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SWING INTO SPRING

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

With the proliferation of orchards and fruit trees in our area, Spring is certainly a beautiful time to be out and about, enjoying this magical but fleeting season.

Trees with fluffy, delicate florets of pink and white are starting to bloom, and some may have already begun to 'leaf up' by the time this edition hits the stands.

The Prunus trees out the front of Glenorie Vets were spectacular this year, and I look forward to seeing Fagan Park in full glory, as well as the magenta blossoms on the nature strip of the Buddhist Temple in Galston Road.

Here are some joyful photos to get you in the Spring Mood!



The Japanese Garden at Fagan Park – Karlene Brummer



Bee on a Blossom – Mel Hayes Photography

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PLANE CRASHES AT ARCADIA

A RECOLLECTION BY GLENN GILLIS OF GALSTON

I well remember as a 5 year old sitting next to my Grandfather in Church on 13 June 1953. Grandfather, Joe Gillis was sitting beside the window when we all heard a screeching in the sky.

Grandpa looked out the window and saw a Mustang fighter plane nose diving towards the ground. This curious boy could not see the plane, but we all heard the big BANG as it hit the ground.

We rushed home to our property in Cobah Road, Arcadia and found the wreckage about 200metres from our property, in what is now Henstock Road.

It was fascinating to see the crater in the ground about 2m deep and 5m wide. Bits of the plane were scattered over an area of about 400m and I observed gory bits and pieces of Roderick Norman, the pilot, scattered around and hanging from tree branches.

Those graphic scenes are still clear in my mind after 70 years. Apparently the pilot went too high, blacked out, falling forwards onto his joy stick.

Dad had an orchard at the time and a tractor which had the same wheels as those on the plane. While the RAAF came to investigate and clean up the site, they left many parts behind and Dad ended up using one of the Mustang's wheels on his tractor trailer.

There was so much wreckage left, I guess it has either been covered up or disintegrated by now.



Spectators examine the parachute belonging to Pilot-Officer R. N. Ward (24), of Guildford, NSW, who was killed when his Mustang plane crashed into thick scrub at Arcadia (near Hornsby)





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PETS @ WORK



BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND

This month we meet office dogs Poppet, Milly, Charlie and Lucy of ThurlowFisher Solicitors at Dural.

NEV: Hey Guys! Nice to meet you! How did you end up working in a Solicitors Office?

POPPET, MILLY, CHARLIE AND LUCY: We ended up going to work at ThurlowFisher lawyers as our late Brother Oliver went in one day. He was ambitious liked wearing a tie and was hoping to get on the payroll. All the staff made such a fuss of him he came home and raved about everything from how exciting the lift was, to learning legal secrets sniffing around the desk, not to mention treats with the girls... and we girls wanted in!

NEV: What's the best part of coming to work?

POPPET, MILLY, CHARLIE AND LUCY: The best part of coming to work is the car ride the engine is loud and the windows are down... plus all the attention we get. We are very beautiful but it's nice to hear it often.

NEV: And the worst?

POPPET, MILLY, CHARLIE AND LUCY: Worst part is sitting around waiting for someone to ask our advice on a legal matter.

NEV: Do you find that staff morale is better when you come into the office?

POPPET, MILLY, CHARLIE AND LUCY: We're told human staff morale goes through the roof when we go in, our Dad gets concerned that humans work less as we're so popular work can stop. Forget staff morale our morale is important and it's good for us.



NEV: Is there a Boss Dog or are you all on the same level?

POPPET, MILLY, CHARLIE

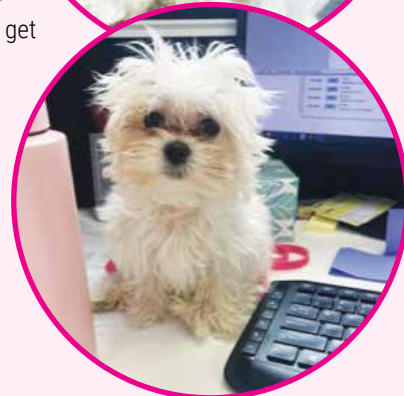
AND LUCY: Lucy is now the boss dog, don't tell Dad he thinks he's the biggest baddest dog around.

NEV: Do you bill by the hour, or just get paid in treats?

POPPET, MILLY, CHARLIE

AND LUCY: We bill by the hour, our rates are pretty high, we know the labour laws... we really do have an expensive lifestyle to support, hair bows, groomers, pet nannies, outfits... not to mention the treats.

We love going to work with Mum and Dad.





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In most cases however, the imported grasses, weeds and trees which are wind pollinated are the predominate cause of symptoms. Pollens of highly flowering plants, which are insect pollinated are usually too large to remain airborne, and do not usually trigger hayfever.



THE PROBUS CLUB OF THE HILLS INC



As usual the month of July was a busy one for our club.

Firstly we celebrated Christmas in July with a luncheon at the Galston Club where we had the pleasure of being entertained by Charlie Chech. This was followed by a walk around

Lake Parramatta ending in a

luncheon at the Tollgate Hotel.

Roslyn and Preet from Services NSW gave us an interesting address on all the Government handouts that are available and set up appointments for individuals to discuss their entitlements.

And as usual our groups of golf, snooker, lawn bowls and finance were fully active.

Our club would be happy to welcome you to one of our meetings which are held at the Galston Club on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am.

Enquiries Bob Heyward 0427 360 389 or Ken Smith 0413 309 573.

GOOD LUCK TANE

DIANA PATON

Tane started swimming from an early age and always did well at Glenorie Primary School and School Sports Australia swimming carnivals. He joined Galston Swim Club and it became apparent he was more than just good. He received a sports scholarship to Knox Grammar School which allowed him to further enhance his swimming skills. After Galston Swim Club he moved to Abbotsleigh Club, then to Knox Pymble Swimming Club. By Year 9 he was medaling at National competitions.



In April, he swam at the Gold Coast qualifying events for the World Junior Championships and was selected onto the Australian Junior Swim Team. Tane has recently returned from Europe where he competed at the Mare Nostrum Swimming Tour in France, Barcelona and Monaco.

On 24th August Tane leaves for Cyprus to start training with the Australian Swim team. They then travel to Israel on **4th September** for the World Aquatics Junior Championships. Tane will swim the 50m freestyle and potentially earn a spot on the relay team.

Tane is only 18 years old and hopes his performance in Israel will consolidate his abilities on the world stage. Next year he hopes to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Behind every successful athlete, there is always a dedicated family. Mitch and Maree Bidois have supported Tane over the years, driving him to all his training sessions and events. At his level, he has 9 training sessions a week including gym. With 5am starts most days, that's a big commitment.

Good Luck in Israel Tane. We hope you do well.



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10 TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR SALE

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3. Give the house a thorough clean
4. Style the house to sell
5. Find a great real estate agent
6. Consider your home's street appeal
7. Have a second set of eyes take a look
8. Put your valuables away



9. Be prepared for the open home

10. Engage with a good conveyancer or solicitor

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Students will need to complete all their pre-course/theory online and on the day will be assessed practically. This reduces the amount of time they spend onsite.

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When Steph has your email address she will sent out the invoice for payment and connect you for the online pre course work.
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Registration is essential by Friday 27th October.



HEARD ON THE STREET

David from Galston IGA will be MIA for up to six months as he focuses on a new business venture. He has, however assured HOTS that he could never leave Galston forever so he will be back in some shape or form in the near future. Wishing him all the best for his new endeavour!

The explanation for the noisy sirens and Helicopters roaming around on Sunday night, 20th August:

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from the Mayor's Desk

As we head into spring, it's great to see some warmer weather. While spring is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beauty of our Shire in bloom, it's also a good opportunity for us to start preparing for bushfires and other emergencies.

I encourage you to complete an emergency plan on the Red Cross Get Prepared app. It's a free, easy-to-use tool to help you prepare for any type of emergency. You can use it to establish a quick and easy network of support with three key contacts, review the risks relevant to where you live and create checklists. Watch a video and discover more at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies.

As I have shared before, we are committed to open and transparent communication and consultation with our community. Just over a year ago, we launched Your Say Hornsby on a new online engagement platform. In its first year, our community made 117,000 submissions about 67 projects. We thank those who have engaged with us on the new portal and encourage everyone get involved at hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

This month, we are launching a new quarterly publication, bringing you news of what's been happening across Hornsby Shire. From projects, services and initiatives to environmental news and useful tips and tricks, we hope you find it interesting and informative. Look out for it in your letterbox.

