

Asbestos Found at Geelans Road

Following on from our front page story last month about the dumping of tons of fill/waste at Geelans Road, Arcadia, the EPA has now concluded their soil testing of the site. Ten core samples were taken and all ten revealed the presence of asbestos in the fill material (also found were bricks, ceramics, metal and other builders' waste).

It is reported that the EPA have issued the owners of the property with a 'draft clean up notice'. Once the EPA has reviewed the owners response to the 'draft clean up notice' a final clean up notice will be issued. The EPA does have powers to issue fines to the owners of the property, but we have no further information on this.

The residents of Geelans Road are extremely disappointed and angry at the outcome of this matter. They had

been advising Council for many months that the development appeared to be far more substantial than the approved DA and that they felt contaminated waste was being brought to site. Following their continual complaints, they had been advised by letter from the Council in July that their concerns about contaminated waste were unwarranted. This was following a visit by Council officers to the site. They finally got traction on their concerns by inviting Ray Hadley to review what was happening.

Newly elected Mayor Philip Ruddock has now referred the matter to the ICAC for a full investigation of Council processes and procedures. Follow more of this story on our facebook page. www.facebook.com/galstonnews

Fire Awareness Day at Glenorie. Come and See Photos of the 2002 Fires.

A Bushfire Awareness day is to be held at the **GLENORIE MEMORIAL HALL on SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER - 10am to 4pm.**

It is hoped that this event will be well attended by the community because an elevated fire risk has been predicted for most of Eastern Australia. Australia has just had the hottest Winter on record and the eastern forested areas have had below average

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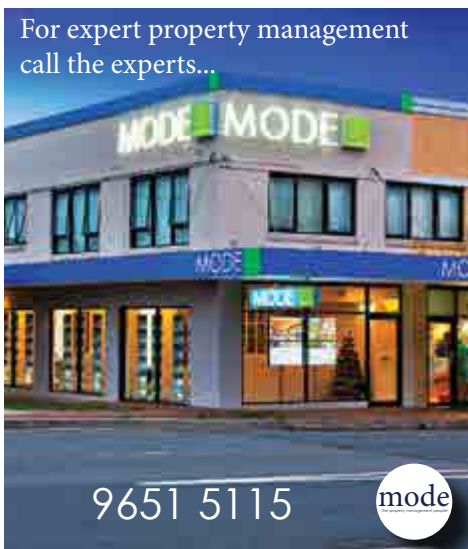
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Fire Awareness Day at Glenorie

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rain. This leads to a higher potential for bushfires. It is important that you prepare your property for bushfire and understand the risk of the area in which you are living.

Glenorie Hall will be open between **10am and 4pm** with a comprehensive presentation how to **'GET READY for bushfire season'** by **The Rural Fire Service at 11am**. Members of the Glenorie, Hillside, Maroota, South Maroota and Arcadia brigades will be in attendance to answer your questions after the presentation.

A general fire risk map of The Hills and Hornsby area will be available, and a topographic map of each brigade area will be provided. Each brigade attending will be able to discuss hazard reductions recently carried out in their area. Bush Fire Survival Plans (including animals) in the case of a fire can be discussed with you and your family on an individual basis.

An important part of the day will be an extensive photographic display of the devastating 2002 bushfires. This display will be open until 4pm. Seeing the visual evidence of what happened in 2002 and understanding how quickly the fire spread will hopefully inform community members about the need to be well prepared. On hot windy days fires can spread very quickly so it is important to have plans in place and getting ready for bushfire is easier than you think. You will learn about the top five things to do to make your home safer and protect yourself and your family.

We extend an invitation to all residents from both rural and



2002 - 18 houses lost, 1 person lost their life and livestock perished.



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Marriage equality is not just about love – it's also about illness and death

All of the arguments for marriage equality being made by the 'Yes' campaigners are hugely valid, but for me, the biggest issue is the difference it will make during situations of illness and death – that's crunch time.

We know that in Australia, there are few differences between the legal rights of de facto partners and married partners – however, there is one big difference and that is related to who is 'next of kin'. There is no clear definition and it differs from state to state.

While de facto partners are recognised by law, they are not airtight. Should a person in a de facto relationship be placed in hospital for whatever reason, and their significant other is not recognised as an emergency contact, the hospital may not consider the non-injured partner as next of kin and possibly not allow them to even visit the hospital bed, let alone make essential decisions. This is not the case for married couples.

It is up to the non-injured de facto partner to prove their relationship. At such times of emotional stress, this is clearly not practical, and absolutely totally unfair.

Take my relationship for example. My partner, Fiona, and I have been together for 12 years. Our children, who are mine from a previous relationship (a marriage, also of 12 years), live with us permanently and have done so for many years. Fiona, for all intents and purposes, has co-parented these children for 12 years – both financially and emotionally. We have a shared mortgage,

investment property, bank accounts, etc. We are both university educated, work full-time in professional jobs, pay taxes, donate to charity and generally do our bit to contribute to our society.

Our children, now 19 and 16, have been co-parented by Fiona for the majority of their lives, they refer to her as 'Mum' and choose to live with us 100% of the time – a choice they make because of the love, the support and the care they receive in our household.

However, should I be injured in a car accident, for example, and be placed on life-support, my mother and my siblings (who are mostly conservative in their views) would have more say over what happens to me than my partner of 12 years. Their 'next of kin' status would be assumed, whereas my partner would have to prove hers. This wouldn't be the case if we were married.

Further, should I die, again my mother and my siblings, as well as my children's father, would have a greater say over my daughter's living arrangements (because she is under 18) than my partner. Again, my partner would have to provide evidence and put up a fight; an argument she would not have to enter into if we were married.

When it comes to superannuation, every three years I have to complete a new 'binding death nomination', to ensure that Fiona receives her fair share of my superannuation and life insurance in the event of my death. She has to do the same for me. If we were married, it would be assumed.

Voting 'YES' to marriage equality is not a vote for political correctness, it won't put us on a slippery slope to bestiality or polygamy, as many of the 'No' campaigners would have you believe. You won't be forced to marry us in your churches (indeed, we wouldn't want to anyway!) and you won't have to change the definition of marriage as it stands as a religious sacrament.

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relationship with *your* spouse – however, it will change *mine*. It will give **my partner and I** the opportunity to share those same basic legal rights that you take for granted.

Those basic human rights matter more than ever during times of illness and death – that’s crunch time and that’s where the inequalities are most apparent.

Deborah Carr, Glenorie

Letter to the editor

I was dismayed, shocked and angered to see that you allowed the coalition for marriage to place a full page ad in the middle of the school section of your magazine and tagged as "school news".

While I appreciate that you might value the contribution that a full page ad might give to your business, the marriage equality campaign has absolutely nothing to do with schools and education and this ad is misleading and damaging.

I expect that even where there is an offer of a full page ad, editors would consider what is being advertised including its appropriateness to be advertised, particularly in the school pages and exercise their discretion to refuse such an ad, especially in circumstances where this ad has no relationship at all with the issue at hand, that is, marriage equality and not the safe schools program.

You may have received some money but at what cost? As a parent with young children in our local schools, I am outraged.

Regards, *PDavis*

Editors Note: *As a paper which is representative of the views of ALL our community, we welcome comment from both sides. Nothing should be read into the placement of any ad. We apologise if its location offended some readers.*

Letter to the editor

I was shocked to see the inclusion of a full-page ad encouraging a no vote in the postal plebiscite on same sex marriage in the School News section of the September 2017 edition of *The Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural Community News*.

Attempts to align concerns about changes to the marriage act with school children is not only misleading but completely misinformed. Additionally, the television ad produced by the same organisation that made the print ad was discredited within the first 24 hours after being released, creating concern about the validity and relevance of the print ad.

As a lesbian parent raising two young children within this community, I am disappointed with your decision to include this ad, particularly in the School News section, as it does nothing but attempt to confuse and divide what I know to be a strong and supportive local community.

My partner and I have been together since 1995 and have had to fight for fairness and equality for 22 years. We’ve fought for each other, we’ve fought for our children, we’ve fought for our rights and for those of others. It is often a daily battle - needing to make regular choices about standing up, being heard and refusing to accept that we are less than equal.

It is unfair and unacceptable to still be fighting for equality in 2017. However, we will continue until everyone in the community has equal rights. We each have the chance to be part of a significant change that will impact us, our children and future generations to come - let’s do something to be proud of.

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Thanks for Your Vote

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Local government was designed so that decisions could be made close to community level, by people who knew what members of the community were thinking, and it would be ideal if we can have the new Hornsby Council function in this manner.

I feel very humble to have been chosen to represent the people of Hornsby Shire and look forward to hearing your great ideas, to helping to fix your problems and to working with all of my fellow councillors for the benefit of this great area where all of us love to live.

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The pool's terracotta sewage and drainage pipes were removed from the base of the pool and were replaced with new pipes. The pool's walls were also repaired.

The pool has now been waterproofed, retiled and repainted ready for swim season.

Work has also been undertaken on the change rooms. The showers in the change rooms were waterproofed, retiled and repainted to prevent further deterioration.

It is business as usual with enrolments for learn to swim classes now open for term 4.

For more information visit
<http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/galc>

New Species of Kingfisher found in Galston

You heard it here first! The Galston Swim Club has created a new type of membership, specifically designed for those who want to "put their toe in the water", so to speak. "Galston Kingfishers" annual membership is only \$60 per year, and that allows you entry into the many Friday night carnivals held at Galston pool, the annual Galston mini meet and Speedo Sprints held annually at Blacktown Pool.



If swimming really takes your fancy (and we are sure it will), you can simply upgrade to full membership, allowing you entry into all carnivals over Sydney. More info is available in the "about us" tab at the Galston Swim Club website.

We are so glad to be back at the freshly rejuvenated Galston Pool. Four months swimming at Hornsby Pool right through winter was a test for the swimmers (and parents), but we have made it. Our cars can drive the gorge by themselves now.

A special thankyou to Galston IGA who supplied all the sausages, bread and sauces for our recent fund raising BBQ. With no costs, we were able to make more than \$600.

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For the past few months the members of The Hills Evening Trefoil Guild have been busy making Memory Quilts for the residents of Rowland Village Galston. Memory quilts help evoke memories with small

activities sewn onto the quilt. These activities involve the senses as well as remembering the purpose of the activity, for example using a zipper to open and close or putting buttons through button holes, plaiting wool "hair" or investigating the contents of a pocket. It has been a delight to work on this special service project as we came up with a variety of activities. Finally with 10 quilts completed some of the members took great delight in delivering and donating the quilts to very appreciative staff of the Mark Donaldson VC House.

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 or 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.

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Stillhouse Union

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their electricity bills. Payback periods for commercial solar can vary considerably depending on the local electricity tariff and the ability for a business to self-consume the electricity that it generates but in most cases, it's very compelling.

Businesses that face electricity tariffs of over 30c/kWh may be able to have their investment returned in as little as three years although five years is a more realistic expectation – but that should still make your accountant happy.

Due to the fact that electricity prices keep rising, the IRR for a solar investment can be anywhere between 10% and 35%.

If cash-flow is tight in your business (and honestly, whose isn't?), many solar companies are now offering five-year finance terms that can make hire-purchasing a solar power system a cash-flow positive experience from day one.

By this point, you're probably wondering where I'm pulling these crazy-sounding figures from. In actual fact, they're from a pretty



reliable (and usually conservative) source: Information is provided by SunWiz for Green Energy Market's advice to the government's Clean Energy Regulator. The ROI naturally increases as electricity prices rise, and it's already ahead of schedule due to the faster-than-expected reductions in the price of solar systems over the last few years.

As you can imagine, solar system profitability varies state-by-state due to the different electricity tariffs in


each state. Profitability is also based on a reasonably-performing solar system operating for 25 years and assumes a 5% annual increase in electricity prices - higher performing systems and further electricity price hikes only increase the financial incomes even more.

So, why haven't more businesses bought a solar power system?


