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DON'T BE UNDER PREPARED

BY DIANA PATON

I moved to Glenorie in 1996. Previously I had lived in a residential area. I had absolutely no idea of how bad bushfires can be in rural areas like Glenorie... until 2002. I thought we would be OK. We had prepared and cleared around our house, we had hoses ready and we sort of had a plan. I also assumed that if things got bad, the local RFS trucks would be around to help me.

Summer 2002 had been hot and we had been in drought for a while. A grass fire started in South Maroota. It was a hot and windy day. The small fire VERY quickly raced away and became bigger and infinitely more dangerous, engulfing properties and sheds so fast.

This was before the 'Fires Near Me' app (or the Hazards Near me App as its now known). We only knew something was wrong when we saw so many RFS trucks go past our house and we heard lots of sirens. Facebook wasn't really a thing then, so information was limited, we listened to ABC radio.

We started to prepare more, wetting down the area around the house. By nightfall we could see the glow of the fire in the distance. Then the embers start to come over. I had no idea how frightening they could be and how far they travelled. These embers were flying over the top of all our cleared areas and landing on our roof, next to our house and in the bush. We were now putting out spot fires everywhere. We didn't think we needed a fire pump, we had cleared around our house. How silly we felt now, the water pressure for the hose was now non-existent and the power had gone out. All our neighbours were helping each other, one had a petrol pump and water tank on his ute and he was driving around helping with spot fires. We had zero sleep that night (or the next night as the fire raced towards us from the other direction). We didn't see any fire trucks as the village was under threat and all their resources were either on the fire front or protecting the village. We were on our own. As the fire raced up the gully towards our house, coincidentally a fire patrol car was driving past. We flagged them down. He radioed for air support. If the helicopter hadn't dumped several loads of water on the fast moving fire front, we would have been gone, and so would our neighbours. We all lost all of our bush (see image of aftermath), our neighbour lost his gutters, that's how close it got that night. The following night, the fire had moved south of us, so we were on alert again.

The fire emergency lasted several days. The winds changed and it moved in different directions. Glenorie was headline news all over the world. I had relatives call me from London to check I was OK. Glenorie/Forest Glen lost 33 houses, hundreds of animals both domestic and native and 1 life. The devastation was mind blowing.



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So now we have a fire pump, a swimming pool (static water supply), sprinklers on my roof and roller shutters on a number of windows that face the bushland. Never again will I underestimate how fast fires can travel and how bad an ember attack can be. I'm lucky I live on Cattai Ridge Road, I have several escape routes. If you live in a road with only one way out, plan for the scenario of that road being blocked. A fire can start at any time, and anywhere!

Given what is happening overseas, they are predicting this could be another catastrophic fire season. Please don't be under prepared - plan your strategy. Houses can be replaced, lives can't. If you leave early, tell your neighbours. If you intend to stay, buy your equipment now. Once a fire comes, everything sells out super fast!



GOAT FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION – WE ARE NOT KIDDING

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

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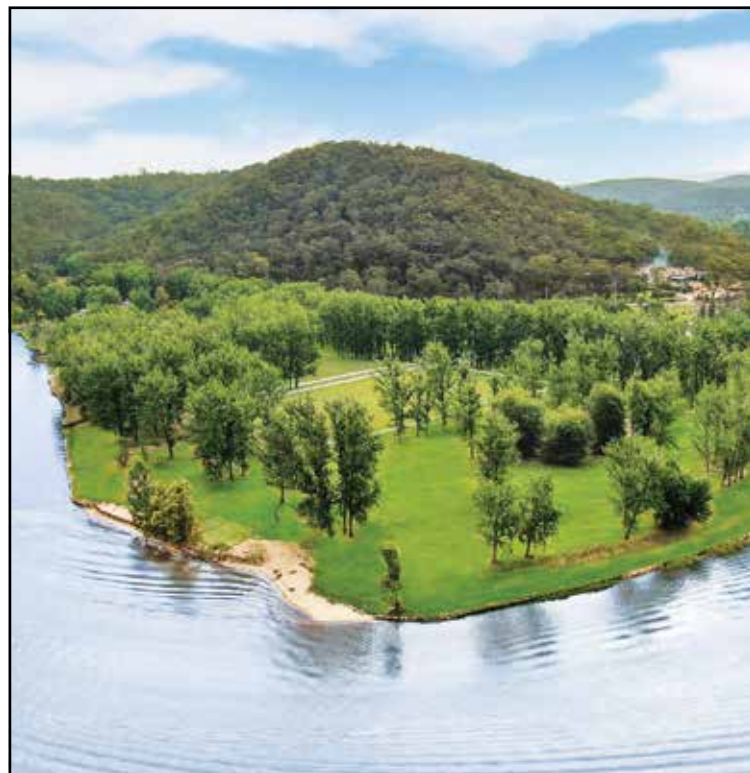
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SO LONG! IT'S BEEN A GREAT RIDE

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

If there was an award for the Happiest Bus Driver in the Hills, chances are Helen Flory would be up there at the top of the list. Helen has been brightening people's days driving for Hills Bus for the past ten years and is now moving to greener pastures in Devonport, Tasmania.

Helen is one of only around 10 female drivers in the Hills Bus fleet, having started in Customer service at State Transit over 17 years ago. She then trained to drive buses and hasn't looked back since.



Each year Helen painstakingly decorated her bus for Christmas enjoying the smiles her creative work brought to both passengers and other drivers alike.

"Occasionally I also decorated one of the buses at Easter with a multitude of stuffed bunnies and wore bunny ears when I drove. I enjoyed doing this, but nothing beat the rapture and delight to see on faces young and old when they joined my special buses," Helen recounts.

There are many challenges to being a Bus Driver, including rude or drunk passengers, people passing out on board and missing stops, navigating bad drivers on the road and of course the age old complexity of finding a comfort stop when nature calls, but Helen has dealt with all these issues in her own inimitable style, and always with a smile on her face. She says that the people of the Hills have been a pleasure to drive for.

Helen wants to say "Goodbye" to all of her customers, many of whom she got to know personally, and will miss them a lot.

I'm sure the feeling is mutual. Helen Flory, you are one of a kind and on behalf of your passengers, may I wish you all the best for your "Island Change".



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Pets @ Work

BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND



Nev wore his best suit for his October interview with 17 times 'Australian Breed Champion Show Dog' winner, the fabulous 8 year old Maremma Sheepdog, Lurgenglare Idaculu Marzia. 'Marzia' accompanies her Dad, Steve Pringle, on his Guest Speaker visits to various Retirement and Nursing Homes across Sydney.

Nev: I know you accompany your Dad on his speaking circuit, but who actually is the Star of the show, you or him?

Marzia: It's definitely me. If I get waylaid by someone wanting to give me a cuddle or a pat, everyone else wants to know where I am. There is usually some jostling as to who gets to hold my lead or whose seat I get to sit in front of. Everyone seems to want a photo with me.

Nev: What do you like best about visiting the Nursing Homes?

Marzia: Lots of pats, a chance to chill out and lots of new smells to experience. I'm often at a home during morn'o's or arvo's so there's always some cake or a biscuit to try.

Nev: Any downsides?

Marzia: I don't want to be away from my home for too long as I like being outside protecting my sheep and chicken mates from foxes and those pesky brush turkeys. I won't kill them but I have fun chasing them away.

Nev: Do you have any "riders," considering your status as a former Australian Breed Champion Show Dog? Like personal dressing room, schmackos on demand, bottled drinking water etc?

Marzia: Drinking out of a dog bowl is not my style. I prefer straight from the garden tap so it's fresh. And I expect a decent walk after performing and a couple of treats.

Nev: How does this gig compare to being on the Show Circuit? What do you prefer?

Marzia: Shows are not really in my breed's Italian DNA. We like to make our own decisions and be independent as livestock guardian dogs. I was happy to perform in the ring for dad but would rather do my own thing at a nursing home and be the star attraction.

Nev: After a hard day's work looking fabulous and being fussed over, what do you like to do when you get home?

Marzia: Do a quick check of the property, inspect the chicken cages, see if I can find a stray egg, have a quick groom and then find a spot to chill and keep an eye on things before dinner.

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FOR ANIMALS KEPT IN PADDOCKS WITHOUT SHADE; SUMMER ISN'T JUST HOT, IT'S HELL

BY CLR TANIA SALITRA

According to the livestock industry and RSPCA, sheep, horses, dairy cows and cattle experience heat stress at 25°C. As the temperature and humidity rises, so does their suffering. Around 30°C the heat stress is severe. By 40°C, animals can succumb to organ failure and die.

These reported temperatures however, are measured in a shaded box. In direct sun, the apparent temperature is much hotter; a 35°C day, can be more like 50°C.

Heat stress not only causes farm animals to suffer, it affects weight gain, milk yield, fertility. In a free-roaming environment, an animal's natural behaviour is to seek shade – this isn't possible when they are fenced in, so it is up to us to ensure they have some respite from extreme weather. Offering animals shade and shelter will also prevent expensive vet bills.

The most effective way of minimising suffering on a hot day is to provide farm

animals with tree shade. Besides protection from direct sun, water vapour released from leaves can cool the air temperature.

I'm so grateful to the many residents in Hornsby Shire who treat their horses, sheep, goats, chickens and cows so well – most have access to tree shade, or shelter belts of vegetation around fence lines and some have a purpose-built shelter offering protection from the elements.

The majority of our residents lead by example in providing shade for farm animals, not because they have to, but because it's the right thing to do. Sadly, in other areas, farm animals are not so lucky. Locked in fenced paddocks with no shade or shelter, they can't escape the scorching sun.

That's because a loophole in legislation and welfare standards says that shade and shelter 'should' be provided, not 'must'. This one word makes it impossible to enforce the provision of shade.

I've asked our council to advocate for mandatory tree shade and shelter for farm



Black and darker coloured farm animals have an increased risk of heat stress

animals at our Local Government NSW Conference in November; where councillors from across NSW come together to vote on policy positions for the whole of the state. The conference is an opportunity to look outside our shire border and ask, what can we do to make our state and country a better place.

