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A FOND FAREWELL

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Irene Rogers at the age of 95.

Irene was one of the original members of the Progress Association of Galston which was formed in 1967. She created the first local community newsletter called the Galston Gazette which was only 4-5 pages each month, keeping locals informed of what was happening in the community.

By 1971, with the formation of the Galston Chamber of Commerce, a new updated Chamber paper was produced called The Galston & District News, with Irene as its first editor and honorary member. Irene was instrumental in ensuring the success of the paper. She helped sell advertising, collected

and researched all the news stories.

Irene remained as Editor of the paper until 1979 when she handed over the reigns to Edith Robinson. Irene remained involved in the paper and many other local committees.

Irene realised the important local historical record that was created each month in the paper. She undertook a project with the Dural Historical Society to ensure copies of each edition was preserved for future generations to read what life was like during the years since 1971. Thanks to Irene all copies of the original Galston & District News right through to today's copies (under our current name) can be found at History Cottage.



A report penned by Irene, which was published in the June 1996 edition, can be read on page 38 of this edition. It recounts some fascinating stories of this area.

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The Dural Country Club Fishing Club is a small and friendly group of people who always welcome new fishing friends.

Various activities are offered during the year including a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing as well as organised short stay holidays and BBQs. Meetings are held at the Dural Country Club at 7:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Visitors are always welcome to the meetings.

ENQUIRIES please phone President Ron Denyer on 9875 5617 or Bruce O'Toole on 9653 1380.

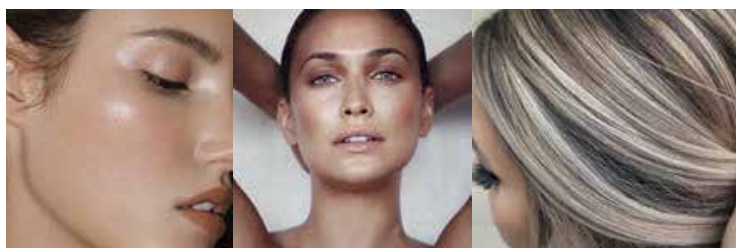
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By Robyn Downham

Invites you to Jane Austen's Secret D'Arcy Wentworth – was there an Australian connection?

An afternoon with our Special Guest Speaker Wal Walker

Please join us at the Chapel on Saturday, May 25th where we are pleased to welcome Wal Walker author of Jane & D'Arcy. Wal is a descendant of the colonial surgeon D'Arcy Wentworth who forensically researched and comprehensively recorded volumes to see if D'Arcy was the love of Jane Austen's life.

Wal Walker found the search into Jane Austen's past engrossing. Driven by a long spoken whisper among the distinguished Australian Wentworth family, Wal Walker begins an investigation equal to a modern day detective hunt to discover why his family believed there was a connection between his notorious but significant colonial ancestor D'Arcy Wentworth and the respectable spinster & author Jane Austen in Regency England.

Wal Walker discovered that there were gaps in the historical trail,

with documents that have been mysteriously lost or deliberately destroyed – these gaps in Jane Austen's letters/documents prior to 1796 are significant. Why? What scandal around Jane Austen was the family trying to suppress? This cover up fuelled Wal Walker's search as it was in an age where family scandal meant social death.

We will meet at the Chapel at 12.00pm for lunch at 12.30 pm.

Wal Walker will commence his talk at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman after lunch.

Cost:- Members \$15/Non-Members \$20.

Bookings essential:- enquiries@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Monday, 20th May for DLHHS Members and by Wednesday, 22nd May for Non-Members.

All welcome.



DURAL BOWLS

With no competitions at Dural, the ladies are playing in the District Pennant competition.

The side of eight (two teams of four), has been playing Grade 1 in the Mitchell District which takes in Blacktown, The Hills and Wentworthville and some closer clubs like Castle Hill and Pennant Hills. While the travelling is time-consuming and the scoreboard has not always been pretty, the teams are enjoying the challenge of playing teams which include some past and present members of the NSW State squad so the is a lot to be learnt. They are also enjoying visiting other clubs with different greens, socialising after the games and hosting the visiting teams for the return matches.

The men conducted a Mixed Triples Carnival which was very successful and a number of Dural people won prizes. Leone and David Lesslie with Warren Thompson (Pennant Hills) won the event while Diane and Tom Trovato and Ray Vindin came fourth. Christine Fitzgerald, Phil Bonvino and Greg Smith had the top score in the morning session. The gardens were much admired as they had flourished after the recent working bee (above) with a lovely Autumn flush from all the roses.

The last crop of new bowlers is enjoying bowls so the club is ready for more new people who may have lessons from the trained coaches.

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I came to live in Glenorie some two years ago now. Born and bred in the Hills, I know the north west of Sydney very well. I've been working as a psychologist for the past nine

years and have done a small stint as a high school teacher. Basically, I love to help! In my work as a psychologist, I have been in the privileged position of helping people with their mental health and supporting people to change their lives, psychologically. Whilst still a psychologist I am excited about spreading my wings into another business, Tutor Doctor, with the expressed determination to help every student and learner of any age improve their education and learning potential.

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SALVOS

By Katy J

Well, those halcyon summer days have gone, we are now on the downhill run towards winter. The leaves are still turning on a few late deciduous trees, and the faint tang of smoke in the air alerts us to the colder days ahead.

May is a busy month at our Salvos stores in Glenorie and Dural. There is a lot to celebrate, so keep an eye out for special promotions. Mothers' Day on Sunday 12th will be preceded by a range of gifts with mum in mind. Bring the children in to shop themselves for a surprise which they can truly say they chose for mum themselves.)

We will also be honouring the ongoing contribution to our stores by our friendly and committed teams of volunteers. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and skills in sorting quality shoes and clothing, in knowing which authors sell, in testing and tagging electrical articles, and in discerning which items of crockery, China and miscellaneous bric a brac are treasures waiting to be adopted. Volunteers Week is celebrated during

the week beginning Monday 20 May.

We are always looking to recruit and welcome new volunteers to the team. If you can spare a few short hours each week to help us sort and shelve donations, you will be given a warm welcome.

On 2 May an 8 week course will commence to explore the life and teachings of Jesus. This remarkable man has left a legacy of peace, humility, love and caring for us all. His spirit has reached every corner of the world. Sessions will run between 7-9pm, with a light meal/supper provided. and everyone is warmly invited to attend. Please ring the Dural store to register your interest.

And please be on the lookout for our Red Shield volunteers whom you may see in shopping centres and community events and venues. They will be gathering monetary donations to help those in the community who are less fortunate than ourselves, and for whom the cold wintry nights can be a real hardship.

Our eagerly anticipated mid year Fashion Parade is being planned for June 22nd. Mark the date on your calendar, and watch out for more information in the June issue.



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4-DAY HIKE IN JINDABYNE

By Cameron McArthur

When you're hiking with a group of people for four days, you need to learn to deal with individuals no matter how frustrated you get. Four other Scouts and I went on a series of hikes in Jindabyne from the 29th of March to the 1st of April. In total we hiked around 31 kilometres in the dense bush, along winding roads and through thickened snow. Our tents were constantly soaking wet

because of the annoyingly ever-present rain, and our bags seemed to mysteriously get heavier as time wore on. As usual we had to pack our own bags, pitch our own tents and prepare our own food, but I realise skills like these are becoming less known as technology gains prevalence.

Though conditions were tough, our group managed to make the most of it. Even when we were

hiking barefoot through freezing-cold running water. Even when a packet of oats exploded and expanded in my damp bag. Even when we were only halfway through a long walk and knew we still had an eternity left to go. At the end of it all, when we were able to sit down and relax, we realised it had been fun. We had seen the incredible views that tiny section of New South Wales had to offer, and had learned a lot about the area of Jindabyne as well. We had shared many good laughs,

lots of pleasant meals, and countless moments of relief after reaching a milestone

While walking I was struck with a sudden thought. Australia is far from the barren desert a lot of the world believes it to be. We have deserts, beaches, forests, mountains and snow. The ecosystem is more diverse than you would expect, and it's all waiting for you to discover it and see these wonders with your own eyes.

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"Today, we bear witness to the sacrifices of our community in defending our nation. We remember the brave sons and daughters of our community who have fought and died during conflicts over the last century, many who were taken long before their time. This year we mark the 80th anniversary of the commencement of World War Two.

"World War Two was unlike any war that Australia had experienced before. The Australian mainland came under direct attack for the first time, with Japanese aircraft bombing towns in

North-West Australia, and Japanese midist submarines attacking Sydney Harbour.

"Men and women everywhere were in uniform. Many were sent overseas on active service and the newspapers on a daily basis printed lists of casualties. There was no part of Australia unaffected.

"The Berowra electorate itself became no stranger to the harsh reality of war.

"Blackouts were practised



throughout Berowra and brown-out shields were placed on all street lights, remaining on lights that could be seen from sea until the close of the war. The names were removed from railway stations so that they could not be used to help enemy navigation.

"There were air raid sirens in communities and defensive trenches were a feature of every school. Fears of the Japanese fire-bombing the local bushland led to the formation of the Hornsby Shire Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and Hornsby Shire acted as a training ground for Australian troops.

"In 2019, the ranks of those who served and survived the Second World War are now thinning. So, we must take this opportunity, on ANZAC day,

to pause, and remember their legacy.

"They were our age, perhaps even younger. They helped shape our communities into the wonderful places they are in the present day.

"In a constantly changing world, it is more important than ever that we take these opportunities, however fleeting, to pause and reflect on the contributions of the past and to look ahead and find ways we each can contribute through our volunteer service efforts to making our nation stronger and enriching our Australian spirit," said Julian Leeser.

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MARJ GILLIS

Marj Gillis, one of the oldest and longest residents of Arcadia and Galston area passed away on 28 March 2019, aged 95. She came to live in Arcadia in 1933.

Joseph Gillis and Elsie Codling were married in Cambridge New Zealand on 9th December 1914. Joseph, who called himself 'a seedless raisin' found that he could not have children, so when Elsie's best friend, Bell Turner knew of a young girl of 19 that was having a baby, she arranged for Elsie and Joseph to adopt the baby and they named her Marjorie Shirley Gillis.

Miss Ruby Sarah Caroline Eastwell gave birth to Marjorie on 6 August 1923 at Frankton Junction, the main railway junction at Hamilton New Zealand. Marj never met or had contact with her birth mother who passed away in 1983.

When Marj was 10 years old the family moved from New Zealand to Australia, arriving on 20 April 1933. At first they lived at Grandfather Gillis' property at 37 Cobah Road Arcadia that consisted of 10 acres. There was the original slab constructed house and another little old house on the property. Several Gillis families lived there – Edward Moore Gillis, Edward & Anne Gillis family, Joseph, Elsie & Marj and some others. They heated water in a large round metal tub over the fire on Friday afternoon for their weekly bath. There was no electricity or running water. Once a week they would go to the creek behind their property and do the washing of their clothes in the creek that was about half a kilometer from the house.

After some time, Arthur Geelan moved one of the houses to an isolated spot near the end of Bloodwood Road, Arcadia for Joe, Elsie and Marj to live in. Here Joe grew passion fruit, pumpkins and other vegetables for a living.

Marj attended the local primary school at Arcadia for 2 years where she completed her formal education. Her father Joseph and his brothers and sisters had been a founding members of the Arcadia primary School in 1898

Marj learnt to play the piano and organ and studied at the Sydney Conservatorium Of Music, gaining her A mus A. This allowed her to teach music in the local community. She became the organist at the Arcadia Adventist Church when she was a teenager, pushing the pedals and tickling the ivories on the old pedal organ and then later

the electronic organ, for 66 years until she was 80 years old.

Ronald Gillis took a liking to his adopted first cousin and would often ride his pushbike along the sandy bush track from his home in Peebles Road Arcadia to visit Marj. The moonlit nights must have got the better of them, as they were married in the Arcadia Adventist Church on 5 January 1944.

About this time Joe purchased a 5 acre property and they moved the little house again from Bloodwood Road to the new property at 17 Cobah Road where they lived for the rest of their lives. Ron and Marj purchased the adjoining rear 5 acre property, built a shed and lived in that for a while. Then with the help again of Arthur Geelan they built a two bedroom fibro house and filled it with all the modern conveniences such as a cold water tap that supplied water from the tank, a wood fuel stove, a chip heater to warm water for the bath, a copper to boil water in to wash the clothes, a scrubbing board to help get the dirt out of the clothes, twin concrete laundry tubs and a wringer to get most of the water out of the clothes, and a bucket dunnet about 25 metres away from the house. Here they established a poultry farm with sheds constructed with bush poles and flattened 44 gallon tar drums and an orchard. They had Sam, the draft horse, to cultivate the ground. Marj worked with Ron on the farm when she could and played some social tennis.

Eighteen months after their marriage, a baby girl appeared and they named her Lornabelle and



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then another 18 months later a son, Glenn.

Looking after the two children and her invalid mother took much of Marj's time, but she still had a large vegetable garden, worked on the farm and had an egg run, delivering eggs to all the shops in Hornsby.

When Lornabelle and Glenn had grown up, Marj took a real job and worked at 'The San' as receptionist in the Nurses Residence, where she brought home a pay packet for the first time in her life.

Being brought up in hard times and living through the great economic depression gave Marj a hard work ethic. Even in retirement she took in ironing and usually had 8-12 families that brought their clothes to her to be ironed. This gave her good contact with people and she continued to iron for them until she broke her hip at 88.

Marj was a resident in the Arcadia and Galston district for almost 80 of her 95 years and it is unlikely that there is anyone living that has been part of this community for this long. This was home for her and where she loved to be.

She was always happy and positive, often set in her ways, particularly when older. She was contented with the simple things in life and her faith in God.

