transition into the school environment and this process begins from our nursery room and continues through to our preschool room. We believe that skills such as being able to ask for adult assistance, communicating respectfully with peers and working together using our diverse opinions are the foundations to promote interdependent skills.



We encourage the children on a daily basis to interact respectfully with one another and to reflect upon their good and bad choices. Our educators are also role modelling these actions with the children as we are forming safe and strong partnerships within our community. Over the past few months we have participated in some orientation sessions at Galston Public School with our older children to provide a smooth transition to school in 2017.

On behalf of the educators here at Galston, we would like to wish our school leavers all the very best for their next venture and we look forward to hearing about your new experiences in the near future.

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



What an exciting few weeks we have had here at Hillside!

On Saturday 29th October, Hillside celebrated its 90th birthday with a Bush Dance and spit roast.

Families new and old came from all over NSW to join in the festivities. What a fabulous night with young and old going home with sore muscles from dancing the night away.

Halloween was celebrated at Hillside with the whole school dressing up as Halloween characters. Kinder and years 2,3 and 4 participated in many spooky activities throughout the day – spooky story writing, marshmallow and toothpick tower building, skeleton artwork and Who Am I Halloween.

Thursday 3rd November saw the children perform the long awaited and much practiced pantomime The Lemonade Kid. The matinee was watched by many families and Middle Dural Public School. The evening performance and the house was full! The children were magnificent! What superb acting, singing and dancing. The show ended with the audience and performers all dancing to the Boot Skootin' Baby. Congratulations children – you were great.

Kinder, years 2 and 3 are currently attending the very important Swim School where all students are practicing and improving their swimming skills.

Teachers from Galston High visited our Year 6 to discuss the many facets of high school. The children were engrossed in what the teachers had to say about high school.

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KU Galston Preschool News...

Wow, who can believe that it is almost Christmas! This term saw us celebrating Children's Week and holding our first coffee morning where families were invited to spend the morning engaged in activities with their children whilst sharing a coffee. We encouraged families to draw a picture with their children showing something that they valued about our preschool program and our commitment to providing high quality care and education. We have finalised the drawings and are organising to have our book printed. It was very well attended and we look forward hosting another morning soon.



Recently the NSW Government announced an additional \$85 million in funding to community preschools across NSW who are meeting the 600 hours per annum National Partnership Agreement. This funding will be available to 4 and 5 year olds, plus any 3 year olds from low income and/or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families. The good news is that fees are set to drop by up to 30% for eligible families and we will be increasing our operating hours in 2017 to 8.00-3.30pm. This means that high quality education and care will be more affordable for families in the local community.

We are excited to announce that we have been successful in receiving a \$5000 grant from The Bendigo Bank in Galston. We will be using these funds to replace the softfall in our outdoor environment. We would like to thank the Bendigo Bank for their kind and generous donation and their commitment to supporting local not for profit organisations such as KU Galston Preschool.

We are currently enrolling for 2017 and have limited spaces available, if you would like to find out more about our preschool please feel to visit for a tour or contact our director Rebecca Onslow on 9653 2252 or ku.galston@ku.com.au.



A Passion for Teaching

Learning to create increasingly complex computer codes, applying mathematical thinking to everyday situations, being immersed in rich literature and expressing themselves through drama, painting and sculpture. The students in Mr Codling's Year 5/ 6 class at Arcadia Public School experience these and so much more.

"It's my job to bring out the best in each of my students, to motivate them, so that each sees themselves as a successful learner, each with unique strengths and an important member of our school. What an amazing job in that every day I work to build a love of learning."

Mr Codling contributes a wealth of teaching experience to our teaching staff including 15 years as Executive Teacher in Information Communication Technology in the Anglican system. The high value in which he places student leadership has seen our senior students excel in their leadership roles and responsibilities as they prepare for their high school years.

Sporting events at APS have taken on a new shine as we benefit from Mr Codling's skills and knowledge as a past Sydney Kings Development officer, head coach of a number of NSW State basketball teams and Basketball NSW Association Director of Coaching.

Year 4 and 5 are already excited about their learning journey with Mr Codling in 2017. Find out more about our exceptional teachers and the programs offered at Arcadia PS. Ring 96531207 or visit www.arcadiaschool.com.au.