Disappointingly, not all councillors agreed that animal welfare was an important issue. If you'd like to express your thoughts on this, please email me at tsalitra@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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GCEA DINNER

A very successful annual Galston Christian Education Association (GCEA) Spring Dinner was held on Saturday 16 September at the Galston Club. More than 100 attended and had a wonderful night.

For more than 40 years Galston High School GCEA has been operating Christian education at the school. With many of the local churches taking part, it's a beautiful way of building the Christian community within our area.



Representatives from the various churches at the dinner



More than 100 guest enjoyed the GCEA Spring Dinner

This annual dinner helps raise funds to support the ongoing program but more than that this amazing evening brings Christian denominations together for one common goal, to spread the word of the Bible.

THE WOMEN'S SHED ARCADIA



The September women's shed in Arcadia was well attended. The ladies project was highlighting their terracotta pots (made previously and fired in the kiln) decorative sections with a stain enhancing the aged look to the pottery. Then they placed some succulents into the pots to complete the project. The women's shed is held on the third Thursday of the month from 10am to 12pm with a project and morning tea. Contact Suzanne @ FB 'The Shed Studio'.





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For over 60 years, Inala has welcomed the community to their beautiful grounds in Cherrybrook for a day of family fun, entertainment and shopping at the Inala Fair. 2023 will be no different, with many exciting plans for the fair this year.

Inala CEO Alexandra Davis says everyone at Inala has been working hard to make this the best Fair yet.

"The Inala Fair is the highlight of our yearly calendar and a chance for us to connect with the community and show everyone what Inala has to offer," she says.

Founded in 1958, Inala is committed to providing the highest quality support for individuals living with a disability through a range of accommodation, day services and community support.

"Our participants and staff have been working for months to create individual and unique pieces to sell at this year's Fair. It is the perfect time to get in early and do some Christmas shopping for that one-of-a-kind gift," Mrs Davis said.

Along with the fantastic art created at Inala, there will be performances from local schools, pony rides and an animal farm. If you are looking for a bargain the upcycled clothing boutique, white elephant and second-hand book stalls are the places to visit.

Long-term supporters of the Fair, the West Pennant Hills Lions Club will be in attendance to run the Chocolate Wheel and you can finish the day with some delicious lunch or afternoon tea in the café.

This year Inala was thrilled to receive a Community Event Grant from Hornsby Council, which will assist in reducing the costs associated with running this large-scale community event.

"Hornsby Shire Council is proud to support community-based organisations to present events which benefit the community through our Community Event Grants Program. We are delighted that our contribution of \$7000 to Inala will help them present the much-loved Inala Fair show this year, and next year also. I look forward to joining with hundreds of others in enjoying a fun day out, raising money for this wonderful organisation supporting people living with a disability," said Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock.

Parking around Inala is limited and those wishing to attend are encouraged to consider public transport options.

"Inala is right opposite Cherrybrook metro train station so getting to the Fair is easy, and we encourage everyone in our local community to attend," Mrs Davis said.



The Inala Fair will be held on Sunday 22 October from 9am - 3pm and is located at 99 Franklin Road, Cherrybrook. For more details follow Inala on Facebook, Instagram or jump on their website www.inala.org.au

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GUNDERMAN IS FINALLY ON THE MAP

Gunderman is finally on the map now that it has a new sign to let travellers know Gunderman is not part of Spencer. This tiny community is nestled between Spencer and Wisemans Ferry as you meander alongside the banks of the mighty Hawkesbury River.

Gunderman has so much to offer and caters to all age groups. You can go bush walking, rock climbing, mountain biking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, boating or water skiing on the mighty Hawkesbury River, enjoy a family picnic, or dine at the local **Wombat Café**.

The **Wombat Café** is located 10 km from Wisemans Ferry on Wisemans Ferry Road or 14.6 km from Spencer and has an amazing country vista with the backdrop of the Hawkesbury River and the distinct sandstone cliffs. The Wombat Café offers friendly country hospitality and delicious home style cooked meals made fresh daily and are famous for their delicious homemade pies, sausage rolls, cakes and pizzas.

There are a plethora of Airbnbs in Gunderman as well as the **Rosevale Caravan Park** which is a 50-acre property situated on the beautiful Hawkesbury River about 75 km from Sydney and Gosford, offering camping and cabin sites and makes a great escape to unwind from the hustle and bustle of busy life.

The historic and cultural significance of this area includes the Lower Hawkesbury Wesleyan Chapel site (6445 Wisemans Ferry Road) for its association with the development and practice of Wesleyan Methodism and with early European settlement along the Lower Hawkesbury.



The stone chapel built in 1855 and is the oldest intact usable stone chapel of this era in the Lower Hawkesbury.

The Chapel is now home to the Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society (DLHHS) formed in 1983. The DLHHS holds meetings with guest speakers such as Kate Grenville and Dr Grace Karkens on the last Saturday of every second month and excursions are arranged on alternate months including the now world heritage-listed Convict Trail, Finch's Line, the original crossing location of Wisemans Ferry, Half Moon Farm, and visits to the sites of local aboriginal rock art and engravings.

Gunderman adjoins the Dharug National Park and boasts the historic significance of the national heritage listed Convict Trail/ the Great North Road built between 1826 and 1836 on its doorstep. This is a great walk starting at Devines Hill with a mixture of historic remnants of the Old Great North Road such as stone walling, culverts, quarries, buttresses, chiselled and blasted rock faces and hand hewn drains.

Popular trails for hiking, mountain biking, and running includes the Finch's Line via Settlers Road (10.8 km loop) or the Mill Creek Circuit 8.2 km starting and the challenging Western Commission Track 23.8 km for mountain biking and running.

This region is renowned for its extensive Aboriginal engravings and rock art where you will find an array of Aboriginal sites with a diverse display of archaeological evidence which attests to the long occupation of the region by Aboriginal people and the complex indigenous society with cultural connections to land that continues today.



HEARD ON THE STREET

UPDATE ON MISSING LOCAL, EMMANUELLE DAYES:

About 1.20pm Friday 8 September 2023, officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command were called to bushland in Berrilee, following reports a body had been located. While yet to be formally identified, it is believed to be the body of a 50-year-old woman reported missing from the Hornsby area. A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

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UPDATE ON MISSING LOCAL, ADAM COULSON

The search for the other missing local, Adam Coulson, was called off after many days of searching Galston Gorge and surrounding bushland.

If anyone has any information about either of these two cases, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As a council, we are passionate about developing arts and culture in the Shire and strive to support local artists, while providing cultural opportunities for our residents. We are fortunate to have the wonderful Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in Hornsby which hosts exhibitions, print making, workshops and more. This month, the centre will be filled with 85 exceptional contemporary artworks when the Hornsby Art Prize exhibition returns from 20 October – 5 November.

Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the national art prize has attracted over 600 entries from around Australia. The quality of this year's entries was particularly impressive, and I encourage you all to visit the exhibition to experience the fabulous Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Digital Art Stills and Sculpture works. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize.

With the wonderful spring weather, it's a great time to get out and about and enjoy a range of other activities this month in the Shire. Collect your free native plant at our spring giveaways at the Warada Ngurang Community Nursery on 14, 18 and 21 October or go on a guided bushwalk. Take a dip in the heated pool at the Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre or book the kids in to learn to swim. Grab a bargain and support the circular economy at the Berowra Car Boot Market at Berowra Community Centre on 29 October or attend one of our sustainability workshops. And if you're planning to have a spring clear out at home, please consider donating unwanted items to a charity shop, giving them to someone who can use them, or bringing them to the Community Recycling Centre in Thornleigh. For more details visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on

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EXHIBITION 20 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER

Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre. 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby
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WASTE WORKSHOPS

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Compost and Worm Farm Workshop

Thursday 19 October, 10am–12pm
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre

Kimbriki Eco House & Garden Tour

Thursday 26 October, 9am–2pm

Repair Café - Electronics and Furniture

Saturday 28 October, multiple sessions
between 10am–4pm

Storey Park Community Centre

Hand Sewing and Mending Workshop

Saturday 28 October, 10.30am–12.30pm
Hornsby Library

Chipping for Mulch Mt Kuring-gai

Sunday 29 October, 7.30am–12.30pm
Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai

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Friday 20 October

Planning Proposal and Hornsby Development Control Plan amendment. Rural Land Study
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Arts and Cultural Plan
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Next Council meeting Wednesday 11 October, 6.30pm

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THE HILLS ANNUAL CHARITY GALA BALL BY BIVIANO'S

It was a night to remember when 200+ of the Who's Who of the Hills gathered at Biviano's Dural for The Hills Annual Charity Gala Ball.

It was the eighth year the popular dining and events venue has hosted a charity gala and this year it was fundraising money for the Positive Vibes Foundation for its work in the area of mental health wellbeing.

The event raised over \$31,000 for Positive Programs including its work with aged care residents through companion dog visits, educational forums for high school students and the Hills Women's Shed programs.



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HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL SECURES FUNDING TO PREPARE THE COMMUNITY FOR BUSH FIRES

What would you and your family do if the bushland near your home caught fire? Would you leave early, or stay and defend? These are just some of the questions being addressed by Hornsby Shire Council's new bush fire education program launching this spring.

In Hornsby Shire, two-thirds of all properties are situated within 350m of bushland reserves and National Parks, meaning a large proportion of homes are at risk.

With funding from the Australian and New South Wales governments, the Building Bush Fire Resilient Communities Education Program will ensure residents are better prepared, helping to mitigate the impacts of bush fires.

Residents now have access to a raft of resources and information specifically useful for the Hornsby Shire area on a new **Bush Fire Aware Hub** on Council's website at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushfireaware

This one-stop-shop contains relevant advice from the NSW Rural Fire Service and other authorities on how to prepare for bush fires, including:

- Questions to consider in your bush fire survival plans

- Important items to pack in your emergency kits
- Tips on how to prepare your pets (including livestock)
- Advice on how to prepare your suburban and rural properties
- Bush fire insurance tips
- Links to local Rural Fire brigades and Fire & Rescue stations and much more!