Typically it is because they don't own their business premises, which can make it difficult. Although if you can get a payback of 5 years and have a progressive landlord, solar on a rented property can make a lot of sense for the tenant and the landlord.

Honestly, though? I suspect it's primarily due to a lack of understanding about the opportunity presented by solar – which is what I'm hoping to address by writing this !


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Pictured right is the outgoing President of Galston Rotary Club, Richard Young, presenting donations to the four local Rural Fire Service captains from Arcadia, Galston, Glenorie and Middle



Dural. Galston Rotary has been supporting local Rural Fire Service since it's inception in April 1978. The Rural Fire Services are an integral part of our community and Rotary is pleased to continue it's support.

The new president of Galston Rotary is Tom Drake-Brockman. Tom has a commitment to continue support within the local community and beyond.

The Galston Rotary Club meets on Tuesday evenings at The Galston Club. All residents are welcome to come along to have dinner and see what we do.

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Three Men and Some Lawn Bowls

Dural bowlers have won another Zone final, this time the triples. Richard Thorp, Chris Williams and Ben Nahirney had to win four rounds. The final against Greenlees Park was a very close, see-sawing game but the Dural Boys dug deep and clawed back the lead to run out clear winners. They have earned their success as they can often be found practising at Dural and it must have carried on to the unfamiliar greens.

Richard and Ben have already advanced to the state playoffs in the Pairs so it will be an exciting time for them to be in two events. The whole Dural club will be enjoying their success and wishing them luck in October, as it is a while since they had state finalists.



L-R: Richard Thorp, Ben Nahirney, Chris Williams

Dural Bowlers Change with the Times

Dural bowlers recently played in a new event for the club, TROPHY DAYS, which as the name implies was played over two days and all present on those days, played.

It was not a chance for the best players to gather together and have a strong team. The individual



Ann Wilson and Leone Lesslie

players were graded for positions and then teams were drawn from a hat so that generally they were well-mixed teams. Of course cream always rises but only if it has support. The exciting result when the individual points were added had two top bowlers, Leone Lesslie and Robin Davidson First and Third respectively with an excited Ann Wilson SECOND! Ann had only been playing **about six weeks but obviously put in some good bowls on the two days.** Well done to all the players, some of whom rarely play in competitions.

The Minor Singles competition has been won by Ruth Keene who defeated Christine Fitzgerald. Ruth is a consistently good bowler and Christine who has only been playing two years, has had early successes, so the pair has a great future ahead. As usual when a final is on, the social bowls suffers as the players are often keeping an eye on the big game.

Four teams from Dural are playing in a competition based at Castle Hill on Saturday mornings which allows for the women who are unavailable during the week to have some competition matches.

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Frederick Percy Kean - A Man of His District

by Hon. Alan Cadman

Honouring an amazing life. Our mothers were sisters. Phyllis Cadman and Hilda Kean.

Born in Parramatta 14th January 1926. Percy started school at Arcadia Public School. He was the first student at the newly opened Berrilee Public School.

Percy went to high school at Hornsby, then to Hurlstone Agricultural College - a selective high school. He return to the farm at age 15. This was 100 acres mostly under cultivation, being the leading citrus orchard and poultry farm of the district.

Percy was an extremely hard worker morning to night. Even on Christmas Day. As a child I remember, shortly after a massive Christmas lunch at the Kean's, Percy was off collecting eggs, and we did not see him for the rest of the day. The girls tell stories of sitting in the old Dodge truck on Sunday nights, keeping their dad awake whilst taking a huge load of fruit to the Haymarkets. Capable, creative, dynamic are the words I would use to describe Percy Kean at work.

In the community, he was a leader, and followed the leadership of his father Fred Kean. President of the P&C at the Berrilee School, committee member of the Arcadia School of Arts, and trustee of the Arcadia Methodist Church. The Kean family are natural leaders and the farm's situation towards the



end of Calabash Road made it almost automatic that Percy should become Captain of the Arcadia Fire Brigade for 20 Years and Group Captain Hornsby Shire. I am told that he went to his first fire as a youngster so he knew every dangerous fire condition, wind shift gully, ridge and fire trail.

Later on he became a volunteer bus driver and maintenance officer for the Community Aid and Information Service and Disaster Welfare Officer. It does not surprise me that a number of significant Hornsby identities wanted him to stand as a Councillor for Hornsby Shire. Percy did not see that as

he is role.

He loved sport. He was a fast bowler for Arcadia Cricket Club and the Kean's tennis court was always, day and night, a favourite spot for locals and Percy in particular.

What about family? They all say he was always fun. As an example, he told his younger sister, Frida that the name of the new local teacher was Harry Idiot not Harry Elliott. Mr Elliott was quite surprised to be given that new name by the unsuspecting Frida but suggested Frida compromise by calling him just Harry.

Percy loved his family intensely, with his wife Betty at his side. Betty grew up in Canowindra. They met on 20th April, 1947 and were engaged on 28th May 1947. Love at first sight! →

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Vale – The Late John Albert Leeds

John Leeds was a city person but went to school at the Hurlstone Agriculture College and this is where he developed his love of country life.

John was a talented sportsman. He was invited to go to Adelaide by Ian Chapel to trial for a State Team position. John was a talented rugby and rugby league player. The latter code gave him the opportunity to play for the Balmain Tigers in all grades bar their first grade team. He could have made first grade other than his love of his country life and family.

John was a member of Dural Rotary Club and always lived by the Rotary Creed which is "Service above Self". John's community service started with being a Member of the Apex Club, moving across to Dural Rotary as he had become under the Apex Creed an old Rooster at 40! John held many positions within Dural Rotary Club from Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 times Club President.

One of John's passions was involved with fund raising for the Flying Doctor Service with a yearly car bash to somewhere in Australia which provided much needed funds for the Flying Doctors Service.

John was passionate that Dural Rotary Club supported the

Continued from page 15 They married 18 months later, as Betty felt she needed to make her own decision about who she married and need to wait until she was 21 and did not need her father's permission. She turned 21 on Wednesday, 15th September, 1948-they married the following Saturday-just 3 days later. And that is the story of their life together-absolutely devoted.

As Percy went off to hospital just a few days ago he said "it

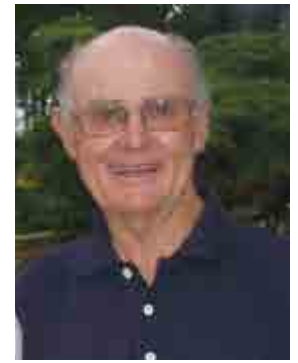
Allan Forno, President Rotary Club of Dural

Westmead Children's Hospital Research Dept., searching for cures on childhood diseases that affected our children. We shared many a visit to the Research Dept. to see what wonderful work they are doing.

Both Nina & John were heavily involved with Rotary Clubs Youth Mental Health Forums which we do on a yearly bases for years 10-11 Students in the Hills District. We could always rely on Nina and John to be there early and last to leave.

I could write many pages on all the wonderful Community support John provided for our Club and other organisations. John always went about his tasks quietly and without any fuss, but also ensured the best job was done. This is only a snap shot of John's Community involvement.

To Nina and the family, our deepest sympathy for the loss of our mate, John, he will always be part of the Rotary Club of Dural, and remembered with fond memories.



has taken 69 years for them to separate us". Percy would drive Betty to the Sydney Opera House (she loved opera and had a season ticket). He knew the attendants at the Opera House and they had a parking spot for him. He had blankets and a pillow and would wait until the performance was almost finished when they would alert him and he would drive round to pick Betty up and drive her back home.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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Glenorie Progress Association

Apologies for no meeting in September but I was on a trip to Cairns and unfortunately our VP was taken to hospital on the day. We hope to see you all at our October meeting on Tuesday 9th October at 7:45pm at the RSL Club.

I am very pleased to advise that we now have a Technology Officer. We all know the importance of a vital website and Firoz (Graphic, Print & Web Designer) is working on setting up the correct procedure to join the Association online. He has set up the Apply online button and the application form can be filled out. Then when the applicant is approved by the Committee, an invoice can be sent for the membership fee to be paid online or otherwise. Firoz, like the rest of us, is doing this voluntarily so thank you Firoz. On a similar note, don't forget to support our volunteers with businesses like Adelphi Printing, Hills Accounting Solutions and of course the Glenorie RSL for their contribution to our association.

We are still looking for two important people to assist us in our work – a Secretary and a Public Information Officer, the latter particularly to assist in the organisation of Public Information evenings. Other hard workers are

- Planning SC. Adrian Howie is proactive in leading this group and we have held positive meetings with both Councils.
- Environment Committee - Pat Schwartz leads this committee and it active in planning a series of lifestyle workshops to be run at Glenorie Hall, starting with the Fire Awareness workshop planned to be held on 8 October. Both Hornsby and The Hills RFS brigades are to be included in the workshop. Hornsby Council will hire us the Hall at no cost and will cover insurance. Hope to see you all there for vital advice to Get Ready for the Bushfire Season.

- Glenorie Hall Committee has met again with Deputy Mayor Michael Hutchence in attendance to discuss the ongoing management of the Hall and the current plan to conduct workshops. A draft Business Plan has been circulated to the Hall Committee and they are working on its completion. Then the work will start on getting quotes and adding figures to match the ideas mooted.

Other matters addressed during the month of August:

A response was sent to Hornsby Council and Deputy Mayor Michael Hutchence re the drawings for the beautification for the gardens around the bus bay at Glenorie with all the input from members and surrounding residents:

We congratulated the Council's Waste Department and requested that they continue with the beautification of the Glenorie area and install the gardens as displayed on the plans, but with the following considerations:

- Ensure that the plantings at the corner of Cairnes Road are of only low ground covers so as to not inhibit the line of sight of motorists exiting Cairnes Road
- Ensure that the logs surrounding the gardens will be anchored so they will not be able to be moved (as they have been since the initial works)
- Ensure that the logs surrounding the gardens are termite proofed
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Dural Warriors, NSW Premier League Futsal Season Launch

The Dural Warriors Season Launch of the NSW Futsal Premier League season 2017 / 2018 officially kicked off earlier this month at The Fiddler in Rouse Hill, joined by numerous players, coaches and family members, embracing the club motto for the season, "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior."

The Dural Warriors Season Launch was a momentous night, showcasing the Dural Warriors, professional "club culture" and acknowledging and the club players representative selections, season jersey presentations, coach introductions and interviews and the opportunity for all players, families and coaches to get together, celebrate and mark the beginning of the NSW Futsal Premier League season.

Dural Warriors is the representative futsal club of The Hills, with its home being 'The Centre' at Dural. Dural Warriors has played in the elite NSW Futsal Premier League competition since the club's inception in 1994 with Brian Codrington and Rob Varela – taking out many titles in NSW competitions over the years. Dural Warriors has a proud history, with numerous past and present representative players residing in the Hills district and having produced a long and growing list of Australian Futsal international players including the current national team captain and vice-captain, as well as several players in the Solomon Islands national team.

The Australian coach of the national futsal team, the Futsalroos, Rob Varela, is head coach at Dural Warriors and Greg Giovenali, Captain of the Australian team is a long standing successful player and coach of Dural Warriors. Both Rob and Greg went to the World Cup last year and they both live in The Hills district.

Dural Warriors has an Academy for the young up and coming

(8-10years), run under the stewardship of Brian Codrington and Rob Varela. And with representative teams starting from U11 through to women and men, with the men's team taking out five consecutive NSW championships. Past

Dural Warriors and Australian player, Daine Merrin was surprised on the launch night. Retiring his number 11 jersey forever after an illustrious career covering state, national and culminating in international representation for his country, Australia. The framed number 11 jersey was presented by Dural Warriors head coach and Daine's Australian coach, Rob Varela together with Australian captain and mate, Greg Giovenali, surrounded by a room of proud family and many present and past team mates and club members.

It was with blood, sweat and tears that Daine represented Dural Warriors for numerous, winning five team premierships and representing Australia at the World Cup. All players will proudly wear their new season Dural Warriors jerseys when the competition officially kicks off in October.

