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LIVING CHOICE DEVELOPMENT GALSTON

PROPOSED EXPANSION

Residents may be aware that Living Choice is proposing a Seniors Living development at 330-334 Galston Rd, Galston. The original DA/850/2011 comprised 96 self contained dwelling houses and a community facility to be constructed in 6 stage on the site in 2012 as a deferred commencement. The development consent was recently activated.

A new Site Compatibility Certificate (SCC) has been applied for by the developer with the following proposal:

Section 96(2) modification seeking approval to the following:

- Amendment to the approved site plan by proposing 74 self contained dwelling houses, 14 apartments and a leisure centre including a swimming pool.
- Addition of 328a Galston Road in the site

- Potential future addition of 53 Nancy Place (2.34 ha) and 326-328 Galston Road (1.98 ha) to propose an expansion of the retirement village including 89 additional single story self contained dwellings.

Due to the significant changes proposed to the original DA, Council has advised the developer that a new DA will be required

We will update readers as soon as we have more information.

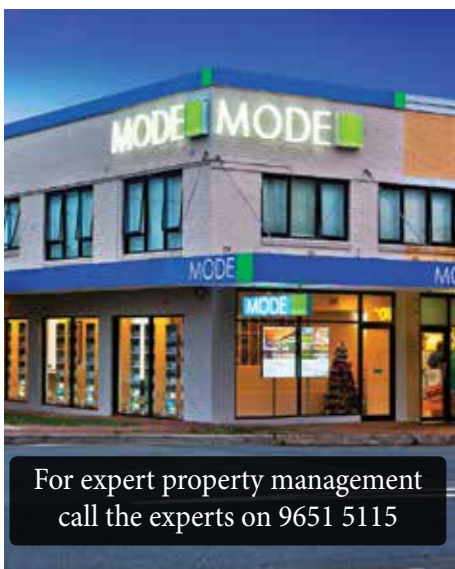


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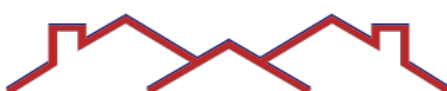
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THE TIN NODDING DOG

GLENORIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

By Callum Hoogesteger

Convenience returns to Glenorie. You might not need to travel all the way to Dural to fuel up the car or get a tin of petrol for your mower if Mr and Mrs Shore's application for a service station and 12 industrial units is successful.

GLENORIE has missed the convenience of a local service station for many years. The plans submitted include 12 industrial units which should also encourage further local business and employment opportunities. The accompanying landscape plans, if executed well, should ensure the site is not an eyesore. The plans include trees and mass plantings. The site is elevated and prominent at the entrance to Glenorie Village, so we are keen that the build and landscaping are tasteful and sympathetic to the semi-rural surrounds. You can view the DA via The

Hills Shire website, application number: 817/2019/HA. The GPA welcomes more business, services and employment in the Glenorie area.

Glenorie Progress Association continues to monitor development applications that will affect you and the community. We are also proactively developing wider plans for community infrastructure that can bring together both Hornsby and The Hills Shire councils as well as the state government. If you would like to become involved, we would encourage you to join the GPA and assist us in developing plans

and contributions to the planning authorities. We are will also review the Hornsby Council Rural Lands Vision with the dedicated Hornsby Councillors who regularly attend our meetings.

It is really encouraging that there have been numerous reports of koala sightings in the local area. It appears that koalas are finally returning to the area after the 2002 bushfires. If you do hear or see koalas please report them to Patricia Schwartz (Pat) at the GPA. The Environment Centre continues to run the local stream watch and will be

coordinating two community awareness days in 2019. If you are interested or would like to be involved, please contact Patricia Schwartz (Pat) at the GPA via secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au.

Apology

In last month's issue of this report I (Callum) published the incorrect date for the Dec 2018 meeting. I apologise to anyone inconvenienced by turning up to no meeting. I have double checked the Feb 2019 date published here.

Join Us

Glenorie Progress Association exists to give you an effective voice within the Glenorie community, particularly working with local Councils and State Government. Join online today at <http://glenorieprogress.org.au/apply-to-join/> or come along to our next meeting 7:45pm, 14 February 2019 in the function room, Glenorie RSL.



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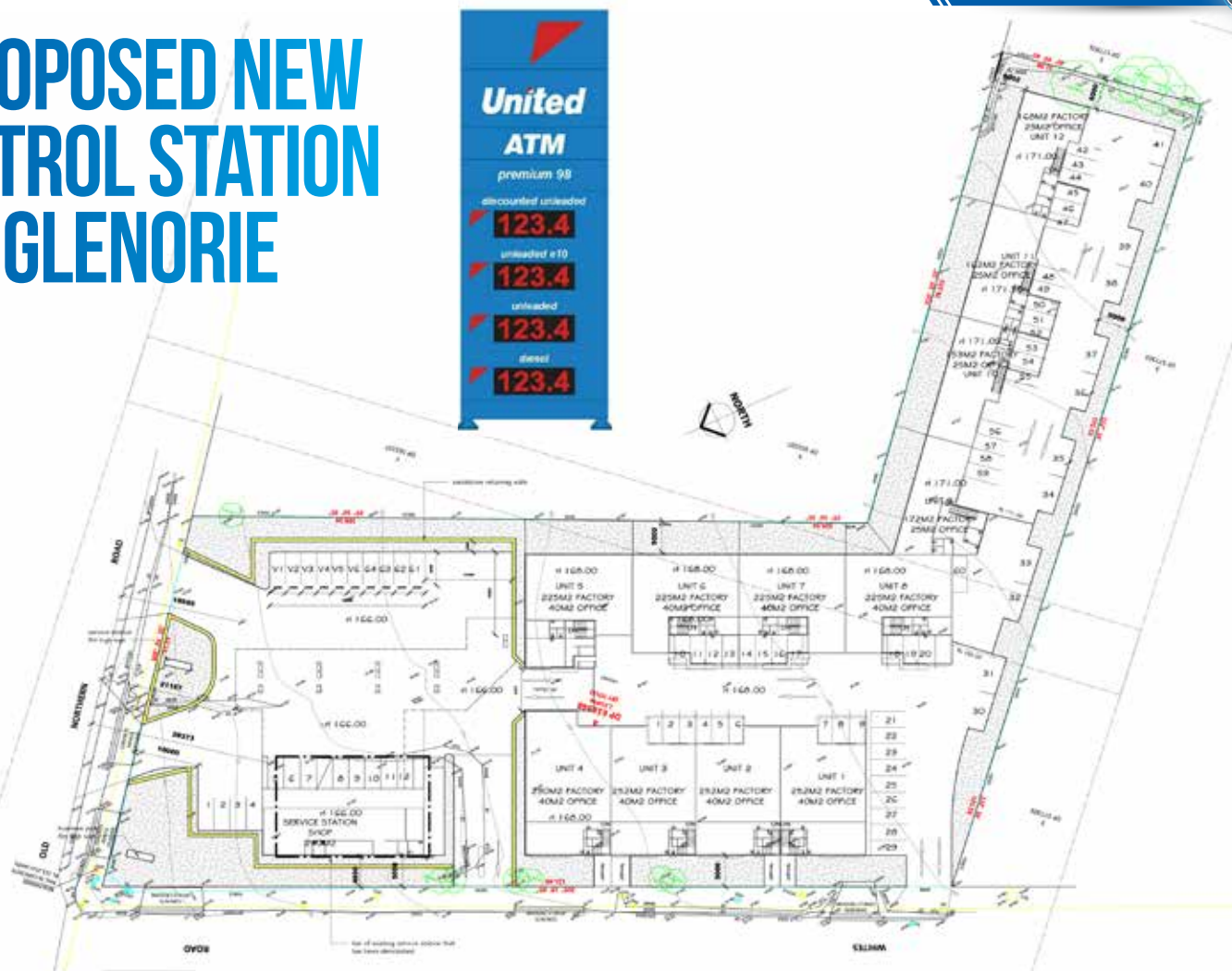
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DURAL BOWLS

By Judith Harris

2019 BEGINS WITH STORM OR HEAT, but the Dural ladies turned up for the first day of bowls full of enthusiasm. They needed a practice before the first championship event, Pairs, starts in the second week.

2018 ended with a Christmas party and presentation of the trophies from the year's events with everyone in Christmas attire. Singles Champion, Elizabeth Whelan, received her coveted gold badge from hard-working President, Robyn Scoble who had organised a great day,

ending with Christmas Carols to the accompaniment of Ann Wilson on her lovely keyboard.

Some of the members are already planning for their trip to the state carnival at the end of May, to be held at Tuncurry. Teams of four play round robin for three days with the top 16 playing knock-out for two more days. Some Dural ladies always enter and often they do very well against top opposition from the big "professional" clubs and have a lot of fun on the way.

The ladies will join with the men for social bowls on ANZAC day, to be followed by a BBQ. Always a great day as they remember the sacrifices which allow us to live as we do.

People wanting to learn the game can have free lessons by contacting 0421 315 074 or 0411375 580.

GALSTON GLENORIE AMATEUR FISHING CLUB



The Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club (GGAFC) is a friendly, family oriented club whose members enjoy the timeless Aussie pastime of fishing. Whether it is in the river, harbour, dam, beach, or out in the open ocean there is always someone ready to weigh in a great fish.

We are a fairly relaxed club where you can choose how much or how little you would like to fish depending on how competitive you wish to be – it's up to you.

We try to have at least one competition a month, sometimes two. Competitions start on a Friday at midday with a weigh-in held at the Galston Club on a Sunday afternoon. The Weigh-ins are always a lot of fun to see what other members have caught and a great chance to speak with some of the club's more experienced anglers to get some extra hints and tips. Points collected throughout the year are tallied as anglers compete for the title of Club Champion.

We have a very strong emphasis on encouraging our junior members. There is nothing better than watching the kids weigh in the fish they have caught themselves and seeing them beaming with pride. We hold a dedicated kids' competition each year with some really great prizes for every kid from our sponsors.

Our next competition will be the **15th-17th February** with the weigh-in being **Sunday 20th at 5.00pm** in the outdoor area of the Galston Club. We invite anyone interested in seeing what we are all about to come and check us out; you can't miss us in our green and gold shirts.

New members are always welcome. We look forward to meeting you. See our website at www.ggaftc.com.au

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BY NORM SUMNER

When visiting some friends and talking about where and who they were having Christmas Day with, I had made a point about, when having a drink, have alcohol free drinks. then driving is not a hazard. After leaving their place I made a decision. I will drive into Woolworths and get a six pack of drink for them to try.

Whole waiting to be served with the six pack, I was talking with the lady waiting next as she was saying she was getting ready to make a cake with her heap of purchases. I spoke about the drink in the six pack and I had a thought of giving one of the drinks to the lady to try. But that would make giving a six pack to someone with five bottles and an empty hole.

I got the money out to pay the operator when it was my turn and was told it was paid for. The lady next had paid for my six pack. I tried to give her the cash but the lady refused.

Well I have received something and feel grateful for it and it will give me more reason to give help to others in need. Any help you give shows how we respect each other.

Well that was before Christmas and then on the 3rd of January I went shopping at Woolworths at Dural. While waiting to be served with just 2 items, I said to the next lady who had a basket full to go before me. Well the lady did and then when I presented myself to pay for my articles., I was presented with a docket, paid for by that lady.

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CWA is the largest women's organisation in Australia and aims to improve conditions for country women and children. At CWA Galston we had a busy 2018 involved in numerous charitable activities, cookery and handicraft. Yet there is no denying that the ever enticing lure to our monthly meetings is the promise of a hot cuppa and a good feed!

Why not join us for lunch and see what we're all about. Our members range in age from juniors of just

12 months old to veterans of 90+ years. CWA Galston branch meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Galston Health & Resource Centre.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a spirited and bright 2019, and also share our secret to the perfect scone of course. Try our no-fail Lemonade Scones and let us know what you think. For the full recipe and lots of other great recipes, visit our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/CWAGalston

For further information please contact Jann 0439 222 217 or Pam 9653 1036.



EASTBEND NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Eastbend Rural Communications meeting will be held at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School, 4540 Old Northern Road, Maroota at 1.30pm on **Monday February 11th 2019**. If you have any local issues you would like to discuss or have help with in the meantime please contact the Secretary Vicki Brownless on livingheritage6@gmail.com or Tessa Corkill, at 2archaeics@gmail.com or 9652-1470.

