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CANOELANDS ORCHARD - ON WAIT AND WATCH...

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Primary producer, apiarist and all round lovable larrikin, John "Pa" Christie is yet another of our rural farmers who has been devastated by the destruction of his seven hives at Canoelands Orchard by the Department of Primary Industries due to the current varroa mite incursion.

While there was no evidence of the varroa mite in his bee colony, as his orchard was deemed to be in the "Red Zone" it was an *au fait accompli* that his hives must be destroyed. The impact of the loss of hundreds of thousands of pollinating bees is yet to be felt, and will only be able to be measured in November when fruit trees begin to crop.

The Christie family has been farming the site in Canoelands Road since the 1920's with John's father being the first person to introduce the Palmette System (or 'Fan') style of growing fruit trees in Australia, which is similar to espaliering, allowing for a better crop yield and providing optimum light to the trees.

Canoelands Orchard has withstood many disasters in its 100 years of operation - including fire and floods - but the annihilation of the bees could be one of the worst things to happen, as there has been no precedent set and the outcome of future fruit production is unknown.



John "Pa" Christie stands in front of his precious honey



Three Generations of Farmers:
John, Byron & Nathan Christie



How will honey producers
continue with no bees?

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VARROA'S MITEY INVASION

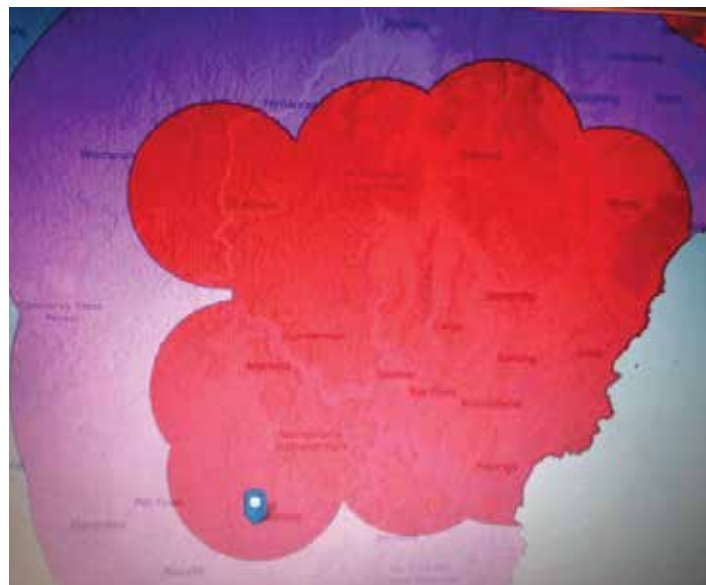
BY KARLENE BRUMMER

The varroa mite is a small sesame seed sized parasite that feeds on honeybees leading to malformation and weakening and eventually killing the entire colony within the hive. Until last year, Australia was free from this mite, but within the past 12 months things have changed rapidly – and for the worse.

BEE KEEPER JOHN DAVIES, OF GLENORIE SUCCINCTLY EXPLAINS THE SITUATION.

The infestation of varroa mite, an enormous threat to the honey bee industry, has been a major challenge for the NSW Department of Primary Industries, since it was detected in Newcastle on the 24th of June last year. The immediate response of the Department was to issue, two days later, a Statewide Emergency Order banning the movement of hives within a 50km radius of an infestation site. The initial discovery was in a sentinel hive at the Port of Newcastle, and an Eradication Zone (Red), 10km around that site, in which all bees would be euthanised was declared, with a further Surveillance Zone (Purple) of 25km, where all hives would be monitored and inspected. However, it was soon discovered that the infestation had already spread, through the movement of hives and queen bees, and there was a steady expansion of the zones on the map, in the Hunter Valley, north of Newcastle, and on the Central Coast. By the 16th August, there were 97 known infected premises.

The rapid spread slowed down, but the map continued to expand. On the 21st March this year I was notified that my property in Glenorie was now in the Purple Zone, and my two hives were eventually inspected, and found to be clear. However, last week, on the 6th, I was notified that there has been an infestation found in Glenorie, and I am now in the Red Zone. My hives will be destroyed and my bees euthanised. This zone now reaches south to Middle Dural, just north of Edwards Rd and west to Cattai, but most of Galston is in the Purple Zone.



Zones on Map were correct at time of publication but may have changed. Please see DPI website for updated information

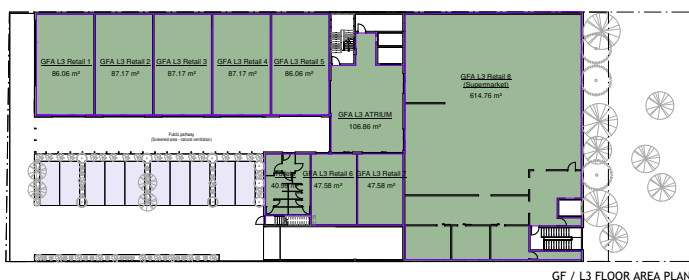
The Eradication Program not only covers all managed hives of honey bees in the Red Zone, but also any feral hives as well, (but native bees are not affected.) This not only affects beekeepers, but will have a massive effect on all the trees and plants that are pollinated by the honey bee, that will be totally missing for up to three years. The government has offered recompense for the hives destroyed, but I am not aware of any help to the primary producers. – John Davies, Glenorie

More information can be found on the DPI website, <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/biosecurity/current-situation/varroa-mite-emergency-response>

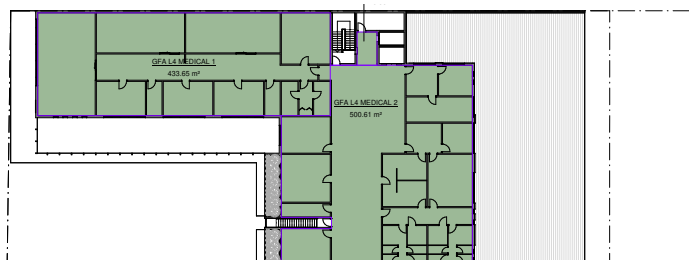
GALSTON IGA REDEVELOPMENT

A DA has been submitted to Hornsby Council for the redevelopment of the IGA, Galston Grill, Craigs Butchery and the Medical Centre. The total cost of works is \$13,424,925. Full plans are available on the Hornsby Shire Council website under DA/411/2023.

Here are some extracts from the plans. They show a two storey building at the front with 7 retail shops, toilets, a medical centre, a large supermarket plus 2 lower levels of car parking (92 spaces) in addition to street level parking. There is also a small park at the rear which appears to join the existing park.



GF / L3 FLOOR AREA PLAN



TOP FLOOR AREA PLAN

Disclaimer: We cannot guarantee the accuracy of the details/plans above. Residents should login to the Council's DA tracking system to see a complete set of plans and documents in order to make any submissions.




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To submit a story idea, an editorial or a community contribution, please email: editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au

We love to hear from our community.

SAVOUR A TASTE OF SPRING AT THE 2023 ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



Residents, visitors and foodies alike are invited to enjoy a taste of spring at The Hills Shire's biggest community event – the Orange Blossom Festival.

The 2023 festival will run throughout September with two major events, the OBF Night Markets and the return of the iconic OBF Parade.

Mayor of The Hills Shire Dr Peter Gangemi said this year's Orange Blossom Festival celebrates the Hills Shire community's past and present. "We're going back to our roots this year with the much-loved OBF Parade," Mayor Gangemi said.

"Orange Blossom Festival began in 1959 as a 'Footpath and Garden Competition', and then in 1961, it became a parade through the main street of Castle Hill and a fair in Arthur Whitling Park.

"This year's parade will be held at Rouse Hill Town Centre and will include some fantastic floats and some of our community groups who will march and perform alongside them in the parade. There will also be a special appearance from Paw Patrol for the kids.

"Orange Blossom Festival has been a celebration of our community for more than half a century, and I can't wait for families and friends, local businesses and our community groups to come together to continue the tradition while making new memories this year."

The OBF Night Markets will kick off the month-long festival at Castle Hill Showground. In partnership with Aussie Night Markets, festival goers can expect a mouth-watering lineup of food trucks and fun, family entertainment from Dorothy the Dinosaur & Friends and Dauntless Movement Crew.

A range of Orange Blossom Festival Associated Events organised and delivered by community groups will also run throughout September as part of the month-long festival.

ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL MAIN EVENTS

What: OBF Night Markets

When: Saturday 2 September

Where: Castle Hill Showground

What: OBF Parade

When: Saturday 9 September

Where: Rouse Hill Town Centre

For more information, visit the official Orange Blossom Festival website, www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au



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Hills Charity Gala

Save the date... The Hills annual Charity Gala Ball will be held at Biviano's Dural on Thursday August 31st and is set to sparkle for an important cause.

This year's gala ball will support the Hills-based Positive Vibes Foundation (PVF) and its work with mental health and well-being programs and Biviano's is proud to be the prime sponsor.

The three-course bespoke dinner will include live and silent auctions and raffles and will be followed by live entertainment and dancing.

The first Hills Annual Charity Gala Ball was organised by Biviano's Dural in 2016 and has since raised over \$300,000 for local charities.

Supporters include Federal Member for Mitchell Alex Hawke, Federal Member for Berowra Julian Leaser, Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi, Hills Police Commander Supt Darrin Batchelor, Chair of the Positive Vibes Foundation and former Hills Mayor Dr Michele Byrne and Dr Jim Taggart, OAM, MC and auctioneer on the night.

The Positive Vibes Foundation was established in 2014 and works to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in communities through connections and conversations.

Its programs include the Hills Women's Shed, companion dog visits to aged care homes and educational forums for high school students.

Psychiatrist Dr Mark Cross who uses his own lived experience to engage, entertain and educate will be keynote speaker on the night.

The author of two books, Dr Cross was the lead psychiatrist on two series of the ground-breaking ABC series Changing Minds and was also the medical consultant on the eight-part ABC drama series Wakefield.

He has worked in Psychiatry for 25 years and is a Senior Lecturer at UNSW as well as acting conjoint lecturer at UWS. He's also created



Dr Mark Cross

The Anxious Shrink page on Facebook which has reached around a million people.

Dr Michelle Byrne said: "Events like the Biviano's Gala Ball are vital not only in terms of raising funds for important mental health programs such as the ones run by Positive Vibes but also in terms of ensuring we

continue to have important conversations in the community around positive mental health and well being.

"The funds raised from the evening will go towards the running of our programs including the Hills Women's Shed, Paws Visits, community engagement and the Healthy Minds Youth Forum as well as towards the expansion of the Women's Shed to provide more opportunities for local women to join the Women's Shed.

"We are also looking to expand Positive Vibes Foundation's line up of programs to also include a focus on veterans."

Owner Biviano's Raj Kumar said he and staff appreciated the community's support of what will be an "excellent night, communicating, and having lots of fun" at the same time.

So, come and enjoy great food and wine in a great setting, mingle with great community-minded people and support a great cause at the Hills "Event of the Year".

