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Another Seniors Living Development



A DA was submitted on 16th November for 3 and 5 Pellitt Lane and 9 Wirrabara Road Dural. The site is located opposite Ellerman Park, Dural on the corner of Pellitt Lane and Wirrabara Road (behind The Centre).

The DA (no 944/2018/JP) is for **A Seniors Living Development comprising of 72 bed residential aged care facility, 117 self-care dwellings consisting of four 2-3 storey buildings (80) apartments and 37 independent living units, and community facilities. The construction of private roads and bulk earthworks and retaining walls. The development will be constructed in 5 stages.**

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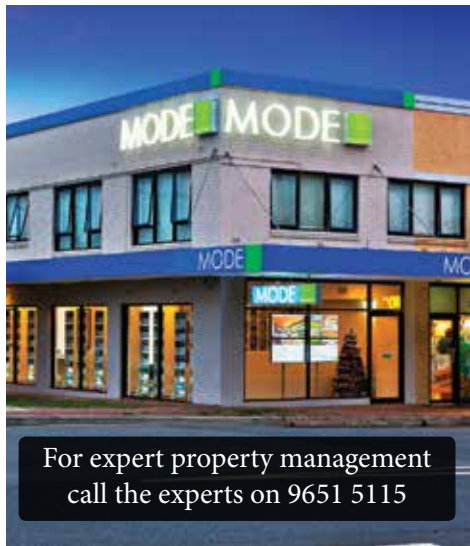


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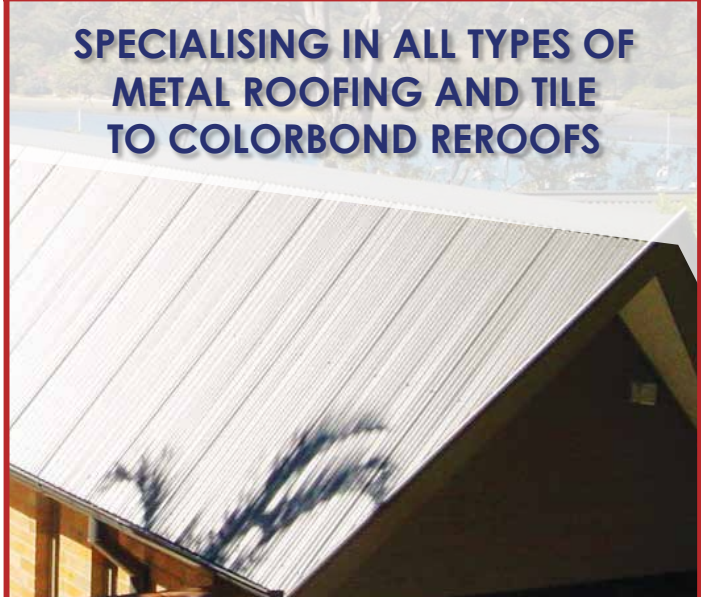


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NBN understands from early submissions received that there is both anxiety among some people in the community regarding the proposed fixed wireless facility at 7 Vision Valley Rd servicing rural residential Arcadia, and interest in improved broadband connectivity in this area.

Stakeholder Meeting - Wednesday 6 December 2017

*NBN is pleased to invite submitters to a Stakeholder Information Session on **Wednesday 6 December, 2017** at the Arcadia Hall.*

Submitters are welcome to drop in any time between 5pm and 7pm to address your concerns and inquiries to the fixed wireless team.

We would be pleased to discuss the proposal face to face with local residents.

We appreciate that this is a very busy time of year for many people, and we have sought to arrange this Stakeholder Session as quickly as possible.

We also appreciate that the submissions deadline was originally advertised as 5 December 2017, and in light of the 6 December session, we are pleased to advise that NBN will extend the deadline for submissions by one week, to 12 December 2017, to allow people to participate in the session and consider the extra information before making their submissions.

*We look forward to meeting interested residents on **6 December**.*

Sincerely, **James Parker,**

Senior Consultant, Environment and Planning, Aurecon

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As Chairman of this wonderful community company, thank you to all of our customers and shareholders. You really are leading the way when it comes to change in our community.

Yours sincerely

Mike Beardsell, Chairman
Galston Financial Services

Changed Traffic Conditions for Essential Bridge Maintenance on Mid Dural Road at Galston

Motorists are advised of changed traffic conditions on Mid-Dural Road at Galston in late November/December for bridge maintenance.

The NSW Government is funding this essential maintenance work under its \$1.5 billion program to maintain and improve the 18,028 kilometre state road and bridge network.

Essential work to repair bridge joints will be carried out 250 metres east of Salloway Road across Colah Creek to provide consistent driving conditions and reduce maintenance costs in the long term.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays for 10 shifts between Monday 20 November and Friday 22 December, weather permitting.

Changed traffic conditions including lane closures will be in place during work for the safety for motorists and workers.

Every effort will be made to reduce the impact of noise from this work on the surrounding community.

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.

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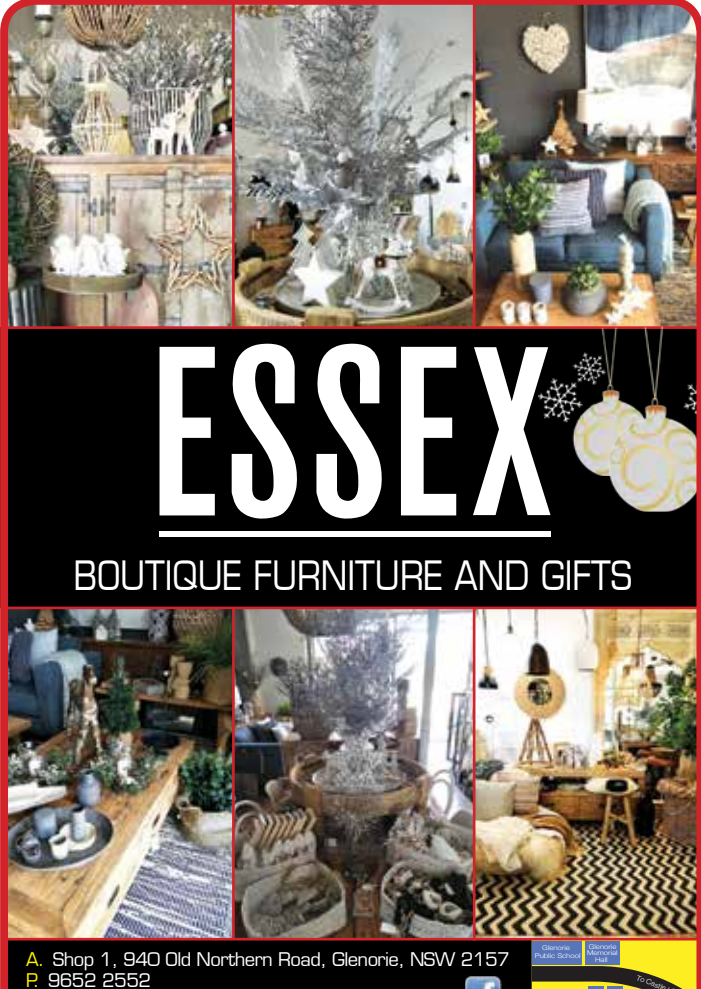


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Your daughter would be welcome to join in the many activities: outdoor and indoor skills, recreational activities, Christian teachings, camps and outings.

📞 Please contact Jenni Hoogesteger: 0404 144 612 or visit Girls' Brigade website www.gbnsw.org

Did you witness this accident?

Motor accident on Sunday 22nd Oct 2017 on St Albans Rd, Wisemans Ferry, involving a black dualsport motorcycle and a oncoming large white 4wd.

The rider of motorcycle was forced off the road into a paddock. If anyone has any info or willing to come forward, this would be greatly appreciated. Please ring or text 0425 275 333.

Australia Day

Join the Friends of Fagan Park to celebrate Australia Day on **Friday, 26 January, 2018.** The Heritage Area of Netherby Homestead and Rural Museums in Fagan Park will be open between 9am and 4pm.



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

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

Explore the magnificent Netherby Cottage and beautiful gardens. There is always something new and a lot to see and do for the whole family. Don't miss it!

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

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

Fagan Park is located 1km North of Galston Village on Arcadia Road. Entry to the Park and Museum Area is free. Entry to Fagan Park car park is \$5.00 per car (pay and display).

📞 Please contact Ian Browning 0419 435 475. Email isandian@tpg.com.au or visit <http://friendsoffaganpark.weebly.com/special-events.html>

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Dural Bowlers

Dural bowlers start winding down for 2017. Even though the main competitions are almost over there is still plenty happening at the bowling club. The Drawn Triples have been won by Kay Turrell, Christine



Fitzgerald and Eileen Bromley. Beryl Glover's team of Diane Trovato and Judith Fay Taylor gave them a run for their title. As in other drawn events the teams were randomly compiled from the entrants and the games all seemed to even out surprisingly well.

On **13th December**, the annual presentation of prizes will happen at 10 am, when all the 2017 winners and Runners-Up receive their trophies. This popular joint social event will be the first opportunity to sample the offerings of the new Italian themed restaurant Fedele's@Dural which is moving into the Dural Country Club on 1st December. Fedele's has a big reputation for pizzas, so adding welcome variety to the old club favourites. No doubt the ladies will be continuing their coffee regularly for their weekly catch-up chats in the DCC Coffee Shop.

Why not try some free lessons with Eileen or Rob so you too can enjoy this healthy social sport.

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Arcadian Quilters Inc

By Jill McGuinness, Treasurer, Arcadian Quilters Inc.



The photo shows the winning quilt which scooped two prizes at our show. It has lots of hand sewing, embroidery embellishments.

The winning ticket for the raffle quilt is 1714 and won by a local lady from Dural and delivered to her right after the show.

Four of us did the Glenorie Growers' market in October and November and we thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We did a show and tell of a variety of our quilts at the Wesley Rayward retirement village in Carlingford. We were well received. Those present enjoyed the show and were able to inspect the quilts up close.

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Galston Girl Guides welcomes new members



This term we have welcomed new girls to our unit and they have recently made their Girl Guide promise. The girls continue to enjoy the dry weather and being outdoors, especially making shelters out of tarps, sticks and ropes.

We would like to thank The Little Bottler and Foodworks, Kenthurst for their ongoing support towards Galston Guides.



📍 If your daughter is interested in learning outdoors, caring for the environment and making new friends then please come and visit us at 414 Galston Road, Galston or contact Mary 0423 353 644 for further information.

Bike & Power Primed for Fire Season

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The official opening of the Galston Village Pharmacy was celebrated with champagne and cake on Monday the 22nd of November and now all the team are ready, with open and helpful arms, to welcome you.



Vale Alan Clarkson

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Alan Clarkson, formerly of Halls Road, Arcadia. Alan and his wife Shirley had only just recently moved to Tea Gardens.

Alan was a committed volunteer and very community minded. He was a member of Galston Rotary for many years and also involved with the Shahzada horse endurance race at St Albans.

