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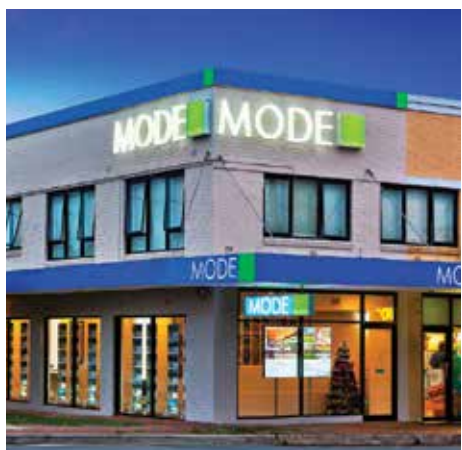


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The primary goal of these plans is to create attractive meeting places where people can gather and socialise. The public domain plans will set out design principles, which will then be implemented either through capital works by Council or through agreements with developers.

"We're not just talking about putting in a few park benches, this is refurbishing the public areas of the town centres from top to bottom," Mayor Ruddock said. "The plans will include a range of improvements such as upgraded paving, consistent street lighting and expanded public areas with greater opportunities outdoor dining."

The areas identified as being in most need of public domain plans include Hornsby (both west and east side), Pennant Hills, Beecroft, Asquith, Galston and Cherrybrook.

If you want to keep up to date with this community consultation project, consider joining AGRA (See page 6 for their report)

Other Council works scheduled for 2018/19 include the following road works: Arcadia Road, Galston Stage 1 - Galston Road towards Fagan Park Entrance and Crosslands Road, Galston - Stage 2.

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- \$12.00 Lunch specials (Members Price)
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GLENORIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

\$2.5M from the State Government to Hornsby Shire for planning. Circa \$150,000 to be spent on developing an accelerated Rural Lands Vision for the Hornsby Shire. *By Callum Hoogesteger*

Finally, Hornsby Shire has the funding to undertake a truly evidence-based plan for Glenorie and the wider rural surrounds. Our community appears to be at a juncture where in the coming months decisions will be made that will determine how we in Glenorie will live. To date a lack of funding and action by Hornsby Council (the last plan was done 20 years ago) has meant very little development in the Hornsby Shire area of Glenorie which

has had its own pros and cons. This is despite various action groups and parties with vested interests pushing very hard for smaller lots, even down to 1 acre.

What is your vision for your community and how do you want to live in the area? The Government has 2 plans for Glenorie. One for the west side (<https://www.greater.sydney/central-city-district-plan/>) and one for the east side (<https://www.greater.sydney/north-district-plan/>). Again,

Glenorie is split by Shire, by State and Federal Electorates and by Greater Sydney plans. The opportunity may exist however during the planning, for dialogue between Hills and Hornsby to get some cohesive outcomes for Glenorie. This is one of the goals of Glenorie Progress Association.

Rather than simply continue the urban sprawl and squeeze in more houses on smaller lot sizes, the opportunity exists to increase the various villages to create a mix of housing

whilst preserving the green surrounds of our villages that we all enjoy. At the same time the few local stone fruit growers left are struggling to make ends meet. Many are in the process of or have already simply shut up shop and are now sitting on significant land holdings unable to earn an income from the land. Others would love to sell a portion of their land to reinvest into more intense operations requiring more infrastructure. This is the difficult position Hornsby Shire Council will find themselves in when looking at the evidence and finding the balance between

a farmer who wants to get a return from their property and maintaining lot sizes that preserve the rural setting if the district.

The district has the unique advantage of being a "playground" for Sydney within 1 hour of the CBD. Surely, we can capitalise on this advantage. The unique features include the Hawkesbury River, endless national parks and forest, farming and agricultural experiences and produce, dining, camps and youth activities, equine and small businesses of every sort. Some entrepreneurs have

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worked really hard to capitalise on these features such as Canoelands Orchard <http://www.canoelandsorchard.com/>, who continue to evolve their business to meet the market. However, regulations and red tape prevent some businesses from evolving to meet the local needs. For example, there is hardly a guest house in the area and when a larger function is run locally friends and relatives are forced to stay in Castle Hill. This is where council needs a plan.

If larger lot sizes are to continue and if the residents are relying on running a business from the land, then the business needs to be viable. Otherwise the push

will continue for more sub division as it is an obvious path to a return on investment. Council needs to support a wide range of businesses that return viability to the land.

At the Glenorie Progress Association the consensus from a widely canvassed review was that we are keen to see a thriving village with a housing mix that supports different people and families at different stages in life, local retail and services, transport and the critical mass of population to make those shops and services viable. This may mean that the village needs to expand, but that should be done to a plan that is widely accepted by the community. We are also

keen to see the natural and rural surrounds of Glenorie and the district preserved. This means that it should be easy for hard working locals to run their business from their properties. There should be council support rather than red tape, and local enterprise should be encouraged. Every home business means one less person commuting to the city for work, it can also mean more local employment for residents.

Hornsby Council are committed to accelerating their Rural Lands Vision, why not make your voice heard and contribute to that plan via the GPA. It's easy to join and all residents are welcome.

FISHO'S SHOUT NIGHT



Hosted by Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club

From 7pm Wednesday 19th December 2018 at The Galston Club

Come along to this fun community event for the whole family with many great prizes to win!

There will be a major raffle with awesome prizes including a Yamaha PW50 from Bike and Power Dural, Prize pack from Blue Bottle Marine Dural and Napoleon Travel Q Portable BBQ from Jetmaster Castle Hill.

There will also be a chocolate wheel running on the night with plenty of chances to win hams, prawns, mangoes and more.

And to top it off everyone through the door will receive one free entry into the lucky door prize draw.

JOIN US

Glenorie Progress Association exists to give you an effective voice within the Glenorie community, particularly working with local Councils and State Government. Join online today at <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/apply-to-join/> or come along to our next meeting 7:45pm, **6th December 2018** in the function room, Glenorie RSL.

We would like to thank the Glenorie RSL for hosting our meetings every month.

Please support the RSL and the local Glenorie Community Christmas Carols. The carols will be on **Saturday 15th December 6PM**. Bring a blanket. The event will feature local artists and Santa courtesy of the Glenorie RFS.

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GALSTON SHOPPING PRECINCT UPGRADES 2020-21

By Pres. Sonja Cameron

At our meeting held on the 25th October at the Galston club we invited members and guests to listen and participate in discussions about the Galston shopping precinct.

OUR FIRST SPEAKER was Fiona Robbe, local resident and landscape architect, who presented past design ideas with traffic and pedestrian solutions with unique ideas to make Galston a rural village with atmosphere. Hornsby Council General Manager, Steve Head, presented the need to improve Galston with pedestrian safety and traffic management, which is imperative in the new plans. Hornsby Shire Councillor Warren Waddell, spoke about the need to ignite discussions and the need to engage the community and make public and private space work together for a better Galston Village.

The meeting was opened to the floor with ideas of how the community wants to see Galston:

- Traffic management plan including slow traffic and make it safer to cross the road, angled parking and slip road.
- Access to public toilets
- Pedestrian safety
- A hitching rail for horses
- Bike racks and cycleways
- Improved Library to include IT hub and better services
- Coach parking
- Local shops = local employment
- Green spaces and community gardens
- Improved disabled parking and easier access to the shops

- Playground and youth activities
- Collaboration between precinct owners
- Cohesive approach and encouraging employment with improved public transport.

There were many more thoughts on the night but everyone at the meeting was in agreement in wanting to see improvements for this community space. The council has received four tenders and the process continues through 2019 with further community consultation and collaboration. The designs will be produced by mid-2019 and construction during 2020-2021. An exciting time for the Galston Village, so keep up to date on further meetings.

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CWA of NSW - Galston Branch would like to thank all of the junior bakers who participated in The Land Cookery Competition on **Thursday 8th November**.

Congratulations to the under 12's placegetters who presented the best Decorated Butter Biscuits, as decided by CWA and Sydney Royal Easter Show judge Robyn Kidd.

- 1st Place - Lachlan Edwards
- 2nd Place - Caitlin Ahmed
- 3rd Place - Cameron Truelove

Entries were judged on their taste, appearance, texture, presentation, and precision to the recipe. The kids did so well to put their creations out there and receive the feedback offered by Robyn.

CWA Galston branch meets monthly at the Galston Health & Resource Centre. Our next meeting is Wednesday 12th December. Visitors are most welcome, for further details please contact Jann 0439 222 217 or Pam 9653 1036. Visit our facebook page - www.facebook.com/CWAGalston



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"The space is like walking into another haven", Ulla says..."Im finding

it hard to leave once the canvas is on the easel. "The space is perfect for photography, due to the private and comfortable surroundings in homely settings", says Bjorn

"The Home Studio Shack has become our new base for our creative minds where we continue working together, producing our unique collaborative "Fusion Art" and our individual creations."

Ulla and Bjorn, both from Denmark, and like to incorporate their Danish background both in their family home "Hygge" life and expressed in their Art. Ulla embraces

the extremes in nature such as the vibrant colours in a bush fire and the harshness in the Danish snow. The layers of colours enhanced by her many tools gives a beautiful abstract and textured feel. Her portraits are raw and touch the soul.

Bjorn's photography represents many images from places in Denmark and Australia fused with the female form. The unique technique portrays another example of the classic Danish Designs with the stylish fine lines, that we all know so well. Bjorn's photography is beautifully done with lightings set to precision.

Both Ulla and Bjorn incorporate and fuse the female forms in their art in a beautiful and tasteful style.

In addition to the 'Home Studio Shack' you can enjoy, view and purchase artwork or photography by Ulla and Bjorn which on display in Glenorie Shopping Village.

Ulla and Bjorn and very happy to chat with you either in person or on the phone should you have any queries and bookings

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Hornsby Shire Council's audited financial reports for 2017/18 and the Auditor's Reports for the same period will be presented at the Council Meeting on 14 November 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Income Statement result is a surplus of \$5.8 million before capital items.

The Reports are available on Council's website at hornsby.nsw.gov.au and at Hornsby Shire Council's Administration Building at 296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby.

Written submissions on any aspect of the Financial Reports or Auditor's Reports must be received at Council by 21 November 2018 and will be referred to the Auditor.

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**INVICTUS PIE FUNDRAISING
TARGET OF \$20,000
REACHED!**

By Christine Gillies

Glenorie Bakery is proud to announce that we have reached our Invictus Games fundraising target of \$20,000!!!



We started with a goal of \$10,000, then raised the bar to \$20,000. By the time of the closing ceremony on 27th October we got to \$17,000 but decided to continue on with our fundraising to ensure we would reach our target! Last week we achieved our goal and on November 15th 2018, Rob Pirina from Glenorie Bakery had the honour of handing over our \$20,000 cheque to Patrick Kidd (CEO of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 and Major General Fergus (Gus) McLachlan, AO (Australian Forces Commander).

Throughout our fundraising journey we have had the opportunity to host a local community event 'The Invictus Pie Festival' including guests such as Patrick Kidd (CEO of Invictus), Cobber the official mascot, our local school principal, mayor and politicians. Rob also had the opportunity of presenting the Invictus Games Australian team athletes with a personal taste of our Invictus Pies at the Academy of Sport and Recreation Centre, and was asked to represent the Honourable Dominic Perrottet MP (Treasurer, Minister for Industrial Relations, Member for Hawkesbury) at the official UK Invictus Team Welcome Reception held by The British High Commissioner, Her Excellency Mrs Menna Rawlings CMG.

It has been quite a journey and we would like to thank our local community, customers and the media for helping us reach our target of \$20,000 for our unconquerable Australian Invictus Games Athletes.