As always, from 1pm there will be a light lunch and time for a chat before the meeting starts. We look forward to seeing you there!

HEIDI EDWARDS FAMILY FUND NOTICE OF AGM

The Heidi Edwards Family Fund will be holding its AGM at the Glenorie RSL on **Wednesday 20th February 2019**.

The AGM will begin at 7.30pm in the meeting room.



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By Julie Patman

On Friday 7th December, 43 ladies who undertake regular aqua aerobics classes from any of the 10 classes held at the Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre joined together at the Galston Club for their Christmas Lunch. Members were invited to bring a Christmas gift suitable for a child in the care of the Wesley Mission and at the end of the lunch the gift table was very well stocked! In the weeks preceding the event, raffle tickets were being sold to help raise funds and donations were received that would also be handed over to Ambassador Hazel Phillips who we are lucky enough to have in our midst also attending classes at the pool. Prizes for the raffle were donated by the members and a total of \$650 was handed over to Hazel. New members are always welcome at our classes and next year they too could be part of our fundraising activities.



Christmas gifts from Santas Helpers

SALVATION ARMY

By Catherine Joscelyne

The Salvation Army stores in Dural and Glenorie have opened their doors to welcome in the new year. As always, we are looking forward to greeting all our valued customers with quality items at bargain prices.

Our huge store in Quarry Road, Dural, has many different and varied departments and sub sections: clothing spans outfits for men, women, teens, children, toddlers, babies and fancy dress. Crockery and cutlery ranges from utilitarian, everyday items to collectable vintage and antique pieces. On the electrical shelves you may find everything from toasters and kettles to popcorn makers and slow cook ovens. (All electrical items for sale have been tested for safety and reliability.) Books cover many topics, including fiction, cooking, home improvement, gardening, self development, health, baby and toddler care, history, school texts, and hundreds of children's books. The shoe shelves are replenished several times a week, as is the toy corner, the linen racks, handbag bays and

sporting section. Furniture turns over very quickly so keep an eye out for cupboards, tables, chairs, book shelves and storage cubes.

We run a WISH LIST book and are happy to record your name and request: we will contact you if your item comes in!

Please be mindful that when you leave items on the pavement after we are closed they may not get to us. We appreciate your donations very much: your generosity enables us to inject funds back into the needy sectors of our community. To ensure we receive your goods for resale, please bring them to us during opening hours: **Dural 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12.30 pm on Saturday. Our Glenorie shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30 am to 3 pm.**

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SMUGGLERS' RIDGE

OUT & BACK
1 hour 12km

This is a short, but most enjoyable out and back ridgeline ride on firetrail in the Marramurra National Park. Turn into the park off Bloodwood Road and ride for 1km until you see the Smugglers Ridge sign on the left. Ride through the small quarry to the firetrail gate.

This ride is suitable for novice mountain bikers on shiny new Christmas wheels and families with children and you may not be aware of it- but this specific trail is a mysterious part of our local heritage... There is a large aboriginal rock engraving of a kangaroo at the ridge lookout (which is sadly disappearing) and in the not too distant past, Murramurra Creek, (which originates off Old Northern Road at Forest Glen feeds into Berowra Creek, the Hawkesbury and finally open ocean)- has been used to smuggle an assortment of illicit things inland via the path winding up onto the ridge from the creek.



If riding the 15km loop, regroup down at the creek.

Smugglers' Ridge firetrail has ample rock steps to keep experienced riders happy or novice riders and kids challenged, without terrifying them. The wild flowers along this trail are exceptionally beautiful, whatever season you ride it. Keep turning right when riding out (north) along this trail and at around 6km, you will encounter the rocky singletrack down to the lookout where the kangaroo is. I recommend that most riders walk down this section- but you can ride down all of it if you have good skills. There are lovely views across the creek to Canoelands Ridge- but lots of biting things come with the scenery and you may have to commence the return ride quicker than you'd like to!



Although the sign says '3km moderate' it's not! This firetrail is a steep, slippery dip ride down to the creek

FACTBOX:

WATCH FOR... If it's been dry, there are several long sections of thick sand which frequently interrupt the 'flow' of your ride. Some cyclists may be forced to dismount.

There are lots of ravenous mozzies and biting things at the lookout! Trail is shared with hikers- be considerate and polite. There is an old orange orchard to harvest, heading east down the creek.

PARKING: Turn left off Bloodwood Road at the National Park sign. Park in the bay on the right at the Waddy Firetrail entrance, or drive further down into the park, turn left at the Smugglers' Ridge sign and park in the small quarry at the trail head gate.

STATUS: Cycling on existing trails is permitted. No cycling-specific trails exist to cover 90% of this enormous, 12,000 hectare National Park astride a bicycle. It's high time some were built, considering all its proximity to waterways and fabulous natural and historical features that could, and should be appreciated by locals and park visitors alike.

SMUGGLERS' LOOP

2.5 Hours 15km

For a much more challenging ride, descend the Marramurra track. From Bloodwood Road, follow the signs and powerlines (passing a small dam and homestead on the left) to arrive at the gate. Although the sign says '3km moderate' it's not! This firetrail is a steep, slippery dip ride down to the creek with a pinch climb or two thrown in for good measure. The slippery sections comprise of assorted death cookie and baby head rocks for onboard cycling entertainment!

Regroup, then turn left and head up the creek for 1km, keeping a sharp eye out for the footpath winding straight up the big hill on your left. If you reach the campsite, you have gone too far! Like a smuggler, you will have to carry your bike 1.5km up most of this steep, rocky walking track. However, there are a couple of very short sections enroute which you can pedal to give your arms a rest. (Just a teensy weensy bit of effort and investment by OEH could produce an excellent cycling trail right up to the top of Smugglers' Ridge) When you get to the rock sheets of the lookout, see if you can find the kangaroo. It's another five minute push up to the Smugglers Ridge firetrail and within 30 minutes you'll be back at Bloodwood Road.

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Margaret has been a volunteer with Neighbour Aid since it was established in 1971 and has delivered Meals on Wheels and helped seniors with transport to medical appointments and shopping. Her enthusiasm for volunteering was originally inspired by her mother, who was always helping people in the 'Bush' and was very involved with the CWA in Cooma.

It was a sad but joyous occasion as 45 volunteers and staff said goodbye and thank you to Margaret at the 'Volunteer Christmas Lunch' held at the Community Health Centre. Linda Wake, KNC Galston Volunteer and Transport Coordinator: "We cannot thank Margaret enough for her precious time and dedication over the years. Margaret, you will be missed."

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At the time, nothing similar existed in the area and the response was overwhelming. Over 200 people registered for the variety of classes – from art, bonsai, macramé to crochet and tapestry and many more. And the children came too! More than 40 in the Kindergarten and 20 crying babies (they didn't cry for too long!) And so Creative Activities was born. The number of attendees was high for many years but as more similar programs opened and more women returned

to work, there were less but faithful people who attended each week.

Here we are almost 40 years on and Creative Activities is still a great place to be. The class numbers are smaller but the friendship and the learning atmosphere continues. The program is now run by June Long's daughter, Carolyn along with a faithful band of volunteers and teachers and many of the attendees have been coming for decades! But there is always room for new friends. Perhaps you'd like to learn tatting, or master the use of your smart phone, tablet or computer. You may like some gentle exercise in the Tai Chi class! Join us as classes commence on Wednesday – February 6 at 86 Cecil Avenue, Castle Hill. We'd love to see you.

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The book fair is Galston Rotary's major fundraiser for assistance we give to local community needs as well as national and international projects and disaster relief

NETBALL PROVING A WINNER for YOUNG GIRLS

Why Netball? While we all know that playing sport is good for you, the long-term benefits of playing in a team sport like netball is even more significant. Long-term participation teaches people how to deal with adversity through losses or injuries, problem-solve, push and improve skills, learn resilience and sportsmanship, as well as developing friendships.

"Netball is one of the top sports in NSW when it comes to participation and is the market leader for women and young girls", Netball NSW CEO, Carolyn Campbell.

So, what are you waiting for? Join Galston Netball Club for the 2019 Winter Competition!

And if you have any doubts just ask our NetSetGO players who finished their participation in our off-season clinics!

Whilst the winter competition does not start until May, **registrations are now open online** which leads into grading day, team formation and then pre-season training. This year we will be having an official launch of our 2019 season with a Netball Expo Day on **Sunday 10th February** at Galston Recreation Reserve from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Our Netball Expo Day promises to be a fun event for all the family with free jumping castle, games, sno-cones and BBQ. We are excited to

have Paige Hadley and Maddy Turner from the NSW Swifts with us for the morning. They will be available for photos and autographs with our next generation of budding Swifts players! And importantly of course you will also be able to register on the day.

The photos show Sam Poolman from the NSW Giants who came to our final junior clinic in 2018 to spend time with the players and to present them with their completion certificates.

Galston Netball Club fields teams aged 6 years to adult in the Hills District Netball Association winter competition. For further information about winter



NetSetGO players with Sam Poolman



Junior players with Sam Poolman

registrations or if you are interested in joining our skills sessions in 2019, please contact secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com

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Work progresses on the 1918 International truck. The engine is something of a disaster, and we are assessing our options. We believe we will win out on the gearbox, and the diff is showing promise. These vehicles used old style bearings that are no longer made, and we may have to find an engineering solution for their replacement. A start has been made on refurbishing the steering box.


As I write this, our preparations for Australia Day are under way, and we hope for moderate weather to encourage visitors to the park on the day. A new member took on the job of improving the running of our Farmall F14 tractor, and we will prove his success when it is driven around the park with the other vehicles.

Work is nearing completion on another restoration, a Bave-U orchard sprayer engine and pump.

These were manufactured in Victoria, and were used on local orchards. It was rescued from a scrap dealer at Hornsby, and we acquired another one for some missing parts. It uses a 2-stroke petrol engine of their own manufacture, rather similar to engines used in old wooden boats (often called putt-putt's).

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. We recommend visitors to the district spend the morning at the Hornsby Model Engineer's model railway in Mid Dural Road, then come to Fagan park in the afternoon.

We would especially like to encourage people to join our group, and ladies are most welcome. Office work and gardening are some of the activities we do, in addition to mechanical work. Contact me at the park on a Tuesday or phone at any other time.

 Ian Browning, Honorary Curator, 0419 435 475.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF FAGAN PARK

On 17 December we held a gathering at Fagan Park for the relatives and friends of our esteemed member, Peter Canavan, following a service at St Benedicts, Arcadia. Peter was also involved in the Morgan Owners Club, and some 28 of these iconic cars attended. He will be sorely missed.







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Course. The next course is in Galston on 23-24 February, 2019. Taught by a group of experienced wildlife carers you will learn:

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- Native Animal rescue course Manual
- Bird Care Manual
- Australian Bird Identification Book
- Animal rescue basket
- Emergency food packs
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If you have any further information check out the rescue course page at www.sydneywildlife.org.au, email training@sydneywildlife.org.au or call our office on 9413 4300.

You must be at least 18 years of age, available for animal rescues when possible and be able to care for wildlife in your home. We are a non-profit wildlife organisation operating under licence from NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.



Our native wildlife needs YOU

If you have a love of animals and would like to play a part in protecting and caring for our native wildlife, becoming a trained volunteer at Sydney Wildlife might be just right for you.

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You can find out more at www.sydneywildlife.org.au or email training@sydneywildlife.org.au.

To get started right away, you can register online for the popular weekend rescue and care course:

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Once you've completed the course you may choose to do other specialised courses, take part in fundraising, community education and assist on the rescue phones in our Lane Cove office.

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THE DHARUG AND LOWER HAWKESBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITE YOU TO COME & EXPLORE DANGAR ISLAND

DATE: Saturday,
23rd February 2019

TIME: 9.30am.

LOCATION:

To meet at the public wharf at Brooklyn to catch the 10.00am Ferry to Dangar Island.

COST: Standard cost will be \$5.60 or \$3.90 concession for the Ferry each way paid on board plus \$5.00 to the Society for maps etc.

LUNCH: We suggest lunch at the Dangar Island Bowling Club (will be at own expense) as a fitting way to finish the walk.

Bookings and contact details in case of rain to 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Wednesday, 20th February 2019.