His funeral was held on 29th November at Castlebrook Crematorium followed by a wake at the Galston Club.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him .

Our sincere condolences to his wife Shirley and his children Neil, Tracey, Craig and his partner Pru, and Fiona, and his grandchildren Cameron, Hayden, Oliver and Jessica.

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Days for Girls project: Castle Hill Team

A big thanks to the people of Castle Hill and surrounding areas

As you may already know Days for Girls is a non-profit project run by grass roots teams of women worldwide to provide feminine hygiene products to girls to allow them to stay at school all the school year.

The Castle Hill team has already completed its first year (Oct 2016 – Oct 2017) of contributing to this worthwhile program. They have worked hard both in workshops each month and at home creating the items used in the packs that are sent.

They have achieved:

- 15 packs to Sri Lanka
- 60 packs to Solomon Islands
- 500 packs to Cambodia
- 50 packs to East Timor
- 55 packs to India.



A total of 680 packs.

None of this would be possible without grants from many local service clubs such as Lions, Rotary and View Clubs and many individuals and businesses.

We are a dedicated team of 106 women (and some men) from many surrounding suburbs meet on a regular basis to pack, sew and overlock items to go in a pretty cotton bag to send to girls in various developing countries.

People within and outside of this team contribute also by donating money, fabric, thread, underwear, soap and washers. Each item included in the bag requires several processes to complete it. Some volunteers can sew or overlock, but many are required to do the ironing, cutting, finishing and packing processes. Quality control is a vital part of the overall process to make sure the kit is robust enough to last 2-3 years.



The team in Castle Hill would welcome:

- volunteers to work at home on the items
- donations to help provide supplies
- volunteers to help at each monthly workshop

If you would like to help in any way please contact the Castle Hill Team Leader Cheryl Landon-Jones any time on phone 0433 445 339 or by email on castlehillnsw@daysforgirls.org.

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Finding Christmas in the Garden



Written by Mary Hackett

A perfect bird's nest, discovered in the heart of the old-fashioned rose bush. Lusty borage displaying delicate stars of sky-blue flowers amongst its hairy leaves. The fragrance of nutmegs released from crushed leaves of the native shrub, *Backhousia myrtifolia*. A trailing vine of flowering jasmine wound into a rustic wreath. Tiny chamomile flowers gently gathered for an apple-scented tisane. A creamy umbel of delicate elderflowers overflowing my cupped hands.

Sweet peas blooming fragrantly at nose height. In the cool of evening, from the well, the frogs' chorus swells. Self-sown heartsease flowers smile cheerfully beside the pathway. Tiny, stingless, native bees busily make sugarbag honey in the old pine-tree stump. Translucent rosemary blossoms lay sprinkled on dessert, creating minted magic. Pine cones harvested last



autumn, now lay fragranced with essential oils. Sprigs plucked fresh from the rosemary hedge, now are enclosed in Christmas cards and sent to friends with "sweet remembrances".

This Christmas may your garden enrich your life and make this season merrier.

Galston CWA News

Thank you to the Galston Garden club for their invitation to hold a stall at one of the gardens. Many jams, plants and craft items were sold. Thank you too to those who bought items.

After entering a tri area handicraft competition, Galston included in Nepean group won the trophy.

Cooking competition was held last week. Congratulations to those who gained a prize, 1st and 2nd will now head onto the next level.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th December** where we will be holding a Christmas lunch. Guests are welcome to attend.

We meet at the Galston Health and Community Centre, cnr Glade and 17 Arcadia Road, Galston. New members are always welcome.

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

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Call for High Schools to Clean Our Shores



Graham Johnston with local school students

Hornsby Shire Council is on the lookout for schools to join the award-winning landcare program, Clean4Shore.

The program removes marine debris from foreshore locations in the Hawkesbury River and is funded and managed by Hornsby Shire Council.

This year, Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High Schools and Cherrybrook Technology High School have joined the program and we are on the lookout for two more schools.

The Clean4Shore program involves a day visit by Graham Johnston and Council staff who will describe the litter movement from urban areas to the estuary which travels from our creek lines and roads.

The students can choose to attend a clean-up where they will see firsthand the impact litter has on the foreshores of the Hawkesbury River.

“The program is a fantastic opportunity to educate students, whilst doing something beneficial for the environment,” Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock said.

“I am delighted to hear that the program has won the Greater Sydney Regional Landcare Award for Community Engagement and the NSW state Landcare Award.

“The Hawkesbury River is an iconic part of Hornsby Shire’s environment and this program, helps protect it for future generations to enjoy.”

The Clean4Shore program is supported by Hornsby Shire Council, Gosford City Council and Greater Sydney Local Land Services.

📞 If your school would like to be part of this project, please call Hornsby Shire Council’s Natural Resource Team on 9847 6832.

Galston Peace Network

Bev Jordan

A group of diverse women meeting in Galston hope that they can encourage peace in the home, community and beyond.

The Creators of Peace Hills Network has been meeting for the past year at Rowland Village. It is one of three Creators of Peace Networks in Sydney, the others are at Rose Bay and Auburn.

The network meets bi-monthly on the third Sunday and welcomes women from all generations, all cultures and all faiths.

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Golfers took to the greens at the Riverside Oaks Golf Course Cattai on Friday November 17 to support the annual Bring A Mate Sydney Hills Business Chamber Challenge Golf Day.

A dozen teams, representing businesses across the hills played to raise awareness of men's mental and physical health initiatives in the community.

"Some great raffle prizes donated by generous

businesses and support from local sponsors Attard's Kitchens and Patterson Built helped raise \$3000 for Bring A Mate and its work in the Hills community," said organiser Kerrie Sheaves.

"This year's event and the previous three years have helped the Bring A Mate team to connect with men and women in the business community encouraging them to develop healthy relationships and better work life balance.

"Our partnership with the Sydney Hills Business Chamber has been a great opportunity to provide not just a fun networking day, but also connect business owners and their colleagues with important information about looking after their mental health, and supporting each other."

Find out more at bringamate.com

by Bev Jordan

Galston Peace Network *continued from page 13*

It's an informal drop-in group which attracts up to 30 women at some meetings.

There were 12 at the meeting on November 19 including Tanya Fox who is Jewish, Zohra Aly who is Muslim, Manjula Sri-Patma who is Hindi and Catholic nun Monica Sparks.

Not all members have a faith.

"We would love have more people from different backgrounds come along," said Zohra Aly from Dural. "We would like more peace circles."

Monica Sparks from Galston said: "I love it because it's a trustworthy, reflective sharing place and it nurtures me." A member of the Good Samaritan Sisters for 64 years, she said: "The Diversity of backgrounds makes it so refreshing."

Eleanor Powell from Galston said it was interesting listening to people from different cultural backgrounds. "Everyone's story is different," she said.

Manjula Sri-Patma from West Pennant Hills said: "I am a Tamil from Sri Lanka. Peace has been illusive for many of us around the world. I am interested in trying to make a better world in any way possible. Trying to make ripples with my little pebble."

The first meeting for 2018 will be on **Sunday, February 21** from 2pm to 4pm followed by afternoon tea.

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Property Person of the Year, Sarkis Nassif (far right) with Warrah CEO Georgina Michaelis (far right) and Discovery clients

Disability service provider Warrah Society was a major beneficiary of a charity dinner held at Doltone House at Hyde Park last week.

The dinner serves as an awards night for Urban Taskforce's Property Person of the Year.

Organised by developer-lobby group

Urban Taskforce Australia, the charity dinner also raises money for the Dural-based service, which supports more than 100 children and adults with intellectual disability or autism, as well the Prostate Cancer Centre at St Vincent's Hospital.

Now in its 15th year, the annual charity dinners have raised a combined total of \$3 million for both charities since it began.

Warrah's Chief Executive, Georgina Michaelis, said the dinner had been vital for Warrah.

She said the money raised from the dinner will go to upgrading Warrah's facilities, located across Sydney's North-West.

In the lead-up to the dinner – Sarkis Nassif – this year's winner of Property Person of the Year and founder of the Holdmark Property Group – spent time visiting Warrah.

Ms Michaelis said the visit provided him with a unique perspective on the support Warrah provides to people with disabilities. Mr Nassif has committed to assisting with extensions to an existing building that the service has outgrown.

'Our program for young adults, 'Discovery' needs more space to keep up with demand. Sarkis' offer will help us to do that', she said.

Along with Mr Nassif, the charity dinner was attended by some of Sydney's largest property developers and Ms Michaelis said the event was a way for them to support the disability sector through donations and in-kind support.



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By Chloe Chant



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Our first trip to this site in Dural surprised us. As we drove into the large business park we were uncertain about how the physical environment would present itself. We were blown away. At the end of the driveway, behind the business park, this centre was nestled like an oasis in the bushland. The outdoor yards looked out over bush and creeks with nothing to be heard but children's laughter and the whistling of bellbirds.

This 'sanctuary' made an impression on Anna and I that we couldn't forget. We visited many other services through the assistance of a broker but we kept coming



back. The feelings of safety, seclusion, wonder and belonging elicited in us could only be perfect for children as they engage in experiences that will shape their dispositions for the rest of their lives.

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End of year wrap up The Hills Evening Trefoil Guild 2017



The Hills Evening Trefoil Guild's final service for the year was making up Share the Dignity bags, these bags are for homeless women and those fleeing domestic violence. They

are an emergency bag, using no longer required handbags, they are filled with the essentials a woman needs, are donated by the Trefoil members. Included in the bags were soap, deodorant, powder, makeup, comb, shampoo, conditioner, moisturiser, cleanser, socks, tissues, phone card, gift vouchers, sanitary products etc. We were so pleased to be able to make up nearly 40 bulging bags which were delivered to the Bags with Dignity charity drop off centre. Our last night was a movie night watching a DVD and the money that would have gone to seeing a movie was passed on to a charity.

Movie nights, historical walking tours of Parramatta, knitting many, many squares made into lots of rugs for the wrapped with Love project, possum bags for orphan possums for WIRES, raising money for "The Sanctuary" a home for women transitioning away from domestic abuse, guest

speakers, a Crazy Whist night, an evening at the theatre to see The Wharf Review, sewing breast care bags for the hospitals, creating dementia/memory rugs and knitting care bears for the children's hospital. This has been the year for The Hills Evening Trefoil Guild. As well as a weekend away, lots of laughs great suppers and good supportive guiding friends, these are the things that make belonging to The Trefoil Guild so enjoyable. So if you would like to come and be involved, join us in 2018.



The Hills Evening Trefoil Guild is the adult section of the Girl Guides and is open to any woman over 18yrs who has made her promise in any section of the Guide Movement, the Parent Support Group or willing to make the Guide Promise The Hills Evening Trefoil guild area extends from Parramatta up to the Hills District so if you like the idea of combining service to the community with social activities...and we are very social, it is a great way to reconnect with guiding friends, with new members warmly welcomed.

📍 We meet on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month at various locations from 7.30 – 9.30, for more information please contact Chris on 0438 767 750. A yummy supper is guaranteed!