Last month, we said a fond farewell to much-respected Hornsby resident, Robin Timmins. Robin was a member of the Beecroft Garden Club, served as President of the Beecroft Probus Club and organised local heritage walking tours. A passionate supporter of rugby, Robin was an early trailblazer for women in sport. She was a ground breaker, being the first female referee in Australia, and was awarded an OAM for her services to the sport. I acknowledge her contribution to the community; she will be missed.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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GALSTON RESIDENTS ASK COUNCIL TO SAVE 3 JOHNSON RD AS PARKLAND

CLLR TANIA SALITRA

When bad decisions are made by government, good people lose their weekends and evenings having to fight it. For weeks, months or years. It was this realisation that led to my interest in local government.

Since the June 2023 Council decision to progress rezoning of No. 1 and No. 3 Johnson Rd Galston and well before the consultation process had started, Councillors have received an outpouring of protest from Galston residents to save their precious but unofficial parkland at No. 3 Johnson Rd, known as the Old Pony Club.

So, when I was asked to table a petition of 832 signatures to stop the rezoning of No. 3 at our next meeting, I was happy to oblige. I believe our role as a Councillor is to listen and act. After the meeting I suggested catching up with some residents on site to find out more about their needs and use of the site. It was incredible to meet with not just a few as I'd expected, but over 120 residents.

Having based my original decision on information of this land being unused and Galston residents needing space to grow their businesses; it was clear to me from the petition and emails alone, Council needed to stop and reassess.

So, after working with council staff, I put forward a workable motion to address resident's requests and offered Council the opportunity to say we hear you and we will investigate your proposal.

This motion sought to pause the current planning proposal to rezone No. 1 and No. 3 (with a view to developing with industrial units);



before spending hundreds of thousands of dollars going down a path clearly unpalatable to residents.


It asked Council to conduct a feasibility analysis of developing only No.1 with protection of No. 3 as community parkland and conservation of the forest. This would provide councillors with all the information needed to make an informed decision, when the time came.

It was reasonable and pragmatic, just as Galston residents have been. Now that Councillors were aware of the community's love for this greenspace, I believe it should have received enough support to pass.

Disappointingly, it didn't - despite there being no reason why it couldn't have progressed. We know due process would still be followed, it has to. This motion just added an extra step to ensure good governance, accountability and fair democratic process.

Despite the commitment to consultation, the amended motion on 9th August does nothing to change the original Council decision to work towards developing both parcels of land with industrial units.

Residents of Galston are now left to continue the fight for their valued, beautiful parkland. I believe our community deserves better.



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On the 14 August the Rotary Club of Greater Hills inducted our first member for the Rotary year, Mrs Diana Paton.



As most of you will know in the community, Diana is the publisher and owner of the *Galston, Glenorie News*, the *Hills to Hawkesbury Community News* and *Dooral Roundup*. Diana brings to our club a wealth of knowledge and as I like to call her a Mrs Fixit or Mrs Google, whenever you don't know the answer or need help or basically just require a common sense answer you ring Diana. The Rotary motto is service above self and Diana certainly displays that in everything she does.

Diana completes and continues to abide by the Rotary four way test to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. We congratulate Diana for taking a leap of faith with our club and becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Hills.

We also welcomed back Georgia Cleary and Taylor Davies, our two Rypen Students and their families as well as the Deputy Principal of Galston High School, Julia Petrus. Georgia and Taylor engaged in the three day Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment otherwise known as RYPEN which provides a group of young people aged between

14-17 years, an opportunity to develop self awareness and valuable leadership skills.

The program aims to provide young people with the opportunity to develop their potential and self-esteem, provide experiences that will assist them to form their own values and moral standards, and to broaden their cultural, social and academic horizons. The program pushes students to develop their leadership skills so that they can excel in their lives and last night we enjoyed hearing about Georgia and Taylor's experiences with the program.

Georgia and Taylor spoke about being pushed out of their comfort zone and they were both not sure what to expect from the program however they quietly surprised and very eager to participate in all the fabulous activities the program had to offer, even laughing yoga! Our RYPEN students said that the program had given them the confidence to be able to engage in public speaking as they gradually built up their confidence. Taylor and Georgia formed many friendships and connections and continue to remain in contact through social media with the students that they met during their time at RYPEN, Taylor even mentioned that it was the best camp food he had ever eaten!





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DURAL SCOUT ACHIEVES TOP AWARD



The Australian Scout Award is the highest award that a Scout can earn and involves demonstrating skills in Bushcraft, Bushwalking and Camping as well as completing a Leadership Course and leading an Adventurous Journey over three days and two nights. The 1st Dural Scout Group is proud to report that recently Emily Symons received this 'Peak Award' at Baden Powell Activity Centre, Pennant Hills.

In achieving this award Emily has been an enthusiastic and active participant of her Scout Group and has developed her leadership skills through leading a number of exciting adventures. Emily has also developed an interest and skills in boating, and she was able to both share and incorporate this new-found passion with the other Scouts by leading an Adventurous Journey from Berowra Waters down Berowra Creek. In her time as a Scout, Emily has represented the 1st Dural Group at ANZAC Services, organised Group functions, attended camps and Jamborette, and taught younger Scouts some basic skills in boating and canoeing. This year Emily was also awarded the coveted 'Bear Award' which is a 1st Dural Group Award, given to the youth member who best demonstrates their commitment to the Scout Law and has grown personally through their Scouting efforts.

The 1st Dural Group is very proud of Emily's achievements and are excited to see where her new adventures in the Venturer Section will lead her!

Dural Scout Group has vacancies for Girls and Boys from 5 to 25 years. Joeys (5yo), Cubs (8yo), Scouts (12yo) and Venturers (16yo).

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A recently borrowed book on design revealed wonderfully embroidered "quatrefoils"... from there the search began? What is a quatrefoil, how is this design being used today when we

consider its historic timeline? Dating back to ancient Mayan times (2000 BC to 250 AD) the clear, simple connecting-shapes can still be found wherever creative work is taking place; in architecture, in fabric design, in pottery and garden layouts... the list is endless IF one takes the time to LOOK!!

Simply put a quatrefoil is a symmetrical shape with four connecting foils or lobes - like a four-leafed clover or flower with four petals, even this simple triangle border on a child's quilt is based on 'the quatrefoil'.



Left side photo, this cheery blue colourful quilt, on it's way to the Assistance Dogs Programme, from there it will soon be adding another layer of re-assurance to a little person's wellbeing.

Thinking of becoming a quilter - or - continuing with that favourite hobby??

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put their heads together, visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Glenorie Progress Association

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMING BUSH FIRE SEASON. THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 7:15 IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM GLENORIE RSL

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE BUSH FIRE DANGER SEASON?

During the Environmental report at the August meeting Mrs Pat Schwartz pointed out just how quickly the bush surrounding Glenorie is drying out and the increased risk of bush fire.

The last time Glenorie experienced bush fire was in December 2002 when we lost 15 homes to the north of the Village. Since then, the population of Glenorie has more than doubled and in areas where we lost one home there are now many. The number of homes in Glenorie has increased from just over 300 to more than 700, most along the bush fringes, all at risk of direct fire or ember attack. Most of Glenorie's residents have never seen a bush fire.

Glenorie Progress Association would like to encourage all Glenorie and surrounding area residents to prepare for the coming bush fire season and invite you to a Special Meeting of the GPA next month **Thursday 14/09** in the downstairs meeting room of the Glenorie RSL. We have invited guest speakers from The Hills Council, The Hills District Rural Service, and local Rural Fire



Brigades to attend the meeting to inform and equip you for the upcoming bush fire season. They will be available to answer any questions.

The meeting starts at 7:15pm although you are welcome to join the several members who enjoy dinner at the Club from 6pm.

DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF SYDNEY'S HILLS DISTRICT: WARRAH'S ORGANIC FARM SHOP



Nestled in the leafy heart of Dural lies a hidden treasure waiting to be explored – Warrah's Organic Farm Shop. A unique shopping experience that combines the finest organic produce with a commitment to sustainability and supporting individuals with disabilities.

Warrah's Organic Farm Shop proudly stands alongside Sydney's sole biodynamic farm, setting the standard for organic excellence in the Hills District. Embracing biodynamic principles to cultivate food that is not only delicious but also nurtures the land it comes from.

"Every purchase you make here directly fosters the growth and development of individuals with disabilities. We create valuable work experience opportunities, and all profits are channelled towards supporting people with disabilities. Being a part of this journey is a true privilege," shares Debbie Tschepen, Services Manager Farm Shop.