As part of this program, Hornsby Shire Council will also be able to upgrade its education trailer (with funding support from Reconstruction Authority and in cooperation with Ku-ring-gai Council) to continue taking the message to residents living in bush fire prone areas through targeted street meetings. The funding will also support development and distribution of a range of informative educational resources across the Shire.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock AO said this initiative will make sure local residents are empowered with knowledge to make informed choices when facing bush fire hazards.

"We have all seen the devastating impacts of bush fires over the years. And with the current outlook on the upcoming bush fire



season being high risk, it is essential that as a community we are best prepared for bush fire events," Mayor Ruddock said.

"We thank the state and federal governments for their support. The community engagement, preparedness and prevention strategies, and risk mitigation initiatives in this program, will keep our residents safer and stronger in the future."

Hornsby Shire Council secured more than \$80,000 under the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund grant program, which is jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments.

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Glenorie Progress Association

SPECIAL FIRE PRESENTATION NIGHT

The residents of the Glenorie District were invited to attend a special presentation on Preparing for the upcoming Fire Season at our monthly meeting at the Glenorie RSL, Thursday 14 September.

We were honoured to have fabulous speakers – two officers of The Hills Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre - *Nathan Barnden* FCO2 and *Scott Callan* Operations Officer. Plus *Mitchell Blue*, The Hills Shire Councillor and Chair of the Bush Fire Risk Management Committee presented.

Nathan and Scott presented comprehensive facts and figures and videos to support the necessity for all residents to Prepare Your Property for a bushfire in Glenorie. History of fires and the RFS was clearly outlined, the focus on our area. The horrific 2002 fires starting on December 4 that impacted Glenorie District and beyond resulted in the tragic loss of two lives and the loss of 9 houses in Glenorie. The 2002 fire was right here in the village and even the RSL Club was surrounded by fire. The question was answered that - it is not IF it will happen again - but WHEN.

The current seasonal outlook was given that The Hills and Hornsby areas are likely to experience an extremely high fire danger this summer as we were not directly affected in the disastrous 2019/20 fires preferable. Many of lives lost in 2019-20 fires were because unprepared residents stayed to defend. He reminded everyone present that a house can be rebuilt but family members lost can't be returned to us.

Mitchell presented information on the Bush Fire Risk Management Committee with details of the various agencies coming together to plan mitigation/hazard reduction (HR) works and fire trail maintenance. Questions were answered re HRs and the difficulties of accessing the window of opportunity between wet weather and when it becomes too hot to burn. Mitchell also discussed the responsibility of residents in cluster divisions to comply with the bush fire management plan developed for their area including keeping a level of water available in tanks for fire protection.

Nathan went on to explain the ways to PLAN whether to **Leave Early** OR **Stay and Defend**, the first option being preferable, noting again that life is more important than property. **Neighbourhood Safer Places as Places of Last Resort** were mentioned.

Important also to note that there are limited resources in comparison with the number of properties to defend – the message being – DO NOT expect a fire truck at your property when the fire is coming.

Know the **Fire Alerts** when a fire is coming and the **Fire Danger Levels** showing the risk of a fire in the area.

Message delivered – It is **Your responsibility to Prepare Your Property** and to Plan for a fire emergency. Making a Plan is a discussion and decision for all the family as too often a spouse or teenage child is home alone when fire comes.

Go to nsw.rfs.gov.au/plan-and-prepare to download your **Bushfire Survival Plan** or you can make your plan online in as little as five minutes at www.myfireplan.com.au

If there is an emergency call 000 (Triple Zero) but if you want information about a fire, go to

- Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 679 737



Or **Hazards Near Me** - a great tool for everyone to load and create a **Watch Zone**.

Residents were able to speak with the RFS personnel with any questions after the presentation.

RAY WHITEMAN HERITAGE FENCE PROJECT PROGRESS...

Here you can see the carvings to go one of the four Military piers... a great start by Karl of Aussie Stonemasons.

Huge thanks to:



Glenorie Woolworths



Greater Hills Rotary Club and



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for their support of this project!

Members of the GPA held two **Fundraising days at Glenorie Woolworths** on Saturdays 26 August and 2 September and raised almost \$1000 on those days. Thanks to those members and to Hills Rotary for their contribution. Thank you to those who donated and here is how you can still donate to this fantastic project by:

- **Direct credit** donation to Community Bank Galston & District

"The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence Fund":
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- Drop into **Tahlia's Takeaway** - Look for our Donations Jar.

- **Return and Earn** - Download the app so when you recycle your bottles at Glenorie Woolworths you help the planet while supporting the fence. Select the **Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence** as your active payout to donate your Return and Earn refund.



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ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

WELCOME SPRING... I imagine these rather 'sleepy little birds' are about to fly off into the sunshine and start enjoying the bright new days ahead.

Our quilting group will be in full swing too, making the most of a fresh start to the spring season with Children's Quilts as one of our projects.

Andrea Blackford, the Assistance Dogs Australia representative will be visiting us in October to receive more of our donated quilts.

A cheery colourful quilt, given to a child who already has the help of an Assistance Dog can

feel that extra layer of reassurance through a tactile, cuddly quilt during any number of challenging days that can be an ongoing part of their young lives.

What wonderful projects these are for us; call in and experience the 'feel-good' factor which we experience when these quilts are complete!!!

We meet at the Galston Community Centre, The Glade, Galston on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of every month at 9.30am.

For further information please call Carole on 9894 7749.



THE PROBUS CLUB OF THE HILLS INC



Our guest speaker for August was Peter Kahn who Guided us through the history of trams in Sydney.

His film brought back many memories from yesteryear. The walkers completed a guided tour of the Female Orphan School and associated historic buildings which concluded with lunch at the Boiler House.

Then we travelled by coach to Clarence to join the Zig Zag Railway for a nostalgic trip

to Lithgow and return. Then reboarding the coach for our luncheon stop at Leura. It was a wonderful day. Our activity groups continue to be well patronised especially the bare foot bowls.

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 10.30 am.

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Kristina Taylor has demonstrated leadership and learning across outdoor activities such as bushcraft, camping and bushwalking with her local Scout Group and at District and Regional events.

Kristina has really enjoyed learning new skills at Scouts, whether it be running Clean Up Australia Day events, completing a first aid course, through to learning canoeing skills and even becoming a Junior member with the Galston Rural Fire Service.

She and loves outdoor challenges and led a three day bushwalk in Marramorra National Park as part of her Adventurous Journey challenge.

In 'planning, doing and reviewing' these activities, Kristina has demonstrated significant personal growth, an interest in trying new things, and has been 'hands-on' in tackling new challenges.

The most significant challenge that Kristina set herself, was in taking on the role as Assistant Trustee of the Scout Hall as part of a special project. This involved organising working bees at the Scout Hall through to using power tools to make repairs around the hall. She learnt about building inspections, assisted with getting quotes for hall upgrades and developed a good understanding of the hall management, compliance, and reporting requirements – highly valuable life skills.

Scouting is all about education for life. It's a dynamic, challenging, and adventurous program that equips young people with life skills,



such as teamwork and leadership, and gives them the tools to develop into strong, resilient adults and valuable members of the community.

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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GLENORIE PROBUS CLUB ACTIVITIES

Glenorie Probus Club has had another active period which included a wide range of activities. A visit to the Nancy Bird Airport Experience Centre was very informative as this is developing at a rapid rate and will have some impact on our area.

A weekend at Mudgee included a day at the Mudgee field day and a day in the historic town of Gulgong (the town on the first \$10 note). A very pleasant Christmas in July lunch this year was held on the Nepean Belle Paddle-wheeler

cruising the Nepean Gorge. An enjoyable tour was undertaken to Mount Wilson to view the Autumn Colours. A visit to the Secret Gardens and Nursery at the Western Sydney University Campus which is operated by the North West Disability Services for individuals with special needs showed how disadvantaged people benefit from activities like this.

The Club meets on the at 11.00am on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Glenorie RSL. There is a different guest speaker of interest to members each month and members stay

for lunch after the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Contact Wendy Black on 9653 1022 or email wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A GOOD NEWS STORY

Part of my lost faith in old fashioned men's chivalry was renewed yesterday (6th Sept.) with the following story, as I remember it, recounted by my sister, Esme Vale (91yo) from Glenorie.

She was driving home yesterday, in the middle lane along a peak hour packed Windsor Road. Because of the huge amount of traffic, she had to reframe from her usual "low flying" style of driving. Suddenly she heard a loud "Bang" and felt an unusual shuddering in the motion of her car. However, being one, determined lady she intended to push on. Almost immediately the driver behind her flashed his lights and sounded his horn, all to no avail. My sister, being who she is, carried on. Next thing she knew the driver behind her had pulled out and driven up alongside her car where he gesticulated his message that her car had blown a rear tyre.

Here's where things changed. Es, as we affectionately call her, quickly reacted this time and found a suitable place to pull over and stop. To her surprise the driver of the car that had warned her pulled up behind her. Es and the man, both got out and surveyed the damage. A short discussion took place with the Gentleman insisting on replacing the blown tyre with the spare. After his considerable effort of jacking the car up, finding the spare and then replacing the back tyre, Esme thanked him and offered to pay for his trouble, but he refused her offer of payment and insisted it was his pleasure to, "Help a damsel in distress."

Unfortunately, Esme forgot the man's name but the family, along with Es, are indebted to him and thank this gentleman for his "Sir Walter Raleigh" type of Good Deed.

- STAN SHORE, GLENORIE



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- The Hills Book Keeper
- Village Thai Restaurant

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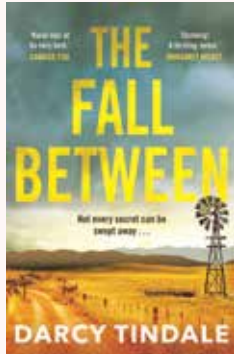
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ADULT FICTION

THE FALL BETWEEN BY DARCY TINDALE

Detective Rebecca Giles has just finished interviewing a suspect over a spate of break-and-enters when a disturbing report of a missing girl comes in. Hours later, Giles is a local hero, having solved the missing child case and the jewellery thefts. Yet the hangover from her celebrations has barely kicked in when a body is discovered. Giles is convinced the link between all three cases lies in the town's tragic history, perhaps even in her own mother's mysterious drowning thirty years ago.