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Celebrating 20 Years with the Arcadian Artists

How quickly time flies... it's hard to believe 20 years have passed since Sandra and Maria Vumbaca's humble beginnings in ceramics, and their participation in their first Arcadian Artists Weekend back in 1997. They were so richly inspired by the concept of the Arcadian Artists Open Studio Weekend that they were keen to become part of this wonderful local event. With a new-found interest in ceramics and being full of enthusiasm and creative excitement, they approached Gordon Finlayson (President of the Arcadian Artists at the time) who upon Committee approval, welcomed Sandra and Maria into the Arcadian Artists' family.



Sandra stated, "It's easy to get lost in something you love doing – Mum and I have both been very creative all our lives. We've ventured into sewing, tapestry, knitting, embroidery, the list goes on... but when we were introduced to ceramics it just stuck like nothing else we'd ever experienced before. For me, I think what continues to capture my interest is the never-ending possibilities ceramics provides. Starting with a blank white clay canvas there are so many designs, techniques and glaze combinations you can employ and develop – there's an enormous scope for experimentation. Sometimes the results are amazing, sometimes things don't turn out quite the way you plan but it is all learning. And we have a lot of fun working together in the process. I am so blessed to be able to share this brilliant past-time with my beautiful Mum, Maria."

Back in 1997 Sandra and Maria were hosted by the St Benedict's Parish for the weekend exhibition but since 1998,

with the exception of 2002, where they were graciously hosted by Elspeth Watt at Scribbly Gum Studio they have opened their studio to the public each and every year. By the time the 2017 exhibition ticks over Sandra and Maria will have hosted over 85 artists sporting a diverse range of talents.

Maria stated, "It's been wonderful meeting so many like-minded, creative people. We've enjoyed being able to assist other artists showcase their beautiful work to the local community. To all of the committee members and exhibitors past

and present, we would like to thank you for being part of this rewarding and fulfilling journey. But most importantly, we would like to thank all of our wonderful customers, friends and family because without your ongoing support we wouldn't be able to do what we love and continue creating."

In thanks for all of the amazing support they have received throughout the years, Sandra and Maria would like to extend a special invitation to the wider community to join them in celebrating their 20 year anniversary at this year's Arcadian Artists Exhibition and Art Trail on 11th and 12th November 2017. Sandra stated smiling, "There will definitely be cake and a few other surprises too – after all what's a celebration without balloons and presents?!"

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Eastbend update and notice of 2017 AGM

On Monday August 21st there was a quarterly meeting of Eastbend Rural Communications. Items discussed included the ongoing co-operation between Living Heritage and Forgotten Valley Views. The latter magazine has been included in Living Heritage for the last year and the combination has generally been well received. Finances are currently in good shape and funding through Peppercorn Services continues.

Eastbend's Annual General Meeting will be held at 1.30pm on Monday 20th November at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School. An election will be held to choose members of the Executive Committee for the coming year. If you wish to nominate for any position or have anything you would like to discuss or have help with please come to the meeting. If you can't come yourself, please contact the Secretary, Pat Schwartz on deblacko7@hotmail.com or 9652-1276, or Tessa Corkill, on 2archaeics@gmail.com or 9652-1470. As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting begins. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Many hours went into successfully achieving these awards, the Cubs needed to obtain their 'Gold Boomerang' award; attend pack councils, plan and guild hikes, camps, outdoor activities, work on projects, research, dioramas, community work and complete a Special interest badge as well as 4 Level two badges!

Their families were very proud of all the children's hard work and commitment. This award has not been presented at 1st Dural Scouts for the last 5 years. Congratulations and well done Lexie, Hunter and Sam.

A big thanks to Wren and the leaders for their guidance too.

1 For more information or to join 1st Dural Scout group

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Galston Parkrun



Galston parkrun is turning ONE, so please join us for the run and for some fun on **Saturday 14th October** at Fagan Park!

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Telstra Meeting for Residents

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A tentative date has been set for 10th October at Arcadia Community Hall. If you wish to attend, please email Suellen at suellenlister@gmail.com so she can confirm to you nearer the time of the exact date and time.

NBN- Fixed Wireless Correction

Following our report last month regarding residents who will receive NBN via fixed wireless towers, we would like to make a correction to that report. We understand now that landlines for those using fixed wireless for their internet will not have their landlines disconnected after 18 months. Landlines can remain connected to the premises if you wish.

Happy Birthday Mary

All of the team at the Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural News would like to wish Mary Ord a very Happy Birthday. Its a special one this year and we were lucky enough to be invited to her 'surprise' celebration.

Many advertisers would recognise Mary as our Advertising Sales Consultant on both this paper and the Doorall Roundup. Mary is also a marriage celebrant.

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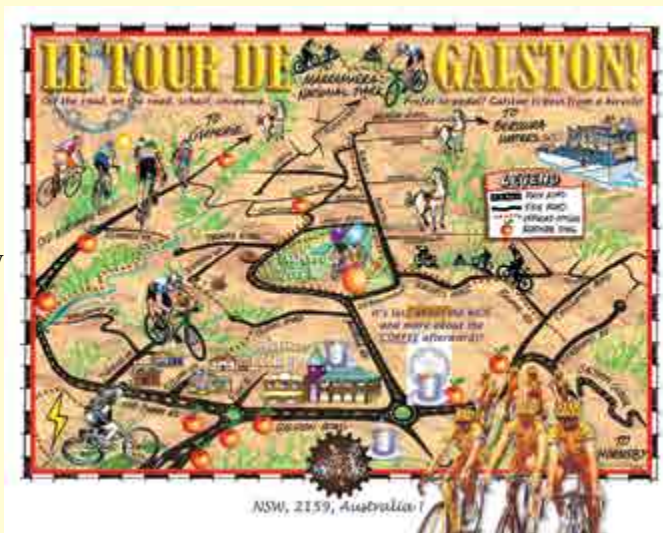
The Two Gorges

This ride has been published in this specific issue, because readers will notice a marked increase of cyclists along this route throughout October. Most are training for either the Bowral Classic, or the MS Sydney to Gong charity fundraiser ride, where 9500 cyclists raised Au\$2.2 million last year.

The safest, and most enjoyable way to ride the 42km circuit is anticlockwise: Galston > Hornsby > Pacific Highway > Berowra Waters > Arcadia > Galston (via Blacks, Bayfield, Knights, Bevan and Crosslands Roads) An average cyclist on a good road bike, stopping only for the ferry, will manage this in 2- 2.5hours. The pros do it in just 1.5 hours!

Both Gorges, and sections of the Pacific Highway have exquisite scenery and all the road surfaces are excellent, except for the potholes along Bay Road between Chilcott and Arcadia Roads. If you are lucky and early, you may even encounter a Lyrebird on the climb up to Chilcott from the ferry, or enjoy some friendly banter with the RMS ferrymen on duty. The ferry actually moderates the traffic, so it is not uncommon to reach the horse paddocks without any cars squeezing past you.

Ascending or descending the Gorges to Berowra Waters or the historic Tunks Bridge truly tests one's skills, focus and fitness. But once out of Galston Gorge, there are bicycle lanes along Galston



Road where one can relax and socialise, then intermittent bike lanes and good road shoulder all along the Pacific Highway, and excellent new bike lanes along the suburban parts of Berowra Waters Road.

Two Gorges is challenging in many ways, attracting Lycra-clad weekend warriors in their hundreds from all over Sydney. During the week, professional cyclists who represent our country, or visiting athletes from overseas, use this route for event training and race

season preparation and a few hardy, brave souls actually cycle commute to work and back via the Gorges !

POINTS OF INTEREST

DID YOU KNOW? If Strava is to be believed, the fastest male and female times to cycle up Galston Gorge switchbacks from Tunks Creek to Montview Road, Hornsby Heights, are around 6 minutes !

DIFFICULTY and DISTANCE: 42km: Because of motor vehicular traffic and gradients of the roads, this route is unsuitable for inexperienced or casual road cyclists. **3 GORGES:** Add Bobbin Head (+22km) after riding Galston Gorge, by taking Edgeworth David and Burns Road from Hornsby CBD and turning left into Bobbin Head Road.



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NOTES: Despite hundreds of cyclists using this circuit, with no alternative route to Galston Gorge, RMS has put up NO bicycle warning signs. Roads are narrow, so ride single file up the gorges. Avoid cycling through Galston Gorge during peak traffic hours—particularly up to Galston village. As traffic congestion worsens on our inadequate surrounding roads, more angry and frustrated Sydney motorists are being funnelled into commuting via Galston Gorge, so be prepared to cop some verbal abuse and/or be hooted at—even though it's quicker and easier to overtake a cyclist than a slow, bad Gorge driver! Don't ride beyond your abilities going downhill. When cornering, keep your speed under control, enter wide, exit narrow, keep eyes ahead and please stay on your side of the road.

FACILITIES: Toilets, Coffee and water at Berowra Waters, either side of the ferry. Excellent coffee and friendly service throughout Galston Village, from: Vintage Pantry, Sugar & Salt, Steamyard, Galston Deli and Local Collective.

Andy's on Arcadia Road is another favourite coffee stop with cyclists. Nearest bike shops are Odd Spoke and the Bike Establishment in Dural.

We are not only blessed with living in a semi-rural area, so close to Sydney, but we also have access to beautiful waterways.



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- 09.45** Free time.
- 10.15** Reducing costs of ownership #1 - Minimising maintenance and restoration costs.
- 10.45** Free time.
- 11.15** Reducing costs of ownership #2 - Income earning options for your classic.
- 11.45** Close

There is no charge, but entry is by ticket only and tickets are limited. You can book through our new website: www.vcch.com.au
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Australian Pumps provides full training and encourages young people seeking cadetships for an ongoing career to apply! They are looking for people with a positive 'can do' attitude, excellent communication skills and above all, a passion to learn.

The role offers an unlimited opportunity to grow and would be ideal for people who can demonstrate a combination of courage, intelligence and ethics.

Further information on employment opportunities is available by contacting Australian Pump Industries.



Sami Syed has gained a wealth of knowledge and sales experience at Aussie Pumps with the support and encouragement of senior salesman, Craig Bridgement.

All in the name of a Super Fun Fair

Want to meet your favourite super hero?

The DC and Marvel heroes are already gathering to celebrate with the families and friends of St Bernadette's Primary School Castle Hill for their bi-annual fund raising event.

One of the major highlights of the night is the Super Heroes and Villians parade, where parent dress up as their favourite characters to greet the children and families on the school grounds.

Making a comeback is Sideshow Alley, Storm Ride, Mini Ferris Wheel, Toddler Land, Petting Farm, GWS and NRL Clinic and the delicious International Food Court.

But the Fun Fair favourite will surely be Base181 (founded by Samson Crew a member from the international boy band Justice Crew, along with his partner Chantal Curmi), a performance by the talented school band and the highly anticipated Haunted House

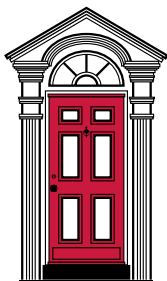
This year the Fun Fair committee has secured more exciting prizes for the popular chocolate wheel, silent/ live auctions and its raffle.

The Fun Fair Sponsorship Team is overwhelmed by the generosity of families and businesses who have kindly donated towards this event.

This is the schools biggest fundraiser, and as a community they are working towards raising funds to upgrade the school grounds and provide more educational tools and equipment for the students.

The event is held **Friday 13th October starting from 3pm to 8:30pm**

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



I would like to thank the community for their support in the recent election and I am delighted to continue to serve in public life. My family moved to Pennant Hills in 1949 and my father's elected role on Hornsby Council nurtured my own interest in local government that inspired a long career in politics. I am looking forward to sitting in the chair he once occupied.

I have joined Hornsby Shire Council with one very clear objective: to serve. I have committed to the preservation of our unique bushland and built heritage for the generations to come as the future developments of greater Sydney impacts. Preserving the amenity of our area, its important tree canopy and its open space are critical, as well as ensuring sustainable development and sound financial management.