1ST DURAL SCOUT GROUP

By Kylie McGhie

Very exciting times at 1st Dural Scouts Group!!! We are counting down to AJ2019. In January, 10 of our Scouts are heading to the 2019 Australian Jamboree in Tailem Bend, South Australia. It will be 2 weeks of jam-packed adventure and fun!

The Scouts have been very busy throughout the year fundraising to assist with the fees, you may have seen them at Bunnings Bbqs, washing cars, selling Fire Pits or pushing trolleys at Glenorie Woolworths. We thank everyone for their continuing support!

All the camp gear was packed in early November and sent on its way in shipping containers to the camp site, ready for our troops arrival.

We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing all about their adventures. 1st Dural Scout Group would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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IT'S NOT ALL PIE IN THE SKY WHEN YOU DIE...

By Susanna Mills

Looking ahead to 2019, I decided to try 'upping my miles' for this issue's cycling article. I've set my sights on the few roads left in our area that I know are less travelled before sunrise, reasoning that a suitable alternative to the busy Two Gorges route would be to cycle to the famous 'Pie in the Sky' and back. This route has all the features of the Two Gorges route, namely: Two Gorges! An extra 10km in distance! Exquisite bushland scenery! & At the turn around point you can relax and enjoy a pie and a coffee! Well, yes and no...

Early morning cycling along Arcadia Road towards Berowra Waters is always blissful, as you can watch the sun rise from behind your handlebars. It's an easy roll, mostly downhill with a little pinch climb up past Charlton's Creek Road. At Chilcott Road I spot two other early risers out on their bikes. I quickly catch up and, being a mountain biker, simply can't resist overtaking them. The air is scything through my wheels as I descend at over 50km/h to the ferry. I am exhilarated and so glad that I have never stopped cycling.

After introducing myself on the ferry, I watch my two new acquaintances extract their revenge and vanish up the switchbacks way ahead of me. Still, the climb to the suburb of Berowra, is one of my local favourites. It's got a gentle gradient, smooth surface, is lined with ferns and moss and threads of mist in all the valleys;

and if you know where to look, you can spot the pylons that festoon Crosslands Road.

An excellent cycle lane along Berowra Waters Road dispatches me efficiently onto the Pacific Highway. Here, I turn left past the railway station for the final 8km up to Pie in the Sky. This is a beautiful stretch of road to cycle on, with snaking downhills and forever views into mysterious valleys. An interesting spin through the charming village of Cowan takes me across the very narrow railway bridge and then I am right into the final slog up to Pie. There is a bunch of other riders also catching their breath there, but I'm disappointed to see that the restaurant is closed- we are all too early, it seems!

The return ride starts off well, but the descent back down to the ferry now involves a bit more traffic, so I have to slow down. While on the water, I have the sense to consume

a Gu for the hectic climb back up to Chilcott, which I call the Berowra B***h... It lures you in with the sweet sounds of rushing water, lyrebird sightings, picturesque rocks and Salmon Gums. All that is quickly forgotten where the road takes a savage turn into a steeper gradient and by the time I get to the first driveways of Berrilee, I'm going so slow I can hardly keep my bike upright. A tiny reprieve past Mulawa Stud, then it's relentlessly up to Chilcott, and gradually up again to Calabash Road. By the time I get to Arcadia School my knee is hurting and I feel like I'm going to die. I am very glad that I took that Gu earlier!

Ten minutes later I've dragged myself back into Galston. I'm very relieved to be sitting at the Steamyard Café, commiserating with owner Michael Gobran whilst savouring a very well-earned, large cappuccino!

FACTBOX:

DIFFICULTY: 54.2km. 2.5 to 3 hours. Lots of hill climbing, don't be fooled by the distance. This is a hard ride.

BE PREPARED: To avoid injury, put some consistent 30km+ rides in before you try this one! (I've certainly learnt my lesson).

TAKE: Two drink bottles, some solid food and definitely consume an energy gel when waiting for the ferry to get you up that wicked hill on the return ride.

GO EARLY: It may mean you miss Pie in the Sky being open, but do this ride early. Although quiet during weekdays, on weekends it is a highly popular route for motorcyclists, fishermen towing boats and large bunches of cyclists-who ride here from all over Sydney-are getting so numerous that soon not everyone will fit onto the ferry!



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Galston Netball Club at the Galston Twilight markets **Friday, 7th December, 2018**

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Galston Netball Club Expo Galston Recreational Reserve **Sunday, 10th February 2019**

Galston Netball Club Grading Day Pennant Hills **Sunday 3rd March 2019**

GALSTON NETBALL CLUB SKILLS PROGRAM

FOR THOSE THAT JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH NETBALL!

The official 2018 netball season finished in September and kicks off again in May 2019. However – Galston Netball Club was aware that there were several NetSetGo players (aged 5-9 years old) and junior players that just wanted to keep practicing their netball! The Club therefore developed a 7-week netball skills program for current and new players keen to learn and build on their netball skills. The program was advertised locally, and the strong demand was obvious with the first 7-week program receiving 28 registrations in just 3 days!



Smiles all round! Our NetSetGo program participants and coaches



The program is now in its third week and from the huge smiles on the faces of the participants it's clear that the girls are really enjoying themselves. Each week the program focuses on different games and activities suitable for all ages and abilities to teach players the basic skills of the sport. There's music, there's games, there's laughter and there's lots of fun!

And, with the positive feedback from the younger age group, the Club also decided to run a skills program for older players

(aged 10-11) which has also proven popular with nearly 20 participants!

Theresa Welschinger, President of Galston Netball Club commented, 'There's a clear demand locally from young girls for these netball skills programs outside of the netball season and for new players to try netball before committing to a full season. The Club and our volunteer coaches are more than happy to support these initiatives and build on the player's enthusiasm and love of netball. We will continue to run these programs in 2019 and obviously hope to

encourage more girls to join our Club in 2019 and participate in what is a fabulous team sport.'

Galston Netball Club fields teams aged 6 years to adult in the Hills District Netball Association winter competition. Registrations for next winter season will open in early 2019. For further information about winter registrations or if you are interested in joining these skills sessions in 2019, please contact secretary. galstonnetballclub@gmail.com

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DURAL COUNTRY CLUB BOWLERS

By Judith Harris

Both the men's and women's clubs are running down towards the end of the calendar year. Both clubs are enjoying an influx of new members which makes for some interesting games.

On the competition front the final ladies event, the Ladies' Drawn Fours will be played while the Men's Drawn Triples and Drawn Pairs were decided recently. With the help of Stuart Yeend, Larry Gillespie and Kevin Keene, Richard Thorpe



added the triples to his Major Singles won earlier. The Runners-Up were Doug Farlow, David Pan and Gordon Scoble. As with the ladies these teams are drawn randomly and it gives all members a chance to play with the "champs". The Pairs were won by Richard Thorp and Gordon Scoble with Paul Race and David Pan runners-up.

The finalists for the ladies' Drawn Fours are Mairead Henson, Marilyn

Bonvino, Barbara Wood and Margaret Yeend who will try to defeat Ann Wilson, Kay Turrell, Terri Hezlett and Chris Fitzgerald.

The hard-working selectors are now faced with the unenviable task of selecting teams for the 2019 Pennant competition to give the teams time to consolidate and practise. Melbourne Cup day saw an almost full green of social bowlers who followed up with lunch and a few flutters.


The ladies are looking forward to a Christmas breakup party when it is hope some retired members may be able to join in the festivities and share a Christmas lunch. The years "trophies" will also be presented.




Runner up men's drawn triples. L-R: Doug Farlow, David Pan Gordon Scoble.

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GALSTON GIRL GUIDES

By Mary Falvey

Galston Guides consists of two units – Junior Guides (aged 6-9) and Guides (aged 10-14). Both units welcome new members and offer a range of activities throughout the term, including games nights, badge work, outdoors activities, campfire cooking and playing with friends.

This year the girls have also been camping, ten pin bowling, rock climbing and they will be ending the year with an exciting visit to Treetops Adventure Park in West Pennant Hills.

Guides meet in school term-time only. If your daughter would like to join Guides in 2019, please contact us at admin@galstongirlguides.com.

Photo shows a number of Junior Guides making their Guide promise and receiving their Guide Promise certificate.

GEELANDS ROAD DUMPER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Paul Mouawad, the owner of Aussie Earthovers, attended the Land and Environment Court on Friday 23rd November. The charges were brought by the NSW EPA following the dumping of asbestos contaminated fill at 22 Geelans Road, Arcadia. He pleaded not guilty to most charges.

In March the EPA took soil samples at 22 Geelans Rd, Arcadia, and found it to be contaminated with asbestos. They also discovered anomalies in the paperwork relating to the fill that was delivered to the site.

If found guilty, the Court can impose a fine of up to \$240,000 or imprisonment for 18 months, or both for supplying false or misleading information.

We understand the NSW Government passed new laws recently creating a new offence for asbestos dumping, attracting the highest level of penalties including infringements of \$5 million for a company and \$500,000 for an individual.

We will report further once the outcome of the court case is known.

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Yelena and student Jessie White at graduation

LOCALLY GROWN NATIONALLY ACCREDITED

By Zoe Hodgkinson

PATHWAYS PSYCHOLOGY INSTITUTE is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Having recently become a Registered Training Organization (RTO) endorsed by ASQA (Australian Skills Quality Authority), with a brand new Diploma of Counselling CHC51015. Yelena Udy is a long time Galston resident, CEO and Head of Training. She explained that although the ASQA audit process has been an enormous undertaking for a small school, "it now assures our graduates that their Diploma of Counselling training will allow them to both be recognized Australia wide finding and getting the jobs they want, and then having the skills to be truly effective in their counselling jobs".

Pathways is committed to maintaining small classes with personalised supervision and coaching, which creates the special unique learning experience our students really value. We regularly receive feedback from our students and graduates that the style of counselling that we teach is so helpful in their work, and that the personal development process our courses take them through (included as an integral part of the training) brings a deeper meaning

and understanding about themselves and the particular gifts they bring. Our courses specialise in Processwork counselling and trauma-informed care. Students learn about the latest insights in brain neurobiology and the nervous system, as well as creative art and movement therapies which access the deeper symbolic level of the mind. Processwork skills guide the student in how to choose the best and most effective method for each individual client's situation.

Pathways courses are offered both in face-to-face residentials and classes at our Galston campus, and classes can be attended at-a-distance for students from afar. The mix of students from the local community, and from further afield makes a rich diverse student group in all of our counselling and psychotherapy training courses.

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SALVATION ARMY

By Catherine Joscelyne

Known throughout the world for its tireless and compassionate care of peoples in need, the Salvation Army reaches out to help everyone in the community who is going through a tough time. Regardless of creed, race, age or social background, every plea for assistance is met with a caring, non-judgemental approach of guidance and support. Your local contact for help and advice is Major Karen who can be contacted in total confidence on 0417 626 910.

Did you know that you can now have your Will written or updated by a fully qualified lawyer? This is done for a nominal amount by lawyers donating their time and expertise to give you peace of mind in the knowledge that your wishes will be carried out after your passing. Check the Salvos

website for more information relevant to your area. Our Dural store will have bargains galore throughout December as we wind up the year.

Each section will have Spot Sales at the Manager's discretion, so keep an eye on the FaceBook entries and be an early bird!

Christmas Carols will be held in the grounds on the corner of Old Northern Road and Newline Road on Sat 15 Dec starting with fun activities at 5.30pm followed by carols at 6.30pm. Bring a rug and a picnic, and enjoy companionship as we launch into the Festive season.

