

# RURAL LANDS REVIEW

Hornsby Council has advised that they are undertaking an accelerated Local Environmental Plan (LEP) review. Part of this review will include Hornsby Council's Rural Lands.

Any review must take into account the points made in the Sydney Greater Commission's North District Plan. Specifically this would include Sustainability - Planning Priority N18 - Better Managing Rural Areas.

Several local residents associations will be working with the community, Council and

Councillors to ensure all views are heard. These may include the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA), the Arcadia Galston Residents Association (AGRA), Galston Area Residents Association (GARA) and Hornsby Rural Residents Association (HRRRA). Each of these associations will interpret this rural lands review with a different perspective.

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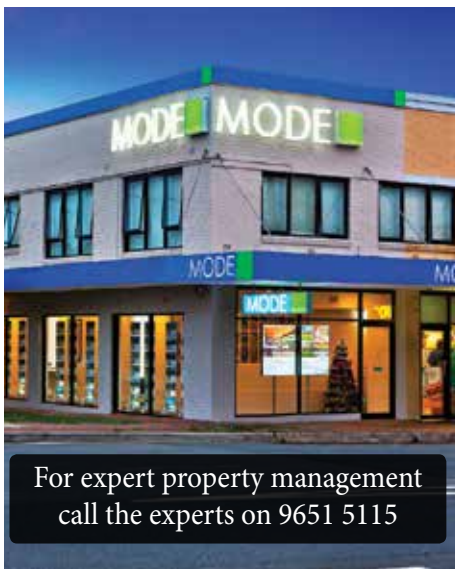


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# GLENORIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Between Wisemans Ferry and Dural the number of new dwelling building approvals jumped from 88 in 2016 to 255 in 2017. That's a massive 289% increase in one year. As these new houses are completed and families start living their lives in the district, traffic will increase and demands on local services will increase.

Anecdotally, Glenorie Preschool is already full for 2019. We absolutely welcome the new residents of Glenorie and surrounds; however, it becomes incumbent on the governments, state and local to also provide the infrastructure and services to match the dwellings they approve. Each development generates developer contributions which the council collect, and these funds should be returned to community infrastructure, where the funds were generated.

We welcome the recent completion of playground facilities by The Hills Shire. However, there is still much to do. Traffic is building and there seems to be no plan to match. GPA continues to urge the

NSW State and Hills and Hornsby Shire Councils to resolve the New Line Rd and Old Northern Roads congestion that is impacting local families. We even see that parking around Glenorie is becoming an issue on weekends. The GPA intends to work on a master plan for Glenorie in consultation with the governments, so that the governments can work cohesively and not in isolation of each other when delivering for Glenorie. Join the GPA and you can contribute to a master plan for Glenorie that will benefit the entire community.

### Glenorie Bakery

The Hills Shire Council held a Local Planning Panel Meeting (LPP) on Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 1.00pm in relation to the Glenorie Bakery's application for extended trading hours. GPA presented its proposed hours in a letter of offer to endorse a revised DA to the Panel.

The Panel asked Glenorie Bakery to submit a new DA. Again, the GPA appreciates the bakery, it's passion, product, ambience and charity and everything it brings to

the district. The GPA would endorse an application for revised hours as per below.

### Proposed by Glenorie Bakery

Mon to Wed: 6am – 10:30pm  
Thurs to Sat: 6am – 12:00am  
Sun: 6am – 10:00 pm

### Proposed by GPA (hours of operation the GPA would endorse)

Sun to Wed: 6am – 9:30pm (important school nights)  
Thurs: 6am – 10:30pm  
Fri to Sat: 6am – 12:00 am

### Local Developments

The GPA members continue to review local development applications to ensure they will benefit the community. We seek to encourage development that brings amenities, diversity of accommodation and general benefit to the community whilst maintaining the natural and semi-rural environment we enjoy. We oppose developments that will negatively impact your way of life and the things you enjoy about Glenorie.

GPA remains opposed the potential upgrade of the Glenorie Batching Plant by Boral and will

By Callum Hoogesteger

continue to remain vigilant for any development with the potential DA.

GPA is opposed to DA 668/2018 lodged with Hornsby Council to develop 146 Units, 74 Aged Care beds and 383 Car Spaces, up to 14m high Vineys Road, Dural. This development would only add to the traffic chaos we all experience commuting through Dural.

### Join Us

Do you love where you live? Do you not want to see Glenorie swallowed up by Sydney's urban sprawl? Would you like to see infrastructure in place before development? You can make a difference.

GPA exists to give you an effective voice. Join online today at <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/> apply-to-join/ or come along to our next meeting **7:45pm, 8th November 2018** in the function room, Glenorie RSL.

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The Hills District Remembrance Day Commemoration Services will be held on **Sunday 11th November, at 11AM & 5PM** at the Galston Cenotaph, located next to the History Cottage on Galston Road.

It would be appreciated if those attending the 11AM service could be seated by 10.30AM. The service this year has a greater significance than normal, as we will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to bring World War 1 hostilities to a close. John Graham, a local bagpiper, will play a lament at an appropriate point in the proceedings at the 11AM service, and a tune called "The Battle's O'er" at 5.00PM at the Cenotaph. Pipers the world over will acknowledge the 100th Anniversary by playing "The Battle's O'er" as close to the time of the signing of the Armistice as possible, which was 5.00AM local European time.

It would be great to see a good attendance at both these services to acknowledge the tremendous debt we owe to those who have served in the Armed Forces of our country, many of whom made the supreme sacrifice.

LEST WE FORGET

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## • THE BATTLE'S O'ER •

In recognition of the signing of the Armistice which brought to a close World War One, bagpipers around the world will mark the centenary of that event on the **11th November** by the playing of a tune composed to commemorate the end of the war titled "The Battle's O'er".

Composed a century ago by Pipe Major William Robb of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders the tune honours all who have served and the more than 2000 Allied pipers who were killed in the war and many more who were wounded in that terrible conflict.

As mentioned in the report (left) the tune will be played at the Galston Cenotaph at 5pm to coincide with

pipers and bands across the United Kingdom and Europe at the time the Armistice was signed at 6am in Compiègne, France. The Armistice was timed to come into effect at 11am.

Bagpipers have been part of formal commemorative events for hundreds of years and as pipers and bands we are honoured to be part of local services and marches. This will also be a final act for us in remembrance for the Centenary of Anzac.

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By Katy Joscelyne

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The electrical department will have fans on display, plus party fare items such as chocolate makers, popcorn poppers and slushy blenders.

The bric a brac team has been sorting Christmas decorations and artefacts ready to go on sale. You will be able to find serviettes, China and glassware, toys, wrapping paper, CD's and lots of other Christmassy items in the big display racks at the front of the Dural store.

Summer dresses, formal gowns, T-shirts and light weight slacks are now appearing in readiness for the warmer days: stock changes daily, so call in often to check out the range.

Have you thought of buying your Christmas gifts from one of our stores? Last year, my grandchildren earned pocket money to spend at our Dural store. They bought every family member a gift and had great fun secretly wrapping and gift-tagging each item to put under the tree. They were very proud of themselves and delighted that the money they had spent went towards helping other families.

Please check our Facebook page for updates on specials.

There will be a storewide Half Price sale at the Dural shop, Quarry Road on Friday 30th of November. Our doors open at 9am. Come early for bargains and great ideas for Christmas.

# RURAL LANDS REVIEW

## Parts of N18 state:

- A significant proportion of the Metropolitan Rural Area (MRA) is under-utilised and has the potential to be used for productive rural uses
- Increased demand for biodiversity offset sites and limiting urban development in the MRA will help make it more attractive for landowners to protect biodiversity on private land through stewardship agreements
- Maintaining and enhancing the distinctive character of each rural and bushland town and village is a high priority. Ongoing planning and management of rural towns and villages will need to respond to local demand for growth, the character of the town or village and the surrounding landscape and rural activities.
- Limited growth of rural residential development could be considered where there are no adverse impacts on the amenity of the local area and the development provides incentives to maintain and enhance the environmental, social and economic values of the MRA
- Design-led place-based planning will help manage environmental, social and economic values, maximise the productive use of rural areas, and incentivise biodiversity protection for remnant vegetation.

A Council micro website be set up to encourage participation by the community in the Accelerated LEP Review Program, providing a site where online "Have your Say" consultations can be hosted and background documents, consultation events and review schedules can be shared via one location.

More information on the North District Plan and the Accelerated LEP are available on the Hornsby Shire Council website.



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William quickly became known as "Bill" and attended Middle Dural School then graduated to Hornsby Technical College.

He became a "Millwright" by trade but soon his passion for all things truck led Bill into starting his own carrying business in Galston.

He carted fruit from local orchardists and eggs from poultry producers to Sydney markets. Bill carted tyres, tractors and anything else that required moving from one place to another. He put in long arduous hours as did everyone working in agriculture and transportation in those times, but he always had time to assist those who needed a hand.

Bill met and married Helen. She became the love of his life and his soul mate.

In later years they became inseparable.

If Bill wasn't driving they would be found together, shopping, lunching or spending time with their family and grandchildren.

Bill and Helen raised three children. Two gorgeous, well behaved daughters Rebecca and Jennyfer and, as described by both of his sisters, a strong willed, extremely recalcitrant son David.

Their children grew up and went to school in Galston. They all married local partners and presented Bill and Helen with ten grandchildren.

Rebecca and her husband Richie had three children Isabella, Ethan and

Matthew. David and his wife Julia had four girls Stephanie, Karina, Olivia and Amelia. And just to even up the gender count in the Hayes Empire Jenny and her husband Scott contributed three boys William, Brayden and James.

Bill was extremely proud and quite outspoken about the fact that he had five granddaughters and five grandsons. Bill loved driving and when the opportunity arose to work with his good friend George Cromie he jumped at the opportunity. He enjoyed his time with George carting shale to the brickworks and using all of the earthmoving equipment required to mine the local shale.

During his time with George he "moonlighted", carting sodium, "salt" as it was locally known, during the night from Sydney's wharves to storage sheds in Camellia. After leaving George, Bill spent two years driving front end loaders for Hornsby Council then took a job with PF Formations, a supplier of construction material in Maroota where he operated loading equipment for many years.

While still associated with PFs he again became involved with "salt". This time Bill was using PFs loaders to pack it into storage warehouses then loading it onto trucks for distribution.


The foundation of young David's future obviously began here. Bill would "press gang" him into working on the loading machinery in the salt sheds after school and into the night. This presented no problems to David as it usually meant time off school the next day.

During the later years of his "retirement" Bill began driving the truck he became synonymous with and totally recognizable in "The Kenworth" helping son David with his earthmoving and excavation business.

Bill was always happy when he was driving and one job David had recently, involved Bill carting fifteen loads of material a week from Mona Vale, a northern beaches suburb, to Canoelands for a period of five weeks. They would start work at 5.30 in the morning and finish at 5.30 in the evening. Sixty hours a week on Sydney's roads. Pretty good for a young bloke let alone a bloody 78 year old geezer.

An ulterior motive behind Bill's love of driving was the fact that at the end of the day back at the yard, he could sit around with his mates, more often than not with a Carlton Dry in hand talking about, of course, trucks, loads, numbers of gear changes and exchanging many expletive descriptions about the idiots on our roads. Conversations would inevitably lead to exaggerated stories about old times, good times and families.

Even in the last week of his life Bill was doing what he loved, driving "The



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Fathers day weekend this year saw Bill, David and Owen Hughes travel to Macksville where they met up with Bill's very close mate, John Nosworthy, and attended the "Rusty Irons Rally". An event for vintage machinery restorers and fanatics.

Bill had made this an annual pilgrimage for many years. He would meet up with John and they would catch up with old trucking mates and enjoy having a beer with some of Australia's 'TRUE' characters.

The Hayes family has lived in Galston for over 132 years and 'Hayes Park' at Galston was named in recognition of the service and local community involvement the Hayes family had in this area.

Bill carried on his family's involvement with community issues.

During his life he was involved with The Rural Fire Brigade, the local Chamber of Commerce, Galston Community Centre and Hornsby Council.

I'm sure anyone who has dealt with council regularly at any level would agree this involvement was the probable reason for Bill's black hair turning white.

Bill enjoyed going to meetings and being involved in local activities. He especially enjoyed raffle nights at the Galston Club, another place where he could catch up with old friends. Many of his club friends will fondly remember Bill particularly on the odd nights that he wore his wobbly boots home.

Bill loved his family events, birthdays, anniversaries, mothers day, fathers day it didn't really matter what it was as long as family was involved.

He treasured Christmas time. Going shopping to Castle Towers or anywhere else with Helen, Jenny and grandson James. Although I think that may have

been in an attempt to control the expenditure, which apparently was not one of Bill's greatest successes.

Bill had many pseudonyms, Wild Bill, Young Bill, Billy Hayes, Papa Smurf and least flattering The Gnome!!!

His friendships were intergenerational. He was close to his children, his grandchildren, his children's friends, his old friends and was able to happily sit and talk and be comfortable with them. Have a beer with them. Listen to their problems. Enjoy their successes but most importantly, be there for them.

Bill was always there to help someone in distress. It didn't matter where you were or what time it was, if Bill could lend a hand, he was there. Nothing was a problem if he could help.

My wife Judy and I were recipients of Bill's generosity. Sometime after Bill had left PFs, Sydney was experiencing a particularly bad drought and I had exhausted all of our dam's water storage. We were cactus until Bill came to our aid.

Bill carted water to our orchard every day for many weeks during the fruiting season in an old Bedford truck fitted with an old two thousand gallon petrol tank generously given to me by my boss at the time and my friend Harold Shore.

He would start early and generally finish late carting from Glenorie to our farm at Forest Glen. Mind you every time I went past the stand pipe Bill would be yacking to another driver, shopkeeper or just someone walking along the footpath. I'd take over from Bill when I got home from work and without fail the question would be asked "Where's Billy? How come you're driving his truck?" Bill's assistance during this time enabled us to irrigate our fruit and was instrumental in our orchard surviving the drought. It is impossible to express in

words what Bill's generosity meant to our family.

There were several events Bill considered important in his life. One of these was the annual holiday he and Helen undertook to Hat Head Caravan Park on the mid north coast of NSW.

Here all of his children, grandchildren and lots of close friends would spend several weeks together swimming, fishing, eating copious quantities of delicious foods and partaking of the odd social drink or two. Another of Bill's special times was spending time with his family at their Lemon Tree Passage holiday house. Here he was able to enjoy many memorable hours with Helen, his daughters, his son and his grandchildren.

Then there was the annual family golf trip with the cousins. Bill didn't play golf but enjoyed driving the drinks cart and laughing at the frustrations being exhibited by his golfing cousins. What helped make this a memorable golf experience was the fact that the males went golfing while the ladies went shopping.

These special times with Bill will be sadly missed by all of his family and his friends.

Just before he was placed into an induced coma he said to Helen, "Don't forget the bins. I'll see you in the morning" which epitomized his positive attitude to life and how important it was to Bill to follow routine and something that was scheduled or organized to be done, had to be done.