I have also committed to community consultations with local residents and plan to put that program in place in 2018.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the councillors who were elected. The community has placed great trust in all of us and as a team we will work together to ensure we do not disappoint.

Philip Ruddock
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

NEW COUNCILLORS

We congratulate all members of the new Council on their election. The councillors are:

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*Nathan Tilbury
Warren Waddell
Mick Marr*

WARD B

*Robert Browne
Joseph Nicita
Janelle McIntosh*

WARD C

*Michael Hutchence
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Authors of *Two Steps Forward*

Monday 23 October, 1pm, Hornsby Library. Free.

PETREA KING

Author of *Up Until Now*

Wednesday 25 October, 6.30pm, Hornsby Library.

Cost \$5.00 includes light refreshments.

Bookings essential at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Soroptimist International of The Hills Spring Fashion Parade

Soroptimist International of The Hills will present its Spring Fashion Parade, on Saturday 7th October, 2017 at St. Joseph's Conference Centre, 64 McKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills.

Guests are asked to arrive at around 1.30 p.m., at which time they will be served Afternoon Tea (accompanied with a glass of wine if desired), and the Parade will commence at 2.00 p.m.

Once again we will be viewing the elegant fashions presented by Stafford Fashions, which include garments from *Black Pepper* (always a favourite), *Yvonne Black* and knitwear from *JUMP*.

There will also be an amazing array of original jewellery and scarves, by *TJM Designs*, to mix and match with Guest's fashion purchases.

With Christmas less than three months away, we have also invited *Unique Gift Bags* to bring along an assortment of their delightful Gift Bags in a range of sizes and prices. These bags make perfect gift for Christmas, especially for that difficult person who has "everything". The bags are presented beautifully and make a lovely and appreciated gift.

Entry to the Fashion Parade is \$15.00, which includes a glass of wine, afternoon tea and a lucky door prize.

Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase and all proceeds from the Parade and the raffle will go towards Soroptimist International of the Hills ongoing work within the community.

Feel free to bring friends, mothers, daughters, sisters everyone is welcome!

📍 To reserve you place, please or text Janine on 0412230347 with your name and numbers

Arcadian Quilters Inc Biennial Quilt Show

Submitted by Jill McGuinness Treasurer Arcadian Quilters Inc.



Arcadian Quilters Inc held their biennial quilt show 9th and 10th September in the Galston Community Hall. The show was very successful. The black quilt pictured above won best of show. It is hand appliquéd, embellished with embroidery and beads.

The other photo shows just a snippet of what was on display. There were over 100 quilts covering all aspects of quilting. The funds raised will be given to local charities.

We were sponsored by the Bendigo Bank in Galston. We also had the privilege of company from Cherry Pie Designs from Somersby, Sew Can I from Werrington County, and The Patchwork Shop from Mulgrave. A big thank you to all involved and special thanks to all the visitors who came.

📍 The quilters will be presenting a selection of quilts for sale at the Glenorie Growers Market in October and November. A wonderful gift for someone special.



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Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

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

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

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

Connections and Patterns

Early this year my Mum and I realised this would be a "Special Year" for our family in that she would turn 88 and my younger brother 44. We thought that rather 'cool' to consider as this would never again occur or be possible that he would be half her age.

Well, one week ago it was Mum's 66th Wedding Anniversary, another double figure. So then I started thinking further of double numbers in our family in this year, 2017 my family and I are amazed by how many there are.

11 years - my brother's daughter is 11 for most of the year (which is 1/2 my son's age)

22 years - my youngest son's age (1/2 my brother's age)

33 years - my oldest son and his fiancé were both 33 until their birthdays.

44 years - my brother's age (1/2 my Mum's age)

55 years - a close cousin has his 55th birthday in September

66 years - my parent's Wedding Anniversary was in late August.

88 years - Mum's Birthday is in September.

99 years - a special Aunt in our family turned 99 in June.

My niece was delighted when I explained this so straightway she did the calculation and realised that we only needed 77. Even though we couldn't find a link to 77 in our family it doesn't diminish how amazing and wonderful it has been to discover these connections and patterns. It's funny what can inspire us!

Contributed by a Galston resident

Happy 60th Birthday to Robin Barbara

We wish Robin a very happy 60th Birthday. We hope you had a lovely holiday in Port Douglas. So glad you took time to celebrate your birthday after the unexpected loss of your mum. We hope your sixtieth year is a good one for you.



The Meaning of repeat numbers

Although this piece about repeating numbers isn't necessarily sending any special message as they are randomly distributed throughout the family I thought that I would research repeated numbers and what their meaning is in the mystical world.

Repeating numbers are a reminder that something very magical and divine is happening in your life. So if you are seeing a certain number sequence over and over again, make a note of it. There definitely could be a meaning behind it.

111 - Look around and really pay attention to where you are and who you're with. This is a confirmation that you're moving in the right direction

222 - Two is the number of partnership and relationships. When you see 2's, pay attention to the people who are showing up in your world.

333 - The appearance of 3's could be a confirmation that you're hitting it on all three levels and really in the zone. You may feel insanely fulfilled by life when you start seeing those repeating 3's.

444 - Home base calling. Your inner circle could use your attention.

555 - Change is in the air when you see repeated 5's. Like a fast moving current or a gentle breeze, there is momentum to move in a new direction.

666 - Brings the guidance to listen to your heart not your head.
777 - You are on the right track towards manifesting your dreams and goals into reality.

888 - Seeing multiple 8's is a call to bring greater balance into all areas of your life including home, work, lifestyle, healing and relationships.

999 - Signifies completion or passage of time. It could refer to completing a project, shifting careers, or giving up an outdated way of thinking.

000 - The cycle of life and thought starts anew. This represents a brand new beginning in a plan, project, or course of life. Follow this path

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Jersey Day

On Friday the 1st of September, the Round Corner Dental team proudly donned our favourite sports jerseys for the day to raise awareness for organ and tissue donation.

The JERSEY DAY campaign is inspired by the story of the Gremmo family who tragically lost their 13-year-old son Nathan in a traffic accident on Glenhaven Rd in 2015. Six lives were saved through Nathan's gift of life. His family established this Jersey Day to honour his legacy, and to urge Australians to have those important conversations with family and loved ones and register as an organ donor online.

Around 1,500 Australians are on waiting lists for life-saving organ donations at any one time. One organ donor can save up to 10 lives, and Australia is a world leader for successful transplant outcomes.

Ray Hadley, Turia Pitt, the Wiggles, the Queensland Police Force and even our own Prime Minister have joined the campaign, among countless other schools, businesses and organisations across the country.

Please visit www.donatelife.gov.au to register, and for more information on how you can help save a life.



From left to right in photo – Miranda, Penny, Jocelyn, Dr Olivia and Dr Roy from Round Corner Dental

Helping make the Orange Blossom Festival Great



HF Event Services has been very busy these past few weeks spreading their own kind of magic. They love what they do because on a mass scale they get to make many people happy. One of their recent highlights was The Orange Blossom Festival for Hills Shire Council. HF Events Services assisted Council by designing a special "Sonet et Lumiere" (sound and lightshow) for the past Mayor of Hills Council, held at Bella Vista Farm's historic Homestead. Over 200 VIPs enjoyed "Luminosity", a special event held the evening prior to the commencement of the Orange Blossom Festival.

Over 14,000 people passed through the gates for this annual event which is now in its 47th year. HF Events Services were contracted to provide live production on the Bella Vista Farm Community stage for local entertainment groups, with the highlight being a performance by legendary country artist Lee Kernaghan followed. The evening was concluded with a crowd favourite of fireworks from Howard and Sons.

Contributed by Fiona Baldwin HF Event Services 9651 7555

Keith Hobson

Final goodbyes take many forms and at the memorial service for Keith Hobson it was the empty coffin in the room which stirred the memories and lightened the spirits of those who came to remember a larrikin whose life was well lived.

Keith had made his own coffin and even though it was lined with images and snap shots from his life he was destined for a more giving end. To quote Ingrid, his daughter, "Dad's morbid sense of humour was the order of the day. Even after he's gone his self made coffin (which we no longer need) had all us of us laughing. He had donated his body to science at Sydney University. So dad, enjoy Uni life for the first time in your life."



Congratulations to Carla and Chris

Chris surprised Carla by asking her to marry him on their trip to the Great Barrier Reef. Carla accepted! How exciting.



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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE REPORTS

Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

By Kara Dubois

Cessnock Bushfire Strike Team



Bush alight and petrol station

Last month we saw the first Total Fire Ban of the season with all of the Greater Sydney area faced with a severe fire danger rating, windy weather, and dry conditions. That same week firefighters also faced about 90 blazes across NSW; with Galston fires forming part of a Strike Team sent in to fight bushfires in the Cessnock region throughout the day and night. We were also kept very busy closer to home with several local call-outs - including a service-station diesel-spill.

Hazard Reduction Season

With the official start to the fire season commencing in October you may see continued Hazard Reductions (HRs) taking place across Sydney when conditions allow. Galston RFB is regularly active in assisting with many local and Greater Sydney based HRs.

For more information on when and where HRs will be taking place please visit the RFS website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Galston member profile

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

Member profile: David Stockman

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

I am now starting my 40th year in the Brigade.

What is your role there?

I am currently Station Officer, as well as being a Life Member of the brigade.



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

I am semi-retired but still conduct Guided History Tours for the Navy, after 48 years at Garden Island.

What made you join the RFS?

After seeing my first bushfire sweep through West Pennant Hills in 1965, I decided to do something for the community when I could.

What makes being part of the RFS so unique?

The R.F.S. is like a big family. You all look out for each other and you share the joys and sorrows of other firefighters.

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

The nights of the Chinese Banquets we used to hold with our families.

How has it changed over the years?

When I joined there was no basic training, it was on the job training. We paid half the cost of our boots, cloth nappies were used for smoke masks and there were only six pairs of goggles, and these were on the truck. Leather beaters were still commonly used to help put out fires and we wore white overalls - however we didn't wear ties to fires as some brigades did at the time.

Our callouts were signalled by a siren at the fire shed. There was also no toilet at the shed...this is what trees were used for. Many of us would also need to travel on the outside of the truck in all kinds of weather.

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

By James Wicking

Glenorie Fire Fighters Deployed to Canada

Three Glenorie crew, Glynn Lloyd, Chloe Paton and Chris Compton along with another 37 fire fighters from organisations in NSW and ACT were deployed to Canada for six weeks of intensive, remote area fire-fighting. NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons saw the crew off from the Airport. It is very different fire-fighting to Australia. They have met bears who have become more 'friendly' as the fire activity died down. They have also spotted cougars, a lynx, wolves and bobcats on their fire ground. And now they are fighting fires while it is snowing! Our Chloe should get special mention as she is the only female on the Australian team. They have been working hard but are all safe and enjoying their time there.

Hazard Reductions

As you have probably noticed, we have been very busy conducting several Hazard Reductions (HRs) in the area. The principle of a Hazard Reduction is to reduce the fuel loading and therefore reduce the intensity of a fire should one occur. This doesn't mean there will be no fires. It doesn't mean that if there is a fire it will not spread. It simply means it should slow a fire down. With this in mind, we urge all residents to be prepared for the fire season. Make sure your properties are prepared and most importantly that you are prepared. We hope that all residents have completed their Bush Fire Survival Plan. If you haven't yet, then

make sure you do urgently.

If you need assistance with your Bush Fire Survival Plan or would like to discuss how to be prepared for the Bush Fire Season then speak with us at the Glenorie Growers Market on the Fourth Sunday of the month or give us a call.



Get Ready Weekend Open Day

Thank you to all residents who came and visited us on Sunday 17th. It was great to speak with you and we are happy that we could help with some excellent questions. If you couldn't make it or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call, send us a message on the Facebook page or come and see us at our stand at the Glenorie Growers Market on the 4th Sunday of every Month.