There is also a chance to win a \$5,000 Robert Cliff Master Jewellers' gift card.

The Hills Gala Charity Ball by Biviano's for the Positive Vibes Foundation is on Thursday 31st August, 6pm for a 7pm start at Biviano's, 628 Old Northern Rd, Dural.

Tickets are \$140 each. To book visit trybooking.com/CJFZO



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The Hills Annual Charity Gala Ball Invitation

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PETS @ WORK



BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND

This month we meet working dog, Marley Henry of Galston. Marley is one of the awesome therapy dogs helping to make the scary world of the Judiciary a little easier to bear for court witnesses and victims of crime. He is part of the Canine Court Companion Program which is a community based initiative by Guide Dogs NSW/ACT in partnership with NSW Government Dept of Communities and Justice (Victims Services) He helps to relieve victims' anxiety and stress when they are required to attend court.

NEV: Firstly, Marley, let me say I take my hat off to you buddy, you are providing an awesome service. How did you fall into this line of work?

MARLEY: I spent the first 16 months of my life in a wonderful home, looked after by my Guide Dog puppy raising family until I was ready for my official training at the Guide Dog Centre in Glossodia. At the end of my training, I found I was more suited to therapy work so Guide Dogs decided I could join their Canine Court Companion Program.

NEV: What do you enjoy most about this job?

MARLEY: I enjoy seeing smiles on people's faces when I enter the courthouse, everyone seems happy to see me. Some people are very upset but if I sit quietly beside them they smile, pat me and start to relax. I love the children the most, they read to me and show me their trucks and sometimes let me play with their

Barbie dolls. There are crumbs in their prams too, so that's always a bonus.

NEV: Some days must be very emotional for you. How do you like to unwind when you get home from a busy day at Court?

MARLEY: My mum and dad often take me to the beach after court. I love the beach and spend hours doing zoomies through the waves with my best friend, Cruise. Other days I can't wait to get home and curl up with Cruise and have a really good sleep.

NEV: What advice would you give to any pooches out there who might be considering taking on a role like this?

MARLEY: Work hard on your obedience, patience, listening and cuteness skills. Us Court Dogs help people feel better, on what could be one of the most stressful and difficult days of their lives. We make a difference



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GALSTON CWA NEWS



At our July meeting, our guest speaker, Karen Lindley, gave a very interesting talk on how to care for jewellery, and keep it clean. This year our country of study has been Latvia, so members made Latvian dishes for a shared lunch.

We are planning to hold a Fashion Parade on **Thursday 28th September** at The Galston Club. Once again the Fashion Parade will be presented by Donna Lou Fashions from the Central Coast, and their range has been very popular.

Visitors will be able to enjoy morning tea, view the Parade, and then have lunch. The cost is \$30 per ticket and will kick off at 10.30am.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th August**. We meet at the Galston Community Health Centre, cnr The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Please arrive at 10am for a cuppa, followed by our business meeting.

We hope to hold another stall later this year, and will be doing more sewing and knitting on our Craft Day **23rd August**. Visitors are very welcome to attend the meeting, and our craft days.

The photo above shows members watching the demonstration by Karen Lindley. The Country Women's Association is the largest women's organization in Australia. Funds raised support the welfare of women, children and communities.

We are always happy to receive yarn and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting. Some members make delicious jams and pickles for fund-raising, and would be happy to collect fruit from your garden if you have a glut.

More details on the CWA, and also our Fashion Parade, from Jann - 0439 222 217 or Patricia - 0412 948 787.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF THE HILLS INC

Our guest speaker for June was Ken Bock who is one of the volunteer announcers on AM Radio Station 2 RPH. These announcers read newspapers



and magazines to people who either can't read or cannot handle the printed form. It was an enlightening talk from a very dedicated man.

The mystery trip took off with 42 and after a very scenic drive past Botany Bay we arrived at our destination at Cape Solander. Following morning tea in the National Park we moved to the lookout to watch for migrating whales. Lunch then followed at the Ansto Café at Lucas Heights. Although the weather was not kind on the day, a good time as usual was had by all.

We still have some vacancies and look forward to welcoming new members. We meet at the Galston Club on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER STORY OF BEE MASSACRE

Here are some pictures of the destruction of my apiary at Middle Dural on Thursday night.



Paul and his Hives before destruction



The DPI begins the killing

I am 300 meters inside the Red Eradication Zone which puts me very close the outer boundary of the 5 km radius from the infected site in Forest Glen. Even though my hives are free of varroa mite and have been tested 3 times over the past 7 months the DPI need to work quickly. They need to secure a clear buffer zone around the infected site. Once the infected site is destroyed they then focus on properties at the boundary edge and work inward to meet any mites that have escaped the infected site.

Varroa mites only live on honey bees and do not trouble our natives bee population. It has a devastating effect on honey production and is controlled in the rest of the world by using miticide strips placed inside the bee hive brood chamber. The fact that Australia was free of the pest meant our honey was pure, pristine and untarnished with control chemicals. Australian wax is highly sort after in the world because it is free of the miticide chemicals which can build up in the wax. Seven years work and six beautiful hives euthanised and ready for pickup to landfill.

- PAUL CAMPBELL

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO REZONE BOTH 1 AND 3 JOHNSON ROAD, GALSTON (RFS SITE, COUNCIL YARD, AND THE OLD "ARCADIA PONY CLUB" GROUNDS) TO E4: GENERAL INDUSTRIAL USAGE

Council's meeting in June 2023 passed a motion to apply for the above rezoning WITH NO PRIOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION in spite of their statement in the May 2023 issue of this magazine (p.33) that they would consult with community before adopting any position.

Council SHOULD HAVE consulted with Galston community BEFORE IT PASSED THAT MOTION IN JUNE AND APPROVED SPENDING AROUND \$200,000 ON A PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR IT.

E4 zoning would not limit site use to normal business hours and could lead to significant negative impacts on both residents and site ecology due to probable increased noise, alarms, lights, traffic, pollution and heavy vehicle movements.

Council's Proposal indicates that the forested areas of both 1 and 3 Johnson Road (which consist of critically endangered Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest) would be undisturbed. However, it is well known that concrete construction directly adjacent to such a sensitive site will eventually lead to its degradation and demise – it is only a matter of time.

Galston residential community, SHOCKED AT THIS PROPOSAL, has undertaken broad community consultation since becoming aware of the issue right before Council's June 2023 meeting. The result of this consultation to date (which has been provided to Council): A PETITION PROVIDING WELL OVER 800 SIGNATURES UNANIMOUSLY REJECTING THIS PROPOSAL.

Local residents of Galston (and a number of others who frequent this site), value its natural open green space and DO NOT WANT 3 JOHNSON ROAD, GALSTON, NOR THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED FOREST EXISTING ON 1 JOHNSON ROAD, GALSTON, REZONED TO E4: General Industrial. We value being able to freely access this green space to enjoy a wide range of informal and healthy social and fitness activities: dog walking, pram strolling, children's play, bike riding, picnics, free play, horse riding, evening star-gazing etc. Many residents claim their social connections have been greatly enhanced through sharing time at this site over many years.

We value the environmental uniqueness and proximity of this site, respect the endangered species of native trees established there, and enjoy seeing many native birds and mammals use the tall, old-tree hollows for nesting and the canopy for perching, resting and food when in flower.

This site is unique; we realise there is NO local, free, easy-access equivalent that provides space for every age-group to enjoy their own style of relaxation.

Community opinion: 3 JOHNSON ROAD, GALSTON, MUST BE REZONED TO C2 and RE1, & THE ABOVE MENTIONED FOREST ON 1 JOHNSON ROAD, MUST BE REZONED TO C2:

C2: for protecting and conserving existing (critically endangered) ecology;
RE1: for public recreation.

These zonings would sustain its character and facilitate enjoying the benefits for all, as has been the case for well over 30 years.

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ARCADIAN QUILTING CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Seems many of us are now taking the opportunity to celebrate "Christmas in July"... the religious Annual Event, falling in December in the deep mid-winter in the northern hemisphere.

Christmas here in Australia, while still deeply religious for many, is also celebrated in December in the heat of our summers, which always raises the question of food and menus, suitably of hot or cold fare and so those discussions will always continue.

Question: do many of us still wish for cold, snowy Christmases or do we just enjoy an opportunity to wrap up warm, eat pudding and brandy sauce and have some fun?



Our quilting group did celebrate "Christmas-in-July" at the Galston RSL Club this year, taking the opportunity to socialise; enjoying the other side of our close-knit group of lady friends.

Occupying two tables this year gave us the opportunity to swap and interact while enjoying the delicious fare on offer.

While there was 'no snow or sleet or rain outside' the odd warm scarf was apparent as we all relaxed and enjoyed our day out and one happy quilting member went home with the lucky-door-prize... a rather beautiful Quilting Book.

As always we welcome friends and new members to our meetings which are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month. Meeting at 9.30am in the Community Health Centre, The Glade, Galston.

For further details please call Carole on 9894 7749.

COUNCIL AWARDS \$70,000 WORTH OF GRANT FUNDING TO THE SANCTUARY AND HILLS COMMUNITY AID

Two crucial community service providers will benefit from the biggest grants allocated in The Hills Shire Council's history, helping women and children in crisis as well as supporting seniors and other community members to move around.

Council resolved to allocate \$40,000 to The Sanctuary, The Hills Women's Shelter and \$30,000 to Hills Community Aid (HCA) as part of the Other Financial Grant Assistance program at the 27 June meeting of Council.

Mayor of the Hills Shire Dr Peter Gangemi said The Sanctuary delivers life-changing case management for women and children who require crisis accommodation as well as casework due to domestic and family violence or homelessness.

The grant funding will be used to provide specialist care work to enable mothers at The Sanctuary to move on to safe, independent and secure lives away from harm.

"The Sanctuary plays an irreplaceable role in The Hills in delivering critical services for vulnerable women and children, and I am so proud that as a Council we can further support their life-changing work," Mayor Gangemi said.

"Over the past five years, we've unfortunately seen a 10% increase in domestic violence in The Hills. While this is a sombre statistic, we are incredibly fortunate to have

safe spaces like The Sanctuary for victims of domestic violence to turn to in their time of need."

Board Director of The Sanctuary Yvonne Keane AM said the shelter had helped more than 650 women and children to live safer lives and expressed her gratitude to Council for the funding.

"We are so grateful to Council and to our community for this much needed and vital support," Ms Keane said.

"Because of generosity such as this, we are able to continue to support women and children in the Hills community as and when they need it most."

Hills Community Aid is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers a range of social, financial and educational programs, including Emergency Relief, Learning in The Hills, Community Transport and more.

President of Hills Community Aid Mr Allan Gibson OAM said that Council's \$30,000 grant, combined with \$50,000 from the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program, will enable HCA to replace the existing 22-seater bus with a modern vehicle.

"The HCA bus provides an essential amenity for community groups within Council's area," Mr Gibson said.

