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Have Your Say! Before 31st March

Residents in Sydney have been given a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to have a say in planning their future. Without feedback, how can the Sydney Greater Commission know what we want? Don't be complacent now, then complain later. Start the process by reading the Draft Plans and making a submission.

Unfortunately, the areas of Galston, Arcadia, Glenorie, Canoelands, Fiddletown, Berrilee, Dural, Middle Dural, Kenthurst, Annangrove, Maroota and Wisemans Ferry are split between the North District Draft Plan (Hornsby Shire Council residents) and the West Central District Plan (Hills Shire Council residents). This is probably not a good outcome for our area. Surely it would be better if all our rural areas were planned together. The rural areas are mentioned in the North District Draft Plan on page 143, and in slightly more detail in the West Central District Plan on page 157, even the Sustainability Priorities appear to be slightly different.

If you feel that our rural areas need to be considered in one District Plan, not split between two, then we urge you to make a submission, even if it's just to make this point. We would suggest that all rural areas and villages be covered by the West Central District Plan, as this is where the majority of land lies. Do we really want different planning outcomes on each side of Old Northern Road like we have now?

You can make a submission via email to engagement@gsc.nsw.gov.au.

You can also make online submissions at

www.greater.sydney/have-your-say. There are 3 types of online submissions:

1. **A quick submission** - rate different questions asked on the survey and provide comments

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2. **An open submission** - just enter your comments in the box provided and upload any attachments
3. **A detailed submission** - answer and rate detailed questions the Sydney Greater Commission has devised and provide comments where you think necessary. You would need a copy of the Draft Plan open in order to answer all the questions.

Both Draft plans can be printed/read at <http://www.greater.sydney/my-district>

Don't forget this needs to be done by 31st March 2017.



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Celebrating the Life of William John Hammond



Bluey born 16th August 1941 in Royal North Shore hospital, and was better known to most as Blue. Blue attended Lane Cove Public School and went on to high school at Crows Nest Boys.

Along with collecting scrap from about the age of 12, Blue's entrepreneurship began with buying and selling horses from the saleyard, as well as collecting the milk bottles from the back step of the milk bar, and cashing them back in around the front. He then

went on to be a street sweeper with horse and cart for the Lane Cove Council, where he met a young girl, Neridah, in her school uniform at the bus stop.

Blue and Neridah were married in 1963, with the arrival of their first child, Billy, in 1964, and a second child, Robert, in 1966. The new family then moved to Dundas in 1968, purchasing their first home with scrap money. Following this was the arrival of their daughter, Barbara in 1969 and finally John in 1971.

In 1972 at the age of 31, Blue became an owner-driver for Tooheys with his first beer truck, although this never kept him from continuously doing the scrap. Soon after, Blue and Neridah decided to follow their dream and buy a block of land in Galston in 1976, and moved into the log cabin in 1981. Anyone who has visited will remember the waterhole, barbeque, motorbikes and horses creating a constant buzz around the place, along with all the people coming and going.

As if not already busy enough, Blue then embarked on the journey of the water truck in 1979, running both trucks simultaneously. After running the beer truck for about 15 years, Blue decided it was time to wind down, but he still always managed to do the scrap.

In the following 10 years, Blue celebrated the arrival of his 4 grandchildren, Kristie, Chevonne, Joel and Geri, later extended with 2 great grandchildren, Ted and Allie. The time had then come for Blue to relax and enjoy his palace, while supporting 'one or two' venues with active club memberships throughout the community across his life.

Blue was always the type to help someone out in need, and has been remembered through the days of beer strikes, where he might re-arrange the stock on his truck to ensure his favourite venues didn't go without.

So next time you visit the Galston or Glenorie club, or hear a story around a table about Bluey Hammond, remember to raise an Old, tell a good story - and You know the Rules.



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Be Wiser about your Health

Lena Madry has an established naturopath clinic in Castle Hill but, being a Galston local, she seized an opportunity to open another closer to home. "Wise Health and Wellness" is open two days a week and operates from the rooms above the pharmacy (near Aldi) and we are fortunate to have a naturopath of her calibre in easy reach.

Lena says "It's very confusing these days for anyone who wants to take better care of their health. There's so much information in the media and it's bewildering going into the chemist supermarkets. My husband said he goes in and is convinced he needs most of the things on the shelves!"

A naturopath can guide you through this. We generally go to the doctor when something is wrong and rarely say I'd like to improve my health. It's much like looking after one's car. We all know that routine maintenance is better than waiting till a breakdown. Naturopathy uses nutrition and gentle herbal medicines to encourage your body to come back into good health through its own healing ability."

In a consultation with a Naturopath you will sit with someone trained at an accredited college and go through all the health issues you want to address. This could range from digestive issues, skin disorders, hormonal imbalances or general anxiety.

In children, where it can be difficult to ensure they get the broad range of nutrients required, issues such as hyperactivity, lack of concentration, can sometimes be sorted out by addressing a few dietary deficiencies.

Lena runs a weight loss clinic, using the scientifically proven Ultralite® program, developed in Australia. This has been successfully used for 17 years. This is a common-sense

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Lena is also a trained remedial massage therapist. Mark from Castle Hill says: "Suffering from lower back pain due to work fatigue, relief can be hard to come by for me. I received the perfect balance of relaxing and therapeutic and I walked away with significantly less pain". For those who may have difficulty getting to the clinic she can do local visits in the area.

Galston CWA News

Cooking competitions held on the 23rd Feb. and 2nd March hope to be a successful event on our annual calendar. For all those who won a prize. 1st and 2nd will now go onto the Group competition held in Blacktown on the 9th March.

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

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 8th. Craft/Activities from 10am with lunch and meeting to follow. We are currently looking for information about our country of study, Nepal. If you have any information you would like to contribute please contact our group.

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

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Launch of the Galston Concert Series on 19 February

By Debbie Russell Groarke



At the first event of the year in the popular Galston Concert Series, pianist Bernard Walz confidently declared to the crowd that music was more than notes on a page. He said it was a sharing of the melody, a connected experience between the musician and the audience.

When I was a young girl, my father used to love to play classical music, and all manner of swing and jazz tunes. I was raised on the sounds of Benny Goodman, the Andrew Sisters, Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole, and the tunes of George and Ira Gershwin. With Bernard Walz at the piano, I was transported back to that place in the past I knew and loved so well.

There's something sublime about a piano in the hands of someone who knows what to do with it, and Mr Walz didn't disappoint the two hundred-plus patrons who packed Galston Uniting Church on Sunday, February 19, to hear him play. In fact, extra seating had to be brought in to accommodate all those who wished to hear him.

Beginning with the Blue Danube, Bernard entertained the crowd with his skill and his warmth on the keys. Among the highlights was a transcendent rendition of the piece Debussy's *Clair de Lune* with the Hoagy Charmichael composition, *Stardust*. The audience was also treated to music from the film *The Sting*, tunes written by the under-rated turn of the century ragtime pioneer composer Scott Joplin.

Bernard turned to Gershwin towards the end of the performance, and was joined on stage by two accomplished musicians, violist Robert Harris and double bassist Dorit Herskovits. They brought to life the Gershwin classics *They Can't Take That Away From Me*, *Summertime* and *Slap That Bass* before the afternoon was brought to a virtuosic close with *Rhapsody in Blue*.

The recital was an exciting start to the Galston Concert Series for 2017, to continue 30 April with singers from Pacific Opera.



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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

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- Install metal gutter guards
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- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house
- If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water



Galston member profile

Each month this year the Galston Rural Fire Brigade will feature a short interview with one of our members. It is a great way to discover just how diverse your local fire brigade can be.

March member profile: James Madry

How long have you been a part of the Galston Rural Fire Brigade?

I joined Galston RFB in September of 2015

What is your role there?

I currently hold the position of CABA (Breathing Apparatus) officer and First Aid officer as well as being an active firefighter for Galston.

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When you're not at the brigade, what do you do for a living?

I work as a project manager, specialising in language data solutions for a company in Chatswood. In my spare time, I also work as a video producer.

What made you join the RFS?

When I first moved to Galston 7 years ago and found out there was an RFS brigade, I went up to the station and knocked on the door, not realising there isn't someone there 24/7. I took down the details but it dropped off my radar and I never got in contact. When I started working full time, I was looking for an activity/hobby to break up the working week, and that same day there was a flyer in my mailbox from Galston RFB, looking for recruits, so I went down on the weekend and signed up.

What would you say are some of the benefits to being part of the RFS?

The training you receive, and meeting and getting to know people from your local community has really been the stand out benefit for me.

What is a fond memory you have of your time at the brigade?

I recently spent a few days in Bathurst with a mixed crew from Hornsby/Kuring-Gai to assist the local RFS volunteers on a fire during a particularly hot/dry period. I only knew one person (who was from Galston) on the truck, so I had to spend the next three days in fairly close quarters with four complete strangers. It took about five minutes in the truck before we were all roaring with laughter and joking around, which continued



for the next three days as we worked. It was pretty amazing to spend time with these guys who came from all different walks of life and took time off work to lend a hand.

What advice would you give someone thinking of joining?

If you're thinking of joining, get in contact with us and come down for a Saturday training session to see what it's all about. Everyone's really friendly and welcoming, and we'll all be happy to meet you and show you around!

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Elena Knight's Stall

Margaret McKinley, with reference to Margaret Blackwood's interview of 1997

At the end of January this year a small hand printed notice appeared on the closed gate of Elena Knight's vegetable stall in Galston Road, opposite the entrance to Rowland Village.

It said "Dear Customers, Just to say thank you all for your friendship, loyalty and patronage over so many years. I have enjoyed my life trying to be of help to you all, and lots of enduring friendships in that time. Love and thanks. Elena "

This is absolutely the end of an era for Galston. Elena, one of the seven children of Jim and Bessie Knight, was born in Hornsby in 1936. The family lived in a rather charming timber home and grew all sorts of fruit and vegetables, which were displayed and sold from the front veranda. People came from all parts of the district and beyond to buy their fruit, vegetables and eggs, jams, chutneys, and honey. All sorts of plants were also for sale. In about 1987 this house was demolished as it had no electricity, a leaking roof and termites made it unsafe. The modern brick home was built in its place and this is where Elena lives now. In 1973 the ABC produced a segment of 'A Big Country' (that was before colour TV) featuring Elena and her father out on the farm picking acres of beans. This film is in the Dural Historical Society archives.

As a child Elena attended Galston Primary School and later the Hornsby Domestic Home Science School (now Hornsby TAFE?). She left school when she was 15 and worked in the Galston General Store for a while. But her services were required on the Farm, where she has worked ever since. Her father, Jim, sold off all but one and a half acres of the farm in



1970. Jim, died in 1986. Elena cared for her mother for the next ten years until her passing in 1995 Elena has always helped others, and now her many nieces and nephews are able to help her. The people of Galston will miss seeing her around and wish her well in retirement .