For further information go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or contact the Brigade: Station Phone: 9652 2017 (leave a message and someone will get back to you) or talk to a real person, James: 0422 168 914. Visit the brigade stand at the Glenorie Growers Market on the fourth Sunday of the month in the grounds of Glenorie RSL. Facebook: Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade; Email: glenorierfs@outlook.com

Arcadia RFS News - Preparations continue for upcoming Fire Season

We have seen an early start to the fire season with a drier than usual winter which has seen the fire season brought forward to September in many parts of the state. We have seen many fires throughout the state, and even as close as Lane Cove National Park. This serves as a stark reminder that we must be prepared as when disaster strikes, emergency services are spread far and thin, and land owners must be active in protecting their properties.

In response to the looming fire season, more hazard reductions have been completed. Locally we have completed a strategic hazard reduction in the Fiddletown area, with more in the plan for favorable conditions. The Peebles road HR



saw 37 vehicles, made up of trucks and command vehicles, and over 160 personnel on the fire ground to complete one of our larger burns. NSW RFS aircraft were also involved in aerial incendiary operations, and monitoring the burn so it did not cross control lines. Arcadia has not only managed ones in our area, we continue to supply crews to many within Hornsby and further afield at Kentlyn. The HR at Kentlyn had us working alongside numerous FRNSW teams, and SES crews. The brigade has also supplied members to be involved with the IMT - Incident Management Team across many of these hazard reductions.

A quick response to a structure fire in early September saw crews from Arcadia, Galston, Glenorie, Dural, Cherrybrook, and FRNSW Castle Hill attend which stopped the fire from spreading to other buildings. Luckily no persons injured, and the fire was contained to a small area of the property. As always, the crews from Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai and The Hills District worked together efficiently.

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The Galston Uniting Church Our Story Concludes: Part 3

Caryl Turnidge for the Galston Uniting Church

In previous instalments we discussed the origins of the Dural parish and a small number of the cultural and practical contributions that the church made to the local community. This brings us to the present time.

In 1977 we became The Uniting Church in Australia, when the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches entered into a formal union. Members of the congregations were given a vote on the union and this great fundamental change was achieved without conflict or friction.

Careful and prayerful consideration went into becoming the Uniting Church in Australia. By the mid -1970s Australian society was beginning to change. It was wise for the smaller protestant churches to unite and share the honour and privilege of joining together as Christ's people in Australia.

The Inauguration was celebrated at Dural Church on 26th June, 1977 with 200 people in attendance.

This union saw old organisational traditions replaced with new ways. The congregation now elects Church Councillors and Elders, and all members of the congregation have a much wider involvement. West Pennant Hills was no longer part of our parish but Kenthurst was still with us, together with churches at Arcadia, Glenorie and Dural.

It was decided at some point to move with changing times and consolidate into a single parish centre at Galston. The Dural property was sold in 1986, the Arcadia property in 1988 and the Glenorie property in 1995.

In September 1985, the former Dural congregation - with many members of Arcadia and Glenorie - began to worship as the Galston congregation in the Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church. A site

had been chosen for a new church building on School Road, and services were held at the Adventist site for three years while construction took place.

We were very grateful to the Seventh Day Adventist people for allowing us the use of their church on Sundays for a period of three years.

Galston Uniting Church was opened on 22nd October, 1988. The



building includes the church, auditorium, meeting rooms, office, kitchen, Sunday school accommodation, and a Long Day Care/ Early Learning Centre adjoining the church complex. (Our minister Rev Geoff Smith is Chairman of the Management Committee of the Galston Early Learning Centre.)

Outstanding features of our church are the Stained Glass Window designed by Terrence Plowright. This is a very modern and colourful concept and proves that stained glass windows do not have to be old.

What is old is our glorious 1887 Fosters and Andrews Organ built in Hull, England originally for the Congregational Church, Bourke Street, Darlinghurst. The organ was gifted to that church by three sisters, the Misses Baxter. The formal unveiling of the organ was on Sunday 10th June, 1888, in the Darlinghurst church, and served that congregation for eighty years - until the property was sold.

How did this heritage organ come to Galston? A small group from our congregation began to investigate the possibility of including this organ in our new building. Purchase of the organ by Galston congregation was concluded on 25th August 1986, and the organ was removed from Darlinghurst and stored for refurbishment.

This refurbishment, a long and laborious task, continued over the next six years with volunteers from the church, under the guidance of Mr. Ian Brown. Mr Brown was a member of our congregation and also happened to be a professional organ builder.

The organ was installed in its new home with the specifications unchanged from when it was built. On 6th June, 1993 the organ was rededicated at Galston Church.

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- Craft group, Thursdays 7.30pm-10pm
- Healthy living for seniors on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Classical concerts: The Galston Concert Series

Your participation will always be welcomed.

🔗 **For more information about the many activities for all ages, please see our website www.galstonunitingchurch.com or telephone our office on 9653-2039. The office is attended on Tuesdays and Fridays.**

Preparations continued for upcoming Fire Season *(contd. from page 37)*

International response to Canada! Arcadia member, Grant Paisley, has made the trip to British Columbia, Canada. Grant has travelled with 3 other members from the district, to aid fire agencies who are still combating the numerous wildfires that remain out of control, as part of the RAFT/Arduous firefighting team. 40 firefighters from NSW RFS and ACT RFS left in this recent deployment. They will be joining the many other Australian firefighters for a 6-week deployment in tough conditions. We wish them all a safe journey, and safer return.

The brigade was invited to the annual proudly Arcadian dinner, which allows the members of the Arcadian community get together for a scrumptious meal. This incentive was spearheaded by the Proudly Arcadian committee, a passionate group of Arcadians that aim to engender community spirit and cohesiveness, and to preserve and record the history of the area. The Mayoral dinner, an annual dinner hosted by the Mayor of Hornsby, was once again a success this year. The event brings all the brigades from the district together to say thank you for the past years work. It's a great time to catch up with all our friends from the different stations.

On September 16th, the brigades around the district, and state, participated in the Get Ready Weekend. Brigades opened their station doors to the community, inviting them to come ask questions on how to ready themselves ahead of the fire season.

The Arcadia Team have been training hard for the Motor Neurone Disease stair climb on October 14th, to be held at the Sydney Tower. MND is a condition that currently has no cure and the climb is raising money for the Macquarie University research team. Spectators are welcome to attend, and cheer all the firefighters on from volunteer and paid agencies.

Dural and District Historical Society

Another one of Deg's Stories.

Doctors Peter and Lynette Degotardi were the first residential Doctors to live in Dural. This is one of their stories as told in a book Peter wrote, called "Life was not meant to be serious" "Only 100 copies were published, so it is very hard to find. When Peter and Lynette were at Uni. they were known as Big and Little! This story gives a good picture of Dural as it was 60 years ago, and is told with the permission of their son, Steven

Margaret McKinley

We had begun the Dural practice in mid 1957, when we were both working as Resident Medical officers at Parramatta District Hospital. The system we worked was that of running evening surgeries, from eight pm, and on Saturday mornings. If we were both off from the hospital, we both came home, but we worked the roster so one of us was at Dural each night. It was a fairly hectic life, but it was all new, and we enjoyed every minute of it

By August, the practice had built up to the extent that it was a viable source of income, so I gave in my notice and spent every day at Dural. Lynette came and went, keeping up her job at Parramatta, to ensure that we had an income at least.

We had bought an old chook farm at the junction of Galston and Old Northern roads, in the centre of old Dural. The old lady selling the property could not see it as anything but a producing poultry farm. "We don't want the chooks", we kept saying." Sell them, we are going to practice medicine." She was adamant.

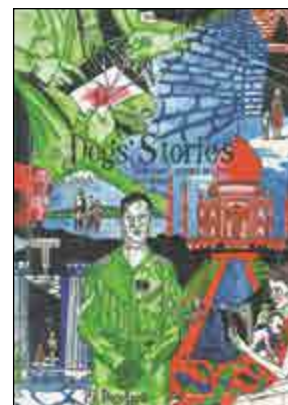
Eventually we bought it- twenty three acres, a fibro two bedroom home with garage, and three thousand chooks with lots of chook sheds, for six thousand pounds. On the day we in, the chook man came, took all the chooks and gave us five hundred pounds.

We enclosed the front verandah, one end as a waiting room, the other as consulting room, and opened for business. It built up very rapidly.

The old home had an old pan system toilet in the back yard. There being no night soil service in the Dural District, I would dig a hole and bury this. Since I did not feel it was quite the thing to have the new local doctor seen carrying out this activity, it was always done at midnight.

Needless to say, the first money we earned was spent on installing a septic tank and inside toilet.

🔗 **The Annual General Meeting of the Dural and Districts Historical Society will be held on Saturday, 14th October, at 2pm . Members will "Show and Tell" some of their historical treasures. All welcome.**



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So many of us have watched the antics of the 'The Addams Family' on our TV sets as we were growing up, and we probably didn't even consider that at some stage Wednesday and her younger brother Pugsley would start to mature. Perhaps the last thing you would expect is for Wednesday to bring home a boy and his parents to meet her family. Well, that is exactly where we pick up with The Addams Family in this delightfully amusing musical – Wednesday announces that she has a friend who is a boy called Lucas, and he is bringing his parents to dinner. Then she requests that the family behave like "normal" people do. To find out just how "normal" the Addams Family can be, you'll need to come along and find out for yourselves. Don't miss Gomez and Morticia, Wednesday and Pugsley, Uncle Fester and Grandma, and of course, Lurch the butler, in a show that will leave you thinking that perhaps you do have a normal family after all.



The team of Kate Gandy, Mandy Winter and Camilla Bellstedt as Director, Choreographer and Musical Director respectively, is a new DMS combination. It is a team that brings experience from shows with DMS and also a range of other companies. Mandy is an experienced choreographer, and while Kate has been our Musical Director before, this is her first experience as a Director - and for our experienced orchestra member Camilla, this is a 'first' in terms of Musical Direction. This relatively young and enthusiastic production team are bringing the Addams Family out of the two dimensions of your television set and into your three dimensional world. For your entertainment, they bring to life not only the Addams Family, but also their ancestors.

So get away from your flat screen and videos for a few hours - book your tickets now as they are selling quickly - this is a show that you will enjoy. Take a trip to New York and the ancestral home of "The Addams Family" to meet them and their ancestors. Why not arrange a group of friends to come along "dressed for the occasion" – after all it is getting close to Halloween and you may even get a prize for the "best costume". Or, just turn up like Lucas and his family – as 'normal' people! Whatever you do, and whatever you wear – don't miss this show.

Performance Details

Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall, 604 Old Northern Rd, Dural (opposite Redfield College)

Evening Performance Dates: 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 October at 8.00 p.m.

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Top Acts for Galston Gala



The Galston Concerts will close its very successful 2017 series on 22 October with their traditional Galston Gala.

The Sunday afternoon concert, starting 2pm in the Galston Uniting Church on School Road, will offer leading Classical performers in a

range of popular styles.

After concerts in Europe mezzo-soprano Christina Wilson will perform songs of the great Romantics with her husband, Conservatorium staff pianist Alan Hicks.

With guest violist Robert Harris, Music Director of The Galston Concerts, they will also present songs by Brahms and a set called 'Weeds' – a tongue-in-cheek link to the Galston Open Gardens weekend which runs 20-22 October.

American flautist and Conservatorium Lecturer James Kortum



will perform a Bach family mini-festival of music by the great J.S.Bach and his sons.

In a first for Galston but in keeping with their support of young performers harpist Ava Pudney, a student of Sydney Symphony Principal Harp Louise Johnson, will perform music from Bohemia, France and Spain.

A further rising talent will perform on the CHURCH historic pipe organ, with rumour of some violin and guitar tangos also in the 'variety' line-up.

The Gala will see the launch of The Galston Concerts 2018 series brochure and the announcement of their young performers Bach Plus competitions to be presented in March.

📍 Bookings for the Gala are advised on-line at trybooking.com (search Galston) or phone Helen Jordan, Promotions Co-ordinator for the concerts, on 0425 339 841.

