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Galston High School Goes from Strength to Strength

Congratulations to the Principal, Teachers and staff at Galston High School for receiving yet another accolade from the Department of Education. Their 2017 NAPLAN results show Galston High School as one of the 'most substantially improved schools in the state in 2017'.

This follows on from their remarkable HSC results where they were named by the Sydney Morning Herald in the top ten "biggest improvers in the HSC" for 2 consecutive years".

In the 2017 HSC results Chloe Skewes-Weir achieved a perfect score in English Extension 2, ranking her amongst the top 20 students in the state.

In the Advanced, Extension 1 and Extension 2 English courses Galston High ranked 11th in the state and is the top performing non-selective comprehensive, coeducational high school.



Chloe Skewes-Weir with Principal Jill Tourlas.

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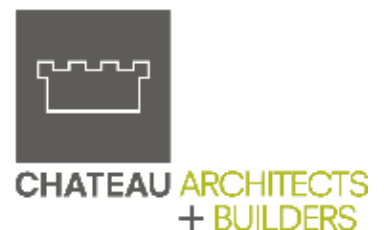
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Our Open day on ANZAC Day, **Wednesday, 25th April**, will be behind us when you read this. We are of course looking forward to a successful day, with plenty of traditional home made ANZAC biscuits consumed. As I write this, repairs to our McDonald diesel roller have been completed successfully, and the old girl is back in operation after 10 months of layup. It will be started on the day.

Netherby Homestead will be closed for some time after ANZAC Day to enable the pressed metal ceilings to be replaced. The old steel ceilings have suffered the ravages of time and have rusted through in places and become unsightly. Council has organised period patterned replacements, in aluminium, which should have a long service life, not that 117 years was too bad for the old ones. It will be quite a disruption, with all the contents having to be moved to storage.

One of our displays that has not been demonstrated for a number of years is the horse-works driven chaff cutter. Having no horse, we use a self-steering small Kubota tractor in its place. For the chaff cutter, we need a supply of oaten hay, so we have just ploughed a small plot of ground to sow some oats, which we will later cut and store for demonstrating chaff cutting (rabbits permitting!).

An exciting new project is being planned – the restoration of an International Model K truck of 1918. The vehicle was recently donated by one of the district's pioneering families, and we have obtained another donor chassis to provide some missing items. There is much information gathering under way before we actually start real work. It will take a couple of years at least, and is likely to present some real challenges. These are unique trucks, known as



Example of truck

coal-scuttle style, with the radiator behind rather than in front of the engine. I hope this is not being too technical for readers, but it is what makes them such unusual and iconic vehicles. The photo illustrates the style.

The Friends of Fagan Park maintain the artefacts on display in the museums, and are continuously restoring worthwhile objects of local significance. There are always new projects being undertaken, and we welcome enquiries from anyone interested in joining our group. A reminder that the museums are open every Tuesday, and on the second Sunday of each month (afternoon only).

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Hawks Fly on Grand Final Day

Hills Hawks Softball Club has finished off the 2017/18 season on a high, with 5 out of 5 teams winning their respective grand finals.

The day began with our Modball B team, the GladiatorHawks, taking out the Mod B Major Championship, whilst our Modball A team, the MegaHawks fought hard against the Hornsby Wildcats to win 7-5 – and finish undefeated for the entire season.

Next up our BlackHawks dominated North Rocks to take out the Division 1 schoolgirls premiership, defeating North Rocks 7-0. Our B-grade ladies, the LegendHawks, defended their 2016/17 title defeating Thornleigh 16-0, in a dominant display of batting.

In the A-grade grand final, the FireHawks defeated North Rocks 8-0 in a game where the score did not reflect its intensity. Coming down to the final innings, the FireHawks were able to bat their way to back-to-back premierships.

The day was wrapped up with a thrilling game with our C-grade ladies, the LadyHawks, defeating Hornsby Wildcats 13-12.

Not only did our teams have great success, 5 members of our club received perpetual awards: Georgia Heath took out the Modball A Pitching Award, Teoni Lamb was awarded the Junior Pitching Award with her older sister Kandra Lamb taking out the Senior Pitching Award and The Georgia Casey Outstanding Rep Achievement Award for her NSW and Australian representative honours.

Our volunteers were also acknowledged: Emily Simpson was awarded the Paul Wolf Trophy for Contribution to HDSA and Richard Gatt was awarded the Peter & Heather James Volunteer Trophy for Contribution to HDSA.

This season would not have been possible without our players, officials, parents, and of course our major sponsors Bendigo Bank Galston Community Bank, Hills Storage and Glenorie RSL Club. Hills Hawks Softball Club will be back for the 2018/19 season, so keep an eye out for registration details.



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Love my food and wine



Vivino is one of my go to apps when I need to know about a particular wine. It is a bit like the Tripadvisor of wines. You take a photo of the label of the bottle and then you can access ratings, reviews and pricing. This is extremely useful if you are travelling and are unsure of the wine you are selecting. The reviews are submitted by individuals.



Recently I was travelling to Albury on the Victorian border. We wanted to find a good pub for lunch. I find **Google Maps** is great for this. Once you set your destination and begin, you then have the option to search. Standard settings are petrol stations, restaurants and supermarkets. I clicked on the Search icon and typed 'Pub'. We chose a pub at Jugiong which Google told us was a quick detour and had been rated at 4.5 stars. It was a great stop and good to get away from the large service centres along the highway.

I have also used the **viaMichelin** app when I travelled in France for locating good restaurants. The app lists all restaurants that have been Michelin reviewed and advise price categories along with directions and contact details.

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

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Bakery Trying to Cement a Deal

Glenorie Bakery proprietor Rob Pirina has called in one of the big guns to help lock in a Queensland opponent to take on his team in this year's Pie of Origin charity challenge.

After being rejected by several Queensland bakeries, it was time to unleash his secret weapon in former Origin firebrand Mark Geyer, who became public enemy in Queensland in 1991 when he engaged in a volatile face-off with rugby league royalty – King Wally Lewis. Geyer was goaded by Lewis who was hoping to have the Blues enforcer sent off.

It was an incident that remains the most memorable in Origin history, between a man with god-like status whose illustrious career was coming to an end and a gifted young backrower with a short fuse.

Geyer, who uses his celebrity to raise funds for a host of different charities, said at the time that he “didn't know whether to punch Lewis or get his autograph”.

Geyer's involvement with this year's Pie of Origin was brought about by his friendship with Dural First National agent Adrian Rovere, when they met for the first time at a charity event on board the Nepean Belle back in March of this year.

“It was the day I got shaved at Glenorie Bakery for the World's Greatest Shave,” said Adrian, who had one forgettable season with the Dragons back in the 1980s.

“After getting shaved within an inch of my life by my daughter Courtney, I headed off to Penrith where MG was the star attraction for an event raising funds to support a local charity (Queen of Hearts Foundation) that assists victims of domestic violence in the Penrith region.”

“When we met there was an instant rapport. MG has been honoured for his amazing community and charity work. I'm not sure if its Sir MG or Lord MG but what I do know is that we need more selfless people like him,” said Adrian.

Adrian said as soon as Geyer heard that money raised from the Pie of Origin challenge was going to the Children's Hospital at Westmead and the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in South Brisbane, he was only too happy to throw his considerable weight behind the event.

By the time this goes to print, it is more than likely that an opponent was found especially after Glenorie Bakery was in the process of sending off to all Queensland-based bakeries, the recipe for a special variety of pie created by their in-house team of butchers and pastry chefs.

“Apparently one of the secret ingredients is a healthy nutritious ‘cement-type’ substance which will hopefully, after they make it and eat it, see one of the Queensland bakeries harden up and take up the challenge,” Adrian said.

“To date all we are getting from the Queensland bakeries is a bunch of cream puffs. What we hope to do is unveil a bakery with the meatballs to take us on,” said Rob who revealed last year they raised \$40,000 in total - \$20,000 for each hospital.

“In the end, it's not about who sells the most pies, it's about raising money for sick kids and having some fun along the way.”

Rob said there will be a big State of Origin event at Glenorie Bakery just prior to Game One at which Mark Geyer will be the special guest. Plans are in place for it to be covered by Channel Seven.

Once the details are bedded down, they will be on various websites, all social media and the noticeboard at Glenorie Village Centre.



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Glenorie Progress Association News

By Di Coxon-Ellis

Boral Concrete Schwebel Lane Upgrade: The scale of the upgrade has surfaced as a contentious issue for many of the GPA members and Glenorie Village residents. Traffic during school hours and the proposed long operating hours (seven days a week from 6am to 10pm weekdays AND able to operate



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on a Sunday) continue to be a worry! Dust emissions are a major health issue also and all these combine to create concern regarding the possible effect of children at the local schools.

Another problem now is Boral machinery operating out of current consent hours. Concerns are still about the height of the proposed 21m silos and Boral needs to provide an artist's impressions of likely sight effects from the north, east and west.

Boral distributed their newsletter to residents close to the Batching Plant. In this newsletter they state that the plant is operating close to capacity 20,000 tonnes per annum, however,

information given at the GPA meeting was that the current output is 800tonnes pa. The proposal is for a staggering 52,000 tonnes per annum!

This letter and presentation is on our website at <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/> along with a disclaimer stating that the GPA does NOT support the upgrade. The Association is acting as a conduit to distribute the information to the residents of Glenorie so

you are armed with information to make a decision whether to accept or oppose the expansion of the current conditions.

Note that the DA is to be lodged soon with The Hills Shire Council. So we again urge all members to submit their concerns and spread the word to ALL who may be affected by the upgrade. You will have an opportunity to have input into the DA during the submission period, so don't waste the opportunity!

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This Planning Subcommittee has had some very productive conversations with Hornsby Councillors Michael Hutchence and Warren Wardell and is embarking on developing a design-led urban improvement plan for Glenorie and district.

Road safety signs - We have had a response on the many letters sent for speed signs on Glenorie 'rural' roads from Hornsby Council but none from the RMS or The Hills. This matter will be pursued until we reach a solution.

The "Making Sense of Solar" Information Day was held on 22 April at the Glenorie Hall. Many of you brought your power bill along for the experts to help you. If there is enough interest another day will be organised.

The *Environment Centre* group is as vigilant as ever with Streamwatch tests highlighting previous issues with the Glenorie Creek salination which appears to have been reduced.

We are still working with Woolworth's management on a dedicated ASSOCIATIONS noticeboard. Watch that space!

Glenorie bus bay gardens are to be completed soon and in April the tarmac was marked for repair.

Reports and minutes are available on the Glenorie Progress Association website: <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/>

Next meeting will be at 7:45pm on Tuesday 8 May at Glenorie RSL.


Galston Girl Guides Enjoy the Outdoors – Campfires and Cooking!