At the next meeting of the Dural Historical Society on Saturday, 11th March at 2pm, the guest speaker will be Judy Horton who will be speaking about the artist J.P. Russell.

All welcome



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Dural Bowlers

The first event of the year has been played and won. Sisters Leone Lesslie and Marelle Saunders triumphed again after being pushed for most of the game by Diana Sweeney and Elizabeth Whelan. In spite of the heat a lot of the ladies sat around to watch the excellent bowls. The district games have started and Dural has some good teams entered against the best the other clubs have.

On Australia Day the Dural Country Club opened the greens for some *Barefoot Bowls*, informal games played by members of the public in their day clothes. One extended family came and had a great time on the green before going into the club for a meal, and for the children, a turn on the jumping castle, specially provided for Australia Day. People can book in parties for *Barefoot Bowls* by phoning Doug on 0439 648 559. Doug can explain the costs and plans on offer.



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Julian was elected as the Member for Berowra to the House of Representatives in July 2016. He sits on several parliamentary committees, and was also elected to serve as the Parliamentary representative and Non-Executive Director, New South Wales on the Council of the National Library of Australia

Julian is passionate about the Australian Constitution and proud of its link to the electorate of Berowra. In 1891, a group including Australia's first Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton, took the steamer *Lucinda* up the Hawkesbury and completed the first draft of the Australian Constitution

Julian and Joanna have been actively involved in the Berowra community through the Hornsby Hospital Community Participation Committee, the Beecroft-Cheltenham Lions Club the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association and Lifeline

This promises to be a very entertaining and stimulating evening, please ensure your free seat and meal by contacting one of our Rotarians below ASAP:

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Memory of Vic Jarrett's life

Vic's early life began at Lismore where his father had a dairy farm. Early in his life, the family moved to Galston where Vic began his education at Galston Public School. He continued his education at Hornsby Tech then furthered his studies at Crows Nest Technical High.

After completing his trade certificate and declining a position as a Tech teacher, he set up a small metal work factory repairing farm machinery for local farmers. Answering the challenge from locals, he began designing his own farm machinery, often simply sketched on the floor with chalk. Pretty soon he was manufacturing under his own name and steadily grew the business until he was able to buy land and build a larger factory on the same site that the company still operates from today (Jarrett Implements).

Around the late '40s he started courting the love of his life, Marjorie. They met in their late teens at Church fellowship and were constant companions from the start. When Vic was 23 he asked Marj to marry him. They just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last December.

Vic was a hands on man. He did not like the limelight. He was just as happy sweeping the floors and loading trucks as writing the cheques. He ran an efficient factory and many people commented that they could have eaten their lunch off his factory floor. Often he was spoken to by the truck drivers as one of the workers and was more than once asked 'hey mate, what's the boss like here? Do you ever see him?'

As most people know, Vic never retired. When asked why, he simply said with a cheeky grin - "I was away that day so I



have to go around again".

Vic's other passion was his love of vehicles. They had to be beautiful and fast! In his early days, this took the form of a motor bike, then he progressed to passenger cars, some of them luxurious for the time, but he was just as comfortable on his tractor. So much so that he would often be seen driving the tractor up the factory's driveway to collect the mail. His daredevil nature would then take over and he would stick the tractor into neutral, and hang on tight for the steep decline achieving speeds that would normally involve a traffic violation!

Even in later years, his heavy right foot was well known. Some of his Probus associates would comment that he might be one of the last to get into his car, but he was certainly always first out of the driveway. 'Pa Bic' was often seen by his grandsons driving menacingly around the hills district at speeds that were not considered suited to his demographic.

His vehicle "piece de resistance" would have to be his Alvis which was lovingly restored during the 90s and Anthony had it presented to him in all its glory as a surprise on his 70th birthday. It was a very proud moment for Vic.

Anyone that knows Vic would describe him as a humble, quiet man. He was also known as an extremely honest and diligent businessman and employer. He was always respected by family, colleagues and employees. His generous nature in helping many causes was kept to himself. Only he and his recipients knew and that's the way he wanted it.

Whilst Vic was out working hard, Marj was at home rearing the two children, Cheryl and Anthony. At home, Vic could be found in the kitchen on washing up duty, but he never

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mastered any cooking skills. He would happily help with homework, as long as it was maths. For leisure time, Vic would go to his friend's home for some table tennis on Friday nights or watch some sport on the TV.

Vic was a great Dad, and family memories revolve around summer holidays with family friends, especially the Newhalls. Vic's hidden talent came in handy as he was able to fit 30% more in the car boot than anyone else. They holidayed regularly at The Entrance then Forster, and later at Terrigal where they eventually built a family holiday house.

Life was simple and he worked hard.

In later years, once the children had left home, just when others might be planning to take it easy, Marj and Vic embarked on a new project. They built their new home at Cherrybrook. The two of them made a formidable team. Vic, the ever hardworking man and Marj with her artistic talents created a beautiful home and garden that is the envy of many locals. A true sanctuary and a credit to them both.

Vic didn't much like the computer age. He steadfastly refused to embrace the technological scene and was happy with his old fashioned systems. He even used to double check the calculator, often adding up in his head, just to be sure.

Vic became a much loved grandfather to his six grandchildren, Nic and Alex Jarrett and James, John, Robert



and Kathryn Keane. The children were all given plenty of attention and his quiet patient nature meant that they loved spending time with him.

In keeping with his 'no fuss' self reliant nature, Vic was often designing little gadgets to make his life easier. One of the more quirky pieces was the old trolley that got turned into a chair stacker. Some of the grandchildren were most amused by this particular piece of engineering brilliance.

Vic and Marj generously welcomed family and friends to their beautifully maintained home and garden, hosting various functions for their favourite clubs, including the Alvis Car Club and Probus. In December, Vic had the honour of again hosting last year's Christmas party for his fellow Alvis enthusiasts.

Vic's life was truly blessed and he would be the first to agree. He had a loving partner, successful, happy children, and six beautiful healthy grandchildren which were his pride and joy. His life was very full and he had achieved much. His business was his ultimate achievement.

What started as a need to provide a living became a lifelong passion and how fortunate was he to enjoy his passion as a hobby in more recent years.

We will not mourn his departure. That would be selfish. He had a good life and left the world a better place. What more can anyone ask?

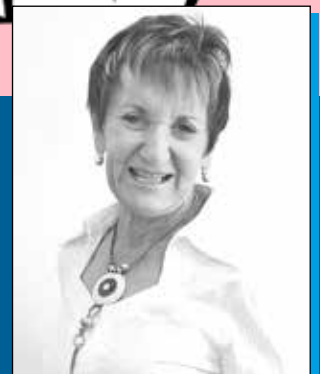
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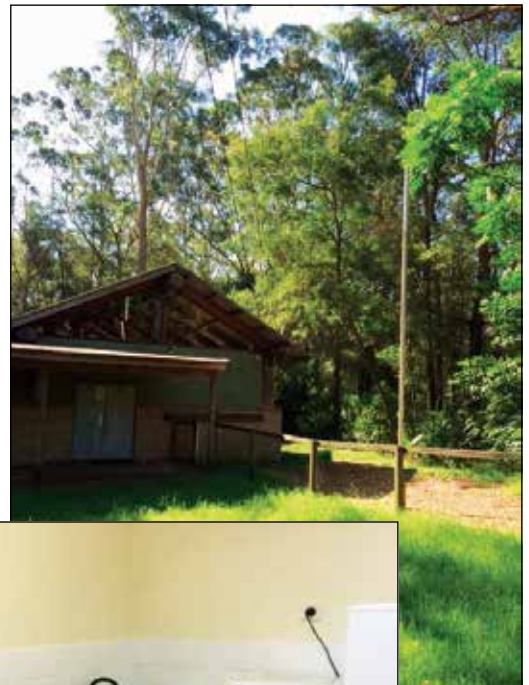


Galston Girl Guide hall – A Community Hall Available to Hire

Galston Girl Guide hall is hidden away at 414 Galston Road, Galston.

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News From Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed

Shed construction is flourishing! The team has been working under duress from the extreme heatwave we have been experiencing. We can almost guarantee that each Tuesday will be 40 degrees plus lately. What a summer!



Phil, Alan and Adrian, have put in a mammoth effort on the shed this month but not without the help of Wayne Bonsor, Les Sheather and Paul Vella. These guys have made

sure we got the walls secured and the roof on, what champion blokes! They have each brought some extra helpers too and we continue to be assisted by a dedicated group of members from the Bowling Club. Thank you to all our helpers, your valuable time is very much appreciated.

What a difference that roof has made too! Certainly a little cooler to work under and the odd shower doesn't interrupt us now. The flooring has been completed and the frames for the amenities have been erected and soon will be clad. It is really taking shape. We should be to lock-up real soon.

The electrician, Mark, arrived to do his part but not first without us hitting a glitch. Whilst digging the trench, we struck rock. A couple of phone calls later, the problem was solved as yet another wonderful community businessman (Len Jones and his grandson Daniel) arrived with equipment to complete the job. A huge thank you Len and Daniel for literally digging us out of this one. You are legends!

We must also thank the staff at Bunnings McGraths Hill (Nerida, Craig, Noel and others) as they have gone out of their way to assist us with materials and equipment for this project. It is terrific service from them and we truly appreciate it.

The results from the last Rotary raffle are in and thank you to all who bought tickets from us. Unfortunately once again the winners were not locals but you not only assisted us with fund raising, but you also assist Rotary who do so much good for our community. There will be another one on sale soon so maybe some of us will have better luck with that. Meanwhile the results are:

- 1st Prize: Ticket HR85990 - V Moses - Redcliffe
- 2nd Prize: Ticket HR90025 - K Burston - Scone
- 3rd Prize: Ticket HR58912 - D Sutton - Bellambi

Contact for the Men's Shed can be made through Adrian on 0448 833 781 or wfcms2775@gmail.com.



Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

By Elizabeth Whiteman

What a Summer!

With NSW summer weather smashing records (or should we say burning records?) the Rural Fire Service has been on high alert. The weekend of February 10-12 saw the unprecedented call to place a TOTAL FIRE BAN across the entire state with 3 fire districts classified as CATASTROPHIC. By the end of the weekend there were 97 fires burning with 38 not yet contained. The property loss has still not been calculated.

The Hills Brigades on Standby

Fortunately, there were no fires in The Hills Shire, however crews, including 17 members from Glenorie, were on standby at the station, ready to provide assistance to other shires or respond quickly to anything local. A Hills Strike Team (5 brigade tankers with a Group Officer) was activated to the Hunter Region to assist if needed.

Member fighting fires near Wauchope.