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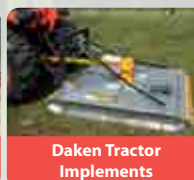
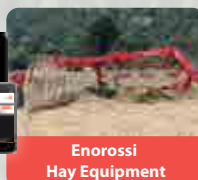


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Arcadia Pony Club

What's the best way to spend Father's Day? Helping out at Closed Show jumping at Arcadia Pony Club of course!

Whilst most dads were perhaps having a sleep in followed by breakfast in bed on Father's Day, a number of very special dads were out in force helping out at Arcadia Pony Club's annual Closed Show jumping competition. It was a lovely winter's day at our wonderful grounds at the Rural Sports Facility with a great turnout of competitors. The day was a huge success with the event generously sponsored by Horseland Dural. The results for the day were as follows:



Champions and Reserve Champions from Closed Show Jumping event, sponsored by Horseland Dural

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RDA (NSW) Tall Timbers Centre



RDA (NSW) Tall Timbers Centre was recently visited by the Patron of RDA

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Galston Equestrian Club - Talks, horsemanship, jumping and art classes!

On 25 July 2017, the Galston Equestrian Club (GEC) hosted an information evening about equine nutrition at the Galston Club. It was surprising how simply we can feed our horses, how easy it is to over-feed them and how efficient our feeding can become when we tap into the scientific resources of our local experts. On the night, we were dazzled with the science of soil testing, grass testing, poo testing and even hair testing outlined by our recently graduated Sophie Fletcher *BAnVetBioSci (Hons I), MANSci*.

On a sunny 13th August, we held another popular Horsemanship Day with 20 participants, run by Barbara Anderson. Everyone made great progress getting their horses confident with the obstacles, first on the ground and then riding. An impromptu game of horse soccer was played with members helping each other's horses get used to the large ball rolling towards them. This was followed by a social picnic lunch. Throughout the year GEC holds these casual fun days where the only aim is to have fun and enjoy a day out with your horse. Thanks to those who helped with the setting up and taking down of the practice equipment.

Five of our members attended a very pleasant afternoon with artist Christine Gresham of Glenorie on Saturday 26th August. Apart from enjoying afternoon tea and much chatting, we all managed to paint a picture of our horse's head. Christine walked us through the procedure with never ending patience and advice. Everyone happily managed to paint a pretty good likeness of their horse. We will be offering this again, so if you're keen to discover your hidden talents, why not give it a try? It's a great opportunity to be advised by a very talented artist, and have a great time.

Another beautiful day in the sun for the horses and riders that participated in the Clear Round show jumping at our grounds in Arcadia, on Sunday 27th August. The rounds started as low as tiny cross rails, and we finished the day with more brave horses and

riders jumping 1.05m. A good number of riders turned up with most of them riding two or three rounds of show jumping. These days are always an excellent opportunity to get a bit braver and go a little higher. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that make these days possible.

A picture perfect riding day set the scene for GEC's last Working Equitation clinic with Kim Peterson of the year. Clinic participants learnt about riding the obstacles and how to train for them. Kim shared many tips and informative anecdotes with her signature down to earth style. Riders practiced how to walk and prepare themselves for the course, and, more about the rules and the rider's responsibilities for their course ride. GEC will be running some more WEQ days in 2018 with an expanded format.



Leanne Garwood and Reg at the Clear Round Showjumping

Upcoming events :

22 October – Combined Training competition

24 October – Paul Cairns evening presentation on Legerete training at the Galston Club

12 November – Legerete and Horsemanship practice day

26 November - Funkhana

30 November - Scott Mitchell = Healthy Hindgut-Healthy Horse presentation at the Galston Club

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

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Arcadia Pony Club (contd. from page 42)

The champions in each age group each received a gift voucher from Horseland Dural.

Congratulations to all the competitors and a big thank you to the event organisers and to all the parents that helped throughout the day with gear check, stewarding, marshalling, judging and our canteen team. And of course – a BIG thank you to all the dads that helped out throughout the day with set up, picking up poles throughout the day and pack up as well. We hope you had a great day!

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.

📍 Arcadia Pony meets the first, third and fifth Sunday every month at the Rural Sports Facility in Galston. To find out more about Arcadia Pony Club and to see our instructor profiles, please visit <http://www.arcadiaponyclub.org>

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Arcadia Soars

Initiative, creativity, concern for their environment and a great sense of fun. These were the ingredients for Black Cockatoo Day - another great day at Arcadia Public School in September,



organised and run totally by our fabulous year 5 and year 6 students. The day was a result of discussion at our Student Parliament where students put forward ideas to enhance their school and the wider environment. Birdlife Australia were thrilled with the money raised to support the glossy black cockatoo and the younger children showed their enthusiasm, dressing up and entering the day's activities. Skye is pictured here in her prize winning black cockatoo costume – congratulations Skye!

Arcadia Public School senior choir are fabulous! Their dedication to learning complex lyrics and parts, and rehearsing steadily over months, culminated in them performing on stage at the Sydney Opera House in September as members of the Arts North choir. An



outstanding achievement! Closer to home, they are looking forward to performing at the Galston Early learning Centre's first market evening on Friday October 20.

The thought of being asked to spell increasingly difficult words in front of a large audience didn't faze Reuben, Ashley, William and Mathew when they recently represented their school at the District Premier's Spelling Bee. Each progressed to a very respectable round. We're really proud of them for having the courage to stand and show off their spelling skills.

Come along to Arcadia Markets on November 18. As usual there will be something for everyone at our fantastic market day. A classy car show and a huge variety of stalls all set in the beautiful grounds of Arcadia Public School. Not to be missed!

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News from Galston High School



13 years of schooling draw to a close for Year 12

This time of year is such a busy one for Year 12 students. Major works in the Creative Art subjects such as Visual Arts, Drama and Music have been submitted or performed, as have projects in Industrial Technology, Extension 2 English, Extension History and Society and Culture. The focus now is on the upcoming exams. The Galston High School community wish our students all the best in the coming weeks.

New Prefect body elected

Our new prefect body has taken over the mantle left by our departing Year 12. Their Induction Ceremony was held recently. School captains Chloe Lawler and Callum Trethowan acknowledged and thanked their predecessors in their speech to the student body when they stated, 'As the upcoming year approaches, we have the hard task of continuing the legacy left before us... but we also want to create our own legacy. We

will do this through realistic goals and hard work, however we acknowledge we will be in Year 12 and face some strenuous times'.

Rypen students present at Rotary

Two Year 9 Galston High School students recently attended the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) camp through the generosity of Galston Rotary. The camp focuses on developing leadership



skills and looks at issues such as goal setting and motivation. Sam Loria and Elizabeth Relph attended a Rotary meeting recently to thank them for their generosity and outline what they gained from the camp.

Rubik's Cube competition

Competition has been fierce recently at lunchtime in the library as our Rubik's Cube champions have been battling it out for supremacy. Bryce in Year 10 had impressive times but Hudson in Year 7 is hot on his heels. Mr Kim Sing was able to keep it real for all involved. He was the only one who needed cheat sheets to compete!



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Hills Grammar

13 Extraordinary Years

On the second last day of school for Year 12, Principal Michael Smith, invited the School Medallion recipients to a special lunch. This celebration marks thirteen years of schooling at Hills Grammar – Kindergarten to Year 12! Seventeen young men and women re-lived their Kindy ‘Lunch with the Principal’ from 2005 with kiddy party food and a popper. They also enjoyed sharing some very entertaining memories of class and playground antics. We wish them all the very best with their HSC and further studies.



Hills Grammar medallion recipients on the Kindy play equipment

KU Galston Preschool

We have had a great time recently at KU Galston Preschool as “spring has sprung”, as the weather warms up the children have been enjoying water play. We love using the watering cans to water our vegetable garden and flowering pots and buckets with paint



brushes to paint with water. Our vegetable garden has grown over night and the children have enjoyed our first crop of broccoli and are looking forward to harvesting the beetroot and lettuce in the coming weeks. We have planted tomatoes and cucumbers and have been busy attending to these.

Our silkworms have started hatching and this year we have separated them into 2 boxes, one box we are feeding with mulberry leaves and the other box with beetroot leaves as we have been told that if we feed the silkworms with beetroot leaves they will spin pink cocoons! We are all awaiting to see their colourful cocoons.

Sustainability is embedded into our preschool philosophy and program with many of our children living on acreage and being sustainable is a way of life. We have seriously been looking at our waste and what we can do to reduce our environmental footprint reducing things that go to landfill. Since focusing on waste we have reduced our soft plastics and packaging to only using a small bin each day. The children are so clever in recycling their

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News from Uniting Care Galston Early Learning Centre

Over the past month the children at Galston Early Learning Centre have been busy researching into different types of birds and nests. This project came about when the children noticed a smaller nest in a tree in our backyard. The nest has been there for the past few months now and we determined that it is no longer a used nest. With this in mind, we decided to take a closer look! The children were thrilled to discover that the little nest had remnants of a previously hatched egg inside. They were bursting with questions regarding the mummy bird, the baby bird, the egg and the different materials the nest was constructed from.



To extend upon our knowledge of birds we read both non-fiction and fiction books that had information relating to different types of birds. So we began to engage in discussions on how the baby birds hatch from their eggs and we also found out that the baby bird is not able to fly

straight away. We discovered that the mummy bird looks after the baby bird by feeding it and keeping it safe until it is big and strong enough to fly and care for itself.

Following up on our interest in birds, the children decided that they would help the mummy bird feed her babies and wanted to purchase some bird seed. Once we received the seed the children turned this activity into a cooking experience as they mixed the seed in with some leaves from around



the yard to provide extra flavour. Not long after preparing the feed for the wild birds and filling up our bird feeder. The children expressed their excitement as they noticed a little visitor that came to eat their seed mixture.

In the upcoming months we will be looking forward to continuing our research into different types of birds and the children will have the opportunity to visit our Bowerbird nest in the nature garden. If you would like to come and have a look at the centre or ask any questions regarding our Educational Program please feel free to contact the Centre Director Daniela Balmer on 9653 1475.

KU Galston Preschool *(contd. from page 46)*

food waste into things that can be recycled, food scraps for our preschool worm farm, containers that can be washed and re-used for craft or soft plastics that we can now recycle at certain Coles and Woolworths supermarkets. Thank you to our families who are now using small containers for food that can be washed each day rather than zip lock bags or packages that go to landfill and take years to break down. We also have a harvest table at the front of the preschool where families can sell, trade or buy produce from our families' gardens such as herbs, jams, vegetables, eggs or flowers etc. Being environmentally aware is important to all of us at preschool and we look forward to finding new ways that we can be responsible members of our community.

We are enrolling for 2018 and have limited vacancies. Please call our director Rebecca on 96532252 or email ku.galston@ku.com.au or more details.

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Galston Public School

By Carole Weiss

Galston Public School students have been very busy organising and participating in a variety of events in Term 3.

Our school captains Madison and Jesse and Vice Captains Mannix and Emmi attended the Annual Student Leaders Morning Tea at Parliament House, hosted by our State Member, Mr Matt Kean. What an inspiring and enjoyable morning they experienced.

Congratulations to the SRC for its Devil Ark fundraising day. The money raised will help this wonderful organisation in its efforts to successfully breed the Tasmanian Devil in captivity. Another worthy cause which the SRC also organised and supported was Jeans for Genes Day.

Courageous and determined efforts were displayed by Galston Public School's Athletics Team which competed in the Beecroft PSSA Zone Athletics Field and Track Events. What a fine group of sporting ambassadors these students were. The Junior Girls Relay team consisting of Alannah, Amber, Charli and Arabella finished first and qualified for the Sydney North PSSA Regional Athletics Carnival. A special congratulations to Amber who qualified for the 100m event. A wonderful group of parents must be thanked as they assisted with transporting the students to the Zone carnival and encouraged them for their awesome efforts on the day

What a wonderful excursion Kindergarten students had when they visited Calmsley Hill Farm. They had educational adventures while milking cows, patting baby lambs, watching sheep shearing and very gently holding baby chickens. An exciting day was had by everyone.