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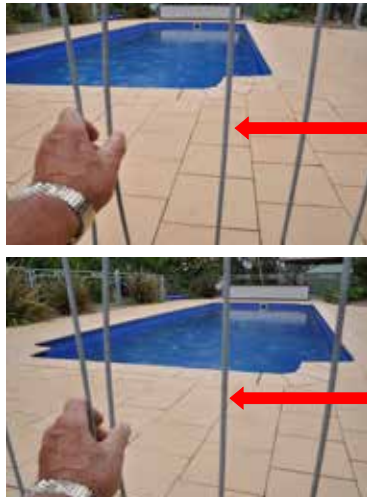
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Is Your Pool Safe for Summer?

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Safety measures cover pool and boundary fencing, gate operation, access through doors and windows that can provide direct entry to a pool, safety and CPR signage. It is the responsibility of the pool owner to ensure that the pool is at all times surrounded by a complying child resistant safety barrier restricting access to the pool. Private swimming pools can be located in all manner of places. Rural acreage, waterfront, suburban, indoors, rental properties, strata properties. All are subject to an Australian Standard, Act and Regulation. To ensure the safety of private pools, all owners should be aware of their responsibilities in maintaining safety barriers in good operating order and condition.

Not all pool accidents are fatal. Unfortunately many result in severe mental, physical and health issues as a result of near drownings, causing extreme hardship and distress to families so affected.



To ensure that your pool barrier and surrounds meets all necessary safety requirements it should be inspected by a qualified pool safety Certifier. The inspection process covers all aspects of pool barriers and safety issues, with photographic evidence of all areas inspected accompanying the report. If the pool complies, then a Certificate of Compliance will be issued. If the pool does not comply, a Certificate of Non-Compliance will be issued with a complete and comprehensive report of all non-compliant areas with photographic evidence and recommendations on action required to rectify these issues. A follow up inspection will be required to gain a Compliance Certificate when non-compliant issues have been rectified.

It should also be noted that if you are selling a residential property with a pool or spa it must have a Certificate of compliance or non-compliance, or if leasing a residential property with a pool or spa a Certificate of Compliance is required.

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Carols will be held in the church grounds on the corner of the Old Northern Road and Newline Road at **6pm on Saturday 16 December**. Everyone is welcome.

The last day of trade for both stores will be Thursday 21 December, with doors closing at 4 pm for the Christmas season.

To celebrate a year of community donations and involvement and support, both stores are gearing up for a final week of amazing bargains for thank you, our customers.

On Monday 18th, all clothing items will be \$1 each, and shoes will be \$1 per pair.

On Tuesday 19th, everything in the store will be half price. This includes crockery and china, cutlery, bric a brac, camping, electrical, furniture: everything!! In addition, books will be \$2 a bag.

On **Wednesday 20th**, both the stores at Dural and Glenorie will ask adults for a \$5 donation on admission. This will entitle each ticket holder to choose 20 items store wide! Additional items can be purchased at the register at half price.

Thursday 21st, the last day of trade, will operate as per the Wednesday arrangement, with doors closing at 4 o'clock.

Please note that, at these bargain prices, the stores cannot accept sales returns. We regret, too, that we will be unable to deliver or hold items for you.

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Report of Glenorie Progress Association Meeting on 14 November 2017

Major points arising from the November meeting of the GPA were as follows:

1. Boral will be providing a written response to the residents' concerns relating to the intended upgrade of the concrete batching plant near the corner of Schwebel Lane and Old Northern Rd.
2. Street speed limits: a number of letters had been received calling for the imposition of appropriate speed restrictions on our unmarked suburban roads and more were expected - all letters will be forwarded to the authorities with copies to our local members.
3. The Chair provided a summary of his assessment of the implications for Glenorie of the latest Greater Sydney Commission report and noted that the issue will be addressed by the Planning Subcommittee at its meeting on 28 November.
4. It was agreed that the most important decision yet to be made was for residents of and around Glenorie to decide what it was they wanted for our community.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS

Go online and read what the GSC says about Glenorie. The GPA thinks it can be boiled down to this:

1. Residential development in and around Glenorie is not to be encouraged.
2. Agricultural operations are to be encouraged and protected from "urban sprawl".

3. The opportunities for further expansion of the Glenorie Village and subdivision of existing acreages are therefore limited.

If you agree with this approach, that is good. If you disagree, write to the GPA explaining why. The GPA cannot represent the residents' concerns if the residents don't tell the GPA about their concerns.

Laughtondale Gully Road Reopened



Laughtondale Gully Road is now open, following major repairs to make it safe for vehicles once more.

This is great news for local residents, who have been inconvenienced by the closure of the road. For a while it was uncertain if the road could be made safe but Council's engineers worked extremely hard to find workable solutions.

The main part of the work involved the stabilisation of a number of sections of road that were at risk of collapsing, as well as the sealing of one of the particularly hazardous hairpin bends.

Seven new cross drains were also installed, while the existing cross drains were cleared and new guide posts put in place.

"I would like to sincerely thank the local residents for their patience throughout this process," Mayor Ruddock said.

"Safety is always Council's absolute top priority when managing roads and convenience, unfortunately, must finish a very distant second".

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Last Minute Shopping and Looking Skywards.

By Deborah Amos

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Let's look at the online shopping solution.

For many of you this is an area that you may have stayed away from due to concerns about payment security. I am an avid online shopper as especially around Christmas time I find the busyness of the shopping centres just too much. Some of my favourite sites are hardtofind.com.au which has great, unique gifts for that person who has everything. For my English relatives I use marksandspencer.com which helps with quick delivery in England and of course for hamper deliveries I Google search and find so many choices in all different price ranges. Catch of the Day is a great app for discount shopping and they have a special section just on Christmas. If you are still concerned about payment then set up a Paypal account and when it is offered pay through Paypal.

Although we can't identify the Star of Bethlehem with an app called *Skyguide* we are able to look at our own constellations and identify the star that you are looking at. Just hold your phone to the sky and become an instant astronomer.

There are over 2 million apps available. These are just a couple that I have found over the years of helping people with their Apple devices and computers.

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Venue: Council Depot

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Time: 7.30am to 12.30pm

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Fred Catterson Park, Castle Hill: All Abilities Mtb and Bmx

By Susanna Mills



Hills Council has provided excellent bike lanes along Gilbert, Tuckwell and Ridgcorp Roads and a brand new cycle path along Showground Road to access Fred Catty and the new Showground Rail transit hub by bike, from all surrounding suburbs!

your MTB or a BMX. Then there are all the choice technical single tracks in surrounding forests and parallel to the creeks...

Park at Knightsbridge Shopping Centre. Turn left onto Ridgcorp Drive, right down Linksley and in the dip, turn left onto Timber Grove and look for the trail head on the left near the bridge over the creek. You will love this rock and rolling, scenic ride parallel to the verdant fern-lined Castle Hill Creek. Singletrack

This Festive Season, off-road bicycling delights await discovery in this green sports lung bordered by the suburbs of Glenhaven, Castle Hill and Showground Road.

First, there is the BMX track, which has been upgraded to international race standards. Lower your saddle and practise bike-handling skills on it anytime there is not an event, using

opens out onto a firetrail /neglected Hills Council Cyclepath in Fullers' Road Reserve, hugging the bottom of sheer rocks at the hem of suburbia. The cyclepath then opens out onto a short stint on tar, and you are now riding parallel to Cattai Creek and straight for the Waterworks. Turn left onto the single track at the waterworks fence. The track loosely follows the perimeter of the waterworks. It is very technical, and only elite mountain bikers will be able to ride the whole thing. Keep your weight far back off the saddle if rolling down the rock steps. Turn left over the footbridge to the BMX track. From here, there are plenty of short, winding single track circuits in bushland around most sport fields to explore and call your own. None of them are ever groomed, but surprisingly for Sydney, many of them are actually marked ! They are all rocky, rutted and intersected by tree roots- the most excellent stuff to make mountain bicycling here, amongst the best Hills District currently has to offer.



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Leave the Car at Home: Hills Council has provided excellent bike lanes along Gilbert, Tuckwell and Ridgescrop Roads and a brand new cycle path along Showground Road to access Fred Caterson and the new Showground Rail transit hub by bike, from all surrounding suburbs. At the end of Tuckwell Road, there is a subway under Gilbert Road to access the park safely from Castle Hill CBD.

Facilities: Lovely playground for the kids with water bubbler between Cedar Grove Road and Field 6. Coffee and toilets at Local Bean Café, Knightsbridge Shopping Centre. Nearest bicycle shop is 99 Bikes, Victoria Road. CHBMX is a very active club, welcoming new members of all abilities to their school holiday skills sessions and weekend race events.

Ride Map: Follow the author, Susanna Mills, on Strava or research the route on Google Maps...or why not cycle there this weekend and discover your own circuits?



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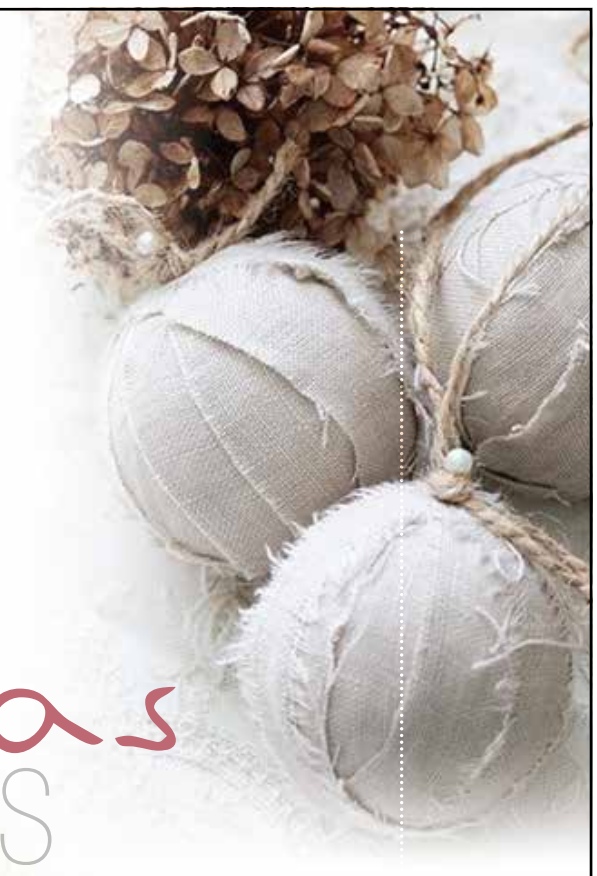
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Galston Netball - Active Kids Program



Keeping Kids Active

From 31 January 2018, parents will be able to claim up to \$100 per school child, per calendar year, as a voucher to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership fees for after-school, weekend and structured fitness or physical activity. **Netball is an eligible sport**, the Active Kids Rebate can significantly reduce the financial burden for parents when registering children for sports.

Who is eligible to receive the rebate?