Fires in Lower Pappinbarra, near Wauchope, burnt over 800 hectares with several properties lost. One Glenorie brigade member Brian Rheinberger recently moved to a property in that area. He joined the local brigade which was very excited with the expertise and experience he brought with him. Brian was very busy with his new brigade actively fighting these fires, helping save many properties faced with a 20km firefront.

Our thoughts go out to all who have lost their homes, stock and property during these NSW fires. Thankfully, the residents followed the instructions of the NSW Rural Fire Service and evacuated when requested, so no lives were lost. It is a stark



reminder of how quickly fire can take hold and turn into an uncontrollable furnace. A reminder too of how important YOUR FIRE PLAN is. It is never too early to make a plan but sadly it can so quickly become too late.

In the words of our NSW RFS Commissioner, Shane Fitzsimmons "A well prepared and engaged community is one of our greatest assets" and we hope that The Hills/Hornsby residents are as best prepared as you can be.

Fire Calls

In the last month we have had no calls to fires but have attended motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) and trees down. The extreme heat took its toll on trees falling and blocking Old Northern and Cairnes Roads. In 40 plus degrees it can be very hot and sometimes difficult work. Special thanks to the crane driver who offered his machine to remove the large stump of one tree off the road making that job a little easier.

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Autumn has arrived.

By the time this article goes to print Autumn will be here. Hopefully we can all breathe a sigh of relief and can get back to preparation for Fuel Management burns which will once again be a high priority for the brigade.

Autumn Recruitment

It is also time for the Autumn intake of new recruits. If you have considered joining the brigade, now is the time. If you join now it may be possible for you to complete Bush Fire training in time for the next fire season.

For further information go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or contact the Brigade: 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
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To help fund our mass exodus to Brisbane in April, the club is having a raffle with some spectacular prizes, kindly donated by families of the club. First Prize is a trip in a private Jet for up to 5 people to various locations in NSW, valued at \$5000. To give you an idea of what this jet is



1st Prize - Trip on a Private Jet

capable of, it flies from Sydney to Canberra in less than 30 minutes! Kindly donated by Flight Options. Second Prize is a \$500 gift voucher for 2157 Glenorie, the gift shop at Glenorie Village. Third prize is a \$250 Castle Towers Voucher, kindly purchased and donated by Hills Horticulture, a family owned business with over 30 years' experience in horticulture, offering an extensive range of landscaping and property maintenance services. Fourth Prize is a \$150 Gift Voucher for Pet Town at Castle Towers.

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Night Work Old Northern Rd, Forest Glen

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions on the Old Northern Road from tonight for geotechnical investigation work to be carried out around two kilometres south of Duckponds Ridge Trail at Forest Glen.

Temporary lane closures will be in place for the geotechnical investigation work which includes surveying and drilling to establish ground conditions and locating underground utilities to improve the road for motorists.

To minimise impacts to motorists, night work will be carried out between Friday 24 February and Friday 24 March from 9pm to 5am, weather permitting. Work is expected to take around three shifts to complete and will be carried out between Sunday and Friday. Traffic control and a reduced speed limit will be in place for the safety of workers and motorists.

Work is also continuing on road sealing at Maroota and road resurfacing at Glenorie between Monday and Friday from 7am to 6pm and 8am to 1pm on Saturday.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, and follow the directions of signs and traffic control. Roads and Maritime Services thanks the community for its patience while work is carried out.

For the latest traffic updates call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.



Optus Tower Proposed in Galston

A new Optus mobile tower is proposed at 2 School Road, Galston. Optus have advised local residents, but if readers wish to see the letter sent to residents and the Environmental Report, please go to this link on our website.

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Our next meeting will be held on **Friday 3rd March, 2017**. Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.45 am. The guest speaker will be Julian Lesser Federal Member for Berowra.

We are very excited with our line up of guest speakers for 2017. COME ALONG and Make New Friends!

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Breakfast with the Birds

Sunday 12 March | 8am—10.30am

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The old scribbly gums and dense under storey plants provide homes for many birds, which will be seen on this walk. Enjoy a hearty country breakfast after the walk. This walk is not suitable for children under 12. To assist with catering please book before Thursday, 9 March.

Night Walk Darling Mills Creek

Friday 24 March | 7.30pm—9.30pm | North Rocks

Experience the sights and sounds of the bush after dark.

We may be lucky enough to see native animals on this night time walk. NB walk includes a steep ascent and descent.

Hollows as Homes

Sunday 2 April 10am—11.30am

Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill

In Australia more than 300 animal species use tree hollows as homes. Learn about the different species' needs for hollows and what you can do to help.

Dural Galston Probus Club

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Seniors WEEK

by Mary Ord

What do you do if you love to garden but struggle to dig that hard ground? Well, you get some help from a new clever tool that happily digs your soil in a fraction of the time and with very little effort required. It's called a Power Planter and it attaches to your cordless drill and turns it into a very effective soil digging machine.

We chatted with Brian Chapman, a horticulturist who is on a mission to get people to stop doing things the hard way when it comes to gardening.

Now Brian, for people who don't know what a Power Planter is... give us a little run down.

"Well the Power Planter looks a bit like a corkscrew or a post hole digger but in a very small size designed to go on your cordless drill.

I remember the first time I tested it out. I was by myself in the garden planting some bulbs, and this thing just whizzed into the ground like a hot knife in butter. I was so excited I laughed out loud as it felt like I'd struck oil.. or gold or something. It was effortless and super fast. So now I'm putting the word out there to get gardeners all over Australia to stop using those heavy tools like a mattock, because the Power Planter does the same job but with virtually no effort required. It's crazy.

People have said to me... that this thing has actually changed their life! They can now dig the garden themselves instead of having to wait for someone to come and do it... We are getting hundreds of 5 star reviews from gardeners all over Australia who are just raving about how good this thing is. One lady said, "my husband finished doing the work in our yard in record time" and the last she saw of him was heading into the neighbours to see if they needed any holes dug!

It does sound pretty amazing and a particularly big help for those that have mobility issues.

Does it need a special drill to make it work?

"No, not really. All you need is an 18V drill with a side handle and you are right to go. It works best if you have a large capacity battery so you might want to invest in one of those.. but apart from that, it works on any of the major brands.. so you can use the drill you probably already have, which makes it really affordable."

So tell us Brian, what is the price for a Power Planter and how do we get one?

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The Seniors Loan – for those aged 60 and over

By Sandra Dignam



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Time: 9:30am - 12pm

Venue: Meeting location provided on booking confirmation

Cost: Free

Bookings: Hornsby.nsw.gov.au/seniors or call the Council on 9847 6614

March 6

Heritage Park Walk

Learn about the history of Heritage Park—including traditional use by the Dharug people, a convict rebellion, lunatic asylum and small farm holding.

Time: 10am-Noon

Venue: Castle Hill Heritage Park

Cost: Free

March 6

Discover Digital for Seniors

Develop your understanding of Facebook and how to use it. If you have an iPad, bring it along—otherwise you can borrow one.

Time: 10am-Noon

Venue: Seniors Castle Hill Library

Cost: Free

March 7

NRMA Workshop

Refresher lessons for people of all ages. Gain feedback on your driving to help sharpen your skills and keep you safe on the road. Places are limited.

Time: 10:30am

Venue: The Hills Shire Council

Cost: Free

Morning Tea Provided

March 8

Tour TheFarm

From first Merino Sheep Station, to citrus farm—Bella Vista Farm boasts an important place in our history. Step back in time with a tour of TheFarm. Places are limited.

Time: 2-4pm

Venue: Bella Vista Farm

Cost: Free

Afternoon Tea Provided

Free 'Tech Savvy' Seniors Computer Classes



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You will be introduced to the use of computers, plus you will gain confidence and skills in using the internet, email and social media.

BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLASS

Thursday, 9 March
10am-12pm

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET SEARCHING

Thursday, 23 March 10am-12pm

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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL NETWORKING

Thursday, 30 March 10am-12pm

All sessions will be held at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor. These workshops are free but bookings are essential, call 4560 4460 to book.

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Council's Seniors Festival 2017

March 9

Outback Special

The amazing show will include, whip demonstrations, duck muster, sheep muster and sheep shearing with a billy tea and damper morning tea! Places are limited.

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Tobruk Sheep Station

Cost: Free

March 9

Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Volunteer Service

Want to become more involved in your local community and make a difference to the lives of others? Come and speak with representatives of the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Volunteer Service to discover a volunteer opportunity that suits your skills, time and interests.

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Hornsby Library

Cost: Free

Bookings: Hornsby.nsw.gov.au/seniors or call the Council on 9847 6614

March 10

Beautiful Bush Walk

Explore a variety of habitats in the reserve—including casuarina woodland, sandstone ridge heath and sandstone gully woodland. This is mostly an easy walk on formed paths with no real hills. Some care is required to negotiate some rocky outcrops.

Time: 10am-Noon

Venue: Fred Caterson Reserve

Cost: Free

March 8 & 10

Explore The Pines

Explore the iconic Roughley House, built in 1856. Discover the story of the Roughley's, from convict beginnings to colonial farmers. Places are limited.

Time: 10am-12.30pm

Venue: Roughley House

Cost: Free

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March 31

Osteoporosis Awareness Session

A health information session presented by Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association (CPSA) of NSW, Health Promotion Service for Older People.

The session will cover:

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Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) News

It's been a busy month for the GPA this month with a number of projects underway. Here is a brief outline:

Residents Survey

The Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural News has kindly offered to deliver a Survey Form to all residents in Glenorie. We would really appreciate you completing the survey and either returning the completed forms to our red Survey box at Glenorie RSL, scanning or taking a picture and emailing it to secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au, or completing the survey online via our facebook page or website at www.glenorieprogress.org.au.

If you don't receive a Survey in your mailbox, you can collect a copy at Glenorie RSL. We would like to thank Glenorie RSL for their support with this and also thanks to Woolworths who have allowed us to have a stall outside the store to hand out surveys too.

The survey form has a membership application on the reverse. Please consider joining us, we value your feedback and we will keep you up to date with whats happening.

Glenorie Environment Centre

A number of locations were considered for the new home of the Environment and Creative Arts Centre (ECAC) after Glenorie School asked them to vacate their current building. Hills Shire Council offered the small cabin next to the Les Shore Oval at a low annual rental charge, and Hornsby Council are reviewing the possible use of the Glenorie Memorial Hall.

The ECAC and GPA meetings both agreed the ideal home would be the Glenorie Memorial Hall, once we have overcome a few logistical hurdles. Presently all the items within the ECAC are being catalogued and boxed ready for the move.

Glenorie Memorial Hall

As residents may remember, the Hornsby Council had proposed the sale of the Hall in their August 2015 Community Strategic Plan. This decision was reviewed after a large number of objections from our community. The Glenorie Memorial Hall committee also challenged Council's ability to sell the hall referring to the Agreement dated 17th August 1976 where the original Glenorie Hall Committee transferred the Hall to Council for management on the basis it would "maintain and retain the hall in perpetuity".