Bill considered himself a lucky man. He had his soul mate and loving wife Helen, his children and grandchildren whom he unconditionally loved and was loved equally by them in return.

Bill's passing will create a huge void in the lives of all that knew him. He will be greatly missed.


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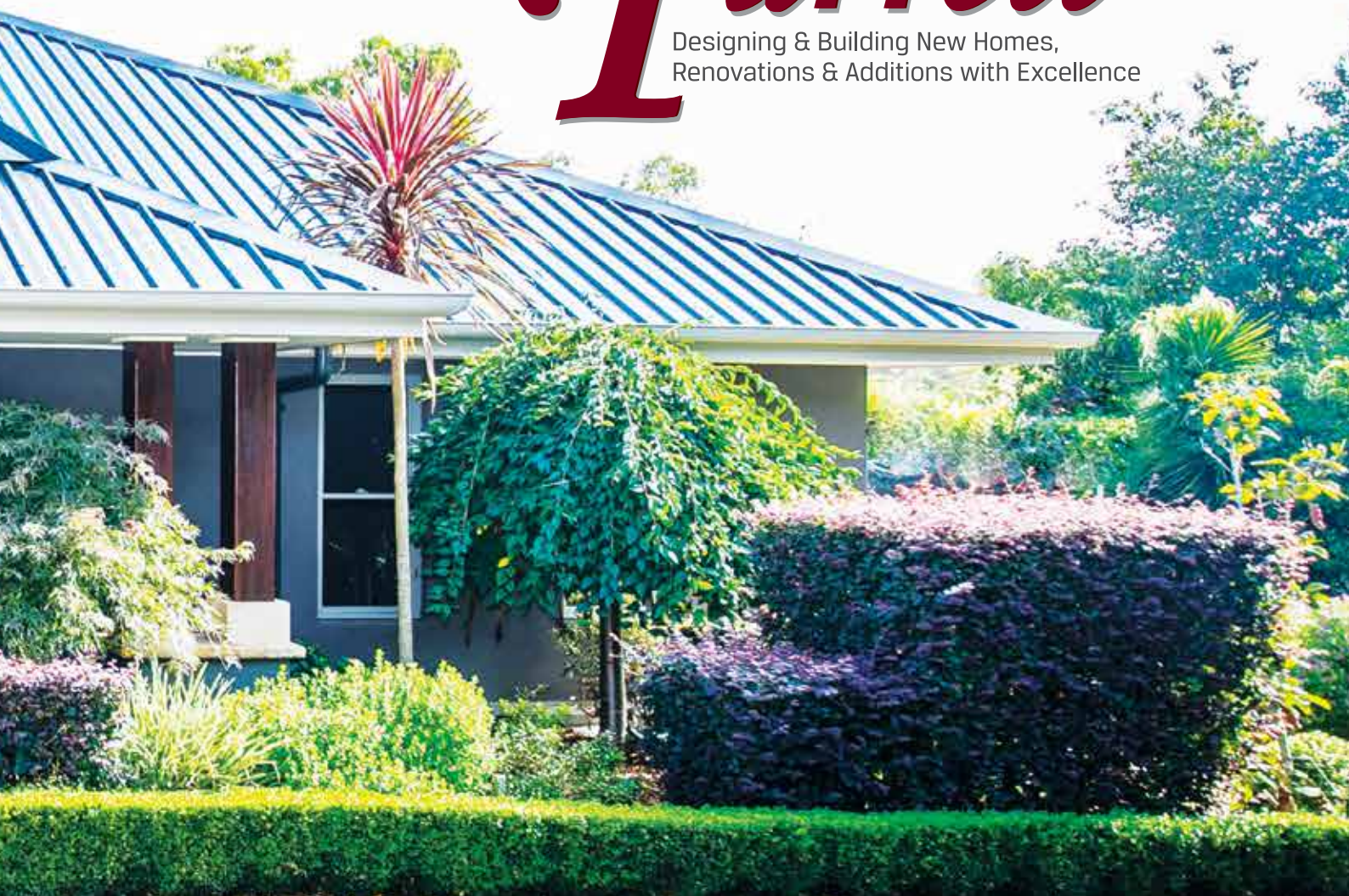
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Trevor's Lane trail transforms into a short loop of unsanctioned, community-created singletrack bliss which includes the Refuge Rocks Lookout.

By Susanna Mills

**T**his ride hugs the bushland contours of a steep-sided, rocky ridgeline of thickly settled Hills District suburbia. With John Purchase Road as its spine, the elevated heart of Cherrybrook is surrounded by Berowra Valley National Park with Pyes Creek and Berowra Creek creating natural boundaries.

From Greenway skatepark, cross Shepherds Drive to Cherrybrook RFS, and enjoy a fast pedal along the rocky rollercoaster Blackwattle fire trail to Patricia Place. (Note: this firetrail changes names from Blackwattle, to Daphne to Patricia Trail, and you will often encounter people walking here.) There is a wicked little pinch climb up to Patricia Place, but you can catch your breath for a few seconds as you turn right down the road through the dip and then right again onto the Trevors' Lane firetrail.

Turning right at the crest, Trevor's Lane trail transforms into a short loop of unsanctioned, community-created singletrack bliss which includes the Refuge Rocks Lookout. You can't get lost on this little loop; the centre is dominated by power pylons and there

is only one fire trail in and out. Elite mountain bikers will be able to ride the whole loop, in either direction, in a few minutes. Mere mortals may want to dismount and practise or walk difficult sections as the tracks are badly eroded in some areas and the rock sheet roll ups and downs near the lookout are hectic.

Departing this area, you turn right and head down to Trevor's Lane and tedious tarmac. Keep following the ridge contours as you turn right into Purchase Road, Josephine Crescent and finally, Carmen Crescent. At Carmen Playground, ramp the kerb onto the short Carmen firetrail where some fascinating rock formations tower above you on the left. Turn right onto Josephine Crescent, and right again through the gate onto Kentia firetrail. This is an incredibly steep descent, so keep your weight back, the bike under control and make gravity your friend! It's fun to pump through the water crossings, while admiring the dense riverine ferns and rock features of Pyes Creek. On a hot summers' day, this veggie tunnel provides cool relief. To get the



There are always colourful new works of graffiti art as a backdrop to photograph your bike (or yourself) at Greenway skatey.

full hour, ride until the trail terminates at Newline Road, carry the bike up the concrete stairs, and then crawl up Boldrewood Place to Hancock Drive...

Riders can choose to shorten or lengthen their ride at several points along Kentia Firetrail- but regardless of where, accept that there will be an uphill slog back to Greenway Park.

## FACTBOX

**TIME:** 1 – 1.5 hours

**DIRECTIONS:** Follow the author on Strava, or point your browser to your favourite map app.

**DIFFICULTY:** High intensity ride. Refuge Rocks singletracks are not suitable for novice riders. Easy to shorten or lengthen this route at any point.

**PARKING:** Plenty of free parking at Greenway skate park.

### BUILD NEW CYCLE TRAILS & LINKS THROUGH BVNP:

Refuge Rocks lookout is precisely opposite the Westleigh Waterworks trails (H2O) so existing, much-loved trails like Cherrybrook, Westleigh, OMV and Quarry Road should be improved, extended and officially linked together east/west across Berowra & Pyes Creek. This would create longer distances to ride thereby facilitating cycle commuting, better access to and greater appreciation of this vast National Park.

**COFFEE:** Why, at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre of course! Safely access the shops on your bike from Greenway Park by riding down the sneaky path between the centre and Carlisle Swimming.

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# TREASURE THE TIME

## ARCADIAN ARTISTS TRAIL 2018

From extremely humble beginnings, the Arcadian Artists Trail began 29 years ago as an open day for the local community. Now flourishing with 50 creative souls and 8 studios spreading through Dural, Galston, Arcadia, Fiddletown, and Berrilee, this sumptuous feast for the senses attracts thousands of visitors each year. What sets the Arcadian Artist Trail apart from the rest, you may ask? With a careful selection process to ensure variety and the highest quality of artisans, from emerging artists to those you would only otherwise view within gallery walls. Everything is handmade and original, and viewed within its authentic studio environment. The studios are raw, varied, some small and neat, others rambling and chaotic, but all fascinating spaces. Watching the artists at work, talking with them, sharing their inspiration and techniques, is a rare opportunity.

In an increasingly built in, hectic,

tech filled world, the Artists Trail offers you respite and a space to breathe. Each studio is unique. From architecturally stunning modernity, to tranquil gardens, rustic natural bushland, and peaceful rolling paddocks. From manicured beauty to eccentric, character filled sculpture gardens. It truly is a delight for the senses.

New to the trail this year, Yaja Hadrys uses plants to hand-dye textiles, and focuses on nature inspired themes to create truly unique and stunning wearable art. She intimately studied the ancient arts and crafts of Australia's traditional owners in remote parts of the country, learning her natural dyeing techniques from the Yolngu women in Arnhem Land. "As an artist I often collaborate with nature, feeling a connected and integral part of it. When I use plants to dye and contact print fabrics I witness a true alchemy. Wearing the textile creations later, having them close

to the body, it's like being hugged by nature, almost feeling her subtle breath."

Returning this year is the much cherished community from Warrah. This local organization offers social therapy to adults with intellectual disabilities or autism, which has produced stunning results that rival many able-bodied artists.

Looking for artwork for your home? Come and purchase unique artworks directly from their creators, not through a gallery. Works range from painting, printmaking, sculpture, glass, mosaic, textiles, jewellery making, furniture, wire sculpture, and so much more.

Each studio is connected by a stunning meandering country drive. Many of the venues will have coffee carts or food on offer, though the properties provide the perfect backdrop for you to bring a picnic lunch, blanket, and a glass of wine if you so choose.

Leave the city behind, treat yourself to a feast of inspirational artistic talent and beautiful scenery,



Yaja Hadrys - silk wearable art

and be immersed in our creative world this November. Road trip, anyone?

The Arcadian Artist Trail is held on **November 11-12**, between 9am-5pm. The event is free to all visitors. The website [www.arcadianartists.com.au](http://www.arcadianartists.com.au) includes a map of this year's trail, and information about all of the artists involved. The Committee would like to thank Bendigo Bank for its ongoing support of this event.



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## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF FAGAN PARK

We enjoyed perfect weather and a huge crowd on our Open Day on September 30. It was an opportunity to showcase many of our working machinery and vehicles. We took many of them for a drive around the park, one of the few opportunities to give them a proper run. Thanks to all our volunteers for helping make the day the success it was. We have decided to lock in the Sunday of the October weekend as our Spring Open Day in future. On this occasion, Hornsby Shire Council adopted our suggestion to donate all of the parking fees to the Drought Appeal.



Hot Air Engine

One of the machines run on the day was our Rider-Ericsson hot air engine. This is one of the museum's prized possessions, and its operation baffles even engineering minded people. Its sole purpose is to pump water, utilising a wood fire to provide the heat required. It uses the expansion of air when heated and contraction when cooled, to impart power to a piston, with a large and heavy flywheel to maintain rotation through the cycle. For those interested, Google 'Stirling Cycle' for more information. These machines came into prominence in the mid to late 1800's until internal combustion engines became affordable as power

sources for pumping. Very few of these machines survive today.

Work continues on the 1918 International truck. There are plenty of things to do, and recent activity has centred on cleaning up the precious radiator. It needs repairs, and we are confident it will come good. The major obstacle is financing the restoration of the wheels, with all options being explored.

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. All visitors are welcome.

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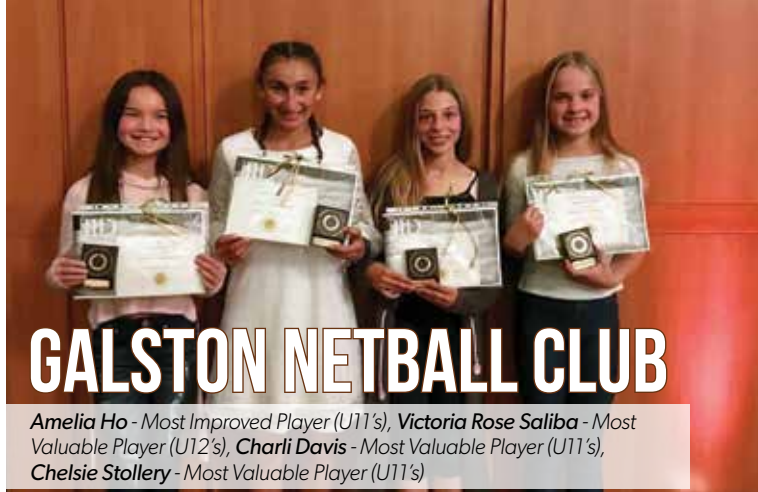
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## GALSTON NETBALL CLUB

**Amelia Ho** - Most Improved Player (U11's), **Victoria Rose Saliba** - Most Valuable Player (U12's), **Charli Davis** - Most Valuable Player (U11's), **Chelsie Stollery** - Most Valuable Player (U11's)

**G**ALSTON NETBALL CLUB primarily fields teams in the Hills District Netball Association winter competition which runs from April to September. So, whilst we are now officially in the off-season, this is not the case for many of our players. Registrations will be opening for the summer comp shortly which some of our senior teams have entered in prior years, we wish them all the best. Also, the club was fortunate to have 13 girls selected at various age groups for the Hills District representative teams. During 2018, these girls trained up to twice a week and competed in regional gala days throughout the year. All girls performed well and came back to our club even stronger players. We are proud of all the girls who were selected with a special mention going to Amelia, Charli, Chelsie and Victoria-Rose who received individual awards for their outstanding contributions.

Training for the 2019 representative season has just started and congratulations goes to all girls who have been selected again, and to those who have been selected for the first time. We wish you all the best and know you will do our club proud.

**Galston Netball Club** fields teams aged 6 years to adult in the Hills District Netball Association winter competition with all games played at Pennant Hills. Registrations for next winter season will open in early 2019. For further information please contact secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com

## THE LAND COOKERY COMPETITION

**Thursday 8th November, 2018 | From 2:00 PM**  
CWA Galston Branch, Galston Health & Resource Centre  
Cnr The Glade & 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston

Each year The Land newspaper sponsors a cookery competition open to the general public residing in NSW or the ACT. Cooking from standard recipes in The Land Cookery Schedule 2018/2019, each contestant has a chance to share in cash prizes and go on to represent at state level.

This year CWA Galston branch has invited local schools to participate in Section 11, Class B of The Land Cookery Competition, Decorated Butter Biscuits for 12 years and under as at 31 March 2019. Four (4) biscuits to be presented, 5cm rounds decorated with 100's and 1000's.

Entry and registrations open 2pm on **Thursday 8th November**. Judging commences 3:30pm. The recipe supplied for Decorated Butter Biscuits on page four of the following link must be used - [https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/visageimages/Committees/The\\_land\\_Cookery\\_Recipes18-19.pdf](https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/visageimages/Committees/The_land_Cookery_Recipes18-19.pdf)

Please read The Land Cookery Schedule before commencing your entry - <https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/cookery.html>

CWA Galston branch meets monthly at the Galston Health & Resource Centre. Our next meeting is Wednesday **14th November** at **10am** for a cuppa, followed by lunch and our business meeting. Visitors are most welcome; we would love to see you there.