Kindergarten Orientations will be held over four weeks in November. The first orientation will be held on Wednesday the 8th November, 2017 at 5pm. The subsequent days will be each successive Wednesday (15th, 22nd, and 29th) at 9am.

If you are thinking of enrolling your child please come along and you will find out about the wonderful programs which have been planned for Kindergarten children in 2018. You will also be able to meet other parents and enjoy a chat over coffee and cake.

📞 So 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.



Hillside Public School

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

Book week began with all children and staff dressing up as their favourite book character. Book Week continued with a Book Fair, Open Classrooms and a whole school performance of the Musical Three Billy Goats Gruff. All three Kinder billy goats entertained the crowd as did the superbly acting Troll. A wonderful orchestra and storytellers backed all the actors. A great show.

Hillside participated in raising money for Cupcake for a Cure, which raises money for research into children's cancer. Over \$100 was raised with the children enjoying buying and eating delicious cupcakes.

Congratulations to Antonia, Amelia, Thomas and Samuel in the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee held at Mona Vale PS on Thursday 7th September. Antonia, Amelia and Samuel made it to Round 2 with Thomas going through to Round 4! Well Done.

Monday 11th September saw Hillside's relay team, Arabella, Madison, Harrison and Joshua, head off to Area Carnival at Homebush to participate in the Small School's relay. A sensational win sees them heading off to the State Carnival early next term. Arabella also ran in her age races in 100m and 200m. Congratulations to everyone.

Hillside extends an invitation to the whole community to attend the Hillside Dinner and Auction night on Saturday 4th November at Glenorie RSL. Starting at 7pm and costing \$40 per person, a great night of food and fun is guaranteed!

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Church News

Glenorie Mission Church

What is His work and when do we first meet Him?

(a continuation of the message from Rev. Ed, Long)

The simplest way to describe the first work of the Holy Spirit in a life is to compare it to a person looking for a place to live. That is the concept given to us in 1 Corinthians 6:19:

'Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?'

When do we first meet the Holy Spirit? When He comes knocking at our heart's door. We may not know then that the voice we hear in our heart telling us of our need of a Saviour is the Holy Spirit. It is easier to look back later and recognise that He was the one speaking to us earlier in our experience.

It is like being in a crowd, perhaps in some one's home, where you began talking to the person along side you with out knowing who he was. Later your host or hostess said, 'I'd like to introduce you to Mr So-and so. You replied, "Well, we haven't actually met, but we've been talking together". You felt you already knew that person although you did not know his name. After being introduced you could continue your conversation more intelligently.

When we first meet the Holy Spirit we may not know His name, and we certainly do not know the Saviour of whom He speaks. John 16:8 tells us, 'When He comes He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin'....Why? He will convict of sin, because the world does not believe in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

(to be continued)

Come and find out more at Bible Study 7.00p.m, (light meal included) Tuesday. Sunday Service 10:15 a.m. at Glenorie Mission Church, 1409 Old Northern Road Glenorie.

Get Answers !

Does God exist? How can anyone believe in religion when science has proved no God is necessary? Is evolution happening today? If there is a loving God, then why do we die?

Want answers? Get them! *Creation Ministries International* is coming soon (see details below, "Does Truth Matter?") with answers to these and many other important questions. Come along and listen to Dr Mark Brunacci expose the bankruptcy of evolutionary ideas. You'll be blown away to see how the supposed 'scientific evidence' for evolution' is really nothing of the sort.

This is an issue that affects *everyone*. According to the theory of evolution as taught in schools and universities, there is no need for God, everything made it's self. If that's true, there is no spiritual realm – you don't have a spirit and there is no afterlife. So 'spirituality' is just an evolutionary trick of the mind!

But the Bible gives a very different picture about our origins. And many scientists now recognize that the scientific evidence, when properly understood, confirms the biblical account.

Does Truth Matter?

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News from St Benedict's

Vale Father Simon

Everyone in St Benedict's parish and the many people in our community who met or worked with him were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Father Simon Aloisi OSB on Friday 8th September. Father Simon was born in Italy but spent much more of his life in Australia than in his native land.



He was ordained as a priest more than 50 years ago and served in the parish of Smithfield for a number of years, then as the parish priest in St Benedict's Arcadia from 1996 to 2001. But he much preferred to serve in a supporting role and was still working as assistant parish priest until his death.

Father Simon became well known in our district because of his involvement in many community activities, including regular visits to events at Rowland Village and, later, Mark Donaldson House. He was the chaplain to the St Benedict's Seniors Group for a number of years and is shown in the picture celebrating his 80th birthday with the seniors. *We will miss him.*

Galston Christian Education Association (GCEA) Spring Dinner

A group of parishioners represented St Benedict's at the annual GCEA dinner held in the Galston Club and reported that everyone had a wonderful night. Special thanks to the organisers. Parish priest Father Bernard commented on the support given to Christian education by Galston High School and by all the other schools in our district.

St Benedict's Parish Fete

Many have asked what happened to the St Benedict's fete that is normally held in September. The good news is that the fete hasn't disappeared – it's just been postponed until 18 March 2018. The organisers are hoping that everyone involved will find this a slightly less crowded time of year.

Happy birthday Sister Clem

We celebrated our much-loved Sister Clement's 90th birthday with a Sunday morning party. Congratulations from all of us.

Weekend Mass Times

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

The Contents of President's Lincoln's Pockets

Pastor David McKibben

Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

In the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. is found an exhibition of American treasures, items associated with significant events in the history of the United States. One of the most popular exhibits is the contents of Abraham Lincoln's pockets on the night he was assassinated. The display contains the following: a penknife, a glasses case, a handkerchief with his initials embroidered on it, a wallet containing a \$5 note, and nine newspaper cuttings.

What is noteworthy about those newspaper cuttings is that they all speak highly of Lincoln's achievements. In fact, one of them

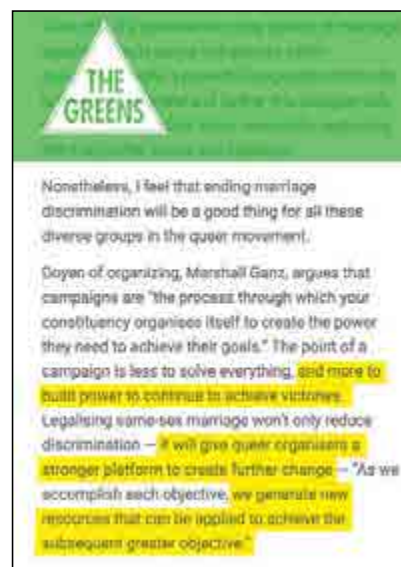
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Masha Gessen, a prolific contributor on LGBT issues to The New York Times



Campaign table from the Australian Socialist Party on Swanston St, Melbourne.



Screenshot of the excerpt from the article "Beyond Marriage Equality" on the Greens website.

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THERE IS MORE AT STAKE, VOTE NO



By Corri Byrne, Pastor

Every year we see chocolate eggs appearing on the shopping aisles and for many children around the world they wake up on the Sunday morning and devour a copious amount of chocolate, a very sugary breakfast indeed!

While we could explore the history of the egg, the links to various festivals, rituals and celebrations, I would rather focus on the day, Easter Sunday.

Before there were Easter bunnies, chocolate eggs, or even debates about what the day represents and whether it should be celebrated, there was a Sunday, like many before it. The first day of the Jewish week. Until now, it was uneventful, just another day. Yet this one was different.

As we have walked through the revelations of grace, this fourth stage is possibly the most known, yet least understood.

Easter Sunday, the day of the resurrection. The day where Jesus emerged from the grave and once again walked the earth. The day, where Jesus overcame our greatest fear of all ... death.

What greater fear is there?

Going to the principal's office vs death.

Meeting a potential employer vs death. Chosen to stand in front to deliver a speech vs death. Jumping out of an aeroplane vs death. Any fear whatsoever vs death.

If Jesus overcame death, what is there to fear? If even death itself cannot have victory then what is there to be anxious about? Nervous about? Fearful of?

The Contents of President's Lincoln's Pockets *continued*

contains a lengthy speech by a contemporary British politician who described Abraham Lincoln as one of the greatest men of all time!

Today most people recognise that Abraham Lincoln deserved that accolade. He was an outstanding personality and leader, but not many thought that at the time of his murder. During his lifetime, his critics were vicious and numerous. So there is something very touching about a great leader who needed to encourage himself by reading the good things that others had said or written about him.

Leaders or people in positions of authority need encouragement. By the very nature of their responsibilities, they often walk a lonely path.

But it is not only leaders who need encouragement – we all do! A timely word of appreciation has a powerful influence. There are few things more helpful than a word of encouragement. It gives us fresh strength and spirit to keep going when we are experiencing difficult times. The great car manufacturer Henry Ford regarded the ability to encourage others as one of the greatest talents that a person can possess.

And this is a work in which we can all be involved. One of most beautiful examples of encouragement in the Bible is the kindness Onesiphorous extended to Paul when the apostle was in prison

(2 Timothy 1:16-18). 'May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorous, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.' (1:16) His frequent visits were like a breath of fresh air to Paul. They gave him fresh hope and courage when the apostle had felt like giving up. Paul was the great Christian leader and missionary; Onesiphorous was the ordinary church member, so to speak. But it was the latter who carried out the great work of encouragement, and it was a wonderful work that was truly Christ-like.

A book on the British constitution contains these words: "The Sovereign has, under a constitutional monarchy such as ours, three rights – the right to be consulted, the right to warn, (and) the right to encourage." I suggest that encouragement is not the preserve of a monarch, but a right open to all of us. Let us all be encouragers in our realm of influence.

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 1 Corinthians 15:55

To have a real revelation of scripture that Jesus rose from the dead is to overcome all fear, anxiety, and worry.

In Luke 24, it shares this day of mourning, the day where the women had woken early to go and prepare for Jesus' final resting place.

Then, as they arrived at the tomb and found it open, in Luke 24:5-6 two men in clothes like lightning say "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Oh, how easy it is to read these lines. Two thousand years on. Blah, blah, blah ... lah di dah dah.

Far too often these words are relegated to just a muddle of letters on a page. Their significance diluted by time and their meaning lost.

Believers show yourselves! Where are you who KNOW this scripture? Where are you who are boldly standing on these words?

We need to share this with the world!

Our Western world is so broken, chasing things and finding depression. Seeking joy and only finding anxiety. Making plans for their future and only finding worry.

I implore you to step up and show the world that we are saved. We have inherited eternal joy. We are victorious! God's love is overwhelming and He so wants to burst through our numbness.

If the resurrection of Jesus becomes your revelation what could possibly stop you? What could possibly stand in your way?

Step up, step out and cry for joy as this revelation envelops you.

For those, who have made it this far, and still these words seem trivial or mundane then please come and visit our church and find out how you can be ignited by the Holy Spirit. That you are truly loved and can be filled with joy, with peace, with love.

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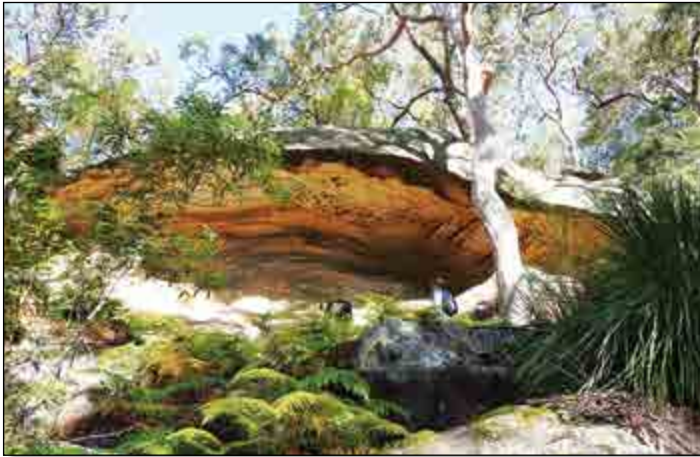
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The Annual General Meeting of Friends of Berowra Valley will be held on October 3rd at 7 pm in the Esther Waite meeting room at Hornsby Library. This volunteer group, originally known as Friends of Berowra Valley Regional Park, was formed in 1993 with the aim of protecting and promoting what was to become a national park. Among other activities the group produced a comprehensive guide book and a map of the area. However numbers have dwindled over the years and we have to consider the future of the group.