"Hills Community Aid has been part of the local community since 1969 and the support of The Hills Shire Council represents a vital



Mayor of the Hills Shire Dr Peter Gangemi and Board Director of the Sanctuary Yvonne Keane AM

partnership. The community bus is but one of the many services we offer."

Mayor Gangemi said the grant will allow Hills Community Aid to upgrade a much-loved community service.

"Hills Community Aid has an incredible history of assisting The Hills community, and the purchase of an upgraded bus will support so many of our residents for decades to come," Mayor Gangemi said.

The community bus is available for hire by community organisations, social groups and individuals for a nominal charge, and is commonly used to transport elderly passengers or passengers with additional needs.

For more information about the Other Financial Grant Assistance program, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Apply for a Grant.'

GALSTON VALLEY RAILWAY – ON TRACK FOR ANOTHER FUN FILLED FUNDRAISER

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Galston Valley Railway, located in Mid Dural Road Galston, is the home of the Hornsby Model Engineers, a model train and railway enthusiasts club that started over half a century ago.



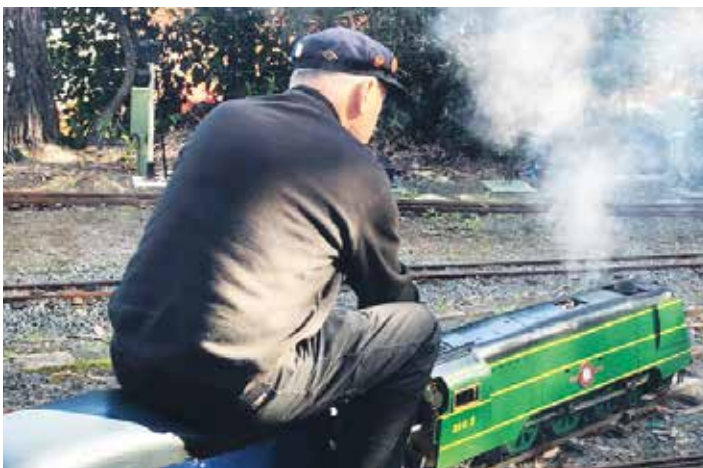
The site consists of around a 1km of 5" gauge railway track upon which members bring their hand built model trains to run, traversing through beautifully landscaped scenery. The 1/16 – 1/17 scale engines (some of which are replicas of past/existing ones) are capable of pulling several 'carriages' of open air seating, on which people can ride on. Some of these beautifully hand built engines are electrically operated, and others (believe it or not) are fully operational steam engines, which the drivers must stoke with coal along the journey!

Galston Valley Railway is open to the public every second Sunday and also has several "Open Days" throughout the year. Visitors are welcome to bring picnics and sit at one of the many picnic tables scattered amongst the site and enjoy the atmosphere. The next big event will be the Galston 500 in August.

TREASURER ALLIE THACKRAY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THIS UPCOMING EVENT:

"The Galston500 is an exciting once a year event, that raises money for research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) at The Westmead Institute for Medical Research. It is hosted by the Hornsby Model Engineers Co- Op Ltd, a 100% volunteer run organisation, at their "Galston Valley Railway" site.

The Galston500 is an endurance event that sees a number of teams operating 5 inch gauge miniature trains over a combined total of 500 laps of the picturesque 1km track at the Galston Valley Railway. Starting at 6am, on Saturday 26th August 2023, the aim is to complete a minimum of 500 laps (500km) before 6pm on the same day.



We invite you to join us at the event, between 10am and 3pm with entertainment on the day planned to include Live Music, Merchandise, Craft and Food Stalls, RFS Fire Truck and, of course, rides on the miniature trains.

This year the Hornsby model Engineers will be celebrating their 50th Birthday, so to help celebrate this occasion we have theme the event the 70's! and the participating teams have been ask to Dress up for the occasion.

Multiple Sclerosis is a cause that we are very passionate about and we are excited to be making a difference!

The Galston500 has raised over \$33,000 in past years for research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis."



Galston Valley Railway
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ROTARY BOOK FAIR UPDATE



BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Do you look forward to the Rotary Book Fair at Galston each year? I know I do! As you peruse the thousands of books on offer, have you ever pondered how much work goes into organizing this event? Just imagine the logistics: donated books need to be stored, sorted, vetted for condition, packed, transported, unpacked, displayed, sold and then remaining books packed again once the sale is over. Some rare and special books are also individually researched and priced accordingly. It's a lot of work. Not to mention the traffic control, BBQ and café services provided to attendees. Year after year this is all organized and executed by the fabulous Rotarians and associated volunteers.

As a token of thanks to all the tireless workers at this year's book fair, The Greater Hills Rotary Club held a Volunteers Thank You Dinner in conjunction with their change over meeting, at the Galston Club on Tuesday, 11th July.

The Dinner was well attended with volunteers, rotarians, and some special guests, including Cllr Warren Waddell.

Outgoing President, Richard Young, who will also be standing down as Chairman of the Book Fair addressed the participants.

"I want to thank the volunteers who assisted with this year's book fair. Your contributions have been outstanding. As a result income for the weekend was just over \$28,000. Contributing to our profits will be the fee waiver from Hornsby Shire Council for the use of the Galston Community Centre. We have been grateful for the many years this has

occurred. This year the transport of books to and from the centre has been donated, a very big thank you to Andrew Graham and P & A Transport'.

Some of the funds raised from the Book Fair were donated to the following Community Members and Organisations:

- Days for Girls
- Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade
- Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade
- Mid Dural Rural Fire Brigade
- Galston Rural Fire Brigade
- Michele Rocheta (who also received a Paul Harris Fellowship)
- Warrah

Mr Young also thanked his fellow Rotarians before passing the Presidential baton (and chains) to Ms Kathryn Dickinson.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As we continue to move through the cooler months, I wanted to highlight some of the wonderful winter experiences we have on offer here in the Shire. Despite the chill still in the air, there are plenty of reasons to get out and about in the community.

I encourage you to get outside and enjoy our beautiful and unique environment. Discover the beauty of the Bushland Shire, with its diverse range of flora and fauna, by heading out on one of the many bushwalks available. Or take the family to one of Council's upgraded parks, playgrounds or ovals, with a range of equipment and facilities for people of all ages to enjoy.

You could take your beloved four-legged friend to an off-leash dog park to enjoy the winter sunshine or organise a coffee catch-up with friends at a local café. Or learn to swim in the heated pool at Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

If you are looking for a more relaxing option, why not catch up on some reading? Winter is always a great time to get cosy with a new read, so head to one of our Council libraries to borrow a book. Berowra Library has just unveiled a new 24/7 book locker, with the click and collect system now open for members to collect items at any time, day or night.

Meanwhile, we celebrate Local Government Week 2023 from Monday 31 July to Sunday 6 August across NSW. This is a time when we recognise the invaluable role that local government plays in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many committed Council staff who serve the area, working tirelessly to improve the life of our residents and make Hornsby Shire the special place that it is.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



THIS WINTER...

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COMMUNITIES, CREEKS & CRITTERS – A call out to citizen scientists young & old.



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Wednesday 23 August,
11:30am-12:40pm.

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Book and Clothing Swap

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ARCADIA GALSTON RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

JOHNSON RD GALSTON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Arcadia Galston Residents Association (AGRA) held a community meeting on 4th July 2023 regarding the proposed development of Johnson Rd, Galston. A large number of people from the local community were briefed on the proposal, and then AGRA conducted an open forum for comments.

Community comments from the meetings are as follows:-

- Support for the Galston RFS and the need for a new modern fire station was unanimous.
- The community accepted rezoning for Number 1 Johnson Rd with the provision for tree preservation.

Number 3 Johnson Rd, Galston comments:-

- The community was disappointed regarding the lack of information and timeframe by Hornsby Council regarding the Johnson Rd proposal prior to being voted by Councillors. This is despite being flagged by the Council for many years for possible development.
- Residential streets and industrial spaces often present concerns when they are located in close proximity to each other. Addressing these concerns requires careful urban planning, zoning regulations, and environmental policies which Hornsby council needs to address.
- Alternative local parks - Fagan Park is a regional park and very busy with visitors on the weekends; therefore, the local community does not utilise this park during the weekends.
- The proposed development on Johnson Rd has raised concerns regarding access to green space and bushland preservation. Many believe these issues must be carefully considered before proceeding with any development plans. Concerns were raised over the continuing conservation of the critically endangered Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest & endangered Narrow Leaved Scribbly

Gum Woodland located around Council's properties' north, east, and southern boundaries.

- Number 3 Johnson Rd is a valuable greenspace for the local community, providing a safe and enjoyable environment for various activities. The absence of major roads to cross adds to its appeal, making it an even safer place for children to play and for people of all ages to engage in outdoor activities. It's great to have such spaces where the community can come together, organise street parties, and foster a sense of togetherness. These types of greenspaces are essential for promoting a healthy and active lifestyle while strengthening community bonds.
- The presence of industrial units can create a negative perception or stigma. This perception can lower property values as potential buyers hesitate to invest in such areas.
- Current industrial units in Dural are empty, as are office spaces in the Galston shopping centre; therefore, the question was asked why there is a need to build more units. Therefore, It's important to note that the specific reasons for building more units would depend on local factors, market conditions, and the goals of the Council involved in the decision-making process.
- The safety of the roads is a primary concern for Middle Dural Road, posing a risk to drivers accessing the site, and Johnson Rd is a narrow road suitable for local traffic.
- Several primary school-aged children spoke of their love of the free place to play, ride bikes, see friends and enjoy the outdoors. Playgrounds and parks are ideal environments for children to interact with their peers, build social connections, and develop important social skills like sharing, cooperation, and communication.

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Providing children with safe and accessible places to play and interact with nature is crucial for their overall development.

We understand that some matters require clarification by Hornsby Council. AGRA is committed to addressing these questions raised by the community and providing the necessary information.

AGRA value transparent dialogue, engagement, and involvement in the community, and we are dedicated to fostering transparent communication with Hornsby Council to obtain the best outcome for the community. We look forward to receiving the necessary information to be presented by Hornsby Council at our next meeting to be held on the **29th of August**, 7pm at The Galston Club.

We welcome new members, membership is \$10 to join and \$5 every year after – www.agra2159.com.au

Sonja Cameron, President
Arcadia Galston Residents Association
president@agra2159.com.au

ROTARY CHANGEOVER

Last Tuesday evening saw the Rotary Club of Greater Hills recognize the work of its members and officers at their annual change over.

The change over was combined with a thank you dinner for all associated volunteers who also generously give their time to assist the club with the year's major fund raising project; the Giant Book Fair.

During the past year as well as making financial donations to more than a dozen community groups both local and international, the club has supported local youth to develop leadership skills. Two students from Galston High were sponsored to attend Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment camp and a past RYPEN participant, Sam Loria was awarded the honour of attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards; which is a week of intensive leadership development.

The Changeover event is where the current serving office holders pass the baton to a new board that will have the opportunity to lead the club as it navigates the next year.