For more details please contact Jann 0439 222 217 or Pam 9653 1036. Visit our facebook page - [www.facebook.com/CWAGalston](http://www.facebook.com/CWAGalston)

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# EASTBEND NOTICE OF 2018 AGM

Eastbend's Annual General Meeting will be held at **1.30pm on Monday 12th November** at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School. An election will be held to choose members of the Executive Committee for the coming year. If you wish to nominate for any position or have anything you would like to discuss or have help with please come to the meeting.

**1** If you can't come yourself, please contact the Secretary, Vicki Brownless on [livingheritage6@gmail.com](mailto:livingheritage6@gmail.com) or Tessa Corkill, on [Zarchaeics@gmail.com](mailto:Zarchaeics@gmail.com) or 9652-1470. As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting begins. We look forward to seeing you there!



On **Sunday 14th October 2018**, a celebration of the arrival, on that day, 200 years ago in Australia of father and son Joseph and James Roughley was held. The day, which was planned, organised and conducted by members of the family, took place at historic Roughley House "The Pines" on Old Northern Road, Dural.

The guests who attended included The Hills Shire Mayor Dr. Michelle Byrne and Dural and District Historical Society President Michael Bell OAM.

There was approximately 120 descendants, family

and friends gathered from around Australia for this milestone in the history of Dural and surrounding areas as James and his wife Harriet (nee Kentwell) were one of the original settler families.

Father and son, Joseph and James, were convicted and transported for the minor crime of stealing five pence worth of linen and flannel.

Like many who were transported for a petty crime, through hard work and perseverance the Roughleys prospered and within two generations became wealthy

landowners and farmers and respected members of the community.

Among other early families connected by marriage to the Roughleys and part of the Dural history are the Kentwells, Hunts, Bests, Blacks, Thompsons, Tuckwells, Mobbs, Fagans, Cusberts and others.

It is of interest to note that Old Northern Road, the original land link to Newcastle, was built through the Roughley's land. This resulted in historic St. Jude's church, which was built on land donated by James and

Harriet, being on the other side of the road from the house.

The day was enjoyed by all, with relatives and friends making contact, in many cases, after some years.

After the welcoming speech from Max Roughley and a song written and performed for the occasion by Mal Roughley and his sister Jeanette Parry, a tree planting took place.

This was followed by a steady procession of people inspecting Roughley House, taking photo opportunities, looking at old photos and memorabilia and catching up with relatives and friends under the 160 year old pine trees.

This gathering was the latest of the committee events supporting the familys' heritage initiated originally by Ken and June Roughley with their fine book of the family "A Loftier Race".

This gathering was another example of a family appreciating its part in the history of a community.

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## DURAL BOWLERS HELP NEW DISTRICT

This year Dural women bowlers have been playing within the Mitchell District which spans from Dural to Blacktown, Toongabbie and Baulkham Hills and in between. Recently Mitchel played three competitions with other districts and regions and five Dural players were chosen. The teams Dural girls played in were successful and Mitchell was overall winners in all competitions.

The drawn Triples has been played and won by Robyn Scoble, Barbara Wood and Christine Fitzgerald who defeated Brigitte Szlasko, Kath Sach and Eileen Bromley. The game was notable as one of the four newest members, playing in her fourth game, reached the final and will no doubt benefit from the experience. That is the good thing about the drawn events as the teams are 'random' and everyone has a chance. This was the last game for Christine who has moved to Queensland after three very successful years at Dural.



The Runners-up - Drawn Triples- Brigitte Szlasko, Kath Sach and Eileen Bromley

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## GALSTON GIRL GUIDES END OF TERM FUN!



At the end of Term 3, the Junior Guides enjoyed a movie night and overnight camp in the Guide hall. They watched Rio 2 and decorated pillowcases with their favourite characters. The girls learnt how to pack for an overnight camp and demonstrated teamwork when preparing breakfast the next morning!

After a busy term of badgework, nature art, campfires and team games, the older Guides enjoyed trampolining at Flip Out.

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by Fiona Horne

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— Fiona Horne.

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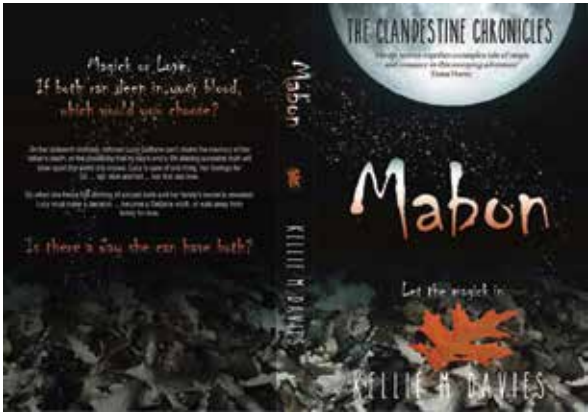
Turning sixteen is hard enough – just ask Lucy DeBane. Throw in hormones, curfew, nagging parent ... oh, and the fact she's a witch ... and she'll tell you the day she was born is a day to skip altogether.

Lucy's birthday wish list is short: Gil Daniels, her best friend's brother and a problem in it's own right ... but Lucy's day is haunted by the memories of her father's death and the possibility that by day's end a life-altering ancestral truth will blow apart the world that she knows.

What starts out as a simple birthday celebration, quickly spins into chaos as Lucy is hunted by an unknown

supernatural entity, sending her down a lethal path where she discovers a buried family secret. Lucy must make a decision ... become a DeBane witch, or walk away from family for love. Isn't there a way she can have both?

Mabon Book One of The Clandestine Chronicles will throw readers into a world of romance, magick and dark family secrets. Lucy stumbles over witchcraft into love on her way to defending her loved ones from the grim reaches of her ancestry. It will cast it's spell on readers from the first page, compelling them to follow Lucy across the four books of this series, as she battles to find place amongst her supernatural counterparts and saves the love of her life.



## About the Author – Kellie M Davies

The first spark of an idea for her debut novel Mabon came to Kellie back in April of 2009, where it initially started out as a tale of a vampire and her Keeper conversing in a field near Jindabyne. Mabon soon evolved into a love story between Lucy, a girl with strong female leads in her family and an 'iffy' ancestry line, and the gorgeous Gil, who has a habit of questionable timing. Kellie lives locally. .



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"Too often, homeowners and even farmers are a bit cavalier about the fire season. They don't start to prepare equipment, carry out elementary protection around the home or farm building or even ensure adequate water supply around those locations until they see smoke on the horizon", said Aussie Pumps' Brad Farrugia.

*The Aussie Bushfire Survival guide gives home owners and property owners an insight into preparing their properties ahead of a horrific bushfire season.*

"Our 'Survival Guide' covers the essentials but delves into detail often not found even in documents produced by government funded bodies", he said. "For example, it gives details on how to install the sprinkler system on the roof of the house. You can't do that when you see the fire coming. If you're in a vulnerable area, you need to move immediately", said Farrugia.

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The 'Survival Guide' deals with product selection but stresses the need for an adequate water supply to be available, properly prepared to be defended. "There's no point worrying about getting ready to fight a fire when you smell smoke", said Farrugia. "The time to get organised is now!" he said.

Free copies of the 'Aussie Fire Survival Guide' are available from authorised Aussie Pump distributors, CRT locations, Landmark, NRI and irrigation and mower shops around Australia.

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# CHRISTMAS PREPPING...

by Debbie Amos



One of the websites that is great for people who find it hard to leave their home or are time poor is [www.jacquelawson.com](http://www.jacquelawson.com). This site has the most beautiful animated ecards that you will find on the web. They also produce a yearly **Advent Calendar** which you can send out. There is a cost involved but the convenience is worth the expense which starts at \$14.00 a year.

The other fun thing to do at this time of year is to produce a Calendar of all your favourite photos for next year. These are great family gifts. There is many companies that give you the option to do this. It is probably easier to produce the calendar using a computer

Many of us lead busy lives or find it hard to get to the shops, so it is useful to have other ways of being able to impart the Christmas or Holiday spirit. There is so many different websites that offer products and services. These are just a few interesting ones for a starting point.

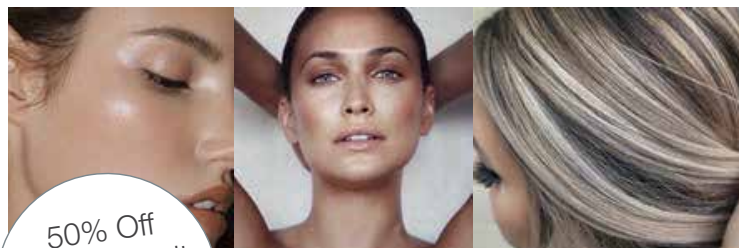
although it can be done through your web browser on your iPad device. **Snapfish** and **Photobookshop** are some of the well known sites that offer this service. Shop around as they often offer discounts.

Love the way that companies have created interesting names for their businesses to help make them stand out. This is the case with **Bockers and Pony Hampers**. They delivery hampers Australia wide and have a great selection. Great way of spreading Christmas cheer from the comfort of your lounge chair.



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# GRAVELY ARTISTIC CEMETERY By Kerron May ICONOGRAPHY

loved ones but if you look closely at the headstones, crypts, mausoleums and statues, particularly in older cemeteries, you will art forms defining an architectural and tranquil beauty and hidden meanings. Embedded in these memorials are symbols, often animal totems used to guard the dead from the living or the living from the dead depending your particular point of view. Symbols unite the dead with an ongoing cultural existence they once inhabited and as such may relate to something specific or interpretative within that society. These aspects define cultural norms, status, religious identification and association. Tombstone art

requires a degree of careful research to uncover the mystery of who the deceased person was in relation to their chosen animal or totem.

Animals represent explicit characteristics according to species which may be ascribed to the deceased to measure or mark their qualities as a person in life. Birds in particular are seen as winged souls being divine messengers, representing peace, purity and the soul.

Specific *birds* have recognised and assigned meanings for example eagles are symbolic of the power and strength, courage and valour while owls suggest diligence, wisdom and intelligence. Roosters signify

Doves are messengers of peace and love.

Butterflies are our *pysche* or soul. The meaning is derived from the three stages of the life of the butterfly - the caterpillar, the chrysalis and the butterfly. The three stages are symbols of life, death and resurrection thus representing metamorphosis to the afterlife through resurrection.

Interestingly there are many other animals to which resurrection has been ascribed including dolphins and curiously snakes or serpents presumably because they cheat death and gain vigour and renewal by shedding their skins. They also represent eternity by forming the perfect circle or *oroboros* with its own tail in its mouth.



Dogs of course are man's best friend implying the owner is worth loyalty, fidelity, watchfulness and vigilance.

The use of animals in tombstone art makes us aware we are not alone in our existence but share it with other species in a state of mutual interdependence to find comfort and companionship. The animals we select to represent our departed loved ones not only offer solace in our initial grief and sadness but also consolation in future remembrance. These totems are how we choose to remember a loved one in a commemoration of their being.

This month we explore the symbiotic relationship between humans and animals in relation to tombstone art and in particular, the meanings of animal symbols and meanings.

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# STEAM YARD

If you haven't visited Steam Yard in Galston for a while, be sure to drop on in and visit us! We are Michael and Christina Gobran from the Hills District and we have recently taken over. It's been almost 3 months since we've been at Steam Yard and boy have we been overwhelmed by the support, encouragement and heart felt congratulations we have received from the community.

As a young family of 4 (Alexander – 6 and Sophia almost 4) we have always enjoyed and had a huge passion for great food, entertaining and simply enjoying life! As a family, we enjoy spending time with our extended family and simply taking in everything life has to offer.

We have a background in hospitality and have always had a plan to either open our own café or buy an existing

one. Our family is extremely community driven and always looking out for ways to support the local community.

We have a grand vision for the café and cannot wait to slowly transform it into a place where locals can come in relax, have 1,2,3 or 4 coffees along with a fresh new meal or sweet. We are always looking into new ways of refreshing the café with new sweets, drinks and food!

Aimee, the original chef has stayed on with us, which we are extremely grateful of! We have also hired a bunch of young, lovely staff members from the Hills District to help us achieve our dream for Steam Yard!


We are working on a new fantastic menu which you



will have to keep an eye out for on our Instagram and Facebook page! We have refreshed our specials and trialling them right now! So don't waste any time, drop on in! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram Today!

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By Ryan Poisson

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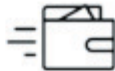
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# Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

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

## Spring in in The Air

Considering all the rain we have had, it's hard to believe we would have any sense of Spring. This is not the case though at the Dritmantis home in Galston. Two weeks ago two cute little lambs appropriately named Ebony and Ivory were born and only a week ago Shorn (excuse the pun). These cute frisky lambs are a delight to watch frolicking around in their green pasture. It brings new meaning to "Spring has Sprung". Congratulations to the Dritmantis Family on their new additions.

*Contributed by Debbie Amos images Tom Sacca from Infinite Media*



## Into Africa

When my husband and I decided to join a 'group tour' of Africa I wasn't quite sure what we would be in for, but it far exceeded my expectations.

What followed was an epic journey in tiny planes, covering parts of Namibia, Victoria Falls, Botswana and finishing with a few leisurely days in Cape Town.

We hiked into the second largest canyon in the world, Fish River Canyon which was a tough 17km hike over boulders and dried river beds. The scenery in Namibia was literally out of this world. We flew over red deserts, white deserts, stone deserts and at times it felt like we were not on earth! We covered the largest sand dunes

in the world in the Sossuvlei Desert. We were taught about the stars, constellations and planets in the special observatory and looking through the telescope felt we could almost touch them. Our helicopter ride over Victoria Falls and the sunset boat cruise on the Zambesi River was just sensational.

Next stop was Khwai Community area in Botswana and our 3 day safari which, at times, left me in awe as we got up close and personal with leopards, elephants, lions, (and cubs), hippo's, zebras and many other animals. One of my highlights was listening to the sound of the lion roar in the still of the night only 20 metres from our tent!

We rode on quad bikes to the middle of the Makgadikgadi Pans, a huge salt pan desert and slept in a swag under the bright stars and watched the International Space Station pass over us. At dawn, we were awoken by the most beautiful sunrise before we jumped back on our quad bikes and headed back to join a family of Meerkats as they searched for their breakfast!

This holiday was energetic, beautiful and varied. The people we met, the culture and tradition we learnt will stay in our hearts forever. It has now whet my appetite for further travel to this amazing continent.

## Steam Yard Cafe

The Steam Yard Cafe new owners, Michael and Christina are thrilled that they are officially threaded into our community and they sincerely appreciate the welcoming warm response from customers.

Thank you George and Brigitte for your friendly and courteous service and for the care you took in creating each coffee, the extra love was noticed and appreciated. You will both be missed but, no doubt, with your 5 boys life will be still be busy. I am positive that Christina and Michael will consolidate your great work.