The Active Kids Program provides an incentive to **children enrolled in school (K-12)** to get involved in sport by providing an annual \$100 voucher (limit of one per child per year only), which can only be used when joining an approved activity, such as when registering your child to play netball.

How will the \$100 rebate be applied?

Although details are yet to be confirmed, it is expected that from 31 January 2018, parents will be able to create a NSW Government MyService Account to register their child to participate in the Active Kids Rebate program. Parents will then receive a 16 digit voucher code to be used for an approved sport activity. Parents will be required to enter this voucher code at the time of completing the MyNetball online registration form.

Important: Voucher codes can not be applied retrospectively. We are advising parents to complete the online registration process only AFTER they have received their voucher code.

Is Galston Netball an approved provider under the Active Kids Rebate program?

Yes! We are an Affiliated Club of Netball NSW, a State Sporting Organisation under the Active Kids Rebate program. All activities offered by our Club are approved activities and accept use of the \$100 rebate voucher.

Want to know more?

More details about how the Active Kids Rebate program will apply to Netball and the registration process will be available soon. In the meantime we recommend following us on Facebook for any developments. (@TheGalstonNetballClub)

Registration for the coming season's netball commences in January and concludes in February in order for parents to claim their \$100 rebate.



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GPS Warrior Colour Run

Glenorie Public Schools P & C thought outside the box for this one -

Now you tell me, WHAT is a healthy initiative, that enables us to fundraise and have so much fun in the process? The kids of GPS on Friday October 27th 2017, held their first Warrior Colour Fun Run as a fundraiser for their school. It started as a health initiative for the kids and turned into an amazing fun filled day full of Fitness, Challenges, Community involvement and very enjoyable by all.

All students that registered, gained their fundraising card and were asked to go out and gain sponsorship to complete the obstacle course. All students involved completed the course in record time and were able to have a laugh and cheer along the way. Not only did they have fun with their peers, teachers and parents but Glenorie Fire Brigade and Hornsby Police station joined in giving support to our community and our children. "A wonderful event to show our commitment and support to our



community". Our Local Hornsby Police Officer joined in the fun with the teachers race. One of our Students said "Its nice to see the police having fun with us, as sometimes I get scared of the police as I think I'm in trouble".

All students were challenged to an inflatable obstacle to start the race, then on to further 8 obstacles (Hurdles, Bean Bag Throws, Log Jumps, Hay Barrel jump-overs, Army net crawls, Tyre Runs, Mud Rolls and Water bombs not to mention colour bomb stations!!!! This was the students favourite obstacle "Running through the colours was so much FUN!!!"). All the students were timed and ran to the finish line to cheer on their house colours. It's not about the fastest runner but the teamwork of our house colours working together to get every student to the finish line in the shortest amount of time. Year 6 students teamed up with Kindergarten to help get through the course.

The organising committee and all the parent volunteers did a fantastic job in providing such a wonderful, fulfilled, enjoyable and physical event to the students and we look forward to 2019 where we will get the next opportunity to do it all again.

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Carpark at Hornsby Hospital

Hon Matt Kean MP

I recently spent some time with the wonderful kids at Arcadia Public School. The school had received \$8,000 from my office under the Community Building Partnership program to fix the access and drainage to the oval. That work is now complete and I hope it ensures the oval is in the best shape possible for the kids to play every day. I am very proud to have a school like Arcadia in my electorate and the wonderful teachers and Principal Sharon O'Brien are an asset to the community.

I am also pleased to announce construction of the multi-storey carpark at Hornsby Hospital has begun. This major project will create 520 spaces and ensure visitors and patients have plenty of parking while visiting the hospital and local residents will get their streets back.

The project is expected to cost \$19.8 million and will be completed by late 2018. The community has been calling out for this for years, and I am proud to deliver another commitment for our community.

Constructions for the \$200 million Stage 2 redevelopment of Hornsby Hospital should also start next year. This will include a new emergency department and five-store Clinical Services Building, a one-stop shop for a range of medical services. This investment in our Hospital will see it become a state-of-the-art medical facility which will service the Hornsby community not just now but into the future.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and I am looking forward to continuing to work for the Hornsby community in 2018.

Grants Open for Life Saving Defibrillators

Local sports clubs in Hornsby are being urged to apply for co-funding for a defibrillator under the NSW Government's new Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP said more than 2,500 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) will be rolled out across the state over the next four years.

"We encourage local sporting clubs to take this opportunity to apply for a grant to help fund an AED - which can be the difference between life and death," Mr Kean said.

"The program will fund up to 50 per cent of the defibrillator cost, along with training and maintenance support."

Minister for Sport, Stuart Ayres said the \$4 million program will make sporting fields safer for thousands of players and spectators.

"More than 33,000 Australians experience cardiac arrest every year, and the first eight minutes are critical to improving the likelihood of survival," Mr Ayres said

"Early access to CPR and defibrillation can influence survival rates by up to 75 percent".

The scheme is targeting community sports clubs, but applications from licensed sporting clubs and sports organisations associated with schools, churches universities, and councils will also be considered.

Applications close 20 December 2017. For more information visit: sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants



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Dural Art Supplies

Sandra Duran Wilson was a recent guest artist at Dural Art Supplies, demonstrating the use of Ampersand Painting Panels. I thought that I would take the opportunity to attend this free workshop to try and resurrect my latent creative talent. It was such a surprise to me to see so many participants at this demonstration, all ready to learn more skills, gather tips and try out the products.

Sandra, had travelled from Santa Fe, New Mexico to conduct a series of demonstrations so it was a wonderful opportunity for all present to hear about her background and to pass on some of her secrets to how she creates her particular style of artwork. Sandra comes from a family of artists and scientists. She grew up in a world where all things were possible in her imagination. It was a world where she could look through the microscope in her fathers office and paint what she saw.

Dural art supplies is a hub of creative energy with a calendar filled with workshops and demonstration.

The New Year is brimming with opportunities to develop talents and to explore new artistic horizons so it is well worth calling into the shop/studio, ringing or visiting their website www.duralartstudio.com.au

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- Tuesday 23 January, 2pm-3pm, Hornsby Library. Cost: \$12.00

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



The holidays are once again upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody season's greetings. This is the ideal time to show your love and affection for all of the people closest to you, but it is also a great chance to demonstrate your support for your local community.

As you begin gathering the presents to place under your Christmas tree, not to mention stocking up on supplies for all the guests who will be in your home, I urge you to shop locally. The announcement this year that Myer will be closing their Hornsby store proves that we can take nothing in our local economy for granted. Our local businesses, particularly the smaller ones that

are owned and managed by local people, need and deserve all of our support.

Meanwhile, if you are looking for fun activities over the holiday period take a look at the events page on Hornsby Shire Council's website. You will find plenty there to keep yourself and your family occupied, from free guided walks in our spectacular bushland to author talks in our libraries.

Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/events and you are guaranteed to find something that's perfect for you.

Philip Ruddock
Mayor,
Hornsby Shire Council

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We are always happy to welcome new members, or local residents who are curious about what we do and what it's like inside a working fire station. You may have considered becoming a volunteer fire fighter - please - come and visit, see if you might like to join us (no pressure!). For new people, there is plenty of friendly help and mentoring. You will learn many new skills, including how to look after yourself, your property and animals in a bushfire. You will probably have seen that both men and women are firefighters and hold officer rank in our Brigade

Our formal training is carried out at the Hills District Rural Fire Office in Annangrove Road. There are two Basic Training courses each year in which new volunteers learn the ropes before they get to 'put the wet stuff on the hot stuff'. Some firefighters are content to stay at basic fire fighter level, however, most do further training to achieve their Advanced Fire Fighting accreditation, leading to Crew Leader accreditation. All this happens in a friendly and supportive environment where your fellow volunteers are keen to make friends, offer encouragement and welcome you to the team. There's trust and mateship, together with getting to know your community.

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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

Annual Galston Village Santa Run

By Kara Dubois

The annual Galston RFB Santa run will be held on Sunday December 17th from 4pm to 7pm.

Santa will make his way aboard the fire trucks and on foot through the local streets of Galston. When you hear the sirens, Santa will be coming. Santa's helpers will have lolly treats for the young and young at heart.

Galston member profile

Each month this year the Galston Rural Fire Brigade has featured a short interview with one of our members. It has been a great way to discover just how diverse a local fire brigade can be. For our final one this year we thought we should interview a member of the brigade who volunteers his time once a year.

Santa

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

I have been lucky enough to be a part of the Galston RFB Santa Run for many years now. I look forward to it every year!

What is your role there?

Each year I get to ride in the big red fire truck and visit all the boys and girls around the Galston Village. It often gets a bit CLAUS-trophobic in the truck so I like to get out and stretch my legs when I can.



I also know how important water is to a fire-brigade, so each year I donate all my old snowmen to help fill the truck's tanks. I like to refer to it as H2-Ho-ho-ho!

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

Apart from my yearly present delivery duties I'm quite the budding photographer and enjoy taking photos on my NORTH-POLE-roid camera. Often the elves like to take a lot of sELFies with it.

What is your favourite part of the Galston RFB?

The amazing fire-fighters at Galston are a great bunch of people, coming from all walks of life and from all sorts of backgrounds. They are also dedicated and hard-working, and like to make sure all members are well trained. This year they taught me fire HO-HO-HOSE drills, and even taught the Christmas elves the phonetic ELF-abet! Which is a little different to the regular one because ours has Noel. I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Santa Run!



Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

Annual Christmas Eve Santa Run - 24th December 4pm

Each year Glenorie and Hillside Brigades take Santa around Glenorie Village to see all the kids before he needs to go and deliver presents. The Santa Run will start at **Timaru Street at 4:00pm** and slowly move through the Eastern then Western side of Glenorie Village before ending at **Glenorie Woolworths at 5:30pm**. Listen out for the siren on our trucks so you know when he is coming. Once the Santa Run is finished it will be voted by the team at Woolworths which Brigades Fire Trucks are best decorated.

Christmas Eve, SANTA comes to GLENORIE VILLAGE

Santa will be riding in your local Fire Brigade's Truck. Please have a look at the map below to see where he will be. NOTE: SANTA WILL NOT STOP ON OLD NORTHERN ROAD When you hear the Siren, Santa will be coming.

The map shows the route starting at Timaru Street & PM, moving along Old Mather Road, stopping at Cairnes Road 4:45 PM, re-starting at Post Office Road 5:00 PM, stopping at Glenorie R, and finishing at Glenorie Woolworths.

Brigade Contact Details:

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

Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade

Fire Season Started 1st October

Fire season kicked off in the Greater Sydney region on the 1st of October, and will end 31st of March.

Preparing your property is an essential part of getting ready for Summer and while we support and encourage the reduction of hazards from around your home, it is a timely reminder to make sure that you have received the correct fire permits. During fire season, residents of the Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai district must have two permits, a current council permit, and a fire safety permit from NSW Rural Fire Service. It is a simple process and all you need to do is call and they will be sent to you, see the phone numbers at the end of this article. Unfortunately, we have been called to a number of pile burns and bonfires in recent weeks that have not had the required permits. As the weather continues to warm up, our opportunity to complete Hazard Reductions through burning is coming to a close, however, when conditions are right we will commence the program again. These Hazard Reductions also play an important role in regenerating our native bushland. However, Hazard Reductions can continue in the form of mowing lawns, removing materials that can burn away from your homes, and garden maintenance.