She outlived all the friends and relatives of her generation and was blessed with health and a long life of 95 and a half years

Thank you to all who have been part of Marj's life and been called her friend.



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The Berowra Federal electorate covers from Annangrove/Cattai in the west to Hornsby/Brooklyn in the east and from Wisemans Ferry in the north to Beecroft/West Pennant Hills in the south.

For further information: contact Mick on email: mickgallagher4australia@gmail.com or mobile 0418 112 675.

Having recently stood as 'Your True Fairdinkum Independent' candidate for electorate of Hornsby in the recent NSW State election, Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah will now stand as a candidate for the Federal seat of Berowra in the upcoming 2019 Federal election on Saturday 18 May.

"I thank all those who supported me at the NSW state election and now call upon your support for the Federal election," says Mick.

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF FAGAN PARK

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

Netherby Homestead will be closed for some time after ANZAC Day to enable the pressed metal ceilings to be replaced. The old steel ceilings have suffered the ravages of time and


have rusted through in places and become unsightly. Council has organised period patterned replacements, in aluminium, which should have a long service life, not that 117 years was too bad for the old ones. It will be quite a disruption, with all the contents having to be moved to storage.

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

An exciting new project is being planned – the restoration of an International Model K truck of 1918. The vehicle was recently donated by one of the district's pioneering families, and we have obtained another donor chassis to provide some missing items. There is much information gathering under way before we actually start real work. It will take a couple of years at least, and is likely to present some real challenges. These are unique trucks, known as coal-scuttle style, with the radiator behind rather than in front of the engine. I hope this is not being too technical for readers, but it is what makes them such unusual and iconic vehicles. The photo illustrates the style.


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

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This year the sale starts on Thursday 23rd and continuing until

Saturday 25th May. The warehouse will open between 8am and 5pm (3pm on Sat). A final clearance will take place on Sunday 2nd June from 9am to 3pm.

Shoppers are advised to travel to 28/280 New Line Road, behind Orpoto's and next to the bus depot on the corner of Old Northern Rd and Round Corner.

For more information visit www.sherpa.com.au



WALKS AT KU-RING-GAI WILDFLOWER GARDEN

Australian Plant Society -North Shore Group members will lead a free walk in the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens commencing at 9-45 am on May 6th at the Caley Centre. Wear closed shoes and a hat,

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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.

DURAL LIBRARY TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATION

Dural Library is an important social and educational hub, where residents can learn, grow and continue to feel inspired. That is why The Hills Shire Council is undertaking renovations to ensure it meets the current and future needs of the community.



On completion, the renovated library will have updated spaces for reading and learning, with new carpets, shelving and a paint lift, as well as contemporary blinds and ergonomic furniture.

The library renovation has been made possible thanks to a \$93,000 grant from the NSW Government and The Library Council of NSW. Council also made a \$160,000 investment into the much-loved community facility.

During renovations, Dural Library will be closed from **Monday 29th April and will reopen on Tuesday 11th June**. Library members will be able to borrow items from the Pop-up Library, which is temporarily operating out of The Dural Recreation Centre - located next door to Dural Library.

The Pop-up will operate within limited hours from Wednesday 1st May. For opening hours and details of services available during this time please visit Council's website (www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search "library". Online library services will continue as usual, as will all other Hills Shire library branches.

To locate your nearest alternative library, visit: www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Library

RURAL ROUNDUP

With Cllr Warren Waddell

I hope that everyone had a safe and restful break across the Easter period. Between Easter and our ANZAC remembrance services it is truly a time for communities to engage, reflect and show our respect. It was particularly good news that Council, the Local Area Command and the relevant community groups ensured that the tradition of the Glenorie Dawn Service continued.

In the mean time Council has never been busier. Civil works have commenced along Arcadia Rd providing the first stage of long awaited curb and guttering. Staged work continues in Crosslands Rd and the proposed footpath construction in Nancy Place should commence soon.

The announcement that ten million dollars in Federal funding will be made available to fund the assessment phase of New Line Road's completion is a welcome one.

In keeping with Council's commitment to engage directly with residents on a broader basis, the A ward community forum took place on 11th April. Councillors from all three wards were present to hear directly from members of the community. Many issues were raised including local planning matters, infrastructure needs, traffic management, inter-council engagement and footpaths. I would like to thank the community for the huge turn out and the robust discussion. We have a diverse community engaged in a wide variety of activities. This has always created challenges for our strategic planning within this unique peri-urban environment. However, a task made easier with grass-root community involvement.

If you missed the forum, remember to have your say on Council's website. Go to www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/future-hornsby



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

To celebrate 25 years in the alpaca industry, Gunnamatta Stud Alpacas are holding an open day at their property in Galston.

"It's hard to believe that it's been so long," said principal Sue Maynard. "It seems like only yesterday we were bringing our small herd to their new home in Galston."

"We originally started with just a couple of alpacas and over the years that number has fluctuated. At one stage we had over 150 and this required the purchase of a small property out in the Mudgee area.

Our numbers are now more modest, but we're still kept very busy."

Each day seems to be different and the day to day husbandry provides a good amount of interaction with these delightful animals. Autumn is a particularly busy time. The showing season is in full swing and the Gunnamatta team is involved with a number of local events including the Royal Easter Show and the Hawkesbury Show.

Autumn is also a busy time for birthing and people attending the open day will see a number of very young cria (babies) and may possibly



be on hand to witness a birth.

The animals located at Galston tend to include the show team, heavily pregnant females and mothers with very young cria at foot.

The open days have been an annual event at Gunnamatta for a number of years and it's great often to see the same people year after year – coming to get their "alpaca fix".

"We always enjoy having visitors come and interact with our alpacas and speak to us about this wonderful industry," says Sue, "if people are looking to buy, that's fine. If people

want information, that's fine. If people want a photograph for FaceBook, that's fine. If people just want a relaxing day out, that's also fine."

This year Gunnamatta will be sharing the weekend with Kim & Bill Catt at Woolpaca Farm in Glenorie who will be open to visitors on Saturday 18th May.

Gunnamatta Stud Alpacas will be open for visitors on Sunday 19th May from 10 am to 4 pm. For further details contact Sue Maynard on 9653 2277 or visit the website www.gunnamattastud.com.au.



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**VOTING DAY SATURDAY
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LIBERAL

Name: Julian Leeser

Suburb: Pennant Hills

Occupation: Federal Member for Berowra

Family: Joanna (wife) and James (son)

What motivated you to run for the coming election?

To see the people of our community all given the opportunity to reach their potential and thrive. I am focused on our community's future.

How do your qualifications and experience enable you to make decisions on behalf of the community?

Being deeply embedded in our community enables me to understand the challenges people are facing. I have been a lawyer, a company director, lead a think tank and worked in the university sector.

What are your three priorities in this campaign?

1. Delivering infrastructure projects we promised.
2. Reducing the cost of living and easing the tax burden on Berowra's families and small businesses.
3. Preserving things that make our community so special - our natural environment, history and spirit.

What are the concerns of your constituents?

Residents are concerned about the cost of living and traffic congestion on Pennant Hills Road and New Line Road.

People in rural areas want reliable telecommunications.

What would you tell voters in one sentence?

I've delivered for Berowra and I will continue to do so if you give me the privilege.

SCIENCE

Name: Brendan Clarke

Suburb: Hornsby Heights

Occupation: IT Systems Engineer at the Commonwealth Bank

Family: My wife and two daughters.

What motivated you to run for the coming election?

I want Australia to be a world leader in science, technology and infrastructure.

How do your qualifications and experience

enable you to make decisions on behalf of the community?

My experience in solving problems through technology while focusing on customer requirements, cost and feasibility, let me assist my community in assessing their needs.

What are your three priorities in this campaign?

1. Developing policies through scientific principles, while also catering for modern technology.
2. Australia could be a world leader in carbon neutral energy supply.
3. Using technology to improve education, health, and well-being, we can begin economic and personal growth.

What are the concerns of your constituents?

Accountability by a properly funded national corruption commission, mistreatment of asylum seekers, public education, better health facilities. Everybody I speak has concerns regarding our government's failure to act on climate change.

What would you tell voters in one sentence?

Voting should not be a chore, you can help the quality of life of your family and friends.

INDEPENDENT

Name: Mick Gallagher - Your True Fairdinkum Independent

Suburb: The leafy suburb of Mt Colah.

Occupation: Retired Naval Officer/Teacher.

Family: Married, 2 adult children, 2 grandchildren.

What motivated you to run for the coming election?

As an ex-serviceman it is hard to comprehend we have a Defence Force to protect our country while successive Liberal and Labor governments continue to sell off Australia.

How do your qualifications and experience enable you to make decisions on behalf of the community?

I have been in many community groups and grassroots politics since the 1990 Federal election. I have been the Mayor and Councillor of Hornsby Shire.

What are your 3 priorities in this campaign?

1. Over population and over development without infrastructure.
2. Hold a national Climate Change /Environment summit.

3. Privatisation and the selling off of the Australian citizens' assets.

What are the concerns of your constituents?

Inadequate infrastructure, over development and over-popularisation of the Sydney region, destruction of our environment.

What would you tell voters in one sentence?

Put the party you definitely don't want last.

LABOUR

Name: Katie Gompertz

Suburb: Berowra Heights

Occupation: Insurance Specialist

Family: Husband of 20 years Tim, 3 kids under 8.

What motivated you to run for the coming election?

I am motivated by good and solid policy that seeks to help the community local families.

How do your qualifications and experience

enable you to make decisions on behalf of the community?

My approach has been community led since before I even joined the ALP. This is paramount for anyone seeking to represent the community.

What are your three priorities in this campaign?

1. Protecting Medicare and the \$2.3 billion towards cancer treatment costs.
2. Ensuring the NDIS is fully funded and accessible for the most vulnerable.
3. Securing \$15.9 million in funding for local schools.

What are the concerns of your constituents?

Apathy. Many community members withdraw from political debate because they feel unheard and unrepresented.

What would you tell voters in one sentence?

Read up on your candidates, ask the tough questions and fact check as much as you can.

GREENS

Name: Monica Tan

Suburb: Beecroft

Occupation: Author of Stranger Country, Teacher

Family: Daughter of Chinese-Australian immigrants

What motivated you to run for the coming election?

A deep love of Australia and a sense of duty to our community.

How do your qualifications and experience enable you to make decisions on behalf of the community?

I'm a Beecroft local, well connected to our area's strong network of community groups.

What are your three priorities in this campaign?

1. Create a renewable economy by tackling climate
2. Protect our environment by looking after our oceans, forests, rivers and reefs.
3. Ensure good liveability with well-funded, health, education and social services.

What are the concerns of your constituents?

Australia is behind the world on renewable energy, they want more public transport services and better NBN.

What would you tell voters in one sentence?

More than ever, politics needs a shake-up: let's demand strong action on climate change.

UNITED AUSTRALIA

Name: Dr Craig Steven McLachlan

Suburb: Waitara

Occupation: Associate Professor, Scientist,

Academic, Researcher

What motivated you to run for the coming election?

I'm standing up for social inequality in our electorate and our recessive negative economy.

How do your qualifications and experience enable you to make decisions on behalf of the community?

I am an Hon associate professor, scientist, with a PhD in cardiovascular research, eight years as research director for UNSW Rural Clinical School. I can contribute to policy solutions.

What are your three priorities in this campaign?

1. Immigration and regional mobility are aligned with infrastructure capacity and transportation.
2. Retirement sustainability
3. Innovation for electricity solutions

What are the concerns of your constituents?

Governments policies negatively impacting the economy or offer little benefit to overall health, education or living standards.

What would you tell voters in one sentence?

We need to fix a long list of problems, I can help repair our nation's complex issues.



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THE KOALAS ARE BACK

Koalas had a wonderful home in the Forests of Maroota and Glenorie before the great and terrible fire in 2002. For a long time, they were not seen or heard but in the recent years there have been reports that Koalas are back. A mother Koala with two babies was seen at Forest Glen and there have been reports of sightings from other parts of the Forest.

This is such exciting news that Western Sydney University is working with the Cattai Hills Environment Network (CHEN) on finding evidence of the re-establishment of the Koala Colony in the area. The first stage of this project involves collecting evidence that the Koala population has re-established in the areas surrounding Maroota Forest. The project will begin with setting up of sound recorders and wildlife cameras at locations where Koalas have recently been heard or seen. Looking for Koala scats

and scratches will also be part of the project. The University will be seeking help from community members to report any sightings of Koalas, their scats or if you hear their bellowing to the Project Lead, Dr Michelle Ryan, via email to m.ryan@westernsydney.edu.au

The Glenorie Progress Association (GPA), The Glenorie Environment Centre and CHEN will be holding a special a Koalas In Their Environment Day when Dr Ryan will come to Glenorie and talk about the project and lots of other things about Koalas. There will be plenty of things for children to do on the day and lots of interesting activities for all. Afternoon tea will be provided, all are welcome.

SO, REMEMBER COMMUNITY KOALA DAY SATURDAY 18th MAY in the GLENORIE MEMORIAL HALL, OLD NORTHERN RD, GLENORIE between 2pm and 4pm.

Community Koala Day

Sat 18 May 2019

2-4pm, Glenorie Community Hall

Old Northern Road, Glenorie



Did you know that koalas inhabited the Glenorie and Maroota areas prior to the 2002 fires?

Recent reports suggest that koalas are back, have you seen or heard koalas in our area?

Please join us for the KITE (Koalas In Their Environment) Information Day!