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YOUNG ADULT FICTION

LET'S NEVER SPEAK OF THIS AGAIN BY MEGAN WILLIAMS

Things aren't exactly perfect for sixteen-year-old Abby, but with her best friend, Ella, by her side even the hard stuff is manageable. But when new girl Chloe arrives, it's not long before long Abby is feeling a left out and in a moment of anger she wishes something bad would happen. When it does, with tragic consequences, everything changes again, and Abby must face her own feelings and work out what friendship really means.



Megan Williams' award-winning debut is a tender, moving story about friendship, the things that test it, and what matters most.

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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE

Our photograph for this month is of a family tree and a graphic example of the special nature of our community.

It was used to introduce the guest speaker, Dr Lesley Harbon. She spoke of six women associated with the Roughley Family who, over six generations, played a part in the social history of the interlocking families who farmed our district.

In the audience were those whose names are on the tree, along with many others who are part of the story and who still live in it. An interesting and enjoyable afternoon. As usual animated recollections and questions followed over tea. It is gratifying to see how popular the Society talks on local history have become.

On the 29th September a group of members will take part in a tour of half of Sydney Harbour, conducted by the Navy Historical Society. Tours for 2024 are now being planned with a one day in Parramatta and two days in Lithgow.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Uniting Church, Galston, on **Saturday the 10th October** at 2.00pm.

A enjoyable part of the afternoon is a Show and Tell. Here members and visitors bring an object, of any nature, and give a short explanation of why it is of special significance to them. This is always a demonstration of the wide interests people have and a chance to share knowledge. The Society would welcome help in its work within community.

The last meeting for the year will be on the **11th November** at 2.00pm in the Uniting Church, Galston. The guest speaker will be Dr Don. Napper and his topic is Francis Greenway. Dr Napper has spoken to our society on several occasions and members look forward to his return.



Michael inspecting family tree

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TOP AUCTION TIPS FOR BUYERS

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Whether it's your first time bidding, or it's been a while since you last attended an auction, it is normal to feel stressed, anxious and excited during the lead-up and on the day.

In this blog our Chief Auctioneer, Andrew Robinson, shares his top auction tips for buyers—including how to prepare beforehand and handle things on the day.

GET YOUR FINANCES IN ORDER

Before you register to bid at an auction, ensure your finances are in order. Having pre-approval from the bank means you know what you can afford. What price you're willing to pay, and what your absolute stretch price is. This will shape your strategy come auction day.

"If you're successful at auction, you will need to have a 10 percent deposit ready to go on the day. To avoid any embarrassing hold-ups, make sure your maximum bank transfer limits have been lifted, and your bank is aware that a large sum may be transferred from your account," advises Andrew.

UNDERSTAND THE AUCTION PROCESS

As a rule, the first auction you attend shouldn't be the one you intend to bid at. Instead, become familiar with the style of different auctioneers and sales agents by attending as many auctions as you can in the area you're looking to purchase in. You will also get a strong idea of who the competition is and the demand for similar properties.

"Buyers should always attend several auctions in the area they're looking to buy into before they bid themselves," says Andrew. "Watch how people bid, the different strategies they use, what increments people increase by, the pace of the auction and how the auctioneer manages the auction. Being armed with all this information gives you an advantage when it comes time for you to bid."

DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE

Buyers need to do their due diligence before the auction because once you place a winning bid, it's too late to then put the brakes on the sale. Before auction day, make sure you have your building and pest inspection reports done, and the contract of sale has been reviewed by your lawyer, especially the terms of sale and settlement period.

Get a good understanding of what the property is worth by asking the selling agent for comparable sales, or jump online and research recent sales in the area.

Finally, register to bid. Familiarise yourself with the rules of your state – do you have to register before you can bid? What happens when the property passes in? How do you know once it has hit reserve?

PLAN YOUR AUCTION STRATEGY

It's imperative to have an auction day strategy. This means you should know how you will bid, at what stage you're going to start bidding, and how much you are prepared to bid. Be clear about how much you

want to spend and your stretch limit – what you can reasonably afford without impeding your quality of life. Set a firm limit and stick to it.

"It's really common for buyers who are not comfortable with bidding at auctions to engage someone to bid on their behalf. This is a fantastic strategy as having a neutral person who is not financially invested means the bidding will not be emotionally driven," explains Carolyn.

Tips for auction day:

- Only bid if you intend to buy. If you win at auction, it's yours to keep.
- Introduce yourself to the auctioneer. They will remember you and look for you when seeking any higher bids. If you're not successful this time around, they will look out for you at other auctions.
- Auctions are highly unpredictable and emotionally charged. Stay calm and master your poker face to avoid giving too much away.
- Auctions always have an open home inspection just before the auction begins. This is your opportunity to take a final look at the property, the contract and auction rules.
- Keep your eyes on the competition, especially when the bidding slows down. You can tell a lot by someone's body language and who they're talking to nearby.
- Never start bidding with your maximum amount – if you get caught up in the excitement and bid more than you can afford and win, that property is yours to keep.
- Just because an auctioneer requests bidding in certain increments, that doesn't mean you have to comply. You can control the auction by bidding in odd increments – it forces the auctioneer to do more challenging arithmetic and naturally slows the pace.
- The sales agent and auctioneer are under a lot of pressure and may try to rush you, but you can take a moment to think. If they believe you have more to bid, they will wait for you.

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HORNSBY ART PRIZE RETURNS WITH EXCEPTIONAL CONTEMPORARY ARTWORKS

The judging panel have made their selections, with 85 artworks being shortlisted for Hornsby Shire Council's 2023 Hornsby Art Prize. The finalist works of Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Digital Art Stills and Sculpture will be on exhibition at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre from 20 October until 5 November 2023.

Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the Hornsby Art Prize is a national art competition and exhibition celebrating Australian artists. This year, the competition has a total prize pool of \$23,000, with the major prize \$10,000.

The Art Prize has attracted over 600 entries from around Australia. Hornsby Shire Mayor, Philip Ruddock said the quality was particularly impressive.

"We are delighted to have received such a strong interest in the Hornsby Art Prize. The standard of entries is regarded as being one of the finest in recent memory and all finalists are to be commended. We've received entries from a broad spectrum, including nationally recognised artists as well as significant emerging artists," Mayor Ruddock said.

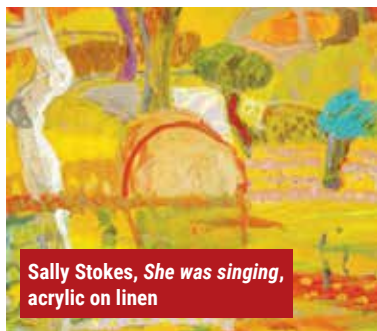
"I would like to congratulate all the finalists for their inspiring artworks. The Hornsby Art Prize provides our residents with a fantastic opportunity to experience contemporary art of the highest calibre first-hand in our own local area, and this year people are certainly in for a treat."

This year's esteemed judges are visual artists James Powditch, Nicole Mather, and Chris Langlois.

"Hornsby Art Society is passionate about the development of the visual arts and a cultural presence within the Hornsby Shire. The Hornsby Art Prize is a wonderful way to engage and enthuse the community and we encourage everyone to come along and enjoy this fabulous exhibition," said Hornsby Art Society President, Chris Beard.

Winners of the Hornsby Art Prize, including the Hornsby Shire Local Artist Award, will be announced at an award ceremony on **Friday 20 October**. The Hornsby Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition will be held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre from **20 October until 5 November, Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm**.

For more information go to hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize



Sally Stokes, *She was singing*, acrylic on linen



Libby Moore, *Just put your feet up for a while*, acrylic on canvas

IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO MUSIC LESSONS FOR SENIORS

Over many years of learning and teaching music, I have heard a whole host of "reasons" why adults, particularly Seniors, shy away from learning an instrument.

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"BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE STUCK LEARNING SCALES AND THEORY. IT'S BORING."

I totally agree, and in our senior years why would we struggle with learning a new skill that is tedious and devoid of pleasure? The new way of teaching is fun and quickly achievable, and that's how I teach.

"I'M TOO BUSY TO COMMIT."

Your commitment will be 10 minutes per day, maximum. Get up a few minutes earlier, practise while the oven is heating up, break up the 10 minutes into a few minutes here and there. It's worth the effort.

"IT'LL TAKE TOO LONG FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO PLAY ANYTHING."

You'll be playing tunes within 3-4 weeks! Actually, you'll be underway on Lesson One! Remember that the months and years will pass regardless of whether or not you put in the time to learn. Look at it like an investment in yourself.

"I'D BE LEARNING THE RECORDER?? I'VE HEARD THE WAY MY KIDS AND GRANDKIDS PLAY IT, AND IT SOUNDS AWFUL."

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The band's line up consists of experienced musos, Julia on lead vocals/rhythm guitar, Leigh on Drums/vocals, lead guitar/vocals Jarrod and Ron on Bass/vocals.

Strong vocals, tight rhythms, and a punchy, solid sound, encouraging crowd participation. The group dish out 70's, 80's and 90's greats, transporting you back in time pumping hits from a mix of artists like Blondie, Choirboys, Baby Animals, Dire Straits, Daddy Cool, Pat Benatar... and many more. Hits that will get you movin' and groovin', singing along, and enjoying.

This line up has been together for just over 12 months, are a regular appearance at The Hornsby Inn with scheduled returns to the Royal Hotel Springwood November and December. The band will be performing at the CommBank Stadium in November as part of a 3-day combined Lions Club conference, stemming from a recent appearance in August at the Blacktown Workers Club.

Band representative bassist Ron has a simple message, "The only true way to find out if the entertainment is great is to see and hear it for yourself live" The band is back to The Hornsby Inn on 7 October.

Private or corporate parties are in the mix, if looking for entertainment just head to the band's website www.unsuspected.com.au and get in touch.