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## An Unforgettable Experience

Have you ever been to Tobruk Sheep Station at Maroota? If not, consider going there. My Mum, niece and I went yesterday and had such a wonderful and informative experience. Along with a group of about 60 year 4 children from Kenthurst Public School, a tourist group from Hong Kong and a young family, we met Tash and Bill ( and the other staff ), horses , dogs ,a cow, ducks, a cat and lots of sheep. Our leader, Tash was so humorous and an amazing Jillaroo sheep shearer.

With damper (of course with Golden Syrup ) and Billy Tea early, a full and hearty Aussie BBQ lunch, we were well fed.

My Mum is 89, my niece is 12 and I am in between - we three had a great time and all the school children and other visitors obviously did too.

I'd recommend you look up Tobruk Sheep Station online and book in to visit, or even Farm Stay there in the historic homestead . For me the day was a perfect place for a Stockman to visit! *Contributed by Christine Stockman*



## Dural Toastmasters

Dural Toastmasters has just celebrated it's 40th anniversary which is a significant milestone for any community group. Toastmasters is an International club which promotes the development of public speaking skills. When I was establishing my celebrancy business I realised that I should polish my speaking skills and so I became a member of the Dural Club. It was an invaluable experience as it not only supported my public speaking development but gave my confidence through practice. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at the Dural Country Club. Toastmasters is a little like interactive theatre where you get to develop skills, confidence, establish friendships while being totally engaged and entertained.

## 20th anniversary



My husband, Peter and I have been together for 23 years and we recently celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary.

It's funny how I always quote how long we have been together as opposed to how long we have been married...I just did it again. I am extremely proud of reaching our 20 year anniversary as our marriage is the second for both of us. We each had children within our first marriages, Peter had 2 and I had 5 so much of our married life has been traversing the blending of everything.

Peter is definitely the more romantic partner in our relationship and everyday he makes me feel loved and cherished but together we aren't very good at acknowledging our anniversaries and some years the day has passed without either of us remembering. Even if we do remember we are not in the habit of gift giving or dining out.

This year was different for a start we both remembered....hooray. "I have a surprise for you", "an anniversary gift to acknowledge 20 years of marriage".....I couldn't have been more delighted or excited by his choice, from behind his back he revealed 'his' and 'hers' matching plastic garden rakes, which he found at Bunnings for \$8 each. I loved my gift and we laughed about simple treasures and simple pleasures.

Pete you are my everyday hero, thank you for your enduring love and support.

## Presents from Patients

Since we opened at Round Corner two years ago (time flies!), we have been truly spoiled by some very generous patients. Out of their own pockets and gardens, we've received fresh produce including locally grown veggies, delicious honey and beautiful posies of flowers. We are even lucky enough to have a patient who brings something for us every time she visits, and it just brightens up our day. Once it was a box of pastries for morning tea (Dr. Roy got to them first, and tried to hide the evidence of his crime...but we found the crumbs). Our patients feel like family, and we are so grateful that we are lucky enough to be surrounded by such a thoughtful and friendly community. There is still some country kindness alive in the world, and we love it. Thank you for making us smile (couldn't resist a dental pun!)

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## HISTORY

DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

# AFTER THE WAR

By History Cottage

Arthur George Newland, DCM MM

Arthur Newland returned to Australia in August 1919 the recipient of both the Military Medal and the Distinguished Conduct Medal earned for bravery and devotion to duty in France in 1918.

He arrived with over 1000 other soldiers on the *Orita*, and was met by the Parramatta welcome committee and "borne home by car triumphantly."

Later that month his parents arranged a welcome home attended by some 200 friends and family at the Galston School of Arts when he was given a gold Albert chain and sovereign purse, a gold ring with his battalion colours gifted from his sister, and a gold ring from his Glenorie friends.



Arthur George Newland

He was discharged from the army in September 1919 and confirmation was then received he was entitled to a gratuity of £20 for his DCM.

In August 1920 he married Margaret (nee Scot) at Dural Methodist Church.

Thirteen months later Newland was involved in a shunting accident at Hornsby railway yards, and died of

his injuries at North Shore hospital on 17 September 1922 aged 28.

He was buried at the Uniting Church cemetery, Derriwong Road, Dural and is remembered by the inscription "...beloved husband of Margaret Newland and father of Wee Peggy... in his 28th year..."

Margaret placed a notice in the local paper thanking the railway men of Hornsby, and the Returned Soldiers and Citizens of Hornsby and Galston, for their monetary assistance informing them she planned to leave in February 1923 to return to Scotland to be with her parents.

## Image of former Arcadia Brass Band

Hornsby Shire Historical Society has enlisted the support and help of Dural Historical Society to research what life was like c1918 -1928 in Hornsby Shire for the returning First World War Servicemen. From information provided by Dural Historical Society it seems that many local men were welcomed home at public occasions where the Arcadia Brass Band played. Despite our combined efforts neither society has been able to locate a photograph of the band. Would any Community News reader have a photograph that can be scanned and sent to [secretaryhshs@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhshs@gmail.com) asap. If any reader has photographs of any family celebration where WWI servicemen were welcomed home copies of that very special occasion would be appreciated. Any photograph or photographs used by the Hornsby Shire Historical Society will be acknowledged to the donor.

Copies of the society's journal *Local Colour* will be available from the museum in Kenley Road Normanhurst on Tuesdays between 10 and 2 commencing Tuesday 20th November at a cost of \$12.

📞 For further information about the HSHS please contact Patricia 9980 6329 or [patnrob5@bigpond.com](mailto:patnrob5@bigpond.com)

## Letter to the Editor

### Fiddletown...

I read with interest the short article contributed by Dural and District Historical Society about Fiddletown. Readers might like to know that c1995 some residents in Arcadia approached Hornsby Council about having the name Fiddletown removed from the area. Council referred the matter to the Geographical Names Board in Bathurst (GNB) who in turn contacted me as President of the Hornsby Shire Historical Society. I provided the Board with details of the three brothers owning the land as stated in the last edition of the Community News.

When the GNB made enquiries they found that there was no other area in the world known as Fiddletown so the Board, together with HSC, wanted to keep this unique feature which is why the area is now formally known as Fiddletown.

- Pat and Rob

## Local History

Your day may start with your thoughts, just planning what you may achieve. Well I made a visit to History Cottage, the home of Dural and District Historical Society. The visit had me interested in some of the past history of our local area. Reading through some material gave me some very interesting thoughts of the people of the past.

One can just think of the time when there was no water or electricity in the Galston area, that was not long ago. There must be people in the area who wonder how the streets got their names. I have thoughts of when a local, Mr Norm Wright, told me of the fires in the local area. As a child I saw many burnt out houses. A very large amount of Koalas were wiped out in those fires. I read an article that told me 19 homes were destroyed by that fire in about 1939.

Other information tells me of a well known family in the area who were ship builders. Yes, the ship builders who built Captain Cook's Endeavour. Looking at the past can be a big help for our future and how we prepare for it. Make some history time available, and call into History Cottage.

History Cottage is next to the park on Galston Road.

By Norm Sumner, Berrilee

## The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society Invitation to our CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society would like to extend the invitation to the general public to join us on **Saturday, 24th November 2018** at the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club for a delicious Christmas Lunch. Please arrive at 12.00pm to be seated by 12.30pm.

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# Latest News



## from the Mayor's Desk

It was a big moment for Hornsby Shire last week when the final breakthrough occurred for NorthConnex. There are now two tunnels deep beneath our feet that link the freeways at either end of Hornsby Shire. When the work is completed they will allow many vehicles to bypass Pennant Hills Road altogether. At long last our community will cease to be the bottleneck in our nation's freeway network.

This milestone in the project is cause enough for celebration. However, the residents of Hornsby Shire have far more reason to be pleased, as there is a double benefit to the NorthConnex project. The material excavated from the tunnels is being used to partially fill Hornsby Quarry, helping us turn it into a spectacular new 50-hectare park. Now the main tunnels have been excavated the movement of trucks to Hornsby Quarry will be scaled back and will cease altogether within a few months. Council will again take control of the quarry site in early 2019 to continue the rehabilitation works.

Council will soon be seeking community input to allow us to refine the vision for the park and identify the specific recreational activities that should be included. We want your involvement because we are determined to ensure that this is a park that is designed by the community.

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### Financial Statements



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### Hornsby Development Control Plan Have your say



Amendments to planning controls are proposed to improve the appearance of and landscaping around, unit developments in Hornsby Shire. The draft DCP amendments will be on public exhibition until Friday 23 November 2018. For information and details of the drop-in sessions visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition)

### Keeping our Bushland Shire green

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## POLITICS

## STUDENTS GET AN INSIDE LOOK INTO STATE POLITICS

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP invited student leaders from local primary schools to Parliament House to see what a day in politics is like for our state representatives.



Arcadia Public School



Galston Public School

**E**ighty students attended the morning tea and tour along with parents, teachers and Principals. The students toured the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council before joining Mr Kean for a special guest visit from Manly Sea Eagles hooker Apisai Koroisau, Sydney Swifts Paige Hadley and Emily van Egmond from the Matildas.

With both houses sitting it was a busy week in Parliament but Premier Gladys Berejiklian

dropped by to ask the students what issues are important to them.

"Getting a chance to see first-hand how Parliament works and to provide feedback directly to the Premier on politics and government is hands on learning for these students," Mr Kean said.

Guest speakers Paige, Apisai and Emily told the students getting to the top takes

hard work and determination. Mr Kean hopes the students are inspired to continue to work towards their goals and chase their dreams.

"These kids are the next generation of sports stars, doctors, teachers and community leaders. I hope they are able to continue to grow as leaders and use their skills to service our community," Mr Kean said.

## RURAL ROUND UP — A YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been a year since the current Council term began, a good chance to reflect on what has been achieved so far. Here are some of the headline items....

After almost two and a half years of uncertainty, (caused by the quagmire of the failed amalgamation process), Council was finally able to fill the position of General Manager. We are pleased to have appointed Steven Head, who brings a wealth of experience to the role from his previous positions in private enterprise, local government, and the Roads and Maritime Service.

One of our major challenges was the budget shortfall that resulted from the loss of territory to

the City of Parramatta. This Council successfully lobbied and secured \$90 million in tied compensation and continues to negotiate with the State Government for the balance of our claim.

Waste collection is the one aspect of Council's operations that every single resident of Hornsby Shire has a direct stake in. A comprehensive review of our waste strategy is almost complete. A key goal is to see more than 70 per cent of waste diverted from landfill, up from the current figure of 44 per cent.

Council is currently undertaking an accelerated review of our Local Environment Plan

By Cnlr Warren Waddell

with help of NSW Government funding. It will include a full review of zoning provisions as they apply to our rural area.

I am pleased to confirm that Council will prepare a Galston Village public domain improvement plan. The implementation of this plan will only have to follow the Asquith to Mt Colah public domain strategy that is currently in the pipeline.

These initiatives are only scratching the surface of what has been happening overall. Stay tuned for more details as Council's term continues.

## Matt Kean MP

Member for Hornsby  
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# RAIN. REMINDER. RECOGNITION.

By Peta Gormly

In past couple of weeks, we have welcomed some much-needed rain. Whilst it is in stark contrast to the dry conditions we've been experiencing for some time, we'd like to remind you all to keep up with your safe fire practices.

Towards the end of September crews from Arcadia, Galston, Dural, and Westleigh were called to bush alight down Peebles Rd. This was a bush fire that had been smouldering for many hours, and this fire was efficiently rounded up and controlled by these crews. Luckily no persons, livestock, or properties were threatened. This fire highlighted the need to remind the community that they should always call triple zero (000) as the station is unmanned. Furthermore, if you see a fire that is unattended,

call triple zero immediately. The area was patrolled multiple times to ensure no flare ups occurred. It is unsafe to enter a fireground due to smouldering remains and the threat of trees falling.

Crews from the Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai district conducted a small hazard reduction in Berrilee at Banks Creek. This was a strategic burn to reduce the fuel load on the ground. It was controlled well and remained within its boundaries. We've also attended calls to pile burns that have reignited due to weather conditions. It is important to monitor any pile burns you conduct both during the burn, and afterwards. Did you know that the Hornsby district has made the permit application process even easier! You can now apply for a council permit online via the

Hornsby Council website.

During the fire season, Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai residents require a council permit and an NSW RFS issued permit. You can acquire these RFS permits from the Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai Fire Control Centre 9883 2000.

Arcadia has had reason to celebrate! At the district's annual award's night, 5 members from Arcadia were presented with long service awards. Alex Parkinson, Jessica Byrnes, Ian Furness and Dave Byrne received their 10-year service award, and Michael Elvidge, who is currently sitting on 24 years of service, received his

20-year award. These members have all upheld the values the NSW RFS of respect, adaptability, resourcefulness, integrity, community, and friendship. We're very proud of our members, and these awards highlight the dedication our members have for their station and for their community.

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# GALSTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By Kara Dubois



## Can we fit?

During a bush fire our Category 1 (Cat 1) tankers are often used for property protection and to navigate more difficult terrain.

They also hold considerably more water than the smaller category tankers.

For this reason, it is important to consider whether a Cat 1 tanker

can access your property in case of a bush fire.

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The Cat 1 tanker also has a 22 metre turning circle, making it difficult to negotiate around sharp corners or perform U-turns.

Another thing to consider is if we will be able to get to the rear of your property. If there are any bridges or grids will they handle the 13.7 tonne load, and if not are they marked accordingly?

## How fireproof is your plan?

While seven in ten people in bush fire prone areas believe they

have a plan for what to do during a fire, it is still hard to know whether it will actually work if a bush fire strikes.

A major concern related to this is 51% of people have done nothing to prepare their property for a bush fire.

To find out how fireproof your plan actually is spend 5 minutes on the website:

[www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)

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

### Brigade Contact Details:

Duty mobile: 0491 119 152

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## MIDDLE DURAL BRIGADE NEWS

**W**hat wonderful rain deluged Middle Dural in October! Most of us received more than 100mL of good soaking rain, which may push back the threat of major bushfires by a month, maybe more. And haven't we got an amazing crop of weeds already?! However, even with the rain, NSW law states that it's still illegal under NSW legislation, to burn bush or piles without a permit. Burning building materials at any time of year is illegal. Several illegal piles containing building materials have been reported in the last month in our area. If you are detected, the penalty can be severe, not only in the form of a hefty fine but also your name is recorded on the police fire offenders register.

You may have seen the powerful RFS campaign on most TV channels, in the lead up to peak bush fire season. It asks NSW residents 'How Fireproof is Your Plan?', using powerful human stories that contrast the destructive power of fire with the dangers of insufficient planning and preparation. The campaign dramatizes a series of situations where bush fire plans have not reduced risk to people or livestock. This is because the key questions of when they will leave, where they would go and what will they take, were not considered carefully in advance. If you haven't seen it, we recommend that you take a look (<https://www.facebook.com/213250965551/posts/10156446200475552/>)

It shows that you really have to think through what you and your family will do to keep safe when the next fire danger comes.