Our last day of trading will be Thursday 20th December, closing at 4pm. We will re-open on Wed 9 January. During this holiday period, please store any donations for us safely at home. Items left outside may be damaged by the weather or may never reach us.

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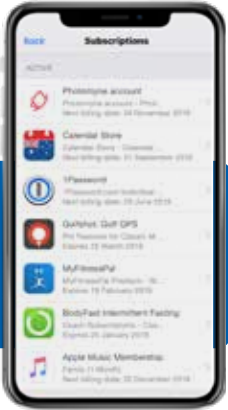
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THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT... MANAGING APP SUBSCRIPTIONS

By Deborah Amos



Have you ever found, that you have taken out a Subscription on an App, or even signed up for an App Trial, and then before you know it you have paid for another year, or started paying after the trial when you really meant to cancel? Here are some tips on how to manage Subscriptions.



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EASTBEND REPORT FOLLOWING 2018 AGM

At the Eastbend Rural Communications AGM on **12th November 2018** the following new Committee was elected:

- President: **RAY WHITEMAN**
- Vice President: **VICKI BROWNLESS**
- Public Officer: **RAY WHITEMAN**
- Secretary: **VICKI BROWNLESS**
- Assistant Secretary: **LIZ WILKINSON**
- Treasurer: **CAROLE SWEENY**
- Publicity Officer: **TESSA CORKILL**

Ordinary Committee members:
PAT SCHWARTZ, BEV TOLLMAN, SHEILA TROTMAN

During 2018 Living Heritage continued to be successful in its mission of keeping the community informed about local matters each month; many thanks to Editor Carole Sweeny and her helpers. Archival plans, including the digitisation of the many old photos held by the organization, are ongoing, as are plans for interviewing long time residents of the area.

At the meeting it was decided to hold our quarterly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month, rather than the third; therefore the first meeting for 2019 will be held on Monday February 11th. If you have any local issues you would like to discuss or have help with in the meantime please contact the Secretary Vicki Brownless on livingheritage6@gmail.com or Tessa Corkill, at 2archaeics@gmail.com or 9652-1470.

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We are incredibly grateful and thankful to welcome our new Gold Sponsor on board. Dural Pool Shop has generously agreed to support the club with a massive \$5000 a year sponsorship. This money will go such a long way to improving our equipment and helping young swimmers get to the big events like state and nationals (This season in Adelaide). We would encourage all our members, and the entire community to support this wonderful business in return.

Our general membership continues to swell, a just reward for the massive

efforts put in by our two coaches Stacey and Adrian. In fact, over the past 12 months, both our junior competitive and senior competitive squads have almost doubled.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who performed so well at the Sydney Metro North West Championships. The following 7 swimmers have now qualified for the Australian Swimming Championships in Adelaide next April. Well done to Laura Boll and Nick Miller (both qualifying for open Nationals) and Jake Marsden, Olivia Charlton, Jye MacLauchlan, Daniel Steer and Sam Loria (all qualifying for age Nationals).



Wishing all our customers, family and friends a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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On September 30 we dedicated a tribute to our long serving member, Mavis Andrews (née Bennett), who passed away in June. Many members of her family travelled down from the Central Coast for the occasion, including brothers, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mavis attended Arcadia Public School as a child and her family farmed property on Arcadia Road and what was once known as One Chain Road.

Work continues on the 1918 International truck. We recently removed the engine, and it is now partly dismantled, finding some of it in very sad state.

It is not too soon to start thinking of our Australia Day Open day. We always hope that it is not too hot and there are no total fire bans in place preventing Blacksmith demonstrations and running the hot air engine. The Netherby Homestead precinct offers some shaded tables, which enable visitors to enjoy refreshments in pleasant surroundings. Weather aside, we



always enjoy taking all the trucks and tractors for a leisurely run around the Park to advertise our presence.

The Fagan Park museums are open every Tuesday, our volunteering day, and we open the museums on the second Sunday each month during the afternoon.

Ian Browning, Honorary Curator, 0419 435 475.

SYDNEY HILLS BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees, will be holding their last meeting for the year on **FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER, 2018.**

The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church Hall Welhan Street, Beecroft.

The meeting will commence at 10.45am, we have engaged a very interesting speaker, from 3G PHONES. He will speak on any proposed changes and the Phone Company Providers.

We would especially like to welcome, Baby Boomers and those who are retiring in the near future.

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GRAVE MANNERS MATTER

By Kerron May



This is the final in the series examining the garden of stone known as cemeteries where our collective memories allow us to summon up recollections of those we have loved and lost.

Cemeteries are unique places within our cultural heritage being part of the everyday scene but not usually part of everyday life. Thus a cemetery is a place where tranquillity and quiet are the desired norm and the activities of the everyday suspended in quiet reflection. I have looked at our behaviour in these places which is defined not so much by how we grieve or mourn a loved one but more about how we have been taught to remember by locating ourselves in a specific place to do so and observing appropriate decorum by employing symbols,

meanings and rituals as a ways and means of remembrance. The act of remembrance commemorates through recollection the essence of the departed: it is giving them life again if only briefly in recalled memories of who they were and what they meant to us. Remembrance can take many shapes and forms: the use of epitaphs provides a brief précis of the life and times of the departed. Who they were, their achievements and how we will recall them are inscribed on a memorial stone in a prescribed manner as a reminder to ourselves

and others. But sometimes a memory can be stirred by a certain perfume, a musical air, guitar riff or song, an attitude or pose of a stranger that strikes as familiar. It can be a collective memory shared with others or a private reflection of another space and time which connects with the loved one. So there you have it. We will all travel the Corpse Road one day to our final resting place to be marked by a memorial gravestone or plaque with some pithy description of who we were and what we did in life. These serve as reminders of our existence and also act as an aide memoir of the time honoured tradition called remembrance. The desire to be remembered lives within our genetic and cultural



makeup. It is the age-old reason why we carve our initials in trees, place our hands in cement and chalk our names on rocks. We want to leave our mark: to be remembered. But for the living, the real marks our departed loved ones leave are the ones they've left on us: a hug, a smile, a timely word of advice. We want to remember those we've loved and lost, not only for them but also more importantly for ourselves: to mend, to heal, to live and never to forget. That is the true art of remembrance.



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A SOLID ROCK SALUTE TO

ELVIS PRESLEY

By Norm Bakker

The Elvis experience started for Norm Bakker some 25 years ago when a sound engineer heard

Norm sing at a major Sydney venue and suggested that maybe he should do an Elvis show. Norm is playing at The Galston Club on Saturday 15th December.

So started the birth of a new production show called, a solid rock salute to Elvis.

The show has taken norm to many places overseas, and he has appeared on TV and radio.

Norm doesn't try to be Elvis; his warm generous personality and sincerity to his audience makes this show stand out from others, and as norm says:

"There is only one elvis, and in our lifetime there will be no other like him".

Elvis presley's biggest fan, norm bakker adorned in fabulous costumes of splendour bringing the king of rock 'n' roll back to life performing his ultimate Tribute "a solid rock salute to elvis" and singing all his biggest hits!

HELP THE SALVOS SPREAD HOPE THIS Christmas

By Lea Coghlan

This Christmas, The Salvation Army is encouraging Dural, Glenorie and Hills locals to connect with their community – whether it is through participating in Christmas activities, giving a hand up to someone in need, or reaching out to the Salvos for help.

Christmas is one of the hardest times of year for Australians doing it tough, but Dural Salvation Army Officer, Major Karen Flemming says just a small contribution can make a big difference in helping us to give hope where it's needed most.

Research from The Salvation Army has revealed that 95 per cent of all households who access the Salvos emergency services are living in poverty, with 74 per cent experiencing food insecurity and 67 per cent reporting that food affordability is their greatest daily challenge.

Christmas is the busiest time of year for the Salvos. Not only is The Salvation Army in Dural running its annual Christmas Cheer operation, to provide toys and food for those in need, it is also celebrating in their Family Stores, putting on a community 'Carols on the Lawn' event and preparing for special Advent and Christmas Day services in December.

If you require assistance at Christmas with food and gifts please call (02) 9651 3456.

On Christmas Day, Dural Salvos are inviting the public to gather to celebrate the hope of Jesus and joy of Christmas. The Christmas Day service will be held 9:30am at 277 New Line Rd (entrance off Old Northern Rd), Dural, and everyone is welcome.

Dural area locals are also invited to come for a fun Family evening 'Carols on the Lawn' on 15 December with a barbecue, kids jumping castles, face painting and animals from 5:30pm followed by carols.

For more information about what The Salvation Army is doing at Christmas across the country go to salvos.org.au

Please share your photos with us on social media using the hashtag #givehope.

To give hope where it's needed most this Christmas, please donate to The Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal at salvos.org.au/Christmas or by calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58). Donations can also be made in person at any Westpac branch or at Salvo Stores

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The final event for the year will be our Annual General Meeting on 15th December, 2018 commencing at 10 a.m. followed thereafter by a Prawn and Chicken lunch prepared by the members to celebrate the festive season. Anybody connected to the Shed is invited, especially the volunteers, contributors and the generous band of business people who assist in every way possible for the success of the Shed and its ideals.

Our industrial grade dust extraction system is currently being installed and completed by our generous and supportive Mark Davis and his team from Noppen Group and as soon as this is completed we will go ahead with the installation of our copper pipe air system for air tools and compressor to complete our internal fit-out. Also extra 3 phase power outlets to be installed for our bigger workshop machines.

The latest news on the proposed walking track, work-out stations, rest areas and frisbee course is progressing slowly but we have now finished the plans to be considered by Council and have approached several groups for the funding of the project. It will be such an important addition for our community

to improve their exercise regime and to improve the general health of the residents and also have another asset to attract people to the area.

Our monthly markets/ car boot sales held on the first Saturday of the month in the car park of the Club have been hampered by the weather but these will continue into the new year with hopefully improved weather conditions. Please note that there will be no markets in January 2019.

In the new year we have organised Tafe courses in wood turning, basic car maintenance, beginners and advanced computer courses and landscaping.

The next big project will be building a community garden using raised garden beds to grow herbs, vegetables and general plants to be maintained by our

members and for this we need the the community to register their interest if they wish to participate. Also we are calling for any galvanised unwanted water tanks that we can convert to raised garden beds. If you have one please ring Adrian or Alan who can arrange pick-up.

Our Shed bus with wheelchair access has been active during the year with several outstanding trips namely to RAAF base at Richmond and the antique machinery show at Hawkesbury racecourse. Our upcoming trips organised will be to visit local private collection of pre 1940 air planes and visits to some other

mens sheds and especially a visit to Windsor Museum which have many artifacts of our convict heritage.

Some of the items that we are seeking to have for our shed are an anvil or section of rail track, used hardwood to build racking, usable timber


of all forms, old unwanted tools, nails and screws. If you have any of these items or anything that you feel could be of interest to us please ring Adrian or Alan to arrange pick-up.

For more details, Adrian Acheson 0448833781 or Alan Hunt 0428784425 Our new e-mail address is wfcms2775@gmail.com

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Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

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

Thank you to all readers of this Heartbeats page. I hope that, over the year you have found the little stories interesting, amusing and entertaining. I would particularly like to thank Christine Stockman for her regular contributions.

I hope that everyone has a joyous festive season, finding time to relax and replenish.

Remember to share with me (and consequently the community...haha) the great things happening to you and your family. January we take a break so in February I will check my inbox advertising@galstoncommunity.com.au for your offerings.