📍 If this concerns you, please attend our meeting. Enquiries Bob 9489 5997 or Rae 9456 2111.



Help Us Save the Gang-Gang Cockatoos

There are grave concerns about the future of Hornsby Shire's population of gang-gang cockatoos and we need the help of the local community.

Hornsby Shire Council has partnered with Ku-ring-gai Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to create a survey about the threatened population of cockatoos in the area.

"The gang-gang cockatoos were once widespread in Sydney, but that is no longer the case," Hornsby Council environmental scientist Mark Hood said.

"The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai area is thought to have the last breeding population in the Sydney metropolitan area, which makes it very important for us to learn more about them."



"We have created a short survey to help us figure out how many there are and learn more about their movement patterns."

Gang-gang cockatoos are usually found in pairs or small family groups.

They forage on eucalyptus trees and wattles in forest and woodland areas.

The birds can be identified from their distinctive call that sounds like a creaking rasp, they are generally grey in colour with the males having a bright red head.

Areas of interest include Malton Road, Copeland Road and Byles Creek where there have been previous sightings.

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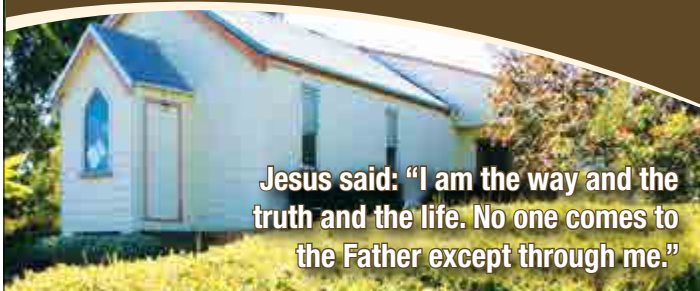
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Geranium Man Guest Speaker at October Bromeliad Meeting

At the next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia being held on Saturday, 14 October at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill the guest speaker will be the very entertaining and informative Geranium Man. Sale of plants from 11am with the meeting commencing at 12noon and everyone is welcome.



Geranium Man will talk about the best positions to grow geraniums, fertilising and watering and the best varieties with long-lasting flowering. Geraniums are perfectly suited for today's gardens as they provide instant colour with potted plants being very "in" at the moment with home decorators.

He will also cover the best time to prune geraniums and how hard to prune the best types of potting mixes for geraniums.

There will be an opportunity for members and their guest to purchase geraniums from the Geranium Man at the meeting.

Geraniums are known for their drought and heat tolerance, but also for foliage and perfumed flowers. If you've visited any of the Mediterranean countries you will usually see Geraniums everywhere brightening up courtyards and balconies.

BSA meetings include plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet with like-minded people in a friendly and inviting environment.

Contact Ian Hook - mobile 0408202269,
email: ianhook1@bigpond.com Website: www.bromeliad.org.au

Geebungs

By Jutta Hamilton

Geebungs or Persoonias are shrubs with small yellow flowers followed by edible fruit. There are various species, that can be found in the Sydney area, mostly on sandy soils, but a few also grow on clay and alluvial soils.

From the 12 species described in the Sydney area, two are endangered; one is poorly known and another one extinct.

The other species are more common and are an important part of the understory and shrub layer of woodlands. Once the fruit is ripe and turns purple in colour and can be difficult to find because native wildlife really enjoys the fruit.

Whether in flower or in fruit, Persoonias make a very attractive garden plant- but they are quite difficult to propagate.

Persoonia pinifolia is found growing in heath or sclerophyll forest in this area. It is commonly referred to as the Pine-leaved Geebung or The Australian Christmas Tree because it commences flowering around Christmas and has "pine-tree" like leaves.

With its fresh, green foliage it is attractive all year round and its bright yellow flowers never fail to attract attention. The species is hardy in most well drained soils in full sun or partial shade.

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Australian Plants Society

The monthly meeting of the Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will be held at 7-45 pm on **Friday October 13th** in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby.

David Bolton from Hornsby Council will speak about "Reducing Stormwater Impacts on Bushland." Visitors welcome to bring plants for identification. Browse in our extensive library and enjoy a cuppa. More information at www.blandfordia.org.au



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Galston Garden Club



Galston Community Hall was awash with colour as members arrived for our September meeting. There were flowering pots & vases of flowers spread throughout the room as we entered, from the last of the camellias gracing the length of the Executive table, the flowering plants that would be raffled that night, the successes of members plants for "Show and Tell" to the rows and rows of potted perennials brought in by our guest speaker Jeremy Critchley of the Green Gallery Nursery, Quarry Rd., Dural. Jeremy spoke with passion of his love of producing premium potted flowering perennials and the love he has for his nursery which he started 10 years ago. The nursery grew from a germ of an idea at the back of an Italian gardener's piece of land to the thriving and viable business it is today. Jeremy is determined to bring best business practice to his nursery using organic and environmental principals in his quest to provide a plant that is strong, healthy and thriving. To this end he travels to Europe to find the latest colours as well as the newest varieties of old favourites. Club members eagerly snapped up the potted colour he had brought along as many were not yet released for sale....and we all know how gardeners love to have something new or unique in their garden, even if it is just a new colour release.

With our **Open Gardens Weekend on 20th-22nd October** drawing ever closer, gardens are being prepared, signs are going up and advertising brochures are being distributed far and wide. As our major fundraiser for the year, with all profits going to the charities that have been selected by the garden owners and the committee. This month we look at another four of our 8 beautiful gardens, again bursting with ideas that will inspire us in our own gardens, big and small. So walking shoes back on, cameras at the ready let's start at Derriwong Rd., Dural's "Red Creek" which has the magnificent 30 metre Blue Gums growing round the red



creek which is coloured by natural iron deposits. The creek is bordered by shade loving plants with bridges and pathways giving a relaxing rainforest effect. Then trek on down to "Pukekura Park" on Galston Rd this is one of the gardens you can spy from the road and are intrigued to see more. Open for the first time this is an old established garden in an English style at the front and the rear is Japanese inspired with interconnected koi ponds. Not far away is "Kailynd" in Cotswold Rd Dural which you approach up the long tree lined driveway, opening up to the beautifully landscaped lake with extensive plantings and a new fountain. The formal parterre garden will delight those who love formality in the garden. Finally make your way to "Elegans" Fishburns Rd Galston which is many a gardener's favourite. This collector's garden is home to a huge range of plants, for those who have been before there is a new Chinese style pavilion and garden, and, as all gardens do, it continues to evolve every year. Here you can enjoy morning and afternoon tea, the plant stall as well as books, preserves and jams for sale made by many of the local community. *The gardens are open from 9.30-4.30 tickets are \$20 which gives entrance to all gardens, or \$5 per garden, children under 18 free. For enquiries: Bill Fleming 9653 2394, check our website or email: galstongardenclub@gmail.com*

📍 Garden Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday 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



Elegans



Kailynd



Pukekura Park



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Club Meetings and Events

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Guest of Honour, Current Mrs Australia, Goodwill Ambassador International, Kathryn Nair will be sharing her health journey.

WIN a Ticket for JCAS Campaign Detox & Pamper Day by going to our Instagram for details.

https://www.instagram.com/jcas_organic/

Soroptimist International of The Hills

Spring Fashion Parade

Saturday 7th October, 2017, 1.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Conference Centre, 64 McKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills

\$15.00 includes afternoon tea & a glass of wine

Contact: Janine on 0412230347 with your name and numbers to reserve you place

Four Legged Friend Walk

Sunday 8th October, 10am - 11.30am

Meeting place details given upon confirmation.

Clip on your loyal four legged friend's leash and join in on this lovely walk within Fagan Park. All dogs must be leashed and accompanied by a responsible adult- after all we are walking in a "Wildlife Protection Area"! So please practice responsible pet ownership.

Please bring water for both yourself and your dog.

Distance: 2km **Grade:** 2

Cost: Free

Contact: Natural Resources 9847 6832

Dural Galston Probus Club

Thursday 12th October, 10am

The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston

Members are asked to note this month the meeting will be held one week early to allow members to go on the holiday to Bellingen

Contact: Anne 9653 1004

Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch

Friday, 13th October, 9.00a.m.

Room 1, Castle Glen, 157 Ridgescrop Drive, Knightsbridge, Castle Hill. (Temporary address)

Parking - at lower end of shopping centre and local bus routes available. Cake Stall to be held on Saturday, 28th October, at Bunnings, Castle Hill. For details and Branch Enquiries 8850 7056

Roll Up. Roll Up. The Father Daughter Dance is Coming to

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The Fiddler, Rouse Hill . All details are on the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheAnnualFatherDaughterDance/>

Galston VIEW Club

Wednesday 25th October, 2017, 11am

Dural Country Club

Guest Speaker: Club member, Vivien Fitzer, who will speak about her experiences living in Papua New Guinea. Visitors are always welcome.

Contact: Vivien 9894 1189

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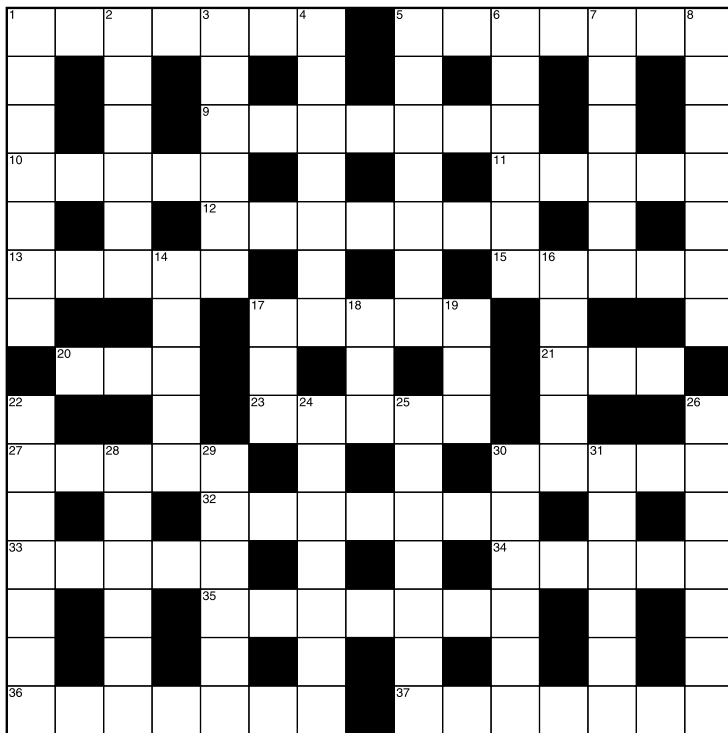
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1. Runs after
5. From Cornwall
9. Harder to find
10. Sidestep
11. Surpass
12. Mooring hooks
13. Of the kidneys
15. Recording ribbons
17. Britain's Scilly ...
20. Rile
21. Carry
23. Monastery superior
27. Black playing card symbol
30. African scavenger
32. Wait-listed, on ...
33. Harsh metallic sound
34. Bleated
35. Underwriter
36. Wax pencils
37. Feeble with age

DOWN

1. Mulls over
2. Flush
3. Undo (envelope)
4. Spiritualist meetings
5. Hurricane
6. Most uncommon
7. Polar covering
8. Killer's schedule (3,4)
14. Inquired
16. Steel or brass
17. Irish group (1,1,1)
18. Tennis shot
19. Take a chair
22. Spirit medium
24. Cooks in juices
25. Instructed
26. Beach midge
28. Country, Saudi ...
29. Alaskan native
30. Half-breed
31. Pass (of time)

Answer from September Issue



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