Purchasing produce in season ensures maximum freshness, flavour, and nutritional value. Our winter season offerings include vibrant grapefruit and citrus, nutrient-rich leafy greens, hearty cabbage, earthy beetroot, and aromatic coriander.

Work experience activities for Warrah participants and students include bagging salad mix and dry goods, weighing fruit and vegetables, packing produce boxes, loading the delivery van and assisting with deliveries.

"It is lovely to see our young participants learning to use the till, and growing in confidence as they practice their customer service skills, handle cash and complete stock takes".

In addition to in-store shopping, the shop supplies fresh organic produce to customers through deliveries to collection points and to local restaurants committed to organics. Warrah Society adults residing in Supported Independent Living also receive boxes of quality fresh organic produce on a weekly basis.

Set against the backdrop of a serene landscape, the Warrah Organic Farm Shop invites you to breathe in the fresh air, soak in the beauty of nature, and enjoy a shopping experience like no other.

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Find out what service connections and support are available in the Hornsby

region and learn and share with other community members on how to build a more dementia-friendly community.

Joining the Forum will be our Keynote Speaker - leading Geriatrician and Dementia Specialist, Professor Susan Kurrle – as seen on ABC-TV's 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds' - who will be sharing insights into her extensive research, which will be followed by a panel discussion plus Q&A.

Supported by Hornsby Council, the Forum will be opened by the Hon. Philip Ruddock, AO, Mayor of Hornsby Shire.

Don't miss out on this informative community event!

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CAROLYN WHEATLEY



When looking for a new place to call home, one of the most exciting parts is picturing yourself living in the property and making it your own. This can be difficult. Changing your property into a blank canvas will help to tap into a large buyer pool.

Opening your house up for the perfect buyer, it pays to take the 'you' out of your property and treat it like a blank canvas. While Carolyn Wheatley can advise you on how best to prepare your home for sale, here are a few simple steps you can take on your own:

CLEAN UP YOUR CLUTTER

When preparing to sell, it's a good idea to start decluttering as early as possible. If you run out of storage space you could even consider renting a storage facility for a while to store items off-site.

Buyers want to see how spacious a property is and the storage that is on offer, so don't think your cupboard or garage will hide any clutter you may have. Look at your property through an unbiased lens and consider what you would want to see, and more importantly, not see when inspecting a property for the first time.

REMOVE ANY PERSONAL ITEMS AND PHOTOS

Imagine attending an inspection and opening the front door to a large portrait of an unknown family hanging in the foyer, try and make your house a neutral canvas by removing any personal effects like pictures and bathroom items.

STOW AWAY YOUR POOCH'S PARAPHERNALIA

While most homes have a pet, not all buyers are pet people so when selling it's a good idea to hide away any of your pet's belongings. As a rule of thumb, hide any trace of a pet during open homes.

CONSIDER YOUR KERB APPEAL

When preparing to sell, remember that the very first impression that buyers will get of your property is how it appears as they approach from the street. Take notice of the elements that will likely catch a buyer's eye. Remove any personal belongings next to the front door, consider adding some pot plants or occasional chairs to your verandah, freshen up your façade.

REASSESS YOUR ROOMS

Buyers often make their property decisions based around the number of bedrooms a house has. It's important to do some research and talk to Carolyn about buyer demographics in the area.

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It's been a long time coming but it will be worth the wait. That's the reassurance from the team at Living Choice Galston, a premium retirement village that is under construction at 330-334 Galston Road.

Living Choice Regional Manager, Gail Eyres, said the sales and display centre would open its doors to invited clients on **Thursday 14th September** with interested members of the public welcome to visit from **15th September**.

"Initially, the centre will be open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. The opening hours will be extended as the first homes near completion," she said.

"Many clients have already expressed their interest in Stage 1, comprising 13 two and three-bedroom villas with one or two garages. We are looking forward to working with them to ensure the moving-in experience is stress-free. We also have an experienced panel of real estate agents who can assist them to get the best possible price for their home."

When complete, Living Choice Galston will comprise 40 villas, 48 apartments, a magnificent leisure centre and extensive outdoor facilities, including a putting green, bocce court, BBQ area and terrace garden.



Artist's impression showing part of Stage 1

The sales/display centre is located adjacent to the entrance to the village and there is safe access, away from the construction activity, and plenty of parking.

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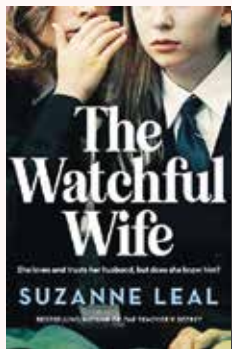
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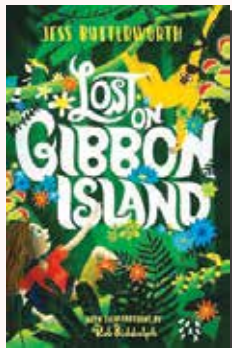


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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE

What was this used for? Here is a clue; it was used on a Sydney icon 100 years ago.



The Society's annual June Roughley Memorial Lecture, was held in the Arcadia Community Centre last month.

Guest speaker, John Brock, shared his knowledge and love of surveying and history with members and guests. Mr Brock's lecture told of the association Strzelecki had with Australian exploration and the reason for his naming of Mount Kosciuszko but there were others, mostly women, who have not been given the recognition they deserve. Mr Brock's lecture gave the stories of some who played an important role in Australian exploration and geology; a most interesting afternoon.

The Arcadia centre is used for this special part of the Society's year because it is a much overlooked and historical community asset. It is an ideal setting for any type of gathering, especially a family or community function.

The 9th September meeting will be in our usual venue, the Uniting Church in School Rd Galston at 2.00pm. Dr Lesley Harbon (née Roughley) will tell of the women of the Roughley Family and their contribution to it, over many generations. Lesley started her education at Arcadia Public School, where local history is a study, and was in the first cohort of students to matriculate from Galston High School. As she is related to many of the early local families, her interest turned to their lives and she developed a love of history, encouraged by later history teachers; this resulted in her becoming a Professor of International Studies and Education at the University of Technology Sydney.

The Society's AGM, on the 14th October in the Church, starting at 2.00pm, will be the popular Show and Tell with contributions from the audience.

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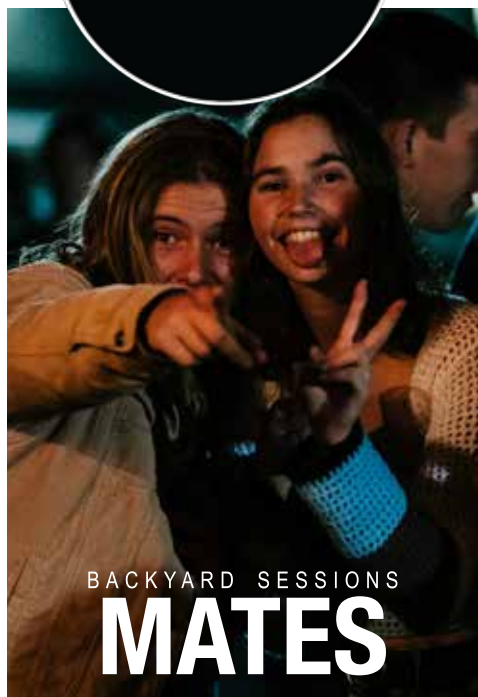
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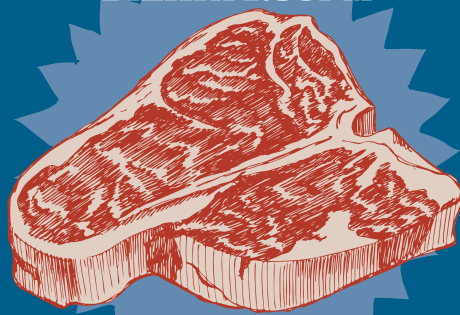
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DURAL BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Dural Bowling Club hosted the Men Minor Singles competition between 24th June to 15th July 2023.

This competition is opened to bowlers that have not previously won any titles.



The finals took place on 15th July between Norm Nicholson and Steve Barrett. Norm is the minor singles champion for Dural Bowling Club. The Men Major singles is currently in progress with the final scheduled for the 26th August 2023.

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GALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL



On Monday July 31st, our school celebrated the opening of our new school playground as part of our Education Week celebrations. Our assembly showcasing dance groups, choirs and drum group were outstanding and open classrooms a wonderful chance for our families to see the magic that happens in our classrooms every day.

Over the past few years, our school has enjoyed many upgrades, including painting and carpet throughout all learning spaces, new verandahs, upgraded toilet facilities and new roofs on our Library and Administration buildings.