The highlight of this term has been the campfire. We waited until after the fire season before toasting marshmallows, cooking orange chocolate muffins and singing campfire songs.




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Dural Bowlers Get Off the Green for a Day



Lovely models: Gabe, Barbara, Ruth, Beryl, Pam

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weather clothes provided by Stafford fashions. The models were from the playing members of the club except for the obliging, and natural, daughter of the club's hard working secretary and all looked very smart and elegant. There will be a lot of smart ladies shopping or playing in the hills area as it cools down. A number of people were lucky enough to win one of the lovely raffle prizes.

Back on the green, 26 teams from as far as Newport and



Blacktown competed in the Dural Autumn, sponsored by Anglican Retirement Villages and TJ Andrews Funeral Services. Lunch was served in the courtyard, specially decorated by the social ladies and was declared delicious and the weather, although hot, did not mar the quality of the bowls. Beecroft ladies, Lyn Beaumont, Helen Hynd and Jan Morris won the day. The Runners up were from Blacktown Workers with The Hills and Castle taking the minor prizes.

While the ladies have been socialising the men have been very serious with Richard Thorp (Right) winning the **Major Singles** title. One of the club's young guns, he needed all his experience to defeat Phil Bonvino playing his first major final.



Phil Bonvino and Richard Thorp

The readers will have an opportunity to try bowling at the Country Club on May 19 at 10.00am to 1.00 pm. All welcome, bowls supplied. Contact Rob, 0411 375 580 or Eileen 0432 181 635

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The goal is towards calmer learners, more alert children/young people who are better able to understand their world and better

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Friday and on Saturday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The warehouse sale is at 28/280 New Line Road which is down behind Oporto's next to the bus depot on the corner of Old Northern Road near Round Corner.

Products available will include sleeping mats, sportswear, rainwear, baselayers (thermals), fleece tops & pants, merino outer layers, socks, and a large range of accessories including gloves, scarfs, beanies, bum bags, etc.

Eastbend Report

The next Eastbend Rural Communications meeting will be held on **Monday May 21st** at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School, 4540 Old Northern Road, Maroota. If you have any local issues you would like to discuss or have help with please come to the meeting. If you can't come, please contact Pat Schwartz, at deblacko7@hotmail.com or 9652-1276, or Tessa Corkill, at 2archaeics@gmail.com or 9652-1470. As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting starts. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Wiseman’s Ferry May 19/20 2018

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

Partnering with the Wisemans Ferry Forgotten Valley Association and local sponsors including major sponsor WFR Real Estate Agents, Convict Footprints brings their unique brand of living history immersive entertainment to the picturesque riverside town with a day of roving street theatre culminating in the first premiere of the weekend as they launch a brand new production on the Saturday evening at the Wisemans Ferry Inn. The show includes a delicious Australian Spit Roast dinner and will be followed by a free fireworks display. The night continues on with classic colonial bush dance provided by the much celebrated Ozimaid Bush Band, with a prize for the best dressed gent and lady in colonial costume.

The fun continues Sunday as another brand new Convict Footprints show premieres at the amazing Tobruk Station with shows morning and afternoon - join them up the hill above the town for a bawdy historical romp through our country’s farming history as actors, stockmen, jillaroos, sheep, dogs, horses, actors dressed as sheep... all come together in a wonderfully chaotic entertainment which includes a classic Australian bush BBQ lunch.



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

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

There is free entry to township/day events/stalls etc and fireworks.

Tickets for either of the Convict Footprints show/meal special events are available online from www.tickets.convictfootprints.com.au

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

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We may witness another cap-wearing hero in 90 year old James Short from southern Sydney when he visits Galston Aquatic Centre for the Hills AUSSI Masters Swim meet on 6 May. James turned 90 in March and is attempting to set a State Record swimming the 1500metre freestyle. Yes, you are reading this correctly – **1500 metres at 90 years** young. James is attempting to set this record in the Masters 90 – 94 age group. The fact that there is no current record for this age group is testament to the difficulty of a swimmer achieving this feat. It will be a first for a NSW Masters swimmer of this age.

Hills Masters is hosting an interclub long distance meet at Galston Aquatic Centre which will attract swimmers from all over the ACT/NSW Branch and possibly from other states. So come along on Sunday 6 May to Galston Aquatic Centre where all are welcome to watch this amazing swimmer and all of the other masters swimmers ranging from 18 years to James at 90, at all ability levels.

In our next issue we hope to have a picture of James celebrating his record breaking swim.

Galston High School Goes... *continued from page 1*

Kianna Munro won the Ministers Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. She also won the Vice-Chancellors leadership Scholarship at Western Sydney University worth \$40,000. The most prestigious of all scholarships at this university.

Matthew Moody had his Industrial Technology Major Work selected for exhibition at the Timber and Woodworking Show.

Zac Daniel was awarded the John Lincoln Memorial Medal as part of the Order of Australia honours for his outstanding work in the community.

As mentioned in the Minister's recent letter, "the daily energy and resolve to improve quality practice, cater individually for student learning needs and inspire student excellence, is deserving of particular commendation. Your leadership as Principal is also driving impressive high standards as you cultivate a determined whole school commitment for stronger performance."

Well done to Principal Jillian Turlas, her deputies Lisa Pieper and Julia Petrulis and all their teachers and staff. You are doing a fantastic job!

Market Milestone

This month, Glenorie Growers' Market turns 8 years old, and the owner of the market, Vicki Brownless, would like to convey sincere thanks to the local community for its ongoing support. "The market provides a venue for growers, producers and artisans to display and market their products, and it has also become a meeting place for friends and families to gather each month, to have a coffee or snack and relax", she said. "I would also like to thank the Board and management of Glenorie RSL Club for its continuing collaboration."

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Cycling to School and Back?

By Susanna Mills

Are you sick of the daily school drop off and pick up? There is an alternative option- the kids get themselves to school and back, you contribute one car less to traffic congestion, end up being fitter and you have more time to yourself. Students who ride or walk to school contribute to their minimum physical activity level of 60 minutes per day. They are also more focused and ready to learn compared to those who are driven.

So if eight out of ten kids rode bicycles or walked to primary school or high school three decades ago, why are there only one or two lonely bicycles parked at schools in 2018?

- 1) Helicopter parenting? Parents and grandparents are so afraid of 'Stranger Danger', and what other parents think of their parenting that they will not allow their children any freedom to do anything on their own.
- 2) Obstructive NSW State govt cycle regulations? The \$395 fine for not wearing a helmet, the petty \$105 fine for not having a bell and many more...but a major systemic fail is that it is illegal for any person over the age of 12 to cycle on a pavement here. Seriously? The 'experts' shriek about 'the childhood obesity epidemic' but the State mandates that our teenagers- yes, your tender 13 year old- must cycle on the roads in heavy traffic while the pavements languish in pristine loveliness, mostly devoid of pedestrians. Genius!

3) Laziness? If you have primary school children, cycle to school and back with them yourself occasionally, setting a good example and mentoring them on the safest route to ride.. You'll be active and spend quality time together while educating your kids about their environment, community, health and safety along the route you choose.

4) Mental conditioning: everyone else uses a car- don't they? By the time you have found your keys, the bag containing your drivers' license, herded the kids to the car, opened the gate, strapped them all in, reversed out, closed the gate, strapped yourself in, waited to get into the traffic, sat in the drop-off que or looked for a nice parking away from 'Ranger Danger' at the school... you probably could have all cycled there faster.

Get back to basics, think about sustainability and your role in it, then look for opportunities to leave the family car (and your fears) at home. The efficiency of cycling as an alternative transport option and the personal freedom it offers can become a lifestyle choice that everyone in your household and local community will benefit from.

SAFE CYCLING FOR KIDS: Smalls Creek Bike Path (10km one way) Wrights Road Kellyville , to Withers' Road, Rouse Hill. 'Learn to Ride Track' at Twickenham Reserve, N. Kellyville. Jubilee mtb park, North Wahroonga.

SAFE CYCLING FOR TEENS: M7 Bike Path: 80km out and back (Glenwood to Prestons) Windsor Road Bike Path: 40km out and back (Rouse Hill Mall to Windsor) OMV mtb trails Hornsby & Fred Catterson Park: MTB and BMX, Castle Hill.



Important message from Hornsby Shire's Councillors



Council provides a range of valuable services to our community.

These include playgrounds, libraries, sportsgrounds, parks, community centres, public events, waste services, aquatic centres and much more.

The NSW Government's decision to give part of Hornsby Shire to the City of Parramatta Council has left us in a weakened financial position, making it difficult to deliver all the services our community deserves and expects.

With even the most prudent financial management there simply isn't enough in the budget.

The NSW Government said the people of Hornsby Shire would not be worse off. We are continuing to pressure the Government to act on that promise.

To find out more visit:
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/future



Our Multicultural Community in Harmony

Concert unites local volunteers in support of Aussie Farmers



ACIA youth volunteers Ben Jepsen and Abhay Mahajan

The number of attendees at the concert was below expectations however the contributions made by the performers (all giving their time and service without a fee); the Community Groups; the Australian Community Inspired Association Inc. (ACIA) volunteers; and Multicultural NSW to aid the Aussie farmers was greatly appreciated. Almost \$2,000 has been raised from the event and donations are still being accepted at PO Box 518 Cherrybrook or direct debit to ACIA Inc. 062401 – 10300330. The total amount (100%) of donations received will be received by Aussie Helpers Ltd and is tax deductible and without any admin costs.

ACIA President Bob Waller said *The Concert of Colour* was a multicultural event dedicated to helping our Aussie Farmers – Sadly it is an unknown fact by many the suicide rate of our Aussie farmers is the highest of any occupation in Australia and numbers reported are averaging two a week. It is one of several ways we intend to show our rural farmers the very multicultural city folk do care and that the words ‘No Farmers No Food’ affects everyone.

Both the Hon Raymond Williams Minister for Multiculturalism and Disability Services and Rev Lorna Magen the Advocate and Sydney representative for Aussie Helpers Ltd expressed their praise and congratulated Bob and the ACIA Management Team for the wonderful initiative that brought the community together for such an important cause.

Rev Lorna said, “The cohesion and diversity of support from within the local community was a beautiful feature of the event.

The concert brought together some wonderful local artists to support international rock legend Lucky Starr. TV personality Mike Bailey was the Master of (entertainment) Ceremonies for the event

📧 Email or phone Bob on mrwtennis@bigpond.com or 0438410030 if you would like more information on the ACIA social or management activities including future fund raising efforts for the Aussie Farmers.