Part of our great working relationship with our colleagues at Fire Rescue NSW, Castle Hill FRNSW invited the Arcadia to train with them recently. Castle Hill's "A" Platoon discussed with us how



we can assist them at different incidents. These training sessions continue improve the coherency between the stations during incidents that we attend together. During this training session, we looked at the various equipment they carry on the truck, some similar to what is on our trucks. We also discussed rescue situations and utilising the stokes litter, which is an important and versatile tool used to transport patients out of different environments such as rugged terrain to suburban homes. To top the night off, the brigade was given a tour of their station, seeing all aspects of their station life.

Arcadia was invited to discuss with 100 year 5 students from Waverley College who were at Vision Valley during November, about the difference between hazard reductions and back burning, the weather and geographical characteristics that influence the behaviour of fires and how we prepare for bush fires. Afterwards we showed them the equipment on our truck, and how it would be utilised during a bush fire. It was great to see the level of enthusiasm these students had towards our role in the community, and the understanding they demonstrated regarding bush fires.

For further information on preparing your homes for the fire season, please visit www.myfireplan.com.au and www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. Fire Control Centre: 9883 2000; Hornsby Council: 9847 6666; Ku-Ring-Gai Council: 9424 0000



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Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

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

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

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Our Back Paddock

My parents moved onto their land at Dural over 60 years ago. Back then, it was so much quieter in Dural. For my brothers and I our back paddock was always a special place.



It has changed over the years. When I was young, it was a paddock with sheep. We entered it through a gate between two tall pencil pines. We loved our sheep. Sometimes we'd even try to ride the ones with horns which was great fun! Once, one ewe died while giving birth to her lamb, we named that lamb Bessie and hand-reared her. She was so tame and along with the many cats we she a perfect pet. Each year in about September or October, we had Grazcos come to shear the sheep, which was so special to watch. It was sad for us all, when our last three sheep were ravaged by wild dogs, who had jumped the fence.

Another treat for us as children was walking down, past the sheep, to near the back fence to have a picnic near the bush behind. A China Pear tree there and when in season my elder brother and I would climb to pick the fruit. We sold the pears on the roadside for 6 pence each. Amazingly, the pear tree is still there, although way too high to climb and I've not seen pears on it for years.

After the sheep, the paddock was used for agisting horses and later a rose grower moved in and filled it with rose plants, which were beautiful at flowering time.

When Dad retired from his full time work, he decided to build a tennis court and gardens in our paddock. Since then, the whole house, garden and tennis court have sprawled into one with no fence separating. In all it's different guises it has always given us pleasure and happy memories. Contributed by Christine.

Movember Vets

Looking debonair (?) the Vets from Glenorie Veterinary Clinic are going wild (well their whiskers anyway) to help support men's health awareness.



Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide.

Well done Vets and I wonder whether you will keep it on or shave it off...

Flat battery

Recently I had to perform a marriage for a friend who I have known for nearly 30 years. You would think that this would have been less stressful than usual but it was quite the reverse as it added an extra layer of concern. Pete, my husband is my assistant on ceremony days and one of his roles (it may seem minor but to me it makes a huge difference) is to drive me to the venue. After making sure we had everything we got in the car. Flat battery.....ahhh...panic, how do we deal with this.... where are the jumper leads (last seen, no where). While I went searching for the elusive leads, Pete suggested that he drive his van over to the car so that we could use it to jump start from. In high heels and my best dress I started to poke around the garage when it dawned on me that we could travel in the van and forget about the car. Stress can mess with rational thought, of course we had choice and we even had my daughter's car in the driveway. We arrived safely, in good time and delivered a seamless ceremony. Phew!

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Zumba Halloween birthday

To celebrate our instructor, Nina's birthday, which coincided with Halloween we all joined into the spirit of the occasion by dressing in orange and black.



It was fortunate that we had a fun filled work out because afterward we all enjoyed a feast of Halloween inspired food...Nina started the class with 'Monster Mash' and continued to make us smile with her high energy and enthusiasm. It is impossible to attach a number to Nina as she is timeless, beautiful, energetic and youthful. The whole class endorse with praise the contribution she makes to our lives. Hope you enjoyed your celebration Nina,,,,,keep shining.

Camellia Haven' Changes Hands

Discretely positioned down a long driveway surrounded by magnificent established gardens with an array of natural colour a



young couple from Schofields have found home. Once a Camellia nursery this is the first time in 15 years that the property has changed hands. While we welcome this new couple who are looking forward to creating a home and embracing the lifestyle on offer in the local Glenorie district, we farewell the previous owners and thank them for being custodians of such a glorious space.

Lumby Hampson

30th Birthday tribute

On the 29th of November 1987, Michael Adriaansen, third son of Tony and Carol Adriaansen of Galston was born 3 months premature. Mike is now about to turn 30.



The doctors would be amazed to know that he has made it to this age. Mike had to fight for his life and three times he miraculously recovered after the doctors had given up hope.



Because of his prematurity he developed some disabilities. John and Lindy Randle, formerly of Galston do a terrific job of caring for Mike and we are eternally grateful to them for all they do for him. They now live on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

Well done Mike and happy 30th birthday. God bless, Carol and Tony Adriaansen.

Michelle's Support

Michelle Riley Fitness and Performance Management is not only passionate about fitness and helping her clients become fit, trimmed, toned and feeling fabulous, Michelle is also very passionate about Health Awareness.



Michelle is doing her part to help raise health awareness but to also support charities that are close to her family and friends.

On the 6th June 2000 Michelle's Grandma was a lucky recipient of a Kidney Transplant. If it wasn't for the generosity and the fact that another person was an organ and tissue donor than my Grandma may not be here today. Just over 17 years later and Michelle's Grandma is still fit and healthy. All of Michelle's family are now registered organ and tissue donors and encourage everyone to register as one organ and tissue donor can transform the lives of 10 or more people. <https://register.donatelife.gov.au/>

Thanks from Cafe Sasanqua

Starting and running your own business takes a massive commitment and some times it consumes you. What I have learnt during the past 6 months, is no matter how organised you are, you simply can not predict everything, you can plan and prepare for it, but accurate prediction is impossible especially in this industry. You just don't know what you don't know. So with this has come a fair bit of last minute fire fighting so to speak. I want to thank those that fight the fires for me when I'm consumed by the every day - I simply could not have managed without you - my brother, my sister, my daughters and my dear friends - THANK YOU.



Sonja xx

Back on Track Chiropractic

A special thank you from Back on Track Chiropractic. As we approach our 8th birthday with the local community, Back on Track Chiropractic has relocated to a beautiful new location in the heart of Galston. We are so thrilled



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Are you passionate about making a difference for yourself and others?

By Denise Dean, Pathways Psychology Institute

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Pre-Schoolers Learn How to Code

The children at KU Grevillea Preschool in Hornsby Heights have started to learn how to code.

Learning how to code is not only fun for the children at KU Grevillea – it also allows them to learn and develop essential skills that they will use throughout the rest of their lives.

The preschool recently gained two robots to add to their collection of educational resources, which have proven to be very popular with the children as they play and learn about coding.

“We have started using simple code with Cubetto, a small wooden robot. The children move Cubetto around his mat by programming the robot with commands such as forward, left and right,” said KU Grevillea Director, Jane Moran.

“Technology has a language and that language is code. By learning how to program and move the robots, the children develop essential computer literacy and problem-solving skills through hands on play in an engaging and collaborative environment,” said Jane.

The robots were donated to the preschool by a family who participated in the Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ program by collecting stickers to earn educational tools and resources.

KU Grevillea provides quality early childhood education for children aged 3 - 5 years old and is currently taking enrolments.

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Dural and District Historical Society Horse Troughs

By Margaret McKinley

It is hard for us, in this day and age, to realise the importance of horses for hundreds and hundreds of years before the invention of motorised and mechanical transport.

When you think of the wars that were fought on horseback, the recent enactment of the last great horse attack at Beersheba a hundred years ago, comes to mind. Horses were essential for carrying Mail and all messages, (no mobile phones or radio then!) and pulling carriages, and carting produce to market. We still use the term "Horse Power" (h.p.) to describe the amount of power needed to do a certain job, such as running a car.

About a hundred years ago, a couple, Annis and George Bills, had made a fortune out of making Inner-spring mattresses. They had no children, but were great lovers of animals, horses in particular. They were also involved in the beginning of the R.S.P.C.A. They set up a Foundation to make sturdy concrete water troughs that were set up beside roads for all horses that were passing



to drink at. Hundreds were made and each one is inscribed "Annis and George Bills, Australia" Many are still to be found all over Australia, and are treasured relics of a time gone by.

The Dural trough was originally in Galston Road, just near St Jude's. Up until about 1970, Galston road just vied off Old Northern Road opposite the shops. Galston travellers considered they had right of way, and Glenorie travellers thought they did too! Which

caused many "Confrontations". The Roads department offered to buy the "V" part of land from St. Jude's and made a distinct Right Hand turn, which entered Galston road just where the Horse Trough was. The remnants of the old road are still visible outside the Dural Medical centre. The Dural trough was carefully moved to Galston High School and can be seen just inside the fence in front of Waddell Cottage. Hornsby also has one of these troughs. In more recent times the trough at Dural was a place of initiation. Some readers may wish to share their experiences of this.

History Cottage, which is next to the Cenotaph in Galston Road, will be closed from pm. Wednesday December 13th until opening on Sunday 7th February, 2018 at 10am, We wish all readers a Happy Christmas

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Do we really want a concrete batching plant in the middle of Glenorie Village? It's time to consider this proposal before it's too late.

By Callum Hoogesteger, resident of Glenorie

I have seen the community consultation letters from Boral to the residents of Glenorie via the GPA. Boral are to be commended on their approach. I thought little of the impact on our community till recently I was riding past the Boral concrete batching plant at Mount Kuring-gai and I was struck by the impact that such a facility would have on Glenorie. It will totally change the view and perception of Glenorie. It would decrease land values and the aesthetic ambience, even the "feel" of Glenorie. I would encourage anyone driving on the Pacific Hwy through Mount Kuring-gai to look up at the towering Silos. You will see just how enormous and un-avoidable the visual impact is. The Silos proposed for Glenorie are 21m high. The ground level may be lower on that site, than that of Old Northern road, but not that much, and it doesn't matter what colour you paint them, they will dominate the skyline. There are other considerations such as the increased truck traffic, turning in and out of Schwebel Lane where children are crossing. It doesn't matter how careful the majority of drivers are, it just takes one driver, not concentrating, under time pressure to cause an accident. The corner in question has a lot of parents and children crossing at drop off and pick up times.