**Ask your RFS District Office (9654 1244) where to get a copy of the plan, and of course, both our Captain, Len Best (0408 220 705) and Senior Deputy, Ken Middleton (0417 203 088) are happy to talk with you.**

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# GLENORIE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By James Wicking

## New Firefighters

Our latest qualified firefighters Manny and Tye joined the ranks of qualified firefighters after passing their Bush Fire Fighter assessment on Sunday 21st October.

We have also commenced delivering a Brigade based Bush Firefighter course that will have 9 trainees from Glenorie joined by trainees from Middle Dural Brigade aiming to become the next batch of qualified firefighters on **1st December**.

## Wet weather

We were fortunate to have been called to only 1 motor vehicle accident even with the solid wet weather.

The rain has certainly dampened things down for now, however the Bureau of Meteorology still have an El Nino warning in place, with

forecast warmer and drier conditions to return over the coming months. The rain has caused vegetation, particularly grasses to grow back, but once the drier weather returns the new growth will die back increasing fuel loads.

## How Fireproof is Your Fire Plan?

The Rural Fire Service has launched a new campaign that has built on the previous message of "Planning to have a Plan isn't a Plan". It is based on experiences of people who have had significant bushfire events impact them. Any plan needs to ensure it considers multiple types of scenarios, and is not a "One Size Fits All". If you need assistance developing a comprehensive Fire Plan please contact us via our Facebook page or email ob1309@hotmail.com.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Presentation of Financial Statements

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](http://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.

Address for written submissions:

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# BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW INC HILLS BRANCH

By Ray Galbraith

At the September Meeting of the Hills Branch members were treated to a very informative lecture, visual display and a hands on demonstration of the latest variety of budgerigar, namely the White Cap by Mrs Kathy Manton. Kathy is a Hills Branch member and a NSW Senior Panel Judge.

Exhibition budgerigars come in many colours and twenty eight standard varieties, as distinct from the Bush Budgie, which is predominantly light green. Whilst the Wild Budgerigar flocks can be found to contain the odd bird resulting from a mutation in the overall gene pool of the flock, the predominate colour remains light green.

Development over many years has resulted in the exhibition budgerigar of today being shown under the following varieties, which will be described in the following articles each month commencing with.

## Know the Variety

- **Normal Green** - Various colour green body, Black wing

edged with yellow or white, Dark blue tail Black eye with white iris

- **Normal Grey Green** - Grey green body, Black wing edged with yellow or white, Black tail, Black eye with white iris.
- **Normal Blue** - Various colour blue body, Black wing edged with yellow or white, Dark blue tail, Black eyes with white iris.

The **25th November 2018** is the date of this years' Lawn Show, to be held at St Ives Show Ground, located at 450 Mona Vale Road, St Ives. This particular event show- cases some of the rarer varieties of budgerigars. Entry is free and the general public are welcome.

## Budgie Facts for this month:

- The budgerigar has a surprisingly high respiration rate of up to 85 breaths per minute.
- Their heart rates are also extremely fast, at over three hundred beats per minute.
- Budgies have a third eyelid which you can't usually see but which is crucial for keeping their eyes lubricated and clear of debris.

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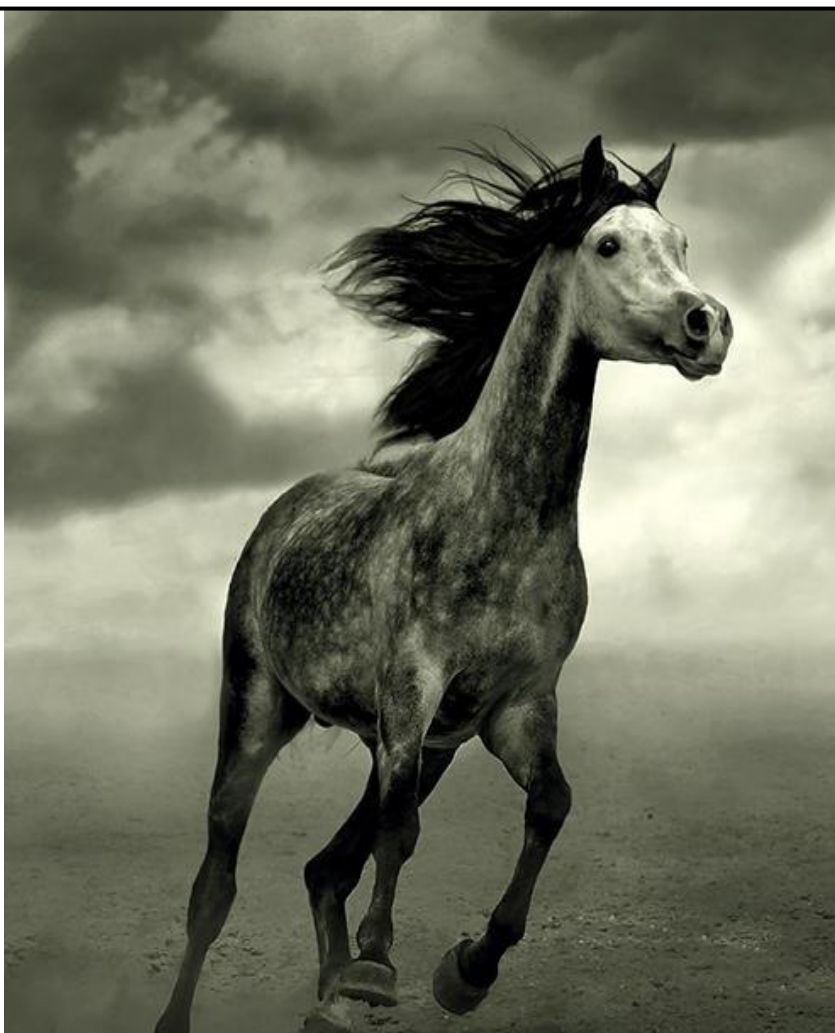
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# GALSTON EQUESTRIAN CLUB SUCH A BUSY CLUB, SO MANY EVENTS!

**G**EC Member Samantha Backhouse entered the Horseland 40th Anniversary "Making Memories" competition earlier in the year and wrote about one of her favourite horse memories in 25 words or less, winning a prize of \$4,000 worth of Horseland products for her riding club! What a wonderful gift for us! Thank you SO much! Sam has a business called "Patchwork Ponies" and runs Pony/Unicorn parties on her property in Dural as well as special event days. The website is [www.Patchworkponies.com.au](http://www.Patchworkponies.com.au). Sam also competes successfully in dressage on her gorgeous black pony BSP Black Magic.



Sam Backhouse with Magic

We had a great group of members turn up for instruction with Suzi Deryk on Tuesday 18th September. In the morning we learnt about being in the moment and mindful with your horse, then gaining their attention before asking them to move which helps build a strong connection with a positive attitude. Members also had private lessons with Suzi in the afternoon to progress what we were learning on the ground into the saddle. GEC looks forward to more Horsemanship days with Suzi in the future.



Vicki Newham with Ego Conquistador (Quizzy)

Our Protocol Day on Saturday 22 September was a great success! Our hard working B

I am sure we are all very grateful for the recent rain which has transformed our paddocks into lush green grass instead of baked dust bowls! It is worth having muddy horses for a few days to see the grass returning so quickly.

By Jan Tribe

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

- 6 November** Training day – Flatwork with Caroline Hooper and Show jumping with Sandy Lucas
- 11 November** Jumping Training Day and Cross Rails with Tana Subotic
- 20 November** Horsemanship
- 25 November** Fun Day! Events to be finalised, but there should be something for everyone!
- 3 December** Annual General Meeting
- 9 December** Award presentation and Christmas Party

grade judge, Vicki Newham, judged ten tests, and after each test, gave the riders expert tuition and advice on how to improve their scores. The results could be seen the next day in our dressage competition, so thank you so much, Vicki, for sharing your knowledge and experience, and making all the training such fun!

Our last dressage comp for the year was an Official Competition on 23rd September. Many riders brought their young horses out for their first competition and they all behaved beautifully, even the two stallions! Even

though it was an Official event, it was still a very relaxed day for both competitors and judges. The judges all commented on how much they

enjoy coming to GEC and the good sportsmanship displayed by our members who encourage and cheer each other on. Thank you to Pam Dalrymple, Julie Jones, Rachelle Evans, Sue Birch and Emma Cartland for giving up their day to judge for us. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors for 2018, Horseland Dural and CopRice NutriRice Feeds for our terrific prizes. The day ran smoothly because of all the wonderful volunteers who gear steward, marshalled, pencilled, helped in the canteen and did the scoring, as well as pack up the arenas afterwards. It is the wonderful volunteers who make the day such a success and an enjoyable event for all.

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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# ARCADIA PONY CLUB CLOSED SHOWJUMPING SPONSORED BY HORSELAND DURAL

Arcadia Pony Club ran their annual Closed Showjumping event on Sunday, 30th September. It was the first weekend of the school holidays so there were lots of riders commencing their school break with a fun and fabulous show jumping! What better way to kick-off school holidays!

A huge thank you to our wonderful sponsor for providing gift vouchers for the Champions - Horseland Dural.

It was a great day had by all and as always would not have been possible without our wonderful parent volunteers who managed the course set up on Saturday afternoon and then ran the day with judging, pencilling, scorers, canteen, warm up stewards and the most important - parents picking up poles and changing heights on the day!

**Results were as follows:**  
**Class 1: C Grade**  
Champion: Sarah Harris  
Reserve Champion: Virag Toth

**Class 2: D Grade**  
Champion: Rosie Kenny  
Reserve Champion: Sophie Hamilton-James

**Class 3: E Grade**  
Champion: Amelia Fearnside  
Reserve Champion: Melia Bloch

**Class 4: Intro**  
Champion: Aria Miltiades  
Reserve Champion: Jessica Cepak  
And well done to all of our led and assisted riders too, you did a wonderful job - Alyssa Cepak, Leilanai Bloch, Issac Gregory and Avalon Chambers.

A very special mention to Avalon as our newest member, this competition was her first equestrian competition ever and her huge smile throughout the day showed everyone that it won't be the last! Well done Avalon!

And don't forget, our last rally day for the year will be on **Sunday 2nd December** which will be a fun day with lots of mounted and unmounted games including some water fun!

And last but not least, our Annual General Meeting and Award Presentation will be held on **Sunday 9th December** at The Galston Club.

**Save these dates!** We look forward to seeing you there!  
**Come ride with us - join us for fun, friendship and competitions!**  
Arcadia Pony Club has a "come and try" programme for riders aged

between 4 - 25 years with their own horses or ponies where you can come along to a Rally Day and gain some riding instruction, meet new friends and have a lot of fun.

**We meet 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's new member Avalon enjoyed her first ever equestrian competition!

**Thinking of instructing?**  
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**O**ur fantastic school band went on tour in September giving a foot tapping performance to the lovely students at the KU Preschool.

The band was conducted and lead by Mr John Ciccarelli from Teaching Services Australia, Dural who encourages and teaches our musicians so successfully. They received high accolades from Fiona at the KU Preschool who always welcomes our Arcadia students with open arms. She recognises many of them as her past students – "We always love our ex pre-schoolers and their friends coming back to visit each year to see them growing up to

be such responsible, well mannered, thoughtful young people."

The music didn't stop there. Our talented students also performed solo and duet pieces at the fabulous Galston Early Learning Centre Twilight Markets on October 19. We thank Director, Daniela for inviting us to be part of this excellent community event.

Speaking of fabulous community events... the renowned **Arcadia Markets** are only days away. Make sure that **November 17** is firmly in your diary as an opportunity to relax, shop and socialise. There will be a car show to enjoy, plenty of parking, great food and lots of bargains. See you there.



## NORTHOLM STUDENT RECOGNISED IN 2018 STANSW YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS

**T**his month Northholm was excited and extremely proud when informed by the Young Scientist Committee, that Year Twelve student, Ethan Yin had been selected as a prize winner in the 2018 STANSW Young Scientist Awards for his HSC Design and Technology major work, Hiker RFID Checkpoint System.

With over 800 projects submitted this year, the judges spent many hours reading all entries and making preliminary and then final decisions. Projects were double-marked by trained judges and the winning

projects went through further stages of judging.

Mr Stephen Byrne, Ethan's Design and Technology teacher, said he was not surprised. "Ethan was very thorough in his development, spending hours testing and re-developing his designs. His portfolio was amazing and I am thrilled that he has been recognised for the work he has done."

Ethan told the school, "Mostly I felt it was unreal. I never expected my project to get to this point." It was not until Mr Andrew McMillan, another Northholm Design and

Technology teacher, saw his major work that he suggested that Ethan enter the STANSW Young Scientist Awards.

"Both Mr Byrne and Mr McMillan have been very supportive throughout the year. My design used materials and techniques I had not used previously and I needed the guidance of both my teachers. It was really interesting and I thank them for their support."

Ethan was studying for his



Mr Stephen Byrne and Ethan Yin, Y12 Northholm

upcoming HSC exams at home when we talked to him about this excellent achievement.

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# HILLSIDE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SHINE

**S**port and physical activities are important aspects of school life at Hillside Public School. This year all of our students successfully participated in the Premier's Sporting Challenge during Term 3. The students also enjoyed Fruit and Vegetable Month and have enjoyed harvesting vegetables from our garden.

Once again our outstanding students have succeeded on the sporting field. Our Touch Football Team came an impressive fourth in NSW in the recent Small Schools Competition. The students displayed great sportsmanship throughout the five match competition.

Our mixed relay team won at the Sydney North Area Carnival at Homebush in an amazing record time late last term. They will now be competing at the State Competition early in November. A wonderful achievement for our awesome runners.

This term all of our students will be participating in a variety of sporting activities led by Year 9 coaches from Galston High School. The high school students will be coaching our students in tennis, soccer and tag football. It is such a beneficial program for our students as well as the students from Galston High School.

We were fortunate in receiving a Sporting School Grant for Term 4 enabling our students to participate in weekly gymnastics lessons. The program will be delivered by specialist teachers trained in gymnastics. The students are looking forward to learning new skills and strengthening skills they have already learnt.

Every two years Hillside students entertain their families, friends and the local community members with a pantomime. This year the production of *Tinsel and Tea Towels* will be performed on Monday 10th December at a matinee performance at 11:30am

and the evening performance at 6:30pm. Every student has an acting and singing role in the pantomime. An advantage of being in a small school! Music and drama are integrated into the Hillside classroom programs and students enjoy the opportunities afforded them in performing for their parents and friends. Please join us on Monday 10th December and see our wonderful students shine on stage.

Our students are fortunate being able to learn French taught by our dedicated French teacher. A highlight was our French Day where the students served afternoon tea and entertained the many visitors with songs and a



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# HILLS GRAMMAR Stories

## Farewell and Best Wishes



Hills Grammar farewelled their 2018 graduating class at the recent Graduation Assembly and Valedictory Dinner. Of the 84 graduates, more than 20 of them spent their entire schooling at Hills Grammar. School Captains, Julia Tan and Will Sampson spoke eloquently at the assembly reminiscing on their time at Hills Grammar.