The past board that was lead by Richard Young (now referred to as Past President) and he was supported by Ted Shade, Annette Waterson, Barry Philips, Jo Norton and Brian Dodd.

The incoming board is to be lead by President Kathryn Dickinson who will be supported by Roger Fitzpatrick, Kaye Fitzpatrick and Glenn Liffen.

Rotary is a place where you can help to make a difference not only in your local community but also in many areas of the world.

Not many people outside of Rotary know that one of the things that Rotary has worked tirelessly on in the international arena to help eradicate polio in the world and we are now so close.



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MARSTON LIVING GALSTON STAGE 2 INFORMATION SESSION



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The information session commenced at 2:00 PM and was hosted by Marston Living. The speaker, Victor, delivered a presentation covering various topics related to retirement villages, including the type of retirement villages, the benefits of moving into a retirement village and related information about how to join the Marston Living Galston retirement life.

Following the information session, attendees had the opportunity to participate in a village tour which included visits to the community centre and the display room for stage 2, allowing potential residents to explore the available amenities and experience the modern design and features firsthand. During the village tour, Marston unveiled the remarkable community facilities awaiting our residents,

including a refreshing swimming pool, a versatile recreation hall, a well-appointed function room, a communal dining area with a fully equipped kitchen, an inviting outdoor barbecue area, and even a dedicated hairdresser and doctor suite for utmost convenience.

The event was not only an opportunity to discover the superior offerings of Marston Living Galston but also a chance to forge new friendships with like-minded individuals and discover the endless possibilities offered by Marston Living Galston.

For those interested in joining this vibrant community, please contact on (02) 91 888 555, or via email at info@marstonliving.com.au

- Shirley Clarkson, Resident



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Jack, their son joined the family business 10 years ago with his Certificate III in Engineering (Boilermaker). Jack's input, skills and fresh approach have facilitated the development of a dedicated fabrication and welding arm to their business, Hillside Metalworks.

Jack and the team not only do custom welding jobs but also work collaboratively with a couple of tiny home builders fabricating their trailers. With so much work, it was time to add to their talent pool. Introducing a super talented local lad, Andrew, to Hillside Metalworks, was a game-changer. As Jack's apprentice, it seems they could not have found a better person than Andrew to fit with their business values, objectives, and future goals. It's good fortune to meet a group of people from the same family



who work together daily, with a true sense of mutual respect, transparency, and honesty from them all. Let's make it clear, if you spend any time with these guys, you'll agree they have all those things in spades.

Having served the community, and pretty much most of NSW these days, by not only providing outstanding services in welding, fabrication, and repairs/refurbishing for farm equipment, trailers, and floats, they are also proud sponsors of multiple events within the industry. That's what we call giving back!

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NEW LINE ROAD ON THE SECRET "HIT LIST"

Major concerns are emerging as we are going to print:

The news we have been given in mid-July is that New Line Road widening is off the agenda, despite both Hornsby and The Hills Shire Councils appealing to the new government to continue the project as the groundwork has been laid and plans well underway for easing the traffic snarls we all experience in the district.

Apparently, the current NSW State Government has undertaken a Strategic Infrastructure Review which was presented to the Premier last month. The News channels have indicated that there are a number of projects which may not proceed as had previously been announced by the former LNP Government. One of these projects may be the \$70 million upgrade to New Line Road.



New Line Road is already a major bottleneck and only likely to get worse in coming years with the huge amount of development throughout the Northwest Release area. The communities of Glenorie, Galston, Dural, Glenhaven, Cherrybrook and Kenthurst should be aware that the current government is considering reducing the States infrastructure spending in the area to prioritise monies spent in other electorates.

Hopefully by the time you read this the State Government will have retracted their Secret Hit List and it is all steam ahead for New Line Road.

At the GPA meetings we are always happy to welcome Warren Waddell, Deputy Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council, Mayor Peter Gangemi and Deputy Mayor Mitchell Blue of The Hills SC. Plus Nathan Tilbury and Tania Salitra of Hornsby have great input too.

We work closely with the two Councils and are appreciative of their sage advice and support. If you have something to talk about with Councils, or any other issues, please come and join us on the second Thursday of each month at the fabulous Glenorie RSL. 7:15pm after the ODE.

We would love to see you and add your voice to our community voice.

MORE ON OUR GLENORIE FUTURE ICON



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Sydney Hills & District Branch



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Next Meeting: 4th August - 10:45am
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2. Melissa Gilbert - Financial Planner Strategies for retirement income

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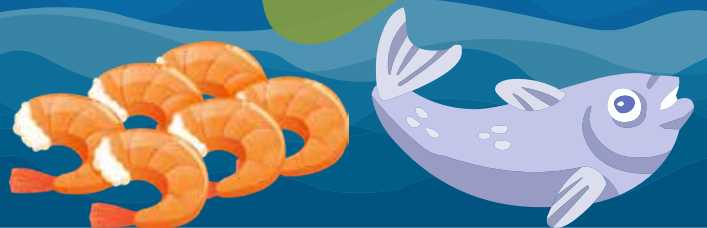
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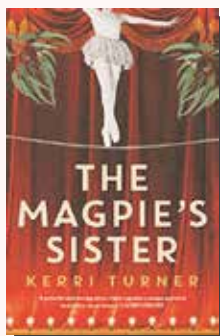
International best-selling author, Belinda Alexandra, will be joining us at Hornsby Library on Thursday 10 August at 6.30pm. Belinda will be in conversation with Michaela Kalowski talking about her new book, *Emboldened*, a beautiful blend of memoir and history showing that there is always the possibility of building a bold life full of meaning again from the ashes. Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library to book your ticket.

ADULT FICTION

THE MAGPIE'S SISTER BY KERRI TURNER

From the moment the tumours appeared on her face, Maggie Bright knew she would never live a normal life. Abandoned by her parents, she spent her childhood learning to become the 'Lagoon Creature' in the circus. Charlotte Voigt, on the other hand, is the talented tightrope walker, with the world at her feet. When an opportunity arises to try on Charlotte's identity, Maggie doesn't hesitate. Each new town visited by the circus brings the women closer. Resentments begin to fade, but in their place are secrets that could undo the delicate trust they've built.

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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

WHERE THE LIGHT GOES BY SARA BARNARD

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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE

A well attended July meeting heard Malcolm Johnston recall growing up in Kenthurst. Many in the audience remembered converting kero' tins to buckets and wash basins, broody hens in a cage to bring them back to production, riding on the back of carts and trucks, grading oranges and so much more. The little communities did for themselves. There was general agreement that, while it was a hard life, it was a happy one and we looked back with fondness. Malcolm's talk showed us that there is much to value in our local history.

The 12th August meeting will be the annual June Roughley Memorial Lecture (see flyer for details.) This special event is the Society's recognition of the work of its founder establishing a society to record and preserve the history of the various small settlements that made up the Dural. Each year a leader in research and history presents their work.

The Arcadia Community Hall is used to showcase this historical community facility and to encourage its use. A good attendance will demonstrate its value to Hornsby Shire Council.

The Roughley Family has been actively involved in our community for almost the whole of the time since European settlement and is the subject for the 9th September meeting. The guest speaker and family member, Professor Dr Lesley Harbon, will tell of this connection; how it provided the land for our public buildings, the bequest of Roughley House, the development of agriculture and its intermarriage with so many other early families. It will make for a most interesting talk.

The meeting will be in the Uniting Church, School Road, Galston, starting at 2.00pm. All are welcome, it is free, no booking required, with a gold coin for afternoon tea.



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One of the most critical aspects of a successful sale is listing with the right agent. There might be lots of agents in your area, but how do you choose the right one? Firstly, understand what the agent can do for you.

An experienced and knowledgeable real estate agent can be your most valuable asset for a successful sale this spring, guiding you through the entire process to ensure you receive the best possible outcome at the other end.

RESEARCH AND GET RECOMMENDATIONS

Firstly, do your research. Ask friends in the area and neighbours who they sold or bought with and if they would recommend anyone. Word of mouth is helpful, but it is also important to do your research to establish who are the agents selling the most property in your area, most successfully.

Take a look at their online reviews. Social media is increasingly important in real estate, so also check their social pages to read comments and see how they interact with their online communities.

SPEAK TO YOUR SHORTLIST

Once you've drawn up a shortlist, pick up the phone and chat with them. Ask about their local knowledge and connections, length of time they've worked in the area, types of properties they specialise in, and whether they have sold properties like yours.

Ask about their results including days on the market or auction clearance rates. Can recent clients vouch for their services with testimonials?

Find out about their buyer reach and database—are they part of a national network of offices, for instance, allowing them to market properties to buyers nationally as well as locally?

MAKE SURE YOU CAN WORK WITH THEM

Being able to collaborate and communicate well with your agent is critical to securing the best outcome for your property. This first conversation is a good chance to start assessing whether you could work with them on a personal level.

You want someone responsive and proactive so you are kept up to date with your sale progress, and who is also able to communicate effectively with potential buyers, including the ability to handle any intense negotiations at the pointy end of the sale process.



MEET THEM IN PERSON

The next step is to arrange an in-person meeting, allowing you to learn more about their overall approach and, if the meeting takes place at your home, enabling the agent to assess your property, including its value, buyers it would appeal to and how they would market it accordingly. Ask them:

- Who do they see as your target market?
- How much could the property sell for and how long might it take to sell?
- What sale type do they recommend?
- Do they see a need for any updates or repairs?
- What are your property's unique selling points?
- How does it compare to other competing properties?

UNDERSTAND THEIR APPROACH TO MARKETING

Before you meet, research the agent's listings to understand their marketing approach. Pay attention to the photos, videos, and wording. Are all their listings presented in the best possible light? Drill down further into their approach when you meet face to face.

APPOINT YOUR AGENT

After following all the above steps you should now be in a strong position to decide who you will appoint to list your property. After breathing a sigh of relief your attention can then turn to the other components required to ensure a successful sale.

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DURAL COUNTRY LAWN BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Dural lawn bowlers love a party so when Margaret Holden said she was moving to Queensland a group of Tuesday bowlers decided to take her to lunch.

What a happy gathering it was, the weather was pleasant and the company excellent. Keen tennis followers may remember Margaret Gallahar from her days playing with the Aussie squad when Margaret Smith was queen of tennis and the bowlers were often entertained with stories from those days. Her ball sense and skill are still evident! The good wishes of the club go with her to Queensland. Her sense of fun will be missed.



Minor singles competition started on the 24th June 2023 at Dural Country Lawn Bowls Club. The finals are scheduled for Saturday 15th July. The newer members are looking forward to winning this limited event.

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BENDIGO BANK SPONSORS ARCADIAN ARTISTS EXHIBITION & ART TRAIL 2023

Galston & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank has very generously offered to support The Arcadian Artists & Artisans Inc. in their 2023 Artists Trail. For this we are incredibly grateful and thank the Bank enormously. The Sponsorship funds will significantly assist in achieving its goal of fostering an appreciation of the arts amongst the local community and beyond. The second weekend in November will be buzzing once again.