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Salvation Army Australia

The Salvation Army Australia- wide has a new Vision Statement: *We love God, love people, believe everyone needs community and are so thankful for the many others who partner with us in this.*

Community Corner

Our Dural Family Store has now set up a "Community Corner" which is a space to connect, chat, have a cuppa with some of our local Salvos and each other. The Salvos believe in Community and this is a space that we believe will really add to our ministry that is all about people and the already thriving Family Store. This space will also be used as a meeting place for special events Eg. Children's Storybook Times, Ladies' Shopping Nights for a Cause' & National Op Shop Week talks & workshops.

'Ladies Shopping Night for a Cause' 10th May

The Dural Store will also be hosting its first 'Ladies Shopping Night for a Cause' **Thursday 10th May 7pm - 9pm**. Door Entry \$10. This is a great night for women to come and enjoy a night of shopping, a yummy supper and this event will be supporting the Salvo Women's Project focus - SIMBA.

"The SIMBA project aims to educate whole communities about the signs and dangers of human trafficking and teach people how to avoid being trafficked and how to report trafficking attempts. Over 2,000 adults and children will be trained to train others. Rights of Children (ROC) clubs are being set up in schools, providing children with a space and platform to air their views, to be role models and to learn to speak confidently with adults". (Salvos.org)

Our Salvos' Red Shield Appeal 26- 27 May

Our Salvos' major fundraiser, the Red Shield Appeal is fast approaching! Dural Salvos will be out and about in local shopping



centres, and doorknocking the Dural, Galston, Glenorie, Kenthurst, Castle Hill and other areas. We need you! It's a great week and a great way to volunteer a few hours of your time. Come on your own, make it a family time, bring your friends!

This Appeal brings thousands of volunteers together to give a few hours of their time to help raise funds to support the essential services that the Salvos provide for those facing homelessness, financial issues, domestic violence, recovery services, chaplaincy, refugees and many other services.

📍 If you would like to Volunteer for the Salvos, call Dural Salvos, Major Karen on 02 9651 3456. You can also leave your name and number in store or sign up on our Salvos' Website.

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Morris Geoffrey Higson Eulogy

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Fond memories include endless rides behind a tractor on a carry-all, always with a dog in tow, walking deep into the Berrilee bush early each December in search of Christmas bells, and a range of caravan holidays, sometimes to the beach, and at other times on a road trip, but always full of fun and adventure, not to mention the Glen Campbell and Neil Diamond eight tracks on repeat.

Dad was always happy exploring new places, and I remember the excitement in his voice when he called declaring he was on top on Australia, that being on top of Mt Kosciusko. At that time, the mobile phone was always with him as he was the out of hour's timetable information service for the bus company. If only people knew from where some of the places their information was being delivered!

This eulogy would not be complete without recognising the incredible patience, persistence, skill and kindness offered to dad during the past 16 years. These include most importantly and significantly Mum, and the many doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, occupational therapists, diversional therapists, surgeons, paramedics, members of the local fire brigade, carers (especially Brendan who spent every Tuesday with Dad), the wonderful people of Galston Community Centre and the many services they have provided, and the fabulous neighbours of Hansen Ave and Hakea Cres.

And finally, family members and friends who have always been there whenever needed for both Mum and Dad .. Dad's life was certainly eventful and fulfilling, and certainly won't be forgotten.

Rest in peace Dad.

Eulogy by Jo Anne Pierce

Castle Hill Women's Bowling Club Wins First Grade Pennants

Castle Hill's Grade 1 team was successful in winning the Mitchell District Pennants flag and this past week was presented with the flag by District President Tony Pollock at a special Unfurling Day and lunch at the Club. The team continues to the Regional Playoffs on 8th May at our Castle Hill club, and the winner carries through to the State Playoffs - we wish the team all the best!



(L-r). Florence Lee, Denise Campbell, Joy Lees, Lesley Henry, Bobbie Cochrane, Lan Lim, Faye Davison and Joy Young.)

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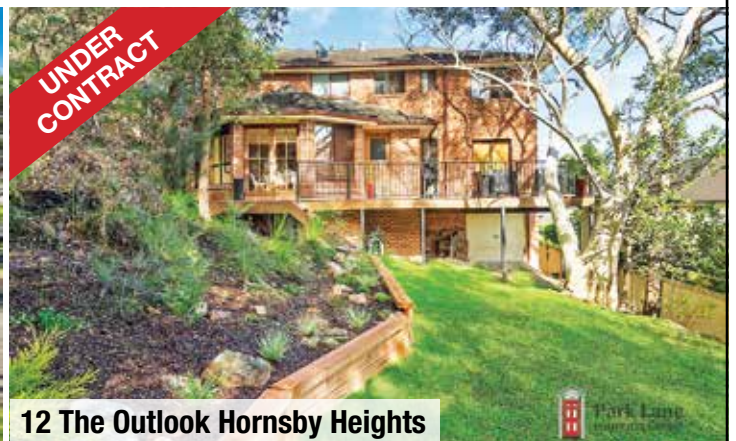
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Here are some insider tips on what actually sells a home:

What do buyers want?

Every buyer is unique in the 'must haves' when purchasing, particularly in our versatile area which caters for residential, acreage and lavish estates. But what each buyer has in common is want the property presented as best it can. The best thing you can do is having your property styled in a way that buyers can envision themselves living there. Sometime this requires the help of professional styling companies; sometimes it is a matter of using your already owned possessions and realigning them in a space which gives a seamless flow to the home. If there is too much personality on show it can put people off. It's better to try and create a blank canvas. Declutter and depersonalise. Try and keep things neutral, make sure the space is as open as possible and spend the time to thoroughly clean.

Stand out from the Crowd!

Marketing is the key. To get the best results and the most buyer enquiry, you need a widespread campaign with really great photos. Use a professional. Marketing is the thing that is going to make your property jump off the screen and stand out from the others, so make a note of the agency who uses premium photography and use them. It can be the difference in a mediocre sales price and an exceptional one. The marketing can make or break your sales campaign.

Above all else...select an agent who knows what they are doing. Ask questions – lots of questions.

If you want to get the best result from the sale of your property, you need to work with an agent who can offer you the best advice whom you feel comfortable with. Your agent should be able to advise you on things that you might not have otherwise noticed. A fresh lick of paint, a load of mulch or new carpet can really drive up the sale of your biggest asset your home. In addition, your agent should be able to organise for your home to be styled, or at least recommend a stylist, and then build a really robust marketing campaign around your property.






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Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood

by Ben Crocker

Dural Musical Society is proud to bring the pantomime *Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood* to the stage in May 2018. Ben Crocker provides a fun-filled modern-day pantomime that will have everyone laughing and singing along. This Panto keeps the tradition of a Principal Boy, played by a female, and the pantomime Dame, played by a male – pitted against the wicked villain, which in this Panto is the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. More than any other form of theatre, pantomime brings so many of the arts together – as well as singing, dancing and acting that you would find in all musicals, there are the overtones of puppetry, mime, slapstick comedy, vaudeville, theatre restaurant and, of course, audience participation.

Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men and Women are called to protect not only the lovely Maid Marion from the fate of having to marry the evil sheriff, but also Tommy and Tilly, the Sheriff of Nottingham's nephew and niece – the Babes in the Wood. Will Robin win the day?

Perhaps the eager assistance of the local school teacher Winnie Widebottom combined with the daring of Robin's faithful band of robbers who "steal from the rich to give to the poor" will be the winning combination for our man who lives in the forest. Why don't you bring your friends and family to join in the fun – and see for yourself?

Directors Laura Murdocca and Eddie Bruce team up with Musical Director Nickie Eccleston, and Choreographer Stephanie Quaglia, to pull together the talents of an enthusiastic cast in this traditional pantomime. It is a team that brings years of experience gained in musical theatre to the traditional English pantomime format that is designed to delight audiences of all ages. The format also supports our commitment to developing young performers – and with two casts of young people, we have increased the number of children involved in the production. The

two groups of children performers will alternate performances, and details have been provided to the cast and their parents so that they can advise friends and family of specific matinee and evening show dates.

This is a show that you will enjoy, a show that is packed with well-known songs and characters. So, book your tickets now as they will sell quickly, and you certainly don't want to miss this trip to Sherwood Forest and Nottingham Castle. Why not arrange a group of friends and family to come along to the Dural Soldiers' Memorial Hall and meet the 'man in green' and as he and his comrades battle with the evil Sheriff.



Bookings through the DMS website:
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For more information: Contact Laura Murdocca -
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The transfer of Hornsby Shire's territory to City of Parramatta has left us in a significantly weaker financial position. We have not been able to balance the budget and there will need to be some very difficult decisions in the near future if the territory is not returned. Talks with the NSW Government are continuing and we hope for a swift resolution.

THESE DOCUMENTS CAN BE VIEWED AT:

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



The release of this year's budget is not the happy event it should be. Usually it's an exciting time as Council trumpets all the great new projects that are coming to our community, but this year we're too preoccupied by thoughts of what we're not going to be able to offer. The NSW Government's redrawing of our southern boundary has ripped more than \$10 million out of our budget and placed us in deficit.

The news is not all bad, with a number of projects going ahead such as the redevelopment of Asquith's Storey Park Community Facility and a new playground for Waitara Park. We will also continue to provide existing services to our community, though the outlook for the future is not good. Next year the decisions are going to be even harder. As well as delaying and cancelling capital works projects we will also have to consider cutting services to the community.

The long-term consequences are even more troubling, with major projects such as the rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry and the development of new sporting facilities at Westleigh under threat.

Despite the grim outlook, there is still reason to be optimistic. The NSW Government has promised that our community will not be worse off and the only way for them to keep that promise is to restore Hornsby Shire to its original size. We are still in discussions with the Government to achieve that objective and we are hoping they will soon take action. If the Government does not keep its promise we will need help from the entire community.

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Dural and District Historical Society

By Michael Bell, President.

What an interesting and enthusiastic guest speaker the many members heard at our 10th March meeting! Rhonda Davis, curator of the Macquarie University Art Gallery, spoke about the nationally known artist, Margaret Preston and her life while living in Berowra. Members were able to add to the University's knowledge of Mrs Preston and even exhibit a piece of memorabilia, made by her.

The guest speakers for our meeting on the 14th April were Marie and Barry Palmer from the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. They spoke on the history of North Head. This talk was a preparation for our tour to the Quarantine Cemetery and the Manly area on the 22nd May. There is still time for members and friends, who would like to take part, to give their names to Michael Bell on 96531365.

Members are looking forward to working with Galston High School staff as they rebuild the local history section of the library, earlier lost in the fire. It is fortunate that the Society exists and is able to assist the school.

The Society's ANZAC display at the Cottage was prepared for the local service on the 22nd April. As usual this is an outstanding example of the research carried out by our Vice President, Ken Bradley. The person of interest this year is Major Kinnish. The display will remain for a month and is a "must see".