The Hornsby Council requested the community put forward a business plan for the long term sustainable use of the hall. These discussions have been ongoing with members of the community, the Glenorie Memorial Hall Committee and the GPA. The Hall's strategic plan is nearing its final draft and once presented to Council and other stakeholders it will be displayed for public view.

Demountable Building Wanted

The Glenorie Progress Association is looking for a demountable building which could be used for Streamwatch activities. If you have a moveable building which you are willing to donate to the community, please contact Chris on 0417 4970 090.

Grants Person

We are looking for a volunteer who loves to research and seek out grants. These could be from State/Federal Government, Environmental or Heritage Foundations and the like. If you are interested in helping us in this area, please call our Secretary Chris on 0417 4970 090.

Greater Sydney Commission

Readers may already be aware that submissions are due on 31st March for the Greater Sydney Commission Draft Plans. The



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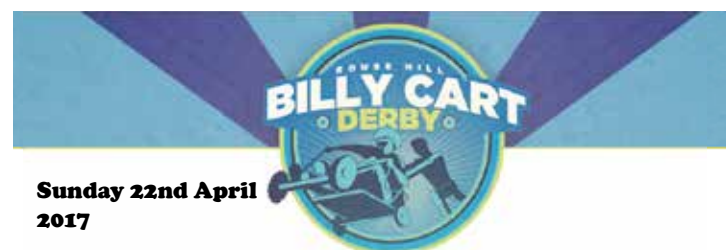
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GPA will be making a submission and this will be forwarded to all members for comment prior to it being submitted. The Glenorie Progress Association is not anti-development. We would like to develop plans for the future, in conjunction with the community, to increase our population in a way which improves our community. We see this plan as community driven, as opposed to developer driven. Please join us and get involved.

If you want to keep up to date and receive copies of minutes, plans and things that are happening, why not join our newsletter. You can do this via our website at

www.glenorieprogress.org.au, or

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Hills Shire Autumn Walks Program

Sunday 12 March 8 00 am to 10.30 am Breakfast with the Birds Fred CATERSON Reserve Castle Hill

The old scribbly gums and dense under storey plants in Fred CATERSON Reserve provide homes for many birds which are seen in our local gardens. Such a variety of habitats in a small area ensures that we will see many bird species on this early morning walk. Enjoy a hearty country breakfast after the walk. **This walk is not suitable for children under 12. To assist with catering please book before Thursday 9 March.**

Friday 24 March 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm Night Walk Darling Mills Creek North Rocks

Experience the sights and sounds of the bush after dark. An active fox baiting program has seen an increase in the numbers and variety of native animals in the Darling Mills Creek Valley. We may be lucky enough to see some of them on this night time walk. **Note this walk includes a steep ascent and descent.**

Dural Prostate Support Group

Date of next meeting: 20th March

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

Time: 7:00 pm for 7:15 pm

Men with prostate cancer and their carers/families invited to meet new friends and speak to health professionals.

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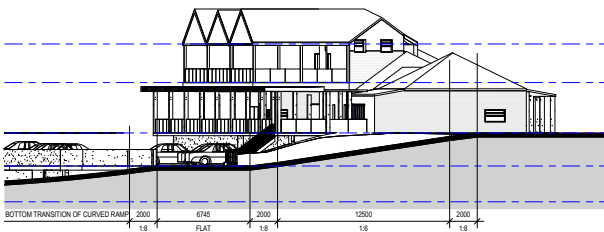
Development Updates

Following on from our local development reports in June 2016, here is an update on the current developments:

Approved

616 Old Northern Road, Dural

Restaurant, Cafe, Collectables shop and associated parking (63 spaces)



On Hold

South Dural Development

(Triangle of land between Hastings Road, New Line and Old Northern Road).

Development on hold pending more discussions between developers and State government regarding road infrastructure.

Evaluation

488-494 Old Northern Road (just before Round Corner Shops, the land in front of the Bupa Retirement Village Stonelea Court). This development is called Skyline Dural

This development is now at evaluation stage. A number of changes were made to the original development following community consultation. New plans and elevations have been submitted and can be viewed on our website (www.galstoncommunity.com.au - search developments). The development will be constructed in 3 stages. Firstly the retail section, will be the retail section closest to Old Northern Road.

Withdrawn

634 Old Northern Road, DURAL NSW 2158 (land is currently rented by Hills Podiatry)

The proposal was for the demolition of the existing structures and the erection of a mixed use development and child care centre. The proposal will include retail/commercial floor space and a child care centre for 57 children and parking for 40 vehicles.

Approved but Sold

635 Old Northern Road - Cascades Development

Mixed Use Development Including Shop Top Housing, Restaurants, Child Care Centre, Business Premises, Shops, Indoor Recreation, Parking and Landscaping.

The developer has now sold this land, so we will await to see what the new owner decides to do. The development is approved, but the new owner could modify the plans with Council approval.

Rural Cluster Sub-Divisions - Glenorie

75 Cattai Ridge Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
3340 Old Northern Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating seven community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
76 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating six community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
5 Gracemere Crescent, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
282 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating three rural residential lots including new road over two stages
184 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
23 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating seven community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
102 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating two rural residential lots (exempt boundary adjustment)
46 Idlewild Road, GLENORIE	Section 96(1A) modification to a subdivision creating eight community title rural residential lots and one community association lot including demolition (rural cluster) to relocate the access point/ private road and fire trail and reduce the extent of reconstruction in Idlewild Road
118 Cattai Ridge Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating four community title rural residential lots and one community association lot accompanied by an application to vary a development standard (rural cluster)
49 Halcrows Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating nine community title rural residential lots and one community association lot including demolition (rural cluster)
83A Cattai Ridge Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating five community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster)
3214 Old Northern Road, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating eight community title rural residential lots and one community association lot including new road (rural cluster)
20-20A Schwebel Lane, GLENORIE	Subdivision creating eight community title rural residential lots and one community association lot (rural cluster) accompanied by application to vary development standard

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



We were extremely buoyed by the Government's announcement that amalgamations in Sydney will continue and congratulate the Premier Gladys Berejiklian on her strong stance. This Council having turned our finances around in the past few years to become one of the most efficient Council's in NSW has always recognised the benefits amalgamation will bring to the ratepayers.

Whilst my term as Mayor is now uncertain and dependent upon the outcome of Ku-ring-gai Council's court proceedings I remain absolutely steadfast in supporting the reform process

and look forward to being able to help in whatever way I can to see the amalgamation go ahead as smoothly as possible.

The time for acrimony is over, I understand that a few people are upset at the outcome however as people who put ourselves forward to serve our community it is time we accept that the 110 year old Council boundaries need to change in line with the 21st Century community's requirements.

Steve Russell
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council



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Pump Recruitment Ad Worked

Australian Pump's recruitment ad called "Wanted ... 6 Good Men" has really worked in a very positive way. The company, Australia's fastest growing and most progressive pump manufacturer and distributor, is set for major expansion this year.



The company is looking for a wide range of additional staff. That has now been expanded to include engineering, sales internships, product managers and top quality secretarial support staff! The company has been swamped with applications and has now filled a number of the jobs previously advertised. In spite of that, the programme is continuing as Aussie Pumps believes that it can offer real opportunities to people who have a combination of courage, intelligence and, most importantly, ethics.

Australian Pump provides full training and particularly wants to foster young people seeking cadetships for an ongoing career. They will get an unlimited opportunity to grow their own skills, with the full knowledge that what they do is totally positive.

The company's programme to influence the drought-proofing of Australia to build the economy is well known and copies of the document pack on "Drought-Proofing Australia" is available free of charge from Australian Pump.

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Summer Haze

By Mary at Heritage Haven

I dream of frosty winter in this summer of heat waves.



The herb gardens sprawl beneath the summer's heat, and the long driveway is marked by bowed lines of long-stemmed, blue and white flowering agapanthus. Perennial, purple basil crowns a large pot nearby with its fragrant, spice-filled leaves and flowers. Nearby, rosemary bushes are flushed with fragrant, pale-blue blossoms which tempt my palate. I cannot resist slipping three, translucent rosemary blossoms, onto my tongue ... and inhale their fragrance. Rosemary blossoms are well-reputed to stimulate one's memory, so I smile and nibble a couple of extra blossoms in passing.

Summer will soon be coming to a close, but today, our old farmhouse merely overlooks the quiet and subdued sprawl of the herb gardens. The day is hushed and there is time to savour. Perky, blue Anise Hyssop blossoms provide a nose-high fragrance, and are a gentle reminder that Christmas has quite recently passed. On the old verandah, there is Rose-petal jam on orange-flecked scones, crisp apple tartlets, lavender cookies, and a little conversation ... all go so well together, as we sip tea and allow the gardens to work their magic.

The dogs, Myrtle and Boof, haunt the shaded verandahs with us, seeking relief from the summer's heat and enjoying the cool respite of nearby water buckets, which proffer the delight of a little crushed ice for them to munch. Six black cockatoos sweep in from the west, their leisurely progress accompanied by raucous calls of anticipation as they converge on the aged radiata pine trees that edge our farm. The pines are more than a century old and the cockatoos are full of anticipation. Today, is a perfect day to share summer secrets.



Yesterday, I came upon a spread of wild clovers, self-sown in the shade, beneath the garden swing. I wondered wistfully if the migrating Caper White butterflies would return this summer, to lay their eggs. Last year was their fourth visit to our gardens and I long to welcome them again.



Local photographers get the best from their Cameras

Local photographers in Hornsby and the Hills as part of the Pennant Hills Photographic Club start the New Year on Monday 6th February 2017. The club is one of the oldest community-based photography clubs in Australia and over the past four decades the club has helped thousands of people from all walks of life to learn and improve their photography.

This year the club is expanding and including Camera introduction sessions for those who have just received a new camera and want to produce better photos. This will allow new members to be partnered with a more experienced member who can support and show them the feature and options for use of their camera.

This year the focus of our photography will cover various topics ranging from 'nature' to 'minimalist'. There will be technical sessions to learn about motion and panning, great for use in sports and fast moving objects like cars and races.

To support these sessions the club has invited guests and members that talk on these various topics, introducing the sessions and educating the members about how to generate these pictures or how the camera works to create an image. We have an evening set aside to get to know your equipment on the **Monday March the 6th**. The club also organises photographic outings and talks from professionals on topics which support the process of expanding your photographic experience.


Some members have won national photography awards, produced their own photography books or made the break into commercial photography. But mostly the people who join the club are amateurs in the true sense of the word - we take photos for the love of it rather than to make money or become famous.

The club organises competition nights where independent judges assess members' photographs and give suggestions for improvement. The most popular subjects are nature, portrait and night photography. In 2009 the club established its own website where members publish their best photographs for public viewing.