- Everyone welcome!
- Free kids activities – including making 'koala poo'
- Hear from Dr. Michelle Ryan (WSU) about koalas and a study to find evidence of koalas re-establishing in our area
- Become a koala 'spotter'
- Afternoon tea provided

Western Sydney University is working with Cattai Hills Environment Network to collect evidence that the Koala population has re-established in the Glenorie and Maroota areas after the 2002 fires. The initial sampling will include sound recording, wildlife cameras, scat and scratch identification. We are seeking help from community members to report any sightings of Koalas, their scats or their bellowing to the project lead, Dr. Michelle Ryan on the day or via email to m.ryan@westernsydney.edu.au

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Galston Netball Club is proud to have 10 of its junior players selected to play in the Hills District Representative Teams this year, playing in the U11s, U12s and U13s. These girls have been hard at training twice week at Pennant Hills since the start of the year. The first weekend in April saw them all play in one of the major carnivals in Penrith which gave them a good workout. With club training also well underway, the girls are training now 3 times a week and taking their skills to another level. We can't wait to see them in action for the club this month.

Elsewhere, as our first NetSetGO clinic of 2019 wrapped up for the term, we were lucky to have Maddy Turner from the NSW Swifts with us to present the players with their certificates. The wet weather meant that training didn't go ahead on the day, but thanks to Galston Public School for making their library available, the girls were able to meet Maddy. A big thank you to Maddy for giving her time up, I know the girls, parents, coaches and all at the club were very appreciative. We are pleased to be able to offer another NetSetGO clinic in Term 2, this will run for 7 weeks starting Thursday 16th May. We



hope to see many new and returning NetSetGOers!

Galston Netball Club fields teams aged 6 years to adult in the Hills District Netball Association winter competition. For further information about playing with us or joining one of our NetSetGO clinics please contact secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com And, make sure you like the Galston Netball Club Facebook page to stay updated.

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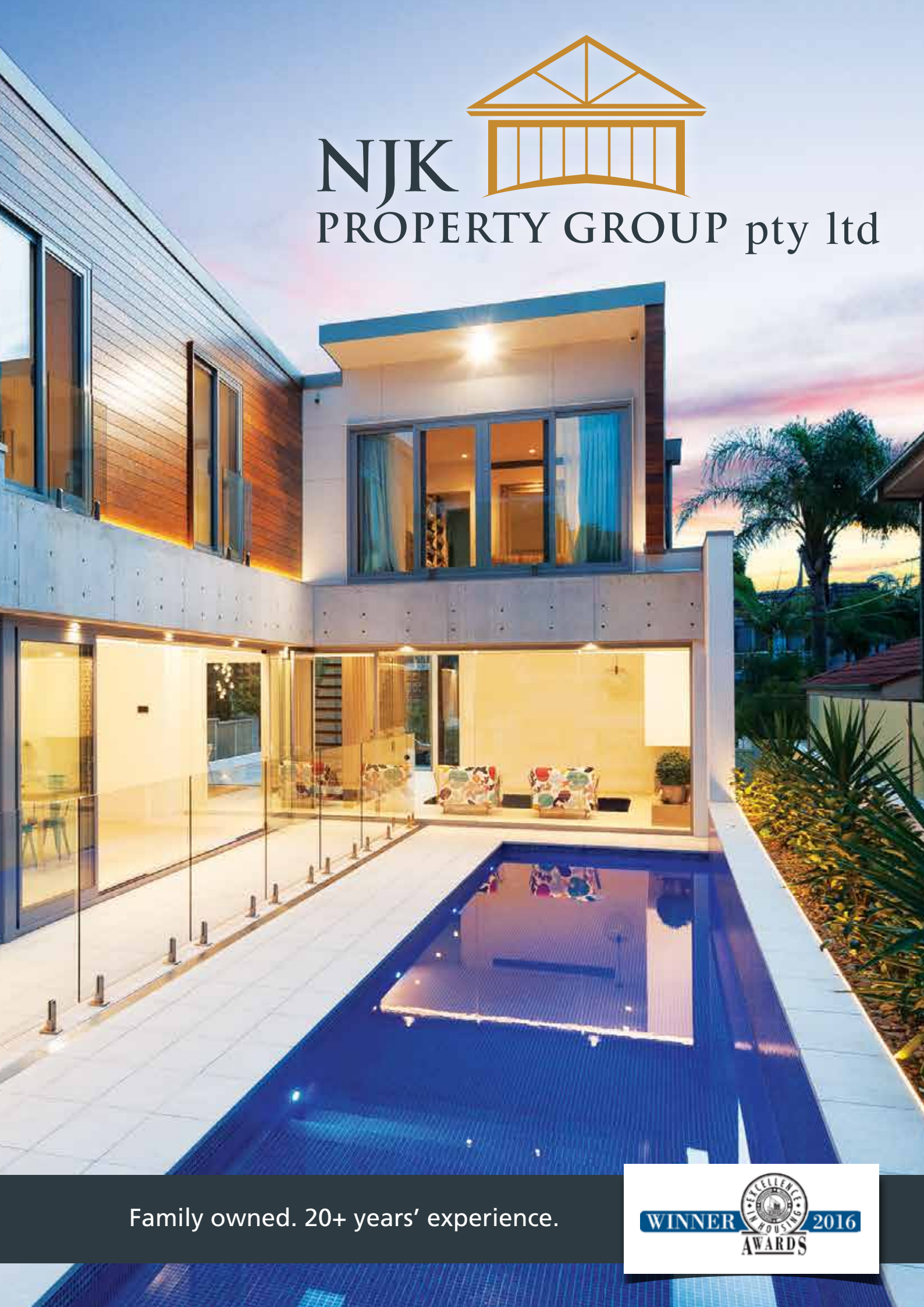


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WARRAH'S 50TH GARDEN PARTY CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By Cindy Cunningham

A wonderful Garden Party and Organic Buffet Lunch was held in March to celebrate Warrah's 50th Anniversary. The celebration was held at Warrah's beautiful bushland property in Dural. The event was attended by over 220 guests, including families and friends of Warrah both past and present, Board members and long term supporters.

Warrah parent and Chairperson, Steve Malin recognised the contribution of Warrah's co-founder and Guest of Honour, Hannelor Kaltenbach, along with her late husband, in establishing Warrah in the 1960s. "Warrah has touched the lives of many people, and will continue to do so into the future," he said.

Karl and Hannelor Kaltenbach brought the healing impulse of Rudolf Steiner's Curative Education and Social Therapy, with a vision to start the Warrah community that now supports over 120 people with intellectual disability or autism.

Julian Leaser MP, Federal Member for Berowra spoke of the way Warrah's services support individuals living with disability to live their life with purpose and dignity.

"The founders saw the dignity of the whole person, the view that each child and adult has

the potential for development of their body, soul and spirit," said Julian. "It truly is a particular kind of privilege to celebrate with people who have poured their heart and soul into something that was nothing more than an idea 51 years ago."

Ms Elizabeth Hargreaves, whose brother has been a resident of Warrah for over 40 years, spoke of her fond memories of Warrah and how it has been a special part of her family. She also shared her family's deep appreciation for the love and dedication that Warrah has shown to her brother.

The formal speeches concluded with a toast and anniversary cake. The cake was fittingly cut by Warrah's co-founder, one of Warrah's earliest residents (Chris Rolink) who works on Warrah's Biodynamic Farm and a new resident (Megan Davies) who has recently moved into one of Warrah's new homes.

The Garden Party was a lovely day to celebrate and connect with so many who are part of the Warrah community. Warrah looks forward to a strong and bright future which will continue to uphold the vision of Warrah's founders in supporting individuals living with disability and their families.



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GALSTON VIEW CELEBRATES

In March Galston View Club had a birthday lunch. Pictured cutting our cake is Jeanette Cassidy, National Councillor View Clubs Australia, and our members Shirley Norris & Vivien Fitzer.

Shirley Norris was presented with her 50 year pin for services to View Club Australia and Vivien Fitzer was presented with her 20yrs pin for services to View Club Australia. Well done to both ladies.

The Galston View Club which raises money to support The Smith Family Learning for Life program will hold its Monthly meeting on **Wednesday 22nd May 2019** at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston, at 11am. The guest speaker will be Jennifer Farrer who will talk about plants used by early settlers. Visitors are always welcome. Bookings Vivien 9894 1189.

AGRA MEETING

Arcadia & Galston Resident's Association
Thursday, 16th May at 7pm
Venue The Galston Club

Guest Speakers are

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EASTBEND NOTICE OF UPCOMING MEETING, MAY 2019

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 May 13th 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.

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GLENORIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

By Di Coxon-Ellis

Woo Hoo! After our bad tidings that the Glenorie ANZAC Day dawn service would not be held this year, it did proceed.

Thanks to Callum Hoogersteger for his negotiations with the authorities and arranging the Public Event Insurance and Hall & Park bookings. A special thank you to Michael Hutchence, Hornsby Council Traffic Branch and Narelle from the Police for bearing with us and seeing the Glenorie Cenotaph ANZAC Dawn Service through to approval. It was a great relief to the Community that this sacred service could proceed on what the Community considers a sacred site, the original Glenorie Cenotaph.

Michael Hutchence commented "We look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure this is the last and only time arrangements are made in such a manner and that next year's event is well coordinated, communicated and has all the necessary approvals and documents in place."

The GPA is working with other community groups to ensure that our

community can consistently have dawn services without the chaos. The immediate aim is to work out a viable solution for 2020 and beyond. We have an ambitious idea to create a fence around the Memorial Park so that it will become a tourist destination for all to come and enjoy.

We repeat that any solution will require a significant financial investment and we need input from local businesses and residents to work as a community to create a safe venue for all of us. We will be sourcing grant funding and if anyone wishes to put a hand up to assist formulating grant submissions we would be happy to accept. Please contact us on the Secretary's email below.

An exciting event coming up is the KITE (Koalas In Their Environment) Information Day on **18 May** at the Glenorie Hall. Hear all about the Western Sydney Uni project that you can assist with in the Glenorie Maroota area. Fabulous opportunity for adults and kids to become involved and learn an appreciation of our wonderful AUSSI icon.

The Environment Centre group Streamwatch report noted no testing was done on Glenorie Creek this month as the focus is on the Hawkesbury River at Windsor. The worry is potential acid sulphate levels from the construction of the new bridge and river bank excavation. The test results showed a Ph of 7 which is neutral.

The GPA meeting for 11 April was cancelled in favour of attending the Hornsby Council Ward A Community Forum at the Galston Club. We joined over a 100 locals questioning the Councillors on subdivision of rural properties, parking, congestion, public transport, safe pedestrian access to facilities and various public facilities and services that need to be improved. A major part of the evening was an emotional debate on Hornsby Council allowing landholders to subdivide for their kids to stay in the area and the loss of income as they consider their land is no longer feasible to farm. Then there was the opposing view that we continue to use larger block size rural land for agriculture near cities

and smaller block sizes would only turn into overpriced urban sprawl which increases congestion and traffic. Also that people choose to live in this area because of the rural environment and don't wish to lose that.

Interesting to note the demographics of the attendees – the scarcity of young and middle aged adults to these meetings. If you are in that age bracket, are you interested in the future planning or simply don't have the time? Let us know what you think...Email the Secretary.

New website – I hope by the time you read this we will have a new website and that the facility to join the GPA and to renew your membership online is available again. Note if you join or rejoin now it will be included in the 2019/20 year.

<http://glenorieprogress.org.au/>
Come along to our meetings held on the second Thursday of the month. Next one is 9 May (Yes it is Thursday!) at the Glenorie RSL. Contact us on secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au or 0418 432 587.

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If someone had told me that Saturday morning swimming lessons would quickly evolve into a two week long swimming carnival in Adelaide, I would have said they were balmy. But sure enough, 8 of our talented swimmers from Galston have made that incredible transition, qualifying for the prestigious Australian Swimming Championships.

Laura Boll and Jack Charlton have both qualified in multiple events for the open Australian Championships, which are held in the first week. Laura and Jack will be up against the likes of Kate and Bronte Campbell, Kyle Chalmers and Cam

McEvoy.

In week two, the Australian Age Championships begin, where Daniel Steer, Sam Loria, Talijah Tietie, Jye McLachlan, Olivia Charlton (sister of the famous Jack) and Marius Boll (brother of the famous Laura) will compete. Marius has qualified for a massive 4 events and Jye a whopping 5!! Go Galston!!

A massive thankyou to Dural Pool Shop whose major sponsorship of the club has helped offset the incredible cost of getting these tuned athletes, along with Coach Stacy Harding to Adelaide. The exciting news I wrote about last month will be announced next month...stay tuned.

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Heartbeats

By Mary Ord

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

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We have a special place in our magazine reserved for you and would love to feature your work and words. What we are looking for are true stories from your experience. These stories can take any form, they can be designed to inspire or encourage, tell a funny experience or something which made you happy. You may even like to send thanks to someone who has helped you. We are happy with any length contribution but best not to exceed 200 words. A picture of you to add to your story would be a great addition. Please send your contributions to me (Mary); advertising@galstoncommunity.com.au prior to the 18th of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Any Parents, Grandparents or friends please pass this on to someone who maybe interested.

"Down Pat"

Recently, my oldest son sent me a short video of his 11-month-old son walking and attached the comment "Getting Walking Down Pat".

What a delightful video it was (I love having Grandchildren),

but the words surprised me. "Down Pat" is such an old fashioned saying.

I looked it up on Google, which stated its meaning as "well memorized (to the point of being able to recite or perform whatever it is without hesitation)". The origin seems to be unknown.

Contributed by Christine Stockman

A Delightful Coincidence

Firstly I'll say, "I believe that God orchestrates surprise moments for us at times to encourage us to look up, think "WOW and thank Him"

Yesterday, I went into the chemist at Round Corner to inquire about a particular hand cream. Whilst waiting, a lady said to me "I like your handbag" to which I replied, "Thank you, I do too. I bought it at a market day at Mountainview Retirement Village. It's colourful, isn't it?" She paused..... then said, "I made it." WOW, what a special moment in time that was to meet and share with her. Absolutely delightful!