For your diary: 12th May "The Travels of Gov. and Mrs Macquarie" with guest speaker Patrick Dodd. 22nd May Tour of the Quarantine Cemetery. 9th June talk, "Greek Cafés and Milk Bars" by researchers and authors, Leonard Janiszewski and Effie Alexakis.



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Salute to the Power of All Mothers

By Kerron May

A testament to the brilliance, resilience, capability and capacity of not just this Mother but all Mothers to maintain peace, harmony and equanimity with limited resources while all around is in chaos.

Hug the woman that made you, treated your scrapped knees when you came off your bike, pieced your broken heart back together, shouted

encouragement in everything you did, accepted what you became and never doubted you would succeed.

Her love is unconditional and unequivocal.

Thanks Mum.



Motorcycle Racer



Middle Dural resident motorcycle racer, David Smith (sponsored by Jim Sherritt Racing and Think Trade Services) and his brother Peter Smith both which are members of the Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Inc., located at Somersby, headed down to Canberra for David to compete at the annual Stay Upright Kings & Queens which David Smith was the standout performer of the meeting. Peter which was David's mechanic and pit crew for the weekend both work together effortlessly to take the outright honours of winning the main feature Kings & Queens along with the Pro Open, Pro 450cc and the Pro 250cc and second in the dash for cash. The best racing of the weekend came in the five rounds of the Pro 250 class which produced plenty of passing moves in each round with race wins shared between the eventual overall placegetters with another victory for David Smith.

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Graduate nurses join Hornsby Hospital

Hon Matt Kean MP



I was pleased to welcome eight graduate nurses who are starting their careers caring for patients and their families at Hornsby Hospital. Nurses are the backbone of the public health system and I know these bright and hardworking graduates will make a welcome addition at the hospital.

I was impressed as they hit the ground running, seeing patients on their very first day. Over the next twelve months they will be working in wards and services and completing two rotations.

Many are returning to the hospital having done training or worked at Hornsby in the past. They told me they picked this hospital because of its good reputation and the staff are friendly and helpful.

Around the clock, 365 days a year, these nurses will join a team who are on the frontline providing care to patients and support to their families.

I wish all our new starters the best of luck with their careers and again welcome the invaluable contribution they make to our health system.

This year there is a record number of graduate nurses and midwives - we have 51,000 nurses and midwives working in the NSW public health system – an all-time high – but we're working hard to boost this vital workforce even further.

Since 2011, the NSW State Government has funded an additional 6,700 full-time equivalent nurses and midwives across NSW.

I hope you don't find yourself in Hornsby Hospital but, if you do, you will be in good hands with these wonderful new nurses.

Julian Leeser and His Wife Joanna Welcome Their Firstborn James

by Tom O'Brien

Federal Member for Berowra Julian Leeser MP and his wife Joanna are overjoyed to announce the birth of **James Samuel John Leeser**, born on 14 April at 9.48am and weighing in at 2.31 kg.

As a smaller baby, James spent a few days being cared for by the incredible nurses and midwives of the special care nursery at Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga. James is now at home and both he and his proud parents are doing well.

Julian Leeser MP has thanked his Berowra electorate for the many well wishes he and Joanna have received.

"Before James was born – people told me how much love I would feel for him. But nothing properly prepares you for that experience. I look into his eyes and see my father and grandfather and feel an overwhelming sense of joy and responsibility," Mr Leeser said.

"Supporting Joanna has given me a whole new appreciation for what new mothers go through and an admiration for their inner reserves of energy, strength and love."



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Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

By Kara Dubois

Holsworthy Fires



Mid-April Galston RFB formed part of a strike team sent down to Alford's Point region to assist in fighting the massive fire raging out of control through thick bushland.

Galston formed part of a line of fire trucks five kilometres long on Heathcote Road in an attempt to hold it off. The unseasonably warm weather and strong winds meant fires were faced with an intense fire front generating areas of extremely thick smoke and embers.

Amazing work and dedication was shown by all involved, including Westleigh Rural Fire Brigade, Dural Rural Fire Brigade, Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade, and Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade.



Gorge car accident, and fallen trees



Galston RFB was called to a car accident in the Gorge recently. A driver coming out of the Gorge on the Galston side had clipped the rock wall and flipped their car. Luckily the driver was unharmed.

NSW Fire and Rescue, Police, and Ambulance

were also on the scene. Galston RFB cleared an oil spill and assisted with traffic control until the car was removed by tow truck.

That same day Galston RFB responded to numerous trees down callouts due to the extremely windy weather. In one incident the Galston crew helped remove debris after a fallen tree caused damage to several parked cars near Vision Valley.



Middle Dural Fire Brigade News

Members of the Middle Dural Fire Brigade have helped to contain the bushfire between Menai and the Holsworthy army base which started on Saturday 14th April. Almost 2,500 hectares of bush burned before the blaze was brought under control, and as we go to press, huge plumes of angry smoke still reach skyward, RFS crews continue to broaden containment lines. Fire still rages in the remote centre and helicopters circle the sky dropping water. Remarkably, no lives have been lost, no houses destroyed. Undoubtedly local residents, some of whom live within metres of the bush, played a key role. Some were evacuated, some chose to stay; their fire plans activated. The essential element was that all of them seemed to be well prepared and had made sure their houses had clean gutters, gardens and lawns free of potential fuel, hoses at the ready. They patrolled, they extinguished spot fires and they worked together as a community watchful eye.



We were grateful to the Menai Club that provided meals, and to the beaut resident with her trailer ("Supplies for the Guys") offering delicious goody bags of muffins, chocolate, lollies, water and fruit to dirty firefighters on the side of the road.

We were reminded by this beautiful old fire fighting engine how much the Volunteer Fire Fighting organisation has come since those early days. Government and local ratepayer funding have combined with a sophisticated level of training, resulting in world class equipment and highly trained world class firefighters.

Brigade Contact Details:

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News

by James Wicking

The Hills Strike Team to Holsworthy Range Fire



Glenorie Brigade were paged at 10:30pm to immediately respond with many other brigades from The Hills District to assist with property protection at Sandy Point. The team had to deal with very strong winds and erratic fire behaviour along with a number of other strike teams from as far away as The Hunter, Wollondilly and Illawara areas. Glenorie 1 with a series of 2 crews were assisting for a period of roughly 24 hours. A great job was done by all members. This is a strong reminder that although we are out of the bush fire period it is still very dry with an elevated fire risk remaining. We encourage all residents to always ensure their properties are prepared and Bush Fire Survival Plans are up to date.

Come and Join Us!

We are always looking for new members and we would love for you to come and join our amazing team. By being a part of the Rural Fire Service, you will become a very important part of the community and learn a number of new skills, best of all you will be joining a great group of people. We only need you one night and one afternoon per month and calls when available. If you

are interested and would like some more information call our Recruitment Coordinator on 0422 168 914 or message us on our Facebook page.

1 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

Activities Coming Up for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Womens Shelter

- Friday May 18 and Saturday May 19: Action Dance Academy Fundraiser:** The Action Dance Academy have organised three fundraising events over two days for school children. A wonderful initiative of Director Jodie Williams.
- Monday May 21st: DV-Alert Public Training Sessions:** We have secured two special training sessions for our community. The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter are hosting these sessions at the Hornsby RSL Club. The sessions are only 1.5hrs long. Learn the basics to recognise the signs of domestic violence, respond appropriately and refer the case if necessary. These sessions are presented by Lifeline and are free. Although registration through the Lifeline system is required. Refreshments will be provided. Parking is available in the carpark on Williams Street adjacent to the Club.
- Wednesday May 23rd: Volunteer Thank You Night:** Calling all our volunteers to a special night to celebrate you. Calling our Gardeners, Cooks, St Ives Coffee Crew, Apron Project Volunteers, Well-Being Educators, Christmas Wrappers and organisers of independent events that raise money for our Shelter. Please join us at Asquith Magpies for a special night and be a part of Capital Campaign: "Build a Better Future" Launch.

There are a couple of opportunities left to be a part of the Ku-ring-gai Monopoly project which is supporting your shelter- please contact Sharon Franke: Sharon.franke@bendigoadelaide.com.au. For more details, visit <http://hornsbykuringgaiwomensshelter.com.au/>

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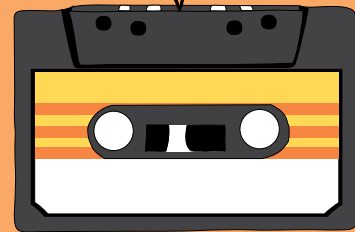
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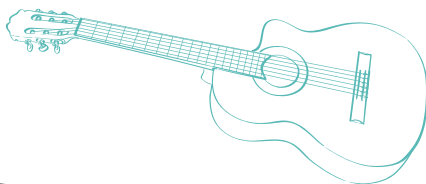
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Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

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

Autumn Wedding



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Brenttin Davidson from Galston. On Saturday 14th April, in front of family and friends at an idyllic location at The Retreat, Wisemans Ferry. Brenttin Davidson from Queensland married local girl and real estate identity Carolyn Wheatley. A spectacular day set the scene for the Wheatley family from Glenorie, welcoming the Davidson family for festivities which started on Friday night. On Saturday, the waterfront gazebo made the perfect setting for a very heartfelt 2pm ceremony, and the day was made extra magical by their children Amelia (3) and Aiden (2) making the cutest attendees and bridal party. As always, weddings do not run completely to plan, with the wind picking up and sweeping Carolyn's floor length sparkling veil into the water to be fished out shortly after! The reception went well into the night which much celebration, dinner and dancing being shared by two families coming together as one to celebrate this event which has been 7 years in the making, as Carolyn is known not to take Saturdays off from work too often! The couple would like to thank all the staff at The Retreat Wisemans Ferry for their attention to detail, scrumptious food and seamless organisation.

Cool Kids Continue

Thanks to Bendigo Bank for their contribution of an air conditioner to the Galston playgroup room, helping make happy faces and 'cool kids'.



Gunnamatta Stud Alpacas, a small

alpaca breeding business in Galston have been showing our gorgeous alpacas at agricultural shows for over 20 years now. One of the highlights of the alpaca showing season has always been the most popular show in NSW - the Sydney Royal Easter Show. It's one of the most well known shows in the country and attracts participants from all over this wide brown land. As an exhibitor at this prestigious show, we expect the standard of alpacas to be very high and this year was no exception. We took 5 of our show team and were awarded a "first in class" with 3 of our exhibits and a "Highly Commended" with another. We expected the competition to be fierce and it was - so we were really thrilled with our results.



Alpaca judging is based on an assessment of both the conformation of the animal and the quality of the fleece. Being a fleece producing animal, the quality of the fleece is just as important as the conformation. The quality of the fleece is based on an assessment of the fineness, uniformity, density, handle, crimp and brightness of the fleece.