The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society would like to extend the invitation to the general public to attend an exciting day exploring Dangar Island, the only residential island on the Hawkesbury River and learn about the history of this fascinating place. Dangar Island is a charming, traffic free, natural hideaway on the Hawkesbury River (with a friendly population of almost 300 people), rich in European and Indigenous history.

Before white settlement, Dangar Island was known as a gathering place for Guringal Aborigines the custodians of this area for 30,000 years. Evidence of their habitation still remains in engravings and rock shelters on the island. Governor Phillip was the first European to visit the area in March 1788 and named it Mullet Island because of the quantity of mullet he caught there.

In 1864, the island was purchased and renamed by Henry Cary Dangar, a prominent politician who later became a member of the Upper House of New South Wales. Henry Cary

Dangar leased the island to the New York based Union Bridge Company during the construction of the Hawkesbury River Rail Bridge between 1886 and 1889. A community of around 400 Americans lived on the island which then boasted a social hall, library and school. During the Second World War, Army and Navy personnel used Dangar Island as a base to protect the railway bridge from potential Japanese attack.

We will stroll around the island which is a fairly easy 3 klms walk (although there is some sand) following the signs to the major sites including the remaining parts of the Dangar home, site of the Tanks (the fresh water source and for fire fighting), Aboriginal middens, plaque commemorating Governor Phillip's landing, the General Store/Cafe, the Community Hall and park etc. After lunch we will catch the ferry then back over to Brooklyn and time permitting, have a wander around that fascinating area.

Bring along snacks, water, sunhat, sunscreen and repellent. Sturdy shoes are suggested.

① For further information please contact us on enquiries@dlhs.org.au or 0405 321 478.



DOGS WANTED TO HELP CHILDREN WITH THEIR READING

STORY DOGS in the Galston area is still recruiting additional dog and owner teams to help children in local schools with their reading skills. If you think you have a suitable dog and are interested in being involved in this great charity please contact local Story Dogs Coordinator Val Wright: val@walkham.com or visit storydogs.org.au to find out more.



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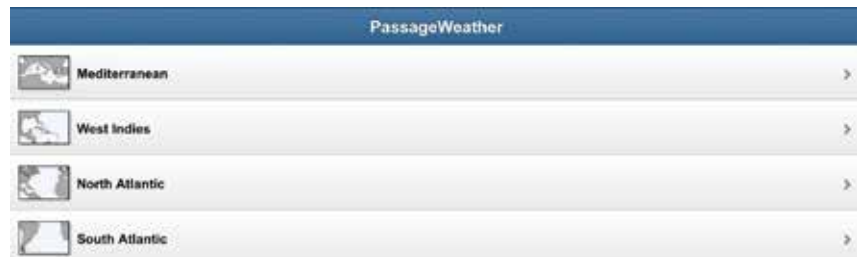



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT... ALL THE WAY FROM ANTARCTICA

By Deborah Amos

Currently writing this article somewhere on the Drake Passage. Which is the expanse of water between the southern tip of Argentina and Antarctica. The fact that you can even get WiFi in such an isolated destination might be a step too far for some of you but for me it has become very convenient.

To make sure I had some idea of wave height before I even got on the ship I went to the website **Passage Weather** (www.passageweather.com). This gives wave heights for seas and oceans all over the world as well as wind speed and precipitation. This can be also saved as an App icon by going to www.passageweather.com/mobi than adding to Home Screen.



The other app that I have used quite a bit on this trip is **Telstra 24 x 7**. My plan allowed me 2Gb data over the month. To make sure I was not overdoing my usage I would regularly check. It also helped me confirm what countries were eligible for



Telstra International Roaming. Other telcos such as Optus, Vodafone and others offer the same service.

Using **Google Earth** whilst traveling is also lots of fun. Especially interesting when you are in a destination so isolated that ships haven't been able to enter due to pack ice for a number of years.

If you are traveling and you need to work out how to get to an attraction or restaurant go to **Google Maps** and find what you are looking for and then "Download Offline Map". This means that you are using the less expensive or often free WiFi in your hotel then the more expensive data on your phone.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR HILLSIDE SCHOOL CHOIR

I was walking past the Bendigo Bank in Galston this morning to find the entire group of students from the Hillside Public School, Glenorie singing Christmas Carols.

This was to the delight of the audience who were in for a real treat. It has only a very small number of students most of whom are in the photo.

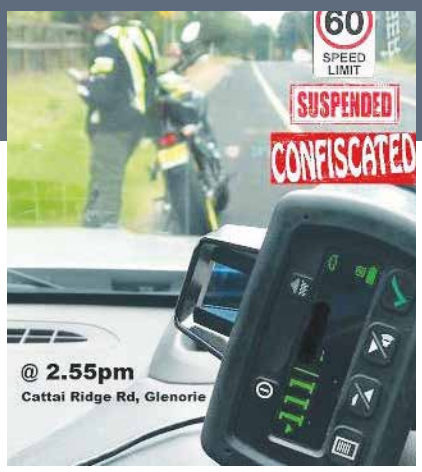
I asked the permission of the Principal to take a couple of photos and to send them to our local 'Galston, Glenorie and Hills News'.

This was given with pleasure

HILLS POLICE REPORT CATTAL RIDGE ROAD, GLENORIE

@ 2.55pm on Sunday 20/1/2019

The Hills Highway Patrol detected a Yamaha motorcycle at a speed of 111kph in a sign posted 60kph zone. The rider was issued infringement notice for "Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 kph" (\$2435 and 6pts) and their drivers licence was confiscated and suspended on the spot for a period of 6 months.



@ 6.17pm on Sunday 20/1/2019

The Hills Highway Patrol attended a collision of a motor vehicle colliding with a tree. The driver was not injured however returned a Breath Analysis Reading of 0.239. The driver has a court date at Hornsby Local in February 2019, his licence has been suspended and confiscated.



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CHRISTINE ANU IN CONVERSATION & SONG

Talking to and listening to Christine Anu is such a delight says reporter Bev Jordan.

Her beautiful voice just lulls you into a place that is both fascinating and relaxing. It's that fireside chat without the smoke which is why her show, Christine Anu In conversation and song, which arrives in Castle Hill on **February 7** has been so popular. The versatile entertainer has forged a 30 year career with her wonderful music and is also an actor, broadcaster and mum. Born in Cairns in 1970, she is proud of her Torres Strait Island heritage and counts her mum as one of the strongest role models in her life. "She is one of the toughest and strongest women I know." Anu's own message is to stay positive even when being positive is not always an easy thing to do. "When you get that positive mind-set, it is amazing how far you can go... days can be tough but with a positive mind-set you can go far" she says.

The list of awards she has won, the shows and movies she has appeared in are numerous and then of course there is her legacy as a singer and that song, My Island Home, which has been inducted into the Sounds of Australia Registry by the National Film and Sound Archives. When you ask her what she would like to do next she says, honestly, "I would really love to sleep. It's right up there on my, To Do list," she says, laughing. Seriously though, she would like to "get better at the things she does" including acting which she loves. She has just finished filming her part in a new movie in production and has been playing the role of Teen Angel in Grease the Stadium Experience.

There is so much she has packed into her life so there is no shortage of material for her show. "I like to have a bit of a chat," she laughs. It was her manager who suggested the conversation and song format for her show which last year reached well over 30,000 people, young and not so young, across Australia. "It's evolved," she says. "I don't find it hard to talk about myself. The stories I tell are specific to the song I am about to sing." While talking is not difficult, creating the intimacy of talking to a listener rather than audience is an art she has perfected over her three years on radio, "It's not a scripted show but there is a shape to it," she said.

You can catch Christine Anu in conversation and song at The Pioneer Theatre Castle Hill on Thursday, February 7. The 70-minute show starts at 7pm. The show is suitable for young children, young people and a adults. There is no interval. Tickets are \$35pp plus booking fee. Book at www.pioneertheatre.com.au

GALSTON VIEW CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

Community notice for
Wednesday 27th February, 2019.

The Galston VIEW Club which raises money to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program will hold its monthly Luncheon Meeting on Wednesday 27th February, 2019 at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston, at 11am. The guest speaker will be Ron Ray, talking on "The Midget Submarine Attack on Sydney Harbour in 1942". Visitors are always welcome. Bookings Vivien 98941189.

THE SYDNEY HILLS BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES.

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees will be holding their First Meeting for 2019 on **Friday 1st February** at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting will commence at 10.45 am. The speaker will be Kinda McKean Wealth manager, from Yellow Brick Road, her topic will be "Retirement Planning and Aged Care".

Are you looking for information and keeping up to date with all the Government's Changes related to Retirement and Superannuation.

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SAVING WATER IN YOUR GARDEN

Thursday 14th February | 10am to 11.30am

Do you want to minimise water loss in your vegetable, ornamental or native garden and reduce your water bills? Explore various watering and irrigation options. Learn how to create and use a lasagne and wicking garden system.

A WILD LIFE

Thursday 21st February | 10am to 12noon

Are you interested in connecting with the natural world? Come on a Nomadic Nature safari with a wildlife guide. Discover the diversity of local wildlife and their habitats and what is involved in being a passionate nature guide.

COMPOST AND WORM FARMING

Thursday 28th February | 10am to 12 noon

Turn your kitchen scraps and garden clippings into a rich organic compost to improve your garden soils. Help boost your soil's health and promote plant growth by using the liquid output from your worm farm as a natural tonic.

ENERGY SAVING

Thursday 7th March | 10am to 12noon

(Dural Library)

Learn how to understand your energy bills and how to monitor and manage your household energy use. Practical advice provided on reducing energy costs. Energy saving devices will be provided to residents of the Hills Shire.

WATERWISE GARDENING

Thursday 14th March | 10am to 12 noon

Droughts or deluge? Make sure your garden not only survives our more extreme weather events, but thrives in dry or wet conditions through the use of thoughtful garden design and good water management techniques.

GARDENING IN SMALL SPACES

Wednesday 20th March | 6.00pm to 7.30pm

(CH Library)

Do you have a small yard or live in a flat? Discover how to grow vegetables and fruit trees in a small or confined space. Learn about the different growing options including self-watering beds and various planter boxes.

INSECTS IN YOUR GARDEN

Thursday 21st March | 10am to 12noon

Did you know that over 90% of all species of insects you see in the garden are beneficial? Learn how you could attract these little helpers to eradicate pesky pests and pollinate your vegetables and fruit trees.

BACKYARD PERMACULTURE

Thursday 28th March | 10am to 1pm

Come and learn from an experienced practitioner some basic permaculture design principles and practices that will help you establish your own "eco-friendly" vegetable garden that is both productive and sustainable.

BUSH WALK - PORTERS TRAIL WEST ARM

Saturday 30th March | 9.30 am to 11.30am

Wildflowers flourish on sandstone ridges and Spring is one of the best times to see the diversity of wildflowers in the local area. This walk leads to a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the O'Hara's Creek valley.

Places for workshops and walks are limited. Bookings are essential.

To book visit - www.thehillsenvironment.eventbrite.com.au

Workshops are held at the Community Environment Centre unless otherwise indicated.
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MARY DICKSON "BRIDIE"

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Nana you were there to laugh through all the good times and you were there to provide an amazing strength through the hardest of times.

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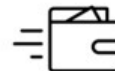
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STORM CLEAN-UP CONTINUES IN THE HILLS SHIRE

The Hills Shire Council is currently working through a backlog of more than 1300 requests to clear fallen trees, branches and storm debris after damaging storms hit the area in late December.

Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, Kellyville and West Pennant Hills were hardest hit, followed by Rouse Hill, Dural, Annangrove, Box Hill, Maraylya and Wisemans Ferry.

General Manager of The Hills Shire Council, Michael Edgar said storm damage clean-up is continuing throughout The Hills to ensure Council owned facilities, including parks, recreational facilities, playgrounds, as well as roads and nature strips are clear of debris.

"Our maintenance teams and contractors are working as hard as they can to get through the massive backlog of requests," Mr Edgar said.

"It will take some time to reach all Council owned properties, parks and along roadways, but we have cleared all blocked roads and removed all high-risk safety related debris from roads and parks and are nearing storm clean-up completion for nature strips in the suburb of Baulkham Hills – west of Windsor Road – which is good news for residents.

"Our priority remains to collect vegetation from nature strips in the coming weeks, focussing on urban collections and highly populated areas. Once the nature strips are clear, we will turn our attention to clearing debris in our parks and public spaces that have been impacted.