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More than Cupcake Dollars

Jo Stephenson – P&C President

Over the years the Canteen and Uniform Shop facility at Galston Public School had aged. The P&C were aware of its ailing condition and had started to make plans for a refurbishment. This need became a necessity earlier this year when the Council inspector could no longer ignore some elements of disrepair.

This was always going to be a big job, but one we really wanted to complete as a single project, rather than several smaller ones which would cause ongoing disruption to the school. But one single project meant lots of cupcake dollars, and we simply couldn't manage that on our own. We needed to source funding from outside organisations.

We worked on this over several months and in July this year all services were suspended as the complete refurbishment of our facility went ahead. In the end, the project cost in excess of \$66,000. The school P&C Association were able to finance over half of this and we thank the parents and families at the



Parents, students and staff welcome special guests, Matt Kean MP, Member for Hornsby and Gary Mangan, Manager of Bendigo Bank Galston to our new canteen.

school for always supporting our services, events and activities which allowed us to slowly accumulate this funding. We also thank the following organisations who helped us with the rest: A grant from the Department of Education; Matt Kean's office - via the State Government Community Building Partnership grant; Galston Public School who arranged the repainting; Bendigo Bank Galston who financed beautiful new fridge and freezer units; Rotary Club of Galston who donated funds which helped to purchase new appliances; and Harvey Norman, Castle Hill who gave us extremely competitive pricing on our new appliances and outstanding service. We would also like to thank Michael Vumbaca from Admire Build Pty Ltd, our local contractor who undertook the project and coordinated the other trades to help us complete the project in good time.

At the end of October we held a Morning Tea for those who had helped to finance this project. This gave us the opportunity to not only say "thank you", but to show off our beautiful refurbished space.

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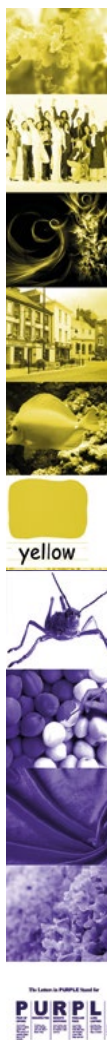
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Future focused classrooms at Galston High School

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Grant excels at Taekwondo

Grant Carver of Year 8 at Galston High School continues to strive for his goals in the sport of Taekwondo and is well on his



way to achieving them. In the October holidays he competed in the CK 10th Classic international Open Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where he fought valiantly to achieve a bronze medal. Grant also attended the National Championships in Victoria in August where although he did not achieve a medal the score was 13/11 and he fought through a badly sprained/rolled foot to finish the 3rd round only losing in the last few seconds to a head kick.

In July Grant attended the ASMA Olympic Dream Competition in Sydney and achieved a silver medal, which was a great achievement as he fought a senior player aged 19 who has far more experience.

Grant is part of the Emerging Athletes NSW and selections are currently underway for a position in the team for the Australian Institute of Sport December camp, if he gets selected he will train at the AIS in Canberra along with ten Korean junior athletes. Best of luck Grant!



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Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss

As the end of the school year draws near, Galston Public School students have been engaged in many activities such as the sessions of weekly tennis clinics, a soccer clinic, various fundraisers including the 'Build Your Future Today Organisation' (money raised for the needs of school children in Cambodian villages) and the very creative Cartoon Workshop incursion by Tony Murphy.

Make a difference to a little 'Devil' was the focus of this fund raising event organised by Jessica C., Emily S., and Sophie S. Following a visit to the Australian Reptile Park, these students learnt about the plight of the nearly extinct Tasmanian Devils. They decided to have a food stall to raise funds for the Devil Ark foundation. Great organisation and effort enabled these students to raise nearly \$300 for this important organisation.

Both Kindergarten classes enjoyed an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. The sun was shining and excitement levels were at a high. They took turns to 'milk a cow', rode on a very bumpy tractor, watched enthralled as sheep were rounded up by working dogs, and a sheep was shorn (had a haircut) and patted lots of different farm animals. Everyone had a fabulous day.

On a musical note Saxon K. from 5/6P was recently selected in the NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band. This band is a dynamic group full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. Years 7-12 (and Year 6 in Term 4) get the unique opportunity to make new friends and



perform nationally and internationally. A really well deserved selection, Saxon.