The more I considered what I saw in reality at Mount Kuring-gai, these towering silos and super imposed that image across the village of Glenorie, the more I am convinced that this DA should not proceed. The location of the current plant is a hang-

over from an era of no planning. The village has grown and a concrete plant simply does not belong directly next to amenities like the RSL and the School. Glenorie deserves a master plan, and the community, council and Boral should negotiate another, more appropriate location for the plant. I can fully appreciate how hard it is for Boral to find sites where there is no resident opposition, however I would suggest that Dural industrial area would be a good place to start. If The Hills Shire Council can work a deal that re-zones the land high density residential or retail, Boral will be able to sell the land for a high value and purchase a more appropriate site, in an industrial zone, closer to the action they wish to service.



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Concrete feedback needed on proposal

Comment on a proposal for more regular use of the concrete batching plant in Schwebel Lane, Glenorie is being sought from residents living in and around the village centre.

The facility, operated since the 1980s, was last year taken on by leading building and construction materials firm, Boral, after the company reached a leasing agreement with local owners, the Webb family.

During the past year, the plant has only been operated occasionally as a 'campaign' site. Boral is now, however, preparing a development application (DA) to seek approval for an increase in production output.

The DA, to be submitted to The Hills Shire Council, will request an annual production limit of 52000 tonnes for the site, with various operating hours across seven days.

The proposal will also include the building of a third storage silo to hold materials, and the establishment of a new 'slumping' stand (where water is added to cement and aggregates to make the concrete).

Since June, Boral has been engaging with several local groups to introduce the proposal and gather initial feedback in an effort



Boral Australia is seeking more regular use of its Glenorie concrete plant to support citywide building and construction

to shape the application. This included a presentation at the October meeting of the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA).

Boral's Stakeholder Relations Manager, Paul Jackson, said comments given on the proposal so far had greatly assisted the company's understanding of several potential issues. Despite this, he said more views were needed.

"A clear picture on what we need to focus upon through writing the DA has emerged, but we're conscious

there will be other opinions that need consideration as well," Mr Jackson said.

"Our approach is to discern the broadest range of views before the actual planning process begins so that right from the outset, what we propose is as aligned to community expectation as possible."

Information about Boral's proposal released to the community so far has been placed on the GPA's website at www.glenorieprogress.org.au. The company is working toward lodging the DA before Christmas and will issue further community information ahead of the DA lodgement.

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Information about our proposal can be found on the Glenorie Progress Association website: www.glenorieprogress.org.au

We're now looking for feedback to help us finalise the DA for submission – to offer this, or to find out more, you can email feedback@boral.com.au

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Galston Equestrian Club - What a happy and successful year!

After a little rain during the week to soften up the grounds, Sunday 22nd October arrived with sunshine and a light breeze. A perfect day to be out and about! Everything had been set up on the Saturday, so it was all ready to go. Dressage arenas ran smoothly, with two lovely judges, Michele Christiansen and Kelly Morrow, and the show jumping was underway by 10.00am with our guest judge Georgia Sedgemen.

A large contingent of volunteers made the set up very easy, and the day run to schedule. Thank you to everyone, we can't do it without you. Some non-members came to compete, and we put 25 horse/rider combinations through their dressage phase and then their show jumping phase. Results were posted quickly, and receivers of ribbons were very excited with their achievements. Those receiving prizes as well, from our very generous sponsors Horseland and Coprice/Nutririce, were delighted. All in all, a very happy and successful day for everyone!

We hosted an information evening on 24 October 2017 with a great turn out and some very interested newcomers. The evening complimented the series of clinics which had been held during the year. Paul Cairns was challenged on the night on what information



Leanne Dalton at the Combined Training

to leave out as there was so much to cover! The general feeling was that we need to know more about this new method of training dressage. GEC is the only club to offer Légèreté training and we are so proud of this distinguishing feature.

It's a Wrap! We hosted our final Légèreté dressage training clinic on 12 November with a record turnout and a whole bunch of new riders trying out the system. There were smiles all round. We even had our very own equine therapist on site, Penny Pronin. The introduction of Légèreté dressage training has been such a success this year that we are going to do it again in 2018. The first event will be a full day of theory and demonstrations (A Légèreté Demonstration

Day) on Sunday 4 March 2018, followed by a series of clinics.

Our last Horsemanship Fun Day was also held on 12th November and was well attended. Members and their horses got to play with an assortment of our horsemanship obstacles etc., we had tarps, extra-large soccer balls, hanging noodles and lots more that the horses could walk over, under and around and some horses even played soccer with their friends! Suzanne Bellette was there for guidance and assistance and gave us all some challenges



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to complete. These were first done on the ground and then ridden. It was a very social fun day for both horse and human. Looking forward to more of these days next year!

A huge thank you to our sponsors, who so generously support our club throughout the year. Horseland Dural for always supplying great prizes for our dressage and jumping competitions, and Coprice Nutrice for the many bags of feed for prizes. Our thanks, also, to the "Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural News" for publishing our articles every month which keeps the local community informed of what our club and riders are doing. You are all much appreciated!

Thank you to the committee who work hard to organise a variety of events and interesting talks for all our members, so there is something for everyone. Thanks to the volunteers, who help behind the scenes setting up arenas and jumps, running the canteen and in a myriad of ways to keep things running smoothly.

We still have a few more events before the Christmas break... see below. Our first day back next year will be Sunday 11th February, and information on club registration is available on our website.

The committee wishes you all a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to another exciting and fun-packed calendar in 2018. See you all then!

Upcoming events :

- 26 November - Funkhana
- 30 November - Scott Mitchell - "Healthy Hindgut-Healthy Horse" evening presentation at the Galston Club
- 4 December - AGM
- 10 December - Presentation and Christmas Party

As usual, please check our Facebook page and our website for up to date information on all our events.

<http://www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au/>

Washing ponies and water balloons – beating the heat at Arcadia Pony Club



Sophie washing Jade...and the wash bay

One of our recent rally days was held on a very hot Sunday. So, after a morning of flatwork and sporting we enjoyed an afternoon of horsemanship with a washing and grooming session and water play to beat the heat!

All of our riders first hosed their ponies down then with them all safely tied up against the fence; they all got a good shampoo and wash down, followed by another hose. There also may have been one or two riders that were as wet as some of the horses but what would you expect on a warm spring day?

Once the ponies were hosed off and scraped to remove the excess water, they were rugged and returned to their yards for a drink, hay and a break. And then the next round of fun started....

We weren't sure of the relevance to horse riding (or anything else!) but our riding members thought it was hilarious to race against each other in very big bras (worn over their clothes!) filled

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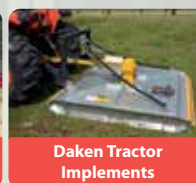
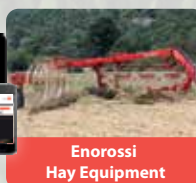


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with water balloons. And it was not at all a surprise that it ended up with a water balloon fight. A big thanks to our wonderful instructor Giselle for organising the day and we do hope that you had a change of clothes after being targeted with the water balloons!

And let's not forget the final activity for the day – apple ducking! After a few sessions our members became quite skilled at this so we'll be sure to do this again another rally day. And there were a lot of happy ponies munching on the many apple cores as well. Just another fun day at Arcadia Pony Club with tired and happy kids and ponies.

Save the date for our AGM!

Remember to save the date for our Annual General Meeting and award's presentation which will be held on Sunday, 10th December at The Galston Club from 4pm. A number of riders will be recognised at this event and most families stay for dinner to celebrate the end of another wonderful year at our Club!

Want to join us in 2018 for fun, friendship and competitions?

Our registration day will be Sunday, 4th February 2018. Registration and rally day set up will be from 8am to 10am, the rally day will commence at 10am!

Arcadia Pony Club has a “come and try” programme for riders aged between 4 – 25 years with their own horses or ponies where you can come along to a Rally Day and gain some riding instruction, meet new friends and have a lot of fun. To find out more about Arcadia Pony Club and to see our instructor profiles, please visit <http://www.arcadiaponyclub.org>



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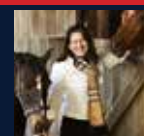
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Arcadia Hosts Korean Educators

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📍 Visit www.arcadiaschool.com.au to find out more about our wonderful school.

Ruby's Award – Winning Speech

First-time public speaker, 12 year old Ruby Cook, tackled the very sophisticated topic of the human condition, social media and the fear of 'not being liked' to win the IPSHA (Independent Primary School Heads Association) Public Speakers' Challenge 2017.

"I have done a bit of debating before, but I now realise that public speaking is actually very different." Although Hills Grammar has a strong debating history, this was the first time the School had entered this competition with three Year 6 students. Ruby was one of 107 students from 36 independent school across NSW to enter into the competition with the prepared topic *The Best Things In Life Are Free*. Her argument about the joy of volunteering and giving back to one's community saw Ruby chosen into the final where eleven students had 10 minutes to write a speech on *Our Greatest Fear*.

"While most other children talked about spiders, snakes and terrorism, Ruby ingeniously called upon some of the deep learning she experienced in class this year (Hills Grammar follows the World IB program Primary Years Program), and with sincere passion presented the notion of our biggest fear is being who we are," commented Ms Khoo, Junior School Debating and Public Speaking coach.

Ruby was also awarded \$100 dollars prize money which she donated to her charities of choice; Beyond Blue and Mission Australia

And a final word from Ruby..... "Public speaking is a great opportunity to think and get others thinking about interesting topics."

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KU Galston Preschool

Who can believe that we are at the end of another fabulous year? This term has certainly been a busy one with dress up days, excursions to Fagan Park, Galston Public School Cake Day and to experience the K-2 assembly and of course our family BBQ at Fagan Park. We have also held many orientation mornings for the children transitioning to our preschool in 2018. We feel that through offering many orientation mornings this helps in a smooth transition into our preschool environment, getting to know the routines, the environment, the educators and other families who will also be commencing in 2018.



This term we are also undertaking the development of our preschool Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which is a formal statement of our commitment to reconciliation. We have been busy organising a committee of interested parties and looking at our current practices and seeing what we could do further in our commitment to reconciliation. We look forward to this journey over the coming year to create awareness with the children and to strengthen our ties with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

📍 We do have limited vacancies for children aged 3 to school aged for 2018. Please contact our director Rebecca on 9653 2252 or email ku.galston@ku.com.au for further details.

Glenorie Public School

What an awesome day we had! Crawling under obstacles, dodging water balloons and rolling in mud. Our very first Glenorie Public School Warrior Colour Run was definitely one to remember. Our whole community turned out to have fun on this fantastic day. Thank you to all of our sponsors that made this day possible. The Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade, Bendigo Bank, Glenorie Bakery and even the police were there to have some fun with us. It was an amazing day!

The hilarious and exciting performance of Cinderella was a great night. From the Choirs beautiful singing, to the Band's wonderful three performances, that took our breathe away. We were still gripping the edge of our chairs when the dancers put on such a performance, but the best was the extraordinary actors that made the night even more spectacular. I am sure you will agree that this tale full of magic, one glass slipper and a poor young girl was just as we have described.