You can visit our show winning alpacas and handle some luxurious alpaca fleece at Gunnamatta Stud Open Days - **May 5 and 6.**

Contributed by Sue Maynard.

Zumba Street Party



On April the 13th, the Galston Zumba Gold group had an exhilarating outing into the city to perform on stage at Martin Place for the 'Zumba Gold Street Party'.

Zumba Gold is designed for the more mature fitness minded and this street party was part of the celebrations for Seniors. Groups from all over Sydney gathered to show that having fun while keeping fit is possible at any age. The Galston gals did our community proud with their impressive moves and joyful smiles...well done team. Thanks to our beautiful and buoyant instructor, Nina, who always shines brightly. Classes are held in the Galston Community Hall, Wednesday and Friday at 10am.

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Ian and Adair's Wedding



In March, Heartbeats I shared the engagement of Adair Moar and Ian Garemyn. No messing around for this couple who married on the April 7th, only a few of months after their engagement announcement. The ceremony was held on a picture perfect day at St Mary's Church in the NSW town of Corowa, with festivities and celebrations following at 'The Chocolate and Whiskey Factory'. As promised they are sharing a gorgeous image with us.

Engagement of Sophie

Family and friends gathered together on Saturday 14th April to celebrate the engagement of Sophie Williams to Steve Johnson.

Sophie lived for many years in Galston and attended Galston Public School as well as Northholm Grammar. Steve also attended Northholm Grammar.

Sophie currently works at Hills Accounting Solutions in Glenorie. We wish them both every happiness.



Hawk in our Chook Yard in Galston.



My husband, who was working in the back garden, heard a commotion in our chickens' pen and saw a hawk in there. I was amazed to see the size of it! Our chickens' yard is wire covered so it must have squeezed in via a very

small space near the fence of the outer yard. Our 4 chickens were noisy - yes - but when I saw the hawk, all it was doing was trying to get out, not hurt our birds.

We had to remove it so we found some corrugated iron, opened the door and put the iron in the lower half of the doorway so that our chickens couldn't walk out and hopefully wouldn't fly out. Next, how to get the hawk to that doorway? My husband turned the hose on and tried to move the hawk the right way but that only upset it more and drenched the poor bird. The hawk was now frantic. A new tactic needed to be found.

We found an old bread crate and my hubby went in to push it through and towards the doorway. This worked. It flew out and up into the Jacaranda next door. The funny thing then was that it hung upside down for what seemed an age. I even wondered if it had caught its claw and needed rescuing again. Suddenly though, it upturned and sat there on the branch (maybe it had needed the drip-drying time) before flying off a few minutes later. We have been told it is most likely a juvenile Brown Goshawk.

From Christine Stockman.

Raining rabbits

Christine's story reminds me of a novel experience I had a few years ago. My son and I were standing in the front yard discussing a joint project which was failing to flourish. To our flabbergasted surprise a rabbit fell from the sky and landed at our feet (luckily not on our heads). Not meaning to confuse a rabbit with a duck but I did take it as a clear sign that our project was a dead duck and to let go.....just as a hawk must have let go of the rabbit. Well, I guess this is what happened and the only explanation we had apart from a more 'other worldly' one.

Motherland

Over Easter, my son Christiaan and I were travelling in Zimbabwe (where I was born and grew up) on an international youth tour made possible by Ruth Pasi Foundation and



World Remit. While in Ruwa, east of Harare, I conducted and sponsored a very successful mosaic workshop.

200 women registered for this event but Ruth and I could only accommodate 20. These women from Dotito, who reside in huts without running, potable water, no electricity and mostly live off food that they grow themselves sang us into the workshop when we spoke about it under the community meeting tree on the side of the road to Dotito. I understood their words of Shona: "Tatenda mawuya" (thank you for coming) in the welcome song, recalling them from my childhood in Kwe Kwe... so at the end of our workshop on Easter Sunday I sang the song back to them and everyone laughed.. and then joined in!

We all sang and danced and clapped around the Easter Mosaic Cross we had made together in an explosion of joy, recognition and friendship. This is the most unusual mosaic workshop I have experienced to date! I went back home for the first time in 25 years to show my son where I grew up; to contribute something positive to Zimbabwe by sharing my creativity. But, in the end, it was me who was truly blessed by the people I met there.

Everybody loved the mosaic process; were excited, inspired by and proud of the artworks they made. Leaders of the area have invited Susie's Studio back to create more mosaics with rural communities in Mashonaland next year- including a new Dotito Welcome sign and planning a future mosaic garden for Dotito.

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Arcadia Pony Club Riders Deliver Great Results at Sydney and Bathurst Royal!

Several of our riders successfully competed at both the Sydney Royal and Bathurst Royal shows recently.

Rosie Kenny and Madeleine Breatnach were part of the team of four Riders under 13 years representing Zone 23 which placed third – an impressive result. Well done girls!

Several of our riders also made the trip to Bathurst to compete at the Bathurst Royal during April as well.

Madeleine Breatnach won Reserve Champion for her age group under 13 years which included hacking, dressage, jump round and sporting events. She joined at Bathurst by Rosie Kenny and Aria Miltiades who both competed commendably throughout the day and placed well in a number of classes.

Arcadia Pony Club would like to congratulate all the girls on their efforts and wonderful achievements.

And, not only did they achieve some outstanding results, but all of the girls really enjoyed the fun times being away with their pony club friends. That's why fun and friendship is part of the attraction of Arcadia Pony Club.

Come ride with us - join us for fun, friendship and competitions.

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.

We meet on 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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Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc.

Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith

Hills Branch members were prominent amongst the winners of many of the Variety Awards at the recent Annual Show, held at North Rocks, namely; Peter Dodd, Daniel Childs, Craig Buckingham, Ian and Kathy Manton. The Branch has welcomed new members during the past few months, whilst visitors to the recent show indicated an interest in joining the Budgerigar Hobby.

During April, there are a limited number of shows being held, with the main interest being shown in the Annual Show of the Tamworth Budgerigar Club, who are associated with the Budgerigar Society of N. S. W. Inc. The show was held on the 8th April 2018. Senior Panel Judge and Hills Branch member Kathy Manton, along with Wally Capper from Kurri Kurri, were the appointed judges for the show. Hills Branch were represented at this show and were distinctive in the grey



collared shirt, with the Hills Branch Pocket Logo. NB. These shirts are available through the Branch at a subsidised price to members.

Various members of Hills Branch are involved with the preparations for the forthcoming National Budgerigar Show, to be held at Penrith League Club, Events Marquee, between the **25th and the 30th May 2018**. This National Show only comes to New South Wales every seven years, on a rotational basis with other states and zones around Australia. NB. Birds similar to the photo of this article will be competing and on display.

During the week prior to the National Show, all branches come together at the State Team Challenge to select the various birds to represent New South Wales at the National. This year's show will be held on the **19th May 2018**, at the Windsor Indoor Basketball Stadium, located at South Windsor. Hills Area residents will have the opportunity to view the best budgerigars in New South Wales at this show, then, the following week, to view the best budgerigars within Australia, at the National Show, on the weekend of **26th and 27th May**.

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On Friday the 13th of April, Arcadia Public School and the Arcadian community were extremely proud to remember past and current serving Defence Forces men and women in an extremely moving ANZAC Ceremony.

We were honoured to welcome Major General the Honourable Justice Paul Brereton AM, CPL Gregory Stephinson and Counsellor Warren Waddell - Hornsby Shire Council, Mrs Lisa Pieper - Galston High School Deputy Principal, Miss Jessica Robards and Mr Nathan Shaheen - GHS Prefects, Mrs Olivia Carter - APS Band Scholarship Patron, APS P&C Association 2018 Executive and Committee as well as our special APS P&C Life Members. Our school is so privileged to be well loved and enjoy the patronage of such distinguished and active members of the community. The school captains, Year 5 and Year 6 students spoke of courage, commitment and the theme of 2018 ANZAC Day – curiosity, in their address to the school community.

Preschool students and their families are warmly invited to join us for the 2018 Arcadia Agricultural Adventure Day on **Friday, May 25**. They will enjoy sheep shearing and other agriculture experiences in groups led by our fabulous senior students and local 'farm' experts.

Mother's Day is always a special event when Arcadia Markets are on the agenda. Come along and find the most special and spectacular gift for mum on **May 5**.

You are most welcome to contact the school office on 96531207 or visit our website for further information about beautiful Arcadia Public School and all the fantastic events on our calendar.

Warrah Special School Open Day

All are welcome to join us for Warrah School's Open Day on **Thursday 17 May, 10am-12pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit Warrah Special School and learn more about our unique education. As a registered Special School, Warrah offers high quality individualised education for students with intellectual or developmental disability from Kindergarten to Year 12. Warrah runs small classes with individualized plans while providing opportunities for students to participate in the immediate school and greater Warrah community.

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Guests will meet and hear from Principal, Jan Fowler, who will present on the school's Academic and Life Skills programs and opportunities at Warrah Special School. As well, you will see our natural bush environment, tour our classrooms, facilities and Warrah's biodynamic farm. Warrah offers a unique opportunity to its students.

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News from Galston High School

ANZAC Day service at Galston High School



Rowland Village choir

Galston High School's ANZAC Day service was held before the school holidays this year, due to the timing of the public holiday. Our school hall resounded with the sound of the Hills District Pipe Band's bagpipes as they led in the official party. The key address was by Captain Ian Carter ADF who focused on the views of the veterans, while Holly and Maggie from Year 10 presented an outstanding speech focusing on the historical perspective of the day. We were honoured to have the Rowland Village choir perform once again, very fittingly singing 'Hang out the Washing on the Siegfried Line' and 'A Brown Slouch Hat'.

Our prefect team has also attended a number of services in our community of schools including Dural, Galston, Kenthurst and Arcadia Public Schools as well as the Galston and Glenorie services on ANZAC Day.

World's Greatest Shave



A fantastic group of our students shaved their heads and dyed their hair to support the Leukemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave in 2018. Congratulations to the following brave students who, as a group raised an amazing \$8,404, breaking last year's record by \$3,000. Congratulations to Grace Waters, Joshua Currie, James Todman, Daniel Romic, Emily Woods, Trinity Newbury, Lachlan O'Connell, Rachel McClellan, Amy Yu, Djay Parnell, and our new mathematics teacher, Mr Price. A special congratulations to Mr Gage for finally having his man bun shaved off!

The SRC would like to thank everyone for their support of the World's Greatest Shave at Galston High this year.

A special thank you to Lisa Dower, an ex-student of Galston High School, who volunteered her time on her day off to support our school. We appreciated her time and enthusiasm.

Junior School Students get a taste for Competition

Northholm Grammar Junior School students experienced the thrill of competition at the Royal Easter Show for the first time this year.