Contributed by Christine Stockman



Fast Deliveries

A few months ago my toaster needed replacing so at 8pm I went online and requested delivery of my chosen item. At 10am the next morning a huge truck delivered our humble toaster. Impressive. But I think the story told to me by Dean tops mine. When pulling the sheets from his washing machine they

ripped so needing a new pair he went online at 10am, searched bed linen delivery today and true to the website's promise, they arrived at 2pm the same afternoon.

Recent Storms

In the recent electrical storms our house was hit by lightening which was very alarming. The phone connection was blown from the wall and the modem and my husband's computer were casualties of the strike. We have been hit in the past which resulted in many appliances being fried but this time I thought, considering the direct hit we had come through fairly

unscathed. That was until I had prepared the food for a feast for friends to be baked in the oven.....ahhhhhh, panic. Call the electrician, I need my oven now. I would like to thank Phil for making a mercy dash on a Saturday morning to help this damsel, unfortunately the oven was also fried (not baked) and I had to get creative with my cooking implements. Thanks Phil for your time as I know you had planned a work free weekend.

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BUDDING ARTISTS

The following are contributions from the talented students at Northholm Grammar

More Northholm Budding Authors!

Year Seven Northholm students were given the task to select a picture and then create a story to evoke an emotional response in the reader. We think they did an excellent job and hope you enjoy reading three of the best excerpts from their assignments.

Description by Kieran Coleman, Y7 (an extract)

But the boat did reach shore. The field, lush and mesmerising is where it sits. A perfect tomb for a legendary water-craft. My feet squish under the lush green grass, scattered with bright maize coloured towers, peaking their heads to view the world. The grass darkens as it reaches the muddy coloured sand. The bank is not as appealing as the greenery, but its thick oozy quagmire reveals hidden treasures. The large jagged shells that survived the journey to the bank and the "incy wincy" translucent crabs with telescopic eyes scratching endlessly at the sand for morsels of food makes me admire the boat's courage is such a hostile, environment, which seems to thrive on sending the weak to a watery grave.

Meanwhile, dark clouds roll in and the threatening odour of foreboding rain stings my nostrils. My fear rises with the humidity. The boat's beaten body takes in each drop of rain while screaming in agony. Its frail hull groaning against the harshness of the tide. As the rain keeps falling, the grass turns olive-green and the flowers droop in sadness as tears roll off their petals. The crabs scuttle furiously in the rain, trying to lodge themselves under the shells in a vain attempt to find protection from the deadly enormous rain drops. While the unmoveable shells try their best to escape, screeching like owls, as the barrage of rain drowns them. I flee for cover in the boat's hull.



THE DESERT by Sam Shepherd, Y7 (an extract)

I clamber up the side of a colossal dune, barely able to stand on my two feet as the sand dissolves beneath them like fiery, sluggish, agonising molten lava. At the top I can see that I am surrounded by a brutal and barren ocean of sand, and I am beneath a sky of bright blue sapphire. The sand dunes rise and fall like waves in a terrifying ocean. The scorching flames of the sun lick against my skin and my face reddens as though burnt by the heat of hell. My skin feels like it has been scraped by sandpaper and gritty grains grind between my teeth and toes. There is no wind, no rain, just stale, raw air.

With a Bedouin scarf wrapped around my head, I sit on top of mountainous Hercules, lurching to the left and then to the right with the repetitive, slow, metronome rhythm of each of his steps. The pads of his feet crunch through the crust of bone-dry sand. The decaying smell of my rations mix with my sweat and foul body odour. My mouth is parched, and my lips and tongue are dry, but the water from my bottle does not quench my thirst, evaporating in my mouth instantly. All I can taste is grit, dust and sour air.



Description from Cara Nichols, Y7 (an extract)

I stand still stunned, as the flickering flashing of dazzling lights blind me. Click! snick! The hungry snap of the camera lenses drowning out the sharp catty whispers of judgemental people pushed in all around me. The whispers build, hissing and crawling, piling up, waiting to strike and poison and injure.

The comments sting, the words biting antlike. I feel attacked as I stand there as they judge me. The constant conversation of others repeat in my head. An endless loop of cruel cutting negativity. They stand too close, pushy and uncaring, invading my space without my permission. They jostle, stare, gawk and laugh tauntingly. Smirking and murmuring to each other. The walls close in on me suffocating me as people continue talking.



THE GRAVEYARD by Luca Dalla Fontana, Y7 (an extract)

It was midnight and the end of winter. The stillness of the darkness was deafening. The silvery sphere suspended in the sky was the full, gloomy moon that shone down on the graveyard and made shadows on the ground. It helped me to find my way around the cemetery. It was my only source of light.

In the distance, the eerie silhouette of the lifeless, tangled and twisted tree caught my attention as it creaked with every passing minute, every passing second. The solitary, wooden trunk was stripped of leaves. It was as dead as the corpses below the surface. Not a leaf, a drop of sap or a sign of life was to be found. Just as I approached, the shrill, ear-splitting sound of the loud squawking of the crow, like the dead screaming for help, rang in my ears. Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh, echoed around the cemetery from the furious flapping of the wings of the monstrous, deadly, black feathered creature as it swooped down and landed on the fragile branch above me. Its sharp talons clutched onto the fragile branch like an eagle gripping its prey. Crack. The branch snapped above my head. I ducked for cover for protection from the frightening and evil beastly bird.





DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE



What would you pack in your suitcase? That is what our April guest speaker, Judith Dunn OAM, had to decide when her family prepared to migrate to Australia. Her father had made each member of the family a wooden suitcase and into it must go the only items she was allowed to take.

From such a simple question Judith developed an enthralling story of a family's journey to achieve a better life in a new country. From migrant hostel in western Sydney, to proud owners of their own home, to higher education and a commitment to better the community in which they lived. Her tale, she insists, is not uncommon as every migrant has a story.

Judith's presentation also illustrated what a multicultural society Australia has become. Maybe

we live in a bubble but members were amazed at the diversity of cultures so close by.

On the 4th May the Society will mount an exhibit in the Arcadia Public School as part of the Arcadia Market and History Week activities. It is a chance to see what is available

for research at History Cottage.

The guest speaker for the 2.00pm 11th May meeting will be Professor Don Napper; his subject will be the architect William Wilkinson Wardell. Join us for an interesting talk and afternoon tea.

On Saturday 1st June between

10.00am and 4.00pm, there will be an information day on Calabash Road. Past and present residents, and those keen to learn more about our local history, are invited to gather for a chat, exchange stories and research the Society's maps and documents.

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Latest News



from the Mayor's Desk

On the weekend I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of Orara Park and the playground that significantly enhances Waitara Park. It was a great event and it was a delight to see so many local residents there to mark the occasion. It is an example of urban design at its best. Much of the work was funded by developer contributions, helping us get the balance right between the need for housing and the need for public amenity. Many of the people I spoke to came from the neighbouring apartment blocks and were thrilled to now have such a great backyard for their children to play in.

One of the best features of the new playground is its inclusive design, catering for a broad range of ages and abilities. The fact the playground is both shaded and fenced was greatly appreciated by the parents I spoke to, while everybody was pleased by the adjacent café. Environmental factors were also a prime consideration in the work carried out and we will be happy to count the 150 new trees towards the 25,000 we have committed to planting during this term of Council. By far the standout, though, were the murals painted by the Studio Artes members, many of whom were there. I was pleased to be able to pass on the community's gratitude for their excellent work.

Philip Ruddock
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GALSTON EQUESTRIAN CLUB: DRESSAGE AND MORE

On Sunday 24 March Galston Equestrian Club held a **Members Only Dressage Competition** and breast cancer fund raiser. Members enjoyed a relaxed day riding the new EA tests for the first time, as well as raising just under \$390 for breast cancer research. Pink cup cakes (baked by a super talented member) were a highlight of the day and helped raise money for our chosen charity, the National Breast Cancer Foundation, who support and promote research into the prevention and cure of breast cancer.

We held an informative talk on 4 April when Suzi Deryk of Crackerjack Horsemanship shared her wealth of knowledge in her presentation, **Expectations of your New Horse**. All who attended found the talk very helpful.

Popular local coach Keira Byrnes ran a **Show Jumping Clinic** on Saturday 13 April. Keira teaches at all levels from beginners to those aiming to compete on the professional circuit. Her lessons focused on building confidence in both horse and rider and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the clinic.

On Sunday 14 April we held a **Horse Agility & Equitation Day** with Suzanne Bellette. Suzanne gave a demonstration of basic skills on the ground prior to participants introducing their horses to a series of obstacles both on the ground and under saddle. These days are always well attended and are great for building communication with your horse.

Also on 14 April, members participated in the **Legerete School Training Clinic** with another popular local instructor, Paul Cairns. Legerete is classical dressage and



is designed to benefit the natural biomechanics of the horse. These clinics always fill fast and other Legerete clinics with Paul will be held throughout the year.

GEC is a friendly and welcoming club which caters for riders of all abilities and there really is something for every rider in our calendar. We have many exciting clinics, training days and competitions coming up.

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Hills Branch – Ray Galbraith

The 2019 Royal Easter Show proved to be a great success for Hills Branch member, Mr Andre Ozoux, who was awarded Grand Champion Budgerigar, with a Cinnamonwing Sky Blue – Hen. Furthermore, Mr Andre Ozoux was awarded the Reserve Grand Champion, with a Cinnamonwing Grey Green - Cock bird; truly an outstanding effort.

Competition was fierce from the many exhibitors to gain these major awards, with exhibitors travelling from the Hunter and Illawarra Regions to compete against metropolitan exhibitors. The Royal Easter Show is unique in respect of the completion rules, in that all exhibitors compete on the same level with no grading system for exhibitors.

This years show required eight stewards to manage the number of birds competing and later on display, in conjunction with computer assistance to manage the administration of the competition. Crowds attending the Budgerigar

display kept the stewards busy throughout the duration of the show and many a child went away with a stamped Budgerigar as a reminder of their experience of seeing the many varieties of Budgerigars at the show.

Whilst it is common place for members of the general public to relate their personal experience to the stewards, of having had a pet budgerigar; this year a greater number of former breeders/exhibitors identified themselves and sought information in respect of getting back into the hobby. Another aspect of discussion with the stewards, is the welfare of general public family pet birds. Should the enquiry become too technical, then advice can be sought from the resident Avian Veterinarian, who is on duty throughout the duration of the show to care for the birds, if required.

With the relocation of the avian competition/ displays from the former building to the new Domestic Pet Pavilion the displays now afford the general public greater period of time to visit the exhibitions, with the an 8am commencement and an 8pm closure. These changes have allowed more opportunity for the general public to view the birds being judged and this year a talk each day by the appointed judge Mrs Kathy Manton, from within the internal arena within the Pavilion.

Right: Grand Champion budgie was a Cinnamonwing Skyblue Hen exhibited by Andre Ozoux.

Reserve Grand Champion was a Cinnamonwing Light Green Cock bird also exhibited by Andre. Pic below is of Andre Ozoux with his bird.



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NEW WHEELS FOR ROWLAND VILLAGE

Residents at Rowland Village will be able to get around in a new set of wheels thanks to Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP.

Mr Kean delivered a cheque for \$14,000 to the residents of Rowland Village who will use the money to purchase a 6 seater people cart.

"These types of vehicles are necessary to help the residents at Rowland Village get around more easily," Mr Kean said.



"I am pleased to be able to assist them with the purchase of the people mover cart and hopefully it helps them get out and about more often," he said.

Rowland Village is one of a number of community organisations who have benefitted from the funds from Mr Kean through the

Community Building Partnership Program.

"This is just one way that I can assist our community to be able to have the best possible facilities available to them," Mr Kean said.

If you are interested in applying for the 2019 Community Building Partnership Grant Applications contact Matt Kean's office on 9476 3411.



Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leaser, announced that congestion busting work is happening in the Berowra electorate with \$10 million being invested to thoroughly plan

2019-20 BUDGET DELIVERS \$10 MILLION FOR NEW LINE ROAD

improvements to New Line Road.

"Bottle-necks on New Line Road cause major headaches for residents, commuters and families trying to get children to and from school each day. It is a road that is too narrow in some places and not safe for children to cross. All of this needs to be looked at, and improvements are urgently needed," said Mr Leaser.

"New Line Road is a State Government responsibility. However the Morrison Government is investing \$10 million to get the road thoroughly

planned and shovel-ready for the State Government to invest in fixing it."

"Throughout this term I have been fighting hard to see this road prioritised for improvement. I want to see people in my electorate able to move around more easily and safely, so they can spend time with their families rather than being stuck in traffic," said Mr Leaser.

For more information on investments in NSW, including through the 2019-20 Budget, visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au>.

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Go to Girl response;

Exercise variety in general can maximise your health and reduce your risk of injury. On the flip side focusing on one modality at a time can enhance your sport specific performance. HITT Training has become a trend this year. With the promise of faster weight loss and toning at shorter intervals. Here are some of the general pros and con's of each type of exercise.

High Intensity exercise

Pros

- Time efficient
- Increases metabolism
- Burn calories
- Increase fitness and muscle endurance

Cons

- Commonly used routines.
- Keeps things fresh and interesting
- Has a high chance of injury if you are a beginner or you push to fatigue.
- Gastrointestinal upsets after such high intensity exercise.

Pilates

Pros

- Traditionally focuses on your core, which in turn helps increase awareness of your posture, and decrease back pain, in turn helping you with every day activities.
- Some people have noticed that although they have not lost weight, they are a dress size smaller. This is due to the muscles changing shape and tightening up.
- Excellent form of exercise if you have an injury or are rehabbing.

Cons

- Some pilates disciplines can focus on the same exercise series so you may start to plateau, if you do not change the exercises.
- Some people feel they do not get great weight loss gains from pilates.