"To help speed-up the cleaning process, we are asking residents to assist Council wherever possible, either by placing small amounts of storm debris in their green waste bins for collection, or by cutting and bundling green waste and booking a kerbside clean-up via Council's website at www.thehills.nsw.gov.au," Mr Edgar added.

Mr Edgar also expressed his appreciation to emergency services who have been working non-stop to secure homes, and remove fallen trees and branches.

"The Hills SES has been fully operational day and night since the beginning of December with more than 1160 requests for assistance. In addition, Council received more than 1600 calls for help," Mr Edgar said.

"It is never an easy task working in extreme weather conditions and during the Christmas and New Year break. Thank you to all our emergency service crews who gave up their time with family and friends, forewent Christmas celebrations and returned from their holidays to assist with the storm clean-up.

"Your work is truly appreciated," Mr Edgar added.

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By Mary Ord

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Louise from Scissor and Comb Galston has delivered a gorgeous baby boy.
Details next month..

Drought Affected Women of the Land

For too long our hardworking ladies of the land have put their families first.

BONE DRY HAY RUN CHARITY APPEAL Committee wish to put together "pamper packs" for these ladies.

The "pamper Packs" will be delivered on our next FORGOTTEN FARMERS hay run to Brewarrina on the 16/02/2019.

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The Magnificence of Trees

Trees are such a giving life force. They provide shade and shelter, freshen our air, bring beauty in array of myriad forms, some bear fruit for our sustenance, provide us with the raw materials to improve our lives, provide habitats for wildlife, trees enhance and enrich our lives.

As a celebrant I take great joy from marrying couples under an ancient tree which has stood witness to so much and I do believe that the blessings from the wedding ceremony embed into the natural history of that tree.

Trees can become silent champions in our lives and when they are removed or destroyed unexpectedly it can have a profound effect on us.

During the recent devastating storms so many trees were destroyed, a new landscape appeared and spaces left to lament.

Christine Stockman, a very active contributor to Heartbeats has written a reflection about a special tree.

A 'Sudden End' to a more than 70 Year Old Tree

Whilst walking in our paddock today, I was shocked and saddened to see that last Saturday's storm (21/12/18) had brought down our more than 70 year old China Pear Tree.

That tree was so, so special to my older brother and I when we were young children. In summertime we loved going down to our back fence, climbing the tree, picking China Pears and then selling them on the roadside. We sold them for 5 pence each and often had customers come back year after year to buy them. China Pears are rock hard fruit but when stewed are delicious. Mum always had extra in the freezer for us during summer.



Over the last 40 years we haven't picked the pears. The main tree trunk became more and more precariously tilted over the back fence, so we couldn't climb the tree and it appeared it had stopped bearing fruit. It was such a HUGE TREE! For us it seemed that had been there forever as it was a big tree in 1950, when my parents bought the land.

What amazed me too, apart from it being 'downed' was that it had small fruit again. How lovely is that! - it's final parting gift to us and we'll be able to enjoy some stewed China Pears again, after all those years.

Having your own fruit trees is wonderful!
Christine Stockman.

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New Business in Galston

We welcome Richard Poilly and his shop 'Men at Work' to the Galston Village. Richard has taken over the premises, located next to The Steamyard Cafe, which was previously occupied by Anne and her ladies boutique. With a novel twist the store has evolved from a ladies boutique to a men's wear shop which caters for men at work, men at play and men dressed for occasion. For those missing the stylings of Anne, she has relocated her boutique to Round Corner Dural behind Ray White Real Estate and opposite Billi & Gus Giftware.

My Stormy Wedding

On the 15th of December our area was hit with a violent and aggressive storm. While the morning was fine the afternoon began to angrily brew a potent storm. I had a wedding to perform at my home at 3pm but an hour before this time I was asked if we could do the ceremony at a local park as they were planning to have a picnic celebration feast there after the ceremony. For some reason the couple were over an hour late and the storm clouds began to turn that ominous shade of 'get ready, batten down the hatches' green. I suggested that we seek shelter under a structure because of imminent rain. Finally at 4.15pm, everyone was in place just as the storm hit with full ferocity. The couple suggested that I begin but how could I as my glasses were dripping, my ceremony script was dripping, I was dripping. All we could do was wait it out. The noise was overwhelming with the rain beating across and down on the roof and the wind was soaring around us, all we could do was huddled together.... everyone was saturated. I told the couple that rain is symbolic of fertility so watch and wait to receive those blessing. It was the most severe weather I can remember and to be outside enveloped in it was crazy,,,, add the extra layer of it being a couple's important day and trying to get the ceremony performed..... truly a moment that all present will remember vividly.

What I found interesting

This projection is based on the estimated resident population at 31 December 2017 and assumes growth since then of:

- one birth every 1 minute and 42 seconds,
- one death every 3 minutes and 16 seconds,
- one person arriving to live in Australia every 1 minute and 1 second,
- one Australian resident leaving Australia to live overseas every 1 minute and 51 seconds, leading to
- an overall total population increase of one person every 1 minute and 23 seconds.

These assumptions are consistent with figures released in Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2017 (cat. no. 3101.0).

My New Zealand Christmas

While I am sure others had a great Christmas celebration, our family had a most delightful treat.

On this page I often tell of my experiences but there was one eventful happening that I neglected to share. With the benefit of time, truly happy story can now be revealed. My eldest son had always wanted a family and, at 33, he was searching in earnest for his ideal

partner. Sometimes in life decisions can be made for you and this was the case for him; after only 3 dates with his now partner they had a surprise pregnancy. They decided to continue together and grab this blessing with both hands. My grand baby girl was born in June 2017 much to the delight of everyone. As Amber's (my son's now fiancé) parents live in New Zealand, we as a family travelled there to celebrate and acknowledge our newly acquired family.

I did struggle to know what gifts I should take especially given the luggage restrictions. Inspiration struck.....but did I have enough time with 10 days to go before take off. This is where I need to thank Richard from Men at Work for his help in making my crazy idea a reality. In a quick turnaround Richard organised the delivery of various coloured caps each one printed with a different name so that on Christmas Day instead of paper crowns we all wore celebration caps with names which reflected the personality of each person present. Thanks Richard for being so switched on to my idea, being professional and invested.

We were having too much fun to take any pictures with all of us in our caps but this picture was taken in NZ and amusingly Indi is showing her admiration for my new shoes.....it's a girl thing...haha!



Winners Celebrate

This week I had the great pleasure of meeting a couple celebrating 71 years of marriage. 71 years - that's more years than some people have for their entire life!

From the moment they arrived, he treated her with great tenderness and affection, I thought to myself "what a beautiful couple". They were the recipients of a voucher prize from the Galston High Twilight Markets. When I said

congratulations and called him a winner, he responded ever so kindly with "love, I was a winner 71 years ago when this lady married me". My heart melted. This came immediately after I received a most beautiful and heartfelt card from two very special customers who wanted to express their appreciation. Needless to say, tissues were required that day.

This is a very special community that I feel privileged to be a part of.

HISTORY

By Michael Bell

Over the coming year the Society has arranged for four one-day tours and nine guest speakers for the enjoyment of Society members and the general public.

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People from the Past

Our first tour on, Tuesday the 12th of March, will be of our special community. The price will be \$30.00 each. Bookings can be made at the Society's meeting on the 9th February or by contacting Michael on 96531365.



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The guest speaker for the February meeting will be long-time local resident, artist, ceramicist and teacher, Gordon Finlayson; his topic, "The Mystery of Art". There is much to see and learn when really looking at a work of art.

Future meetings are on the second Saturday of the month in History Cottage, 412X Galston

Road, Galston, starting at 2.00pm. with afternoon tea to finish.

Here are two questions to consider, the answers will be revealed on the tour. Where, in Galston Gorge, are the Aboriginal ochre pit and the coach lay-bye and what is the rare engineering structure?

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Latest News



from the Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year to all the residents of Hornsby Shire. Here's hoping that 2019 will be as productive and enjoyable as 2018 was.

Council has a lot of important initiatives planned for this year and will need your input on many of them, such as the rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry, but there will be plenty of time to talk business further down the track. Many people are still in holiday mode, so it is my pleasure to inform you that Hornsby Shire Council will once again be hosting Sunset Sessions throughout February. This weekly party, held every Friday evening in Hornsby Mall, is the perfect way to ease the pain of resuming the work/school schedule. It's an unmissable event, with a licensed bar, acoustic music and some of the best street food in Sydney. For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/sunsetsessions

Meanwhile, I would like to commend our communities for how well they handled the vicious storms that battered our Shire at the end of last year. It was great to see everybody working together so well for the benefit of all. Please remember that you can stay informed about unfolding emergencies by visiting hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies on Council's web page or stay permanently up to date by following Hornsby Shire Council on Facebook.

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HON. JULIAN LEESER MP

JULIAN LEESER MP CONNECTS THE WARRAH SOCIETY WITH FUNDING BOOST

Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser MP has presented Warrah Society Disability Services with a \$19,000 federal grant to upgrade their internet infrastructure.

Mr Leeser said improving the internet will help better connect Warrah Society participants and staff with the broader community.

"Warrah Society Disability Services provides vital services to support children and adults with special needs. I am proud to help provide essential infrastructure so Warrah Society can build relationships between participants, families, staff and the local community as well as improve the functioning of the business. I am delighted to provide \$19,000 in federal funding

to improve the quality of the internet service," Mr Leeser said.

Warrah Society CEO, Georgina Michaelis, thanked Mr Leeser for the \$19,000 contribution, explaining how the updated internet will improve the experience of both the participants and staff.

"This grant will help us connect with each other as well as the broader community. We are a community based organisation and how we connect with each other is at the heart of what we do. Upgrading the internet is a very important piece of work for our organisation



and the people we support. We are very appreciative of the federal contribution towards this project," Ms Michaelis said.

The \$19,000 grant was provided by Mr Leeser as part of the Federal Government's *Stronger Communities* Program, which allocates \$150,000 to each electorate for projects that create vibrant and viable communities.

DELIVERING FOR BEROWRA

HON. JULIAN LEESER MP

Funding secured for storm recovery

In December our community was hit by severe storms and smashed by hail the size of golf balls. The storms caused major disruption and extensive damage to homes, power lines and infrastructure. I made the case for federal disaster assistance funding for

our community to the Minister, Senator Linda Reynolds and a comprehensive support package has been delivered. In January, I brought Senator Reynolds to the electorate to see the storm damage first hand. We met with residents and emergency service workers. I am

committed to ensuring all Berowra residents are kept safe and informed during emergencies and are supported during the recovery phase.

For more information on the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements visit disasterassist.gov.au

Our plan to support small and family business

Our Government is backing small business as part of our plan for a stronger economy. In Australia most people with jobs in the private sector are employed by small business with over 2 million small and medium-sized businesses contributing almost 70 per cent of the private sector employment.

Despite this, many small and medium businesses are struggling to access finance. Banks will only approve loans to small business with collateral,

typically real estate such as the family home. This leaves very few options available to enterprises looking to reinvest and expand their businesses.

Recognising this difficulty our Government is lowering the cost of funding for smaller banks and non-banks with a \$2 billion Securitisation Fund so small and family businesses can access cheaper loans. By providing funding support to lenders, small businesses will now have the option of equity over debt finance.

This is on top of lowering taxes for 3.3 million small and medium businesses to 25 per cent, cutting nearly \$6 billion in Commonwealth red tape, giving small business access to \$20,000 instant asset write off and supporting young girls and women to become entrepreneurs through a new \$3.6 million Future Female Entrepreneurs Program.

Small business is the backbone of Australia's economy and our Government's policies ensure small and family business can continue to thrive.

COMMUNITY CATCH UPS

Please join me for a coffee and chat in the coming weeks:

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Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP is pleased to announce Transport for NSW and TAFE NSW have agreed to terms to transfer a parcel of land adjacent to Hornsby Train Station for a new commuter car park.

"This is a big win for the commuters who travel on the train from Hornsby station every day," Mr Kean said.

The proposed car park which will be located on Jersey Street will help reduce parking pressure at the station.

"I am proud to be able to deliver additional parking at Hornsby Station. This will make it quicker and easier for commuters to get to and from work each day," Mr Kean said.

Currently additional places are available for commuters at the Hornsby Westfield and will continue to be available to use free of charge.

The proposed project will help ensure that a commuter car park is available prior to the

expiration of the current Transport for NSW lease from Westfield in 2021.