Our new bespoke playground has been completed by Furnass Landscapes under the guidance of Fiona Robbe from the Architects of Arcadia. It has been generously funded by our school P&C, Bendigo Bank Galston branch, as well as the Honourable Matt Keen through his community building partnerships grant. It has been codesigned with our students and community using natural products of sandstone and wood sourced locally. All plants and sandstone products were kindly donated by the following local nurseries:

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This new Quiet Area Playground has spaces for performing, spaces for climbing, spaces for digging, spaces for relaxing and spaces to learn, imagine, pretend and play.

As we celebrate 175 years of Public Education in NSW this Education Week, this new playground truly represents the community spirit of our school, demonstrating what can be achieved when a team of like-minded individuals and organisations works together. We are certain it will be a place for our students and the families of the Galston area to enjoy for many years to come.

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FOSTERING CONFIDENCE AND SAFETY



Over the last month, Year 9 and 10 Galston High School studying the Physical Activity and Sports Studies elective took part in an exciting self-defence program led by Sven Midri, an expert Krav Maga instructor from Krav Maga Self Defence,

Castle Hill and a former student of the school. The lessons fostered physical fitness, self-confidence, and personal safety skills.

Krav Maga emphasises practical defence techniques and instinctive responses, with the program consisting of four age-appropriate lessons, introducing the basics of self-defence, including strikes, kicks, and releases from common grabs and chokes. There was emphasis also on situational awareness and decision-making in potentially dangerous scenarios.

In addition to physical techniques, the program explores self-defence's psychological and social dimensions. Students learn to understand and assert personal boundaries and manage aggressive or threatening behaviour. These skills are invaluable not only in hazardous situations but also in everyday social interactions.

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive. Comments have praised the engaging teaching style of Sven and the practical knowledge gained. One student noted, "I really enjoyed it; it was very helpful. I would never put myself in a situation where I need to use it, but knowing what to do is good."

With a focus on physical fitness, mental fortitude, and empowerment, especially for women, this program is an exciting addition to Galston High School's curriculum, equipping students with the skills they need for personal safety and self-assurance.

DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dural Public School hosted its Open Day on Wednesday the 2nd of August to celebrate 175 years of public education. It was an incredible showcase of talent, effort and determination from all students across all learning areas.

We started the day with our Acknowledgment to Country, written and presented by our very own Kindy classes, which paid respect to the traditional owners of the land that Dural Public School resides on and how we can show care to the land.

This was followed by a brilliant display of musical talent from the Senior Concert Band, K-2 Choir, 3-4 Choir, 5-6 Choir, Recorder and Strings Group and the Kindy classes.

It is always great to realise how lucky we are to have such dedicated teachers who provide so many opportunities for the different talents at Dural Public School. Even the rain came to watch the performance!

Luckily, the rain did not stay for long, and we were able to stay dry while watching a wonderful dance from the Kindy classes that showed what they've been learning in PDHPE all semester. We all need to remember to 'Give it a Go!... Thanks, Kindy! Dural Public School loved having our community join the students in their classrooms to engage with what they have been learning all year.

It was heartwarming to see the pride and excitement from the students as they shared their hard work with their loved ones. The mixture of technology, bookwork, artwork and classroom displays showed the variety of learning styles across the school. The Art Room and Library were set up beautifully, and it was lovely to see the families enjoying the showcase of hard work. Thank you to the canteen volunteers who supplied such a lovely morning tea and made it possible to have such wonderful community involvement during a tasty picnic on our green playground. We are very proud to display the incredible things that are happening at Dural Public School and we appreciate everyone who joined us for another fantastic Open Day.

GREGORIANA ARCADIA

We welcome new members to join a community choir, Gregoriana Arcadia, we are learning and singing the ancient, spiritual Gregorian *chants*, rather than Gregorian music. It is sung in Latin and without accompaniment. No previous choir experience or knowledge of Latin is required, and there are no fees.

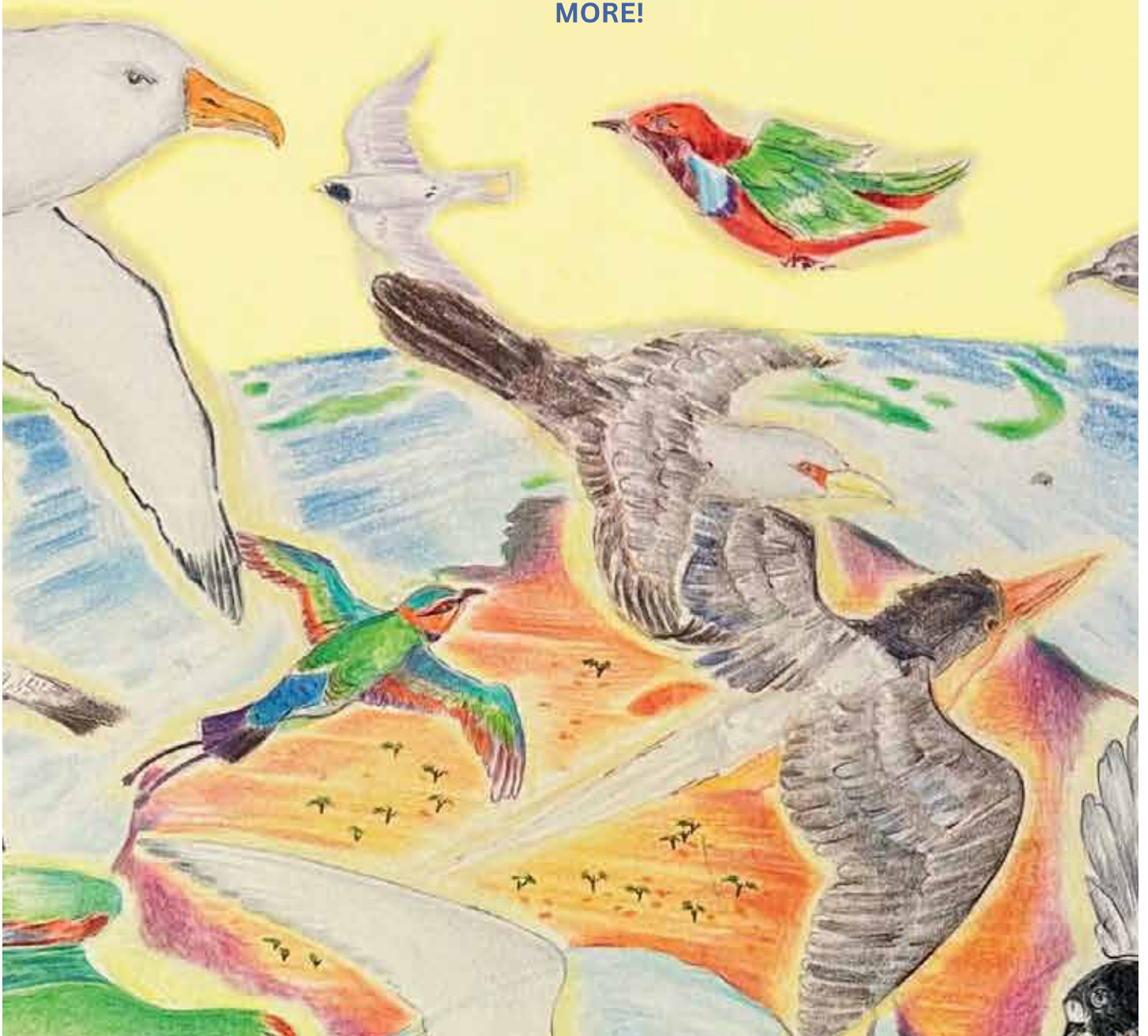
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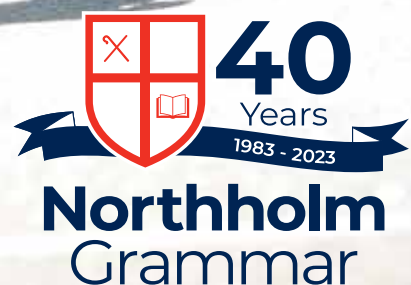


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NEW HOPE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY



New Hope Christian School has been educating children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and intellectual delay for the past eight years however August 16 was a special day for staff, families and students with the official opening ceremony of their new campus.