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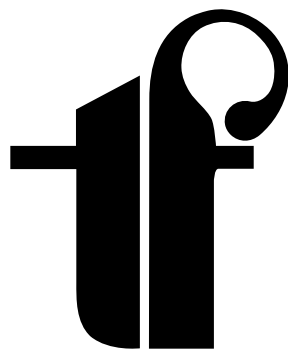
DOMINIQUE MILLAR

**A History and Demonstration
of the Chalk Drawing Medium**

Dominique is a graduate from the Julian Ashton Art School and teaches visual art. He will explain the historical context of the chalk medium then demonstrate in 3 chalk pencils - trois crayon - as can be seen in image of 2 carp on a coloured paper, which will show the full breadth that the medium is capable of.

Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.30pm at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill.

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CREATIVITY ABOUNDS ARCADIAN ARTISTS TRAIL 2023

Where do artists get their inspiration and what drives them to create? A sneak peek into the lives of over 35 Artists will be available 11 & 12 November when 6 rural studios open their doors and display the talents of many wonderful artisans. All are remarkable individuals whose enthusiasm and passion have set the Arcadian Artists apart for many years. Among them are glass artists, jewellers, painters, sculptors, felt artists, printmakers, wire sculptors and textile artists.

The rural properties on the trail are in Dural, Galston and Arcadia on the edge of Sydney, and are a delight to investigate. All Studios vary in their approach and expression and are well worth a visit. There is plenty of time for visitors to ask questions and talk with the creators. Why not buy a Christmas present for someone special.

Many of our venues will have food and beverage trucks available. Some property owners are even encouraging their visitors to bring a picnic lunch and blanket to use on their lawns. Bring your glass of bubbly and rest while you take in the delights of the country and purchase unique and quality artworks. The local cafes also provide delicious treats.

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Are you looking to take a trip down memory lane this October? Look no further than Dural Musical Society for some Summer Lovin' 50s fun.

After a successfully sold out season of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in 2022, DMS is gearing up for an electrifying performance of 'Grease the Musical' that is guaranteed to get you Hand Jivin' in your seats.

The Production Team featuring William Pulley and Rodrigo Medina Noel as Co Director/Musical Director and Kaitlin Hillier as Choreographer have done a lightning job at bringing showstoppers such as "We Go Together" and "You're The One That I Want" to life on stage. Featuring an all star cast full of personality and high school hoppin' attitude, this show is not one to miss! 'Grease the Musical' is showing from **October 13th - 28th** at Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall, 604 Old Northern Road, Dural.

Visit <https://www.duralmusicalsociety.org/bookings/> to purchase tickets.

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DURAL BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Both Men and Ladies Major singles (Dural Competition) have been completed with Phil Laing (left in the picture) winning the Men's Title and Mike Keane as the runner up. Robyn Scoble (left in picture) won the Ladies Title with Elizabeth Goode as the runner up. Congratulations to Phil and Robyn as Club champions.



Dural won the Mitchell Plate for the Ladies competition on Wednesday 13th September. Dural secured the championship with some close wins (photo right). It is very exciting for the Dural Bowling Club as the Mitchell Plate will be replaced next year in a revamped competition by Bowls NSW.



Anyone interested in playing bowls or having a Barefoot Bowls Party please contact Robert on 0411 375 580.

GO GO BENDIGO



In 2023, the Galston Netball Club received sponsorship support from a community bank that truly understands the essence of community spirit – Bendigo Bank Galston. As the season unfolds, the club extends its heartfelt gratitude to Bendigo Bank for its generous sponsorship, enabling us to create a thriving netball community that fosters growth, camaraderie, and passion for the sport.

Bendigo Bank's sponsorship has proven to be a game-changer for our club, allowing us to enhance the overall experience for players, coaches, and supporters alike. With their invaluable financial assistance, we have been able to provide our junior players with training shirts to be worn at sessions and game day.

Bendigo Bank's sponsorship has created a ripple effect of positivity throughout the Galston community. By backing our club, they have shown their unwavering dedication to the growth and well-being of our community.

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GOVERNOR OF NSW AWARDS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Her Excellency, The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, as Patron of The Order of Australia Association NSW Branch, has presented Sienna Arena-Milne of Northholm Grammar School in Arcadia with a Youth Community Service Award for exceptional service or engagement with their local community, or to Australia in general.

Sienna was one of 26 students who participated in an investiture presentation with the Governor on Thursday 7 September. Award recipients also received a trophy and certificate of commendation from the Governor.

Conducted by the Order of Australia Association (NSW) Branch, students across the state were nominated by their school principal as being exemplary community role models before a selection panel determined the final Award recipients.

Service ranges from local initiatives such as education, health, and welfare for disadvantaged or underprivileged communities, to international initiatives in a host of community development activities such as education, health, sanitation, and infrastructure projects. The Award is not for academic or sporting achievements.

Sienna's citation read;

"Sienna Arena-Milne holds the position of Senior Prefect at Northholm Grammar School. She has made an extraordinary commitment to service in the local community. As a Year 11 student, assisted by her Year 11 peers and the Northholm Grammar community, Sienna coordinated a series of fundraising events in support of Camp Quality, raising over \$40 000. She organised and led several significant fund-raising activities with and within the school community, including a Bunnings BBQ, Puppet Show, and the Masquerade Dinner, which engaged over 200 people from the Northholm community,



local businesses, and Camp Quality. The dinner culminated with the announcement that \$37,000 had been raised, which was quickly increased by donations to over \$40,000. She has shown high academic performance and contributes as a leader in the school's Co-Curricular Program. Sienna is currently working towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and is both a Prefect and Chair of the SRC. She has actively strived to build community spirit, encouraging her peers to become actively engaged with their community."

PACIFIC HILLS TO REPRESENT NSW AT SCIENCE NATIONALS



A group of Year 9 and 10 students from Pacific Hills Christian School have won their way into the National Finals of the prestigious Science and Engineering Challenge which is operated by the University of Newcastle.

Over the past three years the School has won the Sydney round of the Challenge to compete at the State Finals and this year on their fourth appearance in Newcastle they made it to the top level of the competition.

The acclaimed STEM competition introduces students to Science projects not usually seen in the classroom. They form into teams and through that process the students learn about teamwork and communication as well as solving complex science and engineering challenges.

The Head of the Science Faculty, Erin Waterhouse, said, "The whole team showed determination, courage and beautiful character through

their teamwork skills and it paid off. They will be one of three NSW representative teams competing at the Nationals. What an honour."



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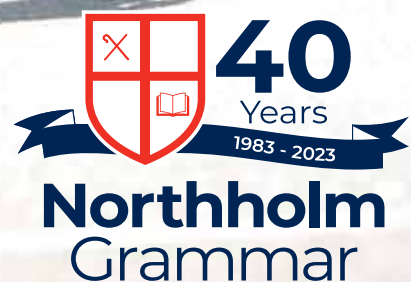
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DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



On Tuesday 15th of August 2023, Dural Public School's Wakakirri Cast, which included 82 students from years 3-6 took to the stage at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta to perform their 'Story Dance', 'Bee the Change'. Participating schools are inspired by the Wakakirri ethos 'great stories inspire change' to create and perform story-dances that reflect students' thoughts, ideas and aspirations.

Dural Public School's performance focused on telling the story of some bees whose habitat had been destroyed by developers, cutting down their hive and flowers. Their habitat is then restored by bushwalkers by replanting seeds and putting their hive back together. This is an important issue, needing to be shared as it affects many locals to the school.



Inspired by the issue, Dural Public School held a fundraiser to raise money for 'Bee Day Australia' where \$300 was donated towards the purchasing of bee seeds and habitats.

We received for a state award for our story and performed again at Wakakirri's Awards Night, this time at NIDA. We were also awarded the Wakakirri Spirit Award for our fantastic behaviour on the night and for encouraging others.



Maths Cup; On the 6th of September, Dural PS attended the annual Maths Cup at Amity College. There were 92 teams at the event this year! Our team comprised of Jayson, Adrian and Ryan. The boys did the preliminary rounds which included; a test, a room of Maths puzzles and a session of the target number challenge. They did so well in the preliminary rounds that they made it to the semi-finals

which consisted of the top 12 teams. In the semi-finals they were given problems to solve, after the semi-finals they were actually coming first and got into the grand-final. The grand-final (top 6 teams) was a series of another 10 problems. They fought hard to the end and achieved 5th place!

Tournament of Minds: On Sunday 10th September the Tournament of Minds team: Jayson, Jaden, Cooper, Adrian, Agastya, Mia and Bella attended the State Finals at the UNSW, as the Northern Sydney champions. The team was in the Social Science discipline. On the day they had to solve a problem in 3 hours and present it to the judges and audience. They also had to solve a spontaneous challenge on the day. In the afternoon all the results came out and the Dural team were awarded Honours! This was a monumental achievement!

Eddie Woo session at Dural PS; On the 14th of September, Eddie Woo came to Dural PS to present a Investigative Maths session with HPG (High Potential & Gifted) students. The schools involved were Dural, Glenhaven, Waitara, North Rocks, Ironbark Ridge, Matthew Pearce and Ryde. There were 88 students who participated from the different schools in some very interesting maths activities from the inspiring Eddie Woo!

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HORNSBY COUNCILLOR WARREN WADDELL

It is very disappointing that the State Government has elected to defer the upgrade works to New Line Rd identified in the previous budget. This decision puts in doubt any timeline that may have provided any form of commuter relief. Residents and businesses in the rural area that have little choice but to rely on this dysfunctional piece of State infrastructure, will continue to experience anxiety, frustration, and loss of productivity for many years to come.

We do, however, have capacity to make the most of the resources we do control. In August, the Arcadia Galston Residents Association, (AGRA,) hosted an information session on projects that seek community input.

- The first is a proposal to replan and make better use of the Council operational land in Johnston Rd Galston. An opportunity exists to improve the onsite RFS facilities, improve the presentation and safety of Johnston Rd, protect and enhance on site vegetation, provide for potential recreation and to accommodate the future service needs of the Council and the community. I encourage residents to go to the Council website and click on "Have Your Say", Johnston Rd. Or use the following link: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/planning-proposal-1-3-johnson-road-galston>
- In addition, residents were introduced to the Galston Village Public Domain project that seeks to enhance the presentation and functionality of Galston Village. The plan is not on exhibition just yet, but Council will be seeking community input into issues such as,

safety, parking, way signage, curb and guttering, bus stops, street furniture and landscaping.