Our local Bendigo Bank has always been very community minded, and this year is no exception. For over 30 years The Arcadian Artists Art Trail has delighted the local district with fun and creativity. People from all parts of Sydney and beyond are drawn to our rural area to enjoy a delightful weekend exploring six private studios whose doors are open to guests. Visitors can view and purchase beautiful handmade items and speak directly to the talented artists.

It is a wonderful time for families and their friends to spend the day travelling through our beautiful neighbourhood and enjoy this unparalleled part of Sydney's outskirts. The Artisans have been working diligently to provide lovely and enticing items that will enhance any home, show off a beautiful face, or offer that special and unique gift to someone they love.

This year the Arcadian Artists Trail weekend will be on **Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th November**. Entry is free.

Further information about the Trail will come later in the year, but for now, place the dates in your diary and organise this special time with your family and friends. It is a great opportunity to meet the Artists behind the artworks and possibly see a demonstration of how work is produced.



The Arcadian Artists website www.arcadianartists.net.au has further information about the weekend, and closer to the event a brochure will be printed and distributed. Look out for the signs too. They will lead you to each venue.

Once again, thanks are extended to our remarkable local Bank, the Galston & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank whose support will help to make this much anticipated event a great success.

**- JULIA ELSEY ON BEHALF OF THE
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CASTLE HILL ART SOCIETY

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The children's show will take place on the **22nd of September**. Come and visit this great annual art event!

For artists the entry forms will be available at www.castlehillartsociety.org.au



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GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL LEADING THE WAY



Yen Huang and Benedek Hevesi-Nagy, leaders within Galston High School's prefect team, attended the Secondary Schools

Student Leadership Program at NSW Parliament House on Thursday, 29 June. Yen and Benedek were chosen to represent the school due to their proven leadership capabilities.

The leadership program aims to increase students' knowledge about the Australian political system through practical experience. Participants receive a behind-the-scenes look at parliamentary proceedings, giving them a better understanding of how our government works.

As part of the program, Yen and Benedek visited Government House, the official home of the Governor of New South Wales. There, they met with Margaret Beazley, who explained her role and responsibilities, providing the students with a clearer picture of the duties of a state governor.

The program also included a trip to the Parliament of NSW, where they met with Matt Kean, the representative for Hornsby. He discussed his role and the workings of the Parliament, which helped Yen and Benedek gain a more profound insight into the political environment.

These experiences gave Yen and Benedek a practical understanding of the democratic process. They learned about decision-making at high levels of government, legislative procedures and the impact of policies on citizens.

Galston High School is proud of how Yen and Benedek represented the school at this event. The knowledge and experience they gained will serve them well in their leadership roles at school. Furthermore, they can now share this insight with their peers, thereby extending the benefits of their participation to the wider community.



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Pacific Hills Christian School at Dural has installed a state of the art computerised agricultural science research station called the iFarm. This is part of the School's expansion of its Agriculture program.

The Australian designed and manufactured unit has one aim in mind: helping students to understand the resources required to produce food and fibre, and stimulating their interest in agri-related careers.

iFarm features growing beds with subsurface drip irrigation and overhead watering spray systems, a 2000 litre water tank, moisture and temperature sensors, a weather station, composting worm farm and a digital touchscreen to monitor scientific data. Students will engage in planting different types of crops and monitor variables such as water, fertiliser and plant growth. They will be able to conduct comparative trials to determine best practice methods.

Not only will students learn environmentally friendly farming practices, the iFarm itself has a low carbon footprint. The outer skin is made from recycled plastic and the unit is powered by its own solar and wind energy systems.

The iFarm project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry as part of the Educating Kids About Agriculture: iFarm program.



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FAREWELL TO LIZ PELLINKHOF, HILLS GRAMMAR FOUNDATION TEACHER



Liz's first class in 1983. Highlighted are Ben & Lee pictured right.

For over forty years Liz has been a part of the very fabric of Hills Grammar.

In 1982 Liz was appointed as a foundation primary school teacher for the fledgling K-Yr 9 school. She was one of 14 teachers and was charged with a composite Year 2/3 class. "It was such a thrill to be a part of this genuinely independent school that focused on every student achieving their very best in a truly magnificent environment. It was also a very familiar environment as the property, Chelsea Park, was previously owned by good Pony Club friends – the Jacksons."

The school promoted professional learning and opportunities for staff from the very beginning. "The joy of a young school is the opportunity to tap into one's creativity and push a few envelopes without the boundaries of conservatism and doctrine. A diverse student population with a forward-thinking leadership saw my Year 5 class enjoying Philosophy and Survival classes alongside their core curriculum." Liz returned from a couple of maternity leaves to teach

Drama K-6 and History in the Senior School, then took up further study in School Marketing.

From 1996, Liz led the Community Relations and Marketing Department which played into her love of writing and photography. "You forget how different it was back then when you took the pictures, wrote the story, raced up to the chemist to have them developed then charged into the Hills News and Hills Shire Times offices with your offering for the next edition."

She established the Class Parent Network and kept in good contact with alumni and their families which stood her in good stead when she decided to go part-time five years ago as Alumni Manager. Her children Nick and Antony went to 'Hills' from Kindy- Year 12 and husband Eric and his bush band have played at countless Bush Dances and special events throughout the past 40 years.

"I have been so incredibly fortunate to work with inspirational Principals, teachers and students. Now, I can part with many good friends from the Hills community and so very many incredible memories!"

So, it's farewell to the last remaining foundation staff member of Hills Grammar, but it is quite possible it won't be the last they see of her.



Liz catches up with foundation students Ben Jones and Lee Wood at their 20-year reunion

DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



Mrs Jenniene Spall Music Teacher and Band Conductor Dural Public School

In the heart of our school community lies a hidden gem, a powerhouse of harmony and camaraderie, where the young musicians of Dural Public School bands come together through the sounds of brass, woodwind, and percussion to captivate listeners of all ages.

After the pandemic, which essentially silenced our bands and music program altogether, this amazing group of talented, dedicated, and motivated students is once again enjoying working together and building upon their musical repertoire.

The band plays from a wide variety of genres, contributing to the school community on numerous occasions throughout the year. They are an essential part of formal school assemblies, including ANZAC services, and Presentation Days, and they also enjoy contributing to the more relaxed atmosphere of the school's Country Fair.

The band has recently attended the annual three-day band camp where they focused on learning new pieces in preparation for their Term 3 performances. The band is also preparing pieces in order to defend their 1st place in the primary section at the Penrith Eisteddfod in August.

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Each visit witnesses interesting discussions about personal heroes, school life in the past and connections with family and friends; talking points highlighting both the differences and similarities between the generations.

Not only are the younger students fascinated by the stories told by the Arcare residents, they are especially intrigued by the concept of not having any form of technology to entertain oneself (a common theme that is revisited over and over and over again).

It was endearing to see how well students adjusted their conversation style to adapt to the individual needs of each resident, and is especially touching to see the enthusiasm of the students and their 'Grandfriends' as they greeted each other each week.

It is such a unique connection between the generations, and one that we will continue to watch flourish as the year goes on.





RURAL ROUND UP

HORNSBY COUNCILLOR WARREN WADDELL

The July meeting of Council began with the tabling of a community petition relating to the former pony club site in Johnson Rd Galston. The petition is a strong early indication of how many in the community would like to see this operational land utilised long term.

Through emails, the petition, and two meetings supported by ratepayer associations, GARA and AGRA, many stories and messages have been received highlighting how this parcel of land has been informally facilitating a range of recreational uses. In particular, the process has highlighted the absence of park facilities at that end of Galston Village.

Part of the combined amenity in Johnson Rd is the RFS shed. The AGRA meeting also provided an opportunity for our local RFS branch to share their aspirations for a new shed and how it could better integrate into the site.

Council also resolved to progress the latest stage of the Rural Land Study that had been prepared. The RLS sets the strategic direction for managing rural lands into the future.

The latest component will put land use provisions in place that protect what we enjoy about our rural amenity while ensuring innovation and a sustainable local economy.

On another note, it was a privilege to be invited to the Greater Hills Rotary changeover dinner and celebration of volunteers. Most of us are aware of the Rotary bookfair at Galston community centre.

Well, this year proved to be another huge success with proceeds being distributed to several worthy causes, including the local women's shelter.

As always, happy to be contacted in regard to any issues.

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A BIG WIN FOR PICK-YOUR-OWN FARMS



JULIAN LEESER - FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

The NSW Premier, Chris Minns, has announced his intention to scrap proposed restrictions on the number of people allowed to visit NSW farms at any one time. This announcement comes after a community campaign opposing the changes.

Under the proposed changes, the number of visitors to farm gate shops would have been capped to 100 at any one time. The number of visitors who could attend a farm experience - such as a wedding - would have been capped at 50. Farms would need special development approval to exceed those limits.

The local area is home to several long-running and highly popular pick-your-own fruit farms. Those farms include Watkins Family Farm and Fords Farm in Laughtondale, Canoelands Orchard in Canoelands, and Anderson Farm in Sackville North. Nicky Alexander has been opening Ford's Farm to visitors for 21 years.

"We're grateful that the State government is listening to the concerns that farm owners have raised, so that our businesses can remain viable and visitors can continue to enjoy the experience." Ms Alexander said.

Just a few kilometres further along the Hawkesbury River, the Watkins family have operated Watkins Family Farm since 1867. Mark Watkins is the 7th generation of his family to farm their land.

Mr Watkins said "We're still waiting for a further meeting to discuss how these restrictions will be wound back. It's crucial that these restrictions are lifted."

The overwhelming feedback from these pick-your-own farmers was that this policy would have made their family businesses financially unviable, and left the fruit to rot on trees rather than being picked by visitors.

Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra, strongly opposed the proposed changes.

"I will always fight for my constituents against unfair regulations." Mr Leeser said.

"I want our kids in Sydney to know that fruit and vegies come from farms and not the supermarket. We should be encouraging these farms rather than weighing them down with unwanted and unneeded red-tape."

"If you haven't already done so recently, I would encourage you to visit Watkins Family Farm, Fords Farm, Canoelands Orchard, or any other local pick-your-own farms."



Nicky Alexander, owner/operator of Fords Farm, and Julian Leeser MP, Federal Member for Berowra



FROM THE DESK OF MATT KEAN

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

It was an honour to attend the 50th annual Hornsby Gang Show. This is a wonderful event put on by the local Girl Guides and Scouts which showcases the immense talent of our local kids and young adults.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the amazing show. Local resident and NSW Scouts State Commissioner Penny Becchio has compiled a book detailing the rich history of the show. I encourage you to get your copy at www.gangshow.com/store

Recently, my office has been supplied with a stock of Rapid Antigen Tests from NSW Health. If you or others you may know would like some, please feel free to contact my office or drop in during business hours to pick them up.