"Hornsby station is a transport hub and it is vital we have enough parking to support those commuters travelling on the train from Hornsby," Mr Kean said.

"I have been able to secure funding to see the Asquith train station car park open last year and now this additional parking for Hornsby station. I will continue to fight for more commuter parking at all stations in the Shire."

There will be an opportunity for customers and the community to have their say on the proposed commuter parking during the planning process this year.

MORE PARKING FOR HORNSBY

Parking has just become a whole lot easier at Hornsby Hospital with the opening of the new multi storey carpark. The \$19.8 million carpark will give patients, staff and visitors a place to park on site rather than clogging the streets and walking for miles to get to the Hospital.

I was also proud to announce there will be additional parking built at Hornsby Station with a parcel of land acquired by Transport for NSW on the TAFE site on Jersey Street. While plans are still in the early stages it is expected it will offer over 200 spaces and will be an easy walk to the station.

I am proud to be part of a Government who are easing the pressure on families with the Active Kids Rebate. This is \$100 per school aged child which can be used towards sporting registrations. In 2019 we have added the Creative Kids Rebate which can be used to contribute to registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other creative and cultural activities. This means \$200 per school aged child back in your pocket to spend on essentials. For more details contact Service NSW.

If you would like to keep up with my work in the community check out my Facebook page www.facebook.com/mattkeanmp

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9:30am	Yoga 60mins				Yoga Flow 60mins	AntiGravity Beginners 60mins
10:00am			Pilates Mat 60mins			Workshop
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6:15pm				Boxing / Kickboxing 45mins		
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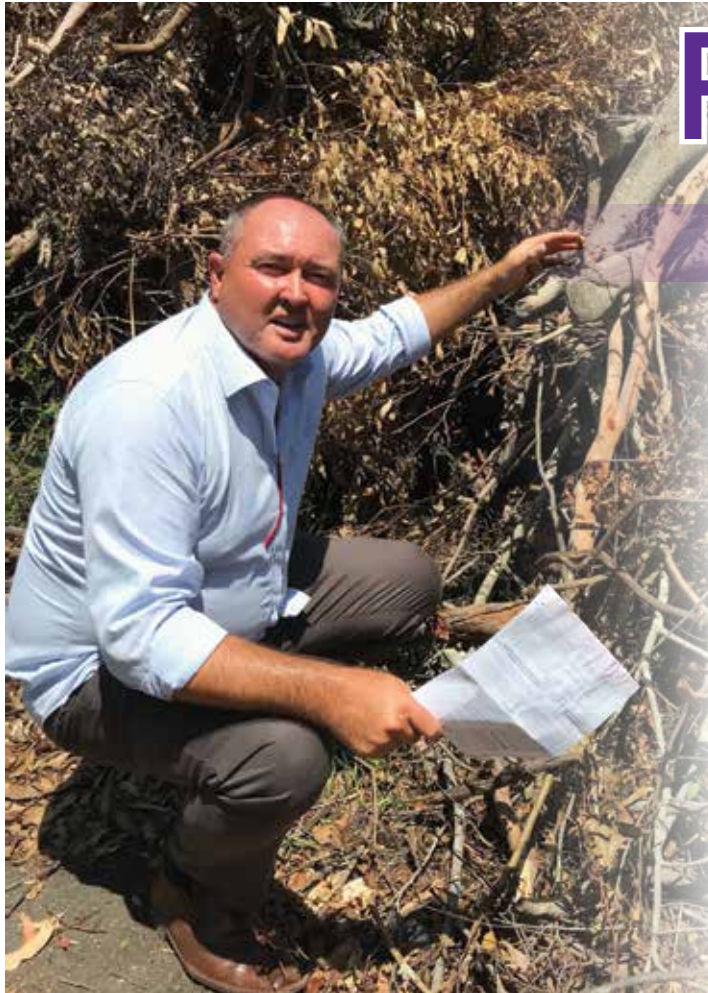
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RURAL ROUND UP

by Warren Waddell

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas break and a positive start to the New Year.



The recent storms have had a serious impact on property throughout the ward and Council teams have been busy offering assistance. Over 600 service requests have been attended to, with more than 4,000 cubic metres of material collected, mulched and processed.

For those dealing with on-site tree debris it may be helpful to know that we have reviewed and improved our pile burn permit process to be significantly more efficient. Residents need only answer a few questions through Council's website and will receive a permit the same day. Some changes to approved times to burn have also occurred.

I am also pleased to announce that Oculus Landscape Architecture and Urban Design are the successful tenderer for the next steps in our public domain strategy for Galston village. Community engagement is expected to begin in March.

In keeping with the village improvement strategy, a cost analysis for gateway improvements to Glenorie village bus terminus area has been completed and should go before Council after some further consultation with the RMS.

The review of our Land and Environment Plan continues and has attracted correspondence from many members of the community. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are aware of, or have concerns about, planning anomalies that exist within our current LEP. It is important that our planning instruments meet the needs of our local community, as well as providing support for business and our local amenity.

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GLENORIE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By James Wicking

NEW FIRE FIGHTERS

At the end of last year we had 8 Members complete their Basic Firefighting course. From helping with Storm Damage for a number of days in a row to being on crews at the out of control fire at Maroota South they certainly have been busy putting their expertise to use.

The next Basic Firefighting course is scheduled to start in the middle of March. If you're interested in joining the Rural Fire Service then please let us know as soon as possible so we can get the recruitment paperwork completed and commence pre-course training.



EMERGENCY WARNING AT MAROOTA SOUTH

On Saturday, 5th of January at 4:05pm Glenorie Members were called to assist an out of control fire at Maroota South. By the time members had arrived the fire had been upgraded to an emergency warning. The fire was moving fast and threatening a large number of assets with most people evacuating. Upon the initial crews arrival they were very busy carrying out property protection and trying to stop the fire from spreading. Luckily no assets were lost and the fire was successfully extinguished. It was a very welcome relief to see the rain

to cool members down and help with "mopping up" after the fire. Thanks to the large number of crew that attended the incident including a number of aerial appliances. It certainly was a very busy afternoon. We would like to use this opportunity to remind residents to a) make sure your Bushfire Survival plan is up to date and b) download the Fires Near Me app on your mobile. If you need help with either of these, please contact us one of the phone numbers at the end of this article. Attached image of Fireground and an Air Crane at the Fire.



GLENORIE HELPS TASMANIA

Craig Whiteman from Glenorie Fire Brigade was deployed through part January to help battle the fires they're experiencing in Tasmania. Craig was part of a specialised team called RAFT (Remote Area Firefighting Team). The team are placed in remote areas by Helicopter. Once they're on the Fireground they use a number of different dry fire fighting techniques to try and assist with the combat of the fire. It certainly was hard work for them and they did a great job

helping out Firefighters in Tasmania. Attached image of deployment team including NSW Paramedics.

FIRE SEASON IS NOT OVER YET

At the time of writing this article the weather is still very hot. The forecast is that the temperature will remain above average with a minimal amount of rainfall. We urge residents to remain vigilant. Make sure your property is kept Fire Safe and that your Bush Fire Survival Plan is up to date. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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



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GALSTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By Kara Dubois

Storm damage

Galston and surrounding areas suffered immensely when a string of severe summer storms battered houses, cars and powerlines. There was widespread damage all around our area with trees and wires down, power outages, complex repairs to the electricity grid, and homes damaged.

Thanks to all the RFS fires and SES volunteers who worked tirelessly to help clear the damage.

Fire trail clearance

With the summer weather forecast to be hot and with chances of further heatwaves we're working to inspect local fire trails to ensure they are clear and ready for use, especially after the recent storm events.

Thanks for a great 2018

Also, thank you to everyone in the community who greeted Santa during the annual Santa Run last year. It was great to see the community spirit alive and well in Galston!



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- Show jumping sessions with Tinney Eventing
- Be inspired by hearing from Stuart Tinney – Gold and Bronze Olympic medallist
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- Raffle and lucky "yard" prizes and more!

Save the date! We look forward to seeing you there!

Another exciting year planned...

We have another exciting year planned at Arcadia Pony Club.

Following our Registration and open Day, we are planning on a jump grading day in February and for those interested in sporting, the Zone 23 Sporting and Mounted Games will be held on Sunday, 24th February.

With the Zone 23 Gymkhana and Showriding event on Sunday the 24th March, we will certainly be planning both show riding and show preparation sessions early March.

We also have a number of clinics, competitions and fun days planned throughout the year. Make sure you access the event calendar on our website for all the 2019 plans!

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



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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>



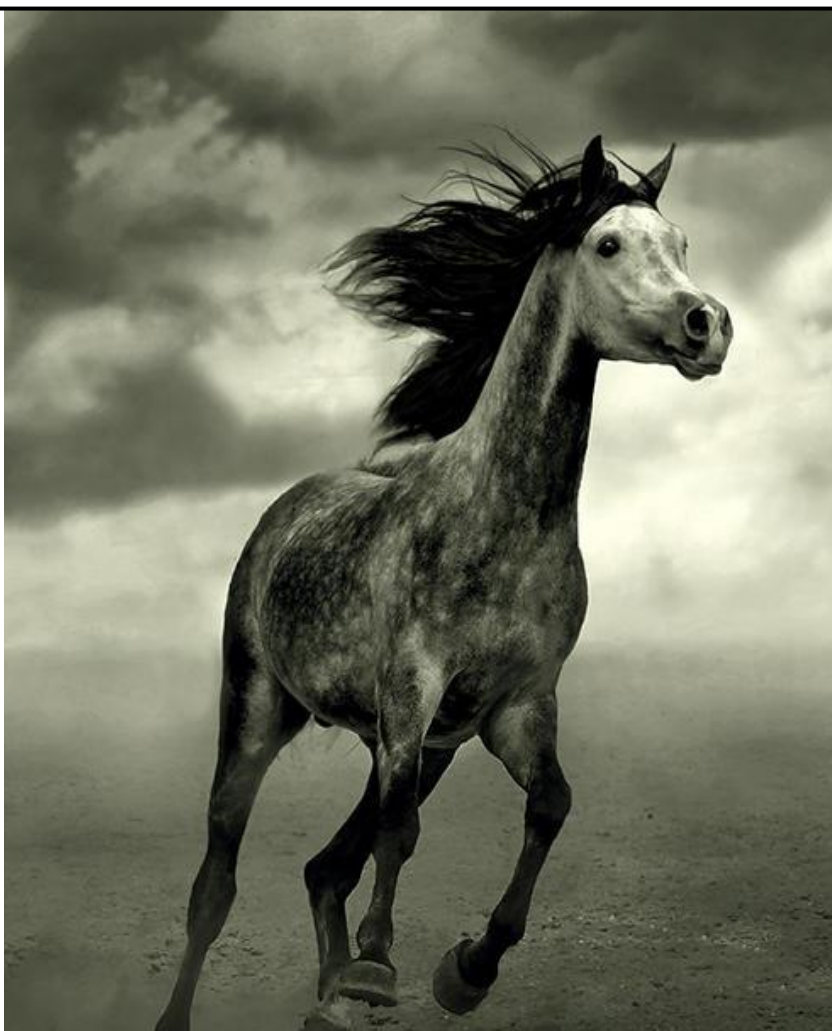
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FERAL RABBIT REDUCTION PROGRAM ROLL OUT

By Nikki McGrath

GREATER Sydney Local Land Services will roll out a feral rabbit reduction program throughout Hornsby from 21 February 2019.

Originally scheduled for release last October, the program was postponed due to ongoing wet conditions and the high number of young rabbits in the area.

Greater Sydney biosecurity team leader Lee Parker said the new date ensured the program would have maximum impact in reducing rabbit numbers.

"This program involves the release of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus, commonly known as RHDV1-K5, this virus doesn't spread as quickly in wet weather and baby rabbits are immune which is why the decision was made to hold off," he said.

"As always, we urge owners of pet rabbits to vaccinate their animals

as soon as possible to ensure they are not impacted by the virus. The virus is spread mainly by contact between rabbits or via insects such as mosquitos and flies. RHDV only affects rabbits and if pets are vaccinated they become immune."

Mr Parker said the release was the third of its kind following the initial national program roll out in March 2017 which led to a 42 per cent reduction in feral rabbit numbers across NSW.