On that note, I have also been advised that the recent change in management of the Aldi complex has resulted in toilets becoming available during the day at the eastern end of Galston village.

OTHER INFO...

- Three dates will be available in October for free native plant giveaways from our Pennant Hills nursery. Refer website for more details.
- Be prepared! It's going to be hot one! Contact Council or your local RFS fire shed for tips on being prepared this Summer.

As always, happy to be contacted in regard to any issues.
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GLENORIE HALL COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

The Glenorie Memorial Hall will be open for afternoon tea, photograph display and a talk on the history of Glenorie including the story of the Memorial Hall between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 21st October. The Glenorie Memorial Hall is located on Old Northern Rd in the Village of Glenorie.

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As we approach the official start of the fire season, I want to acknowledge our remarkable Rural Fire Service volunteers. Across Berowra there are over 1,500 local volunteers across 27 brigades who do a remarkable job. They're an extraordinary group of men and women.

They volunteer all year round. In autumn and winter they undertake drills and hazard reductions and prepare. Over the past year brigades across the two local districts have responded to over 700 incident calls. Floods, storms, multiple-vehicle accidents—no matter what the disaster, they're always there to lend a hand.

But, of course, the role the RFS volunteers play in our fire safety is their most significant contribution. Berowra is a beautiful bushland electorate. But it means we're also a bushfire prone electorate. Every year, our RFS volunteers stand ready to defend properties and lives during the fire season.

Many residents will not have lived through the terrible bushfires that ripped through our area in 2002. Those who did will remember how ferocious and devastating they were.

That is why it is so important to start getting your property ready now, in case we face similar conditions this fire season.

Make sure your bushfire survival plan is up to date and that you undertake important preventative work, like clearing out gutters or keeping your yard free of combustible material. As part of that bushfire survival plan, you should think about which valuables you need to pack up – so if you need to go, you can before it's too late.

If you've got a pool, I would also encourage you to get a static water supply (SWS) sign at your property entrance. That water might save your own home, or your neighbour's.

Thanks again to the wonderful RFS for all the work they do for our community and for all Australians.



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FROM THE DESK OF MATT KEAN

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

It is so disappointing to see that the NSW Government's recently released budget provides no new money for essential services and infrastructure in our area.

The residents of Hornsby don't deserve to be punished by this Labor government because of where they live. This is a stark reminder that we have returned to the bad old days of Labor, where nothing gets built.

On a more positive note, I would like to recognize the Glenorie Progress Association for being proactive for their community. They recently hosted representatives from the Hills Rural Fire Service who gave a presentation to residents about preparing for the Bush Fire Season. If you need any information about how you should prepare your property or formulate your personal plan in the event of a dangerous bushfire, I encourage you to contact your local RFS brigade today.

Finally, I was so pleased to support a donation of a large stack of local history books to the Galston High School library from the collection of the late Tom Richmond OAM, who was a former history teacher at the school from when it opened in 1974 until 1981. After the school's library was destroyed by fire in 2014, the facility was rebuilt in 2016. Now the school has been provided with these wonderful resources on the district's history under Tom's name.



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For Garden descriptions and map, please go to galstongardenclub.com.au or Facebook Galston Open Gardens

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AN EREMOPHILA FOR EVERY GARDEN



Eremophila conglomerata

The speaker on 25 November at the meeting of the Parramatta and Hills Group of the Australian Plants Society will be Lyndal Thorburn, and she will be speaking about "An Eremophila for every garden".

Although Eremophilas (Umu Bushes) grow naturally in the dryer parts of Australia, they can make stunning additions to your garden. Lyndal will provide tips on growing and caring for Eremophilas, particularly in the wetter Sydney region.

Lyndal Thorburn has been leader of the Eremophila Study Group since 2015. A scientist by training but not by profession, she has kept her interest in biology alive through long term involvement with the Australian Plants Society Canberra and participation in many Citizen Science groups. She has grown over 100 varieties of Eremophilas in her rather shady Queanbeyan garden, and has been delighted to discover that many in the genus are frost hardy and don't need sun all day.

MEETING DETAILS:

Australian Plants Society-Parramatta/
Hills Branch

When: 2pm, Saturday 25 November 2023

Where: Gumnut Hall, Gumnut Place, Cherrybrook.

Afternoon tea will be served.

Visitors will be very welcome!

Enquiries to Jennifer Farrer (secretary)
0407 456 577

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL'S NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY PROGRAM BLOOMS AGAIN

Hornsby Shire Council is thrilled to announce the return of its popular Native Plant Giveaway Program this October, inviting all residents of Hornsby Shire to participate and nurture their local environment by booking an appointment to collect four free native plants.

Including native trees, shrubs, edible and flowering plants – many of which are locally indigenous – the plants are grown by staff and volunteers at Council's Warada Ngurang Community Plant Nursery in Pennant Hills. Species on offer also include plants that thrive in pots and shade, making them suitable for balconies or smaller gardens.

During the previous Native Plant Giveaways held in Autumn 2023, the program saw residents from 921 households attend, collecting a total of 4,571 native plants – an overwhelming level of enthusiasm that Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock AO says highlights the deep-rooted commitment of Hornsby Shire residents to protect and nurture their local environment.

"Everyone in Hornsby Shire is proud of the lifestyle that our native forest habitats and green spaces afford. This program is a great way to further that and to sow



the seeds for future generations in the Bushland Shire," said Mayor Ruddock.

"I encourage all residents to book an appointment to come along to Warada Ngurang, collect some native plants and learn a few things about plants and wildlife from some of our expert nursery staff and volunteers while you're there."

There will be three Native Plant Giveaway days scheduled throughout the month of October, including weekdays and weekends to accommodate all residents' schedules:

- Saturday, 14 October 9am – 2pm
- Wednesday, 18 October 9am – 12pm
- Saturday, 21 October 9am – 12pm

For additional information about the Native Plant Giveaway Program and to book your plant collection appointment, please visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/plants

STILL CREEK LANDCARE LIVING IN THE BUSH

BY BARRY LEES

I have a small house on 5 acres of beautiful Hawkesbury sandstone bush. That means tall trees, huge rocks, interesting shrubs and groundcovers and lots of grass trees (or blackboys). Still Creek passes through with mossy banks, glorious ferns and crystal-clear water. I absolutely love it!

We have wallabies – big dads, mums of various sizes, and joeys in pouches. I like it when a joey finally has all its fur and decides to climb out of mum's pouch to explore the world. They often can't control their long legs and tail but they race around, falling over and bumping into things. When mum grunts, they lurch back to the safety of the pouch, tumble in head first leaving a bit of leg and tail hanging out. Mums are very forgiving!

While writing this, I see out the window some small birds flitting around in the shrubs, including three pairs of blue wrens (Superb Fairy Wrens). Yesterday there were 6 yellow-tail black cockatoos near the house,

making a mess of the Hakea sericeas.

They usually come in threes – mum, dad and the kid who is as big as the adults but makes an endless raspy noise.

Bushfires, I understand, will be bigger better brighter in future. At the recent HotSpots bushfire workshop, we were reminded that it is the landowner's responsibility to control the fire fuel load on their properties, by hand clearing or burning of leaf litter, bark and small sticks. With the help of a few neighbours, I intend to burn multiple small areas on my place when the conditions are right (low temperatures, no wind, good firebreaks etc.). I will help others in return. This was a common practice many years ago but it died out because of over regulation, too many forms to fill out and too many people telling us we couldn't do it. We are now being encouraged to do it to slow down wildfires and better protect assets like houses. In most cases, a single approval called a Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate is all you need. Look at the NSW Rural Fire Service website to learn more. If lots of bush block owners did this, life would be safer in summer, except perhaps for days with a 'Catastrophic' fire danger rating.



Wallaby on rock

There are many new people in the district who may not have experienced fire in the bush. We would like to invite these people to come, watch and learn when we do these small burns. Landcare members are keen to see a renewed interest in landowners doing small cool burns throughout the area, after suitable training.

For more information, talk to Nick on 9653 2056, or go to our website www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au or Facebook.

Hidden In The Hills BIRD IDENTIFICATION

BY LACHLAN TURNER

One of the most engaging activities that can be undertaken in bushland or wetland environments is to observe those birds which frequent that immediate locality. Experienced bushwalkers keep a particular eye out for any birds they may encounter along the way.

However, there are dedicated people whose main focus when out in bushland is to concentrate solely on the birdlife around them.

For these enthusiastic people, "discovering" a new bird that they have not seen before can be a very satisfying experience.

There are a number of strategies that can be adopted for others who may find bird watching an interesting past time.

In order to "get up close and personal" with small birds who occupy the undergrowth as well as the canopy, a powerful pair of binoculars would be essential. A comprehensive field guide is also very useful when helping to identifying most birds. Appropriate clothing and footwear for the bird watcher is also advisable.

Aspects to consider when attempting to determine the type of any bird being observed, is to consider its size and colour, the shape of its head and beak, the colour and length of its legs, as well as any call that can be heard.

Being as inconspicuous as possible is advantageous, as birds, especially small ones, are very wary of unusual movement nearby. Being quiet and patient lessens any disturbance that may interrupt the process of observing the interesting habits of the bird being watched.



King Parrot

For further information about bird identification and observation techniques, particularly for those considering involvement in this worthwhile activity, it is suggested that the reader enter the following web address into their browser:
<http://online.fliphtml5.com/awdd/wxbt/>

This year the "Aussie Backyard Bird Count" will be held during Bird Week from Monday October 16 to Sunday October 22.

Lachlan will hold a "Do You Know That Bird" Workshop on Thursday October 19 at 10.00am at the Community Environment Centre in Currie Avenue, Annangrove.