So there you have it. Both can be cost effective in a group setting. It's up to the individual to choose an exercise that they like and suits their personal need and goals.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GALSTON AND DISTRICT NEWS

By Irene Rogers

In 1971 the newly-formed Galston Chamber of Commerce decided to publish a monthly paper. The Chamber asked me to take on the job. It was not easy as I had no experience in this field, but I received lots of help and advice from the late Ron Stettler who at that time published the Parramatta and Hills News at his printing works at Conie Avenue, Baulkham Hills.

Ron took on the printing of the paper and right up until this day, Ron Stettler Printing (now run by Ron's children) still prints the paper.

I had the task of creating an interest in the paper, canvassing for adverts and attending meetings to write copy. None of this was easy as there were few shops and businesses in the area at that time, but I did have the advantage of prior knowledge of council activities. Each month I had to think of a subject to write an editorial.

A Paper Committee was formed and we met each month to discuss the paper before going to press. Committee members were Irene Rogers, Barry Allen, Jack Diacopoulos and Bill Hayes and any other Chamber of Commerce member who cared to attend. In 1973 Edith Robertson became a valued regular attendant at these meetings.

In 1971 the only shops in Galston were the ones fronting Galston Road. The other shops were opened in April, 1973.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE FIRST EDITION

Large assortment of Fireworks at Galston Newsagency - Flagon of Red Claret \$1.69, French Brandy \$3.05 at Galston Cellars - Five acres of fully arable land in Glenorie \$12,250 - Lamb Grillers 99c for 3 pound, \$1.25 for a 3 pound Chicken at Allen's Butchery Advertising rates in Galston News \$1 a column inch.

REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS

1. Gardening Notes by the late Valerie Swane.
2. The late Dick Fishburn, with a wealth of knowledge, wrote a monthly column on the history of the area using the nom de plume "Patsy Boliver".
3. The Fishing News was written by Harry Dunn under the name of "Pedro".

ADVERTISERS IN THE FIRST EDITION

Galston Motors (Ian Lawton) Allen's Butchery Galston and Round Corner - Galston Pharmacy (Warren Griffiths) - Howard Gare (Fuel) - Galston Newsagency (M. & M. C11s - worth) - Galston Hardware (Trevor Turner) - Summertime Chicken Pty. Ltd. (Ray Summers) - G. W. Edwards (Fuel) - B. & G. Panelbeaters (Bill Bovis) - Hills District

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COUNCIL NEWS

\$5,000 allocated for a bridge to be constructed over Colah Creek in Mid Dural Road to alleviate the inconvenience of having to travel via Sallaway Road to reach Middle Dural. (At today's prices \$5,000 would probably only cover the cost of a site hut and port-a-loo).

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Councillor Rogers arranged allocation of \$1,000 to renovate the Cenotaph in Galston.

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\$30,000 to be spent on improvements to Galston Park.

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\$176,000 allocated to the South Dural Pumping Station to improve the water supply to the Dural elevated reservoir for the outlying areas of Galston and Arcadia.

(It is doubtful if anyone living in the abovementioned areas noticed any improvement).

HIGH SCHOOL

Councillor Rogers had been agitating for a high school in the area since 1968. At a council meeting, he pointed out the worst scenario of the youth of the area being lost with an accident in Galston Gorge.

(Local children in the main travelled by bus to Asquith Boys' and Girls' High Schools).

In 1971 an opportunity arose to speak to the Education Minister, Roden Cutler, face-to-face. His comment: "Find a suitable site and I'll give the matter serious consideration."

With the support of Hornsby Council, the site was found. The Galston site was approved, acquired by the Department and promptly gazetted. All that was needed was the allocation of funds and the start of stage one.

Unfortunately, a delay was experienced because Dural residents proceeded to lobby the Department for a high school in Dural. The reason? Because it would be a more central position (near the cemetery in Derriwong Lane).

The Minister for Education, Roden Cutler, stated in September, 1971: "Delays and increased costs and having regard to serious site difficulties at Dural and the fact that the Department had already acquired a suitable site at Galston. Therefore, approval has been given for the construction of a new high school at Galston which would allow tenders to be called in 1972, with stage one being ready by 1973.

"During the period from 1972 to the completion of stage one, students would be 'housed' at Baulkham Hills High School, with buses available to transport the children to Baulkham Hills."

A Parents and Citizens' Association had already been formed and the Galston High School uniform chose, which the children would wear to Baulkham Hills High School.

P. & C. members were: President, Ken Seale, of Dural; Vice-Presidents, Trevor Carter and Lyn Lawrence; Secretary, Alan Cadman; Treasurer, Phil Fullagar; Patrons, Bernie Deane, M.L.A., Hawkesbury and Councillor Charles Rogers.

WADDELL COTTAGE

Ken Seale called an emergency meeting when the clearing of the high school site began. To protect Jim Waddell's old cottage, he negotiated with the Education Department to stop the excavators demolishing the building.

An agreement was made that the P. & C. Association would restore the building and the Education Department take over the responsibility of ownership and maintenance.

A fund-raising committee was formed:

Betty Archdale - Galston; Irene Rogers - Galston; Neville Brown - Dural.

\$3,000 was raised and with the help of voluntary workers, plus valuable help from Jack Blinkhorn, of Dural and a talented stonemason (whose name, sadly, escapes me) from Wise-mans Ferry, the work was completed. It was decided not to interfere with the gardens around the cottage as Alan Cadman said some of the old fruit trees were of a variety no longer grown.

Councillor Rogers arranged the removal of the old horse drinking trough from the nature strip outside St. Jude's Church in Galston Road and placed in the grounds of Waddell Cottage.

On completion of the restoration a dinner was arranged in honour of all the people involved. It was held in the cottage, with school pupils dressed in period costume waiting on the guests. The cottage had been furnished with suitable period items and memorabilia donated by local residents.

The menu was typical of the period,



Photo by Paul Briton, Arcadia

including "Cockie's Joy" (Damper and Syrup). It was a nice touch, all arranged by history teacher, Tom Richmond, who had taken a very keen interest in the local history.

GALSTON AIRPORT

Who can forget August 29, 1973, when the Labor Party announced in Canberra that the new airport would be located at Galston?

Everyone went into shock at the stupidity of such a proposal. Not only would our pristine area be destroyed, but logistically be unsuitable.

The Galston News sprang into action, doubling the copies of the paper and saturating the area.

On September 5 a protest meeting was held in Galston Park. The turnout of protesters was amazing. Police had to be called in to control the traffic. They estimated that the turnout was between eight and ten thousand people. The protest made headlines on National TV and newspapers. No longer could people say: "Galston ... where's that?"

Another project that was abandoned through the use of people power was an application to build a mausoleum on a site on Old Northern Road, Glenorie.

Over the years a small group of people have given freely of their time to make the paper a success.

In August, 1978, the Chamber of Commerce won the coveted W.H. Matthew Award (under 50 member-ship), which is an award given each year for the most active and progressive chamber in the State.

The fact that such a small area could publish a monthly paper so successfully impressed the judges.

The Galston Chamber of Commerce, through their publication, the Galston and District News, has made an important contribution by keeping locals in touch for 25 years.

Advertisers have been benefitted on a considerable scale, some making continuous use of this medium from the first publication in June, 1971.

Let us hope for another 25 years of service to the readers of the district.

Reprinted from June 1996



NORTHHOLM GRAMMAR HOSTS MASQUERADE DINNER IN SUPPORT OF DESTINY RESCUE

Northholm Grammar school Year 11 leadership students Ella Cotrona, Emma Mercieca and Ciaran Dyson have made it their mission to do their part in the fight against the sexual trafficking and exploitation of children. They have a line up of charity events over the coming months to raise funds which go directly to Destiny Rescue, their nominated Charity.

Destiny Rescue is an internationally-recognized non-profit organisation dedicated to rescuing children trapped in the sex trade. It's vision is to rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restore the abused, protect the vulnerable, empower the poor and be a voice for those who can't speak up for themselves.

Destiny rescue operates various programs in Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Dominican Republic and India. And has offices in three donor nations: United States, Australia and New Zealand.

On Saturday 30th March three very brave Northholm students (Ella Cotrona, Emma Mercieca – Year 11 and Sienna Arena-Milne- Year 8) completed the Freefall for Freedom Fundraiser jumping from an airplane at 15000 feet in a tandem skydive. They raised over \$4000 which will go directly towards restoration projects to assist rescued children in producing a sustainable income for themselves and their families.

The local community are eagerly getting behind this Northholm Charity initiative, offering support, sponsorship, donations and hosting fundraising events. Special thanks and recognition goes to Galston IGA for hosting and providing all supplies for 5 Community BBQ's (13/4, 4/5, 25/5, 15/6) and Bunnings Dural for also hosting a BBQ (14/4) and Mothers Day Cake Stall (11/5).

The BIG FINALE of fundraising is a Masquerade Dinner on 22nd June being held at The Galston Club. This will be a sellout event with entertainment, raffles and an element of surprise. There is a Lucky Door Prize for the BEST masquerade mask. Tickets are on sale now and include dinner; \$40 for adult and \$35 student (\$15 and \$10 respectively donated to DR). Organise a table of 10 and receive a prize balloon on the night. To purchase tickets go to: <http://www.ticketebo.com.au/northholm>

This wonderful event has received the support of Bendigo



Bank Galston who have made a \$500 donation towards a travel voucher and Goodies Bakery who has come on board again this year as a major sponsor to support the Northholm students.

Businesses or individuals wishing to

support this event by way of providing raffle prizes, donations or sponsorship can contact Angela Arena, NSW Business Development Manager for Destiny Rescue on 0419 109 120. All sponsors and donors will receive special mention and recognition at the event.

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The students and staff are looking forward to fully utilising the repurposed classroom, when school resumes for Term 2. The room will be utilised as a dedicated Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) space. The staff spent many hours, during the recent school holidays, refitting and organising the space, so that all students will be further challenged in their learning experiences.

Term one finished with our relay team representing Hillside at the NSW Swimming Carnival at Homebush. A wonderful achievement for our students Izak, Madison, Samuel and Thomas. All students have been training hard for the School Cross Country, which is being held early in the term. Hillside students combine with their peers from Annangrove and Middle Dural Public Schools for the Small Schools Cross Country. It enables our students to build strong friendships with the other students and the opportunity to participate in a more competitive environment.

Our year 6 students develop strong leadership skills with all the opportunities offered to them throughout the year. From leading assemblies and sport, organising charity days, assisting as library monitors and being the face of Hillside to outside organisations and visitors. It is always wonderful seeing how well Hillside students do when they move onto high school.



This term the school has received a Sporting Schools grant to enable outside specialists to work with all our students, teaching them the necessary skills in a number of sports. We also welcome the Year 9 students from Galston High School who will be working with our students developing skills in basketball, soccer and touch football. Our students always enjoy the experience working with the high school

students. Other highlights this term include the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra and the whole school excursion to the Sydney Aquarium. Our students are exposed to so many learning opportunities.

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THE ANZAC PROJECT AT GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL

With Anzac Day approaching and as part of Galston High School's commitment to commemorating the service and sacrifice of Australians who have served in conflict, five students - Mei-Lin Meyers, Maddy Morris, Bowen Copeland, Theo Marlow and India Dalton - have documented the life stories and service histories of two retired servicemen from Rowland Village. The retired service men, Senior Reverend Richard (Dick) Udy and Reverend William Rosier, Principal Chaplain, RAN (Rtd), were the subjects for the ANZAC Project. The ANZAC Project entailed students carrying out interviews, editing the interviews into a video and creating a digital biography.

On Tuesday 26th March, Galston High School invited Rev. Udy and Rev. Rosier and their families to a morning tea and



screening of the final video created by the students. The quality of the work of the students and the incredible stories that the retired servicemen shared created an emotional response from all that attended the screening. All viewers noted that the biographies took the viewer on a personal journey into the human face of conflict.



RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Making a positive difference for others is what exceptional school and community members do. The NSW Department of Education Executive Director, Excellence Awards recognise and acknowledge outstanding contributions in school communities and on April 11, Mr Peter Jones, was honoured at a ceremony celebrating his incredible community spirit.

Peter was Arcadia Public School P&C President from 2012 to 2019. His friendly, welcoming leadership, thoughtful contributions to school

life and willingness to go the extra mile in so many ways have made a lasting impact at Arcadia Public School. At the ceremony Peter said that he worked as a member of an active parent and community body all looking to achieve the best for every student at our wonderful school and that he had built on the strong foundation set by each past P&C president at APS. Congratulations Peter, we are incredibly proud of you.



National Park and Wildlife Service

Wild Dog/Fox 1080 Baiting Program

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be undertaking a 1080 ground baiting program for wild dog and fox control in NPWS reserves commencing in May 2019:

1080 Baiting will be conducted in Yengo National Park and Parr State Conservation Area between 30 April 2019 and 30 October 2019.

Domestic pets are not permitted in National Parks or Reserves. Neighbours and park users are reminded that 1080 are lethal to domestic pets. All areas will have 1080 baiting signs erected at access points to where baiting is being undertaken. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

We suggest that working dogs be restrained to ensure that they do not enter the baiting locations during poisoning operations. Alternatively, muzzle dogs if they are required to work near baiting locations during and after the 1080 baiting program.

For further information on Yengo and Dharug NPs please contact NPWS Ranger Sarah Brookes on (02) 6574 5520.

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NEWS FROM GALSTON EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Over the next few weeks we are reviewing our centre's philosophy statement. After deep discussion into how we are going to review the document, we have decided that we need to make sure that our children's voices are being heard first and foremost.

So over the past week we have started to ask our children the question: "What do you love the

most about Galston Early Learning Centre?"

We would like to call out to any community members who would like to contribute to this philosophy reviewing process. This can be done through providing any feedback on ways we could improve our centre to provide an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment for all children within our community.