The event at Quarry Road, Dural, celebrated the modern purpose-built facilities which are laid out to create a relaxed 'village-like' feel. It features bright and airy classrooms, a Life Skills centre, time out zones, colourful playground, passive areas to walk or sit



Dr Ted Boyce, Principal, Dianne Dowson, Director, Julian Leaser MP, Chairman of the Board, Mark McCrindle, Matt Kean MP

and relax, communal spaces and beautiful landscaping. The School looks out on thick bushland to add to its serenity. Further expansions are planned for the future.

In the words of Director, Dianne Dowson, the school reflects "a philosophy of high care and support for the students."

The Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leaser MP, and the Member for Hornsby, the Honourable Matt Kean MP, attended and spoke to the gathering of over 100 parents, teachers, students and friends of the school.

New Hope Christian School caters for children from Years 1-12.

POLITICAL NEWS

ENJOY A PICNIC WITH A VIEW

JULIAN LEESER - FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Wisemans Ferry residents and visitors can now experience a picturesque picnic at Hawkins Lookout, following the construction of a new picnic shelter.

This shelter, which includes two tables with seating, was delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and The Hills Shire Council.

The Australian Government fully funded the project at a value of \$29,442 through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia.

Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leaser MP said the shelter was the perfect addition to the breathtaking lookout over the Hawkesbury River, which attracts people from all over the world.

"It was wonderful to visit the new picnic tables and shelter at Wisemans Ferry," Mr Leaser said.

"This is a great example of the federal government and the local government working together. "We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful area in our electorate, which offers so many incredible experiences for families.

"If you haven't yet visited Hawkins Lookout and seen the incredible view over the Hawkesbury River, the new picnic shelter is a perfect opportunity to make a visit."

The Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi, thanked the Australian Government for contributing to the project's construction.

"The rural part of The Hills is a hidden gem, and Hawkins Lookout is one of the most spectacular lookouts in Sydney," Mayor Gangemi said.

"The addition of the picnic shelter makes this site even better for families and



Julian Leaser MP pictured with Mayor Gangemi at the new picnic shelter at Hawkins Lookout

will allow even more people to enjoy this incredible location.

"I encourage residents and families to pack a picnic and head to Wisemans Ferry. Better yet, purchase your food from our rural businesses and help give them a boost."

In addition to the shelter at Hawkins Lookout, the Australian Government also provided \$20,000 in LRCI funding to construct the picnic shelter at the popular Oxlade Reserve in North Kellyville.

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A MESSAGE FROM MATT KEAN

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

PREPARE FOR THE BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Greater Sydney Bushfire Danger period commences on 1st October. To prepare for this bushfire season I strongly encourage all residents, landowners and businesses to prioritise their bushfire preparedness.

We have been very lucky in the past 20 years to have had no major bushfires in Hornsby area, and after several very wet summers, I have noticed a concerning level of complacency amongst many in the community.

The Hornsby local government area is the Bushland Shire which we all love. However, because of this we will always be exposed to the risk of bushfire. The upcoming summer will bring an escalated potential risk in our region due to increasing bushfire fuel levels.

To assist with protecting lives and property the RFS emphasise the need for residents to plan and prepare themselves, and their property for the upcoming summer. To support these efforts, they are holding their annual state-wide 'Get Ready Weekend' on

16th and 17th September. This aims to provide the community an opportunity to connect with their local brigades to discuss their specific bushfire risks. The event underlines the significance of individual responsibility to create bushfire resilience.

In addition to the Get Ready Weekend, many local RFS brigades are holding street meetings that connect long-time and new residents with local firefighters. These gatherings intend to facilitate detailed discussions about the risks, consequences and steps residents must take to prepare for the impact of bushfires.

Aimed at raising awareness and motivating early pre-emptive measures, these RFS events are designed to engage, inform and change behaviour in the community.

To find out more about how you can prepare your family and property for bushfires, visit <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>

For further details on the Get Ready Weekend, go to <https://www.facebook.com/nswrfs> or contact your local RFS brigade directly.



2023-24 VOLUNTEER GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN

JULIAN LEESER - FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Every community in Australia is built on volunteers. I know that our community has one of the most thriving groups of volunteers in the country.

People in our local area are exceptionally generous with their time and energy. That is evident across the hundreds of local volunteer organisations in our area. Those volunteers show up week in and week out to support the people, causes, and groups that they care about. Through those community organisations, local volunteers help to lift people up and bring people together.

Recently, I attended the North Western Sydney Regional Volunteer of the Year award ceremony, where it was an honour to present the Volunteer Group of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. It was wonderful to see so many unsung heroes be recognised for all of their hard work and commitment to their community. I particularly want to acknowledge my constituents, the Young Volunteer of the Year Jade Pinar and the Hills Relay for Life committee, who were awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Applications for the 2023-24 Volunteer Grants are now open. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations.

The Grants are designed to support the important work of volunteers in our local community organisations.

I recently visited St John Ambulance Hornsby Division, one the many fantastic organisations that have benefited from a Volunteer Grant.

Previously, volunteers had needed to use generic backpacks to store their supplies. The grant has enabled them to upgrade to toughened, compartmentalised, purpose-built response kits.

This simple change will help the volunteers to better serve our community and improve their experience in doing so.

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant, please contact my office via Julian.Leeser.MP@aph.gov.au
Applications are open until Friday 8 September.



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

- Assist with accessing Federal Government services
- Attend your local community event
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JULIAN LEESER MP
LIBERAL FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

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RURAL ROUND UP

HORNSBY COUNCILLOR WARREN WADDELL

It was a special privilege to represent Hornsby Shire on Veteran's Day. The occasion marked the 50th Anniversary of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, and with the day itself, (18th August), marking the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966.



In addition, to the Hornsby service in Railway Park, a local service was held at the recently refurbished cenotaph in Glenorie's Wal Buckingham Park. Joined by RSL subbranch members and Hills Deputy Mayor, Mitchel Blue, a fitting memorial was delivered for the 60 000 Australian service personnel that served over a 10-and-a-half-year period and recognising the 523 lives lost and the 3000 wounded.

Importantly, it was a reminder of how the declining support for the war resulted in the poor treatment of our returning veterans. This should never occur again.



With the cenotaph now restored, it is also fitting that the next stage of the park plan will now be rolled out. Improvements to paving, landscaping, furniture etc. will be features of proposed work. The eventual plan being an overall precinct upgrade from the Bus terminus to the Memorial Hall.

More welcome news this month included the State Government back down on changes to rural land use. Much of last years proposed changes increased opportunities for rural landowners to value-add to their existing activities. However, one change relating to visitor numbers on farm, has now been revised to remove the numbers cap. This has been a long journey and testament to the community and Government agencies working together for common-sense outcomes.

We look forward to our remaining rural businesses enjoying the opportunity to share farmgate experiences with the public.

As always, happy to be contacted in regard to any issues.
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STILL CREEK LANDCARE USING FIRE TO MANAGE YOUR PROPERTY. HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT



BY NICK CHARTORISKY

The most valuable resource for managing properties in fire zones is the HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT, a joint program run by the NSW Rural Fire Service and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW.

Recently a group of local residents participated in the Hotspots Fire Project 2 day workshop. The workshop involved education on risk management, fire ecology, environmental impacts and the benefit of a longer term plan for managing fire risk. This was followed by field based exercises and participation in a demonstration burn.

We learned of the benefits of fire and its place in the ecology of the Australian landscape. Carefully planned and timed fires benefit the health of our lands and wildlife as well as protecting our valued assets.

In this workshop, participants were provided a large aerial image of their property and assisted in developing a fire management plan

for each of them. It was of immense value to all participants in documenting their assets, prioritising their protection, and developing asset protection zones and other fire protection actions.

It became abundantly clear that fire on the ground could be managed with low risk and maximum benefit for your safety, ecological regeneration and native animals. It also showed us that the burn area doesn't need to be large to be effective; our demonstration site at a property in Arcadia was only 750 square metres.

The workshop's success was a result of the cooperation of a large number of people from number of groups. The Hotspots Project team from the RFS and NCC, RFS Officers from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Fire Control Centre, The Regional RFS Support Group who supplied transport, the RFS Mitigation Crew who put in control lines around the burn site, the local Arcadia and Galston RFS Brigades who provided the group with demonstrations on the how to prepare control lines, support vehicles

and backup, The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Metropolitan LALC Indigenous representatives who provided knowledge and understanding of fire in the landscape, Still Creek Landcare, the Hornsby Hills Koala Project, and above all a Hornsby Shire Council officer who recognised the community desire and need for such a program and who worked for 2 years behind the scenes to have this program delivered for the first time in a metropolitan area.

I cannot stress enough the importance and value of the Hotspots Project. I believe that the effort by our local brigades in assisting with Hotspots Burns will be paid back in the long run when emergencies occur.