Hannah's wedding



On 12th October, in a truly beautiful ceremony, Hannah Ignacz married Tim Skillicorn at St

Michael's, Baulkham Hills. Hannah is the daughter of Lynda and Damien, of Glenorie, and Tim, son of Bev and Paul. Hannah's cousin and talented pianist, Francis Atkins, created an enchanting atmosphere, playing Claire de Lune as Hannah walked down the aisle.

The reception, held at Zest Waterfront, Mosman, was a wonderful joy-filled celebration. Family and friends were blown away by the bride's surprise performance, singing Alicia Keys "If I Ain't Got You".

The mostly cloudy weather provided perfect light for photos, and the clever photographer made the most of the rain, when it did fall, and captured this magical shot.

A stunning garden



Arthur Moit has been a lover of all things green since as early as the late 60s. He grew a love of roses and many other plants as he began a regular gardening business, visiting homes on a weekly basis keeping his customers Gardens looking pristine. With the purchase of 5 acres back in the

90s he now had a garden he could create and make his own. With a huge array of roses in many different colours it has become quite and eye catcher as you pass by along Old Northern Road. Over the years it has changed with many different varieties of all kinds of flowers and plants. Many people stop as they pass to take photos. Some of the rose varieties he currently has are, Mr Lincoln, Iceberg, Fragrant Plum and Queen Elizabeth.



contributed by Mary Moussa

Nice place for a picnic

Thought I'd seen it all until I drove into my property recently and found two cars parked and about seven people having a picnic and playing cards on my lawn. After trying to explain that this is not a park and that it is private property they said they would leave after their card game was finished. Unbelievable!

contributed by Angela Laphos

Supportive husband

I was witness to the love of a caring husband recently....best if I write this with substitute names. Celeste needed a change of clothes and asked her husband....mmmm Christos (that's a good name) to bring a set of clothes to the hall. Christos waited patiently outside for 45minutes until Celeste had finished her class. She collected the clothes then changed. Much to everyone's amusement the black ballet slippers chosen by Christos not only didn't match but were both the left foot.

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The greatest Gatsby

Galston Zumba instructor, Nina knows how to throw a celebration party.

Nina wanted to acknowledge her 8 years as an instructor by bringing together her students in a glamorous and celebratory evening of merriment. It is apparent that in Nina's circle there is an abundance of talent and on the night we had a non stop programme of singers, featured dancers, burlesque and even a pole



dancer. Our Galston group worked on a choreographed routine to 'Ain't she Sweet' and despite practising over a number of weeks the 25 strong troupe almost got it right on the night....well actually I should only speak for myself and apologise to the girls for those 'oops' steps

I added and 'oops' steps I forgot.. The weeks of rehearsal and the wardrobe assembly were all a part of the fun and the actual night was dazzlingly spectacular. Nina, you are a super star!

"A Lovely Remembrance Day Service"

The significance of this 2018 Remembrance Day has been well advertised this year given that it is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended WW1.

Due to this fact Galston Fire Brigade decided to make this Remembrance Day more special than others. They sent out emails and texts calling all available fires to meet at the Station Flagpole

by 10:45am on Sunday 11th November.

Well, ten fires, mostly in uniform, attended, along with five children and three horses. They listened to "The Last Post" from a car radio, whilst two saluted and all stood to attention. The Flag had been at half-mast since 10:30 am and after the 11am "Minutes Silence", was raised as the "Reveille" was heard.

I do hope many who drove past on Mid Dural Rd at this time noticed our Brigade's honouring service of Remembrance.

contributed by Christine Stockman



Things I have learnt this month

Australia is considered free of Rubella, more commonly known as German Measles

Banging your head against a wall for one hour burns 150 calories, alternatively walking the dog for 45 minutes burns the same number and is less painful..... *good information for dog owners, bad luck for cat owners.*

The following palindrome can be read backwards 'do geese see god'*do you have a better one?*

According to research, the average male gets bored of a shopping trip after 26 minutes. *That's a surprise...haha!!!*

Recycling one glass jar can power a television for 3 hours...*not sure of the ratio of jar to tv screen???*

Radar

Please watch out for snakes. A few weeks ago, on a cleared, enclosed and fully fenced block in Calabash Road, Arcadia my beautiful dog Radar was bitten by a large brown snake protecting me and 2 other dogs. He was gone in 30 mins.



The snake was out in the open, around 8m from me and about 10m away from the house.

I house sit at this location and was in the garden weeding and Radar killed the snake to protect me and the house owner's 2 dogs.

Keep grass short, clear anything snakes can hide in around house and take notice of bird alarm calls as they often see them first.

According to a snake bite treatment expert if anyone is bitten then keep them completely still as this gives them a fighting chance to get treatment within 12 hours. Stay safe.

contributed by Hannah Green

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HISTORY

By Michael Bell

On a beautiful day in October, sixteen of our members spent an enjoyable and informative time at Retford Park, Bowral. In the morning we were guided through the magnificent homestead. After lunch in the grounds, we wandered the gardens with a very knowledgeable guide. The property and contents were left to the public by the Late James Fairfax and is now in the hands of the National Trust. At \$50.00 a head the tour was excellent value.

Our October AGM was followed by a members' Show and Tell. Pauline Corthorn showed us the Morse Code equipment she used as a young lady, while a most ingenious ancient electric fan, a Russian icon and modern glass were shown by others.

DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE



Remembrance Day found the Society members providing chairs and power to help with the two services held beside our Cenotaph. Inside History Cottage, a display gave an account of the war service of some of the local men. This display is part of the Society's



detailed research of the men, from the surrounding communities, who served; over 200 in all.

The Cottage will close on the 9th December and open after the Christmas break on the 3rd February 2019. Our speakers and tours for next year are being arranged and members look forward to an enjoyable year. Be part of the audience for our monthly lectures and on the bus for very moderately priced tours to historical places.

Contact the President on 96531365 for more information.

DURAL GALSTON PROBUS CLUB

Dural Galston Probus Club will hold its final meeting for the year on Thursday 20th Dec. at 10am at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston.

The meeting will be followed by Christmas lunch at the Galston Club.

Probus is a mixed club for retired and semi retired people who enjoy friendship, good speakers and occasional outings.

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Latest News



from the Mayor's Desk

I would like to shine a light on a group of Hornsby Shire Council employees who don't always get the full public attention they deserve, partly because they are often out of sight and hard at work deep within our bushland.

Members of the Natural Resources team are less visible than those who collect your bins or repair your roads, but their work is equally valuable. It is they who have responsibility for the 25,000 new trees Council has committed to plant before the end of 2020, just part of their significant contribution to our community.

It is because of the Natural Resources team that Hornsby Shire Council recently received a Green Globe Award from the Office of Environment and Heritage, an important recognition of our efforts to integrate environmental management and sustainable practices into our operations. Council won because of our Hawkesbury Watch program, which uses remote monitoring buoys to provide continuous updates on a range of water quality data.

This is the first initiative of its kind in Australia. It not only gives valuable information for local residents about fishing and swimming conditions, it also allows for timely action to help maintain the highest standards of water quality.

Philip Ruddock
Mayor
Hornsby Shire Council

DECEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



There are children's shows, workshops and plenty of activities to do these school holidays.

Summer Reading Club, reptile shows, Christmas pantomime and much more.

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

WHAT'S ON

Hornsby Shire Libraries Summer Reads



Saturday 1 December - Thursday 31 January

Adults and teens 12+ are invited to join in the summer reading fun. Jump-start your holiday reading!

For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

Affordable Housing Discussion Paper



We are exhibiting an Affordable Housing Discussion Paper which considers different options to address the housing affordability issues facing Hornsby residents.

For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition

Meet the Author



Vanessa Finney
Author of *Transformations*

Friday 7 December, 1pm-2pm
Hornsby Library

Transformations tells the story of the Scott sisters, two women who transformed nature into art in their extraordinary paintings of Australian butterflies and moths. Free.

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Bushfire Season



The bushfire season has arrived. Make sure you are prepared by visiting the Rural Fire Service website rfs.nsw.gov.au



from Hornsby Shire Council



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PLAYTIME FOR HORNSBY HOSPITAL

Sick children at Hornsby Hospital will benefit from a new and improved play area as part of a NSW State Government initiative to make hospital stays easier on the younger patients.

Member for Hornsby, Matt Kean MP said the funding will be used to make a hospital stay for children and their families a little less stressful.

"We know that a hospital environment plays an important role in the wellbeing of children and their families. We want to support families, especially in times of need and we hope this investment will help brighten the days of sick children and their families," Mr Kean said.

"It's also great for our clinical staff to share in planning for these new enhancements and working in an improved environment to deliver the very best healthcare to their young patients.

"Having children in hospital is a stressful time for families, and we want to make Hornsby Hospital as warm and welcoming as possible, while at the same time first class medical attention."

Hornsby is one of eight NSW hospitals to share the \$2 million NSW Government funding.

Works are getting underway and will be completed in 2019.

As the year comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



RURAL ROUND UP

By Cnlr Warren Waddell

I was delighted to join the members of the Arcadia Galston Residents Association (AGRA) for their recent meeting at Galston Club. High on the agenda was the landmark Galston village Public Domain Strategy. Our first speaker was Fiona Robbe, local resident and landscape architect, who presented past design ideas with traffic and pedestrian solutions with unique ideas to make Galston a rural village with atmosphere. Hornsby Council General Manager, Steve Head, presented the need to improve Galston with pedestrian safety and traffic management, which is imperative in the new plans.

Glenorie Progress Association has expanded its membership and sphere of influence, taking on

the challenging task of addressing issues occurring in two council jurisdictions. Investigations into gateway improvement options around the bus stop precinct, as well as options for restoration work for the Memorial site, are underway.

I am particularly pleased that the Galston Swim Club has successfully launched their fundraising project to replace the starting blocks at Galston pool. An initial \$10,000 grant has been generously donated by Hornsby MP Matt Kean through the Community Building Partnership Project. This accounts for more than half the necessary funding.

This week Council began a communications review, looking to develop as many options

as possible to ensure that residents are kept informed. This is a particular challenge in rural areas and we are determined to develop a more effective strategy.

Although it is exciting to engage in new areas of Council business, it is equally important that our core business does not get left behind. Footpaths, stormwater, vegetation, road maintenance and waste services are all examples of essential areas of Council responsibility. Effectively funding these services and meeting community expectations is a continuing priority that will not only ensure practical outcomes but reinforce our sense of civic pride.

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HOW FIRE PROOF IS YOUR FIRE PLAN

By Peta Gormly

December is already upon us and we've shown no signs of slowing down.

The brigade went to Vision Valley to discuss with 145 year 5 students from Waverly College Arcadia's operational readiness, how we tackle bush fires, what other incidents we attend (which can be odd and varied), the training we partake in all year round, and how we assist the community in being prepared. We took this opportunity to discuss the importance of having a fire plan that is consistently reviewed and improved. As Arcadia is unique place, the students realised how different it is living here compared to their homes. We also discussed the risks they can face in urban areas.

How Fire Proof is your Fire Plan is the latest campaign to be launched in NSW. Many people have discussed making a plan, however, when it comes to crunch time these plans may not necessarily withstand the conditions, mentally, emotionally, and physically. An open discussion with all your family members is a great way to start planning and reviewing an already made plan. There are many resources accessible on the NSW RFS website that will assist you with your decisions.

Coming into the festive and jolly season, Arcadia has definitely been getting social with the community. The Arcadia Market Day, a highlight on our calendar, was a lot of fun and

a great way for the community to support each other. Our red sleigh was still as popular as ever.

The brigade has continued training various scenarios, honing their skills, and preparing for next year. We wish everyone safe and happy holidays, and a reminder to remain vigilant when using fire. A ready community is a resilient community.