This workshop is free, but bookings are essential through Eventbrite at the Hills Shire Council web site. <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/community-centre-workshops-404489>

NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the children who commemorated their Sacrament of Confirmation in September. It was a wonderful and joyous occasion with our bishop, the Most Rev Anthony Randazzo from Broken Bay Diocese, making a special visit to meet the children and conduct the ceremony. A whole team of people from the parish worked together to instruct the children in the weeks beforehand and to arrange music, flowers, cleaning inside and out, food, programming the PowerPoint, serving on the evening - and much, much more. Thanks to all. You are wonderful.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST DAY SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Again this year St Benedict's parish will be celebrating this special commemoration of the visit of Our Lady to three Portuguese children in 1917. It's always a beautiful event and all are welcome to take part.

WILDLIFE IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS

It was brought home to us this spring that we are privileged to live in a very special part of the world when we noticed a satin bowerbird was building his bower in the church garden. Then we found that the St Benedict's Monastery next door also had a bower right beside the monastery cloister. The picture shows the male showing off his handiwork to the female he is trying to attract. Aren't we lucky to live so close to nature.

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.



BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

How can we have continuing assurance? By believing God's word. When you came to Christ you believed that Christ could save you. Now you believe He has saved you. The danger is in thinking 'I did my part, but God hasn't done His'. What does Romans 10:3 say? 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'. Did you in all sincerity call on Christ to save you? Then what does this verse say? If you called, Christ saved you. That one verse can be like a spiritual birth certificate for you.

Put another way. If you were presented with an account which you knew you had already paid, what would you do? You would look for the receipt, the written proof that you had paid the account. Remember the Bible is God's written proof to you that you have been saved.

Then there is God's witness within our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is God's witness to us. The Holy Spirit is God's witness within us Romans 8:16 says, 'The Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are God's children'. He authenticates our new life. He does this in various ways. He helps us understand God's word. He applies it to

our lives. For example, a believer is often troubled about something they have done or been tempted to do. If they stopped to think, that before they were saved, this problem never bothered them. Now that the Spirit is living within, He has spoken to them about it.

This leads on to the evidence of their life being changed 2 Corinthians 5:17 is well known. 'If anyone is in Christ he/she is a new person'. For some people it is a dramatic change, for others it is progressive, but others notice the change. It can be seen in the change in our desires - we feel at home in a prayer meeting where we never would have thought of going before.

Our assurance comes from believing God's Word from the witness of the Spirit and the evidence of a changed life. Isn't that enough?

- A MESSAGE BY THE LATE REV ED LONG

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GALSTON UNITING CHURCH

FUN WEEKDAYS

It's can be all go during the week at GUC, with something happening for everyone.

KUCAs is on Fridays from 5 – 6.30pm. It is for the Kids. Short for "Kids in the Uniting Church of Australia", it's a time of fun and games for kids K – 6. That includes dinner and a lot of "special nights" such as Dress-up nights or Drive-in Movie Nights" where kids have to make their own "cars" before watching the movie. Our thanks go to the Youth leaders who act as mentors to some of the younger ones. KUCAs starts again in Term 4 on **20th October**.

The **YOUTH** themselves meet after KUCAs, which often involves an outing to a facility such as Ten Pin Bowling or Putt-Putt golf.

At the other end of the age range we have the **Over 55s** who meet on the second Monday of each month for a fun activity or an outing. Whatever is on the agenda, there is usually a "cuppa" and something to nibble involved.

It's just as well then, that we have recently started a new group of **Exercise for Seniors** on a Tuesday morning. Held under the direction of exercise physiologist Sharon Andersen, this has become so popular that a second group has been formed. Groups now meet on Tuesdays at 9.15am and 10.30am.

Of a Friday morning, the **Bible Study group** meet at 9.30am and Jabez opens from 10.00am till 3.00pm. **Jabez** is our drop-in centre with a "club lounge" type of space where people can meet for a chat over a decent cup of coffee or tea with a special treat to nibble on. Thanks to all our volunteers who enable this to happen.



In addition our office, "manned" by Elizabeth and Kathleen, is also open on Fridays, so Fridays at GUC can be especially busy.

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. Phone 9653 2039
11 School Road, Galston

TRUE LIFE IS FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST

I recently read a poem by M.S.Moem about life!

Life. "A series of random moments Directed by and starring you.

Life is the story we are writing

And it passes by, no matter what we do.

You can live endless possibilities

But without action, they're just dreams.

Don't let the things you really want

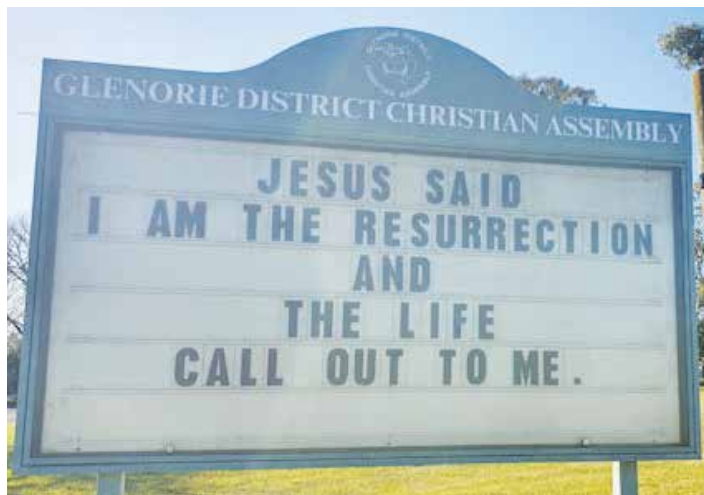
Become the 'might have beens.'

The good, the bad, the joy, the strife.

Embrace them all. For this is life."

This poem describes how we are directed by the choices we make in life. God tells us in His Word, the Bible, that 'life' is understood in three ways: physical life, spiritual life and eternal life.

1. The length of a person's existence, from conception to death, defines a person's **PHYSICAL LIFE**. When God created each man/woman, He "breathed the breath of life into each one's nostrils and the man/woman became a living person." (Genesis 2:7).
2. God designed each one of us specifically for **SPIRITUAL LIFE**. Only human beings can make moral decisions regarding right and wrong. I know we think our pets can "talk" to us, but really, they have instincts and it's only humans who ask the 'why' questions and grapple with philosophical issues etc. In the Garden of Eden, the Bible explains that humanity rebelled against God, resulting in separation from God- but- there is hope. How? Restored fellowship with a loving, Almighty God is available through salvation in His Son Jesus Christ, who took our sin on the Cross, died (physically) and rose again. Believers in Jesus are given the gift of spiritual life.
3. Jesus said in John 11:25, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he/she may die, yet he/she



shall LIVE." Jesus is referring to **ETERNAL LIFE**, our ultimate gift from God. Fullness of life is found in having a right relationship with God, through believing in Jesus Christ- both now in this earthly life and for all eternity.

The Bible tells us clearly that all people will experience an endless duration of life after their physical existence on earth ends. Life in Jesus Christ assures the blessing of God's Presence for all eternity.

Jesus has said - "The enemy only comes to kill, rob and destroy. I came that you would have LIFE and live it abundantly." (John 10:10)

The question for each of us is- which LIFE do I choose?

- PR. ALEX AND DEE VALICH,
Glenorie Community Church

FOOD DRIVE 2023 - THANK YOU



The people of Dural Anglican Church are so very grateful for the generosity of our district. Your ongoing support of the Anglicare Food Drive has been extraordinary.

All of us are feeling the pinch of rising costs for groceries, petrol, interest rates and more... and everyday living has become especially hard for people living in some of Sydney's most disadvantaged suburbs.

Your practical support through our annual food drive has made a huge difference. Many of the supplies you provided will be distributed to needy people through Anglicare's mobile pantry initiative. In partnership with Sydney Anglican Churches, these mobile "supermarkets" make basic food items and personal hygiene products available to people in need.

Though you're unlikely to meet those who benefit, please be assured that your generosity has made a practical difference in someone's life.

Why do we do this? Motivated by the love we've received from Jesus, the people of Dural Anglican are committed to doing what we can to share Jesus' love with others

If you want to find out more, please join us. Dural Anglican is an active local church. Our Sunday services are – 8am, 10am and 6pm at St Jude's Dural and 9:30am at Christ Church Kenthurst. In addition, we host a K-5 kids' program on Friday afternoons plus a youth group for years 6-12 on Friday nights during term time. We'd love to welcome you.



MUSICAL CONNECTION

Sitting on the concrete raised edge next to the garden outside of the café, the sun warming my shoulders, a blue sky beamed beauty from above and the music, as I sat and listened, was the icing on the joy cake as I waited for my drink to be made.

Blissfully unaware of anyone around me, I sat and listened on my ear phones, a gentleman well experienced at being young (senior) tapped me on the shoulder. "Huh", "Oops my apologies, hi, how are you going?" as I responded somewhat startled by the breaking of the seemingly smooth reality. The reply came from him, "What are you listening to?". "Well" I said, it's actually Louis Armstrong "What a wonderful world, and it just seems to be the perfect song today doesn't it?" His reply was swift and powerful, "perfect indeed, you won't believe this, but it was the song playing in my head!"

As we laughed and chatted it wasn't just the warmth of the sun I felt, but also the warmth of connection through, ironically, a song and some music well shared. It dawned on me upon reflection, music used well, for good, is such a powerful connector of human experience,

shared story and expressed emotion, a safe way to share if you will. Hans Christian Anderson put it this way, *"Where words fail, music speaks."*

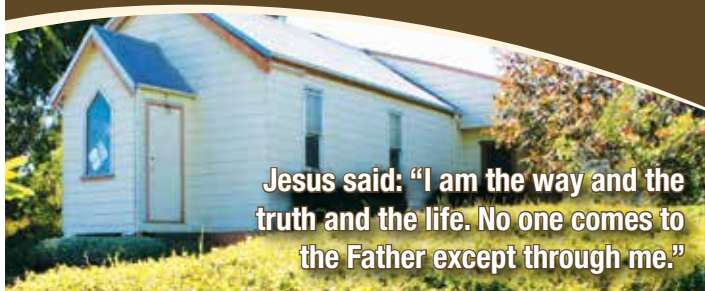
I love the way the Bible makes it about the human experience being connected to something bigger and more powerful than us - "Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Burst into songs and praise." Psalm 98:4 ICB To move beyond ourselves in reality brings us closer to one another.