If the Hotspots Program is effectively actioned by property owners in fire risk areas, it will provide the first line of defence for the whole community in fire emergencies.

For information on how to get involved with this program go to www.hotspotsfireproject.org.au

BROMELIAD SPRING SHOW



The Bromeliad Society of Australia's Spring Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 30 September 9-4 and Sunday, 1 October 10-3.

Rare and exquisite bromeliads from local and interstate growers will be on display and available for sale to the public including the award

winning Elizabeth Mudriczki, Glenorie's Allan Beard, Jan and Jon Townsend from Bonville, Angela and Gary Fleming and the Tillandsia experts Chris and Lap Larsen.

Chris and Lap Larsen are renowned Tillandsia growers and they will have a large range of their plants at the Bromeliad Spring Show.

Chris has been growing Tillandsias since the early 80's in Melbourne and working professionally with them for the past 30 years.

His interest in these plants has taken him to Central and South America a number of times to gain further knowledge on how they have evolved. Over the years a much wider range of Tillandsias have become available.

There will 20 plant sale tables continuously restocked, books, pots, information and free advice available from experienced bromeliad growers.

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The Galston Garden Club is proud to present outstanding gardens, which will delight and inspire any visitor. You will find a host of plants of all shapes and sizes, spectacular flowering shrubs, wonderful specimen trees, water features, garden architecture and many ideas. It is always fascinating to see how different owners have developed their gardens to suit the topography of the land and their own tastes and interests.

Tickets will be available on the open days at the Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Road, or at any of the gardens. An inclusive ticket for \$25 per person give entrance to all the gardens (ticket is valid for three days) OR entrance to a single garden is \$5 per person. EFTPOS is available at the Galston Club and at Garden 4. However, if you are going directly to one of the other gardens please bring cash. Free admission to children under 18. Children at all times must be accompanied by an adult and be restrained from interfering with the gardens in any way. Dogs are not permitted in any garden unless advised by the garden owner. All the workers for the Open Gardens Weekend are unpaid volunteers from the Galston Garden Club and other community groups.

All profits are distributed to medical research and other charities and community projects. The Galston Garden Club would like to express our thanks to the Bendigo Bank and the Galston

Club for their support of the Open Gardens over many years. In addition, thanks to all our volunteers and donors and to all who help in any way towards the success of this event.

- **Garden 1** - Villa Jomar, 16 Lawrence Road, Kenthurst. Presented by Mary and Jo Borg. A fully landscaped 5-acre property captures a marriage between our Australian Native Bush and Mediterranean Garden Culture.
- **Garden 2** - 20 Uralla Road, Dural. Presented by Pamela and Hugh Wallace. A spectacular collector's garden containing a huge range of interesting plants and different themed gardens.



- **Garden 3** - Neringa, 44 Mid Dural Road, Middle Dural. Presented by Judy and Rob Horton. A casual garden blends with the natural forest on this sloping 2ha block. Along the driveway and around the house a number of less common plants have been labelled for identification.



- **Garden 4** - Savannah 51 Mid Dural Road, Middle Dural. Presented by Hugh Crompton and Richard Howard. Scattered throughout this large acreage are interesting conifers and other specimen trees, complemented by a range of statues and ornaments. Camellias, azaleas and moist loving plants and more. Morning and Afternoon Teas will be available as well as plants stalls
- **Garden 5** - Burnt Rails, 28 Glen Street Galston. Presented by Dot and Bob Butler. This green oasis is an excellent example of what can fit into a small shaded garden.
- **Garden 6** - Elegans, 21 Fishburn Road Galston. Presented by Bill Fleming. A collector's garden based on coloured foliage effects, containing a huge range of plants set around four large ponds.
- **Garden 7** - Boulevard, 20 Wylds Road, Middle Dural. Presented by Craig Teece. This year a new feature of the garden, "Halloween Garden Cove" will captivate the kids visiting with their parents, not to mention the 100 add sculptures scattered around the garden.

For a full description of all gardens and photos, please go to website: galstongardenclub.com.au Alternately email galstongardenclub@gmail.com

Hidden In The Hills CONESTICKS AND DRUMSTICKS

BY LACHLAN TURNER

Cream and yellow coloured flowers are quite common during spring and summer in bushland reserves.

Flowering around December to January one of the larger cream coloured flowers is the Common Conestick (*Petrophile pulchella*), which is characterised firstly by its cluster of elongated or globular shaped flower heads, and secondly by the distinctive rounded foliage which has bright yellow tips.

The seed cones can last for a number of years on the shrub, which may grow up to 3 metres tall in ideal situations, living for many years in its favoured habitat of open forest or adjacent heathlands. There exists a small number of other less common conesticks

living in the same region. However, there are similar looking species botanically related to the conesticks known as drumsticks. Drumsticks have a similar seed cone which is more spherical in shape.

One is the Broad-leaf Drumstick (*Isopogon anomifolius*) whose flower is a brighter yellow with many short stems ending



in small globular heads. These heads appear to explode into a mass of minute fluffy flowers. Its flowering period is generally from August to December. This shrub can grow to around 1 to 2 meters in similar habitat to the Conesticks.

Yet another similar plant growing to around 2 meters tall, is the Narrow-leaf Drumstick (*Isopogon anethifolius*), which as its name suggests has a narrower leaf structure. Its flowering period is from September to December. Both plants produce spherical seed pods which initially have a grey fluffy covering.

Any one of these showy plant species can be grown as a massed planting in the home garden or as a feature plant in containers.



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"For God so loved the world (you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world would be SAVED through Him." (John 3:16-17).

This statement is God's declaration of His eternal purpose for every person in our world.

So, then we may ask - 'What is the true meaning of the word "LIFE"? The Bible explains it in three ways: physical life, spiritual life and eternal life. When Jesus declared "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25), He was speaking about the full and complete meaning of what life is.

God Himself is the author of all life and all forms of life originate from Him.

Genesis 2:7 explains; "The Lord God formed mankind from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and mankind became a living being."

Firstly, we all are most familiar with PHYSICAL LIFE which is the length of a person's existence between birth and death. Fundamentally - each of us is born into the world as a baby boy or girl with a body, soul, mind and spirit; we grow up and mature and make our way wherever we are living on the earth, until we die.

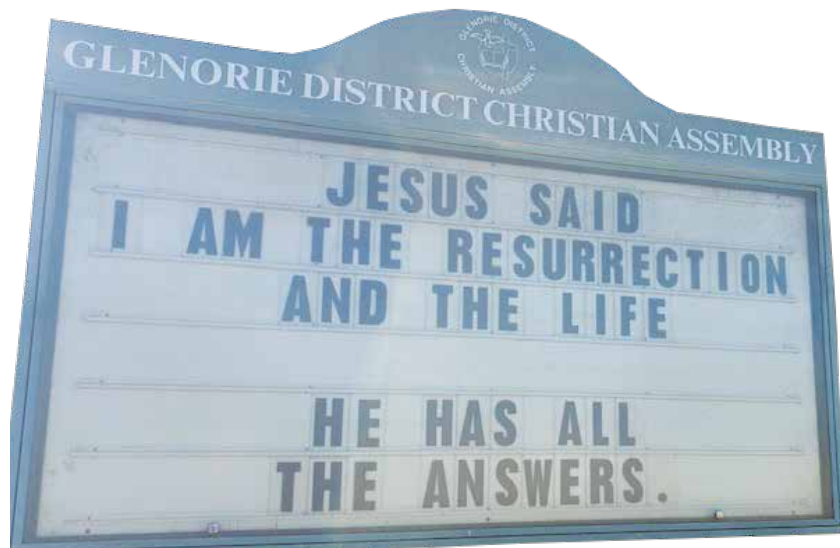
However, God designed each one of us for SPIRITUAL LIFE. Only human beings can make moral decisions regarding right and wrong. Unlike animals, which God created physically with instincts, human beings ask "why" questions about existence and grapple with other philosophical issues. In the Garden of Eden, humanity rebelled against God, resulting in 'spiritual death' (ie. separation from God). Then, because God so loved the people of the world, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to save us. How? Jesus gave up His perfect life by dying

on the Cross and rising again, conquering that separation from God the Father, in our place - so each of us who believes in Jesus can have restored fellowship with God. What a precious gift our spiritual life with God truly is.

Therefore, the true definition of "LIFE" is a relationship with Jesus Christ; culminating in His ultimate gift to those who believe in Him - ETERNAL LIFE. The Bible tells us clearly that all people will experience an endless duration of life after their physical life on earth ends. Either they will endure eternal separation from God's Presence OR they will live in the blessing of being with Him forever - without pain or sorrow, in peace and joy.