"This program is designed to complement ongoing control efforts on private and public land," he said. "We encourage landholders experiencing issues with feral rabbits to continue working with us to roll out coordinated control campaigns in partnership with their neighbours wherever possible," he said.

Feral rabbits are a declared pest in NSW due to the significant amount of agricultural and



environmental damage they cause.

They are believed to have contributed to the decline or extinction of a number of NSW native species including the greater bilby and the yellow footed rock-wallaby and their overgrazing is estimated to

cost Australian agriculture more than \$200 million every year.

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PACIFIC HILLS CONGRATULATES HSC ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDING 98.8 ATAR



James Young

Pacific Hills Christian School has congratulated the 134 students who sat this year's Higher School Certificate, including the twenty Year 11 students who completed the Augustine Acceleration Program, and student James Young who was announced on the Premier's All Round Achievers list.

James received the highest ATAR in the Class of 2018 with 98.8. He achieved more than 90% in all of his courses.

"I'm not a particularly stressed person and I was confident in my abilities to do well in the HSC."

James is waiting to see whether his plans to study Medicine at University of NSW become a reality. To help him in that quest he undertook UMAT,

an IQ and EQ test, and finished in the 99th percentile. He said his alternative career choice is Engineering as he has been offered a scholarship to study at Sydney University.

During his time at Pacific Hills, James enjoyed an array of activities such as Duke of Edinburgh, playing bass guitar in the jazz and concert bands, and as part of OneMaker Academy (onsite performing arts school). He was also part of a missionary kids network running events and community service activities. James said missionary work influenced his decision to go into Medicine.

"When my family were missionaries in Nepal I saw the need for doctors and the poverty and poor health system so that being a missionary doctor overseas could be something to look forward to. I think God's placed a desire in my heart to be someone who really serves and helps other people who have less than me and to show God's love to those who might not otherwise experience it."

"I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Jakarta which was a heartwarming experience as I got to help out in the orphanages and the rubbish dump schools. It was definitely confronting but having experienced similar things in Nepal it wasn't a shock."

James said Pacific Hills provided him with holistic learning.

"The school has been really helpful in terms of helping me to grow as a person and helping me grow as a Christian to understand what that means and how do I practically act that out throughout my daily life when I'm with friends and other people. It's also really helped me to find what type of person I am and what stuff I'm interested in and what I want to do in the future."

"Pacific Hills has been very beneficial to my character development and personal growth. Within the classroom setting, I've been able to talk with teachers about lifelong experiences and

learning processes. It is a really caring, nurturing community and the teachers care about our faith, growth and character. They're not just there to finish the year and give you marks, it goes beyond that."

Amongst the top performers from Pacific Hills were more than 30 students who received Band 6 results: Alison Wright, Anthony Lindner, Ayrton Lucero, Bethany Dearden, Chung Wah Or, Elicia Petschack, Felicity Heap, Hajun Kim, Jaeyoung Kim, Jonathon Parkin, Jong Kyun Kim, Jordan Kew, Justin Lee, Kevin Chen, Kevin Taehyun Park, Leo Junseo Lim, Lukas Kiehl, Michael Lam, Nicholas Clegg, Nicholas Liu, Raquel Bradley, Reef Hansheng Singh, Ryan Bridcutt, Samuel Byungchan Ahn, Soeun Yun, Stephanie Leung, Stephen Edney, Suejin Jung, Tahlia Fulton, Tiffany Ngai, Timothy Ng, Timothy Ok, Yan Ming (Sam) Hung and Yesong (Grace) Oh.

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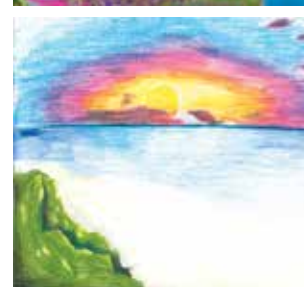
Each year, a class of students from Lorien Novalis School in Dural has the opportunity to camp on North West Island, a coral cay on Queensland's Great Barrier Reef.

Their visit to the island is a unique and special experience. As the island is so protected, untouched by tourism and with minimal interferences by people, the environment is one where each child immerses themselves in nature, in the living entity of the birdlife, the immense labour of the great green turtles coming onto land to lay their eggs, the colour and form of the magnificent reef life.

In class lessons earlier in the year, students learn about the ecology of the reef and cays, conservation and the role of National Parks, and work through the knowledge of the 'Classification of Animals.'

These studies are strongly supported by the observations of and immersion with wildlife on the island. Embedded into their outward activities are opportunities for the students to reflect, search deeply and make expressions of their experiences creatively, in the form of artwork, writing and sharing, to encourage fine-tuning of the sense observations.

Such an immersion in this natural environment for a period of several days and nights, away from the modern world of industrial and electronic technology, allows the children to have the experience of breathing to the harmony of pure nature.



📍 To find out more about Lorien Novalis School and the difference of Steiner Education, visitors are welcome to our next School Insight Day on Saturday, 23rd February 2019 from 10am to 12pm. You can register on our website <http://www.lorien.nsw.edu.au/> (Events page) or call the office on 9658 0700.



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NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED AT NORTHHOLM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Northholm's School Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Christopher Bradbury as the new Principal of Northholm Grammar School commencing early January 2019.

Mr Bradbury joins Northholm from The King's School in North Parramatta where he is Director of Teaching and Learning.

Mr Bradbury is a highly qualified and experienced educational leader. He has been awarded a NSW Quality Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding teaching practice by the NSW State Government and was a recipient of both the Gandel Holocaust Studies Program for Australian Educators Scholarship and the NSW Premiers Westfield's History Teacher's Scholarship. In 2018, he has been selected to participate in the NSW AIS Leadership Centre Flagship Program which is a rigorous, holistic program for experienced school leaders in schools. He holds a Bachelor and Master's degree in Education from the University

of Sydney and a Graduate Certificate in Advanced Educational Leadership from Harvard University.

Since joining The King's School he has held a number of senior roles including Head of History and Legal Studies. He has co-authored Year 11 and 12 History texts, been awarded a number of teaching awards and scholarships, and outside of school has been a junior development coach for both Parramatta Eels and West Tigers rugby league clubs.

Mr Bradbury steps into his new role with a high level of enthusiasm and energy, keen to get to know his staff, students and the parent community. 2019 for Northholm will be a year of renewed sense of energy, focus and enthusiasm.



NEWS FROM GALSTON EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

We have started 2019 with a positive start and over the holiday break the educators have been able to enjoy, relax and refresh their minds to start a New Year. On the first day back we updated our CPR First Aid Training and had team discussions in regards to our vision for the centre for 2019.

We have decided that our main focus this year will be to review our centre philosophy, through including the children's voices as well as educator, family and community input. We would like to create a philosophy that reflects our unique service as a whole and try to capture our values and vision for the centre moving forward.

While starting to reflect upon our centre philosophy, there was one particular thought that came into my mind; we have a supportive, passionate and caring team here at Galston, who are always thinking of how we can improve our service for the children within our care.

Here is just a typical example of how the educators work above and beyond their job role:

At the end of 2018 and over the holiday break one of our valued educators, Amy Kosilo took her time out to find, sand down and paint this lovely boat which is now out in our playground!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Amy Kosilo for all her hard work throughout this time.

The children have absolutely loved this new addition to our playground and we look forward to going on many more play adventures in our new boat in future!

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CLAIRE'S SCIENTIFIC SOJOURN

While most Year 12 students were enjoying a break from the books, Hills Grammar student, Claire Shi was wading through swamps, examining microscopic specimens, arguing the case for an amendment to a nuclear power plant bill and listening to a variety of experts in the STEM subjects. Claire was one of 200 young adults from schools around Australia chosen for the 12 day residential National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. With the support of Kenthurst Rotary, the NYSF corporate team and her school, Claire feels "...immense gratification, triumph and appreciation for [her] experiences." Claire's interest group studied *Sustainability, Ecology*

and *Environmental Science*, which took her to Lake Ginninderra, workshops, laboratories, lectures and Parliament House.

"At the NYSF Science Dinner...I was able to speak with scientists from a wide range of disciplines and listened, in awe, to the keynote speaker Dr Megan Clark AC, head of the Australian Space Agency." Claire commented that she has formed life-long friendships with other participants and "NYSF has helped expand my breadth of thinking, opened my eyes to the possibilities of future careers in STEM and reaffirmed how difficult it is to understand astrophysics!"

Hills Grammar Year 12 student, Claire Shi (foreground) collecting specimens from Lake Ginninderra



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Kaitlin Saunders



Natasha Sultana

Congratulations on outstanding HSC results

Congratulations to the Year 12 cohort of 2018 who achieved outstanding results in the Higher School Certificate. In particular, Natasha Sultana was our dux with an ATAR of 96.85, closely followed by Kaitlin Saunders who achieved an ATAR of 96.15. These results were well deserved and achieved through dedication, hard work and exceptional organisational ability, combined with family and school support.

We are immensely proud of the achievements of each and every Year 12 student including the 25% who had gained early entry into university based on their consistent hard work throughout the year. Thank you to the dedicated staff who have worked closely mentoring our Year 12 students to help them achieve their personal best.

The school community looks forward to formally congratulating our outstanding students at our upcoming High Achievers Ceremony.

NEWS FROM GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL

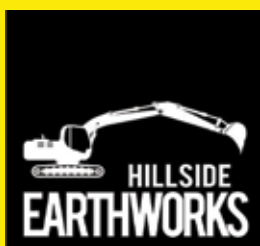


Year 10 Summer Dance

The summer dance for Year 10 is a highlight of the school calendar and a reward for those students who strive to achieve their personal best at all times. Held recently, the evening was a great success with students looking fabulous and enjoying the surroundings and dance floor at Bivianos in Dural. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and we wish the students who are transitioning to the work place and further study all the best in their future endeavours.



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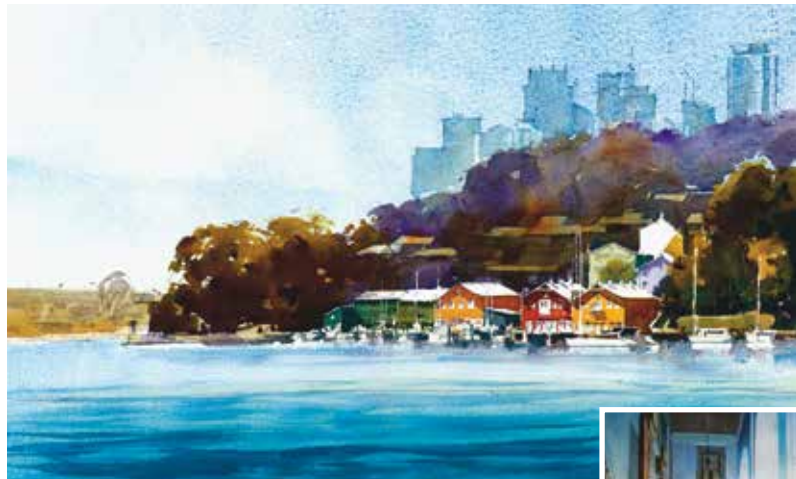
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Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.30pm at Castle Glen Community Centre, 155 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill. Enquiries 9899 3179 Visit www.castlehillartsociety.org.au



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CHRIST'S DEATH MEANS OUR LIFE

(a message by Rev Ed. Long)

By Ben Davis

This is one of the most well known stories in the Bible (John 3:1-16).

Nicodemus was sincere. He knew Christ had something which gave him his great power and wisdom. Nicodemus wanted to know more about it.

But Christ said 'It isn't what you know Nicodemus. If you want to be in a close, saving relationship with God, you will have to begin again. Let God give you a new heart and life.'

Nicodemus was puzzled. All he said can be summed up in one word – 'HOW?'

Christ gave him a wonderful explanation. It happens by the work of the Holy Spirit. This is made possible by the death of the Son (himself) and because of the love of the Father.

Christ reminded Nicodemus of an Old Testament story. Moses and the children of Israel were in the wilderness

and desperately needed healing. God told Moses to put a serpent of brass on a pole. All who looked to it would be healed. In the same way Jesus Christ would be lifted up on the cross. Those who look to Him there as their Saviour will be saved!

It is still true today. Friend, have you looked to Jesus to be saved? He is not on the cross now. But by looking back to that cross and

accepting what Jesus Christ did for you, you can be saved. You can have a new life in Christ right now.

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IS THERE A GOD?"