I would like to acknowledge the service of Middle Dural Public School Principal Ann Mills to our local community. Mrs Mills has been a vital part of the Middle Dural Public School Community for over 40 years. I wish Mrs Mills all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

I trust all Hornsby constituents received a copy of my recent community newsletter. It contains various updates regarding issues of importance in our local community including New Line Road, Hornsby Hospital and the new Ambulance Station in Cherrybrook.

If you haven't received a copy, please contact my office on 9476 3411 so that I can arrange for one to be sent to you.

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT NSW PARLIAMENT WITH MATT KEAN MP

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



I recently had the honour to host our local High School Student Leaders for Lunch at Parliament House.

Students from Asquith Girls' High School, Asquith Boys' High School, Hornsby Girls' High School, Galston High School, Northholm Grammar School, Pacific Hills Christian School, Cherrybrook Technology

High School, Tangara School for Girls & Barker College accepted the invitation to visit Parliament House and viewed the proceedings of the Parliament from the public galleries.

I valued the opportunity to hear firsthand from our school leaders about the issues of concern to them and their peers.

After lunch they visited Government House to meet with Her Excellency, the Governor Margaret Beazley AC KC. As well as providing a personal view of how the Parliament operates, I hope it was an enjoyable experience before the serious work of study and exams begin.



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JULIAN LEESER MP
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BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

GUEST SPEAKER - PHOTOGRAPHER GLENN SMITH



The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be on Saturday, 12th August at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Showground Road, Castle Hill off Doran Drive. Bromeliad sales to the public from 10am with the meeting commencing at 12noon.

Guest speaker will be Glenn Smith, Photographer and his presentation will cover the basics of Flora, Fauna and Fungi photography, and will include getting clean shots and the removal of distracting backgrounds when using Iphones to High end Digital Cameras.

Glenn is an amateur photographer who shoots mainly in the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan. His interest in photography

began at the age of ten, 46 years ago and but became more passionate about his hobby 9 years ago. He won the NSW Canon Light awards Photography competition in 2018.

Glenn has run the photography workshops at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens since 2016 and spends many Saturdays out and about attending to his two major projects, photographing each of the 197 bird Species that visit the Australian Botanic Gardens and to complete a photographic record of the 4,000 Native living collection of flora in the Australian Botanic Gardens at Mount Annan.

For further information regarding the Bromeliad Society of Australia please contact Ian Hook, President on mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com



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TURKEY TURMOIL



BY KARLENE BRUMMER

The Australian Brush Turkey, also known as the Bush or Scrub Turkey is prevalent in most areas of both the Hornsby and Hills Shires. Sightings of this often maligned bird are everywhere this year, and although it may be viewed as a destructive pest, it is important to know that it is a Protected Species. Recent fox baiting may be a possible reason for the large increase in numbers of birds being seen out and about.

If Brush Turkeys are wreaking havoc in your garden, here are some tips from "Backyard Buddies" to try and mitigate the damage:

- To discourage a Brush Turkey from building a mound in a particular spot, remove some branches from above the target area so it is less shady. By increasing the amount of sunlight in that spot, it will become less attractive for the Brush Turkey as it will be harder for it to control the temperature of its mound there.
- Try creating an open compost heap in an area of your garden that you don't mind the Brush Turkey building a mound in. Make sure it's in an area 80 to 90% shaded – so near trees is best.

- To deter Brush Turkeys, try planting low growing native plants to provide thick ground cover.
- Put some tree guards around small or newly-established plants to protect them until they get big enough, and spread some river gravel around the base of trees and plants to protect the roots.
- Peg chicken wire over your mulch pile as Brush Turkeys dislike the feeling of scratching it.

Brush Turkeys are bold and cheeky and will even come inside your house through an open door. Cat and Dog food left outside is an irresistible snack for them, so consider moving pet bowls inside. Here are a few snaps of BT's from some of our readers:



Bjorn Hansen – Glenorie



Evi Thompson – W/Ferry



Karlene Brummer – Arcadia

GALSTON DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

August 2023 marks the 40th Anniversary of the beginning of the Galston District Garden Club. The Club started with a small group of local keen gardeners in a small hall at the back of where the Galston Community Hall stands today. From these humble beginnings, the Club has grown to be a very successful garden club and is still welcoming visitors and new members. Our meetings are held in the Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Embrace the Chill: Take advantage of these chilly months to enrich your soil and prepare your garden for the spring growth. There is a common misconception that gardening is primarily a spring and summer activity, but did you know that our winters can be an equally productive period for your beloved green space? You might be surprised at just how much can be done in the cooler months.

If your garden's soil has become hydrophobic (repels water) after an extended dry spell, you may notice water pooling on the surface even after heavy rain. Why not use a quality soil wetting agent or seaweed-based additives to help with absorption. Also, clear away heavy layers of autumn leaves, which may prevent the rain from soaking into the soil. These leaves can serve a second purpose by becoming part of a nutrient-rich compost pile.

Rainy weather may be a boom for your plants, but it can also lead to a proliferation of weeds. Aim to remove these interlopers before they have a chance to mature and set seed.

Winter provides an excellent opportunity to address lingering tasks that might have fallen by the wayside. Relocating under performing plants, fixing irrigation issues, or renovating a garden path are just a few chores you might consider undertaking. Completing these tasks will free up more time for you to focus on the more enjoyable aspects of gardening.

Winter is the optimal time to prune many deciduous trees and shrubs as it allows for an easier assessment of a tree's structure. This practice can encourage new growth, maintain plant health and shape your plants for the upcoming growing season. In addition, hydrangea and rose pruning can also be undertaken during this season.

After pruning, it is beneficial to apply a seaweed-based product to improve the soil's condition and enhance the plant's resistance against frost, drought, pests, and disease. Always remember to clean your pruning tools before and after use to prevent a spread of diseases.

Nutrition is vital to ensure the health and vigour of your plants. Late July is an excellent time to feed your citrus trees with an all-purpose citrus fertiliser. Moreover, enriching your garden beds with organic compost or well-rotted manure during winter can significantly improve soil structure

and provide essential nutrients for spring growth.

Our climate allows for a beautiful array of plants that bloom during the winter months. These include spring bulbs, flowering natives and lowering hedges, which can bring colour and life to your garden even in the cold.

For information regarding our Club please visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com.au or email: galstongardenclub@gmail.com



PITTOSPORUMS – ARE THEY REALLY WEEDS?



BY BARRY LEES

Many people regard Pittosporums as a nuisance weed. They say they take over and don't allow other more desirable plants to grow so they should be eliminated. But are there other considerations?

There are 2 types of Pittosporums growing in this area – *Pittosporum revolutum* and *Pittosporum undulatum*. They are both natives. *Pittosporum revolutum* is a small shrub (mostly to 1.5m tall) that presents no problems. There are many in Carrs Bush (Fagan Park) and I like them, especially when the big yellow seeds open to show red flesh, advertising to all that “dinner is served”. *Pittosporum undulatum* is very different, growing to about 15m tall and wide, with lots of leaves causing dense shade underneath. This is the plant that many people don't like.

Before Europeans arrived in Australia 250 years ago, Pittos (Pittosporum undulatum) grew naturally in rich soils between the coast and mountains from Southern Queensland to Victoria. Regular bushfires controlled their numbers. However, Europeans changed the soil conditions in much of this area by adding fertilizers and water to grow crops, exotic plants and keep extensive lawns green. Bushfires are now severely limited, especially in developed areas. Bare soil in gardens and on constructions sites resulted in soil erosion. The enriched soil

washed into infertile sandstone gullies and also settled on areas that were already fertile.

Pittos responded eagerly to these changed conditions, spreading far beyond their original range. Botanists referred to them as “environmental weeds” and agreed to their selective removal in some places. It seems that over time, many people have forgotten these constraints and now regard them as simply “weeds” that should be removed everywhere they grow.

BUT LET'S STOP AND THINK FOR A WHILE:

- Pittos are local native plants that belong in the bush. Unless they are creating a major problem, leave them alone, learn to like them. If growing in suitable conditions they have green leaves all year, will survive droughts and flooding rains, have sweet-smelling cream-coloured flowers in Spring, orange berries in Summer and Autumn, provide habitat and food for birds and possums and shade to sit under on a hot day. Best of all, they need no maintenance.
- They can be used as a barrier to prevent weeds crossing into a weed free area. Very few weedy shrubs and groundcovers will grow in their dense shade.
- In remnant bushland in urban and peri-urban areas, they add native biodiversity.

That's the good news. **Could there be a downside?**

Where soil is rich and water plentiful, Pittos might become “over-represented”, causing excess shade and loss of other valued



native plants. If this is so, check if fertilizer or irrigation is being used anywhere uphill. Reducing this might solve the problem. If no other management issues are present, it might be OK to do what a low intensity bushfire would do – you could remove some Pittos to increase the light level in that area and leave more room for other natives. Do not remove them all. It would be responsible to leave the mature Pittos to ensure a continued seed supply. The bush will love you for caring.

Note: the views expressed in this article are mine and may not represent Landcare policy.

For more information, Contact Nick on 9653 2056, www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au email Stillcreeklandcare@iinet.net.au or Facebook.

POP IN A PLANT OR TWO FOR PLATYPUS

Did you know that platypus were recently sighted in Colah Creek? For this small population of platypus to survive and thrive, healthy creek-side vegetation is a must. Hornsby Shire Council invites you to help our newly discovered platypus population by joining a one-off community planting event on Saturday, 26 August 10am-12pm at Forsters Reserve, Middle Dural.

At this event, you will help create a native understorey beneath the magnificent snow-in-summer (*Melaleuca linariifolia*) paperbark trees, to help improve habitat for platypus in Colah Creek, which runs through the reserve. You will also learn about looking after rural creeks to keep the small platypus population healthy.

Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. Just bring along a pair of gardening gloves and drinking water and wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy footwear and a hat. Tools and light refreshments for morning tea will be provided.

For those who want to make a more sustained impact, there's also the opportunity to become a volunteer for the Forsters Reserve Bushcare group which will meet once a month on a Saturday morning.

To find out more about the community planting, and to learn about becoming a Bushcare volunteer, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au



LANDHOLDERS ASKED TO BE VIGILANT WITH ROCK FERN CAUSING TOXICITY IN CATTLE



Local Land Services is urging livestock owners to be on the lookout for rock fern in their grazing paddocks, which can cause toxicity.

Rock fern is a hardy plant that survives dry conditions and re-shoots readily after rain and is most toxic when new fronds are reshooting or growing which occurs during the autumn and winter.

Containing the toxin 'ptaquiloside', rock fern depresses bone marrow production of platelets and white blood cells in cattle, reducing the affected animal's immune system and causing bleeding.

District Veterinarian - North West Local Land Services, Dr Judy Ellemsaid we have had a few cases of deaths in young cattle over the past few weeks in the Gunnedah district.

"These deaths are suspected to be caused by rock fern toxicity. Unfortunately, in most cases there has been multiple deaths," said Dr Ellem.

"It takes two to four weeks before the effects of the toxin are seen in the animal, with recent affected animals being found dead in their paddocks. They have had blood from the nose and, or the anus."