To find out How Fire Proof YOUR Plan is, visit www.myfireplan.com.au

To find resources from the NSW RFS website, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Have you considered joining Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade? Send us an email inquiries@arcadiarfs.org.au

MIDDLE DURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Recently all the volunteer fire brigades in The Hills Shire went through an exercise known as The Readiness Check. One Saturday every year at the start of the fire season, our District Office in Annangrove Road organises an inspection of almost every single piece of equipment that could possibly be used in a bush fire. This involves good will and organisation of military precision from a large number of paid staff and volunteers. Space is limited at District Office so each Brigade has an allotted time for its vehicles to arrive.

Radios, First Aid kits, automatic defibrillators, chain saws and all manner of fire-fighting gear are rigorously scrutinised. Our ability to identify and use key pieces of firefighting equipment is also checked. Our photo shows a Middle Dural firefighter demonstrating use of a 'Y breaching piece', or water-delivery valve that provides water to two separate hose lines, from the back of our Category 1 fire truck.

Our large appliances are fitted with a water spray for covering the whole vehicle when at imminent risk of fire attack. This tanker protection




system is activated from inside the cab. Our system is more powerful than most - it sprays a lot of water over a wide area. Quite a few people in range discovered how well our tanker protection works, to the amusement of those dry volunteers in the cab. Our thanks go to all those people who gave up their Saturday to ensure that we as safe and effective as possible on the fire ground.

Over the last few weeks, columns of smoke indicate residents burning piles. Even though it has been raining, you still need a permit because NSW can't legislate for

every individual who thinks it's OK to burn; and you still need to notify your neighbours and District RFS Office. Volunteers are called out to a great many unauthorised pile burns. We sympathise with you - yes, it may well be safe - but it's still illegal without a permit. Volunteers' time is valuable, particularly since many are small business owners and are losing income by attending your illegal pile.

Please ring your local captain, if you want to burn. He or she (Middle Dural, Len Best 0408220705, or Ken Middleton 0417203088) can issue you with a permit.

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GALSTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By Kara Dubois

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New Members



The Galston Rural Fire Brigade would like to congratulate the 12 new members who recently signed up in our recruitment drive for finishing their Bush Firefighter (BF) training course and officially becoming qualified. It's great to see so many enthusiastic members join the team.

A big thank you also goes out to all involved with their training. Galston fires committed a total of 308 hours to new member training - which doesn't include the admin hours or the recruitment drive

itself, not to mention fire calls, HRs, meetings and additional training put in by everyone during this time. A great team effort!

Pile Burns and Hazard Reductions

Galston RFB have been helping locals prepare for bushfires as the



days start to heat up. We attended several pile burns as well as Hazard Reductions in the local area, including one in Radnor Rd.

🔥 For more information about preparing your property for a bush fire please visit the RFS website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or call the Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

The Annual Galston Village Santa Run



This much loved and anticipated event will be held on Sunday 23rd

December 2018 and will see Santa travel the streets of Galston on board the big red fire truck greeting all the boys and girls.

This years' schedule:

- 16:00 – Santa Run Commences, From Galston Fire Brigade
- 16:00 – Johnson Rd, Lackenwood Rd, Hansen Ave & Hakea Cres
- 17:00 – Sylvan St, Devon Place, Forest Pl, Glen St & The Glade
- 18:00 – Gardiner, Martin Rd, Nancy Place
- 18:30 – The Galston Club (In the Playground Outside)
- 18:50 – Galston Village Shops (Carpark Outside the Thai Square Cuisine)

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GLENORIE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By James Wicking

2018 Glenorie Santa Run

Each year Glenorie and Hillside Brigades take Santa around Glenorie Village to see all the kids before he needs to go and deliver presents. The Santa Run will start at Timaru Street at 4:00pm and slowly move through the Eastern then Western side of Glenorie Village before ending at Glenorie Woolworths at 5:30pm. Listen out for the siren on our trucks so you know when he is coming. Once the Santa Run is finished it will be voted by the team at Woolworths which Brigades Fire Trucks are best decorated. We will also be dropping Santa off at the Christmas Carols at Glenorie RSL on 15 Dec.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures are going to rise and remain high over the Summer

period according to the Bureau of Meteorology. They are also forecasting that rainfall will remain average and we will be seeing warmer days and warmer nights. Please make sure you have your Bush Fire Survival Plan up to date and know what you are going to do in the situation of a Bush Fire.

Brigade Training

The brigade has been very busy with a number of different training courses. We've had a number of new members join recently who have been working very hard on learning the basics of Fire Fighting and fire behaviour. Their assessment is coming up and they should be ready to go to help with the remainder of the fire season. Our qualified fire-fighters have been busy focusing on structure

fire training. We have run a number of scenarios at the station putting our Breathing Apparatus Operators through their paces with other fire-fighters gaining more knowledge of how they can help at a structure fire scenario. On top of this we also recently ran an Advanced Resuscitation Techniques course at the station which a number of fire-fighters from the district attended.

Motor Vehicle Accidents

We have attended a large number of motor vehicle accidents over the last few months – many more than usual. As a matter-of-fact we have attended a total of 8 in the last two months. Just to name a few we attended a 3 car pileup, 3 separate incidents of cars

rolling in different locations and another of a truck rolling. We urge everyone to drive sensibly and to the conditions. "We don't want to meet you by accident" is not a joke. Please remember to responsibilities of driving on the road.

📍 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



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

If you think Pony Club looks like a lot of fun but were not sure if it is for you, why don't you come along to our **2019 Registration & Open Day on Sunday, 3rd February** to find out more. 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 have amazing grounds and equipment with three enclosed grass arenas, a bridle trail around the perimeter and day yards for the horses plus a fabulous canteen! We are part of Pony Club Zone 23. We

encourage our members to learn all aspects of horse care and riding.

We also have one of the largest group of qualified NCAS Pony Club instructors in NSW as well as a pool of local equestrian professionals to supplement our NCAS instructors. This gives the members quality instruction in dressage, horsemanship, showjumping, cross country jumping, polocrosse, sporting and mounted games each rally day.

📍 We meet the first and third 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>



Arcadia Pony Club riders at Zone 23 Jamboree



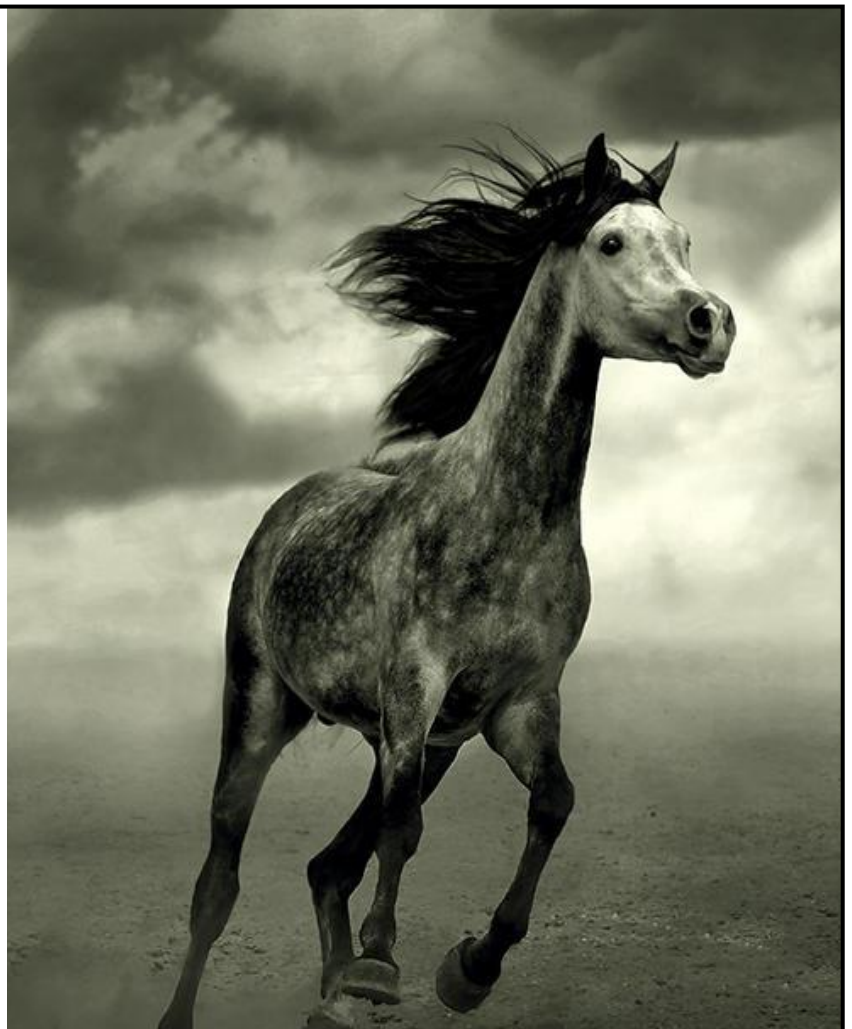
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GALSTON EQUESTRIAN CLUB THE END OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2018 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By Jan Tribe

At the November Horse Agility Day on 14 October, we had a lovely day challenging ourselves and our horses with Instructor Suzanne Bellette. There were many new obstacles for our horses to navigate and a jump off at the end of the morning, which kept everyone on their toes. Congratulations to the prize winners and we will do it all again next year.

After a very warm day on the Saturday, Sunday 28th October turned out to be quite cool and

a little windy at times. The grounds were looking fantastic after all the lovely rain, and the excellent mowing job done by Hornsby Council. A different type of competition was tried this time, called a Super Two Phase, and we had 20 riders come along to give the course a run, the majority of them our members. Allowing for multiple rounds at the same height, we jumped 40 rounds of show jumping on the day. Our judge Jenny Neil always makes our day relaxed and informative.



Tana Subotic and students

The organisers did a fabulous job getting the day organised and we had some wonderful prizes from our sponsors Horseland Dural and Coprice/NutriRice. We are always pleased to host these jumping days and it certainly looked like everyone was enjoying themselves.

show jumping clinic throughout 2019.


On Sunday 11th November, we hosted our last Poles & Grids day for the year. The ever popular Tana Subotic-Holmes was instructing for the morning, and as usual we were fully booked. The weather and grounds were perfect and everyone had an amazing and enjoyable morning, learning the importance of grid work and how it helps both horse and rider. We will definitely schedule more of these days for 2019. Thank you, Tana!

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a wonderful, peaceful and safe 2019 with your horses and ponies! How lucky we are to share our lives with them! Treasure them, understand them and love them!

As usual, please check our Facebook page and our website for all up-to-date information on all our events. Visit <http://www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au/>



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take the next steps contact local area coordinator Val Wright val@walkham.com.

Would you like your school to have a story dog helping? Contact val@walkham.com

Sponsorship

Story Dogs is non-profit organisation and a registered charity and relies entirely on kind sponsors to cover its modest operating costs. \$500 a year is sufficient to sponsor one dog. If you or your company would like to help children in this way please contact Val, val@walkham.com who would love to hear from you and can tell you more about our work.



Five 2nd grade pupils in Galston Public School are reading to Zoe, a Labrador bitch, every week and this is greatly improving their reading skills. The children love Zoe and enjoy reading to her because it makes reading fun. This helps them become confident, lifelong readers as their reading skills and confidence soar. Zoe listens, doesn't judge or criticise them and enables them to relax while reading and not feel any pressure or embarrassment if they make a mistake.