By Corri Byrne

Just a few decades ago if asked the question "is there a God?" the resounding answer would have been yes.

Whether you actively attended church or worshipped God was a different matter – but few would question whether God existed.

Now, there seems an ever growing number of those falling into the unsure category or, even more prevalent, the definitive "no".

As we have kicked off a new year it got me thinking ... what have we as a church done wrong to escalate this outcome?

After all, there is historical evidence of Jesus.

Beyond the early writings that now form the New Testament, the incredible accounts of the apostles, and the rapid explosion of the church throughout the known world ... there are also non-Christian writers as well.

This includes a Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus who wrote a history of Judaism around 93CE. He acknowledged Jesus lived and even that he was referred to as Christ. Also had a brother, James, who is credited as written the book of James now in the New Testament.

Jesus' death by crucifixion is affirmed by Roman politicians, Pliny and Tacitus – neither of who were supporters of Christianity.

So Jesus' existence seems without question – he lived! Whether he died and rose again may be up for conjecture however few scholars would argue that Jesus walked the earth.

Yet, who wants to dig deep to find this out nowadays?

The issue is though ... the question IS THERE A GOD? should be something everyone deeply considers.

For if there is and Jesus is who He says He is then there are eternal consequences for disinterest.

If I were to warn you that the brakes in your car didn't work would you check before you drove it? Or if I were to say that there was a brown snake in the entrance to your house – would you walk in tentatively – looking? Or if I were to tell you that what you were about to eat was laced with arsenic, would you reconsider eating it?

Well I'm hoping ... if you are reading this ... to tell you that I believe there are significant risks in not at least exploring deeply, to really challenging yourself on whether or not there is a God.

In Luke 16:19-31 is a story that Jesus shared about a rich man and a beggar. Upon death the rich man is in torment but sees the beggar comforted and so asks to please



warn his family so that they too don't come to the place where the rich man finds himself. But receives the reply that his family have every opportunity to hear the outcome – if only they would pursue it.

Jeremiah 29:13 says if you seek me you will find me.

So as we launch into 2019 could I encourage you to genuinely ask your self the question "is there a God"? Explore it, dig into it, make an educated decision as your answer could truly impact your eternal existence.

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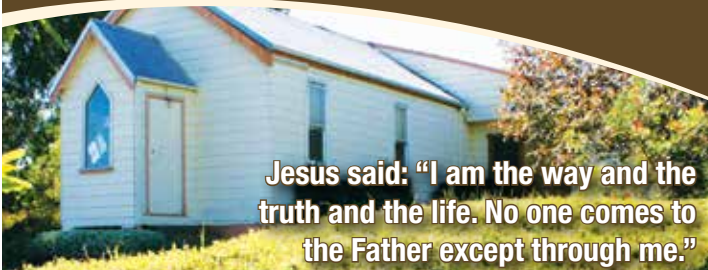
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A BEAUTIFUL DEED

Pastor David McKibben, Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

One of the most beautiful incidents in the life of Jesus took place just days before his death. The deed in question was a very simple act, the pouring of expensive ointment upon his body, but Jesus said that Mary and her action would always be remembered wherever the Gospel would be preached (*Matthew 26:13; Mark 14:9*). Right there and then, however, Jesus gave an assessment of her act of devotion - **"She has done what she could."** (*Mark 14:8*) - and over the next few months I would like to consider some lessons we can learn from this simple statement.

First of all, **Mary did what she could with what she had.** From a financial viewpoint, she gave a lot to Jesus that evening. She anointed his body with an expensive perfume extracted from an exotic plant grown on the slopes of the Himalayas in distant India. Usually this fragrance was reserved for the wealthy. It has been calculated that it would have cost a working-class person a year's wages to purchase this jar of perfume, and Mary came from this class in society. Her gift constituted a tremendous sacrifice, but she was glad to do what she could with what she had.

But you might ask the question: What if I don't have much to give? The answer to this concern is found in the story of another woman in the Bible. She was a desperately poor widow who wanted to give an offering to God's work. When she thought no one was looking, she threw two copper coins, the smallest in monetary value in circulation at that time, into the offering boxes in the Temple complex. But Jesus had seen her. Turning to his disciples, he told them that this poor widow had given more than all the other donors put together (*Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4*). Her gift was small, but

she did what she could with what she had.

It is not the amount we have to offer that matters, but rather the attitude that we display in using our resources. The value of the gifts offered by Mary and this widow differed greatly, but their motives were the same. They showed the same qualities of giving, commitment and service.

And that is the challenge for us as we use our material resources and personal talents. God asks us to do what we can with what we have, with what has been entrusted to us, and He is completely fair in his expectation.

GALSTON UNITING CHURCH



Rev Geoff Smith

Galston Uniting's Creativity Service last November was both beautiful and uplifting. The Craft Group displayed 31 quilts, rugs, a wall hanging and even a skirt made from men's colourful ties. Five quilts were sold and five were donated to Westmead Children's Hospital. Ten rugs were sent to "Wrapt with Love" and one quilt went to a wonderful volunteer who supports the Craft Group and becomes a bus driver when they go shopping for craft supplies. The proceeds from the stalls on the day and sale of quilts went to the Cancer Council, Frontier Services, Parramatta Mission and to the Church.

Children at the Service decorated large butterfly cut-outs, then pinned them randomly onto a sheet thereby creating a

beautiful quilt highlighting that the butterflies were all the same except for their patterns and colours. The message portrayed was that although appearance also differs in people, we are

fundamentally the same. This theme was evident in quilts hanging under the stained glass window which have the same pattern but are in different colours. Helen Knight affirmed that "God

has made everybody different, but they are the same inside". Rev Geoff Smith continued this theme saying that *"God created all the complexity we see and one thing we know to be true, God loves us with all of our foibles, with our gifts, adequacies and inadequacies ... the simple truth is that God loves us just as we are."* They were powerful messages both spiritually and visually at a beautiful and moving Service.

We're now full steam ahead for 2019 - craft Thursday nights, KUCA Friday nights and more. Check us out - maybe you'd like to join us! Please contact the Church Office on Tuesdays & Fridays on 9653 2039 for further information.



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ENDURING HOPE

A healthy and happy New Year to each one reading this article! As I write, I can hardly believe that we're half way through January already! It's difficult to understand the speed in which the

years seem to come and go, but I AM reminded, as I reflect on our recent Christmas season, that even the pace of life with its comings and goings, are in God's Hand and part of His plans. Jesus lived His

life as we do- because of God's choosing and plan. He gave up His life to save mankind and in doing so has given eternal hope to each person who believes in Him and accepts Jesus as Saviour and Lord of their lives.

A gifted author, Max Lucado, expresses it this way-

"People came to Jesus. My, how they came to Him. They touched Him as He walked down the street; they followed Him around the sea; they invited Him into their homes and placed their children at His feet. Why?

There's not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near Him. There were those who mocked

Him; those who were envious of Him. There were those who misunderstood Him- but there was not one person who was reluctant to approach Him for fear of being rejected.

Remember that. Remember that the next time you find yourself amazed at your own failures or the next time acid accusations burn holes in your soul.

Remember, it's man who creates the distance. It is Jesus who builds the bridge."

Pr. Alex & Dee Valich



NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

St Benedict's fete Sunday 10 March

As always, this will be a great family day so please keep the date free.

Best wishes for our Year Six students

In early December St Benedict's held a very special Children's Mass to acknowledge and pass on everyone's best wishes to our local Year Six students as they headed off to high school. We were also privileged on this occasion to have Lachlan Gage, the Special Religious Education Teacher at Galston High

School, join us for Mass and to share in congratulating the Year Six graduates. Lachlan, who has been the SRE teacher at Galston High for a number of years, commented on the success of the program at the school and acknowledged the support he receives from the school executive and staff.



Picture shows Lachlan with Joshua Azzi from Dural, one of the Year Six graduates.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Hampers

Our very small but exceptionally hardworking SVDP group organised and delivered hampers in the weeks before Christmas, thereby making sure that many needy families in our area had a much brighter festive season than they otherwise might have. Thanks to all who donated and especially to the SVDP members for their hard work.

Sacramental Program for 2019

A parent information evening will be held on Monday 4 March

at 7pm to update families and children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last August. Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 6 April and First Holy Communion on Sunday 23 June. If you'd like to know more, please contact the Parish Office on 96532312

Weekend Mass Times

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GARDENING

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Guest Speaker for February – Beekeeper Dave Wilson

The Bromeliad Society of Australia will hold their next meeting at George Bell Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 9 February with plant sales commencing at 12noon. Access is off Showground Road into Doran Drive, Castle Hill.

Guest speaker will be Dave Wilson, beekeeper and member of the Amateur Beekeepers Association.

Dave will discuss various details regarding the ABA including such facts as:

- Over 1000 recreational beekeepers in the greater Sydney region
- Newly developed flow hive has attracted many new beekeepers.
- All beekeepers must be registered with the NSW

Department of Primary Industry

- All beekeepers get stung occasionally
- Diseases control in bees is a significant issue
- Bees are significant pollinators

Dave and wife Wendy will bring along a range of honey products including their special honey for members and guest to purchase.

Meetings include plant sales, club news, raffles, competitions, show and tell, and a future bus trip also providing an opportunity to meet with likeminded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook - mobile 0408202269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com. Visit website: www.bromeliad.org.au



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By Kim Peterson

GALSTON GARDEN CLUB

The Christmas decorations are put away for another year and we've sung "Auld Lang Syne" for 2018 as we toasted in the New Year. With our last official meeting in November; club members gathered one more time in December for our Christmas party held at the Galston Community Centre and as usual members out did themselves with all the beautiful food that was brought to celebrate another successful year for the Club. It was a great evening to relax with lots of laughter and fun. We were pleased to have Masonicare join with us and present a cheque to the charity Fragile X, Masonicare matched the club's donation from the Open Gardens Weekend. Over \$30,000 was raised from the Open Gardens Weekend and funds have been distributed to 31 charities.

2018 was filled with a lot of fun as we went on rambles and outings organised by our Social Committee, had interesting and hilarious guest speakers, welcomed new members and as well we sadly farewelled the passing of several long time members. The community centre has looked absolutely beautiful as

members brought in plants and flowers to show and tell, adding to the colour has been the Trading Table that is a real favourite with members who want to pick up that extra special plant or grab some of the free cuttings from the cuttings table. Those on supper supplied us with yummy food each month to have with a cup of tea...or coffee, at the end of the meeting as members mingled and made new friendships.

The Galston Garden Club continues to grow with new members coming each month, we have welcomed quite a few visitors who come to check us out and often stay to become a member. Currently we have close to 190 members on the roll and while it is a large club it retains its friendliness with someone always willing to share their tips and hints on gardening to new gardeners.

Galston Garden Club Meetings resume on the 13th February 2019

with an AGM followed by the General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Judy Horton our Patron and tour guide with Botanica. Judy will be speaking on her recent tours to Japan and USA

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



GLENORIE FAIRY FOREST

By Kate Keary

Inspired by a visit to Bateau Bay Fairy Forest with my children, I turned to the local community Facebook page to float the idea of creating something similar in Glenorie. The overwhelming response triggered a beautifully collaborative effort, and Glenorie Fairy Forest was born.

Glenorie Creek runs through town and collects stormwater from most of the northern side of town. Although the creek is barely recognisable now, it runs adjacent to the playground between Wirra Place and Cairnes Road. One could almost overlook the weeds and rubbish filling the creek. The site is remarkably serene with a dense canopy and lots of old fallen logs. It provided the perfect site for a fairy forest. Connecting kids to nature and clearing the litter and Wandering Jew (*Tradescantia fluminensis*) at the same time seemed like a no-brainer.

Once we decided on the location, it was time to get busy...and busy we got! The vision of a local mum trudging across the bridge towards the forest with her son and a wheelbarrow full of creations and tools is one I won't forget in a hurry. Other families have been busy too, adding beautifully painted rocks and

various features to the forest.

Glenorie Fairy Forest is there for everyone to enjoy. It's hidden behind the back corner of the park (at 25 Cairnes Road). We hope our community will take pride in adding to the garden and playing with what others have left there. We do expect that anything added to the garden is natural and will add to the environment. Glenorie Creek needs all the help it can get to survive.

Glenorie provided me with the most beautiful setting in which to grow up. The streams were clear and full of yabbies and tadpoles, with Darug grinding grooves everywhere you looked. This was nearly 30 years ago. We spent hours playing in the creeks, covered in mud and having a ball. We were completely enthralled by our discoveries, whether they were clay fairy houses, banksia men, koalas or beautiful flowers.