On another musical note students involved in the instrument program attended Band Camp. These students had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The camp culminated in a concert which was appreciated by a large audience who were impressed with the behaviour and work ethic of Galston Public School students.

What a wonderful achievement for the senior soccer team who were runner's up in the grand final of the Wanderer's Cup. Congratulations to these students. What a fantastic result. They played with great enthusiasm, displayed exemplary sportsmanship and had an exciting day being proud representatives for their school.

The SRC organised its last fund-raising event with a 'Crazy Hair Day' mufti day' where students were invited to display their 'craziest' hairstyle for a day. As always, a very generous donation was raised for the Children's Hospital at Westmead, a very worthy cause. This generosity exemplifies the tremendous spirit that exists and thrives in the Galston community.

Term 4 will conclude with a joyous Christmas Carol evening to be held in the school hall. This evening is to celebrate the wonderful community spirit of Galston Public School.

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



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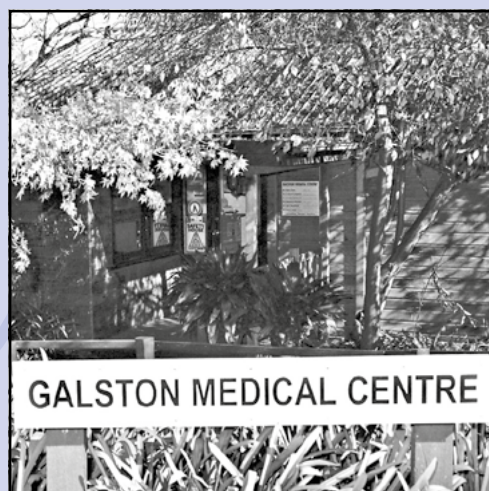
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Glenorie Pre School

Congratulations to Gabrielle Goco, of Glenorie Pre School who was awarded the Hawkesbury Rural and Remote



Early Childhood Scholarship. The scholarship will provide course funding to \$10,000 for Gabrielle to undertake her studies. Gabrielle will commence a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood at UNE from next year.

Local state MP, Member for Hawkesbury, Dominic Perrottet visited Glenorie Pre School to congratulate Gabrielle on Friday 18 November. Thank you Dominic.

Glenorie Pre School has been operating from the cottage beside Glenorie Public School since 1987. Today it cares for 27 children a day, Monday to Friday, operating an extended hours Pre School. The community run, not for profit Pre School has enjoyed a great year in 2016, with Belinda Aeberhard taking over as Director at the end of 2015. Both generous resource grants and a group of very involved parents have enabled the Pre School to flourish in 2016 with the addition of a new cubby house along with many other new resources and critical training for the dedicated team of educators. The Pre School operates an open door policy, so if you have any children at or around the preschool age, you can visit the centre anytime.

News from St Benedict's

St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations

Christmas services begin with children's mass at 7pm on Christmas Eve in the Parish Centre. Later, at 11:45pm, we'll have Christmas carols followed by Midnight Mass. Christmas Day masses will be at 7am in the Monastery Chapel and 9am in the Parish Centre.

'The Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet

From 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Christmas Day St Benedict's Parish will host their annual 'The Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet for people who have no family or are away from family but who would like to share this special time with others.

You don't need to be part of the parish to attend. Everyone is welcome, singles, couples and families and, even if you aren't religious, it's enjoyable to spend time with other people on this special day. Come help us celebrate!

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RSVP: 20th December 2014 to Paul and Paula on 0423078282 or email paula@phpb.com.au. If you would like any more information, need transport or would like to volunteer on the night, please contact Paul or Paula.

The picture shows a happy group celebrating at last year's 'The Spirit of Giving' get together.

Parish happenings

Lots of things are going on all the time at St Benedict's. In late October we took part in the 2016 National Church Life survey. Around 3,000 churches in 21 denominations were part of this survey, representing a wide range of social, theological, cultural and geographic diversity.

Also in October we had a visit from Kathryn Endicott from



Catholic Mission who gave an inspiring talk at each of the weekend masses about the work of modern day missionaries, and asked for our support, both practical and spiritual.

And in late November we hosted the Galston Christian Education Association spring breakfast, a regular get together of representatives of the various churches in the area who support the religious education program at Galston High School.