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tea to pre-schooler families. Your wonderful warm smiles and welcoming words were extremely appreciated by all. Our wonderful Year six students and parents have planned a carwash fundraiser on Saturday,

8 December in the school grounds. All are welcome to come and support our students and school. Grab a cake and coffee and drive away in a sparkling clean car. What a great idea Year 6!

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FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 LEADERS

Hillside Public School

Congratulations to our Year 6 School Leaders for their outstanding contribution to Hillside Public School this year. Our leadership initiative is an integral part of our school welfare program. At Hillside all year 6 are inducted as school leaders at Presentation Night. Our School Leaders have many responsibilities which enable

them to develop leadership and communication skills they carry through to their future life. The leaders conduct all assemblies, represent the school at community functions, run weekly fitness activities for the whole school, organise fundraising days for chosen charities, oversee the PBEL rewards program and are trained as Library Monitors.

This year our Year 6 students have also participated in a preparation for high school program developing skills in teamwork, communication and expectations of high school. As the school year comes to a close it is a wonderful time to reflect on the many achievements of our students. This year our students raised much

needed money charity. During Terms 2 and 3 our knitting club, supported by our school community knitted enough squares to make four blankets for *Wrapped with Love*.

Academically our students continue to excel in the classroom, in external competitions and in NAPLAN. Every student successfully completed the Premier's Reading and Sporting programs this year.

On the sporting field once again our students achieved outstanding results both individually and as part of a team. All students have, through Sporting Schools Grants participated in Basketball, Touch Football and Gymnastics programs throughout the year.

Every student is extremely busy rehearsing for our upcoming

pantomime *Tinsel and Tea towels* which will be performed for parents, friends and the local community on Monday 10th December. Please join us at Hillside at 6:30pm for a great night of entertainment. **Everyone is welcome.**

We also look forward to performing at the Galston Shopping precinct on Wednesday 12th December.

It is also the time of year where we thank our parent body for their unwavering support. Without their assistance and the wider school community our students would not have been able to achieve everything they have this year.

Hillside, where every student is an individual not a number. Do you want to know more about our great school? Please pop in for a visit or call our office on 9652 1459.



GALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

By Carole Weiss

As the end of the school year draws near, Galston Public School students have been engaged in many activities such as the sessions of weekly Cricket Clinics, Peer Groups, various fundraisers including the 'Build Your Future Today Centre' (money raised will be donated for the needs of school children in Cambodian villages) and a stunning native bird and indigenous Murals Official Opening and Aboriginal incursion where Mr Lex Dadd conducted a smoking ceremony.

Well done to Year 6 for running a wonderful Mini Fete last term. All the activities and stalls were very well organised and lots of fun. Also well done to our Year 5 students who stepped up to assist Year 6.

On a musical note, the Junior and Senior Choirs enjoyed performing at the Galston Early Learning Centre Twilight Markets recently. A special mention goes to Ruby S for her beautiful solo.

A joyous Christmas Carol evening to be held in the school hall will conclude Term 4. This evening is to celebrate the



wonderful community spirit of Galston Public School.

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

DOORAL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE OPENS

A lovely open day was organised for the official opening of the Dooral Early Learning Centre in Middle Dural. The centre was officially opened by Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne, Dural Rotary Club President George Truelove, aboriginal elder Mr. Davis-King and Mr Renshaw.

A centre was blessed by Mr Davis-King who played the didgeridoo. The children, who were already enrolled, sang songs and the staff enjoyed showing us around their beautiful new learning centre.

Dooral is an aboriginal word, an aboriginal name meaning 'hollow tree on fire at the bottom and smoking at the top'. Aborigines used to smoke possums out of trees by lighting a fire at the bottom. Dural was once covered by a dense tall forest and was inhabited by the Darug people. The trees were cut out for the need of Sydney development. Dooral Early Learning Centre has a dream, we plan every child who is from Dooral ELC will plant a tree for the community on their 5th Birthday.



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NEWS FROM GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL

By Lisa Pieper

Fabulous results in academic competitions



Every year, as part of our Gifted and Talented program, students enter a variety of academic competitions that focus on assessing their ability to use higher-order thinking and problem solving skills. Our students

enter the Mathematics, Science, English, History, Geography and Digital Technologies competitions. This allows them to challenge themselves and compete against others throughout the state or nation. Our students have achieved some outstanding results this year, as always. Special mention must be made of Alyssa Collins' effort in the nation-wide Geography Competition organised by the Australian Geography Teachers Association. Alyssa scored in the top 1% of the candidature, of which there were over 70,000 participants from government and non-government schools. Congratulations, Alyssa, on such a fabulous result.



Hannah nominated for ArtExpress 2019

We have been thrilled and excited to hear of Galston High School's Hannah West and her achievement in being nominated for possible inclusion in ArtExpress 2019. Her work The Fears That Control Us has been put aside as an exemplar of high achievement in Visual Arts. It is a great achievement to be nominated for possible inclusion with the process now requiring curators to select which works will hang in galleries across the state. Good luck to Hannah for this next stage of selection.

NEW GROWERS MARKET AT DURAL

The new markets will be located at the Dural Country Club 662 Old Northern Road Dural. The Dural Country Club is a perfect venue for the markets, with plenty of parking, a lovely manicured Garden to rest and relax, a beer garden in the markets to enjoy a wine or beer, or the facilities of the club to ultimately unwind and spend the rest of the afternoon.

The new market like, Glenorie Growers Markets, focuses first and foremost on fresh produce including organic farm fresh eggs, cured meats, hand made pasta, fruit and veg straight from the farm, pure honey from local suppliers, freshly made crusty bread from sourdough to light New York style Rye, and seasonal fruit from local orchards.

The aim is for the markets to be a destination event for Sydney sides to bring their families and as it grows it will continue to get bigger and better.

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Christmas in the Hills

--- BRINGING JOY TO THE HILLS ---

The Christmas spirit will be shining brightly as the seventh Christmas in the Hills celebration unfolds at Bella Vista Park Farm on Wednesday, December 12 from 4pm.

There will be a packed program of family fun, including community carols, a petting zoo and amusement rides. Santa will drop in for a visit and of course fireworks will bring a sparkling end to the night at 9pm.

Broadcaster and author Leigh Hatcher is MC for the evening which will feature performances by singers from Sister2Sister, as well as David Sanders and Cassidy-Rae Wilson. Plus, dancers from Tania's Strictly Dancing, Capers School of Performing Arts, The Hills Dance Factory and Kidz in the Biz.

As well as enjoying amusement rides, children will have the opportunity to see The Mounted Police and displays by the Hills Police Area Command, The Hills SES and the Rural Fire Service.

There will also be plenty of food trucks and coffee carts to fuel hungry tummies.

St Pauls Anglican Church at Castle Hill and Wesley Uniting Church at Castle Hill are helping run the carols by candlelight which follows the kids' friendly entertainment and starts at 7pm. The 49-piece orchestra and choir have been specially formed for the night.



Mayor and Christmas in the Hills kids

The crowds were so large at last year's event that it's been moved to a bigger space at Bella Vista Farm Park to accommodate more families.

This year, Christmas in the Hills is supporting three local organisations working with young people in the Hills: Foster Care Angels, Learning Links and Hills Community Aid.

Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne said:

"Amidst the frantic shopping, planning and decorating it's important to stop and remember why we celebrate this holiday – and Christmas in the Hills is the perfect occasion to do just that.

"Christmas in the Hills is a wonderful time to come together with family and friends, enjoy a memorable night and dig deep for a wonderful cause.

"This year, money will be donated to Foster Care Angels, Learning Links and Hills Community Aid. These incredible charities provide essential services to our most vulnerable, ensuring they don't fall through the cracks," Mayor Byrne added.

Chairman of the community organising committee Peter Spencer said:

"Christmas in the Hills is the community event that everyone is talking about this year after the huge success of 2017.

"We've moved the Christmas celebrations to a larger area within Bella Vista Farm for 2018 and can now comfortably accommodate the 8000 people we anticipate will be rushing through the gates to enjoy the festivities on Wednesday, December 12," Mr Spencer added.

Hills Shire Council is a Platinum sponsor. Gold sponsors are: Castle Towers, Young Living Essential Oils, Castle Hill RSL, Endeavour Early Education, Valvoline and Baptist Care.

Castle Towers Centre Manager, Eddie Paynter, said Castle Towers was honoured to have played a part in Christmas in the Hills for the past seven years and had witnessed the community spirit grow every year.

"Christmas in the Hills brings the community together for a night of family fun in support of very worthy local charities and community aid groups, and the outpouring of support is something The Hills should be extremely proud of," he said.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from the Christmas in The Hills website, www.christmasinthehills.com.au.

WHEN: Wednesday, 12 December
TIME: Gates open at 4pm – 9pm;
VENUE: Bella Vista Farm.
CHARITIES: Foster Care Angels: [website: fostercareangels.org.au](http://www.fostercareangels.org.au); Learning Links: [website: learninglinks.org.au](http://www.learninglinks.org.au); and Hills Community Aid: [website: visitwebsitehca.org.au](http://www.visitwebsitehca.org.au).
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THE GALSTON GALA LAUNCHES 2019 CONCERTS

Five programs announced for 2019.

24 March will offer *Russian Revelations* – music for violin, guitar and piano from Sydney Conservatorium lecturers Evgeny Sorkin and Vladimir Gorbach plus cameos from their star students.

26 May celebrates *A World of Music* multi-cultural mix: Classical composers visiting exotic ports; crossover styles from other cultures; accordion, harp and other 'colours' from leading professionals and Young Performers.

28 July takes a G-for-Galston theme when *ARCH Trio* perform Germanic gems by Brahms, Schubert and Co, Gershwin, Grainger and Grieg in the rich mix of voice, viola and piano – plus a Young Performer vocal protégé.

29 September sees *Paridoro Plus Piano* – a Sydney-Brisbane quintet of clarinets, strings and keyboard playing a mix-of-Ms: Mozart, Mendelssohn, Max (as in Bruch) and music from the movies.

On 17 November the Galston Gala in the guise of a **Young Performers Awards** concert features prizewinners (many of them Hills & Hornsby locals) from leading



eisteddfods and competitions – piano, organ, strings and mixed ensembles.

📌 Bookings for 2019 will open 1 December on trybooking.com (search Galston) or phone 0428 248 348 or 0425 339 841 for details and enquiries.



Christmas Party at Castle Hill Art Society

Castle Hill Art Society will hold its members, Christmas party on **Wednesday 5th December 7.30pm**. This year the theme is "Fabulous Fakes" so bring along a painting copied from Monet, Van Gogh or Picasso to be judged on our fun night. If you are not a member you can join on the night and be ready to get painting with us in 2019!

During the school holidays, children are not forgotten, as special school holiday workshops will be held between 14th and 22nd January, 2019. See details at www.castlehillartsociety.org.au

Merry Christmas everyone!



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December 24, Monday

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- Midnight in the church

December 25, Tuesday

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December 24, Monday

Christmas Eve Readings and Carols

- 6pm St Alban the Martyr, Wharf Street, St Albans
- 5.30pm Cake and fizz in the hall

January 6, 2017 Sunday

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- Blokes' Coffee 10am Fridays, St Albans

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December 9, Sunday

- 6pm A Night of Carols

December 24 - Christmas Eve (all at Dural)

- 5:30pm - Christmas Celebration
- 8pm - Contemporary Outdoors
- 11pm Classic Service

Christmas Day

- Dural: 8am - Classic Service
- Dural: 9:30am - Celebration
- Kenthurst: 9:30am - Christmas Service
- Arcadia: 9:30am - Christmas Service

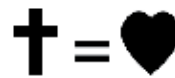


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December 25, Tuesday

- 9 am – Glenorie Mission Church Christmas Service



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- Christmas Day; 9.30am



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December 16, Sunday

- Christmas Messy Church from 10am

December 24, Monday

- Christmas Eve Carols Service 7pm

December 25, Tuesday

- Christmas Day Service 8am

ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH

Weekend Mass Times

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

St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations

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



Glenorie Mission Church

WILL IT BE A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER?