Hills Grammar wish all of the graduating class best wishes in their HSC exams. The School looks forward to hearing of, and celebrating, the numerous extraordinary pathways the Class of 2018 will no doubt travel.

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## NEWS FROM GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL

### FAREWELL YEAR 12 *By Lisa Pieper*

At the end of term 3, six years of hard work culminated in a week of celebration and recognition of Year 12's achievements. The staff vs student soccer match is a longstanding tradition where students try their best to dominate their teachers, and sadly for Year 12, staff were able to continue their dominance 2-1. More importantly, there were no serious injuries to the aging staff who still think they can channel Tim Cahill.



After breakfast with the teachers on Wednesday of Week 10, Year 12 were whisked away to a secret location for their picnic day. Bobbin Head proved to be a great place for Mr Cosgrove to reveal his super soakers and ensure that everyone became involved in his campaign. That evening, Year 12 returned to graduate, and while emotions were high, the real tears fell the following morning at the Farewell Assembly as Year 12 had their final opportunity to farewell their younger peers and have the roll marked one last time. This was followed by the formal, which was held at the opulent Oatlands House. Each and every student put their best dressed foot forward and danced the night away to celebrate and unwind after a tough but rewarding year.

All the staff and students at Galston High School bid Year 12 a fond farewell and wish them all the best in their HSC and future careers. We look forward to hearing of their future successes as they carve their own path in the world that awaits them, and hope they remember their days as a student of Galston High School with fondness and pride.

## UNITING CARE GALSTON EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Galston Early Learning Centre is a non-for profit organisation, so the Committee of Galston Early Learning Centre and the Educators have been working together to raise as much needed funds for resources to support our littlest learners.

On Friday the 19th of October we held our annual Twilight Markets which highlighted the wonderful community that we live in and celebrated the contributions that the local schools provide for our children. The Twilight Markets attracted a number of stalls and provided entertainment and activities for all age groups. The Markets also encouraged the students from the local primary and high schools to participate and showcase their musical and athletic talents through stage performances throughout the evening.

In the lead up to our event we had many local businesses that sponsored our Twilight Markets and I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of these local businesses for their ongoing support. Listed below were the major sponsors for the night:

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On behalf of the Galston Early Learning Centre team we would like to say a big thank you for everyone who came to support us on the night. We hope you enjoyed the night under the star and we look forward to sharing with you what we were able to purchase from the funds that were raised.

**If you have any further questions in regards to our centre please contact our Centre Director Daniela Balmer on 9653 1475.**

## FAREWELL NORTHHOLM CLASS OF 2018

On Monday 24 September, Year Twelve celebrated their final day at school. They enjoyed a breakfast with their families and members of Staff, House Farewells, led by their Heads of House, and a Valedictory Service attended by all students from Kindergarten through to Year Eleven, their families and Staff.

"It is with a sense of deep gratitude and genuine happiness that we reflect on our Northholm journey today," said Eliza Dessen, School Captain, as she and her Co-Captain Jackson Purchase addressed the School for their last time. "Back when we started school at Northholm we may not have understood the value of our small class sizes, or specialist teachers and tiny violins, but looking back, it really was idyllic."

Jackson continued saying, "It's bitter-sweet to leave a place we all resented on countless Monday mornings but are going to struggle



School Captains

to leave behind after today. I cannot speak highly enough of this school and the opportunities it has provided, not only for Eliza and me, but for all of us over the course of our schooling."

"The thing I've come to appreciate most about Northholm is that every student is truly valued for who they are as an individual," said Eliza. "Our teachers are genuinely interested and have encouraged our

diverse endeavours and on behalf of all of Year Twelve, I thank every teacher who has challenged us and shaped the confident students who leave you today. You have inspired us to become caring, creative and critical thinkers."

Elisa and Jackson went on to encourage younger students to embrace every opportunity Northholm has to offer. "You will try some activities for a short time,

and others will develop into lifelong interests. In Assembly this year, the Prefect Team has encouraged you to be 'curious', and we hope you will continue to keep learning as much as you can, and asking lots of questions, because this will help you to find your own voice on the things that matter most.

"Remember, your teachers are here to help. They will support you to become the kindest, most thoughtful versions of yourself, like they have encouraged each of us."

The School is very proud of the way Year Twelve have conducted themselves, and thank them for their leadership, creativity, optimism and genuine care for each other - they have been a credit to themselves, their families and the School. We wish them a very productive time as they prepare for their final HSC exams.

**Farewell Year Twelve, Class of 2018.**



# GLENORIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## What an AMAZING Day!!!

**O**n behalf of the P & C I would like to THANK all the families within the school community and all other visitors to our school that came along in the beautiful sunshine to support our school at the 2018 Country Fair on Sunday 23rd September 2018. It was truly a wonderful community day.

The Country Fair consisted of two parts, Business Sponsorship Program and the Actual Country Fair Day. The business sponsorship program generated \$14,200 and the Fair day generated \$29,800. The overall success amounted to a profit of \$44,000.

Here in the Glenorie Community we have a lot to be grateful for...

To the Parents and Students of Glenorie Public School we thank you for your help on the day. We are lucky at Glenorie Public School to have a dedicated School Principal and Teaching and Admin staff that were excited to be part of the day and come along and help on the day and also assist during term 3 with all of the Country Fair activity.

Thank you to our Business Sponsors, Diamond – Glenorie RSL Club Platinum DSA Contracting, Gold Camhaul, Adapt Lending Solutions, WFR Real Estate Agents and Wilkz Group Pty Ltd, Silver Tailor Made Kitchens, Camelot Amusements. Air Elec, Gosford Quarries, Glenorie Bakery and Phoenix Dance Studios and Bronze Café Sadanqua, 2157, Leaf It to Me Garden Care, UB Art Shack, Bunnings Wearhouse, Hornsby Tailor, Sweet Pea Skin & Hair, Ruby Joy, Lauran Jane Hair, Blush Skin and Beauty, Dural Dental Practice, Glenorie Pharmacy and Artist Belinda Nadwie. We truly appreciate your commitment and financial support to our school.

Thank you to all the businesses that donated to our school, from the local Glenorie and surrounding areas, to the business further away, giving vouchers and other items to use on the Chocolate Wheel and Major Raffle.

A special thank you to David Camilleri for running the Chocolate Wheel Stall all day. A special mention of gratitude to all the generous families in our school community who made and donated all the food and fresh produce to our Lebanese Kebab & BBQ stall. A HUGE thank you to all the people who were by Madona's side all day cooking and wrapping the delicious kebabs! We hope you all enjoyed them. A BIG thank you to the Kearn's Family and the wonderful team at Camelot Amusements for providing a wonderful playground on the fair day.

Thank you to all the performance groups within the school and the external ones that came and providing wonderful entertainment through out the day also. We also thank Glenorie Fire Brigade for their participation on the day. A special thanks to Ulla and Sharon for judging our internal art competition.

*If you had your photo snapped on the day by Bjorn from UB Art Shack - Art & Photograph Studio - you can view the gallery of photos at [www.gallery.ubartshack.com.au/view-your-pictures/80214](http://www.gallery.ubartshack.com.au/view-your-pictures/80214)*

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We trust everyone had a wonderful day and we look forward in doing it all again in 2020. Once Again Thank you

-Dennise Williams P & C President  
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## MUSIC & ARTS

# HILLS HARMONY TO PERFORM IN THE NEW PIONEER THEATRE

Well known Hills songsters, Hills Harmony Chorus have been selected by the Hills Council to perform during the opening season of the Council's new Pioneer Theatre. This new state-of-the-art theatre is located beneath the Council Library in Castle Hill and is designed to hold an audience of up to 350 people. It can, however, also be configured to suit many different types of shows and has the flexibility to accommodate performances where a smaller more intimate atmosphere is required.

Hills Harmony, a male acapella chorus singing in the Barbershop style, will be staging their Hills Harmony Showcase Concert in the Pioneer Theatre on Sunday afternoon the 4th of November starting at 3.30pm.

In addition to Hills harmony Chorus and several of its Quartets, the Showcase Concert has a variety of local performers including Hills Dance Company 'Jigsaw Dance' and The Sydney Balalaika Sextet.

The Chorus has just recently returned from competing in the Barbershop Harmony Australia National Convention which was held in Adelaide over four days.

The Hills guys performed very well and were rewarded for their efforts by being presented the award for the best mature age chorus out of the fourteen competing choruses. This was achieved with less than half of the chorus members as many were unable to make the trip to Adelaide. With just nine singers competing on stage against much larger choruses, the result achieved was particularly rewarding.

Hills Harmony was also represented by two quartets, HighJacked and Chromium, who entered the quartet competition which included almost forty quartets from around Australia. Both the Hills quartets performed creditably and will be featured in the forthcoming concert.

Tickets are now available for this unique concert and can be purchased directly through the Hills Harmony website [www.hillsharmony.com.au](http://www.hillsharmony.com.au) or can be obtained by emailing [bookings@hillsharmony.com.au](mailto:bookings@hillsharmony.com.au) or ringing either Paul on 0419 635 537 or Peter on 0425 208 4366

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The Galston Concerts 2018 series closes **Sunday 18 November** with the **Galston Gala** – this year a *Finale Animale* – to start 2pm in Galston Uniting Church.

Featured will be French composer Camille Saint-Saens' famous *Carnival of the Animals*, popular with young and not so

young as a tuneful collection of clever musical portraits.

The March of the Lion is followed by an entourage including elephant, fossil dinosaurs, cuckoo, an aquarium plus more familiar farm chickens and donkeys. The tortoise performs a tongue-in-cheek slow Can-Can dance, a swan glides by and there's 'Australian content' – kangaroos!

The arrangements for strings, piano duet and percussion, will be performed by The Lanyon Trio & Friends, recently returned as

featured artists of the 2018 Classics Concerts Cruise.

The church setting made Galston Uniting's Rev. Geoff Smith the natural choice to guest with the Lanyons to narrate witty verses adapted from Ogden Nash originals.

The Gala also highlights Lanyon's cruise concerts in a B-for-brilliant theme of music from Bonn, Budapest, Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Broadway. Lighter fare includes a gypsy dance, rumba, tango and a Scott

Joplin 'Mexican' rag as a complement to great Classics by Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy and more.

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### KEEPING CHICKENS

Thursday 15th November | 10am to 1pm

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# THE GIFT OF PLEASURE

By Pastor David McKibben  
Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

## CHURCH

Over the last couple of months we have looked at two simple but significant principles that wise and wealthy King Solomon discovered were important in enjoying a satisfying and meaningful life: (1) Enjoy the present, and (2) Enjoy people. The third principle he discovered is equally simple yet profound: Enjoy pleasure.

The word pleasure can have negative connotations, especially if we think of a life devoted to the selfish and reckless pursuit of pleasure as an end in itself. But pleasure can also be viewed from a positive perspective as well. How is pleasure a gift?

First of all, enjoying pleasure satisfies a basic human need. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," goes the proverb. Not only does it make him a dull boy, but it also makes him an unnatural boy. Ultimately it may harm his health. Pleasure relaxes the mind and refreshes the body, enabling us to enjoy a full and balanced life.

Secondly, the enjoyment of true pleasure can enable us to savour the beauty that is part of our daily lives. Pleasure can be experienced and enjoyed in the simple, ordinary and innocent things of everyday life. A delicious meal, a child's smile, a beautiful sunset – and the list could go on and on – the appreciation of these gifts from God can be a source of real pleasure. After sampling all that the world had to offer materially, Solomon declared, "**So I commend the enjoyment of life, because nothing is better for a man under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad**" (Ecclesiastes 8:15).

Thirdly, the experience of pleasure can extend to our work

as well, whatever the vocation or setting might be. Solomon reflected, "**So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work** (Ecclesiastes 3:22), and he shared this observation on a number of occasions. His words remind me of a powerful quotation from a speech by the American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr:

"Not all men are called to specialised or professional jobs; even fewer rise to the heights of genius in the arts and sciences; many are called to be labourers in factories, fields and streets. But no work is insignificant. All labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should

be undertaken with painstaking excellence. If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will pause to say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well."

Receiving pleasure from one's work is one of the precious gifts of life.

In conclusion, Solomon encourages us to enjoy the gift of life and live it to the full as God intended, and may that be the experience of each one of us.



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# GALSTON UNITING CHURCH



## Ladies Choir

In August 2005, fourteen ladies came together at GUC to form a choir. The men's choir had been singing together for some years and the ladies decided they would also like to worship in this way. Six of the ladies who turned up

that night are still singing with the choir. You don't have to be a member of Galston Uniting to enjoy singing with this group. Two of the girls travel from Parramatta and have joined after attending the gentle exercise classes held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

at the church. You don't even have to read music. On some dark/cold or hot/sticky evenings it is a temptation to cancel the practise but at 9pm we are still laughing and sharing with each other - making it all worthwhile.

## Creativity Service – Sunday 25 November – 10.00am

The photo is of the Ladies Choir singing in front of some of the quilts at our Creativity Service last year *and that is coming up again soon!* An invitation is extended to all to attend this year's Creativity Service on Sunday 25 November, in celebration of the creative talents of people in the district, many of which will be displayed ... quilting, needlework, painting, photography and knitting to name a few.

## Bible Study

Understanding what the Bible says to us is central to our walk of faith as Christians. To this end, Bible Study is held at the church on Friday mornings during school term from 9:15am-10:30am - 'Abiding in Christ' (Life Guide) will be our study this term (John 13: 31-17:26). If you are interested in learning more, please join us. Our group focuses upon applying the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives as well as providing practical and spiritual support for each other.

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# GOD'S SON LIVING IN OUR WORLD

(A MESSAGE BY REV. ED LONG.)

When Jesus Christ came into our world, he still remained the Son of God. He could never hide that fact. ( read John 1:14-18 ).

Famous people have sometimes tried to travel without letting others know who they are. But often they have been found out possibly by the things they did or said.

When Jesus was here on earth (when he was 'made flesh') there were many occasions when his glory as the Son of God shone

through. It was like the rays of the sun shining out from the edges of a cloud. John says 'we beheld his glory'. So often in the gospel of John this is true. In John 1: 33 the baptism of Jesus is mentioned. What happened that did not happen when anyone else was baptised? The Spirit of God came down on him and those standing nearby 'beheld his glory'.

In chapter 2, Jesus attended a wedding. He looked just like any other man until the need arose.

Then John says he showed his glory as he turned cold clear water into red sparkling wine. In the same chapter Jesus went into the Temple and his power shone through as he cleaned it out to make it a house of prayer once more.

These rays of glory can be seen through the whole book of John. Jesus Christ was a man of our world but he was always the eternal Son of God as well. When Thomas saw this for himself, he cried out 'My Lord and my God'.

Remember this –Jesus came and lived in our world because he loved us. He came to save us. He came to die for us. Why not thank him again just now for all this?

## Think about this:

Jesus Christ never changes. What he was then, he is still today.

- Come and find out more at Bible study at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays.
- Sunday Service at 10am at Glenorie Mission Church 1409 Old Northern Rd.