One of our most exciting events for this year, though, will be the much anticipated visit from the head of our local Waitara diocese, Bishop Peter Comensoli, on the weekend of 10th and 11th December. We are looking forward to showing off our parish and introducing him to our unique local community.

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.

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I know it has been said before, but can you believe it is December. It feels like it was only a few weeks ago that it was December 2015.

As we reflect on the past year, there have been many occasions to celebrate. We thank all those who have passed through our doors and made a difference to our lives.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas, and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with your family and friends, take a few moments to think about the reason for this celebration.

Please feel free to come along to one or more of our Christmas events – all events will be in our grounds at 11 School Road, Galston.

Sunday 4th	Messy Church	10.00 am
	Ad Musicam Choir's End of '16 Concert	2.00 pm
Friday 9th	Christmas KUCA (for children starting school next year to year 6)	5.00 to 6.30pm
Sunday 11th	Christmas Song Fest	10.00 am
Sunday 18th	Family Service Carols in the Carpark	10.00 am 6.30pm
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve Carols	7.00 pm
Sunday 25th	Christmas Day	8.00am

On behalf of Galston Uniting Church, I wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas. Also a happy new year to you and yours. See you in 2016, may peace reign everywhere, Geoff

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Christmas has become a frenzy of excess, a frenzy of spending and consuming. A time of 'getting' instead of 'giving'. We spend more than we can afford, we eat and drink more than we need and the whole experience leaves many families loaded with debt, exhausted and glad when it's finally all over. Our society, sadly, has forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who came into the world to bridge the gap between God and mankind. Jesus came to give of himself, not for personal glory but to sacrifice himself. He was born into a lowly stable not into a palace. His birth was for one purpose, the road ahead of him led to one place, and that place was the cross. Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross, a perfect sacrifice so that through him we might have forgiveness for our sin and be brought back into a relationship with God - cleansed and forgiven, set free, restored.

When we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, we have to also recognize his life, his message, his death and resurrection. This realization stills our busy minds, unclutters our jumbled lives and enables us to approach Christmas in a more wholesome simple manner, humbly and with thanksgiving.

The true message of Christmas is about giving instead of getting. It is about forgiveness and reconciliation. Most of all Christmas is about God's incredible love for mankind. Peace and joy should be our response.

Let's unclutter our plans this Christmas, think about giving because Christ gave, share with our fellow man, make our homes havens of peace and joy and give thanks for the precious gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Services for December:-

Sunday 4th at 10:15 a.m Speaker: Rev. Cliff Letcher
Saturday 10th at 6 p.m Combined Christmas Carol Service at Glenorie R.S.L. grounds.
Sunday 11th at 10:15 a.m Speaker: Mr Alan Talbot
Sunday 18th at 10:15 a.m Speaker: Mr Stephen Downie of The Pocket Testament League.

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By Corri Byrne, Pastor

I don't know about you, but WOW! Christmas is here already! This year seems to have gone quicker than the last, and I don't see the world slowing anytime soon.

As we head towards the end of the year, I don't want to sound trite or cliché, lamenting the loss of Jesus in our Christmas festivities, or with "He's the reason for the season". Arguing whether Xmas is acceptable, or (ok this does grate on me) the use of Happy Holidays ... being holiday is Holy Day anyway!

Maybe there's a little lamenting going on!

I guess, as I ponder the words to finish off 2016 I would encourage each and everyone one of us to not get so caught up in the arguments ... whether the carols include reindeer, whether we encourage Santa Claus or not, whether there were only three wise men or many. Let's not get caught up in the arguments of whose house we'll have dinner, or whether the kids are naughty or nice, or, this one is important, whether they are going to play Miracle on 34th Street on free to air (a personal favourite).

Rather, can I encourage you to focus on the joy of Christmas, the celebration of time together, the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, to give presents and to share your love with others.

Yes, Jesus is the reason for the season, and Jesus stood for love not legalism. He stood for joy not arguments or criticism.

So take this opportunity to unwind and slow down, to focus on what really matters and that is family and friends, loved ones and sharing this time with those around you.

Happy holy-days!

Galston Christian Education Association

Greetings readers!

Well, we're almost at the end of another school year. To all the students finished or finishing at Galston High School this year - we wish you well in all of your future endeavours and look forward to seeing your contributions to our community and world as you go. Good luck!