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's only Son who came into the world to bridge the gap between God and mankind. Jesus came to give himself not for personal glory but to sacrifice himself. He was born into a lowly stable, not into a palace. *By Ben Davis*

His birth was for one purpose; the road ahead of him led to one place, and that place was the cross. Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross, a perfect sacrifice, so that through him we might have forgiveness for our sin and be brought back into a relationship with God, cleansed and forgiven, set free, restored!

Christmas has become a frenzy of excess, a frenzy of spending and consuming. A time of 'getting' instead of 'giving'. We spend more than we can afford, we eat

and drink more than we need and the whole experience leaves many families loaded with debt, exhausted and glad when it's finally all over.

Our society, sadly has forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

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

simple manner, humbly and with thanksgiving.

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

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

Peace and joy should be our response.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that who ever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"
John 3:16 (N.I.V)

Carol Service: at Glenorie R.S.L. on Saturday 15th Dec at 6pm.

Christmas Day Service: 9.00 am. At Glenorie Mission Church, 1409 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie.

Sunday Service: 10.00am. **Bible Study** - Tuesdays 7.30pm

NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

By Judy Horton

Family Christmas Party

On Friday 16 November we had a family Christmas celebration at the St Benedict's Parish Centre with dancing, prizes, food and festivities. Thank to organisers Paula and Sandra and all the kind people who helped with this successful and happy event.



Happy revellers at the St Benedicts Christmas celebration

New pews

St Benedict's has had a makeover with the installation of some real wooden pews that have been donated to the church.

The Messiah

A performance of Handel's Messiah by an ecumenical choir will be held at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara at 8pm. Proceeds will go to the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. Cost \$30 trybooking.com or at the door (subject to availability).

Next year's St Benedict's fete

Will be held on Sunday March 10 2019. Mark the date in your diary now!

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Playgroup

Don't forget our St Benedict's playgroup meets every Monday morning in school terms. Please contact Sandra 0410587735 if you would like to join us.

Weekend Mass Times

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THE FORGOTTEN MAN OF CHRISTMAS

Pastor David McKibben, Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

Joseph is the forgotten man of Christmas. Other characters in the Christmas story such as the shepherds and the wise men tend to get more attention; in fact, there are probably more songs or carols about the donkey than there are about Joseph! Yet his part in the Christmas story was vital, and he provides us with a tremendous example of obedience to God's will.

The first striking quality of Joseph's character is his **compassion**. He must have felt bewildered and betrayed when he learnt that Mary was pregnant. He knew that he was not responsible, so he inevitably jumped to the conclusion that Mary had been unfaithful. He could have subjected her to public disgrace and

humiliation, but his compassion ruled out such a course of action. Instead he decided to divorce Mary privately to protect her as much as possible (Matthew 1:19). Even then, he agonised over this decision and its implications for Mary.

In the midst of this crisis God spoke to Joseph in a dream and instructed him to marry Mary because she was bearing the long-awaited Saviour. Joseph showed **great courage** in responding obediently to the divine command. He had no idea where this decision would lead him. He was exposed to the wrath of Herod and had to flee to Egypt to save the life of the baby Jesus. Possibly he was subjected to gossip and ridicule back in Nazareth

because people believed that he had acted inappropriately during his betrothal to Mary. Whether faced with uncertainty, the jealous anger of a tyrant, or the hostility and suspicion of the inhabitants of a country town, Joseph displayed outstanding courage.

The courage of Joseph was also closely allied to **commitment**. When Joseph obeyed God's command to marry Mary, he probably sensed this decision would change the direction of his life. And so it proved. By naming Jesus, Joseph became his legal father (Matthew 1:21), and he took those responsibilities seriously. He provided for the material welfare and religious instruction of Jesus,

and it was Joseph who taught Jesus his skills as a tradesman.

Joseph played a humble but crucial role in the early years of Jesus. His compassion, courage and commitment took the sting out of hostile public opinion and made it possible for Jesus to grow up in a stable, loving and nurturing environment.

So as we celebrate another Christmas season, spare a thought for Joseph. Let us not forget his part in the story, and may his example inspire us beyond this Christmas season into the year ahead.

God bless you all with His peace and presence this Christmas time and in the coming year.

GALSTON UNITING CHURCH

John Illidge

Our 30th Anniversary

Thirty years ago, Uniting Churches from Arcadia, Dural and Glenorie came together to form a new church at Galston, and our Anniversary celebrations were held over the last weekend of October.

Wow, what a weekend! There was something for everyone to celebrate. Children and their families enjoyed the pirate ship, jumping castle and fun and games at the "Big Birthday Bash" on Friday evening; a dinner for catching up with old friends over a fabulous meal provided by "Koori Kulcha" was the highlight of Saturday; and over 200 of us gathered for a special worship service on Sunday morning to praise God for his many blessings

over those years. During Saturday's proceedings, Trevor Knight's book "Church in the Hills" was launched, copies of which are still available by contacting Elizabeth at the church office.

Rev. Geoff Smith summed up the thoughts of many in our "Out of School Road" magazine:

"I saw a whole lot of happy smiling people and I ate a whole lot of great food. I had so many visitors approach me to let me know what a special mob you are. God was praised, thanked and acknowledged at all points. People came from near and very far to remember, share and reconnect with what God had, has and will continue to do in this place."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It is a great privilege to get to share with readers some of the life of Galston Uniting Church during the year. However, at this time of year we also want to wish you all a peaceful and (hopefully) relaxing Christmas and New Year. May God Bless you and we'll see you in 2019!

Some Christmas dates for the diary are as follows:

7th December - Rotary Christmas markets (and carols), Galston High School



Rev Geoff Smith and friends

- 9th December** - Christmas Songs Service – 10am
 - 16th December** – Messy Church 10am
 - 24th December** - Christmas Eve Carols Service – 7pm
 - 25th December** - Christmas Day Service – 8am
- Minister Rev Geoff Smith
11 School Road, Galston 2159
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www.galstonunitingchurch.com

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Pr. Alex & Dee Valich

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift would be curiosity."

Have you ever considered that curiosity is a gift? We like to observe what's going on around us, looking outside ourselves with a desire to know and understand the world in which we live. Curiosity can help us develop habits and attitudes that can lead us into making positive life decisions. We ask questions and develop the ability to acquire new skills and knowledge. It is at the heart of what motivates people to learn and what keeps them learning throughout their lives.

Do you ever try to identify and seek answers to questions that pique your interest?

The bible is full of true accounts of people living their lives in their everyday world. Psalm 143:5 says,

"I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your Hands have done."

- Moses was curious when he came across a bush that continued to burn, saying to himself, "I will go and see this strange sight, why the bush does not burn up." (Exodus3:3)- and God answered him.
- Abraham was constantly curious about his future and the future of his family group, asking God, "How will I know?" (Genesis15) -and God showed him.
- At the time of Jesus' birth, the shepherds, who were astronomers, were curious when they saw a different star in the eastern sky and followed it to Bethlehem, saying, "Let's go and see this thing that has happened" (Luke 2:15) - and they found the baby Jesus.
- Curiosity led Nicodemus to find Jesus and ask Him questions.

(John 3) - and Jesus explained Himself to him.

- Curiosity led the thief on the Cross next to Jesus, when He was crucified, to defend Jesus and ask, "Remember me when You come into Your kingdom" - and Jesus answered the cry of his humble heart, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Jesus prayed about Himself and for others (you and me), "that they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3)

BE CURIOUS! FIND GOD FOR YOURSELF. IT'S ALL IN HIS WORD - THE BIBLE!!



THE HILLS SHIRE LIBRARIES PRESENT AN EVENING WITH KERRY O'BRIEN

Kerry O'Brien is one of Australia's most respected journalists, with six Walkley awards including the Gold Walkley and the Walkley for Outstanding Leadership in journalism. He has borne witness to many of the life-changing milestones of our lives, interviewed the great and good, and explained the intricacies of the world to millions of Australians as we sat in the comfort and safety of our lounge rooms.

In a career spanning more than fifty years, Kerry has worked for newspapers, television and a wire service, and as a foreign correspondent. Thirty-three of those years were at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation where he cut his teeth on the trail-blazing current affairs programs This Day Tonight and Four Corners. He was the inaugural presenter of Lateline for six years, the editor and presenter of 7.30 for fifteen years,

and the presenter of Four Corners for five.

Enjoy an evening with Kerry as he discusses his much-awaited memoir. An intimate ground-breaking account told with wit and insight O'Brien reflects on the big events, the lessons learned and lessons ignored, along with the foibles and strengths of public figures who construct our world. The end result is a memoir like no other - an engrossing study of a

private life lived in the public eye and wrapped in nearly three-quarters of a century of social and political history.

The evening will conclude with book sales and signing conducted by Dymocks Rouse Hill.

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GARDENING

ABSOLUTELY BLOOMING - ROXBOROUGH ROSE GARDEN

Roxborough Park Rose Garden is in bloom.

The rose garden, located in Baulkham Hills, draws people from far and wide for picnics, family outings, weddings, formals and some even visit the park for the picture-perfect selfie.

There are more than 6000 roses and 80 different species which have been carefully manicured into the Alice in Wonderland inspired layout.

Many of the varieties have been donated by local nurseries and rose societies.

Some of the special roses on display include the Australian Bi-Centennial Rose, The Hills Shire Council Rose and the Olympic Gold Rose.

Located next to the rose garden is Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre.

The family-friendly centre includes an outdoor heated 50m pool, enclosed learn-to-swim pool and undercover baby's pool, fitness centre, café and grassy open space.

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Dragon Flies

By Jutta Hamilton

With the weather warming up and the recent rains that filled our empty dam and my frog pond, I have noticed that the dragonflies are back.

Dragonflies and Damselflies are large, conspicuous insects generally found near freshwater habitats. They are an ancient and successful group that was around long before the dinosaurs evolved.

They have fantastic flying abilities and well-developed eyes. This makes them excellent hunters of other flying insects

and they can hover, move in zigzags, and even fly backwards. Some people find their size, speed and large eyes intimidating but, despite their powerful jaws, they are harmless. In fact, they do us a favour by eating many insects that bite us.

Both adults and larvae are predatory, with the larvae hunting under water and the adults above water. Just sitting back and watching the adults flying missions to protect their territory and hunting prey at high speed and capturing them in mid-flight is amazing.



According to the Australian Museum, there are 320 species known to Australia and about 100 occur around Sydney. Our dam and frog pond might support only a few but they are pleasure to watch in action. The



variety of colours is wide: Reds, Blues and even a large dull Black. All have extremely thin transparent wing, some with colour patches, supported by a delicate vein pattern that are just out of this world.

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WARRAH SOCIETY

By Debbie Tschepen

In updating the community on the goings on at our Biodynamic Farm and Farm Shop it would be remiss not to mention the Spring weather! Many people have asked if we were happy with the October rain and of course, it was quite novel and a great benefit, but it does have its problems when falling in such large doses over a short period. Thankfully, things have settled into something more balanced in November!