For more information see the Club's website (www.phpc.org.au), find us on Facebook or call the President, Scott on 0418 534 629 for more information.

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Joyce Beatrice Featherston nee Blaxland

Sue Tapping

As we juggle our hi-tech modern lives of driving here and there, the constant tweeting of mobile phones and having the world at our fingertips, my mum's life seems almost impossible to comprehend - walking to school and thinking nothing of riding a bicycle to one of her many jobs and at times living without power or the telephone and always constantly working.

Her lifespan was marked by huge technological changes but she continued sewing, baking and making do until the very end of her life.

She was well known in the Glenorie community where she lived and worked for more than 60 years and has left behind countless family stories and memories that bring that past to life and keep her in our minds and hearts.

Early days and school days

Born in 1931, the Depression and World War II formed a background to her childhood. She was the eldest child of Alan and Gertrude (Gert) Blaxland of Dural and came into the world on March 28 at 'Inchneuk', a hospital in Parramatta.

Alan was a carpenter who later became a house painter. The family moved around a lot but always in the Dural-Galston area. When Joyce was a newborn they lived at 'Brenalan' in Kenthurst Road, Dural but later that year they moved to a small fibro house on five acres in Gilligans Road, off Carters Road at Dural.

Her sister Judith was born six years after Joyce in 1937. Baby brother Graeme didn't join the family until 1941 when Joyce was 10.

Her Dad must have cut a fine figure on his sleek 1927 Indian Scout motorbike with sidecar. Joyce proudly traveled with him riding on the back while her mum Gert and little sister Judith sat in the sidecar. Alan had a passion for bikes - and had owned a Norton before the Indian.

She started school at age five at the primary school at Galston. By 1943 (and possibly as early as 1938) the family had moved to 'Somerset' in School Road, which was another modest house on five acres. It was right beside the primary school. Gert cleaned the school for many years and was always on hand for lunch with Joyce or to rush over with a coat if the weather turned cold.

The house had no electricity or telephone. Joyce told us of going with her father each Saturday morning to collect wood for the fireplace and to fuel the copper in the laundry. They'd milk the cow they kept, collect firewood, load it into an old wheelbarrow then push it back home. Joyce carefully carried the milk.

One of the stories mum loved to relate was how, as a member of the Galston Branch of the Red Cross, she raised money for the war effort. In 1942 dressed as a Red Cross nurse she collected 30 shillings by singing patriotic songs. The coins were collected in a flag. Joyce always had a lovely voice.

High school was at the more distant Hornsby High, which Joyce went to in 1943, taking the Gorge bus through the Galston Gorge to Hornsby. As it was during the war and there was petrol rationing the bus ran on charcoal and says Mum it often broke down.

Life however suddenly and abruptly changed when she fell from a horse. After the accident her weight plummeted and she was no longer able to get to school. The doctors suspected nerve damage. She completed her intermediate certificate by correspondence from home.

Working life

She gradually regained her strength and in 1947, when she was about 16, enrolled at North Sydney Technical College to study dressmaking and drafting. Back then North Sydney was a long way from Galston, so Mum lodged with the Peel family and worked as a nanny/house cleaner by day so she could study at night. She excelled at the course (but hated working for the Peels) and from 1948 to 1949 worked with Madame Ellis Dressmakers at Hornsby. Her work included drafting and cutting paper patterns.

Although she enjoyed dressmaking, she jumped at the opportunity to work at Yaffa, a newspaper business, where she was a junior in the advertising section and also compiled statistics. She kept her feet firmly in the rural life though picking peas for Lou Heather at Galston during 1950 and also working with her parents at 'The Kiosk' at Galston Park where they now lived.

Marriage and family

On March 10, 1951 she married my Dad, Norman (always Norm) Featherston, at the lovely old sandstone St Jude's Anglican Church at Dural - the same church where she had been baptized. They had met at a dance at Dural and when they married she was a few weeks short of her 20th birthday.

On that March day, Joyce looked beautiful in an A-line wedding dress of satin with a lace bodice that she created herself. It was a work of art with a sweetheart neckline and long sleeves that reached over the wrist and thumb. She carried a large trailing bouquet of orchids and wore a long veil.

Norm was a farmer and the newly weds lived at Kenthurst on the corner of Porters and Pitt Town Roads in a caravan. Over the next five years Robyn (1951), Wendy (1952), Susan (1954) and finally a son, Darryl, arrived in 1956 meaning Joyce had four children under five. It was a hectic time and there was still the farm work to do.

Her dressmaking skills came to the fore. Not only did she make clothes for her growing family she also took in dressmaking work to earn extra money. She was very good at making us clothes from dresses and jumpers that she would deftly recycle into something new. She once made one large jumper into three small jumpers for her girls.

With the family growing they moved to 'Oak Hill' on Galston Road in 1953. The house was just near where Galston Road meets Old Northern Road now busy with traffic and shoppers.

The next move was to Cairnes Road, Glenorie to a house owned by Norm's brother-in-law. This house was close to a tennis court where Mum and Dad loved to play tennis with local friends while the local kids amused themselves with ball games and riding bikes in the quiet streets.

It was while they were in the house that Joyce worked again in her parents' shop at Galston. She left the girls with Norm and



Joyce 6 with sister Judith



Joyce & Norm Featherston

rode her pushbike across to The Kiosk in Galston Park. (It is now History Cottage.)

This was before Darryl was born as, by the time he arrived, they had their own property, 'Pine Ridge Orchard' at Glenorie, which they bought in 1955.

Life at Glenorie

At Pine Ridge they were able to spread their wings and really settle down and embrace family life. The 1930s fibro house set on 32 acres and had three bedrooms and a huge 'modern' kitchen where Mum loved to cook - her passion for cooking lasted all her life.

There was even room for a sewing room and as we children headed off to school she had time to resume sewing, making school and sports uniforms and taking on other work too.

She worked hard - she always had - but her days were filled with packing fruit and vegetables (Dad grew stone fruit, citrus and a huge range of vegetables). In the evenings she'd settle down behind the sewing machine.

At times she also took on part-time work but somehow kept us all well fed and cared for. She even managed to find time to play the occasional game of tennis and go out to dances. At this time Mum and Dad didn't have a car so relied on friends. We were often taken to church picnics at the beach in a borrowed car - Dad and Mum didn't want us to miss out!

Some of the part-time jobs she had during the 1960s that I can remember were in the supermarket at Glenorie Co-op, at Pine Valley Flowers packing orchids for Norm Loader, picking and packing for local orchardists and a stint as a machinist at the Speedo factory at Windsor sewing swimming costumes.

When Mrs Hart opened a milk bar in Glenorie in around 1965, Mum went to work there, staying on when Terry Fatseas bought the business. In among all this work, she also served as secretary for the P&C at Glenorie Primary.

In 1972 Ivan White asked her to work with him as an assistant at the Glenorie Post Office. I don't think she realised how long she'd be there. She worked with Ivan for 10 years and then became Post Mistress when he retired. She was there for another 11 1/2 years until she too retired in 1994 after 22 years work.

As all this work went on, so did working on the family farm, sewing, cooking and of course looking after her four children.

She recorded the Glenorie rainfall for the local area for many years and contributed a regular weather report to the local paper known as *The Glenorian*. After the column in the paper stopped, she continued recording the rainfall until she



Joyce Featherston late 1990's

became too unwell in late 2015. She also contributed to *The Living Heritage* magazine.

Her volunteer work never ceased, and for the last 16 years of her life she was an active member of the View Club, collecting raffle money as well as baking to raise funds. She also sold relishes, jams and pickles along with Norm's vegies from a roadside stall outside their house.

Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

During the 1970s family life changed as one by one the children married and started their own families. Robyn married Paul Rogers, Wendy married Russell Pringle, Susan married Wayne Tapping and Darryl married Camille Nott. Joyce made all the bride gowns and the bridesmaid dresses as well.

She made them on her Italian-made Necchi Super Ultra, which was the machine of her dreams and that she bought for herself in the 1960s.

She soon found herself 'Nana' to nine grandchildren. Those grandchildren too have grown and delighted Joyce with 24 great grandchildren. She loved each and every one of them, was proud of their number, and often boasted that she was known as 'Favourite Nana'. It was a role she filled well and I can say that all the great grandchildren, as did the grandchildren, adored her.

It is sad that she has missed the births of two more great grandchildren. We know she would have been delighted to meet Alexander and Emma Rose, who were born during 2016 after her death.

She was diagnosed with lung cancer at the end of January 2015. The diagnosis took us all by surprise as neither she nor anyone in the family had ever smoked. The disease progressed rapidly and she died on March 6 just a few weeks short of her 85th birthday and a few days short of her wedding anniversary. Joyce and Norm would have celebrated 65 years of marriage on



March 10. They had lived in and around Glenorie for more than 60 years and Dad Norm continues to live there in the house they once shared.

Cayley, Nikki, Joyce & Bailey around 2006-2007



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Hills Grammar's New Era

A New Principal for Hills Grammar



Michael Smith has been appointed as the fourth Principal of Hills Grammar. Mr Smith has been the School's Deputy and throughout 2016, its Acting Principal. He has approached the appointment with passion and commitment. "Hills Grammar was founded in 1982 and from its conception has been a place of inspiration and innovation. As the School's newly appointed 4th Principal it is an honour, a privilege and an amazing opportunity to have been invited to lead the School into an exciting new era and, in particular to write, along with a dedicated staff and supportive parent body, the next chapter of our School's story."

Mr Smith acknowledges the enormous contribution of his dear friend and predecessor, Robert Phipps. "Mr Robert Phipps served the School community with distinction for twenty years before passing away in June last year. Chapters of a narrative progress the story and whilst the exciting, energetic and extraordinary plot lines are yet to be fully revealed, I look forward to writing our story and deepening our appreciation of what a truly extraordinary education is on offer at Hills Grammar"

"Hills Grammar is uncompromising in its belief that outstanding teaching, a rich curriculum, an inspirational learning environment, dynamic co-curricular program and exceptional student wellbeing are essential foundations of a successful school where every student can achieve personal success both academically and more broadly. It is our very great privilege to work with young people; discover and nurture their talents, passions and skills and ensure they graduate from our School with a wide range of interests, capabilities and the capacity to take their place and contribute in a rapidly changing world."

Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc.

Hills Branch - Ray Galbraith.

Hills Branch will be holding the 2017 Annual Show on Sunday 5th March 2017, at the Don Moore Community Centre, North Rocks Road, North Rocks. In excess of four hundred birds are anticipated to be benched, with exhibitors travelling from the metropolitan, Central Coast and various country regions to attend. Hills Branch show is eagerly awaited by exhibitors, due to attracting birds of a high standard and strong competition from other exhibitors.