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

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

We remain grateful to Mr Lachlan Gage for his faithful work as our representative in the school community. As we approach the end of this academic year, we would like to thank our community for all of your support this year - we could not do this work without your interest. A heartfelt thanks also to the staff and students at Galston High School for another great year.

Finally, on behalf of all of us in the Galston Christian Education Association, may your Christmas season be restful, reflective and fun.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Geoff (Rev Geoff Smith, Chairperson, GCEA)

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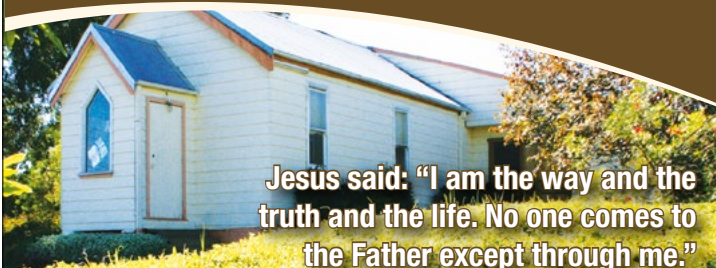
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BSA meetings include plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet with like-minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook - mobile 0408202269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com Website: www.bromeliad.org.au



My Favourite Place

By Barry Lees

There is a section of Fagan Park called Carrs Bush. As the name implies, it is near Carrs Road. I think it is just beautiful. You will find delicate maiden hair fern and another fern called Doodia, and soft native grasses covering the ground. In the right season, native ground orchids fight for space. Vines climb skyward on massive trees. The grand-daddy tree is a huge turpentine, probably 200 years old. Enormous red gums (Angophora) look human-like, with their smooth pink skin and arms twisting in all directions. They even have creases in their armpits! There are not many tall shrubs, so you can see further through this bush than in other places, adding to the sense of calm.

This is a community of plants that fit the description of 'Sydney turpentine ironbark forest' and because there is hardly any of that community left, it has been classified as 'endangered'. Being aware of this makes it even more precious. Carrs Bush is one of the best remaining examples.

I volunteer in the Bushcare group there. We rummage around on the ground like chooks, pulling out weeds while nattering about all sorts of things. We can solve all the world's problems, if only they would listen to us! Over time, I have learnt to identify most of the plants. As the seasons change, we are often surprised by what comes up. My favourites, of course, are the orchids. One called Cryptostylis leptochila has totally weird looking flowers in February. It is propagated by a single species of male wasp, when the flower sends out the scent of a female wasp - even weirder! I have not seen this orchid anywhere else.

I'm in Landcare as well, and we won a grant to help restore the bottom corner of Carrs Bush. We are using contractors and our own labour. Council also employs contractors to help in a different area. As we remove privet, honeysuckle and other weeds, there is more light and space for natives to come up. We are starting to see what it might look like one day.

Experts say this type of activity does wonders for your overall health. I find it relaxing and interesting. If you would like to help, even on a trial basis, we would love to hear from you. Contact me, Barry Lees, on 9653 3691.

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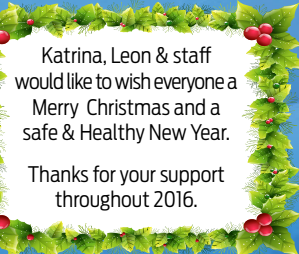
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Galston Garden Club

Busy, busy, busy just as it is busy in the garden at springtime, so it is with the Garden Club. We ended October with Garden Club members joining with Dural Garden Club, Hornsby Horticultural Society and the Opera and the Arts Support group for a lovely Sunday afternoon. Starting at the beautiful 'Savannah' a private garden in Galston we enjoyed pre-lunch drinks and nibbles. As we wandered around Richard and Hugh's garden, we became acquainted with one another from the different clubs and societies. It was then onto Allegro, Kenthurst for a champagne lunch and opera recital by internationally accomplished artists. A truly delightful afternoon and judging by the lively chatter, laughter and appreciation of the music a wonderful time was had by all.

Galston Open Gardens Update: the hugely successful weekend raised a total of \$53,000.00 which will be distributed to 36 charities. This is an amazing effort and we thank everyone involved, from those who supported the three days, visiting the gardens to the volunteers and garden owners. For a complete list of charities please contact the club.