Our tomato crop is looking good. This year we are growing them indoors in our new poly tunnels. We have just installed a fruit fly insect mesh around the entire lower structure and we will prune them to allow plenty of

airflow. This reduces the amount of humidity within the tunnel, which will hopefully also reduce the likelihood of fungal problems. We are growing indigo, red and yellow cherries tomatoes along with a grafted Grosse Lisse. Sharing the space are Lebanese eggplant and a more traditional market variety, and a couple of beds of capsicum. The new tunnels have been a great addition to the farm, allowing for protected cropping, season extension and a place to work when the ground outside is too wet.

In terms of the produce that we source from other growers, it has been a bit challenging (but not impossible) to keep the Farm Shop

stocked with everyone's favourites. New spring crops are starting to come in. We are selling peaches and nectarines now, and the mangoes are great!

Warrah Society is hosting a Christmas Carols evening on Friday 7th December 2018 from 6.00pm. We would love to invite you and your family to join us in our beautiful setting at 20 Harris Road, Dural.

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GALSTON GARDEN CLUB

By Kim Peterson

Nine wonderful gardens, 3 beautiful days, many friendly faces & 100's of visitors, our garden owners did a magnificent job of presenting their gardens. Through the difficulties of drought for months prior to the Open Gardens Weekend, then torrential rain the week before & threat of more torrential rain on the Sunday - which thankfully didn't happen while the gardens were open! Nothing dampened the spirit of the weekend.

Our Open Gardens weekend was again very successful with garden owners & Galston Garden Club members going that extra mile to make the visits enjoyable for all who attended. A huge thanks goes to the Open Gardens committee & to the garden owners who not only open their gardens but who work very hard to present them so beautifully and then are so willing to pass on their knowledge, experiences & to talk about their gardens. This year over \$30,000 was raised and will be distributed to the various charities selected by the garden owners & the Open Gardens Committee.

A change is as good as a holiday & with the Galston Community Centre under maintenance our November meeting was moved to the Arcadia Community hall and it looked a treat. There were flowers & plants everywhere, Epiphyllum on the Social committee table, hydrangeas & camellias on the Executive table, lots of plants for sale on

the trading table & cuttings of geraniums, salvia & impatiens niammiamensis (you'll have to come along to find out what this is-not your ordinary impatien!) as well as the plants we have each month to raffle, the hall looked beautiful. After the formalities of the general meeting were done & the 2019 Executive nominated prior to the AGM in February 2019, our final General meeting was a Q & A night with Judy Horton (our Patron), Bill Fleming & Pam Watson fielding the many questions members had about their gardens & plants. The questions ranged from plants not doing what they should, weeds invading, what were the best fertilisers to use on a variety of plants, what to do with suckering shrubs & trees, when to prune various shrubs, roses & flowers to what plant is that growing in my garden! As well as many others, at times serious & other times hilarious our three panellists did a wonderful job & members gained valuable knowledge & skills.

So on that note, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, Garden Club Meetings resume on the 13th February 2019 with a General Meeting & AGM.

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



Our trading table



Q & A panel L-R Bill Fleming, Judy Horton & Pam Watson



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Thanks for your support throughout 2018.



BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF N S W INC. HILLS BRANCH

by Ray Galbraith

Last month was the annual Night at the Flicks, for Hills Branch. Nola and Bruce Bradford (Budgerigar Society Photographer), came along to the branch with a visual presentation of the 2018 National Title birds. Members and visitors had the opportunity to appraise these birds, along with past years National Winning Birds.



Best In Show – F,C & J McGovern.
Credit: M Freakley

- Know the Variety;
- **Normal Grey** – Grey body colour, Dark Grey wing edged with black, Black tail, Black eye with white iris.
 - **Black Eyed Self** – Yellow or White body, Wings and tail to match body colour, Black eye with white iris.
 - **Red Eyed Self** – Lutino - Yellow body, Yellow wings and tail, Red eye with white iris. NB Yellow colouring to be similar to buttercup.

Budgie Facts for this month; Budgies can move each eye independently of each other and see out of each eye independently. This is called monocular vision.

- Like cats when they purr, budgies grind their beaks when they are happy and feeling relaxed.

- Budgies have hollow bones which are filled with air sacks to aid flight.

At the recent Penrith Branch Annual Show held at Riverston, Hills Branch were well represented. Phil Ashby was awarded Champion Novice, after winning both the Cock and Hen Major Awards for Novice Status.

This opportunity is taken by Hills Branch President Daniel Childs to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable Festive Season; and hope to see you in 2019 at a Hills Meeting.

Care to be part of a hobby that can be enjoyed by an individual, partnership or family, then contact should be made with Peter Dodd, by telephoning 9888-5631 or Peter_dodd@primus.com

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

by Dianne J Tulloch

Opportunity to Buy Beautiful Bromeliads for Christmas



The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their final meeting for the year on Saturday, 8 December at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground with plant sales commencing at 11am with members of the public welcome, prior to the meeting at 12.30pm.

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

Why not consider a membership for a friend or family

for Christmas as 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 and see if our club what you are looking for.

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TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER
6:30 PM - 8:30PM

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THURSDAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH DECEMBER
6PM - 9PM

Christmas Ham Raffle

Come into Castle Hill RSL for our Christmas Ham Raffle on Thursday the 6th, 13th and 20th of December. Tickets go on sale from 6PM. Hams are drawn from 7:45pm. Members and Visitors are welcome. **Venue: Castle Hill RSL, 77 Castle Street, Castle Hill NSW 2154**
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FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER - 8:30PM - 12PM

Just Breathe: Farewell Show

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THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER - 6:30PM - 7:30PM

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TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER
3:30PM - 4:30PM

Talking Tweens Junior Book Club - Dural Library

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WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
10AM - 11PM

Yarn on a stick or two - Dural Library

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6:PM - 8PM

Carols at Warrah

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THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER
10:30AM - 12PM

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FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER -
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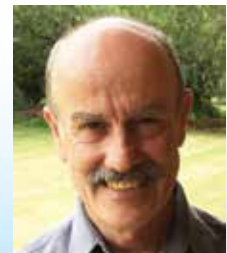
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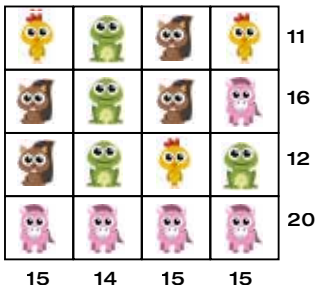
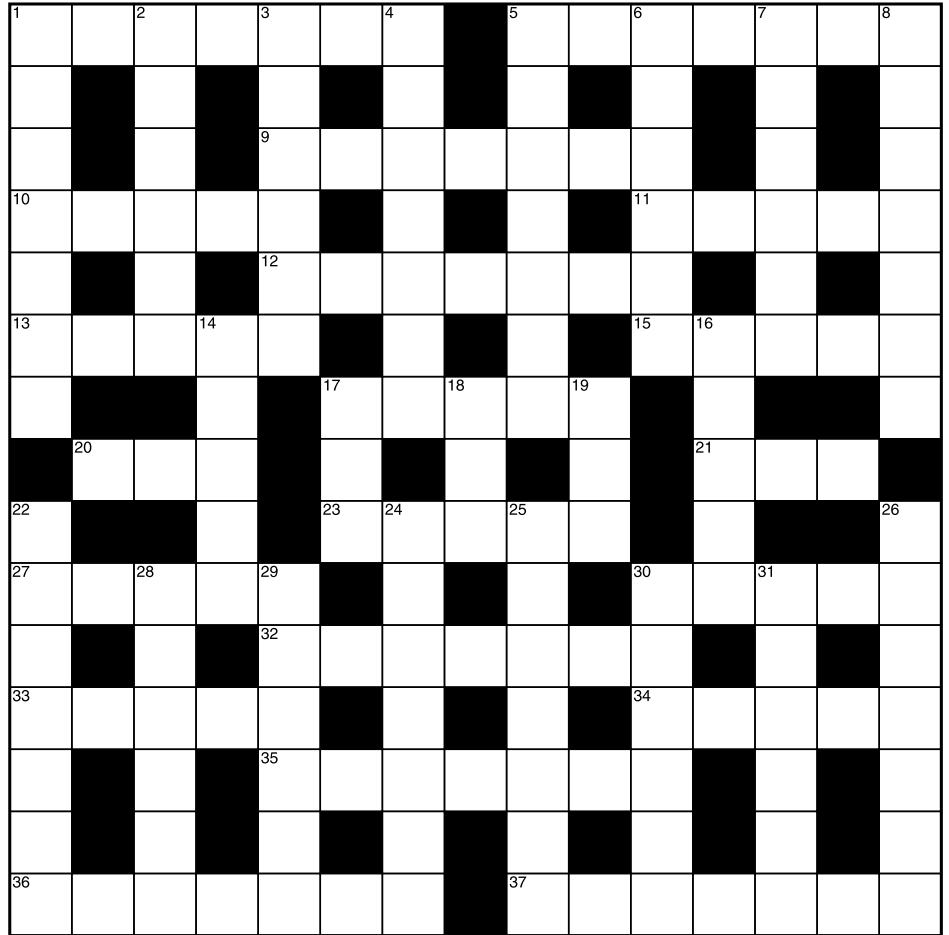


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1. Envious
5. Risque
9. Bootlicker
10. Plough (into)
11. Guild
12. First letter of word
13. Amassed, ... in
15. Crave, ... for
17. Pointed teeth
20. Disfigure
21. Radio frequency (1,1,1)
23. Unhealthily overweight
27. Multiple-birth babies
30. Trussing
32. Scoops (out)
33. Muddle
34. Monk's garb
35. Filled pasta
36. Emotionally unmoved (3-4)
37. Most corpulent

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1. Kitchen appliances
2. Raid
3. Exotic flower
4. Endurance
5. Depending
6. Wild
7. For each person, per ...
8. Opening mouth wide
14. Slipped up
16. Delegate
17. Back & forth, to & ...
18. Formerly named
19. Take legal action
22. Sordid
24. Dear
25. Exhibitionist (4-3)
26. Bighead
28. ... Hepburn
29. Fortified wine
30. Casual garment (1-5)
31. Consume (alcohol)



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When preparing your home for sale, it's important to ensure it's looking its best. The interior of your house is important, but it's worth bearing in mind that a well-maintained courtyard or garden could also help drive up the price of your property. "Having a well maintained outside space can certainly help to add value to your property," says Carolyn Wheatley, real estate agent for Belle Property. "Thanks to our Australian weather, the opportunity for indoor/outdoor living is something that really appeals to buyers. A space to entertain and relax, or a garden for children and pets can be a big drawcard. Privacy and light are also very important."

Timeless v. Trend

When it comes to outdoor styling, Carolyn says trends are often best steered clear of. "Fashions and fads pass quickly.

Buyers tend to be drawn to simplicity, so clean, respectable and inviting spaces are what you should be aiming for. Perennials and low maintenance plants are probably the most desirable. You may also want to consider a few flowering plants to add colour."

Preparing for Open Home

Carolyn stresses the importance of making sure your outside space is up to scratch prior to any inspections. "Take some time to pressure clean pavers, and do a general clean, tidy and declutter before you open up the property for viewings," she says. "Make sure you add or remove plants to improve appearance, get rid of weeds, and style the space with chairs, tables or lounges if you feel it looks too empty."

Most importantly, ensure your space is accessible, spacious and tidy. Mow lawns, and if time allows, lay down fertiliser and lawn seed to make sure your grass is looking its best. Prune back big overgrown shrubs, sweep away dead leaves and roll up hoses to give your garden or courtyard an open, uncluttered feel. Remember, buyers need to be able to picture themselves in those spaces, so it's important to try and create a desirable area.

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