# HILLS LIFE

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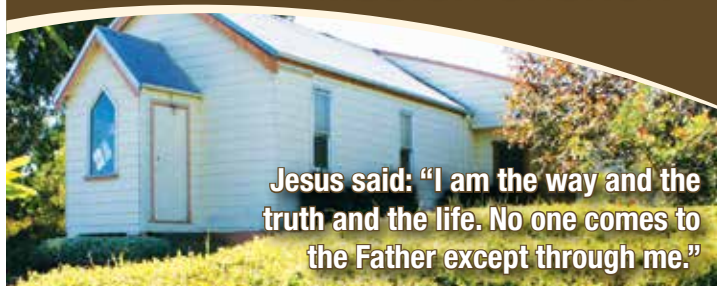
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# SUPERMARKET CHRISTIANITY

By Corri Bryne, Pastor

Many of us are used to having to do the weekly shop. Some are prepared with their shopping list, others (like me) tend to walk in and see what takes our fancy.

Supermarkets love my type of shopper ... offering all sorts of specials, bundles, eye line height promotions encouraging me to buy more.

As I walk through with my trolley, I'll pick some of this, but I don't like that! In fact, I've never been a fan of peanut butter, but do enjoy a good marmalade.

As Hillslife Church has explored what it is to be a Christian we talked about shopping trolley Christianity. Those believers who accept some parts of the bible, but happily ignore others. Bit like my aversion to peanut butter, there are some teachings that just don't sit as well as others.

As if we are planning a meal, we are happy to take this list of ingredients, but don't want anything that could sour our recipe.

Does Jesus really teach we should go to church? Or that we should tithe? That we should pray? Spend time meditating on the word? Did Jesus make the Old Testament teaching irrelevant? Or did He amplify it?

The point is Christianity is not a shopping list, or a menu where we get to pick and choose our preferred flavours. There are clear guidelines, responsibilities and expectations laid out ... and yet most Christians have never read the entire bible.

Little like the shoppers who walk in and wander around and can be swayed in our purchasing behaviours ... there is a danger to not knowing the whole story.

Imagine watching just the middle 45 minutes of a movie - not knowing the start or the finish. Doesn't make sense does it.

"The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15

The encouragement this month is to make sure you don't fall into shopping trolley Christianity. Take up the challenge and read the whole bible ... sure some bits are less exciting than others, but God can reveal new understanding across all Scripture.

If you are willing, as you begin, and progress through the journey, I encourage you to pray to Our Holy Spirit and ask for His guidance and revelation. For as John 14:26 says, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

# CHRISTIAN LIKE NANNA'S SECRET RECIPE

We've been exploring what is a Christian, using the art of parable.

Last couple of months we have spoken of a Christian as a shopping trolley, one that picks and chooses what aspects of faith they will accept, and those they'd prefer not to acknowledge.

We spoke of clothing label Christians, try this one on for size. Or of Christians who wear faith more like makeup ... it's a concealer of their true selves, rather than a transformer into new selves.

This month we look at Christians whose faith is more like nanna's secret recipe, you know the one handed down from generation to generation.

Surely in your family there is that traditional dish that is passed down, maybe it's a Christmas pudding made a certain way, or the Sunday roast with just the right type of crunch in the potatoes. Maybe I'm just making myself hungry and it's getting close to a traditional Christmas meal!

We have an odd family tradition, come through my wife's side, honey on tacos. Hey, it's delicious!

While all these traditions are wonderful, it shouldn't be that way in your faith. That you are Christian because your mum was, and her mum, and her mum before her.

If your faith is just a hand me down then it's not faith, it's tradition.

Faith is personal, a true relationship with the Father direct. Not just at church on a Sunday, but a daily walk with God, the Father, standing right by you, communing with you, supporting, guiding, empowering.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 says "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

If your walk in faith has been more like a generational gift like an heirloom... something handed down, this is a true blessing you have received. But, it is so much more than just a secret recipe or family treasure, you can have a deep personal relationship each and every moment.

Seek more than tradition, more than just a method, seek the Way.





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# GLENORIE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pr. Alex & Dee Valich

You've heard it said that if you want something done, ask a busy person. At the end of a full day, that busy person might say- "I've been busier than a thousand bees!"

Out of interest, I read a couple of articles about the honey bee hive. The bees must be hard workers- after all, the phrase 'busy as a bee' has to come from somewhere!

"Like many natural phenomena a hive of honey bees is incredibly complex...within the colony, worker bees have plenty to keep themselves occupied. Jobs include cleaning the nest, building comb, nursing bee larvae, heating and cooling the nest, caring for the queen, guarding against intruders, handling and storing food and foraging for food and water." (Keri Collins Lewis)

How busy are bees- really??

"They're pretty industrious, but not as busy as some other animals. A honeybee might work anywhere

from just a few hours a day to about twelve depending on its role in the beehive. Worker bees tasked with daily foraging of nectar or pollen generally spend every hour of daylight outside, but as soon as it gets dark, they head back to the nest and relax. They also take frequent breaks. Queens are also busy, laying more than 1 000 eggs each day. Drones by contrast are quite lazy. They don't leave the hive till early afternoon, carousing around in packs and when they get home, just a few hours later, they rely on the worker bees to feed them!" (Forrest Wickham, researcher.)

On our church noticeboard this month, the words "Be still and know that I am God" come from Psalm 46:10 in the Bible. Almighty God is exhorting us to choose to have balance in our lives like the honey bee does - He created them.

So, if you find yourself 'as busy as a bee', when life gets overwhelming

and busyness takes precedence, remember that there IS a God of the Bible who is not too busy for you!

Verse 1 in the same Psalm says, "God is our refuge and strength; an ever present help in trouble."

1. Acknowledge that He IS God; that He is exalted in the earth.
2. Reach out to Him; ask for His help in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ.

3. Then:  
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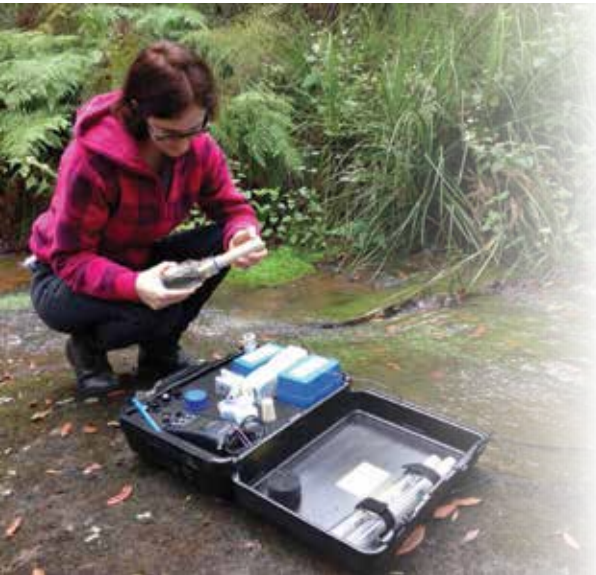
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*By Chris Noon*



Still Creek Landcare group checks the quality of the water in our local waterways. We do a variety of physical, chemical and biological testing every month in three creek places. This is part of the Streamwatch program, involving a couple of hundred people at 50 sites across the Sydney area. It has been going for 28 years and we have been doing it here for almost 10 years. You can see how our local water quality has been going on our website:

Visit [www.stillcreeklandcare.com](http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com).

au/our-catchment/water-quality/

Come and visit us at our stall at the **Arcadia Markets on Saturday 17 November** and you can see what we do and how we do it. **Bring some of your creek water with you and we can do some tests on the spot for you.**

Streamwatch volunteer citizen scientists have been successful in detecting pollution early in Thornleigh, helping biosecurity by detecting the first European black slug in NSW and by providing environmental planning data over decades.

Streamwatch has been funded by Sydney Water and run by the Australian Museum, but the Museum will stop managing it after June 2019 and there is some doubt about funding. All councillors in Hornsby Council have agreed to write to the NSW Government and we have spoken to Hornsby MP Matt Kean to get his help in continuing this work.

Should you wish to put in a plug for Streamwatch, just email the Premier at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/contact-the-premier/>

# BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

## **Guest Speaker – Susan Lewis – Pressed Flower Designs**

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 10 November with plant sales commencing at 11am prior to the meeting.

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

Guest Speaker will be Susan Lewis, Pressed Flower Designs and a historical enthusiast

who's talk and slide show will include the early history of the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne where the Melbourne International Flower Show is held. The presentation will include photos of the landscape design and outstanding floral displays at the Show over the years.

The Exhibition Building which was completed in 1880, is one of the world's oldest remaining exhibition pavilions and its dome and decorative paintwork have been meticulously restored. The most significant event to occur

in the Exhibition Building was the opening of the first Parliament of Australia in 1901 and it received World Heritage status in 2004.

It is such a beautiful building to showcase the Melbourne Flower Show which is the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere.

Susan has been pressing flowers for over 20 years and has exhibited her work at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show each year and the Berry Garden Festival.

Susan will have some of her beautiful pressed flower items for

sale – such as bookmarks, cards, jewellery, soaps, trinket boxes and framed pictures.

This presentation promises to be very interesting and visitors and guests are most welcome to attend.

BSA meetings include interesting guest speakers, plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet with like-minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook mobile 0408 202 269, email: [ianhook1@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhook1@bigpond.com). Visit website: [www.bromeliad.org.au](http://www.bromeliad.org.au)

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# GALSTON GARDEN CLUB

With all the preparations for the October Open Gardens weekend, club members still found time for a couple of rambles. It was an early start as members boarded a bus to visit the Illawarra Grevillea Gardens. This proved to be a popular trip and filled up very quickly as members put their names down to attend. The native garden did not disappoint and then it was onto the Buddhist Temple, an elusive building that very few have the privilege to visit, for a lovely lunch, this was followed by a visit to Hans and Lynn Van der Harr's garden. After an opportunity to explore this beautiful garden, afternoon tea was served by members of the local garden club, fully fortified it was time to return back to Galston.

Our second ramble was much closer to home at the "Boongala" Native Gardens at Pitt Town Rd Kenthurst. After a walk through the rainforest, Malcolm gave a talk on native bees, local birds and native

orchids. As always when plants can be purchased, gardeners are in heaven. As "Boongala" is only open a couple of times of the year members were able to talk with an expert on planting and growing native plants.

Our October guest speaker was Adele Stephenson from Rocky Point Mulching. Adele was a bright and informative speaker who gave us an interesting insight into this family run company that was born out of adversity. Rocky Point started as a sugar cane farm, but a particularly hard drought in the early 1900's saw them selling what was left after harvesting (called "cane waste") to cattle farmers to feed their stock, when the rains finally came and the cane waste was no longer needed, the idea was born to use it as mulch. Today Matt Keith, a 3rd generation farmer and grandson runs a multi-million dollar business that has 80 employees. Over the last 20 years Rocky Point has expanded into Potting Mixes, Orchid mix, Cow

manure, Native Mix, Garden Soil, Active 8 soil improver and Organic Life pellets. They are the only company to be organically certified and as they look to the future they are looking at generating their own power as well as being true to the environment by expanding into recycling of green waste from councils. Adele and Rocky Point kindly donated products for our meeting raffle as well as the Mega raffle for the Open Gardens weekend, as well there were products for sale.

We look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting, which will be our last formal meeting for the year when we will be holding a Q & A evening.

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



# AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY-NORTH SHORE GROUP



Olga Blacha

The final meeting for the year of the Australian Plants Society-North Shore group will meet Friday **November 9th** at 7-45 pm in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby.

Guest speaker Olga Blacha will speak on "Bird-scaping Your Garden." Olga has a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture and Design, and is co owner of Sustainable Natives Nursery at Somersby.

Visitors welcome. Enjoy a cuppa while browsing our extensive library.

For more information see [www.austplants.com.au/North-Shore](http://www.austplants.com.au/North-Shore) or [www.facebook.com/APSNSG](https://www.facebook.com/APSNSG)



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# MORE FREE NATIVE PLANTS!

by Barry Lees

A generous donor (Michael King) has provided more funds and enabled Landcare to offer free local native plants to landowners who live in Hornsby Council's rural area, or Hills Shire along Old Northern Road. We want the plants to go to people who are clearing privet or lantana or other weeds and who wish to revegetate with native plants. Also those who want to revegetate their roadside nature strip, or create a wildlife corridor or a similar activity.

If that sounds like you, contact me (Barry Lees) on 9653 3691. I will help you work out what plants would suit your property from those available at several native Nurseries. We will then work out how the plants will be picked up. The minimum number of plants will be 1 tray of 40 tubes. Plants can include trees, shrubs or groundcovers. Trays and tubes are to be returned to me at Galston when you have finished with them.

You cannot buy local native plants from retail nurseries, so this is a special opportunity. They are top quality. I look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about our Landcare group, go to [stillcreeklandcare.com.au](http://stillcreeklandcare.com.au) or Facebook.



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**Venue:** The Hills Shire Council Community Environment Centre, Currie Ave, Annangrove Park, Annangrove 2156. **Contact:** 9843 0555.

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**TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER - 10AM - 12PM**

## **Tax Essentials for Small Business Workshop**

Are you new to business, or thinking of starting a small business? Give your business the best start! Come along to this FREE introductory workshop run by Australian Taxation Office staff. **Venue:** Castle Grand Community Centre, Level 1, 13 Castle Street, Castle Hill 2154. **Contact:** 02 9762 1108

**Visit:** [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)

**FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 10:30AM - 12:30PM**

## **Musical Memories**

Musical Memories is a one hour concert of songs from musicals throughout the ages. Join us for a morning of beautiful singing that will take you on a trip down memory lane as we present some of the greatest songs from hit musicals. **Venue:** The Pioneer Theatre, Cnr Pennant & Castle St, Castle Hill 2154

**Visit:** [www.pioneertheatre.com.au](http://www.pioneertheatre.com.au)

**FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 10.45AM**

## **The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees**

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees Meetings. We have some very interesting speakers lined up. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 9th November, 2018 at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.45 am.

Considering retirement, in the near future, COME ALONG & Make New Friends! We welcome early retirees and Baby Boomers, who are looking to become involved in new interests. While keeping abreast of the changes which are likely to affect you and your income in the future. We need to work together for a better future in retirement.

**Contact:** President Lauris Rennie 9634 1186

**FRIDAY 23RD - SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - 10AM - 10PM**

## **The Pioneer Play Festival**

A celebration of pioneering Australian theatre and performance takes centre stage in the heart of The Hills with the inaugural Pioneer Play Festival. **Venue:** The Pioneer Theatre, Cnr Pennant & Castle St, Castle Hill 2154. **Visit:** [www.pioneertheatre.com.au](http://www.pioneertheatre.com.au)

**SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - 8AM - 10:30AM**

## **Bushwalks Program - Breakfast with the Birds**

The old scribbly gums and dense under storey plants in Fred Caterson Reserve provide homes for many birds which are seen in our local gardens. Fred Caterson Reserve, Exact meeting place will be advised at the time of booking, Castle Hill 2154

**Contact:** 0407 456 577

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**THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

## **An Evening with Ross McMullin - Pomey Elliott at War**

The centenary of the final year of World War 1 is a highly significant anniversary for Australia. Join award-winning historian and biographer, Ross McMullin, as he discusses his latest book.