Jesus IS the Resurrection and the Life. He is the answer to every question you may ask! Choosing LIFE in Jesus is the best decision you will ever make. God bless.

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NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our new parish sacramental program has begun for 2023 and confirmation will be celebrated for this year's group of children on 7 September. We'll be thinking and praying for them and their families on this special day.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

We have continued with our acknowledgements of all those who work so hard to keep the parish running smoothly. In recent weeks the parish has recognised the Fogarty family, Margaret Bensley, Paul and Mary Camilleri, Gebran Azzi and the anonymous family who weeded and landscaped the front entrance to the parish grounds. Without all these people and the many others who work together, our parish just wouldn't be able to operate. Thanks to all.

2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PORTUGAL 1-6 AUGUST

The first World Youth Day (WYD) was held in Rome in 1986 and since then this important gathering of young people of faith has been celebrated approximately every three years. This year's celebration in Lisbon, Portugal, was originally scheduled to be held in 2021 but was postponed because of the Covid pandemic. A special emphasis on Mary, mother of Jesus, this year acknowledged the unique place Portugal holds as the country where three children were said to be visited by Mary in 1917. Pope Francis arrived in Portugal on 2 August to thank and inspire the thousands of young people from around the world who were taking part in this year's event. The picture shows Isabella, one of our young St Benedict's parishioners, enjoying the privilege of taking part in WYD. The next WYD will be held in Seoul, South Korea, in 2027.



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.

GALSTON UNITING CHURCH



RURAL FIRE SERVICE BLESSING SERVICE

Well, it's that time of year again when we are raking-up, burning-off, cleaning out gutters and generally preparing for the coming fire season. Smoke from burn-offs is already in the air. Living in the Hills District, concern for potentially devastating fires is never far from our minds. At the front line of defence against bushfires are the members of the Rural Fire Service (RFS) who are prepared to put themselves in harms way for our protection.

At Galston Uniting, we recognise their service and the potential dangers they face, so each year at this time we have a special service of worship to which local RFS brigades are invited, in order to ask for God's blessing and protection during the coming bushfire season.

This year, the service was well attended with representatives (and fire trucks) from Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Maroota and Hills HQ brigades. The service was led by outgoing minister, Rev Geoff Smith, now at



Parramatta City Uniting Church. He brought with him Paul Moussa who spoke about the work of Parramatta Mission. The occasional address was brought by Peter Smart from Galston Brigade, who has had a long association with our church. He spoke on "Why we join the RFS". Another highlight was the church Men's Choir singing... "He's My Brother".

Prayers were said for the safety of the RFS personnel during the coming bushfire season. Then followed the traditional "blessing of the fleet" by Rev Geoff Smith making very good use of his knapsack spray. Geoff



ensured that all the tankers and everyone in the vicinity were well and truly "blessed".

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.

**Contact Elizabeth Garlick, Office Manager.
11 School Road, Galston. Phone 9653 2039**

THE SHEPHERD PSALM

If the Lord is my shepherd, (Psalm 23), I must be one of His sheep. But do I like being called a sheep?

They are sometimes the most stupid of animals. A sheep can easily get lost. It doesn't seem to know where it is going. If one jumps, all the rest do the same. It likes to have it's own way and it can't defend itself.

But even if we don't like it, that sounds a lot like us, doesn't it? And that is just why we need a shepherd. When the Lord is our shepherd, we can be contented. The Lord Himself sees what we need. Whether it is care, food or rest, the Shepherd will see that it is there for us.

Verse 4 of the Psalm says something more. The Shepherd is our companion, especially in the dark valleys of life and death. All of us have known disappointment and loneliness. It is then we discover how wonderful it is to have our shepherd, Jesus Christ, with us, even when the way is darkest.

Verses 5 and 6 tell us of the confidence we can have with the Lord as our shepherd. Even when everything is going against us, we can count on Him.

Every day He is with us, all the days of our lives. And that is what life is, isn't it? Just one day after another. No two days are the same. But no matter what the day brings, God is with us with His constant, loving, faithful care.

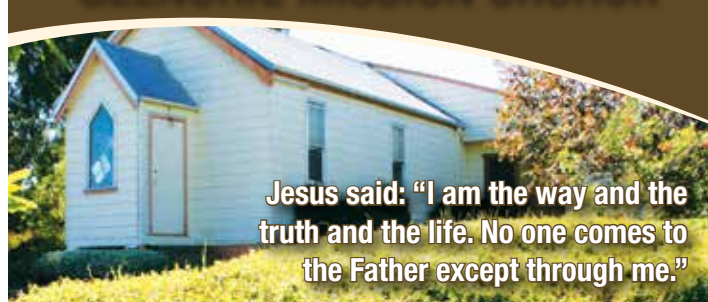
What is our response to the goodness of God? Do we take it all without thinking or without thanking Him? Remember what ever comes today, he is there with you always.

Do you only know the Psalm or do you really know the Shepherd?

(A MESSAGE BY THE LATE REV. ED, LONG)

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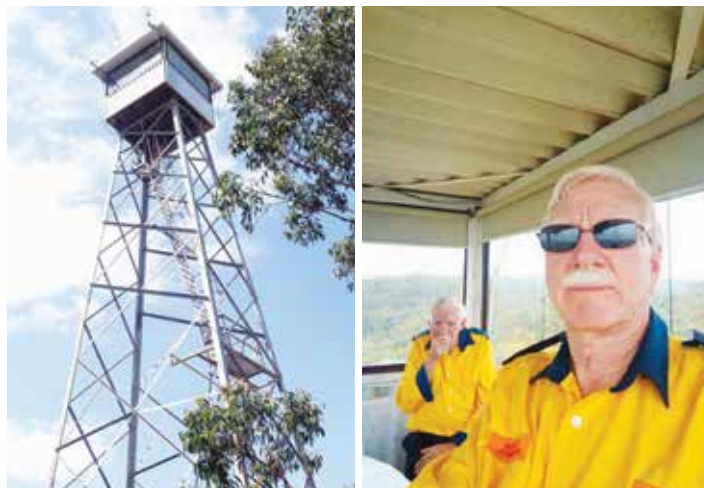
- Men or women over the age of 18.
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HISTORY OF THE TOWER

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The equipment in the Tower is completely solar powered and has been since it was built.



From the Tower a 360 degree view takes in the lower Blue Mountains, the Central Coast and the North Shore. There are still some members of the team with over 45 years service. The summer fire season is from the 1st October to 31st March or extended when proclaimed.

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Here are some simple steps you can do to ensure you and your family are prepared:

- 1) Know Your Capability:** Understanding your own abilities and limitations is the first step toward making informed decisions during a bushfire emergency. Factors such as physical fitness, age, and familiarity with the area and firefighting equipment should all be considered. It's important to assess whether you are adequately equipped to stay and defend your property or if evacuation is the safer option.
- 2) Develop a Comprehensive Plan:** It is essential that every household has taken time to prepare and update their bushfire survival plan for this upcoming fire season. It is important to sit down with your family, discuss evacuation routes, and have a designated safe meeting point. Consider the needs of pets and livestock as well.

For more information on preparing a bushfire survival plan please visit:
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan>

3) Stay and Defend or Evacuate: This decision is one of the most critical aspects of your bushfire survival plan. Staying to defend your property requires careful consideration of your skills, available resources, and the level of risk. If you choose this option, ensure you have the necessary firefighting equipment, protective gear, and a clear understanding of fire behaviour. However, it's important to note that defending your property should not jeopardise your safety – your life is the top priority.

On the other hand, if you decide to evacuate, do so early and adhere to the advice provided by local authorities. Waiting too long to leave can result in being caught in dangerous conditions, hindering emergency services' ability to assist you. Remember that roads may become congested, and visibility could be severely limited during a bushfire.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your local brigade who will be more than happy to assist you.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY!

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade is particularly appreciative of the community support we receive. This month we would like to recognise a few of those who give freely to

ensure the Brigade remains relevant and operational:

- Our thanks go to Daniel Bothamley @ Top Gun Plumbing and Angus Feely @ Out Back Plumbing for your timely help when it was needed.
- Amanda and Rhys Coles from Stone Real Estate have kindly gifted a reciprocating saw to the Brigade. Recent experiences in our community have shown a need for the Brigade to carry this specific piece of equipment and we were fortunate in being able to acquire it so quickly.
- Matt Bremner was very kind to run a BBQ recently with the proceeds gifted to the Brigade. Many thanks to Matt and his mates for their support.