"I love holding Peppa and Honey" (Our guinea-pigs)



"I like to play"



"I love going for walks in the garden"

BLACK SPOT PROGRAM FUNDS SET TO SAVE LIVES IN BEROWRA

Residents of the Berowra electorate have received a road safety boost with the Federal Liberal and Nationals' Government announcing it will invest \$200,000 in the Cliftonville Road under the 2019-20 Black Spot Program.

Member for Berowra Julian Leaser said Cliftonville Road, north of Wisemans Ferry Road at Maroota, will be made safer thanks to the Government's investment.

"I am pleased to see that improvements to Cliftonville Road in Maroota will be delivered under the 2019-20 funding round," Julian Leaser said.

"Projects such as Cliftonville Road wouldn't be delivered without the community's vital input. I'd encourage all residents and motorists in the region to nominate projects for future funding rounds," Julian Leaser said.

The Australian Government is providing \$744.5 million to the Black Spot Program between 2013-14 and 2021-22 to improve road safety across the nation.

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The presentation of this year's 'Spur' Award was held at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL club on March 14, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Galston and Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL.

The main artists at the Bob Howe organised Canterbury Country night were previous winners of the International Frank Iffield Spur Award. These were the wonderful Donna Boyd, 2003 winner, Nikki Gillis, 2009 winner, John Stephan, 2011 winner, a young man of International standing with talent to burn.

Frank has an exceptional eye for talent and his 21 plus winners have been excellent artists with many performing overseas and topping European charts. Frank has a passion for promoting talented performers.

The 2019 winner is no exception. A local, if you call Berowra local, with ever increasing talent, Steve Passfield. Steve has performed both locally and at Tamworth and is a Golden Guitar winner.

Canterbury Country is on 2nd Thursday of each month.



Richard Young, Nikki Gillis, Frank Iffield, Donna Boyd, Steve Passfield, John Stephan

WORLD MUSIC FOR GALSTON

A world of music will visit The Galston Concerts on Sunday 26 May starting 2pm in Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Rd, Galston.

Exotic-sounding 'firsts' for the series will include accordionist Amelia Granturco and an ensemble with Russian male voice from the Sydney Balalaika Orchestra – rousing finales to each half of a multi-cultural 'show'.

The soundscape will include the treasured concert grand piano and historic organ of the Galston Uniting Church plus familiar orchestral instruments.

Tonya Lemoh, based in Normanhurst, a world-travelling solo pianist and a favourite of the Galston audience, will stretch Classical traditions and explore foreign lands:

French great Debussy, of Clair de Lune and Golliwog's Cakewalk fame, will take us to Chinese and Indonesian sounds in Pagodes. Tan Dun, composer of the 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' film score, now New York based, will offer Watercolours, showing French impressionist influences. With clarinettist Deborah de Graaff, Tonya will also play Hungarian, klezmer and ragtime highlights from their recent Rags & Rhapsodies CD. Sydney sisters Susan and



Tonya Lemoh (piano) & Deborah de Graaff (clarinet)

Rosemary Blake's cello and organ solos and duos will include Bach dances and organ 'pops'. Argentinian, Cuban and Ukrainian selections add to the smorgasbord before the balalaikas literally stop the show with their customary Russian flair.

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COURAGE AMIDST CRITICISM

Pastor David McKibben, Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church

Over the last few months we have been looking at Mary's act of devotion to Jesus and the lessons we can learn from her example. It was a beautiful, thoughtful and generous deed, yet just

about everybody who witnessed it was critical of what she had done. The disciples, particularly Judas, expressed their disapproval, and all the other guests joined in the chorus of condemnation: "What a waste of money!" But Jesus defended Mary and what she had done: **"Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."** (Mark 14:8) This brings us to the third lesson we can learn from Mary's deed: she did what she could despite criticism.

It is easy to criticise, and some people are particularly skilful at doing it. We can be sure that no matter how noble our deeds and how genuine our motives, there will always be people who will find fault. It has been said that to escape criticism we must do nothing, say nothing and be nothing. But that is not how God wants us to live. He wants us to try things and live life to the full. As the wise man puts it in Ecclesiastes 9:10: **"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might"**. But doing what we can will almost certainly attract criticism.

The 18th century British literary figure Samuel Johnson was one of the greatest thinkers and writers of his times. However, he was continually dogged by a woman who always found fault with his work. After the publication of one of his greatest works, an English dictionary, she displayed her usual behaviour by criticising his work. On their first meeting after the publication of his dictionary, she said to him, "Dr. Johnson, I see that you included some rude words in your dictionary." To which he responded, "Yes, Madam, and I can see that you have been looking them up!"

Some people are like that. They are experts at complaining; they are skilled at finding fault. Such attitudes can stifle initiative and make people think twice about doing something. Some of the people who attacked Mary for what she did were like that, but the response of Jesus to their criticisms was that she had done what she could. Mary did what she could despite criticism.

Doing what we can is not easy. It requires commitment, wisdom, sensitivity to people and their circumstances, and sometimes quite a bit of courage. But doing what we can has the potential to make a tremendous impact on the lives of our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we live. Let us draw courage from Mary's simple yet inspiring example and do what we can.

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MEET THE MINISTER

- an interview with Rev. Geoff Smith

Geoфф has been the minister at Galston since late 2011. He has become a part of us as well as a part of the community. We managed to track him down to ask him some probing questions.

Geoff, can you tell us a bit about yourself.

I grew up in Merrylands in the 1970's and 80's. A pretty average upbringing really – I even attended the same primary school as my mum and grandma – though not at the same time! I had planned on being a primary teacher, but life intervened and I spent many years as a youth worker. Largely due to the itinerant nature of that work job – I've lived in lots of places.

I'm a nut for history and travel as well as for my Sydney Swans and Australian cricket. I'm still nerdy enough to collect stamps and I love music – in all forms, but especially live. I've loved playing, coaching and supporting football (soccer) nearly everywhere I've been. I've been married to Bronwyn for 8 years and love being Zac's dad.

I love the Blue Mountains; it's my favourite place on earth by far.



What do you like about being a minister at Galston? What are the challenges?

I love being a part of a community and being able to meet people, spending time with them and helping as much as I'm able. It's an honour to be a minister in Galston and to participate in all of the variety of the Church's life.

Given my history in youth and children's work, I particularly enjoy our kids programs as well as the brilliant work done by Dani and the team in our Early Learning Centre.

The biggest challenge is always trying to fit everything in!

How is the message of Christ relevant to people in our day?

Love is always relevant to us all and I've always believed that Christ's message is love. Sometimes we forget that, but I hope that I remind people of the simple refrain, that **"God is love"**.

THEN CAME SUNDAY

(a message by Rev Ed. Long)

Three remarkable illustrations of the initial attitudes towards Christ's resurrection are found in the Gospel of John 20: 1-10, these verses – all connected with our English verb 'to see'. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, John chose his words carefully. Even today men and women still cannot accept the resurrection or cannot understand how it happened. But those who put their faith and trust in Christ have no doubt, He is alive!

Mary seems to have been the first at the tomb, as she may have been the last at the cross. She came very early on the Sunday morning and in one glance took in the fact that the stone was rolled away. We are told she 'saw that the stone had been removed'. The Greek word used here means a 'casual glance'. In the same way we might say: 'I saw him but didn't see who he was with'. She took one look but did not stay to work out what had really happened.

John was the next one to reach the tomb (v.5). He looked in – with the same kind of casual glance Mary had given. Then Peter arrived, went into the tomb and stood there puzzled. He 'theorised'. The grave clothes were there but the body had gone. What had happened? It was almost as if the body had evaporated! He could not account for the empty tomb.

Now John went right into the tomb and 'he saw and believed'. The word used is the one from which we get our word 'horoscope' – to understand what you are seeing. John saw what the others had seen, but he saw the significance of it all. Was he the first person to believe in the resurrection? V.9 tells us that they still did not see it all clearly but they were on the road to believe in the risen Christ.

What a difference it must have made to the two men as they walked back to the city to tell their fellow disciples. We know what Christ's resurrection means to us today. He is present with us. He is interceding for us. He has sent the Holy Spirit to make real to us all that he, Christ, has made possible. Praise God to-day for Christ's resurrection.

**Come and find out more at Glenorie Mission Church
1409 Old Northern Rd. Glenorie on
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Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 pm.**

CHRISTIANITY VERSUS SPIRITUALITY

By Corri Byrne, Hillslife Church

Recently I was drawn into a conversation about religion versus spirituality. Really the question was Christianity versus spirituality.

Is Christianity an outdated thinking that is a misunderstanding? That true faith or belief is actually found in spirituality?

Apparently, there is a saying that religion is for those who don't want to go to hell. Spirituality is for those who've already been there.

The implication is for those that don't know, religion is a facade that offers an illusion. While those who have "experienced" hell have the true knowledge and insight and the path is through spirituality.

This catch all phrase that separates the sugar from the salt ... offering a true path to enlightenment through meditation, exercise, self help.

2 Timothy 4:3 captures the essence of this thinking: For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Rather than confront the truth and recognise our desperate need and yearning for a relationship with our Creator; we veil this inner desire with well crafted words, rituals and routines forming our own version of religion, to suit our own

lifestyles.

Each persons spirituality is aligned to their own desires, its foundations built on the latest fad or trend, guru or spiritual mentor.

Please don't misunderstand, Christianity suffers from the intrusion of this as well. Plenty of gurus or spiritual mentors offering the five keys to revival or prosperity! Alas, I think what has been lost is relationship. A deep, personal, intimate relationship with our Creator. Who is the same from the beginning, to the present and through to the future.

Christianity is not outdated! Some churches might be. Some practices. But the Word is infallible, and so is the life, death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Foundations are important - for when the storms come (and they will) how will they fare? Can they stand the torrent of financial hardship? Relationship issues? Health scares?

Will they answer the deeper questions of purpose? Morality? Destiny? Meaning?

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". (John 14:6)

I challenge you to explore this bold claim, don't let go until you have made a clear, educated, informed decision - for it has eternal consequences.

ETERNITY

"Many of us remember the word 'Eternity' when it was emblazoned in near perfect copperplate script on our Sydney Harbour Bridge at the close of the new millennium fireworks display - New Years Eve- heralding the year 2000.

This word - 'Eternity' - had been written on footpaths and walls all over Sydney more than 500 000 times in yellow waterproof crayon- by Arthur Stace.- over a 35 year period, from 1932 - 1967.

Arthur Stace was born in Balmain in 1885. He had a neglected childhood and a hopeless adolescence. By the age



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Glenorie Community Church

of 14 he was an alcoholic and was in and out of gaol from the age of 15.

In World War 1 Arthur signed up to the 19th battalion as a drummer and stretcher bearer, but was sent home when a gas shell blast left him half blind. His life spiralled down till he said, "Every sixpenny handout went for another bottle of metho."

Outside the police station one day, a group was walking along Broadway when one of them said to Arthur,

"Come on. There's a cuppa tea and something to eat at the church hall." Arthur said that he wanted the power to change his life. He was 'saved' on that day- in other words, he found out about God's love for him; he asked God for forgiveness for his sins in Jesus' Name and became a Christian.

A couple of months later he heard an evangelist, Rev. John Ridley say, "O that I could go out into the streets of Sydney and say to the people - Eternity, Eternity, Eternity." Arthur said that was a lightbulb moment for him and he began writing the word everywhere he could - but - the

amazing thing was that he could only write the word 'Eternity' in that beautiful copperplate script. He was illiterate and every other word he wrote was almost unreadable!!!

God was certainly working in his life through this single word and over the years, this same word has spoken to many hundreds of Sydney siders as well as to people all over the world.

A couple of quotes that I read recently made me think about the eternal future each one of us must face.

The first one : "We don't change God's message; His message changes us." That was the experience of Arthur Stace.

The second quote:

"Life is short;
Death is sure;
Sin is the cause;
Christ is the cure"

The bible says that "eternity is set in the heart of man."

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GARDENING

STILL CREEK LANDCARE PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS IN AUTUMN

By Jutta Hamilton

Planting native plants on your property is rewarding and can be a lot of fun, particularly when done with friends or family.

In this area, autumn is generally the best time, as it gives the plant time to establish itself before the next summer. As we had recent rains, now is a great time to get started!

For great success and good environmental outcomes, choose locally native plants grown from local seed. These plants are best adapted to your soils, climate and aspect and much appreciated by the local wildlife.

Choose plants for your soil type, rather than import soils to suit the chosen plants and keep in mind, that plants needing full sun, rarely survive in shade.

Prepare your planting site by removing weeds. The use of mulches and groundcovers will help to reduce weeds in future and will keep the soil moist, cool and friable.

Most native plants will grow well without extra fertilisers, and high phosphate fertilisers or fresh manures can be harmful to them.

A well prepared planting hole with rim of soil to collect water when hand watering, will make follow up watering easier and more successful.

Surrounding the newly planted tree or shrub with a frost bag, can protect the young plants from frost, dry hot winds, rabbits, unintended

wiper sniper, mower, and herbicide damage. In areas with wallabies, Kangaroos or deer, more substantial fencing is usually required.

As a tip, a light pruning of shrubs and groundcovers promotes compact growth and more flowers.

Still Creek Landcare has been running a free native plants programme for landowners who have cleared weeds, or want to plant a wildlife corridor, or join up bits of separated bush or simply add more habitat.

If you want to do something similar and live in Hornsby Council or near Old Northern Rd, contact Nick on 9653 2056. For more information about Landcare, find us at <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au> and on Facebook.

LOCAL AND INTERSTATE GROWERS AT BROMELIAD AUTUMN SHOW

If you're looking for that special plant, why not check out the exquisite and rare bromeliads available from local and interstate growers on sale during the Bromeliad Society of Australia's Autumn Show at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 11 May between 9-4pm and Sunday, 12 May between 10-3pm.