I would love for our kids to have the same experiences. As I sit surrounded by off-cuts of twigs, gum leaves, jute twine and paddlepop sticks, I remind myself of the children I hope will enjoy the fairy forest. I hope they can spend time outdoors, getting dirty, exploring and having fun in their local spaces together.

Keep an eye out for the fairies!



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Reflecting on the highlights of 2018, the principal feelings are of gratitude for all the support we get from our community, and of pride in the work that we do to serve and support both our Farm Shop customers and our clients living with disabilities.

This year we undertook a major project to renovate the shop, extend our range and increase our reach - providing top quality organic and biodynamic produce, groceries, fresh meat and sourdough bread to around 500 people each week. In addition to regular customers in the shop, this includes members of various co-ops, Billabong Retreat's kitchen and Warrah's ten residential houses for supported independent living. Activities like bagging salad mix, weighing fruit and veg, packing the van and making deliveries all provide opportunities for Warrah's young adult clients to be actively engaged and productive members of our enterprise.

On the Farm, summer has arrived in style with some beautiful warm sunny days nicely ripening our tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini. Our beans and basil are now in full swing and the strawberries continue to abound. There's nothing quite like the taste of fresh strawberries from our garden! Our first cherry tomatoes are now being picked and the eggplants are not too far away. Exciting times in the new greenhouses - which miraculously stood up to the recent rough weather! While everyone is thinking about the rest and festivities associated with Christmas, the farm focuses our attention further ahead on the amazing abundance that will greet us in January 2019.

We thank our customers for their ongoing support and interest in our farm and its various enterprises. Remember that we are open until 3pm on Christmas Eve this year. We'll be taking a short break to make even more improvements to the store and we will see you again on **10 January 2019**.

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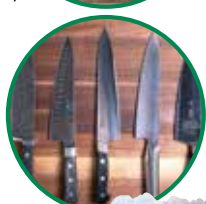
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SUNDAY 3TH FEBRUARY
12:00PM - 2:30PM

Sunday Sessions w Bakers Lane

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THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Sunday Sessions w Bakers Lane

Makers & Bakers

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FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
10:30AM - 12:00PM

English Conversation Group - Castle Hill Library

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MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Social Media - In Mandarin

Learn all about Facebook, Skype, Twitter and Flickr. This session demonstrates how they work, so you can see what's happening in the lives of friends and family.
Venue: Castle Hill Library, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill 2154
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TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to iPad tablets - Dural Library

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SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
12:30PM - 04:00PM

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Visit www.jazzatthepines.org.au

MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Tech Savvy Seniors - Introduction to Online Shopping - In Mandarin

In this workshop you will learn the basics of online shopping, such as booking a holiday or buying groceries. Castle Hill Library, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill 2154
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THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY - 6:30PM - 07:30PM

An Evening with Sandie Docker

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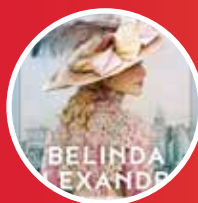
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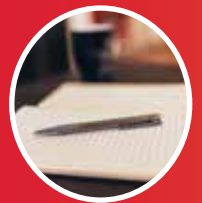
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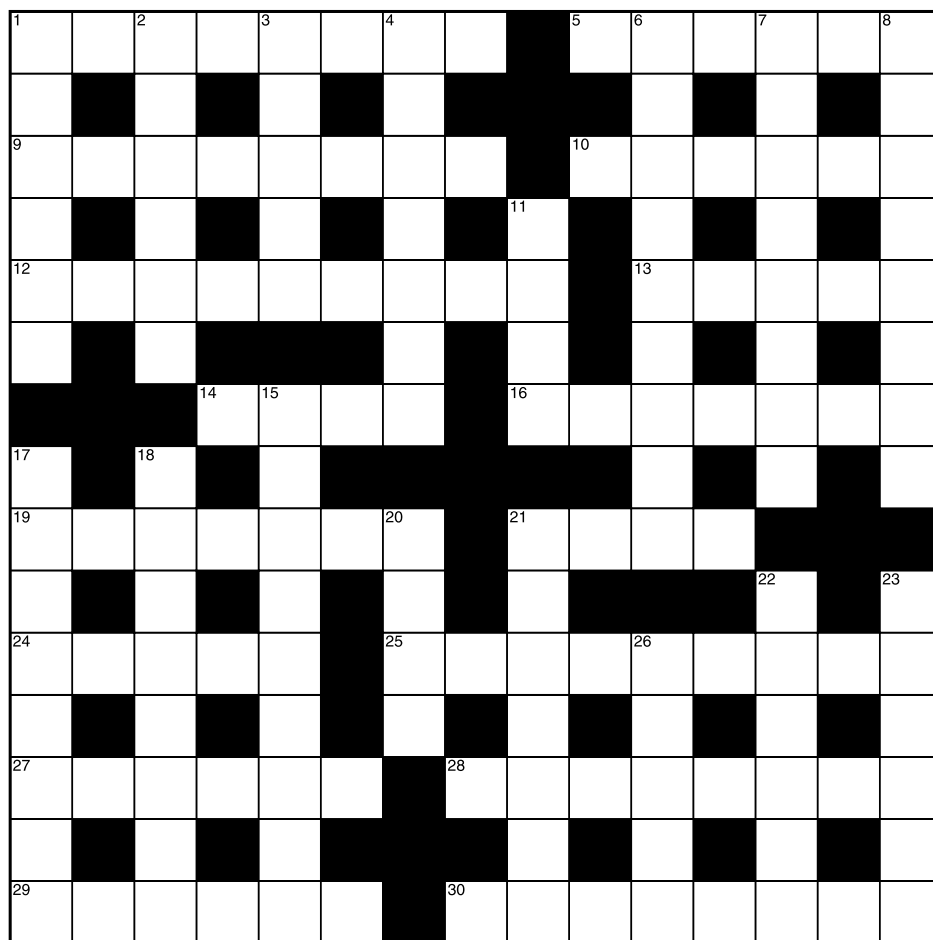
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10. Entertained
12. Interwar years
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16. Put into bondage
19. Played the fool
21. Teddy bears, soft ...
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3. In existence
4. Choux pastries
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7. From Vienna or Salzburg
8. Senior councillors
11. Heredity unit
15. Debated
17. Howled
18. Strainer
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Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

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Dural and Districts Senior Citizens' Club

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Dural and Hills District Garden Club

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Galston Branch CWA

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Galston View Club

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Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club

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The NSW Justices Association Hornsby Branch

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

Pennant Hills Photographic Club

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

Rotary Club of Galston

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

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 Berrielee. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. For more information Visit www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au or e-mail StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au or Contact Nick on 9653 2056.

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

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

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.

Road (Cnr Muscivus Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236.

Hillside Church

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

St. Columb's Anglican Church

Sundays at 9.30 am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at 9.30 am - enquiries Beverley 9653 1790.

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 Judes 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

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 efl86029@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

Galston Golf Club

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

Galston Equestrian Club

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

Galston Netball Club

All enquiries to secretary.galstonnetballclub@hotmail.com or visit the website www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Glenorie Social Golf Club

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

Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club

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

Hills Hawks Soccer Club

For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or 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

Kenthurst Netball Club

Registrations. Contact Sally Coppini 0407942986 mtre@tpg.com.au

Tennis / Squash Social Group

looking for new players. Call Karen 0412 485 411 or email tennisandsquash@live.com.au

Tennis Court for Hire Galston

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

Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie

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

Tennis Court for Hire Hillside

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

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

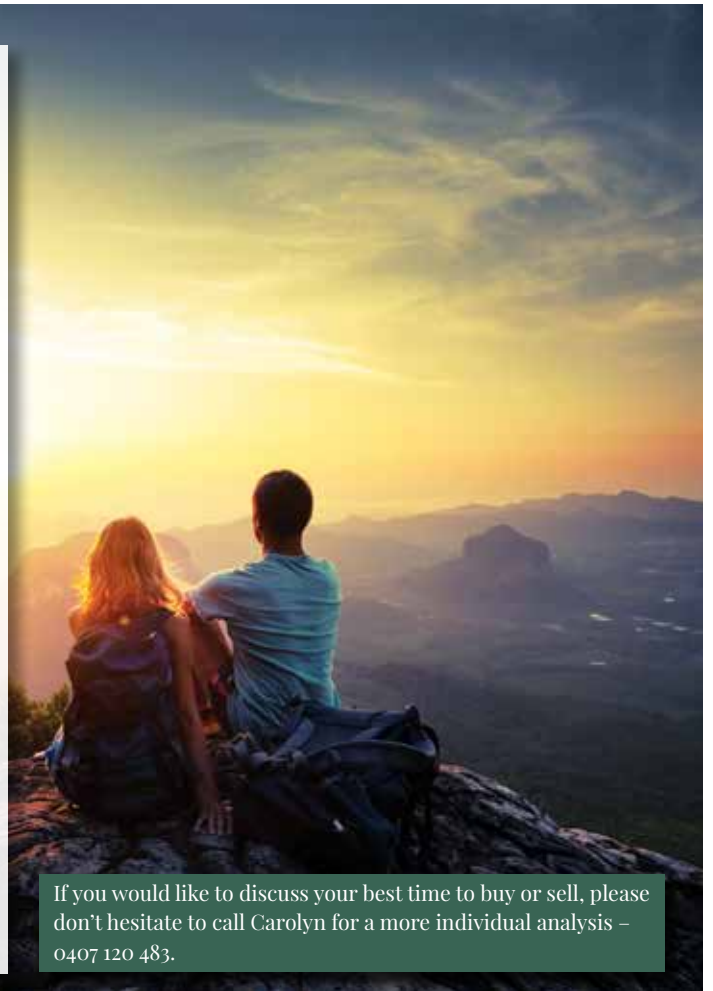
WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR 2019?

Sydney's property market is constantly in the media and is forever changing. Local Agent, Carolyn Wheatley provides an insight in what 2019 has in store for us on a more local basis:

"After a tumultuous 2018 in the property market, it looks set to turn a corner in 2019. The most likely scenario for the first half of the year is that we will continue to experience a slight fall in prices, which will then start to increase towards the backend of 2019; turning around and steadily growing into the following year. Domain's property price modelling suggests prices are then forecast to increase another 4 per cent in 2020. Due to the infrastructure being built in The Hills, particularly transport upgrades, we find buyers are wanting to purchase in our local area, as access to the city and other central hubs has never felt closer.

After the Royal Commission's inquiry into lending, financial institution's are adjusting to their "new normal" of firm lending standards, which will also see mortgage lending starting to grow slowly again and also lead to an improvement in market confidence – meaning we should see numbers of buyer enquiry and open home attendance improve.

What's really important to remember is although the market may be perceived to be lower than over the past few years, if you buy and sell in the same market you won't feel the pinch as badly. If you sell in a low, you're also likely to be buying in the low and vice versa. It's all relative!"



If you would like to discuss your best time to buy or sell, please don't hesitate to call Carolyn for a more individual analysis – 0407 120 483.

CONGRATULATIONS
THOMAS!



3 year old Thomas from Glenorie won our Christmas colouring in competition taking away a \$100 gift card!

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Performs the music of Tom Jones, Neil Diamond & Elvis Presley

► Tickets on Sale at Reception - \$20



BONE DRY FUNDRAISER DINNER

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH - 5PM

\$45 PER PERSON

- **Sit Down Buffet**
- **Raffles**

► For Tickets either see at Reception or contact Shelly on 0400558696



Chris Keeble's Rockumentary Series Presents

HEAVEN & HELL

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH - 8PM

Barry Ferrier & Slim Pickens
Star as Johnny Cash & Roy Orbison.

Outside the Pearly Gates.
Reminiscing about their triumphs, tragedies,
and a lifelong friendship...
Playing their songs, and wondering if they will
make it through.

► Tickets \$20. Purchase your ticket in advance to not miss out.
Tickets on sale at Reception



MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- Monthly Special of the Chefs Choice - Dinner only
- \$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 - Dinner only
- \$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 - Dinner only)

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/18/29513 information for members & their guests.

ADDRESS: 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston, 2159 PHONE: 9653 2017 WEBSITE: www.galstonclub.com.au