Visitors and Hills District residents will have the opportunity to view the best young birds bred during the past twelve months, with the best of them endeavouring to gain selection as part of the New South Wales Team in a few months time; to compete at the 2017 National Titles in Mackay, North Queensland.

Doctor Bob Travnichak, from Mississippi, U. S. A. will be a guest of the Hills Branch, at a social night being held at Pennant Hills on the 4th March, where exhibitors and members get - together prior to the Annual Show. Bob will be conducting a talk for members and visitors. The recent extreme hot weather conditions that were experienced during February, resulted in a few shows being cancelled to ensure that the birds would not be placed under stress. Whilst this situation is unfortunate, no exhibitor would willingly place their birds under stress.

NB. Water is always available at shows. If you care to be part of a hobby that caters for young and older members of our community, can be enjoyed as an individual, family or partnership; then contact should be made with Peter Dodd by telephoning 9888 5631 or peter_dodd@primus.com.au



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Galston Equestrian Club – March is jam-packed with events!

We had some very pleasant surprises on our membership registration day. Some of our new members have either just moved into the local area, or live in the Windsor area, but have heard of GEC's friendly and encouraging atmosphere and so have chosen to travel all the way to join our club. We had one continuing member comment how they love the variety of events we have on this year – Success!

Unfortunately, due to the extreme heat on Sunday 12th February, the fully booked show jumping Keira Burns clinic had to be postponed, and has been rescheduled for Saturday 4th March. The first Légèreté clinic has also been postponed to 4th March. A few riders who would not have been able to attend on the 4th, had their lessons in the morning before the hottest part of the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We have introduced some mid-week events in addition to our very full weekend program. The first of these will be small group show-jumping lessons with Peter Haynes, to be held the second Wednesday of every month starting on 8 March. Accredited NCAS coach Peter Haynes has over 35 years experience in the professional horse world, extending to most facets of equestrian sports and all the Olympic disciplines. He trained with the NSW Elite Squad for 10 years, has represented Australia in eventing and was the 1998 Australian International 3 Day Event Champion. Peter believes that confidence as well as horsemanship is paramount for riding success, and applies a systematic approach to helping riders build and consolidate their skills. Priority will be given to GEC members, but any slots available one week before the training day will be opened to non-members.

Our first social event of the year is a demonstration by Judy and Daniella Dierks of Advanced Dressage Training Stables at their property at 100 Arcadia Rd, Galston, on Thursday 9th March. There is a \$5 entry fee to be donated to Judy's dog rescue charity. Afterwards we will meet for lunch at Greenshades in Galston.

Sunday 12th March will see popular instructor Lucas Hurps giving individual flatwork lessons. A horsemanship fun day will be running in another arena, which should be great fun for horses and riders.

Thursday 16th March will be our first education evening, held at the Galston Club. This is open to the general public (free) and Judy Brightman from Eponaquest will be giving a talk



Jack Wenban with Certificate of Appreciation

exploring the healing potential of horse-human relationships. This should be a fascinating evening from which we could all benefit.

On Wednesday 22nd March, we will be having Rebecca Ashton running training day lessons and another horsemanship fun day for those who couldn't attend on Sunday 12th March.

Sunday 26th March will be the first Members Only Dressage competition, which is a great chance for everyone to compete in a relaxed informal atmosphere (no jackets and no plaiting!) and be encouraged to try a new test.

Jack Wenban of Wenban Horse Float and Trailer Repairs accepted our Certificate of Appreciation, for their generous donation which we used to purchase bright dazzle board to add to our set of show jumps last year. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming events:

9th April	Show Jumping Competition AM7
23rd April	Dressage Protocol Day with excellent judges Agility with Suzanne Bellele
27th April	Natural Horsemanship talk with Carmen Smith at the Galston Club

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Glenorie Pony Club - Grand Opening of Equine Venue

Glenorie Pony Club held the official Grand Opening of their new club house on December 4th which highlighted the importance of the support from the Hills Council and the local Equine Community.

After several years of discussions, meetings, planning and hard work, the new building was finally ready to be opened by Councillor Yvonne Keane, the Mayor of the The Hills Shire Council. Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Robyn Preston, the Patron of GHPC Dr Michelle Byrne and Councillors Taylor, Thomas and Tracey.

The day started with about 30 riders competing in a show jumping/sporting competition, and concluded with the official opening and a sausage sizzle. It was fantastic to celebrate with many former members of GHPC in attendance, as well as several of our truly valued Life Members.

Also in attendance were two people who were instrumental in the construction of the new clubhouse. Mr Alan Ng is the Senior Building Projects Officer for The Hills Shire Council, his technical knowledge and experience during the planning and construction was invaluable. Mr Michael Sande was also present, representing Everytrade Building Services P/L, who build the new clubhouse. Michael was the supervisor, as well as being very much 'hands on' during the construction phase. Without Alan and Michael we would not have received such a wonderful clubhouse.

The new clubhouse marks a great time in the history of GHPC. We now have what are, without doubt, one of the best Equine venues in Sydney, if not all NSW. Memberships have risen by 400% in the last several years, we have locked



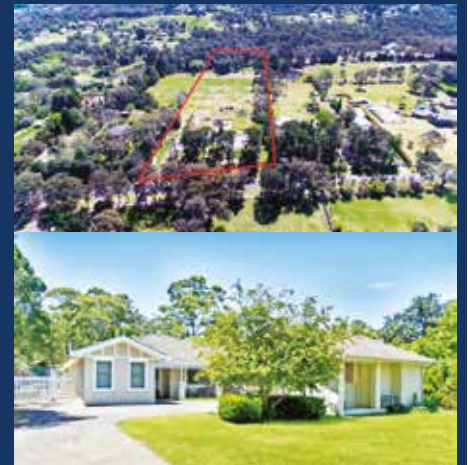
in a 20 year licence for our grounds and we have won a clean sweep of all club trophies at the Zone 26 Jamboree for the last 3 years in a row. We have many qualified instructors, and a friendly, welcoming and supportive environment. Truly there has never been a better time to join the Glenorie Horse and Pony Club!

We would like to thank the wonderful Members, Committee of the Pony Club and Sponsors Bendigo Bank and Glenorie RSL who have helped grow, maintain and contributed to our amazing Team Comradery of the Club.

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What happens at a rally day at Arcadia Pony Club?

Arcadia Pony Club meets on the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month at the wonderful grounds at the Rural Sports Facility in Galston. Throughout the year we have our regular 'rally days', along with both Club and Zone level competitions, along with our annual pony club camp. Rally days are our regular training days for club members.

At this time of the year we always have new members joining our Club and they always ask the question – “What happens at a normal rally day?”

On Rally Days, a variety of activities are organised by the Club Senior Instructor and delivered by qualified NCAS Pony Club Instructors or qualified external Instructors or specialists. The activities and lessons include Dressage, Jumping, Sporting Games, Polo-cross, Troop Drill, and Pony Club Australia Certificate work. The aim of these is to provide fun and interesting ways to learn about riding and the different facets of horsemanship. Riders are placed into groups according to age and riding ability. These groups then rotate through the various activities set for the rally day. Rally Day plans are sent out by the Friday before the rally day to all members.

At Arcadia Pony Club, we are very focused on learning all about the care of horses, not just riding them so a normal rally day for members of Arcadia Pony Club includes what is known as 'Certificate work'. Certificate work includes some 'non-ridden' work where riders learn the theoretical and practical information related to the care and training of horses.

Certificate work also has a ridden component to it to assess riding competence. Typically, each riding group at each rally day spends one session on certificate work with an instructor. And – when the weather is too wet for riding, members will often still come to pony club to complete a few hours of certificate work and enjoy the delicious canteen lunches as well!

Under the NSW Pony Club framework, riders are encouraged to undertake various efficiency tests aligned to each certificate according to their age and ability.



Lunch break at pony club!



More lunch fun at pony club.

These commence with the E certificate for our youngest riders who are under 7 years. The E certificate requires riders to be able to have reasonable control of their ponies at work and trot and have basic knowledge of handling a horse and looking after it.

The Certificates go from E through to A which is the highest certificate available. Each certificate has a minimum age associated with it. There are books associated with all Certificates (apart from E) that riders can work through at their own pace.

These certificates aim to encourage the interest and improvement in knowledge of our members. They are viewed as a measure of a rider's progress in their overall efficiency. In working to achieve each certificate level, members acquire valuable knowledge and skills,

Leanne Davies, Senior Instructor at Arcadia Pony Club noted “Certificate work is an excellent way for riders to understand a lot more about horses and horsemanship. This additional knowledge can provide greater rider safety and ultimately enhance their riding experience.

Pony Club NSW encourages horsemanship amongst its members, along with providing appropriate coaching and competition, and to raise awareness of sportsmanship and citizenship of its members. Certificate work is a foundation of building the knowledge to support this.”

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

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

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

Galston Public School Outdoor Movie Night 2017

The Galston Public School P&C Association invites you to our 2017 Outdoor Movie Night featuring the fun family movie, Zootopia.

From the largest elephant to the smallest shrew, the city of Zootopia is a mammal metropolis where various animals live and thrive. When Judy Hopps becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Determined to prove herself, Judy jumps at the opportunity to solve a mysterious case. Unfortunately, that means working with Nick Wilde, a wily fox who makes her job even harder.

When: Saturday 25th March 2017

Where: Galston Public School, Cnr Arcadia and School Roads, Galston

Tickets: Available through our website www.galstonmovienight.com or from the school.

Gates open at 5:30pm with the movie set to commence just after sunset (around 7:00pm).

Hot food, snacks and drinks will be available for sale. Bring along a picnic blanket, beanbag, cushion or comfortable chair and join us on the grass for this year's outdoor movie event.



Middle Dural school welcomes an exciting 2017!

Imagine a school where your child didn't fly under the radar, was treated and heard for their individual needs. Bullying didn't even really happen as all teachers have time to deal with behavior. Your child had a sense of belonging and felt like they were always heard and cared for. Walking in the gates of the school grounds, you just felt like this is a good place. I understand that no school is perfect but this school is so close to it. So many families drive past this school on the way to a more high pressured, over crowded, bigger school, with bigger classes because bigger is better right? They don't consider schools like 'Middle Dural public school' because it's small? If we add up all the budget of teachers, Staff, grounds people etc divided by the number of students equals the amount that some spent at an elite private school. The student/ staff ratio is gold! This school exists all under our own nose, here in the Hills District. I, as a parent, took the risk of moving my son to a small school and haven't looked back. So, if this only reaches a couple of families who often wonder about our current school system, thinking there's no other option, well there is! My child was actually happy at the school he was at when I moved him



over but wanted to try this small school system and he is now thriving! I've spoken to most parents at the school and they feel the same. So I just wanted to let the secret out that there's been a quite a few parents gone before you all, to try this system and and it works for all! Please feel free to ring Middle Dural school office, to ask for yourself how this school could work for you.