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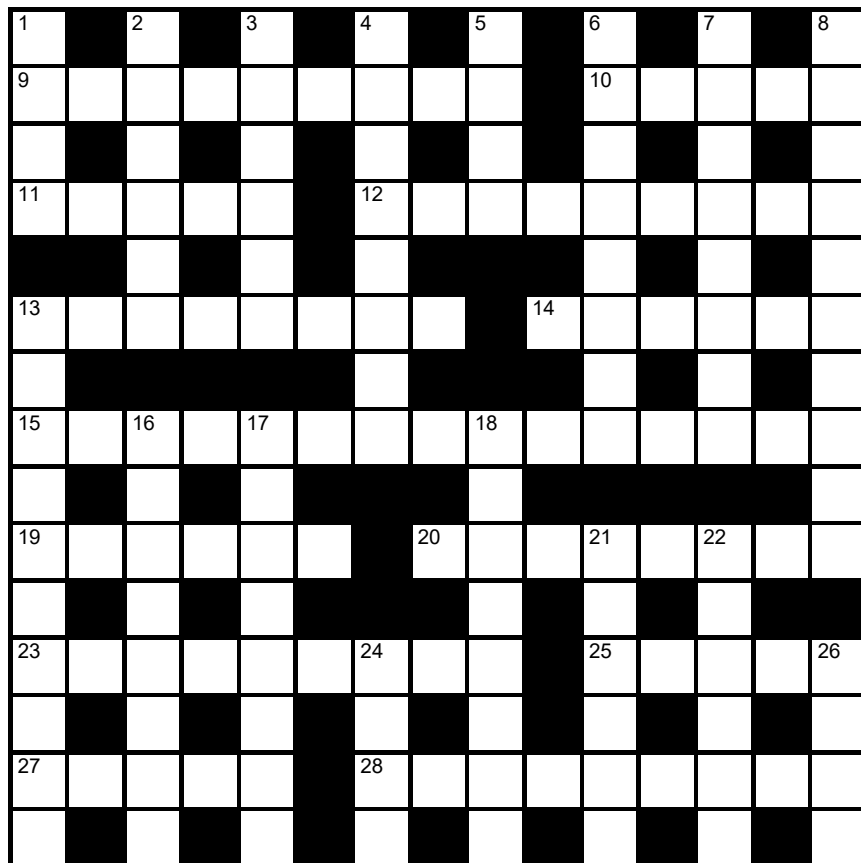
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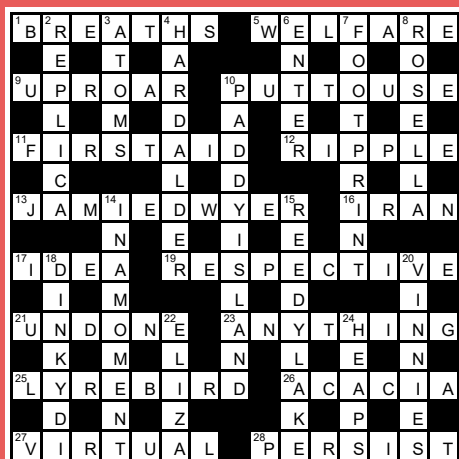
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ALANON Family Group

Meets 8pm each Friday. Trying to live with someone who has a drinking problem? Come along to these meetings.

● Galston Community Health Centre

● 9264 9255

APEX Australia

A service organisation that is about making friends, helping others and having fun, open to anyone 18-45. "Heart of a Community, Hope of a Nation".

● Sydney DG 0412 400 452

National Office 18000 APEXO

Arcadia Community Hall

Available for functions.

Inspections welcome.

● 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

● 9847 6504

Arcadia Galston Residents' Association

Membership is open to all adult residents/ratepayers of postcode 2159.

● www.AGRA2159.com.au

Arcadian Quilters

Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9.30am.

● 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

Castle Hill Art Society

Monthly Meetings and Art

Demonstrations are every first

Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

● 155 Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill

● 9899 3179

Circular Keys Chorus

Are always seeking would-be Divas. De-stress as you learn to sing acappella 4 part harmony with passionate KKC singers. Rehearsals in Castle Hill Wednesdays 7.30-10pm.

● Janet 9653 2959

● info@circularkeys.org

● www.circularkeys.org

Dural and District Historical Society Inc

Holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm.

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

We meet the 3rd Monday of every

month. 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

● Blue Gum Centre Glenhaven Green

607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven

● Graham 8677 7896 or 0402 421 060

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 Community Hall

37 Arcadia Rd, Galston available for

functions, air-conditioned, inspections

welcome. Bookings call 9847 6050.

● Galston Community Health Centre. This

centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-

ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17

Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade).

● 9485 7599.

Galston Garden Club

New members are always welcome.

Meetings held at 7.30pm on the second

Wednesday of every month.

● Galston Community Centre

● Lorraine Muscio 0448 478 161

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

Girl Guides

Is an exciting opportunity for girls to

learn and develop life skills, meet new

friends, enjoy the outdoors, make their

own challenges, express their creativity

and much more. Junior Guides (age 6-9)

meet Thursdays 4.30-6pm and Guides

(age 10-14) meet Tuesdays 6-8pm.

● Galston Guide Hall,

414 Galston Road, Galston

● admin@galstongirlguides.com

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum

Meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday

of each month. Let us know of your local

environment and heritage concerns.

● Glenorie Community Hall

● Carolyn Hall carolyn@dhphc.com.au

Glenorie Memorial Hall

Available for Hire. Seats up to

120 people. Tables and chairs available.

Small kitchen/servery.

● 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

This Club meets every 4th Wednesday at

11.00am. New members are welcome.

● 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

Meet on the 4th Friday of each month,

except December. Everyone welcome.

● North Rocks Community Hall

● Peter 9888 5631

Hills Community Aid No Interest Loans up to \$1,000

For whitegoods, furniture, computers,

essential repairs etc.

● Hills Community Aid 9639 8620

● enq@hca.org.au

● www.hca.org.au

Hills Shire Garden Club

Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the

month at 1.00pm.

● 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

1st & 3rd Monday 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

come one month as a visitor.

Rowland Village Workshop Club

Invites enquiries about the Club from

members of the wider community who

are 55 and over years of age.

● Michael Bell 9653 1365

Soroptimist International of**The Hills District Inc**

Meets at 7pm 3rd Monday of the month.

● St Joseph's Convention Centre

Baulkham Hills

● 0407 665 874

Social Dance Workshops

CALLING ALL Playgroups



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

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

• DURAL

St Jude's Kids Crew. A playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their carers. We meet Fridays 10am to 11am during term time for a great morning of play, crafts, fun activities, story time and singing. Free but please bring a piece of fruit to share.

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

• GLENORIE

Located at Les Shore Oval playground, every Thursday (weather permitting) 9.30am onwards. The kids can play whilst the adults chat. Bring allergy friendly snacks to share and a picnic rug. A great informal setting to meet some locals.

• LEARNING BLOCKS

Dural, Level 1, 242 New Line Rd Dural at Learning Blocks Dural. It is open to the public free of charge.

Hills Playgroup takes place every Mondays restarting from July 6 between 10am-12pm. It's fun, informal and a great way to socialise.

• KENTHURST

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

• GALSTON

Galston Kids Playgroup is located in the lower room of the Galston Community Health Centre.

We have a fully stocked indoor/outdoor play area with sandpit, cubby, ride-on toys, craft supplies and more!

Sessions span over a couple of hours and are unstructured, providing lots of time for kids to play while adults chat.

Bring your own morning tea (nut-free).

New members are very welcome to drop in; the first two visits are free.

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

• PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

Thursday's 9.30-11.30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.

We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 8989 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.



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HELP AND INFORMATION SERVICES

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

LOCAL RURAL FIRE SERVICES

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

Hills Rural Fire Service District Office	9654 1244
Hornsby Rural Fire Service District Office	9883 2000
Arcadia Rural Fire Service Fire Captain MIKE MELIS	0409 606 786
Galston Rural Fire Service Fire Captain DAVID ASLIN	0466 110 885
Glenorie Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ROD DERRIMAN	0491 119 152
Hillside Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ANDREW BAILDON	9652 2245
Middle Dural Rural Fire Service Fire Captain LEN BEST	0408 220 705

LOCAL JP's

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)
Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive, every Saturday morning 10:00 AM to noon.
There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM.
Also available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village, 10am to 12noon Saturdays. Contact Jane 0427 998 004



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