Landholders are asked to keep a close eye on their cattle and watch out for symptoms. Cattle that are affected by the toxin will be off colour, out on their own, and they may have a fever, or other signs of infection. They may have blood in their faeces, dark wine-coloured urine, or a nasal discharge.

Other signs can include heavy breathing, demonstrating weakness and swaying when walking. If examined closely there maybe spot bleeding in their mouth, gums, or eyes.

Sheep are also affected by rock fern, however, are more susceptible to a different toxin, 'thiaminase', which destroys vitamin B1 or thiamine in the rumen. A lack of vitamin B1 damages the brain which results in a condition known as polio encephalomalacia or PEM.

"Sheep can be found dead, or they may be out on their own, appear blind, run into fences, or press against obstacles. They sometimes exhibit a syndrome called 'stargazing' where they have their head pointed upwards, or they may froth at the mouth and possibly seizure," said Dr Ellem.

Horses are also susceptible to thiaminase toxicity, and can be seen to go off their food, become uncoordinated, they may carry their head low, be head nodding, ear twitching, yawning, and can also become excitable. Like sheep, they may also appear blind.

"Sheep and horses that are affected by the thiaminase can be treated with thiamine if found early enough," she said.

"I would urge producers to check their paddocks and remove livestock from paddocks where rock fern is growing, to reduce the risks of toxicity in livestock".

If you have deaths or signs of toxicity in your livestock, please call your veterinarian for treatment and advice.

Hidden In The Hills **DESTRUCTIVE DUMPING**

BY LACHLAN TURNER

Bushland which borders residential and recreational areas is subject to an element of abuse. In other words, the environmental integrity of the bushland is being abused by people who regard that bushland as a suitable depository for all their unwanted property and rubbish.

As you move around the numerous reserves in both The Hills and Hornsby Shires, it is not uncommon to come across what is in effect foreign matter deposited into the borders of our bushland. Apart from the distasteful visual impact it presents, all of this "stuff" has a detrimental impact on the natural area into which it is deposited.

What is "got rid of" by selfish and thoughtless people in a matter of minutes, takes decades for the bushland environment to recover - if at all. Weed laden soil dumped "out of sight - out of mind", might be a convenient solution at the time, but turns into, what amounts to a disaster for the indigenous vegetation into which it has been dumped.

Not all rubbish in bushland is deliberately placed there, but is as a result of the careless actions of people who possess a total misunderstanding of the consequences of their actions. They do not comprehend where those plastic bottles and paper food containers may end up after they casually throw them out the car window or into the gutter to be washed away with the next downpour of rain and thus into bushland waterways.

Such laziness and selfish disregard for responsible behaviour is why Australia needs such occasions as "Clean Up Australia Day".

Fortunately, in the Hills, there are dedicated Bush Care Volunteers who regularly have to clean up the mess left at the fringes of our otherwise pristine bushland.





GALSTON UNITING CHURCH PRAYER AT GUC



Prayer is foundational at Galston Uniting Church and we endeavour to undergird all we do with prayer.

We were reminded of this recently when a member of our congregation thanked everyone for their prayers for his wife, who had been through a serious protracted illness and who was now doing well in recovery. She had been in the prayers of many people in the congregation, as well as in our worship services.

In the Bible, Philippians 4:6 says:
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

At GUC, prayer is an integral part of each worship service. As well as those prayers led by the minister, a member of the congregation leads "Prayers of the People" which are the prayers that may be on people's hearts. These may be world or national events, such as an end of the war in Ukraine, or more local, in praying for someone who is sick.

Our "Prayer Chain" consists of people who are prepared to pray for others. Here,

anyone in the community can contact the church office and request prayer for themselves or someone they know who is in need of prayer. Care is taken with confidentiality if so requested.

In addition, a "Prayer Focus" section is included in the church's monthly publication "Out Of School Road". This provides points for prayer to assist people in their private devotions.

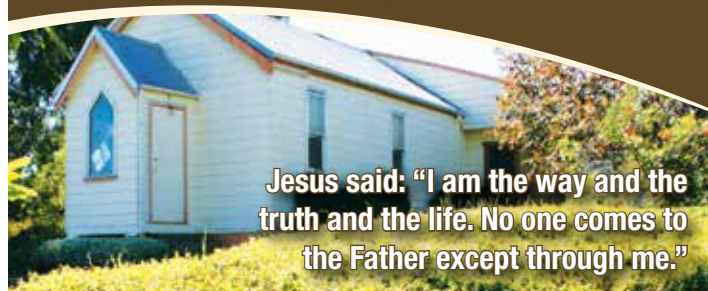
Prayer is the very basis of our relationship with God.

Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams. You can find Galston Uniting Church on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" Galston Uniting Church Facebook posts.

If you, or someone you know needs prayer support or just someone to chat to, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The church office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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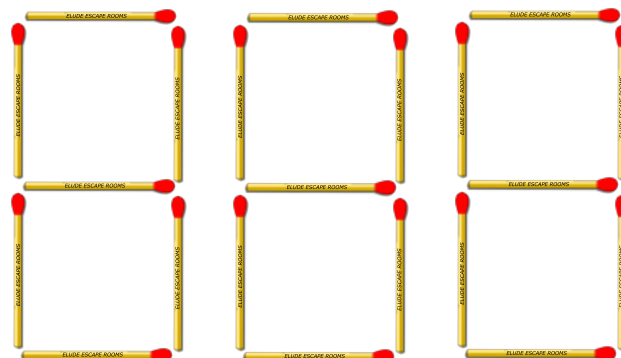


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JESUS SAID, I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In each of our monthly articles so far this year, we have been focussing on the truth about who Jesus Christ IS and why He came to the earth. The way I can describe these articles is like a portrait being painted. The whole portrait doesn't come together in one day- but with each stroke of the brush an important part is represented until the portrait is finally finished!

SO FAR...

- ** Jesus Christ is the I AM, the answer to the spiritual needs of every person.
- ** He is the Bread of Life; not a literal loaf of bread but His abundant love satisfies our hunger to understand this world we live in, supplying our physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
- ** Jesus is the Light of the world; His light overcomes darkness in our lives and directs us to follow Him into peace and joy.
- ** Jesus is the Door for the sheep; there is safety in doing life His way as we follow Him.

Briefly now, we build our portrait of Jesus through His declaration in John 10: 11 "I AM the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep."

It's difficult for 21st century dwellers to understand what Jesus was describing here- but in His day, shepherds and sheep were a very common sight.

The ancient middle- Eastern shepherd's lifelong vocation was to give his sheep security by providing for them, herding them to safe pasture, protecting them from danger and making sure they didn't stray into unknown territory.



Similarly, when Jesus declares that He is the good shepherd, He is saying that a relationship with Him through our acceptance of His death and resurrection at the Cross for our sins, will result in His forgiveness for our sins, as well as security, provision, protection and safe guidance over our lives.

The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 2:25 "Once you were like sheep who wandered away but now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls." For those who belong to the family of God through Jesus, this Bible verse is Truth. God bless.

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NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

FIRST COMMUNION

Last month we wrote about the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion in June. The picture shows the children with Father Shansana and Paul El Chaar on this very special occasion. Fittingly, parishioners Gabrielle Wall and Mona Makaj were recognised as Volunteers of the Week in late June for their wonderful work in organising and arranging the beautiful flowers that decorated the church on the Holy Communion day. First Communion is the culmination of the Sacramental Program that is undertaken each year in the parish. The new 2023 classes will begin in August.

THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST BENEDICT'S

The wonderful musicians who provide the music for our parish masses have been pleased this year to introduce some special sung parts of the mass that we can all join. Described as "very singable" parts of the service, these additions to our musical repertoire have been composed by Paul Taylor. Paul has dedicated this special work to three Benedictine communities: St John's Abbey in the USA, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan who have a long association with our parish, and our very own monastery here in Arcadia. We feel very honoured to be included in this international initiative and to have music and songs that have been especially dedicated to and associated with our community.

OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

He's been with us for some time now but at the end of June Bishop Randazzo formally appointed Father Shansana as our Parish Priest for the next six years. Welcome (again) Father Shansana.

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Please check our website for service times and parish information www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia. Click on the News and Events tab to find the weekly Parish Bulletin that will keep you up to date. Or ring Paula 9653 2312 on Monday or Friday at the Parish Office, St Benedict's Catholic Church 2 Fagans Road Arcadia.



HAPPINESS

How much does it take to make you happy? What does it take to make you happy? Does money make people happy? Are rich people happier than poor people?

Paul has a lot to say to us all in the last few verses of his thank you letter to the church at Philippi (Philippians 4:10-23). One very important lesson for us is found in verses 11-12.

Paul says 'I have learned to be content in whatever place and under whatever conditions God allows. There have been times when I have had absolutely nothing in my pockets and I have accepted it as from the Lord. Sometimes I have had plenty and have taken that as from the Lord too and been careful how I spent what I had'.

That is not an easy lesson to learn. It seems natural just to want 'things'. There are many things of course which we need to enable us to live our ordinary lives. But the spirit of the world around us is to put 'things' above everything else and to think that happiness

comes when we are able to get every thing we want. Our Lord Jesus had a lot to say about this. Turn to Matthew 6 and read verses 25 to 33. Christ said, 'Don't be anxious about food, clothing, or money. Your Father knows what you need and will provide it. But you put Christ first and find your happiness in Him and all the other things you need for this life will be supplied by your loving heavenly Father.'

Paul had learned the truth of Christ's words in his own life. He was able to say, 'I am perfectly content with what I have and where I am – in jail. I am here because God wants me here and when He wants me to be free, He will set me free'. Isn't that a wonderful attitude? Would we be able to start learning that lesson in God's school today? Paul says we can.

Read the secret in verse 13, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'.

(A MESSAGE BY THE LATE REV. ED LONG)

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GLENORIE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



INTRODUCING THE NEW GLENORIE 1 ALPHA

We are excited to introduce our brand-new fire truck, the Category 1 Tanker which will replace our existing Glenorie 1 Alpha. This impressive vehicle is equipped with advanced features designed to enhance our firefighting capabilities such as the addition of a water monitor at the front of the truck. The water monitor is capable of delivering a high-volume spray of water, enabling our firefighters to tackle fires from a safe distance while effectively controlling and extinguishing flames.



It's not just about fighting fires, though. The truck is designed to prioritise the comfort and safety of our firefighters, ensuring they have a better working environment. We would like to thank Inspector Nathan Barnden and Operational Officer Dane Freeman from the Hills District Office for taking the time to deliver this truck to our station.

GLENORIE BRIGADE CADETS



In addition to our latest truck acquisition, we are thrilled to recognise the dedicated Glenorie Brigade cadets who actively participate in training and brigade activities. These aspiring volunteer firefighters have been diligently honing their skills in essential tasks such as bowling hoses, setting up hose lays and rolling hoses, as well as operating the pumps on our trucks. Their commitment and hard work are truly commendable. Well done to our exceptional cadets!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NSW RFS?