Our last formal meeting for the year was a very full night, elections for the 2016 Executive were held with most positions filled. John Inshaw made us aware of the South Dural development and its impact on the area and threat to protected species. Our guest speaker for the evening was Geoff Witt Hornsby Shire Council Service Co-ordinator who gave an interesting talk on the history and construction of Fagan Park. Fagan Park was donated by Bruce Fagan to the council for public use, in 1979, with the desire that it be used for recreation, horticultural and educational purposes. Geoff took us through the large planning effort that went into creating the Fagan Park we know today. He also regaled the many plant failures and frustrations that occurred when trying to be faithful to the creation of the 9 international gardens, as they battled rabbits, and our Australian climate conditions that did



not favour some of the more delicate plants. Inevitably they had to make changes, just like our gardens there was a lot of trial and error! The huge amount of earthworks and building that went into constructing this now favourite park in Galston was incredible, and Geoff emphasized the big commitment and dedication of the many people who now maintain it.

The next day club members attended a guided, behind the scenes walk around Fagan Park that finished with a BYO lunch in the grounds. After a wet few days, fortunately the skies cleared and it was a beautiful spring day, perfect for enjoying Fagan Park, encompassing all Bruce Fagan dreamed.

There will be no formal meeting in December, however a Christmas dinner will be held for all club members. We will be in recess for January, with our first meeting for 2017 on Weds Feb 8th. Have a Merry Christmas, happy gardening and we hope to welcome you to one of our Garden Club meetings next year.

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

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To apply email your resume to info@eventservicesinternational.com.au

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Event Services International is currently recruiting casual event crew to join our team and contribute to some of Sydney's premier events. This is a hands-on role assisting in the construction, dismantling and removal of event equipment. Previous experience in labouring, farm work or an outdoor hands-on role essential. WHS white card and drivers licence preferred. Full training provided.

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TEMP POSITION APPROXIMATELY 16 HRS / WEEK 2 MONTH ASSIGNMENT

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Audio Visual Event Production Company located in Dural requires an admin / production coordinator to assist with sourcing and booking subcontractors, event scheduling, logistics, client liaison, be deadline oriented, ability to prioritise, have an understanding of budgets.

2 - 3 years administrative experience essential.

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Email: info@hfevents.com.au or call 9651 7555

POSITION VACANT

Casual warehouse person required for company located in Dural. The position is 4 days per week and must include Fridays, averaging 16 hours per week. The flexibility to work longer hours during busy periods is required. Applicants must be reliable and willing to make a long term commitment. Lifting is required, must be computer literate and have excellent attention to detail.

Please phone 02 9651 7900 Business hours

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CALLING ALL PLAYGROUPS

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



Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to:
editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au

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Important Local Information

HELP and INFORMATION SERVICES

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

LOCAL BUSHFIRE SERVICES

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

LOCAL JP's Bendigo Bank Galston - 9653 2227

Cathy Vipond, Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area)
Ray Whiteman, Glenorie - 9652 2454 / 0400 008 083
Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive,
every Saturday morning 10am to noon.

There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays between 1pm and 3pm.
Hornsby Branch of the NSW Justices Association meets monthly at the
Magpies Club opposite Waitara rail station.
All JP members and potential members welcome.
Enquiries to Gavin Moehead JP 9489 4662 or 0407 229 203.

Community Contacts

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

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

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

ALANON Family Group meets 8pm each Friday at the Galston Community Health Centre. For more details call 9264 9255. Trying to live with someone who has a drinking problem? Come along to these meetings.

APEX Australia is a service organisation that is about making friends, helping others and having fun, open to anyone 18-45. Further info. Please contact Sydney D.G 0412 400 452, National Office 18000 APEX0 or website: "Heart of a Community, Hope of a Nation".

Arcadia Community Hall - 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia. Available for functions. Inspections welcome. Bookings call 9847 6504

Arcadia Markets - May and November at Arcadia Public School, 140 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. www.arcadiaschool.com.au Enquiries: Meegen 0419 262 850 New Stallholders always welcome.

Arcadian Quilters - Meetings held at Galston Community Health and Resources Centre, 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays at 9.30am (day group) and on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7.30pm (evening group). For further information contact Carole on 9894 7749.

Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) Ltd - Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10 am. Meetings are at Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills. Contact John Guthrie on 9634 6727.