Check out some of the participating growers:-

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Chris Larsen - Tillandsia specialist

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Gary and Angela Flemming
- Spectacular tropical looking

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Sydney

Allan Beard, David Scott, Elizabeth Mudriczki and Shirley and John Hepenstall - just to name a few excellent growers selling a variety of bromeliads to suit all tastes. There will also be lots of Alcantares for sale.

"Bromeliads make wonderful gifts for Mother's Day and this is an opportunity to buy direct from some of the best growers at exceptionally good prices.

This show is not to be missed

if you're a bromeliad enthusiast or looking for plants that are colourful, drought tolerant and very low maintenance, not to mention their wonderful flower spikes," said Ian Hook, President, BSA.

There will be a huge bromeliad display, over 20 plant sale tables that are continually restocked, competitions, books, pots, information and free advice available by experienced growers.

There is plenty of parking on site and admission is free to the show. For further information call Ian Hook on mobile 0408 202 269



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Another lovely evening was had by members for our April meeting. We have had several new members join since the new year, which is very encouraging. Along with the visitors, who also came along, the Galston Community hall was again packed. There was a wonderful display of plants by our guest speaker Mark Massey of Mother Earth, as well as cuttings & plants bought in for our plant stall by members. Also adding to the display were the lovely plants we have each month for our raffle.

Have you wandered down to Mother Earth on Annangrove Rd Kenthurst lately? If you are an avid gardener, it's time for a visit. New owner Mark Massey has taken over the nursery & has been renovating

and filling the nursery with lots of beautiful, unusual and different plants. Mark's had a passion for gardening since he was a young boy and he is offering to gardeners a variety of plants not readily available in most nurseries. He will also be featuring plant collections, so that you can purchase plants of different colours you may not have seen before, with a variety of sizes, uniqueness and peculiarities. For example, he will soon have a collection of miniature Australian grown roses in a variety of colours and most importantly fantastically fragrant, disease resistant and resilient to heat. These roses are not available at any of the local nurseries. He took us through a heady photographic variety of

beautiful perennials, trees and shrubs that he has available. As gardeners we all like to have something a little bit different or special in our garden.

Club members gathered the next day for a ramble through two of our members gardens, Judy Horton and Pamela Wallace – what a treat. Although the day was a bit overcast with showers, over 50 members arrived armed with jackets and umbrellas, a lovely morning tea at Judy's place started us off. Judy's garden is a collector's garden filled with many different plant species and trees, thoughtfully labelled! There was much to explore in Judy and Rob's garden, there was even a bush walking track that her husband had created, that many people were quick to explore and they were rewarded with more plantings along the walk. Then onto Pamela's garden which was bursting with colour everywhere you looked. The garden has been thoughtfully laid out with many salvias, roses, coloured foliage plants, small cottage plants, hedges and native areas. At both gardens

many questions were asked of Judy and Pamela as members admired the beauty and work that went into both gardens.

Our Open Gardens Committee is on the lookout for new gardens for this year's Open Gardens Weekend. If you are a garden owner who would like to be a part of the Open Gardens weekend or you know someone that has a garden and might be interested in being part of our Open Gardens weekend, please contact Bill Fleming our Open Gardens Convenor on 9653 2394 or email: wfleming@primusonline.com.au if you would like to be a part of this wonderful event.

Please note a new start time of 7.30pm! The Galston Garden Club meets on the 2nd Weds of the month at the Galston Community Centre 37 Arcadia Rd., Galston 7.30pm, new members and visitors are warmly welcomed, as well there is a lovely supper provided. For more information, visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com.au



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ARCADIA RFS

The 1st of April saw the end of the Bush Fire Danger period, after a long fire season for many parts of Australia. Due to the dry conditions, the season started a month early for Sydney. We had crews deployed to a number of fires, including interstate deployment in Queensland. Now that we have entered into those cooler months, it is just as important to continue with the same vigilance our community so excellently displayed throughout summer. The NSW Rural Fire Service reported that firefighters responded to over 10,517 bush and grass fires. Remember, there are still rules and guidelines residents must follow whilst planning and conducting any pile burns. If we receive a triple zero (000) call, we will be visiting! You can find your pile burn guidelines on your council's website.

Arcadia and Galston were called to another incident of powerlines down due to fallen branches towards the end of March. A small portion of Bayfield Rd was closed for a short period of time whilst the energy authority promptly attended the incident. Whenever you come across any powerlines down, please treat them as live. This means to stay away from them,

and avoid driving through them or under low lying power lines.

In April we had the opportunity to speak to 145 year 5 students from Waverly College at Vision Valley. This is a presentation we thoroughly enjoy giving. The students had a number of engaging questions in regards to fire behaviour, our role within the community, and our operational readiness. Our area is unique in comparison to where they reside, so the fire risks they may potentially experience can be very different to what the risks are in Arcadia. Members also attended the Empire Marina exercise held at Bobbin Head. It was a multiple emergency agency training exercise that saw NSW RFS, FRNSW, Police, and Ambulance participate in a scenario where fire spread from buildings to boats. More than 100 personnel were involved in the mock fire exercise.

April also saw the end of day light savings and with that we tell everyone to check their smoke detector. Have you checked your smoke detector and changed the batteries? It is important to be prepared for a house fire as it is to be prepared for a bush fire! Make sure you and your family know safe ways out of every room. It is helpful to also have a written escape plan that is revised continuously as your family grows and changes. It is vital to keep clothing at least 1 metre from heaters and fireplaces, and never leave unattended. If you have a fire place, ensure the

chimney is clean.

Smoke will make you confused, and you cannot smell smoke whilst asleep! Crews responded to an electrical fire involving solar panels in mid April, it is vital for home owners to have these, and other battery systems maintained and checked. For more home fire safety information refer to the NSW RFS website and the Fire & Rescue website.

Hazard reduction preparations are still ongoing in the area. If you see us out and about, be sure to say g'day! If you've ever considered joining you can send us an email at enquiries@arcadiarfs.org.au you'll have a great time, and be a part of a community centred team!

Fire & Rescue fire safety smoke alarms - <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=80>

NSW Rural Fire Service Home Fire Safety - <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/home-fire-safety>

MIDDLE DURAL RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Following the Brigade Annual General Meeting, I'm pleased to tell you that our Captain (Len Best, 0408 220 705) and Senior Deputy (Ken Middleton, 0417 203 088) were re-elected unopposed. As you know, if you suspect an emergency, don't ring either of them, or our station, ring 000. For other information, The Hills District Fire Control is happy to take your call on 9654 1244.

Some of you may be uncertain about the boundaries of the Middle Dural Brigade area of responsibility, or are considering joining the RFS, and want the closest Brigade. We cover all of Cranstons Road, and roads leading off it, Edwards, Coppabella and Sunnyvale, Wyoming and Wildthorne, and adjacent parts of Old Northern Road. Having said that, we are happy to welcome other residents to pay us a visit and see if they might be a good fit, or would enjoy volunteering.

There are many reasons to join the NSW RFS. You may want to protect your families, your friends, your home and assets, your community, and your way of life. Volunteering also offers the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills that will not only assist you in your voluntary role but



in day to day life and even your workplace. It is also an opportunity to meet people you wouldn't normally meet.

For many of our members, it's also about being part of a wonderful tradition and an organisation with a very proud history.

Middle Dural Brigade has been busy with training this month. Our members have attended courses on Ethics, relating to the RFS Code

of Conduct; and First Aid re-accreditation, very capably run by Elizabeth Whiteman and Glenorie Brigade. The second level of firefighting competence is Village Firefighter, passed by one member last month. This prepares members for working on building fires and motor vehicle accidents. Lastly, one crew leader attended the Prescribed Burning Supervisor course. This is an advanced level qualification that teaches how to organise and run hazard reductions. One Saturday we were joined by two new potential members, as you can see pictured left.

GALSTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS By Kara Dubois

AN IMPORTANT LESSON FOR THE KIDS



Galston fires had a very enjoyable visit to Galston Long Daycare. We spoke to the kids about what to do in case of a fire, how to get help, and how to 'get down low and go, go, go'. We also had breathing apparatus operators don their full gear to demonstrate the sounds and sights of a firefighter inside a house fire.

The little trainee firefighters then got their chance to try out some practical skills. With helmets on they used the hose to knock down the 'fire', explored the big red fire truck and even got their own personal firefighter helmets to take home.

Thanks to the daycare for letting us share important fire information with the children.



DUMPED PILE, A RUBBISH OF A JOB



Galston RFB responded to a rubbish fire last month. The pile of rubbish had been illegally dumped along the roadside on Carr's Road. Whilst this fire was knocked down quickly with no injuries, illegally dumped waste can create a fire risk and endanger people's lives by blocking emergency access. This sort of dumping may also contaminate the environment, waterways and soil, and poison plants and animals.

Report all illegal dumping to either Hornsby Council's Waste Management Team (Waste

Hotline - 9847 4856), or the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA Hotline - 131 555).

ANZAC SERVICE

Galston RFB were honoured to be part of the ANZAC Sunday Commemoration Service at the Galston cenotaph in mid-April. Members of Galston RFB marched down Galston Road, starting at the Aquatic centre and finishing at the History Cottage. Many members proudly wore medals on their chest from their service and the service of their loved ones. It was humbling to see so many dedicated members of the community in attendance.

BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS:
Duty mobile: 0491 119 152
Email: info@galstonrfb.org.au



AUSSIE TRADIES WIN SMALL BUSINESS BOOST

The recent Federal Government Budget included great news for small business owners. Contractors and tradies can win a 100% tax depreciation on assets like high pressure cleaning equipment.

The scheme, due to finish on June 30th 2019, has now been extended and expanded! Business

owners with turnovers of up to \$50,000,000 can write off assets purchased this financial year to the individual item value of up to \$30,000. The best news is that they are not limited to the number of assets that can be purchased as individual items.

Local Hills company, Aussie Pump recommends business owners check with their tax agent fast. Buying before the 30th June 2019 means a massive depreciation benefit kicking in for this year. With the 30th June deadline only week's away, eligible buyers are urged to move now!

Aussie Pumps are continually evolving with the recent release of its stainless steel framed units across their range of cleaners. The company is putting in a crash build programme to get more

units built for delivery before 30th June to meet demand.

"Our phones are running hot already as people get ready for what looks like a major rush" said Patel.

Aussie is urging customers to buy before 30th June deadline to maximise the tax return. They can start benefiting from the new equipment and get a 30% to 49% government discount, depending on their tax rate. With reducing tax next year, rebates are tipped to be less!

More information including Aussie's Pumps complete range of products is available by contacting Aussie Pumps or visiting aussiepumps.com.au

GLENORIE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

By James Wicking



PILE BURNS

Being out of the Fire Season residents are permitted to carry out Pile Burns on their property without a Fire Safety Permit. If you are in Hornsby Council you will still need an approval to burn certificate which you can apply for online at the Hornsby Council Website. There are a number of rules around carrying out a Pile Burn and the rules differ between The Hills Shire Council and Hornsby Council. You can find the rules on the respective council website. If you are planning on carrying out a Pile Burn you

must give immediate neighbours and all other residents that could be affected by smoke or see the fire at least 24 hours' notice. You must also give your local fire control centre (Hornsby – 02 9883 2000, Hills – 02 9654 1244) at least 24 hours' notice. If you are in the Glenorie area and would like assistance with burning a pile you can contact us via the details below.

FIRE PLACE SAFETY

Now that the Fire Season is over and the cooler nights have settled in we remind everyone that has a Fire Place to get it checked and cleaned.

House Fires are often started due to a blocked or damaged chimney. Whilst checking the chimney, we encourage you to make sure all smoke alarms are working also.

FIRST AID TRAINING

During April Glenorie Members conducted their first aid training and recertification. This is conducted annually to ensure we are up to scratch with all the latest first aid techniques to help better serve our community. As part of the course members are put through a number of scenarios including a staged Motor Vehicle Accident with a number of

different challenges. Here are some photos from the course.

SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

During May we provided ongoing assistance at Glenorie Primary School with their regular Emergency Procedure Drills. Thanks to everyone that helped on the day.

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 call James on 0422 168 914.

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COME AND MEET OUR LOVELY NEW DOCTORS

Dr Lisa Lui has recently joined our team. Dr Lisa has a particular interest in women's and children health.

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SATURDAY 4TH - SUNDAY 5TH MAY - 9AM - 4:30PM

Volunteer Training - Mental Health First Aid For Youth

Learn how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental illness, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves. **Venue:** The Hills Shire Council, 3 Columbia Court, Norwest 2153. **Contact:** 02 9843 0555. **Visit:** www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Supercharge your Life with Lee Holmes

Holistic nutritionist, wholefoods chef and author of the bestselling Supercharged Food books, Lee will inspire you to rediscover the lost art of mealtimes. **Venue:** Castle Hill Library, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill 2154 **Visit:** www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

THURSDAY 16TH MAY - 7PM

Arcadia & Galston Resident's Association

Venue: The Galston Club

SATURDAY 18TH MAY - 2PM AND 4PM

Community Koala Day

Venue: Glenorie Memorial Hall, Old Northern Rd, Glenorie

SATURDAY 25TH MAY - 12PM FOR LUNCH AT 12.30 PM

Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society

Wal Walker will commence his talk at the Wesleyan Chapel, 6445 Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman after lunch. Cost:- Members \$15/ Non-Members \$20. **Contact:** enquiries@adlhrs.org.au or 0405 321 478 (leave a message) by Wednesday, 22nd May

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

Arcadia Market Day

Venue: Arcadia Public School - All Welcome.