Even if this article only reaches and means anything to a couple of people, I felt like this news is worth sharing. Keeping our kids, kids a little longer! Small schools have larger opportunities for each child! It is everything the large schools offer except your kids have to participate and never miss out. Good news!

Give Middle Dural a call.
Middle Dural 9651-1761
Principal: Ann Mills

Information evening held at Middle Dural Public school
(Cnr of Middle Dural Rd and Old Northern Rd) on
Wednesday 15th March, 2017 @ 7pm.

News from KU Galston Preschool

What a busy start to the year! Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed welcoming new and familiar faces to preschool. The children have been getting to know each other, the educators and getting used to their new routines and becoming familiar with the preschool environment. It is so lovely to see them engaged in activities and developing a sense of belonging within the pre-school environment. At KU Galston Preschool we believe that children learn through play as it allows our children to learn as they discover, create, improvise and imagine. Play in a supportive environment helps our children to expand their thinking and enhances their desire to know and to learn. Play also promotes positive dispositions towards learning such as curiosity, persistence, resourcefulness and to be able to solve problems. It is through our unique indoor/outdoor program that we support children in their play.

We celebrated Chinese New Year with our famous Dragon Dance throughout our playground and learnt many interesting facts about the Chinese culture including the significance of the lucky red envelope.

Next week we are holding a free Triple P Parenting program here at the preschool, the program goes for **5 weeks (21st Feb-20th Mar) from 9.30am-11.30am**. The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program is one of the most effective evidence-based



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We currently have limited vacancies, please contact our director Rebecca on 9653 2252 or at ku.galston@ku.com.au if you would like further information.

Galston VIEW Club

The Galston VIEW Club which raises money for the Learning for Life Program run by The Smith Family will celebrate its 25th Birthday with a Gala Luncheon on **Wednesday 22nd March 2017** at Dural Country Club at 11am. The colour theme for the day will be Deep Blue with Silver for our 25th! Vocalist Lisa Budin will entertain with great music. Visitors will be very welcome. Bookings Vivian 9894 1189.

Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss

2017 Galston Public School students are settling into school very nicely. The two kindergarten classes of KW and KB are making smooth transitions into 'BIG' school and many have made new friends already.

The Student Representative Council leaders have also been elected. These representatives are keenly looking forward to representing their respective class and also enthusiastically organising many fundraising ventures for this year.

The very important positions of Library Monitors has also been decided. Throughout the year these monitors will undertake a variety of responsible library duties such as caring for library resources and ably assisting our school librarian.



and knowledge from the camp to assist them in their roles this year.

Positions for Sport House Captains and Vice Captains were keenly applied for and at the annual swimming carnival enthusiastic competitors demonstrated true Galston Public School spirited competition and exemplary sportsmanship. A courageous and determined team will now go to compete at the Beecroft Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival which will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush.

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



At the Hornsby and Dural Network Leadership Camp our School Captains and Vice Captains attended a Leadership Camp at Vision Valley. Overall they had a great time and are looking forward to drawing on their experiences

News from Uniting Care Galston Early Learning Centre

We have had a positive start to the year, welcoming back our previous families as well as getting to know our new families that started in January. Due to the extreme weather conditions over the past couple of weeks, the children have spent many days inside engaging in interest based group projects.

Currently the children are showing great interest in the introduction of our pet Siamese Fighter Fish. Within the first few days of having our fish the children spent a lot of their time trying to decide on a name for our fish. After sharing their diverse ideas and opinions the children eventually decided upon calling our fish "Alan".

The children were interested in extending upon their knowledge relating to different fish. They used a variety of tools like books, magazines, internet research and the use of their own knowledge which they were able to draw upon to make their own discoveries.



Throughout these discussions we have learnt a number of facts about Alan's different body parts like his gills, scales, fins and his tail that are able to help him swim through water. The children were also concerned that Alan was very lonely in his fish bowl and so we decided to research into whether we should find a companion for him. However after reading our findings the children learnt that the Siamese Fighter Fish should be kept alone.

Later the children engaged in observational drawings of our pet fish Alan. The educators set up an area on the writing center table to induce conversation amongst the children as they worked. It was incredible to watch the thought process of each individual drawing, as they drew their very own interpretation of our fish Alan.

We will continue to further investigate and research fish/ sea life in the next few weeks to encourage the children to build a deeper understanding on their topic of interest.

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.

Glenorie Pre School

The pre schoolers have returned to a busy and exciting new year. Our younger children have settled quickly into our routine and are having fun exploring the environment. The older group are looking forward to working with our new literacy program. This PreLit program, which has been designed by Macquarie University, focuses on oral language and awareness of letter skills through a series of activities and stories. This will run daily for the children starting school in 2018.

We have begun the year by looking at Australia - the animals, the harbour and where it is on a world map.

There are many more fun activities planned such as visits to Glenorie Public School, visits from a puppet show....

We are looking forward to a great year!!



News from Galston High School

Galston High student work exhibited at NSW Art Gallery

Wednesday 1st February marked a very exciting evening for Galston High School and its Visual Arts faculty. The official opening ceremony of ArtExpress was held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, showcasing the state's top HSC Visual Arts works. Amongst those works was Galston High School's, Thomas Frost. Thomas did an amazing art work throughout Year 12 focusing on portraits of people in his life, including a number of his teachers, and it was a great joy to see them hanging in such a prestigious gallery where iconic artworks of our time are also held. Congratulations to Thomas for such an outstanding work and to Ms Tazewell for guiding him through his Year 12 studies.



Tom Frost and his teacher, Mrs Tazewell, at the NSW Art Gallery ArtExpress exhibition

High Achievers Assembly

Congratulations once again to our 2016 HSC high achievers. Their efforts were recognized at our High Achievers assembly held recently. The ATAR Dux of 2016, Dean Wunder, spoke to the students about his secrets of success, including his goal setting, his supportive family, his group study sessions with his peers, his consistent approach and the positive relationships he had with his teachers.



Mrs Tourlas, Sean, Lucy, Geoff, Amy, Dean, Alyssa, Annabelle, Phoebe, Sarina and Harry

Dural Rotary Australia Day Award to our principal, Jillian Tourlas

Congratulations to our principal, Jillian Tourlas, for the recent acknowledgement of her outstanding service to Galston High School where she has been 'achieving excellence and striving for success' for all her students. Mrs Tourlas was the recipient, along with Don Stein AM, of the club's Australia Day Award.



Jillian Tourlas, with Hon Julian Leaser MP for Berowra at the Dural Rotary Australia Day Awards.

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Two key messages have resonated as we launched into another fantastic year of learning at Arcadia Public School – Respect and Leadership. The year has just begun but students have been fortunate to enjoy listening to and working with powerful role models both in and outside their school environment.

We're extremely proud to announce our 2017 School Captains and Vice Captains - Rose, Matthew, Koda and Jack. Our student leaders returned to school with strong messages about respect, leadership and what it means to be part of community as they attended the Hills / Dural leadership camp at Vision Valley.

In February, Arcadia Public School welcomed Parramatta Eels players Cameron King and Kirisome Auva'a who spoke to our students about being a team member and the importance of respect in the community. They were enthralled to have the athletes come and share their message of RESPECT for others....which, of course, neatly supports one of the cornerstone concepts of our Arcadian Way.

The cheering raised the roof at our 2017 Swimming carnival held at Galston Aquatic Centre in February. It was a great success. Congratulations to all the competitors and the very best of luck to our team who will represent their school at the upcoming Zone carnival.

Discover Arcadia is an ideal opportunity for you to find out what sets Arcadia Public School apart. Talented, dedicated teachers provide outstanding academic and extra-curricular programs in a caring, friendly environment. Come along on March 29 at 10am for a school tour and meet Mrs Sharon O'Brien, Principal, as well as, teachers and students.

Visit our website www.arcadiaschool.com or phone the school on 96531207 for further information.

Glenorie Public School News

By Holly and Skye

Glenorie Public has already started on many exciting things for 2017. On Wednesday the 1st February we welcomed our 39 new kinder children for 2017. All of our Kindergartens arrived with



smiling faces ready to start the year. Our year six buddies helped our kindies to make new friends, have fun and learn all about 'Big School'. They did a great job making them feel at home. It's an amazing thing, watching shy and nervous kindies step out of their shell and get started with daily school life. They have seen new things and learnt a lot already. Some of them (most of them, actually) have already gained their first awards for good work!

On Tuesday the 7th of February Glenorie Public School had their 2017 swimming carnival. It was a day filled with fun for all students. Congratulations to Chloe who broke two records. Twenty-five students will now go on to the zone carnival on Tuesday 10th March at Homebush. A special



thank you to Mr Gornalle, teachers and parents for making this day successful.

Recently our 2017 house captains have been elected. They will have the chance to build their

leadership skills throughout the year. We have two House Captains and two Vice-Captains per House. Congratulations to all House Captains.

On Wednesday the 8th February we had our Meet the Teacher disco. While all parents got to learn about their children's teacher the students got to dance and sing at the disco. All students had a wonderful night and can't wait for the next disco.

What a great start to the term we have had.

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News from St Benedict's

Sunday March 12th - St Benedict's Monastery Country Fair

The 52nd annual country fair will be held at St Benedict's Monastery 121 Arcadia Road Arcadia on Sunday 12th March from 10:30 am. This popular event has food, cakes, plants, entertainment and all the other most-loved aspects of a traditional fete, all set in a charming country setting. All are welcome to come along on the day. Funds raised support Benedictine charitable programs that are caring for some of the world's poorest people.

Sacramental program for 2017

An information evening will be held on Monday 6th March at the Parish Centre to give parents details of the lead-up to First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th June. For more information contact the Parish Office 96532312 on Monday or Friday between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm.

Irish Dancing

We have almost everything at St Benedict's, including the fun of Irish dancing lessons on Saturday mornings at the Parish Centre. Call Nerida on 0425 834 017 if you want to join in or find out more.

New lectern

Our re-vamp of the church building last year has been a great success, and one of the most recent additions is a refurbished lectern. This has a special significance because it is covered with 115-year-old tiles that came from the old Benedictine Convent at Rydalmere. The tiles have a slightly scratched, much-loved patina that adds to their charm. Picture shows the lectern in the foreground with Parish Priest Father Bernard in the background.

Weekend Mass Times

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



Glenorie Mission Church

What is a real Christian?

A young man is standing at my front door, holding a clipboard and pen. He inquires as to whether he can ask me a few questions about my attitude to the role of the church in today's world and in my community. "Yes," I respond and he proceeds. "Am I involved in a church?" He asks. "What activities/programs does my church provide?" "Is church only for Christians?"

Towards the end of the conversation he says: "Can I ask you what do you think a Christian is?"

How would you answer?