The Junior School Agriculture Team was established as a co-curricular activity in 2016 by Senior students as a way for the younger students to gain experience with the School's poultry and livestock. Since that time, the Junior students have learnt how to handle chickens, trim goat hooves, wash cattle and prepare their own silkie chickens for local poultry competitions.

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Junior School with Dr Harry Cooper

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Northholm Agriculture Show Teams

It was a week of early starts and late finishes, however the students of Northholm's Agricultural Show Teams took it all in their stride at the Royal Easter Show this year.

It is so important that students connect with the process of raising animals, while, in the process, developing an appreciation for where their food comes from. Being part of the Northholm's Agriculture Program gives students the opportunity to gain perspective into what it takes to grow, raise, select and prepare an animal for competition and there is no better competition than the Royal Easter Show. Students see animals from a variety of different breeds, and horticultural produce and district displays, highlighting the work of Australian farmers.

Northholm is a registered breeder of White Dorpers (sheep) and entered 15 rams and ewes in this year's Show. The Dorper Show Team consists of students from Years Seven to Nine who attend sessions after school when they train, wash, clip and learn how to present the sheep in the ring. They are also assisted by Year Eleven Primary Industries students who are completing their Certificate II in Agriculture. There was a large contingent of White Dorpers at the Show this year with large numbers in every class. The students were rewarded with the following results:

- 2nd Place Ram Lambs Teeth
- 2nd Place Sire's Progeny Group
- 3rd Place Ram Lambs Teeth
- 3rd Place Ewe 2/4 Teeth
- 3rd Place Ewe Lambs Teeth
- 4th Place Ewe Lambs Teeth
- 4th Place Ewe Lambs Teeth born After August 2017

Northholm has a strong poultry breeding program focusing on rare breeds. Our students hatch eggs and select the best progeny for our breeding program and also for competition. The breeding program has been in place for the last three years and this year

the Junior Agriculture Show Team prepared a team of chickens for entry into the show and were rewarded with exceptional results.

- Champion Standard Soft Feather Light
- 1st Place and Best Male, Soft Feather Light – Cockerel
- 2nd Place Soft Feather Light – Cockerel
- 1st Place and Best Female, Soft Feather Light – Pullet
- 2nd Place Soft Feather Light – Pullet
- 2nd Place Indian Runner Duck Pair, any colour

The Year Twelve Primary Industries students entered the School's Pig Competition for the first time with pigs kindly donated by the University of Sydney. Over the course of a term, students trained, prepared and then presented the pigs for competition at the Royal Easter Show. The pigs were judged on their weight, presentation and temperament. This was a fantastic experience for students to gain an insight into pig behaviour and what it takes to raise a commercial pig.

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This year, the Junior Agriculture Team entered 11 of their flock of school bred silkie chickens into the poultry classes at the Royal Easter Show. The team also prepared rare breed chickens and Indian Runner ducks bred by the Senior School for entry into the show. As part of the program, students were able to experience the Show prior to the public as a 'behind the scenes' excursion. The Junior students gained insight into show preparation and supported the school's Dorper Show Team during the first day of judging.

The team was rewarded for their efforts with exceptional results in the poultry classes, receiving two first places and two second places in the Soft Feather category. The first placed cockerel entered also won the Champion of the class.

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Relay For Life

by *Beb Jordan*

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More than 105 teams, including nine high schools, have already signed up to take part in this year's major community gathering which raises funds for cancer research and Cancer Council support programs.

The 24-hour event kicks off at 9.30am on **Saturday, 19th May** with the first lap set aside for cancer survivors and carers.

There is a packed program of activities on the day aimed at the whole family including entertainment on the main stage, games and competitions for primary students and teenagers, sideshows, stalls and more.

This year's new inclusions feature a Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide relay race for youngsters and a Relay Hat and BROllie parade.

MC for the day is Gareth McCray from 2CH.

The candlelight ceremony of hope will start at 6pm.

There will be night time entertainment plus a silent disco.

Sunday's relay dog day starts at 7.30am. Relayers can register their dog for \$5 and receive a relay bandana.

Michelle Sollom, chairwoman of the community organising committee, said:

"There is always such a great atmosphere at the Hills Relay. I think people realise that despite the name it is not a relay race but a chance to walk the track with friends, family and colleagues to make a difference to the cancer story."

"It's a day all generations can get involved. Our team is like many others, my children walk with their grandparents.

"The evening candlelight ceremony is an especially poignant time of reflection for my family, as we join with

others to honour and remember the lives of loved ones we have lost to cancer.

"Ultimately, we are all Relaying for a cancer free future."

For details of all events visit the website relayforlife.org.au and search for Hills 2018.

Registration is \$20 which will bag you one of the new-style cotton Relay shirts.

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* If you like wrapping presents the Hills Relay For Life would love to hear from you.

The Mother's Day wrapping service at Castle Towers is being co-ordinated by the Hills Relay For Life with all donations going to the Cancer Council. If you can spare two hours on **May 10, 11 or May 12** please email Ruth Didsbury at thedids28@gmail.com

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Other popular Classics will be balanced by hits from stage and screen, with Bernard's flying fingers and relaxed commentary ensuring audience acclaim.

A young performer rising star, Brea Holland, a student of The MacDonald College in North Strathfield, will join with Bernard, providing vocal contrasts in Broadway, Hollywood and Las Vegas style.

Their collaboration maintains Bernard's tradition of featuring in his Good Old Days Concerts at Sydney Town Hall such singing greats as Marina Prior, David Hobson and Teddy Tahu Rhodes but, on this occasion, nurturing the next generation of rising stars, a Galston Concerts tradition.

The Sunday afternoon concert is 2pm till 4pm in Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. This is a special opportunity to see and hear an established star of the piano and a new vocal talent.

While tickets may be available at the door on the day bookings for this popular performer are advised on www.trybooking.com (search Galston). Single concert \$40 adult, \$30 senior, \$10 Uni/High School, Children 12 and under free or the remaining four-concert Series ticket - \$128 adult, \$96 senior, \$40 Uni/High School. Other concerts **29 July, 16 September, 18 November.**

📞 Please direct enquiries to Helen Jordan, Promotions Coordinator, The Galston Concerts, 0425 339 841.

Castle Hill Art Society

"Landscape in Pastel" by Desley Stewart



Wednesday 6th June 7.30pm

Desley will show us how to produce a beautiful landscape using the pastel underpainting technique. Desley is a very accomplished artist as can be seen from her website and she is one of the Arcadian Artists.

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I'm sure you'd agree that this year is flying by very quickly. An old saying states that 'time flies when you're having fun' but in 2018, time seems to be flying whether you're having fun or not!!

Our family enjoyed catching up with our wider network during the Christmas season and again at Easter time but, if we take note of retail advertisements, Mothers' Day is already just around the corner.

Our lives are full- with family, friends, work, studies, responsibilities- and hopefully, times of relaxation with hobbies and play. With all that is going



on in our world and with our lives flashing before us at a very fast pace, have you ever considered what will happen, where you will be, and what you'll be doing when your life on earth ends? This is a question we all will face.

The bible tells us that 'Jesus came so that we would have life and live it abundantly.' (John 10:10).

He came into this world to give His life for us so that we can have a relationship with Him after we die, for all eternity. If we think that time here is going fast, then eternity will be a very long time. The bible says, in Romans 10:9 that 'if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.'

Food for thought.

God bless

The Power of Hope

Pastor David McKibben
Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

Hope is essential to meaningful life. That principle is reflected in various sayings such as: 'Hope springs eternal in the human breast.' and 'While there's life, there's hope.'

The reverse is also true. If you shatter a person's dreams, if you take away an individual's hopes, if you remove that element of anticipation from life, there is very little left. In fact, a sense of hopelessness can often hasten a person's death.

Some years ago a proposal was made to construct a hydroelectric dam across a picturesque valley in one of the New England states in the north-eastern corner of the United States. The plan involved the relocation of the inhabitants of a small town in the valley, because the town would be submerged in the waters of the new lake created by the building of the dam.

This town was diligently maintained, the sort of place that would feature on a postcard or win awards for its beauty. However, during the time between the decision to proceed with the scheme and the

completion of the dam, the buildings in the town fell into despair. What was once a picture postcard place became a run-down eyesore.

Why did this happen? The answer was simple. One resident put it this way, "Where there is no hope in the future, there is no work in the present."

The power of hope gives us meaning in life and helps us to keep going when nothing else can. All the major world religions contain that element of hope, and Christianity is no exception.

The Christian faith offers hope: the blessed hope of the return of Jesus, the hope of life beyond the grave, and the hope of heaven, to name but a few. In the Bible God is described as the God of hope, and He wants us to be a people of hope. In his letter to the believers in Rome, the apostle Paul wrote, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

On the next few occasions I want to ask some questions about hope, and we shall see how those questions are answered by the hope found in the Christian faith.

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It's not every day that you see a pony in church, even at Galston Uniting (although this has happened before). However, it did happen on Palm Sunday, the week before Easter, as Palm Sunday coincided with "Messy Church"! With the addition of some especially constructed ears, two ponies became donkeys (or "ponkies"), providing not only Palm Sunday symbolism, but also rides for the children.

"Messy Church" normally means a suspension of the usual worship format in favour of craft and other kid-friendly activities, as well as coffee and extended "chat time" for the adults, prior to a short worship time for all followed by lunch. Of course, a little accident from our ponies could have



redefined "Messy Church" forever, but fortunately, they were well behaved.

Easter was a busy time at Galston Uniting with Rev. Geoff Smith leading us in four different services. On Maundy Thursday, Geoff prepared and shared a meal with those present as a re-enactment and reminder of Christ's last supper prior to his crucifixion. Other services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday were well attended and very meaningful, with highlights being breakfast together after the sunrise service on Easter Day and the Men's Choir singing "Alleluia, Christ is Risen" during the 10am service.

For some of our older folk, the Over 55's recently enjoyed a delicious Devonshire tea/coffee, tractor ride and string bean and tomato picking at Canoelands Orchard.

Our children's program, KUCA, is in recess over the school holidays and resumes on Friday 4th May at 5.00pm.

And the next in our Sunday afternoon concert series is on 3rd June at 2.00pm, featuring Bernard Walz in *A Man and a Baby Grand - Encore*.

For more information, please phone the church office on 9653 2039 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Cheers, from all at GUC.

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Choose extraordinary!

By Corri Bryne, Pastor

I'm not sure if it's my age, a greater awareness, or a sign of the times ... but I see so much brokenness. People consigned to just living out their life, as if this is acceptable. That a life without love, joy and peace are almost to be expected.

There seems an overwhelming dissatisfaction across the world; a lack of joy, a lack of purpose, a lack of meaning.