If you want to play the trumpet, flute, and clarinet, bass or just be part of the percussion, the band is your thing. We had a band demonstration with all the instruments and all the kids thoroughly enjoyed it.

Congratulations to Lachie P who represented Glenorie PS at State. Lachlan finished 11th in the 1500m and 17th in the 800m races, which is a huge effort considering how many students have strived to make this event. We wish Lachlan all the best in his future sporting endeavours. Well done Lachie.

The league tag Gala day was a massive success. It was a fun day and everyone had a great time. The senior girls, senior boys and junior boys all made it through to the next round. Good job to the junior girls that sadly did not make it through but tried there hardest on the day. Good luck to the team's going to the finals we wish you all the best of luck. Congratulations to everyone!

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Hillside Public School

Another full term has flown by, with the children participating in many learning activities.

All our new Kindergarten children enjoyed kinder orientation. At the end of orientation, it was as if they had been at big school the whole year!

Winners of the Kindness Award and Aussie of the Month for October were Thomas and Rebecca.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed attending the League Tag Gala Day, playing many teams and displaying exemplary sportsmanship.

Mr Julian Leaser, Federal Member for Berowra, came to our school to speak with our senior students. Our friends from Middle Dural School joined us as well.

Mr Leaser spoke to the students about the history of government in Australia and the day in the life of a member of parliament. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to ask questions and consolidated what they have been learning in class. We look forward to visiting Parliament House when we visit Canberra later this term.

Swim School is happening and already there is huge improvement amongst all our swimmers. We cannot wait to see what the end of week 2 will bring. All of the Hillside staff are extremely proud of the students as they all are very responsible, active listeners and show wonderful behaviour. Also a huge thankyou to parent helpers. We could not do this without you!

What a great night for those who attended the Hillside Auction Night. A night of laughs, friendship and bidding and winning fabulous prizes. Thank you to all those who attended.

Wanted!! 2018 Kindergarten children, No experience necessary! Please call the school office on 965214599 for details.

Glenorie Public School *continued from page 51*

Mia F walks 4km every morning to raise money for girls who live in poverty and cannot go to school. This is her second year, she has raised \$2130 and is planning to raise more. She has walked 50km over two weeks. Mia has helped eight girls to go to school for one year. A huge thank you to all who supported her along her journey.

For the last, few weeks Year 6 have been creating a mosaic with Susie Mills to donate to the school for the Year 6 gift. We had the opportunity to do a group project to create the Glenorie Public School shield with all the coloured houses on it and our names around the edges. We mastered the different types of cuts including a square cut, a diagonal cut, an oblique cut and a round cut. We were able to cut the tiles to the size that we needed and glue them on the mosaic. We now have a beautiful mosaic to put up in our school. Susie brought in some extra tiles so we could practise the skills we learnt and make our own designs on a bottle lid. We all had lots of fun making the mosaic with Susie and hope to do another mosaic workshop again. We can't wait to share our final project with you all. Thank you Susie!

Holly Harmon

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Galston High School News

For many years, Galston High School students have had the opportunity to be involved in the very successful Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. The scheme is a non-competitive, voluntary program of adventurous, practical and physical activities and community service. These activities provide students with the opportunity to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self-esteem which will help them to become more confident members of the community.

The scheme has three award levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. To obtain each level, students must complete 2 expeditions, develop their skills in physical recreation and complete a number of hours of community service. The Bronze Award is completed at Galston High School as an elective subject and covers trip planning and preparation, navigation and route planning, safety, first aid, camp craft, food preparation and cooking, care of the environment, teamwork and group skills, and use of camping equipment. Expeditions this year this year have included overnight walks in Dharug National Park (Bronze), the Blue Mountains (Silver) and the Snowy Mountains (Gold).



Our School Captains – Inspire, Lead, Succeed.

Galston High School is proud to present our new School Captains who form part of our prefect team, but we will let them introduce themselves:

My name is **Callum Trethowan** and I am honoured to be one of Galston High School's School Captains for 2017-2018. I attended Dural Public School from kindergarten to year 5 and then moved to Galston Public School. Both primary schools gifted me opportunities that I embraced and took part in and have offered me life experiences that have been unforgettable.



For the HSC I am currently studying Advanced English, 2 Unit Mathematics, PDHPE, Engineering Studies, Chemistry and Biology. Being a student at Galston High has been an indelible experience so far and this is a fantastic school. Galston High School has provided me with new opportunities that have enabled me to grow both as a student and a leader over the past five years. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead with my strong Prefect team, and aim to impact and continue the great work from the past Prefect teams to excel and shape our school.

My name is **Chloe Lawler** and I am honoured to be one of the Galston High School Captains of 2017 - 2018. Before arriving to Galston High School, I attended Castle Hill Primary School, a busy school teeming with life and which always encouraged us to pursue goals no matter what they were. Being a student at Galston High School has allowed me



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Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss

As the end of the school year draws near, Galston Public School students have been engaged in many activities such as the sessions of weekly Fit Futures Gymnastics, Peer Groups, various fundraisers including the 'Build Your Future Today Centre' (money raised for the needs of school children in Cambodian villages) and a captivating performance by indigenous performer, Sean Choolburra. His dynamic energy had everyone enthralled with his mix of 'old world meets new world' indigenous perspective.

On a musical note, the Junior and Senior Choirs and the Dance Group enjoyed performing at the Galston Early Learning Centre Twilight Markets recently.

What a great achievement for the Junior boys and girls teams who competed in the North Sydney League Tag Gala Day. They won their divisions and will progress to the finals. Congratulations to these students and also the senior boys and girls. They played with great enthusiasm, displayed exemplary sportsmanship and had an exciting day being proud representatives for their school.

In the Interschool Friendly Debating Competition final the Galston PS debating team won the debate. The team's use of persuasive language, clear voices and a well-structured argument ensured their success.

The SRC organised its last fund-raising event with a visit from the RSPCA. This mufti day not only raised funds for a very worthy cause but also students learnt valuable information about this pre-eminent animal welfare organisation. A very generous donation was raised. This generosity exemplifies the tremendous spirit that exists and thrives in the Galston community.



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

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

Galston High School - continued

to grow as it offers many extracurricular activities which have helped to develop me as a person and given me an opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone. This includes being part of the House Leader team of 2016-2017, Anzac day ceremonies, debate team, poultry club, formal committee, knock out sport teams and Duke of Edinburgh. I am currently completing my Gold Duke of Ed, and it has been one of greatest experiences of my life.

I have chosen to do a wide range of subjects that interest and challenge me for my HSC. These include Advanced English, 2 unit Mathematics, Physics, Agriculture, Ancient History and Drama. Out of the 13 years of my schooling life I am sure this upcoming year will challenge me the most, however I am excited about the experiences and lessons that we will be learning along the way.

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December 23

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St Madeleine

Annangrove Road, Kenthurst

December 24

5:30pm - Family Mass starting with carols
6pm - Mass in the school hall
12am - Midnight Mass

December 25

8am and 10am - Mass



Hills Life Church

Cnr Arcadia Rd and School Rd, Galston

December 25

9am - Mass
Galston Public School



Dural Baptist Church

1 Pellitt Lane, Dural

December 17

4pm-7pm - Community Carols Event

December 24

9:30am & 9:30pm - Christmas Eve

December 25

9:20am - Christmas Day



Dural Anglican Church

Phone: 9651 1119

Email: matt@duralangican.org.au

December 3 - 6pm Lessons & Carols

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Morning

Dural: 8am - Traditional Communion Service

Kenthurst: 9:30am - Service

Arcadia: 9:30am - Service

Evening (all at Dural)

6pm - Celebration Service

8pm - Traditional Communion

9:30pm Contemporary Service

Christmas Day

Dural: 9am - Celebration Service

Kenthurst: 9:30am - Christmas Service

Arcadia: 9:30am - Christmas Service



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December 16

6pm - Christmas 'Carols on the Lawn'

December 24

9:30am - Our Christmas Service



Galston Uniting Church Christmas Program

11 School Rd, Galston

December 3

10.00 am - Christmas Singing Fest and Wor-ship

December 8

5.00 to 6.30pm - Christmas KUCA (for children starting school next year to year 6)

Christmas craft, stories, games & dinner

December 15

from 6.30pm - Carols in the Car-park

December 24

10.00am - Family Worship Service

7pm - Christmas Eve Carols service

December 25

8.00am - Christmas Day

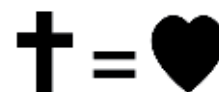


Glenorie Mission Church

1409 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie

25th of December

9am - Mass



Glenorie Community Christmas Carols

December 16

6pm - On the lawns of Glenorie RSL

Bring a rug, bring the family

Sydney Youth Jazz Band

Santa will visit

Christmas Lights

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December 3

10am - St Alban the Martyr, Wharf Street, St Albans

December 24

Christmas Eve Readings and Carols

6pm - St Alban the Martyr, Wharf Street, St Albans

[5.30pm - Cake and fizz in the hall]

January 7

11am - St Alban the Martyr, Wharf Street, St Albans

[10.30am - Berocca and black coffee! In the hall]

Blokes' Coffee 10am Fridays, St Albans

Midway Christian Centre

5 Sackville Ferry Road, South Maroota

December 24 - no service in the morning but a Carols service starting at 6 with a free sausage sizzle at night

December 25

9am - service finishing at 10am

Church resumes Sunday 21st of January 9.30 am



Church News

Glenorie Mission Church

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

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

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

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

You are invited each week to a Sunday service at 10:15 a.m and on Tuesdays at 7.00.p.m a Bible study and refreshments at Glenorie Mission Church 1409 Old Northern Rd Glenorie.

The Wonder of Immanuel

James IV, one of Scotland's greatest kings in the Middle Ages, employed a curious method in the government of his people. He would often disappear from the palace in disguise and walk unrecognised amongst his subjects in their everyday surroundings. Sometimes he was absent for weeks at a time, and even his closest advisers were unaware of his whereabouts. Fears arose for the king's safety, but when James was asked to halt this unusual practice, he responded, "I cannot rule my people unless I know how they live."

In his desire to rule his subjects fairly, James IV of Scotland tried to identify with them. He came down to their level for a while, but always he returned to the luxury and majesty of the royal palace.


It is a remarkable story, but James' actions only faintly reflect the tremendous humility of Jesus in stepping down into our world. In leaving heaven to come to earth, Jesus completely identified with us. He did not disguise himself as a human; he became truly human. As the apostle Paul put it in one of his letters, Jesus took **'the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness' (Philippians 2:7)**. That is the wonder of the Christmas story, which is expressed in one of the names given to Jesus: **Immanuel, which means 'God with us' (Matthew 1:23)**.