It's for this reason we sing, and pray, then sing some more every time we meet as people in the church building! We bring nothing really but ourselves, our story and the warmth of sharing the music of life. So come and join us, every week at 11am Saturday, and if you love music and enjoy melodies then come and connect with the music at "Sunset Melodies" on **28 October 2023** at 6pm, followed by some light refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you and sharing music!

- PR ANDY

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It is essential that you are aware of your closest Neighbourhood Safer Places and include these areas in your bushfire survival plan. While it is important to know the location of these safer place, it is also essential that you take the time understand the routes leading to these places, considering alternatives in case the primary route becomes impassable due to fire or other hazards.

However, not every area has an official Neighbourhood Safer Place. If that's the case for your location, identify other safe spots nearby, like well-prepared homes, distant shopping centres, or open spaces away from the bush.

In Glenorie, the Les Shore Oval Clubhouse is our designated Neighbourhood Safer Place. Let's make sure we know it well and incorporate this knowledge into our bushfire survival plans. Being prepared is our best defence!

For more information on Neighbourhood Safer Places please visit the NSW RFS website at: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places>

THANK YOU!

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade would like to make a correction to our previous article and extend our gratitude to Angus Feely from Outback Electrical for his timely help when it was needed.

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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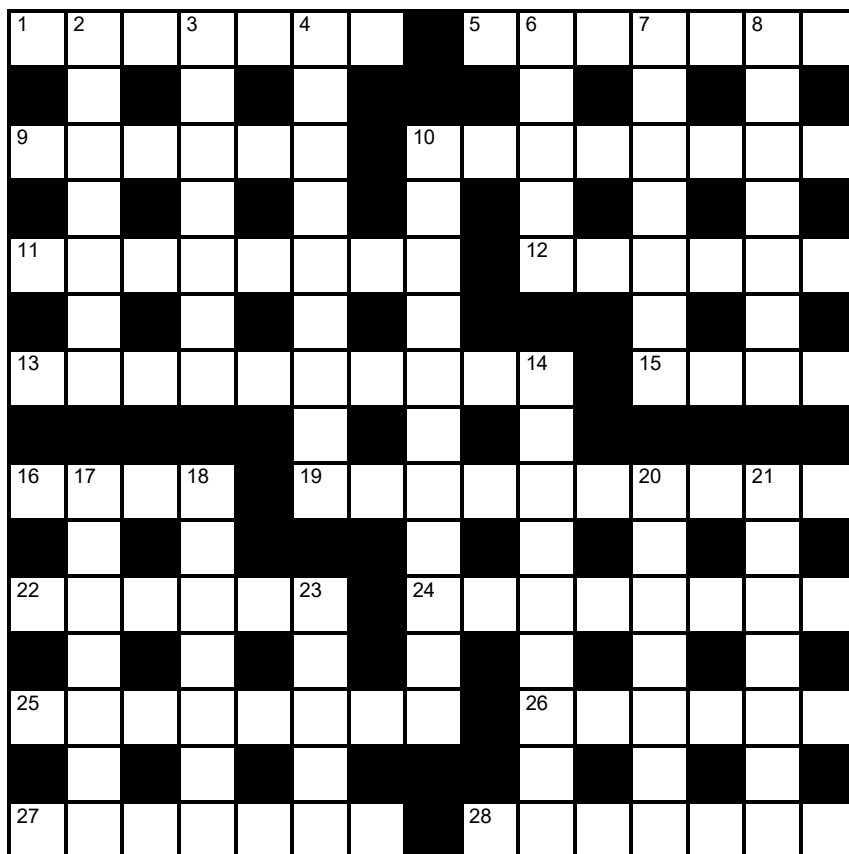
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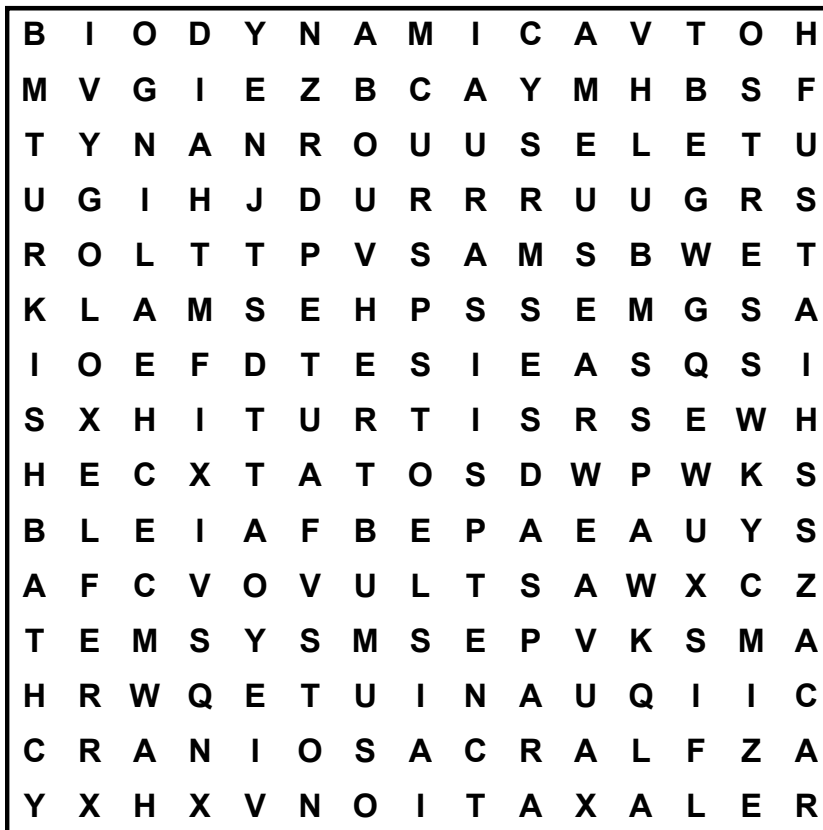
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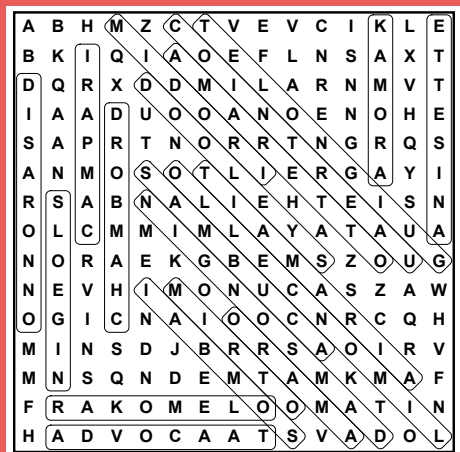
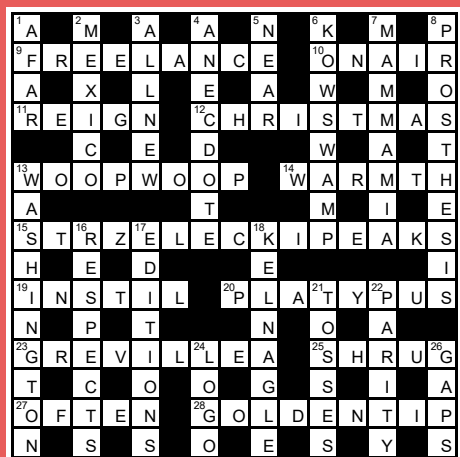


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 ☎ Galston Community Health and Resource Centre
 ☎ Carole on 9894 7749

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 ☎ Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills
 ☎ John Guthrie on 9634 6727

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 ☎ 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

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 ☎ Mid Dural Fire Station, 57 Mid Dural Road
 ☎ Di Glasgow 0409 909 161
 ☎ duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

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 ☎ Chris Thomas 0402 478 498
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Friends of Fagan Park

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 ☎ Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry 2775
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 ☎ Galston Community Centre
 ☎ Lorraine Muscio 0448 478 161

Galston View Club

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 ☎ 0418 432 587

Glenorie Probuc Club

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 ☎ Glenorie RSL Club
 ☎ Wendy 9653 1022
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 ☎ www.hk4wd.com.au

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 ☎ 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

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 ☎ Lachlan 0438 801 170 or Warren 0416 061 428

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 ☎ Glenoriectcc@gmail.com
 ☎ Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd Glenorie NSW 2157

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☎ Sarah Sumska 0430 883 385
 ☎ registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au

Tennis/Squash Social Group

Looking for new players.
 ☎ 9847 6050
 ☎ tennisandsquash@live.com.au

Tennis Court for Hire Galston

Available Day or Night.
 ☎ Rear of Galston Community Hall
 ☎ Jane 9847 6050

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 ☎ Les Shore Reserve
 ☎ 0404 600 460

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

• 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

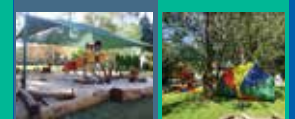
Thursday's 9.30-11.30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.

We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 9899 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.



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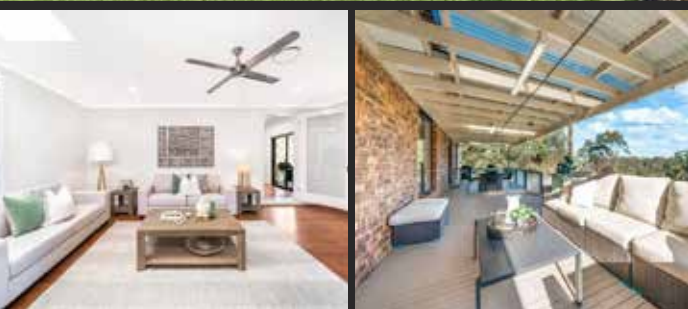
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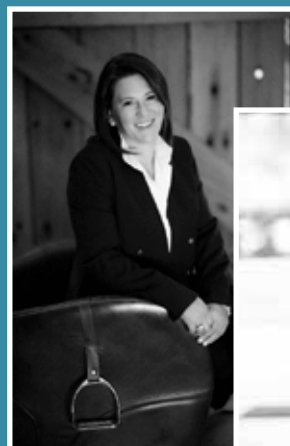
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