SATURDAY 4TH MAY - 10AM - 12PM

Living Sustainably Walks & Workshops - Knightsbridge Circuit Walk

Enjoy a walk through this significant bushland corridor in Fred Caterson and Fullers Road Reserves. Discover an area rich in diverse local wildlife. **Venue:** Fred Caterson Reserve, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill 2154. **Contact:** 02 9843 0555 **Visit:** www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

TUESDAY 7TH MAY - 11-2PM

Volunteer Expo

Venue: Hornsby Mall

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 10TH, 11TH & 12TH MAY - 9AM

Hawkesbury Show

Venue: Hawkesbury Showground, 40 Racecourse Road, Clarendon.

MONDAY MAY 13TH 2019 - 1.30PM

Eastbend Rural Communications

The next Eastbend Rural Communications meeting will be held at the Resource Centre, Maroota Public School, 4540 Old Northern Road, Maroota.

FRIDAY 17TH MAY - 10AM - 12PM

Be Retirement Ready - Accommodation options in Retirement

Learn about accommodation options in retirement covering financial considerations regarding your choice to own or not and Centrelink assessment for each choice.

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SATURDAY 18TH MAY - 10AM - 4 PM

Woolpaca Farm

Woolpaca Farm in Glenorie open to visitors on Saturday 18th May.

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SATURDAY 25TH MAY - 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Living Sustainably Walks & Workshops - Bushland Photography

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SATURDAY 4TH MAY - 7 PM

Hills Relay For Life Trivia Night

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Venue: The Hills Grammar School **Contact:** Denise.Daynes@internationalproductions.com or call 0425 308 604

MONDAY 6TH MAY 6TH - 9:45 AM

Free walk

Free walk in the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens commencing at 9:45 am on May 6th at the Caley Centre. **Contact:** Helen on 94891735.

Visit: www.austplants.com.au/North-Shore

SUNDAY 12TH MAY - 9AM TO 2PM

Dural Growers Market

2nd Sunday of each month

Venue: Grounds of Dural Country Club

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY - 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Understanding your Teen - Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Use

Presenters from Headspace and Youth Off The Streets will help you learn about mental health challenges and ways to maintain a healthy headspace. Get advice in recognising and helping your teen through drug and alcohol issues. **Venue:** Castle Hill Library, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill 2154 **Visit:** www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

Hills Relay for Life

10am start, finishes 10am on Sunday 19th May

Venue: Castle Hill Showground Castle Hill

MONDAY 20TH MAY - 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Volunteer Training - Self-care

This training workshop has been designed specifically to help you avoid Burn-out and Compassion Fatigue. **Contact:** 02 9843 0555.

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SUNDAY 26TH MAY - 9AM TO 1PM

Glenorie Growers Market

4th Sunday of each month

Venue: Les Shore Oval Glenorie

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY - 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Managing School Pressures and Safe Social Networking

Presenters include a representative from NSW Police and a school counsellor who will talk about how to support your teen through high school and how to navigate the digital world safely to protect your child from cyber bullying.

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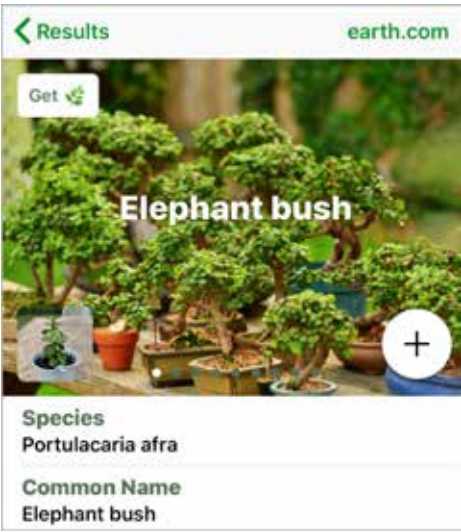
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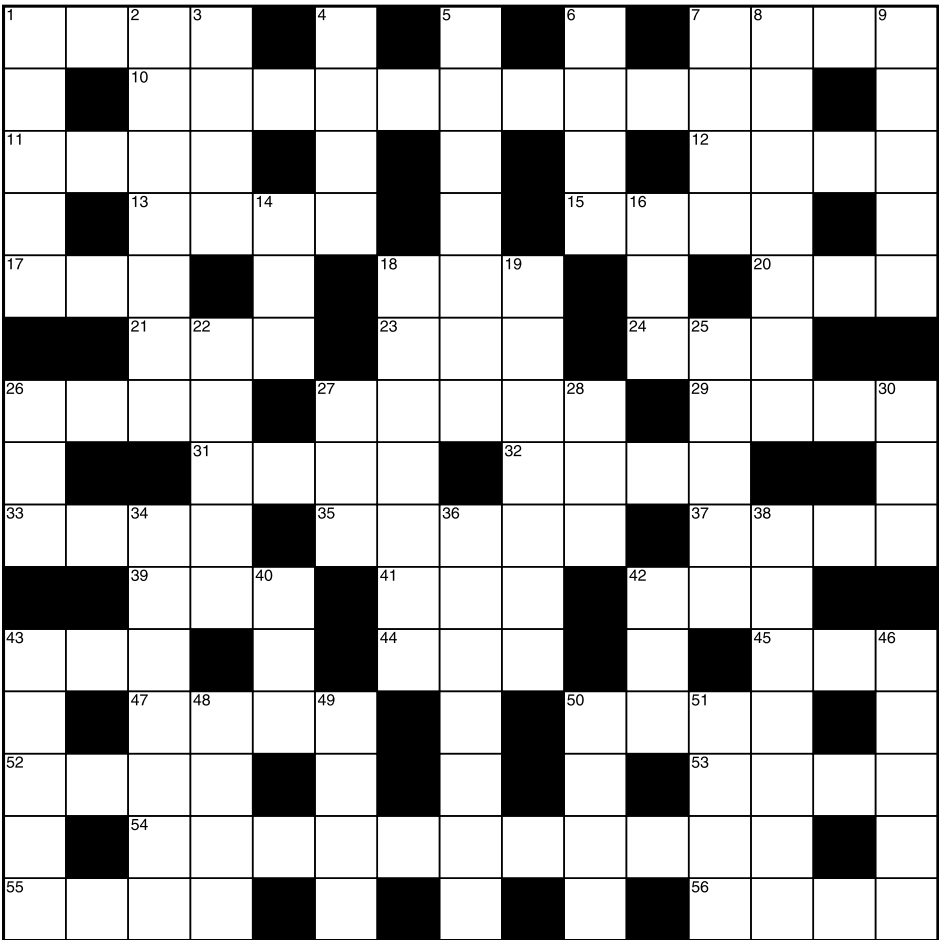
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7. Between
10. Ice-cream flavour (5-6)
11. Cry in grief
12. Lyrical verses
13. Mortuary table
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17. Mi, fah, ..., lah
18. Excessive, ... much
20. All-wheel drive (1,1,1)
21. Acorn tree
23. Rowing blade
24. Mayday signal (1,1,1)
26. Reed instrument
27. Sea rhythms
29. Arizona's neighbour

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1. NZ birds
2. Sneeze sound
3. Invalid
4. Pencil end
5. Discharge cargo (3-4)
6. Famed lover, Don ...
7. Upon
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22. Greek fable writer

31. Shut tight
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37. Showed up
39. I ... with my little eye
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56. Pre-Soviet emperor

25. Sixteenth of pound
26. Operations
27. Revenge, tit for ...
28. California's ... Francisco
30. Flowerbed weeder
34. Skinky bikini bottom (1-6)
36. Bike repair set (4,3)
38. Kabul natives
40. Affirmative reply
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Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group
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will be holding its monthly Luncheon meetings at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Visitors will be very welcome. Bookings Vivien 98941189.

Girl Guides
is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn and develop life skills, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, make their own challenges, express their creativity and much more. Junior Guides (age 6-9) meet Thursdays 4.30-6pm and Guides (age 10-14) meet Tuesdays 6-8pm at Galston Guide Hall, 414 Galston Road, Galston. Contact admin@galstongirlguides.com for hall hire or enquiries about Girl Guides.

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum
Meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Glenorie Community Hall. Let us know of your local environment and heritage concerns. Contact Carolyn Hall on carolyn@dhpc.com.au

Glenorie Memorial Hall
Available for Hire. Seats up to 120 people. Tables and chairs available. Small kitchen/serv. To hire, call Ray Whiteman Phone: 9652 2454 or Mobile 0400 008 083

Glenorie Progress Association
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm at Glenorie RSL Club. Contact secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au or 0418 432 587

Glenorie RSL Club
Glenorie RSL Sub-Branch meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month commencing at 7:00pm, at the Glenorie RSL Club. Enquiries to Graham Bruce, 0432 391 811

Hills Budgeting Club
Meet on the 4th Friday of each month, except December at the North Rocks Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Peter on 9888 5631.

Hills Community Aid No Interest Loans up to \$1,000
for whitegoods, furniture, computers, essential repairs etc. Contact Hills Community Aid 9639 8620, enq@hca.org.au or www.hca.org.au.

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt
2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm, Castle Hill Showground. www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

Living Life Without Children
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

Probosc 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. Welcomes 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 Berrilee. 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 10.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest- Men's Choir, Ladies Choir. For all enquiries, please call the church office on 9653 2059. 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 Road (Cnr Muscos Rd), Glenorie. Enquiries 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236.

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

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

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

Dural Rugby Club
Enquiries, please contact the registrar Eric Flanagan, email erf86029@bigpond.net.au or phone 0412 230 328 or visit our website http://dural.rugby.net.com.au

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

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

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

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

Galston Netball Club
All enquiries to secretary. galstonnetballclub@gmail.com or visit the website www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

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.

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
Mass at the Monastery, 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia at 7am every morning. Mass at the Parish Church, Cnr Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd 7pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Ph 9653 2312. Parish Priest Fr Bernard McGrath 0416 032 497

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

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 or 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 452 587.

Hills Hawks Soccer Club
For season details and registrations call Michael Rosier on 0418 676 768 or agmsinquiries@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 mitre@tpg.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

LOCAL PLAYGROUPS

GALSTON

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

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

GLENORIE

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

ARCADIA

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

Parking in Community Centre next door.

Our playgroup has a very relaxed format. There is usually a craft activity, however, some kids choose not to participate in craft as they are having too much fun in the enormous

sandpit. Our toys and resources cater for all ages. We have playmats and toys for babies, musical/percussion instruments, water play and more. We request a gold coin donation when attending. All of our regular attendees become members of Playgroup NSW.

Arcadia

Every Monday from 10am to 12noon during school terms. St Benedict's Parish, Cnr Fagans and Arcadia Roads, Arcadia. All children and their carers welcome!

DURAL/GALSTON

St Jude's Kids Crew. A playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their carers.

We meet Fridays 10am to 11:30am during term time for a great morning of play, crafts, fun activities, story time and singing. Free but please bring a piece of fruit to share.

Located at St Jude's Anglican Church, 965 Old Northern Rd Dural (plenty of on site parking).

KENTHURST

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

IMPORTANT LOCAL INFORMATION

HELP and INFORMATION SERVICES

General Emergencies	000
Energy Australia Emgy	13 13 88
Hornsby Hospital	9477 9123
Hills Shire Council	9843 0555
Hornsby Shire Council	9847 6666
Integral Energy	13 10 03
Lifeline (24 hours)	13 11 14
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
Police - Hornsby	9476 9799
Police - Castle Hill	9680 5399
Sydney Water	13 20 90
Telstra Faults	13 22 03

LOCAL RURAL FIRE SERVICES

(Station phones are unmanned and will operate answer phone services only. Call 000 for Emergencies)

Hills Rural Fire Service District Office	9654 1244
Hornsby Rural Fire Service District Office	9883 2000
Arcadia Rural Fire Service Fire Captain DAVID BYRNE	9655 1656
Galston Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ROB SYMONS	0409 470 205
Glenorie Rural Fire Service Fire Captain SHAUN O'BRIEN	9652 2017
Hillside Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ANDREW BAILDON	9652 2245
Middle Dural Rural Fire Service Fire Captain LEN BEST	0408 220 705

LOCAL JP's Bendigo Bank Galston - 9653 2227,

Geoff Lynch Galston Newsagency,
Cathy Vipond Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
Mary Ord - 0400 363 563, Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826
(South Maroota area),
Ray Whiteman, Glenorie - 9652 2454 / 0400 008 083
Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive,
every Saturday morning 10:00 AM to noon.
There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays
between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM.

CALLING ALL

Playgroups



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

Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to:
editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au



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AN ARCHITECTS WORTH

Whether you are looking to renovate or build a new home, finding the right architect for your project will not only save you time and money, but will also give you a result that will deliver tenfold in years to come.

The Australian Institute of Architects has a directory at www.findanarchitect.com.au that will give you a list of residential architects who will work in your area and at your budget. But how do you pick the right one for you?

Ask friends or contractors which architects they know and would recommend. Learn about the ethos of their practice and look at their previous projects.

Are they aligned with the type of style that you are after? Narrow down a few potentials and set up meetings with them to discuss what you need. Be as clear as you can about what you want and what you can pay.

Ask the architect how they might approach your project and what kind of timeline they need for design, getting permits and construction. Be clear about how much involvement you



want from them. Do you want them to manage the contractors or just supply the plans?

Once you have briefed the architect on what you are after, take a step back and allow them to come back to you with ideas and potential plans. They may surprise you with ideas and solutions that you have not thought of. Developing a trusting relationship with the architect is an important part of the process.

Finally, discussing costs upfront is crucial. If you have no flexibility on costs, see if you can negotiate a fixed fee. Otherwise, you might prefer to pay a percentage of the build cost, or an hourly rate. It's important that you like the architect's work and even more important that you like the architect.

You should feel comfortable with the process – after all, they are helping you to create your ideal home. If you would like more information regarding how to best utilise an architect or is it going to bring about a greater return on your property, please don't hesitate to be in contact with Carolyn on 0407 120 483 today!

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- \$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.

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