I sense a such a deep longing for a better life, and it's not even restricted to age groups or socio economic situation.

Ever increasing levels of anxiety, depression, addiction, suicide ... all at a time when the world is largely at peace. Where, at least in our society, we live in affluence, with choice aplenty.

So why such longing? Why such dissatisfaction? Why a lack of joy? Peace? Patience?

My greatest frustration is I have the answers – but everyone is too busy to listen. Or too deeply grieved to believe there is hope.

Scepticism is so great that the light at the end of the tunnel is obviously a train, likely filled with explosives, and surely going to steam roll us as we continue to stagger through this darkness called life.

But there really is a way. There really is a light. There really is hope that leads to love, joy, and peace.

The heaviness of life can be cast off and replaced by a joyous walk. It's within reach and doesn't even have to be that far away.

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

Can you accept that? Can you believe that peace is truly available to you, even in the situation you are in? Can you see that there really is hope, that you can truly experience love and joy!

ARGGGHHHH, I just want to shout from the rooftops and get your attention.

Your life can be filled with a joy so inexpressible that you are moved to tears with the sunrise. That you are filled with laughter at the sounds of children running by. That the very air you breathe is suddenly sweeter as your hope ascends and you look up not down.

Can you receive it? Can you personally achieve it? Can this life that seems so far be yours?

YES!

All of us are broken, yet not all of us live in brokenness. You too can be healed and whole and living a life on purpose, with meaning, and a sense of satisfaction.

Why accept a life of so-so, when you can have extraordinary?

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

If you are interested, can I encourage you to pray a simple prayer ... ask the Father (aloud or quietly) to direct you to a local church, to find the right community and for that extraordinary journey to begin. I believe in the power of prayer and know that if you ask you will receive.

Glenorie Mission Church

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

4. The Holy Spirit will develop Christ in us.

The Holy Spirit comes to reproduce the character of Jesus Christ within us and to make the Lordship of Christ a reality in every area and experience of our lives.

The apostle Paul often spoke of this particular work of the Spirit. He told the Galatians of his great hope that Christ might be formed in them (Galatians 4:19). He told the Roman Christians that it is God's continuing purpose that we should be 'conformed to the likeness of His Son' (Romans 8: 29). He wrote to the Corinthians that the work of the Spirit is to change us day by day into the likeness of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18).

This is the distinct, unique work of the Holy Spirit. But you say "Doesn't Christ already live in our hearts?" Yes He does. Then how can He be 'formed within us'?

Let's illustrate it like this: You know how a chicken develops in an egg. At first it is only a tiny speck within the egg. But given the

right conditions and provided these are constantly maintained, that speck will begin to develop into an embryo. Then as time passes the chicken is actually formed or developed within the shell until the whole of the inside of the egg is filled with a living chick. Then one day it breaks the shell and the chicken is revealed.

The word Paul uses, 'formed' (Galatians 4:19), describes such remarkable development. So it is with the Holy Spirit. He forms within us the character of Christ, doing His work silently and faithfully as we allow Him. We could say He wants to maintain the conditions under which this work can be carried on, always with one aim in view: the reproduction of Jesus Christ in the shell of human flesh. That work will only be completed when we stand before Christ in glory.

The true evidence then, of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in a human life, is how much of Christ may be seen in that life. Remember, the Holy Spirit is the Unseen One.

Christ said the Holy Spirit would not speak about Himself but about Christ. He will always hold the spotlight on Christ, not on Himself.

(to be continued)

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Gardening

Galston Garden Club



It always amazes me that there is still so much that you can learn about gardening and the variety of interests that are catered for, from the casual gardener to the professional nurseryman.

Leanne Johnston, our Guest Speaker this month, is an Environmental Scientist with Hornsby Shire Council and her talk on how to make our gardens Critter Friendly from tiny insects to large marsupials gave us many ideas that we can incorporate into our garden, large or small.

From the basic premise that mulching creates habitat for insects by promoting hummus and compost, to grouping grasses in clumps of threes, each 2 metres apart so that small birds can flee to safety. Then onto the different types of plants that encourages small birds (hint....choose natives with small flowers so that the larger birds don't compete for the nectar.) She encouraged us to think about the animals that already exist in your garden and how to encourage and keep them in your garden by providing natural food sources, homes/shelter from predators and the elements as well as water. While your garden may not be big, she suggested creating a small patch of native grasses and shrubs in large pots and hanging baskets if necessary. Everybody can hang up a Bee Hotel somewhere! She left us with three good gardening habits that will encourage wildlife into your garden.

1) Minimise chemical use by manual removal and observing your plants. If the plant is not looking good, address the problem early,

- 2) plant some local species and
- 3) mulch. Leanne recommended the Atlas of Living Australia website www.ala.org.au where you can look up your street and find how many species are in your street.

Our Guest Speaker next month will be Ross Bolwell from Bloomin' Greenery Nursery Annangrove. He be will speaking on

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

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



Members at our cuttings table

Our cuttings table was very popular this month as a large number of plants were made freely available from members gardens for striking. It is always a thrill when a plant takes and, eventually, you can plant it in your garden.

Our President and Secretary attended the Inaugural UNSH Rose Show evening presentation at the Galston Community Centre on 8th April. What a marvellous display of roses with a large number of entrants; a great encouragement for the committee who had obviously worked very hard to put on the show.

Remember...save the date for our Open Gardens Weekend 19th, 20th & 21st October. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful weekend by opening your garden, please contact our Open Gardens Convenor Bill Fleming on 96532394 or email: wfleming@primusonline.com.au

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Utricularia Gibba - The Carnivore!

By Jutta Hamilton



On a recent visit to a neighbour, my attention was drawn to a dainty, very pretty bright yellow flower. It measured only a centimeter across and sat on tiny fragile stem, blooming on mass in a small water feature.

On questioning what it was and where it came from, I was given detailed information.

'Well, it just appeared one day in the shallow water of the pond'. Its name is Yellow Bladderwort and while it flowers beautifully above the water, beneath there are black dots housed by a wild and fine tangle of roots. These black dots are tiny bladders to catch food. Each bladder has a small entrance, which is closed by a door with a trigger device. When the trap is set, the bladder is empty, flat and under negative pressure. If the trigger is touched by a microscopic creature, the bladder is triggered, sucking in water and the prey and becoming a full round shape. The door rapidly shuts and the catch is processed. High speed camera images show that the prey is swallowed in less than a millisecond.

After a couple of hours the bladder expels the liquid and flattens itself back into trap form, ready to assist the plant to survive in a nutrient poor water.

It's been reported that bowls of water plants that have Yellow Bladderwort keep the waters mosquito larvae free.

This locally native plant is a great example of a carnivorous plant with underwater leaves modified as specialized traps, operating at extraordinary high speed. Simply amazing.

For more details, visit <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au/> Facebook or phone 9653 2056



Speaking at Australian Plants Society



The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet 7-30 pm for 8 pm on Friday May 11th in the Willow Park Community hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Our speaker will be Ross Rapmund

from Hornsby Council Community Nursery and his topic is: "Showy Monocots"

What's a "monocot"? Come to this talk to find out more about this intriguing group of plants and how they have some of our best known floral displays. We'll look at the local diversity, distribution and how they can grow in your garden.

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Bromeliad Society of Australia



The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 12 May with plant sales commencing at 11am prior to the meeting.

Access is via the new Showground entrance off Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill with plenty of parking on site.

Discussion at

this meeting will include the different bromeliad species that have unique pupping habits. Most tank-forming bromeliads set new pups at the base of the mother plant, just below the lowest leaves and these are usually the easiest to propagate.

However, a few bromeliads have a tendency to produce what are known as grass pups. These are very small pups that rise from the base of the base of the plant, usually before flowering has occurred. They can be removed and grown on. Species that produce grass pups often do so in large numbers, for example *Tillandsia viridiflora*, *Alcantarea imperialis* and *Vriesea glutinosa*.

Included in this presentation will be the methods of separating nonstoloniferous bromeliads and a demonstration for the tricky bromeliads where the pups grow up between mum's leaves.

"Membership to the Bromeliad Society of Australia is just \$30 for the first year than \$25 annually. If you would like to arrange a membership please contact the membership secretary on email: MembSec@bromeliad.org.au or just come along to a couple of meetings to see if this is what you are looking for – I'm sure you won't be disappointed" said Ian Hook, President, BSA.

BSA meetings include interesting guest speakers, 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 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com. Website: www.bromeliad.org.au**

Dural & Hills Distric Garden Club Inc

Our Garden club is a vibrant and progressive club where great times are had visiting gardens, overnight trips to see other gardens, and monthly meetings with good speakers sharing information about plants, garden tools and many interesting topics to do with gardening.

This year we have had interesting Speakers come and share with us, Brent Tallis from Overland Nursery spoke to us on drought resistant plants and how to treat plants in drought. Brian Roach spoke about Australian Native plants. At our next meeting in May, our Speaker will be Marisa from Succulent Garden Nursery

Planned activities for this year are:-

Monthly Meetings: In April a walk in Sydney to the Chinese Gardens, in May a trip Kangaroo Valley by Bus.

June activity will be a Bring and Buy plus Sausage Sizzle at our monthly meeting, a Christmas in July night at Geranium Cottage and another City Walk in July, a visit to the Japanese Garden at Auburn followed by a visit to Elizabeth Farm planned for August. In September a Day visit to Tulip Top garden near Canberra. Another city walk in October and, in November, a 10 day trip to Tasmania, finishing the year with the Christmas party in December.

The suggested city walks will be to Bangaroo and The Maritime Museum. New members are very welcome to come and join us at our club. We love to have new members and there is always room for you.

Our Club meets in the Middle Dural Fire Station, Mid Dural Road, Middle Dural at 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of the month

📞 **Please contact our Club Secretary, Margaret Dunn on Mobile 1490 958 648 or email margo.dunn1@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.**



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Venue: Community Environment Centre, Currie Ave, Annangrove Park, Annangrove 2156 **Contact:** 02 9843 0555

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees

Friday 4th May

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees Meetings have commenced for 2018. We have some very interesting speakers lined up. Our next guest speaker will be Shane Kuper from My Organised Home "Downsizing and De Cluttering" Friday 4th May, 2018 at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.45 am.

Considering retirement, in the near future, come along & make new friends.

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

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

Contact: Lauris Rennie 9634 1186

Ladies Shopping Night for a Cause

Thursday 10th May 7pm - 9pm

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Contact: Dural Salvos, Major Karen on 02 9651 3456.

Dural Galston Probus Club

Thursday 17th May 2018

Dural Galston Probus Club hold their meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 10am at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston. Our next meeting is on 17th May and Don Eyb will speak about "Career and Training of the Police Horses". Probus is a mixed club for retired and semi retired people who enjoy friendship, good speakers and occasional outings. Visitors are always welcome. **Contact** Anne 9653 1004.