**Venue:** Castle Hill Library, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill 2154

**Visit:** [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)

**SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 10AM-3PM**

## **Charity Garage Sale**

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**SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - 3:30PM - 5:30PM**

## **Hills Harmony Showcase**

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**MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 7PM**

## **Dural & District Prostate Cancer Support Group**

Speaker: Inspector Kay Armstrong from the NSW Ambulance Service.

**Venue:** Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd

**Contact:** Denis - 9629 2645

**TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - 10AM - 11AM**

## **The Beanies - Christmas Show**

Join us for our Christmas celebrations with a live show that will have your children singing and dancing.

**Venue:** Pioneer Theatre, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill 2154

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**SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2018. 2-4 PM**

## **Australian Plants Society**

Meeting with speaker Dr. Michelle Leishman on Urban Greening. She is Department Head of Biological Sciences at Macquarie University and also leads a research group.

**Venue:** Gumnut Community Centre, Gumnut Place, Cherrybrook 2126. **Email:** [b.turco@optusnet.com.au](mailto:b.turco@optusnet.com.au)

**THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - 10AM**

## **Dural Galston Probus Club**

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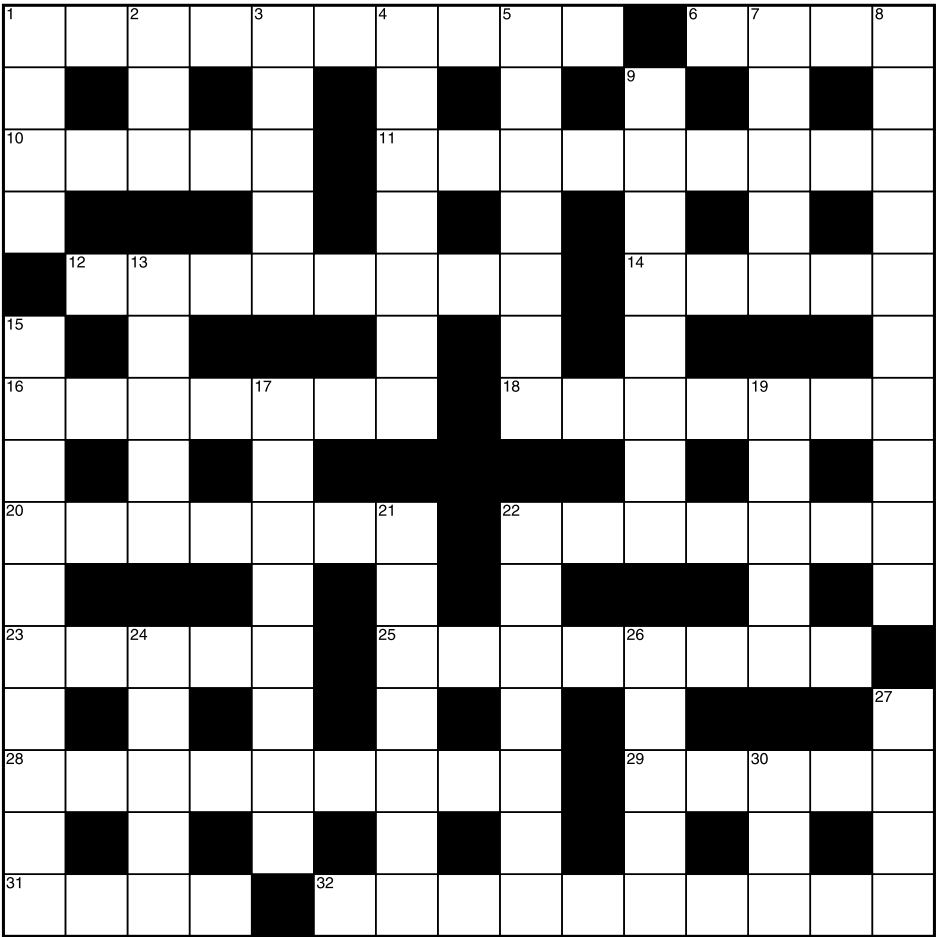
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11. Snow slippage
12. Escorting
14. Lingered (on)
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18. Measure of loudness
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28. Weakness
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# LOCAL PLAYGROUPS

## GALSTON

Galston Kids Playgroup is located in the lower room of the Galston Community Health Centre. We have a fully stocked indoor/outdoor play area with sandpit, cubby, ride-on toys, craft supplies and more! Sessions span over a couple of hours and are unstructured, providing lots of time for kids to play while adults chat. Bring your own morning tea (nut-free).

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

## GLENORIE

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

## ARCADIA

Located at Arcadia Public School, 140 Arcadia Rd. Every 2nd Thursday 9.30 to 11am. Contact Dale 0410 532 562

Parking in Community Centre next door.

Our playgroup has a very relaxed format. There is usually a craft activity, however, some kids choose not to participate in craft as they are having too much fun in the enormous sandpit. Our toys and resources cater for all ages. We have playmats and toys for babies, musical/percussion instruments, water play and more. We request a gold coin donation when attending. All of our regular attendees become members of Playgroup NSW.

## DURAL/GALSTON

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

## KENTHURST

Thursdays, during school terms, 9.30am til 11.30 am at the Literary Institute 131-135 Kenthurst Rd, Kenthurst.

## IMPORTANT LOCAL INFORMATION

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Police - Hornsby	<b>9476 9799</b>
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### LOCAL RURAL FIRE SERVICES

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Cathy Vipond Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400  
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Ray Whiteman, Glenorie - 9652 2454 / 0400 008 083  
Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive,  
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There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays  
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## CALLING ALL Playgroups



If you are organising or running a playgroup in the local area, please let us know. We would like to help you promote your playgroup, and also let our new mums know what groups are open in the area.

Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to:  
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# COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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## **Aglow Australia Pennant Hills**

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## **ALANON Family Group**

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

## **APEX Australia**

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## **Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) Ltd**

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## **Castle Hill Art Society**

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## **Dural and District Historical Society Inc**

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## **Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group**

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

## **Dural and Districts Senior Citizens' Club**

Come along on any Wednesday at 11.00am to Dural Country Club to enjoy good fellowship with other senior citizens. Some play indoor bowls - beginners included - while others play Bingo and enjoy the prizes. Stay for lunch! For further information please call on 0417 99 5507 after hours.

## **Dural and Hills District Garden Club**

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

## **Dural-Glenorie Scouts**

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

## **Dural Mens Shed**

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

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## **Galston Area Residents' Association Inc**

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## **Galston Branch CWA**

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

## **Galston Community Hall**

37 Arcadia Rd, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call Jane on 0481 900 151.

## **Galston Community Health Centre**

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

## **Galston Garden Club**

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

## **Galston View Club**

will be holding its monthly Luncheon meetings at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Visitors will be very welcome. Bookings Vivien 98941189.

## **Girl Guides**

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## **Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum**

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## **Glenorie Progress Association**

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## **Hills Budgerigar Club**

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

## **Hills RSL Sub Branch**

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

## **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club**

is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm at Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights. www.hk4wd.com.au

## **JP SERVICES**

are available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village on Saturdays from 1000 am to 12 noon; and at Carlingford Court Shopping Centre on Tuesdays from 1100 am to 0100 pm. JP's are also at Hornsby, Pennant Hills, and Epping Libraries on some days. Check with Library before attending.

## **The NSW Justices Association Hornsby Branch**

meets monthly (except January and June) on the 2nd Monday evening at 0700 pm, at MAGPIES WAITARA, formerly 'Asquith Rugby League Club' opposite Waitara rail station. JP's welcome to attend. Varied programme. Enquiries John Tibbitts 9875 1383 or 0408 491 232.

## **Living Life Without Children**

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## **Pennant Hills Photographic Club**

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

## **Rotary Club of Galston**

meets every Tuesday at The Galston Club at 6.30 for 7.30pm. New members welcomed. Contact Peter 0419 011 750 peteainscow@gmail.com

## **Probus Club of Round Corner**

NOW has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group; Mah-Jong Group; Theatre Group; Tennis Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day trips. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10am at *The Galston Club* 19 Arcadia Road, Galston. We look forward to you joining with us. All enquiries to: The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

## **Rowland Village Workshop Club**

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

## **Soroptimist International of The Hills District Inc**

meets at 7pm 3rd Monday of the month St Joseph's Convention Centre Baulkham Hills. Details:0407 665 874

## **Social Dance Workshops**

Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road, S7. Contact Felicity 9456 2860, 0434 437 522. Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers.

## **The Hills District Pipe Band**

We practice at Harvey Lowe Pavilion, CH every Tues 7.30-9pm. Welcome new members and gig enquiries. Follow us on

facebook or www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com.au

## **Still Creek Landcare Group**

Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrielle. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. For more information Visit [www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au](http://www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au) or e-mail [StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au](mailto:StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au) or Contact Nick on 9653 2056.

## **The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW)**

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

## CHURCHES

### **Galston Uniting Church**

Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.30pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursday evenings of the school term from 7.00 to 1.0.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest: Men's Choir, Ladies Choir. For all enquiries, please call the church office on 9653 2039. 11 School Road Galston or visit [www.galstonunitingchurch.com](http://www.galstonunitingchurch.com)

### **Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church**

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

### **Glenorie Community Church**

Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Ladies meeting at 10.30am last Tuesday of every month. All welcome. 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie. Pr Valich - Phone 0420 602 989 Church 9652 0577.

### **Glenorie Mission Church**

Sunday Service 10.00 am. 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236.

## LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

### **Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs**

New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network. Ring 0421 315 074 and 0411 375 580 to speak to one of our trained coaches.

### **Dural Country Club**

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

### **Dural Rugby Club**

Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email [el186029@bigpond.net.au](mailto:el186029@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0412 230 528 or visit our website <http://duralrugby.net.com.au>.

### **Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club**

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

### **Galston Glenorie Cricket Club**

For further details regarding season events, grades and registration, please contact 0404 600 460. [gccc.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://gccc.nsw.cricket.com.au)

### **Galston Golf Club**

Plays Monthly - Variety of courses. Contact - James Roberts 9653 2017 / [jgm@galstonclub.com.au](mailto:jgm@galstonclub.com.au)

### **Galston Equestrian Club**

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

### **Galston Netball Club**

All enquiries to secretary.galstonnetballclub@hotmail.com or visit the website [www.galstonnsw.netball.com.au](http://www.galstonnsw.netball.com.au)

### **Hillside Church**

Meets 10.00am every Sunday at Galston Public School. Pastor Corri Byrne Ph: 0416 233 629. For more info go to [www.hillside.com](http://www.hillside.com)

### **St. Benedict's Catholic Church**

Mass at the Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, at 7am every morning. Mass at the Parish Centre, Ph. 9653-2312. Corner Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd. 7pm Saturday, 9am Sunday Parish Priest: Fr Bernard McGrath 0416032497.

### **St. Columb's Anglican Church**

Sundays at 9.30 am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at 9.30 am - enquiries Beverley 96531790.

### **St Benedict's Catholic Parish**

Every Monday from 10am to 12noon during school term(s). Cnr Fagans and Arcadia Roads Arcadia. All children and their carers are welcome!

### **St James Anglican**

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

### **St Madeleine's Catholic Church**

28 Annangrove rd. Kenthurst. Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am,10am and 5.30pm

### **Glenorie Social Golf Club**

Plays monthly, visit [www.glenoriesl.com.au](http://www.glenoriesl.com.au) under 'Branch' for round dates and courses. Contact Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

### **Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club**

Adults 18 years to 80 + are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm at Galston Aquatic Centre. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun & friendship, ring Di on 0418 432 587.

### **Hills Hawks Soccer Club**

For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or [agmnsimulations@bigpond.com](mailto:agmnsimulations@bigpond.com).

### **Hills Hawks Softball Club**

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

### **Hills Pumas Football Club**

For information including registrations, call Sarah Sumskas on 0430883385 or email [registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au](mailto:registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au)

### **Kenthurst Netball Club**

Registrations. Contact Sally Coppini 0407942986 [mitre@tpg.com.au](mailto:mitre@tpg.com.au)

### **Tennis / Squash Social Group**

looking for new players. Call Karen 0412 485 411 or email [tennisandsquash@live.com.au](mailto:tennisandsquash@live.com.au)

### **Tennis Court for Hire Galston**

At rear of Galston Community Hall. Available Day or Night. Mobile Jane on 0481 900 151.

### **Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie**

Les Shore Reserve. Available Day or Night. Phone 0404 600 460.

### **Tennis Court for Hire Hillside**

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

### **Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District**

Players of all standards are welcome. For more details and contacts please see our website at [hillsladies.tennis.org](http://hillsladies.tennis.org)



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Stay for a second chance draw for half the jackpot amount



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THE RACE THAT STOPS THE NATION

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Saturday the 17th of November  
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Favourite Cover Songs

- Fleetwood Mac
- Dragon
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**FREE  
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24th November  
2.00pm to 5.00pm



Entertainment by  
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Drinks, Chips &  
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- \$17.00 per child (members)
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Tickets must be purchased by the 18th November

**CELEBRATE  
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Gourmet Buffet Lunch

- \$80 Adults
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Bookings at  
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### MONDAYS

- Surf n Turf on a Rump or Chicken Schnitzel \$17 with a Schooner of Coopers, or Glass of Chain of Fire wine
- \$12.00 Lunch specials (Members Price)

### TUESDAYS

- Burger & Beer \$14 with a glass of Coopers, or Glass of Chain of Fire wine
- \$12.00 Lunch specials (Members Price)
- Tuesday nights Poker \$20 buy in rego starts at 7pm

### WEDNESDAYS

- Monthly Special of the Chefs Choice
- \$12.00 Lunch specials (Members Price)
- Bingo – Ticket Sales from 10am. Jackpot Prize \$2000\*
- Game Prizes – Cash & Wishcards totalling \$100 in value
- Trivia 8.00pm
- Raffle tickets on sale 7.00pm
- Total Value of Raffles \$500
- Joker Jackpot \$5200\*
- Members Happy Hour Mon – Fri 4-5pm

### THURSDAYS

- Chicken Schnitzel \$14 with a topper \$19 with a glass of Coopers, or Glass of Chain of Fire wine
- \$12.00 Lunch specials (Members Price)
- APL Poker Free Roll plus Jackpot\*
- Pool Competition Max Prize \$200\*

### FRIDAYS

- \$12.00 Lunch specials (Members Price)
- Monster raffle, 40 prizes to be won, tickets on sale 7.00pm
- Total Value of Raffles \$1500
- Spin N Win

### SATURDAYS

- Kids Eat Free (1 child's meal for every main meal purchased)

### SUNDAYS

- Roast \$18 Lunch and Dinner

\* Amount may vary at time of draw. Actual amount shown may have already been claimed at time of publication.

Badge draw LTPS/18/25700 and Spin n Win LTPS/18/25848 information for members & their guests.

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