We are always looking for new members to join Glenorie Brigade and we have a wide variety of roles available to suit everyone, ranging from firefighting, catering, and administration roles. If you are interested in joining our brigade, contact us via our Facebook page or simply stop in for a chat when we are open. The station is open Monday nights from 7:30pm, and Saturday afternoons from 2pm.



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PREPARE EARLY FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON



Unprecedented heatwave conditions in Europe and North America indicate that our next summer in Australia is going to be brutal.

Observing the fire disasters overseas should compel Hills residents to be on high alert.

Now is the time to prepare for the extreme fire danger we will no doubt be experiencing this upcoming summer.

The last few years of La Nina rainfall has generated a huge fuel load in bush, scrubland and even grasslands. Now the pendulum is swinging back to a drier and hotter El Nino, the threat of wildfires is very real indeed.

People living on what the RFS call the "Urban Interface" know that living amongst the gum trees has never been more dangerous!

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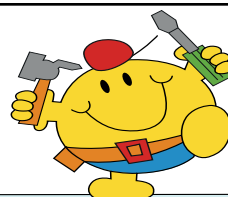
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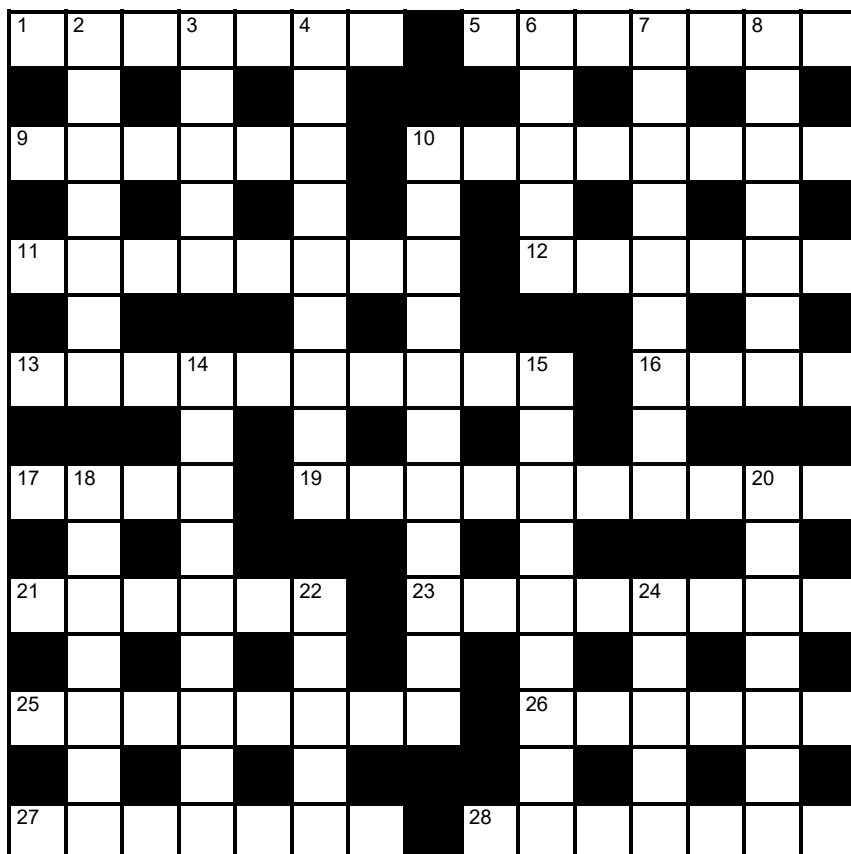
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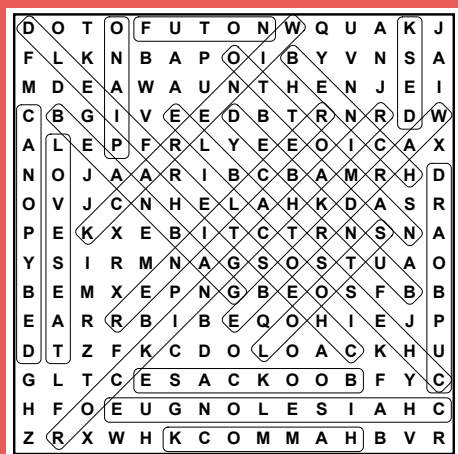
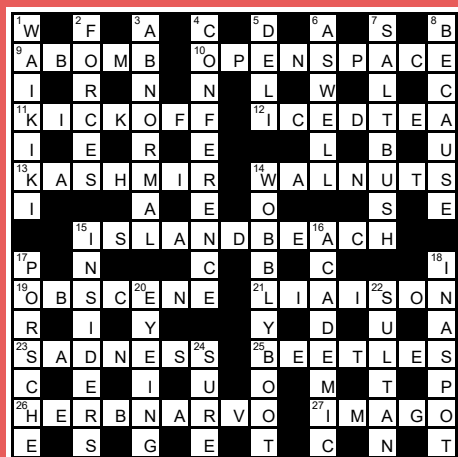
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 10 Burnett River dry spot? (5,6)
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Avicultural Society of NSW Inc.

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● Paul Henry 9872 464 or 0408 617 686

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● Galston Community Health and Resource Centre

● Carole on 9894 7749

Association of Independent Retirees Ltd

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10am.

● Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills

● John Guthrie on 9634 6727

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The Cottage is also open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Wed and Sundays.

● History Cottage,

412 Galston Rd Galston

● Michael Bell 9653 1365

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

Our Group meets on May 15th, Group Discussion at 7.00pm

● Blue Gum Centre ARV Glenhaven Green

599 - 607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven

● Denis 9629 2645 or Graham 8677 7896

Dural and Hills District Garden Club

Meetings at 8pm on 1st Wednesday of each month.

● Mid Dural Fire Station, 57 Mid Dural Road

● Di Glasgow 0409 909 161

● duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

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

● Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed

Meets Thursday and Saturday 9am. Woodwork & Metalwork/Welding facilities.

● Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd

● Chris Thomas 0402 478 498

● www.duralmensshed.org

Friends of Fagan Park

Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.

● Ian Browning 0419 435 475

● isandian@tpg.com.au

Ferry Artists Gallery

For info on workshops & membership see

● www.ferryartists.org

● Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry 2775

● 02 4566 4385

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm (during school terms).

New members always welcome.

● Galston Primary School Library,

School Road, Galston

● 0403 076 175.

Galston Branch CWA

Meets on the second Wednesday of each month. New members are sure of a friendly welcome.

● Galston Community Health Centre

● Patricia 0412 948 787 or

Jann 0439 222 217

Galston View Club

The Galston VIEW Club who raises money for The Smith Family "Learning for Life program" hold their lunch meeting, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. 11.00am.

● Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston

● President Lesley 0413 996 783

Galston Garden Club

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● Galston Community Centre

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● Galston Guide Hall,

414 Galston Road, Galston

● admin@galstongirlguides.com

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum

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● Glenorie Community Hall

● Carolyn Hall carolyn@dhphc.com.au

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● Pat Schwartz 0419 321 276

Glenorie Progress Association

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.00pm.

● Glenorie RSL Club

● secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au

● 0418 432 587

Glenorie Probuc Club

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● Glenorie RSL Club

● Wendy 9653 1022

● wendyreblack@yahoo.com.au

Glenorie RSL Club

Glenorie RSL Sub-Branch meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month commencing at 7.00pm.

● Glenorie RSL Club

● Graham Bruce 0432 391 811

Hills Budgerigar Club

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● North Rocks Community Hall

● Peter 9888 5631

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● Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill

● 9624 5034

Hills RSL Sub Branch

Meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

● The Galston Club

● 9653 2565

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt

2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm.

● Castle Hill Showground

● www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Hills District Pipe Band

Bagpipe band based in Castle Hill. Join to learn the bagpipes, snare drum or tenor drum, or enquire for gigs.

● Pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com

● www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

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.

● Hornsby Heights Community Centre,

Galston Road, Hornsby Heights

● www.hk4wd.com.au

Hornsby and District Amateur Radio Club

The Club meets at 8pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always most welcome. At this meeting there is usually a talk on a radio-related topic, together with Club business.

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month there is an informal gathering and workshop, when Club members bring along equipment to be tested, and group construction projects are discussed etc.

The more experienced members are available to give advice and help with equipment problems and operating skills.

● Community Centre, Pierre Close,

Mount Colah

● www.HADARC.org.au

The NSW Justice Association Hornsby Branch

Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, except January and June, 7pm.

All JP's welcome. Meetings are subject to any Covid conditions and restrictions applicable on the day of meeting.

● Magpies Waitara opposite

Waitara rail station

● John 0408 491 232 or

Gavin 0407 289 203

Pennant Hills Photographic Club

Meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays each month at 8pm.

● Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd

and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills

● www.phpc.org.au

Rotary Club of Greater Hills

New members welcome. Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Join us and help make a difference through our local and international projects. Enjoy the fellowship of fellow Rotarians in our many and varied projects and social activities.

● The Galston Club

● Annette 0437 148 126

● membership@greaterhillsrotary.org.au

Probuc Club of the Hills

Is a mixed club which meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am. New members welcome.

● The Galston Club

● Bob 9624 8954 or Ken 9629 6459

Probuc 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. We look forward to you joining with us.

● Galston Club 19 Arcadia Rd, Galston

● All enquiries to The Secretary,

PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or

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Rowland Village Workshop Club

Invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age.

● Michael Bell 9653 1365

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● www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au

● StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au

● Nick 9653 2056

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW)

The Trefoil Guild is the adult section of Guiding which links Members, former Members; female Members of the Scout Association; and women who have not been Guides but are prepared to make the Guide Promise.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month commencing at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm.

● Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill

● Evelyn 02 9634 4987

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club

We have frequent bushwalks, city walks and social activities. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday each month at 8pm.

● Crestwood Community Centre,

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● Ted 0429 790 091

● www.bushwalkingsnsw.org.au/

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● Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

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● church office 9653 2039

● 11 School Road Galston

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church

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● 49 Arcadia Rd Galston

● Minister Pr. Andrew McCrostie

0481 575 334

Glenorie Community Church

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● 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie

● Pr Valich 0420 602 989

Church 9652 0577

Glenorie Mission Church

Sunday Service 10.00am.

● 1409 Old Northern Road

(Cnr Muscos Rd), Glenorie

● 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

St. Columb's Anglican Church

Sundays at 9.30am. Coffee n' craft group meets on Fridays at 9.30am.

● Beverley 9653 17

CALLING ALL Playgroups



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

Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to:
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• LEARNING BLOCKS

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• KENTHURST

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• GALSTON

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Email galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.

• PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

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Police - Castle Hill	9680 5399
Sydney Water	13 20 90

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Glenorie Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ROD DERRIMAN	0491 119 152
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Mary Ord, Glenorie - 0400 363 563
Julia Billyard, Elude Games, Galston - 8005 0077
Cathy Vipond Hills Accounting, Glenorie - 9652 2400
Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area)
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