Castle Hill Art Society - Monthly Meetings and Art Demonstrations are held at Castle Hill Art Society - 155 Ridgecorp Drive, Castle Hill on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries Ph. 98993179

Circular Keys Chorus are always seeking would-be Divas. De-stress as you learn to sing acappella 4 part harmony with passionate CKC singers. Rehearsals in Castle Hill Wednesdays 7.30-10 pm. Contact Janet 9653 2959, email info@circularkeys.org or visit www.circularkeys.org

Dural Country Club Lifestyle Markets - 2nd Sunday each month 9am-3pm. New stallholders always welcome. Visit: www.FreeSpiritMarkets.com or www.DuralCountryClub.com.au. Phone: 0419 262 850

Dural and District Historical Society Inc holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm at History Cottage, 412 Galston Rd Galston. The Cottage is also open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Wed and Sundays. Enquiries to Michael Bell 9653 1365.

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group holds its meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7pm at Dural Country Club. Enquiries Denis 9629 2645 or Maurice 9654 2138.

Dural and Districts Senior Citizens' Club Come along on any Wednesday at 9.30am to Dural Country Club to enjoy good fellowship with other senior citizens. Some play indoor bowls (beginners included) while others play Bingo and enjoy the prizes. We also enjoy periodic outings to places of interest. For further information please call Helen on 8850 7845, A/H.

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

Dural-Glenorie Scouts - Joeys (aged 6-7 years), Cubs (aged 8-10 years) and Scouts (aged 11-15 years) meet weekly at the Scout Hall in Galston Road, Galston. Learn new skills, challenge yourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun! Contact Warren Payne 0419 280 967.

Dural Mens Shed meets at Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd each Thursday and Saturday from 9am. Woodwork and Metalwork/Welding facilities. Enquiries Chris Thomas 0402478498. www.duralmensshed.org

Friends of Fagan Park - Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am to 4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, and other special occasions. Contact Ian Browning. M: 0419 435 475 E: isandian@tpg.com.au

Ferry Artists Gallery - Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry 2775. ph: 02 4566 4385, for info on workshops and membership see www.ferryartists.org

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc meets at the Galston Primary School Library, School Road, Galston on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8 pm (during school terms). Enquiries 0403076175. New members always welcome.

Galston Branch CWA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Galston Community Health Centre. New members are sure of a friendly welcome. Enquiries to Janet 9653 2402 or Val 9653 1774.

Galston Community Hall - 37 Arcadia Road, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call Robyn on 0414 647 638.

Galston Community Health Centre - This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade). Enq. 9653 2235.

Galston Garden Club - New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the Galston

Community Centre. For further information contact Bill Fleming on 9653 2394.

Galston View Club - will be holding its Christmas Luncheon meeting at Dural Country Club commencing at 11am on Wednesday 23rd November, 2016. Bob Brown will provide entertainment. Visitors are welcome. Inquiries 9894-1189

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

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum - Meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Glenorie Community Hall. Let us know of your local environment and heritage concerns. Contact Carolyn Hall on carolyn@dhphc.com.au

Glenorie Progress Club - Hold its meetings monthly at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome 9652 2454.

Hills Budgerigar Club - Meet on the 4th Friday of each month, except December at the North Rocks Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Peter on 9888 5631.

Hills Community Aid No Interest Loans up to \$1,000 - for whitegoods, furniture, computers, essential repairs etc. Contact Hills Community Aid 9639 8620, enq@hca.org.au or www.hca.org.au.

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt - 2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm, Castle Hill Showground. www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Hills Shire Garden Club - Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1.00 p.m. at Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill. Enquiries 9624-5034.

Hills RSL Sub Branch - Monthly meetings held at The Galston Club, 2pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Enquiries 9653 2565.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm at Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights. www.hk4wd.com.au

JP SERVICES are available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon; and at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre on Tuesdays from 11.00 am to 01.00 pm. JP's are also at Hornsby, Pennant Hills, and Epping Libraries on some days. Check with Library before attending.

The NSW Justices Association Hornsby Branch meets monthly (except January and June) on the 2nd Monday evening at 07.00 pm, at MAGPIES WAITARA, formerly "Asquith Rugby League Club" opposite Waitara rail station. JP's welcome to attend. Varied programme. Enquiries John Tibbitts 9875 1383 or 0408 491 232.