Jesus is the only person who has ever lived who could have chosen his birthplace and everything associated with it, but consider what he did. He was born in a crude stable and brought up in a peasant home amongst a despised people. Jesus tasted the

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And because Jesus has identified with us, we can trust him with our fears, doubts and needs in the knowledge that He understands and cares. He is Immanuel not just for Christmas, but for every day of our lives. Because of what Jesus did on that first Christmas, these words of comfort and encouragement are true, **'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need'.** (Hebrews 4:15-16)

May God bless each one of you as you celebrate the wonder and gift of Immanuel this Christmas season, and may you experience the reality of 'God with us' throughout the year ahead.

*Pastor David McKibben
Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church*

News from St Benedict's

St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations

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

'Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet 25th December

From 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Christmas Day St Benedict's Parish will host their annual 'Spirit of Giving' Christmas Banquet for

people who have no family, are away from family or who would just like to share this special time with others.

The photo shows the beautiful spread at last year's Spirit of Giving dinner. As organiser Paula said: 'It was a great night for all the people involved. So many generously dropped off food. Others brought food and stayed. It was a most enjoyable night with violin, piano and singing of carols. It was the true meaning of Christmas sharing a meal with the community.'

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

Venue: St Benedict's Parish Hall, Corner Fagans and Arcadia Road, Arcadia 2159

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

St Benedict's Recipe Book

St Benedict's parishioners have reputations for being great cooks and we still have copies of the St Benedict's Recipe Book available for just \$10. To find out more ring the Parish Office 96532312 on Monday or Friday between 9:30 – 2:30.

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By Chris Noon

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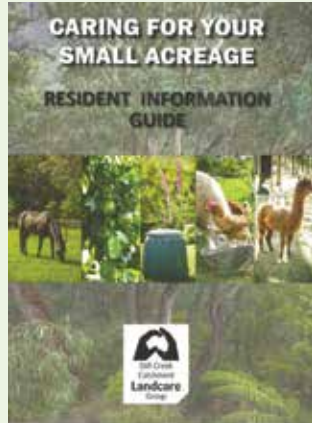
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Galston Garden Club



"We girls never give up" ladies who brought a champagne picnic and were determined that it would go ahead even though it was raining.

The garden beds were mulched, the plants pruned, paths were swept and all was ready for the Open Gardens Weekend and the much prayed for rain came.....the first day of the Open Gardens and did it rain! As we contemplated whether people would even turn up, the rain became heavier, but turn up they did, rugged up in their boots, raincoats and with umbrellas, gardeners are a hardy bunch. A little rain was not going to stop them exploring the 8 lovely gardens. There was a sense of comraderie, a shared experience and no-one was going to complain about the much needed rain. This spirit was embodied by three lovely ladies who turned up at "Elegans" determined to have their champagne picnic lunch that they had brought. A couple of tables put together in the undercover morning and afternoon tea area and they were set, complete with their tablecloth, champers, their bowls of food, in raincoats and with a merry attitude of "We girls never give up!" Thankfully the rain held off for the rest of the weekend and there is nothing like a good soaking of rain for the gardens to come alive.

Our Open Gardens weekend was again very successful with garden owners and Galston Garden Club members going that extra mile to make the visits enjoyable for all who attended. A huge

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thanks goes to the Open Gardens committee and to the garden owners who not only open their gardens but who work very hard to present them so beautifully and then are so willing to pass on their knowledge, experiences and to talk about their gardens. This year over \$40,000 was raised and will be distributed to the various charities selected by the garden owners and the Open Gardens Committee.

Our last meeting for the year has been held with the hall almost at capacity. The new Executive has been nominated and will be formally elected at the AGM in February 2018. Our guest speaker was Robyn Bible a Geranium and Pelargonium Specialist who kindly stepped in at the last minute due to our booked speaker being ill. Robyn is passionate on educating people about the care and how to best display geraniums in the garden, her own garden is an enormous collection of geraniums of every type. So what is the difference between a Geranium and a Pelargonium? Leaf? Flower? Shape? Size? It is by the shape of the seed pod – who knew? There was so much we realised we didn't know about this plant, like the true geranium is a much smaller flowering plant than we thought, the rest are Pelargoniums. So here are some Pelargonium tips from Robyn...tip prune them regularly, the plant looks better, produces more flowers and forces growth back down to the root. Mass plant them for best effect. Best time to prune is March /April, cut back just above the node, literally, just above the node otherwise the stem dies back, it is the node that produces new growth and if you cut too high up it won't produce the new growth and will most likely die back right down the stem. When you do make a cut for cuttings, use Metho to seal the cut of both ends and prevent moisture getting into the stem. Don't cut in the humidity or if there is too much rain, they don't like too much water once established, fertilize about every 4 months. Geraniums will grow in full sun to shade, but will produce more flowers in the sun. Robyn also left us with this advice, nothing needs to be perfect, yes, leaves get holes in them, plants get a little leggy, but step back, look at the overall picture your garden is showing and enjoy your garden whether it be an acre, small plot or a pot. And on that note we wish you all a Merry Christmas, Garden Club Meetings resume on the 14th February 2018 with a General Meeting and AGM.

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

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Bromeliads Make Wonderful Gifts for Christmas

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting and Christmas Party at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 9 December with plant sales commencing at 11am prior to the meeting. Access is via the new Showground entrance off Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.

“As a special favour to the BSA, the Geranium Man, Gary Dale an accomplished opera singer will make a guest appearance together with Elaine his trusted pianist to provide entertainment to members and guests. He has also agreed to bring along a variety of geraniums for sale” said Ian Hook, President, Bromeliad Society of Australia.

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Come along & Make New Friends! This will be our last meeting for the year. Meetings will recommence the 1st Friday in February, 2018

Speaker: Amanda Doring from Stepping On- Falls prevention program

Contact: Lauris Rennie 9634 1186

Dural Galston Probus Club

Christmas lunch at 12 noon on Thursday 7th December

Entrata Italian Restaurant at 143 Glenhaven Rd.

(cnr. Bannerman Rd).

Our last meeting for the year will be at 10am on Thursday 21st December at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston.

Contact: Anne 9653 1004.

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Thursday 7th December - 10am—Noon

How do soils cope with warmer conditions? Just one of the topics covered in this workshop on climate adaptation.

Contact: 9843 0555. **Visit:** www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

Twilight Car Boot Sale & Stalls

Saturday 16th December - 3pm - 8pm

John Benyon Rotary Park

The park will still be illuminated with hundreds of lights that will be installed for the Christmas Carols in the Park event that will be held on 9th December. It will be a wonderful community and family event during which those last minute Christmas presents could be found at a bargain price.

Dural and Hills District Prostate Cancer Support Group End Of Year Meeting

Monday 18th December - 7:00 pm for 7:15 pm start
Christmas function

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Christmas in The Hills

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Castle Hill Christmas in The Piazza

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New Year's Eve at The Farm

31 December | Bella Vista Farm

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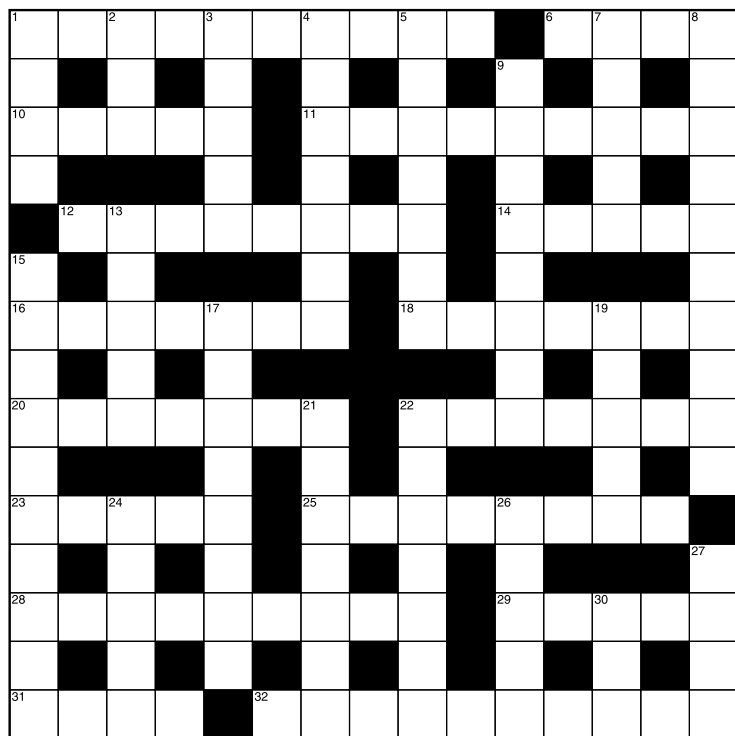
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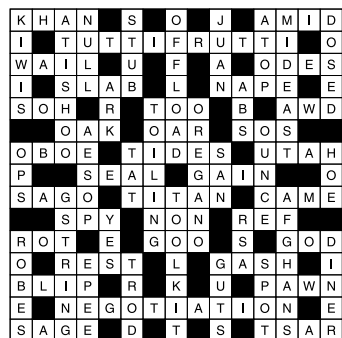
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20. Mail sack
22. Washed-up singer (3-4)
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25. Removes obstruction from
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2. Pixie
3. Lead-in
4. Blended (butter & sugar)
5. Repel
7. Too fat
8. Evaluation
9. Finds guilty
13. Comes closer to
15. Feel compassion, ... with
17. Aristocrats
19. Know-all, smart ...
21. Confectionery sugar
22. Natural home
24. Scent
26. Gapes at
27. Equipped with horseshoes
30. Immense time span

Answer from November Issue



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Thinking of purchasing a Budgerigar?

Enquiries are often received from the general public seeking birds as pets or just requesting advice. In general, if purchasing a bird ensure that it is bright and active, free of visual beak mite and can feed itself, should it be a baby. Whilst a bird is a great gift, adult supervision is a must for the bird's safety if being introduced into a household where other pets are being kept.

Thinking of joining the Hills Branch, then the next few months will see various breeders being finished with their breeding season and assessing their birds; **offering surplus birds at reasonable prices for quality birds.** It is very rarely that good quality breeding stock will be found in a pet shop, that would be suitable for getting started in the budgerigar hobby.

Purchasing birds with particular features (not just colour, which attracts many people to the hobby) is a developed skill, which members of Hills Branch are only too willing to show and demonstrate to interested persons. Many people seek birds with no interest in breeding or showing and purely for the enjoyment

of having an aviary of budgerigars in the garden, providing enjoyment whilst enjoying a coffee. That backyard aviary subsequently attracts other native birds to add to the overall enjoyment of keeping budgerigars.

On behalf of the Hills Branch President, Daniel Childs, an enjoyable and safe Christmas is extended to all readers and their families.

An invitation is extended to interested persons to visit Hills Branch as an individual, family or partnership and enjoy the company of members, view and discuss budgerigars.

Contact can be made with Hill Branch via Peter Dodd, by telephoning 9888-5631 or Peter_Dodd@primus.com.au



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Local Playgroups

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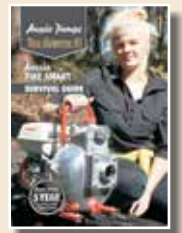


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