Sunday 20th May

Jazz at the Pines - 12.30pm

Features the popular 'Zenith Jazz Sextet'. Baulkham Hills High School Jazz Band will also be performing, commencing at 11.30am.

Tickets \$20 adults and \$15 concessions. Tables can be booked for groups and individuals or simply turn up on the day with your chair, picnic rug and eskie, there is plenty of room.

Venue: Roughley House, 656 Old Northern Road, Dural.

Contact: Book online at www.jazzatthepines.org.au or email info@jazzatthepines.org.au

Galston VIEW Club

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

The Galston VIEW Club which raises money to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program will hold its monthly Luncheon meeting on Wednesday 23rd May, 2018 at Dural Country Club at 11am. Linda Ross from Ross Garden Tours will be guest speaker. Visitors are always welcome.

Contact: Vivien 98941189

Probus Club of Round Corner

Our club meets on the second Monday of each month (except in June when it will be the first Monday) at the Galston Club 19 Arcadia Road Galston at 9.30am for 10am. Come along and enjoy friendship, fellowship and fun, interesting meetings with a range of speakers and many varied activities. You will find a walking group, Mah-Jong, Theatre group, Tennis group plus interstate and overseas trips and local day trips including the Hawkesbury Races and Guide Dog tour at Glossodia both later in the year. There is also a lunchtime club that meets at a different venue every second month.

All enquiries should be directed to the Secretary, PO Box 822 Round Corner 2158 or come one month as a visitor. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lei is keen to continue with and expand the work of our previous President Judith Fay Taylor and her Committee and Activity Organisers, and we would like to pass on the thanks of our members to Judith for the time and dedication she has put into the last two years as President. Also elected at the AGM were Mr Keith Jordan, Vice President and Mrs Pat McKinnon, Secretary both of whom were nominated by their spouses!

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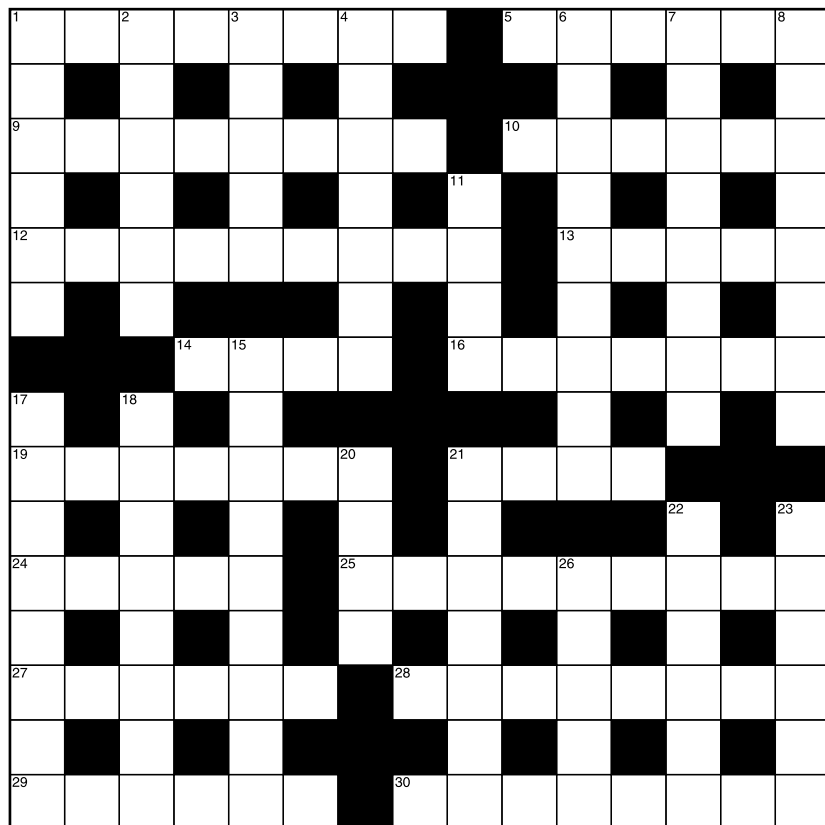
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ACROSS

1. 40th
5. Inhibit
9. Young horse
10. Insist
12. Food sensitivities
13. Ancient Mexican
14. Cereal husks
16. Released (from jail) (3,4)
19. Ransack
21. Acquires
24. Light-rail vehicles
25. Forest ape (5-4)
27. Entreat
28. Apart
29. Coy
30. Hired gun

DOWN

1. Skillet
2. Genuinely
3. Lounger
4. Latent hostility
6. Stylishly
7. Electric socket converters
8. Took away
11. In current state (2,2)
15. Dispels (one's) fears
17. Towards river's source
18. Whitened
20. Love god
21. Sports coats
22. Pilfers
23. Unnoticed
26. West African nation

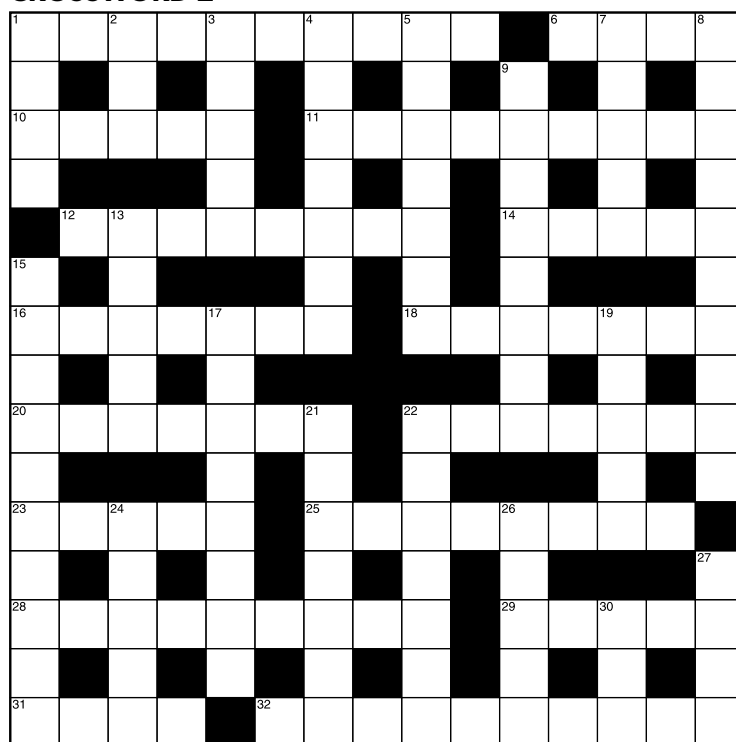
ACROSS

1. Rudimentary
6. Cancelled (TV show)
10. Bike
11. Brand (5,4)
12. Squandered
14. Charges
16. Commanders
18. River Jordan lake (4,3)
20. Atlantic island
22. Army toilet
23. Refill (3,2)
25. Spaghetti accompaniment
28. London's St Paul's ...
29. Dry land, ... firma
31. Solo
32. Numerical data

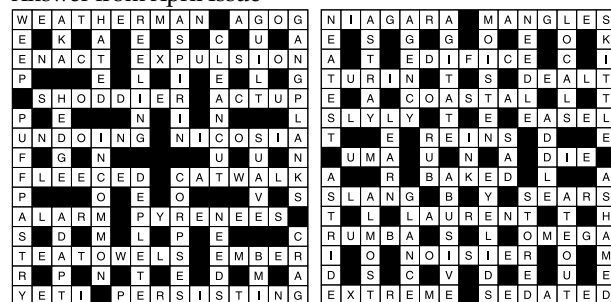
DOWN

1. For ... & every
2. And the rest
3. Odds or ...
4. Dodders
5. Replied
7. Skeleton photos (1-4)
8. Garment creator
9. Vendor
13. Senseless (comment)
15. Egg-shaped
17. Role models, good ...
19. Upend (drink)
21. Black mark
22. Printed handout
24. Russian president, Vladimir ...
26. Nibbles
27. Armed conflicts
30. Typist's complaint (1,1,1)

CROSSWORD 2



Answer from April Issue



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

GLENORIE

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

ARCADIA

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

Our playgroup has a very relaxed format. There is usually a craft activity, however, some kids choose not to participate in craft as they are having too much fun in the enormous sandpit. Our toys and resources cater for all ages. We have playmats and toys for babies, musical/percussion instruments, water play and more. We

request a gold coin donation when attending. All of our regular attendees become members of Playgroup NSW.

DURAL/GALSTON

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

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Community Contacts

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

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

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

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Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group holds its meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7pm at Anglian Retirement Village, Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven on Blue Gum Centre. Enquiries Denis 9629 2645 or Maurice 9654 2138.

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

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

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

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

Galston Branch CWA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Galston Community Health Centre. New members are sure of a friendly welcome. Enquiries to Janet 9653 2402 or Melissa 0408626978.

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

Galston Garden Club New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month at the Galston Community Centre. For further information contact Bill Fleming on 9653 2394.

Galston View Club which raises money to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program will be celebrating Christmas at our last luncheon meeting for this year on Wednesday 22nd November, 2017 at Dural Country Club at 11am. Joanna Capetanakis will entertain us with great music and singing. Visitors will be very welcome. Bookings Vivien 98941189.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays at Galston 6-8pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursday evenings of the school term from 7.00 to 10.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest- Men's Choir, Ladies Choir. For all enquiries, please call the church office on 9653 2039. 11 School Road Galston or visit www.galstonunitingchurch.com

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

Glenorie Community Church Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Ladies meeting at 10.30am last Tuesday of every month. All welcome. 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie. Pr Valich - Phone 0420 603 989 Church 9652 0577.

Glenorie Mission Church Sunday Service 10:00 am. 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236.

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

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

St. Jude's Anglican Service Times: 8am Traditional; 10am Contemporary with Sunday Kids & Yr 5-9 Teen group; 6pm Evening church for youth & parents. 'Epic' kids club and Youth Group - Fridays (see website for details). Galston & Old Northern Roads, Dural. Phone: 9651-1119

St Madeleine's Catholic Church 28 Annangrove rd, Kenhurst. Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network. Ring 0420 399 452 or 0432 181 635 to speak to one of our trained coaches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glenorie Social Golf Club Plays monthly, visit www.glenoriesl.com.au under 'Branch' for round dates and courses. Contact Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club Adults 18 years to 80+ are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm at Galston Aquatic Centre. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun & friendship, ring Di on 0418 432 587. Hills Hawks Soccer Club For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or agmsinsulations@bigpond.com.

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

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

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

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

Tennis Court for Hire Galston At rear of Galston Community Hall. Available Day or Night, Mobile Jane on 0481 900 151.

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

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

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