Living Life Without Children - Support Group meets once a month for childless couples, now in their 40s and 50s, finding it difficult or lonely living life without children. Contact Carol. email: feather@iprimus.com.au

Pennant Hills Photographic Club meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays each month at 8pm in the Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills. www.phpc.org.au.

Rotary Club of Galston meets every Tuesday at The Galston Club at 6.30 for 7pm. New members welcomed. Contact Peter 0419 011 750 peteainscow@gmail.com

Probus Club of Round Corner - NOW has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group; Mah-Jong Group; Theatre Group; Tennis Group and the Caravan and Cabin Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day trips. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10am at: The Galston Club, 19 Arcadia Road, Galston. We look forward to you joining with us. All enquiries to: The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

Rowland Village Workshop Club invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age. Contact Michael Bell on 96531365.

Soroptimist International of The Hills District Inc meets at 7pm 3rd Monday of the month St Joseph's Convention Centre Baulkham Hills. Details:0407 665 874

Social Dance Workshops - Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road. S7. Contact Felicity 9456 2860, 0434 437 522. Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers.

Still Creek Landcare Group - Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berilee. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. For more information Visit www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au or e-mail StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au or Contact Nick on 9653 2056.

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW) - The Trefoil Guild is the adult section of Guiding which links Members, former Members; female Members of the Scout Association; and women who have not been Guides but are prepared to make the Guide Promise. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month commencing at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm at the Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill. For further information please contact Evelyn on 02 9634 4987.

CHURCHES

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

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

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church - Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service at 49 Arcadia Rd Galston. Contact Minister Pr. David McKibben 0474 493 793.

Glenorie Community Church - Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Healing Service at 6.30pm last Sunday of every month. Ladies meeting at 10.30am first Tuesday of every month. All welcome. 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie. Pastor A.Valich - Phone 9634 3505, Church 9652 0577.

Glenorie Mission Church - Sunday Service 10.15am; Girls Brigade Tuesdays at 6.30pm. 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscos Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 9652 1203.

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

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

St. Columba's Anglican Church, Arcadia - Sundays at 9.30 am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at 9.30 am - enquiries Beverley 9653.1790.

St Jude's Anglican - Service Times: 8am Traditional; 10am Contemporary with Sunday Kids & Yr 5-9 Teen group; 6pm Evening church for youth & parents. 'Epic' kids club and Youth Group - Fridays (see website for details). Senior Minister - Reverend Adam Lamb. Cnr. Galston & Old Northern Roads, Dural. Phone: 9651-1119
St Madeleine's Catholic Church - 28 Annangrove rd. Kenthurst. Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

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

Dural Country Club Fishing Club meet at Dural Country Club on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Activities include a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing, organised short stay holidays and great social BBQ's. New members welcome. Contact Murray on 0407 950 939 or Bruce on 0428 970 439.

Dural Rugby Club - Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email efl86029@bigpond.net.au or phone 0412 230 328 or visit our website http://dural.rugby.net.com.au.

Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club Meets at 7.30pm at The Galston Club on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The meeting has a raffle at 7pm with lots of prizes and every meeting has a guest speaker. Enquiries call Lachlan on 0438 801 170 or Warren on 0416 061 428.

Galston Glenorie Cricket Club - For further details regarding season events, grades and registration, please contact 0404 600 460. gccc.nsw.cricket.com.au

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

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

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

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

Hills Hawks Soccer Club For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or agmsinsulations@bigpond.com.

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

Hills Pumas Football Club - For information including registrations, call Sarah Sumska on 0430883385 or email registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au

Kenthurst Netball Club - Registrations. Contact Sally Coppini 0407942986 mitre@tpg.com.au

Tennis / Squash Social Group - looking for new players. Call Karen 0412 485 411 or email tennissquash@live.com.au

Tennis Court for Hire Galston - At rear of Galston Community Hall. Available Day or Night, Mobile 0414 647 638.

Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie - Les Shore Reserve. Available Day or Night, Phone 0404 600 460.

Tennis Court for Hire Hillside Public School on Cattai Ridge Rd is offering members of the public to hire their tennis court for a minimal fee. 12 month membership \$50 per family or \$8 per hour. Please contact Hillside Public School on 9652 1459.

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