There can be a lot of confusion about this subject and there is a variety of opinions about what the word 'Christian' really means. If you were asked this question how might you respond? Would you say: "Well I suppose a Christian is one who goes to church regularly," or "It's a person who lives a good life, tries to live honestly and helps others."

But none of these things on their own makes a real Christian. Christians should go to church, live honestly and help others, but that doesn't make them real Christians. It's not something we can inherit from our parents like the way we get our family name. As someone has said, "God has no grandchildren".

What is a real Christian?

Becoming a real Christian involves changing your relationship to God. It means you enter into a personal relationship - a right relationship - with God the Father and his son Jesus Christ. You become members of God's family and can call him "Father". Can you do that?

You might ask, "But isn't everyone a child of God?"

The answer to this question is "Yes" in the same sense that God created the human race, so we are all children of God, but "NO" because our first parents, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and the human race has had a broken relationship with God ever since (and there are a variety of opinions). *To be continued.*

(excerpt from an article by Rev. E.C. Long)

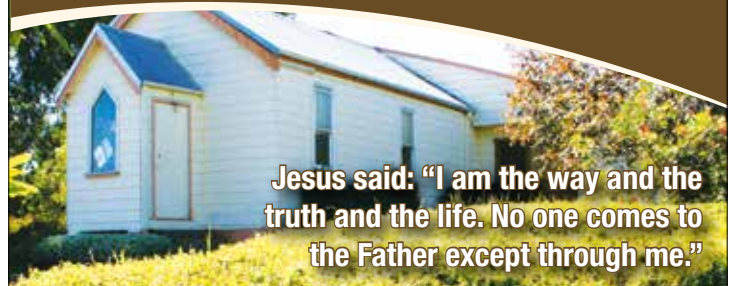
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G'day friends, we trust that 2017 has started well for you. For those able to take a break, we hope that you are feeling refreshed!

We've had an interesting end to 2016 and beginning of 2017 - renovations! I won't bore you with all the details, just to say that we're doing our best to look after our wonderful home.

For those of you who've never visited - our church is large enough to seat more than 200 people, with assorted other rooms and meeting places, it's a large space. On Sunday, 28th Jan we had to shift everything in order to replace the 28-year-old carpet. We thought it would take hours... however, with the industrious efforts of everyone - we had the job totally done in 45 minutes! It was a wonder to be a part of, so many people working together. During the next week more volunteers kept on turning up to move things back into place and to rehang doors, reconnect sound equipment and many more jobs. We are all at our best when we work together.

So it's looking very different to before - come and see us sometime!

As a result of all this work, some of our programs had a slightly delayed start to the year. However, everything is up and going now - there's choirs, programs for kids and youth, craft groups, Bible Study, coffee groups and some gentle exercise groups - give us a call if you'd like information on anything we do ☺

By the time you're reading this we will have already commenced the Galston Concert program for 2017. As an addition to the program, the wonderful Foray Quintet will be returning for another performance on Sunday 12th March from 2pm. Please contact our office for ticket information.

Well, I think that will do for now, next month I'll be letting you all in on our Easter plans. Until then, take care, cheers, Geoff



By Corri Byrne, Pastor

This is from an old survey (Nielsen, 2009), but it is estimated 2 in 3 Australians believe in God or a higher power.

The majority of us are comfortable with an all knowing, omniscient, omnipotent power but that is where for many the thought stops.

The same survey found only around 1 in 5 attended church, some even went weekly!

This is a sobering thought for a pastor. What is it about church that, rather than attract the masses, appears to repel them.

When you read through the Book of Acts it paints the early church growth, mind you not in buildings with stained glass windows, or with preachers lording it over the congregation, rather out in the courtyards, the streets, and travelling around houses.

The early church was attractive, especially to the broken, or outcasts, the people least embraced by the wider Jewish community.

"When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing." Luke 9:11

In many ways, this doesn't represent the outside view of church today. Regardless of the reality of individual churches (some are doing amazing things within their community), the truth is there are plenty of spare seats on a Sunday morning.

Jesus' final encouragement to the church (or gathered believers) was to reach the lost, the broken, the lonely, the depressed, the anxious, the fearful, the weary, the ill, the frail, the unloved, the abused, the unwanted, in fact everyone and welcome them into a loving family ... of equally lost and broken people, yet now belonging to a community of believers embracing this mission to welcome and help each other.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

So my self pointing rant at the local pastor (me) is ... do we deliver? Are we welcoming? If you, a non church attender, found yourself in need or desperate, requiring support ... would you turn to church? If not ... why not? Please tell me.

My prayer for all the churches in our district is that we increasingly embrace our mission and with it the revelation, that while we have found meaning, belonging, a purpose and faith, we don't lose sight of the brokenness and lack of hope we once experienced. Rather we stand ready to welcome, with open arms those in the community looking for help, or company, or support.

If you are in need, lonely, or just searching for meaning in this fast paced life please visit your local church and have a chat with the pastor or team.

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



The first term of the Monday Walks and Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives commences on March 6th with an Introductory Talk and Walk in Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden led by Alec Fisher.

The KWG is intriguingly interesting both in its history and its diversity of native plants in their natural setting. The introduction gives a good grounding in understanding the naming of plants and how to recognise them. Both previous attendees and newcomers will gain a deeper appreciation of the garden and what it has to offer.

Meet at Caley's Pavilion at 9-45 am, wear a hat and suitable shoes and bring water. Walk concludes about 12-30 pm. Cost \$5 includes notes. There is a discount for Australian Plants Society members. Booking is not needed. Further information is available at www.blandfordia.org.au.

Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group



The next meeting of the Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet at 7-30 pm on **Friday March 10th** at the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Road, Hornsby. Guest speaker will be Gwenda Lister, volunteer with the Australian Museum and NSW National Parks, and she will speak about her experience on a Scientific Survey in the Simpson Desert and Munga-Thirra National Park.

Native plants for sale. Visitors welcome. More information at www.blandfordia.org.au

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



The first term of the Monday Walks and Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives, runs from **March 6th to April 3rd**. The topics include "Introduction to the Wildflower Garden", "Plant Kingdom", "Parts of the Plant-Flowers", "Fire and Sandstone Flora", and "Banksias".

Meet 9-45 am at Caley's Pavilion, wear suitable shoes and hat, bring water. Cost \$5, includes notes, APS members \$2. Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale at the Visitors Centre. For more information go to www.blandfordia.org.au



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Galston Garden Club

Welcome back to Galston Garden Club 2017! Our February meeting started with a well-attended AGM where all the Executive positions were filled. Our President Mark Sutherland-Harris welcomed everyone back, especially those who had joined during the Christmas break and informed us that our club numbers had grown throughout the past year. He encouraged all to become involved, as there are many smaller jobs that need to be done each month and joining in is an excellent way to get to know members and make new friends.

John Hayes, a resident of Galston for many years, spoke to the Club about his proposal for the beautification of Galston Village. Having sympathetically restored the Heritage Cottage next to the old Police Station in Galston, John is going to approach Hornsby Council with the proposal and is asking the Club and residents to support this idea. His vision is to create a village ambience that would make Galston a garden village, with colourful plants and live music events to enhance visitors' experience and therefore a desirable place for people to stop and enjoy rather than just drive through.

Following on from John, Robert Harris passed around this year's calendar of Galston musical concerts to be held each month in Galston at the Uniting Church. These events are becoming increasingly popular with locals and those further afield attending.

Socially, it looks like there are some exciting trips planned throughout the year for club members. As a taster... a bus trip to the Melbourne Flower Show, a trip to a Mt Wilson garden followed by music and lunch at the Carrington, Katoomba. Later in the year our big trip, going down to Victoria, across to Tasmania for a few days then back via the Great Ocean Rd. As well as local gardens and places of gardening interest to visit, our annual Open Gardens

weekend in October. It looks like being another good year to belong to the Galston Garden Club.

Our club Patron, Judy Horton, was our guest speaker, and she took us on a pictorial tour around the Gardens of the World. As a Guide for Botanica Tours, Judy had many behind the scenes tales to tell of these stunning gardens. We 'travelled' around Europe, the United Kingdom, then onto America and Canada. What was of particular interest were the ordinary Australian plants, like the grevilleas that were being grown with such care in the European gardens. Judy certainly whetted our appetite to visit these places in the future, including some tips as to the best times to visit and where to go.

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

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

Pictured - a recent meeting and plant table



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Bromeliad Society of Australia

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting at Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on **Saturday, 11 March** commencing at 11am with plant sales, prior to the meeting at 12 noon. Access is via the new Showground entrance off Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.

Guest speaker will be Norm Webb, a local beekeeper who will discuss the importance of having bees in your garden, and methods used to encourage bees into the garden.

He will also discuss the fundamentals of beekeeping, including the characteristics of a bee, and what happens within its life cycle. Norm will also have on display the equipment



required to keep bees, and methods he uses to collect honey from the hives.

The presentation will also include the pollination of flowers and crops and the current problems confronting bee colonies. What the health properties of honey are, and why bees swarm and the important role of the queen bee.

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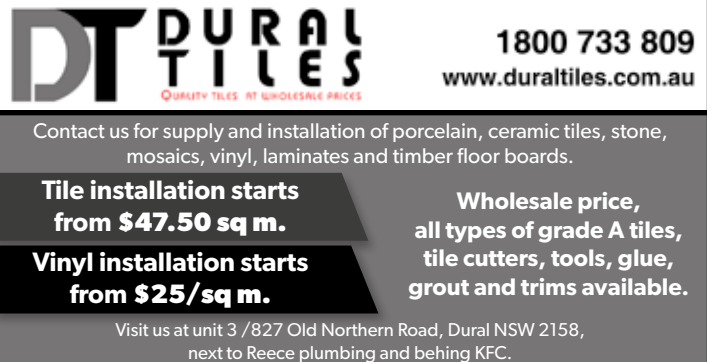
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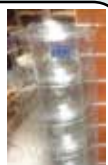
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Rotary Club of Galston meets every Tuesday at The Galston Club at 6.30 for 7pm. New members welcomed. Contact Peter 0419 011 750 peteainscow@gmail.com

Round Corner 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 week 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 Baukham Hills. Details:0407 665 874

Social Dance Workshops - Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road. \$7. Contact Felicity 9456 2860, 0434 437 522. Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers.

Stay Tuned Choir - We are a non-auditioned community choir which meets on a Tuesday night in Dural. We welcome new singers throughout the year and guarantee beautiful music-making, fun folk and great performance opportunities. Contact Suze Pratten; suzepratten@gmail.com, 0438 723 822

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@iinet.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 1.00pm. 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 493 795.

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

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

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

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

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

St Judes 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.cricknet.com.au

Galston 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.galstonnsw.netball.com.au
Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club meets at Galston Aquatic Centre on Galston Road on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Whether you want to swim laps, compete in competitions, or just have fun, fitness and friendship Ring Di on 9652 1215.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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