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The Official 2023 NSW Remembrance Day service will take place at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney, at 10:30am on Saturday 11th November. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend the service to pay their respects to the fallen.

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OPEN GARDENS RAMBLE

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

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There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM.

Also available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village, 10am to 12noon Saturdays.

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GLENORIE FIRE FAMILY

BY BEV JORDAN



A video of a fire started by a bolt of lightning engulfing a Glenorie home stunned everyone who saw it but for the Zeaiter family, the loss of two family homes on the same property in less than an hour is something they are still coming to terms with.

Adele Zeaiter, her husband George and four children (Olivia, 25, twins Georgia and Alanna, 23, and son Nicholas 19) were living with Adele's mum Janette while their home was being renovated when the lightning storm struck their property on Cattai Ridge Rd.

Not everyone was home that evening (September 27th) but Adele said her mother was watching television and she and her daughter Alanna were both working online when the storm began.

"We saw the lighting and the sky was white, the noise was like a bomb going off and immediately there was a blackout. It was frightening."

She said the three of them decided to go to her sister's house nearby because she had power while her husband stayed behind to investigate if there was any damage to the renovated home they were just three weeks away from moving back into.

"There was a bit of smoke coming from the roof and that's all you could see."

Adele said her husband called emergency services and was in their house trying to hose it down to prevent it spreading to her mother's house when the ceiling started to collapse and he escaped through a window.

"That's when we saw the flames, there was no time to get anything." George called Adele to alert her to the situation and she returned to see the flames engulfing both homes.

"It was the most heartbreaking thing I have ever seen," she told the *Hills to Hawkesbury Community News*. "I was inconsolable, we went from one lightning strike to the loss of two houses in just 45 minutes."

"It's nobody's fault. It's like a one in 20 million chance."

She says the community support has been humbling. She said on the night, neighbours appeared from everywhere with hoses to help and one neighbour took the family dog.

"We lost everything but we are so grateful we got out. My children are grieving, we all feel very empty and sad. It's the things we lost that we can never replace, the photos of the children growing up, my dad's wedding ring, his diary. It was such a happy place. My mother has four children, 12 grandchildren and a great grandchild. We have so many joyous memories."

She said while they wait for the insurance process to go through they have been very humbled by the support of friends, community and strangers. The boxes of fruit and food that have been dropped off and the clothes and shoes. She said a group of teenage girls dropped off a voucher for \$1,000 for her girls to buy new clothes with.

"I am still trying to process it all while we decide what happens next but we are so grateful that when we reached rock bottom, the community held us up. Amid the sadness there have been a lot of beautiful moments."

Her niece Larissa has started a Go Fund me page to help the family pull together the basics. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-zeaiter-family>
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Pets @ Work

BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND

This month I was sent to interview our very own Editor's Pets @ Work, Office Cats PB and Savannah of Arcadia.

Nev: Hi Girls. I am getting a bit of a 'nepotism' vibe here with this interview.

PB & S: Yes you are probably right there, but we don't care, we want our photos in the magazine.

Nev: So what exactly do you do for our illustrious Editor?

PB & S: Well we give her LOADS of support, inspo and of course, company, as she works primarily from home.

Nev: Any perks?

PB & S: Yup. Heaps. We get lots of snacks, pats and she is always around to open and shut the door as we decide whether we want to be in or out.

Nev: Downsides?

PB & S: We don't like getting yelled at when we walk on top of the laptop keyboard.

Nev: Are you on the Magazine payroll?

PB & S: No we are not, but we are working on that. We may have to have a chat with the Thurlow Fisher Doggos to get some legal advice.

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RACHAEL STAPLETON WATER SKIER

Rachael Stapleton aged 26 is a local girl who has grown up on the Hawkesbury River and has been waterskiing since she was 4 and started ski racing at the age of 12.

During her 9 years of racing her best results have to date been 1st Place Junior World Title in Spain, 2nd Place Women's F2 World Title in New Zealand and 4 consecutive annual 1st Place wins in Open Women's Catalina Island Ocean Race USA from 2016 to 2019 as well as many other achievements along the way.

After a few years break Rachael is back and has competed in the Australian Selection Races for 2023 Worlds Ski Racing Championships



and has successfully qualified to represent Australia as NO 1 F1 Open Women's Class Skier to compete with her Team consisting of Driver Jason Walmsley a previous Open Men's World Champion, Observer Kevin Boyland who has several World titles as an observer and the owner of the boat Team Coldys F1, 24 year old Jack Coldrake who is competing in F1 Open Men's Class. All of these competitors are local Hawkesbury River Residents and river users and will be competing against other Australian Team Members and other competitors from around the World.

The 2023 World Ski Racing Championships will be held at Gosford on the Brisbane Waters with the event running from the 9th to the 19th November, 2023.



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Sue Torville, Kenthurst Football Club President, reflected on what this new sponsorship opportunity meant, "We are excited to begin a new

chapter with the Galston Branch. We feel both organisations have a true passion for nurturing local community spirit and the growth of local sport".

In early September the Kenthurst Football Club hosted their Annual Dinner Dance in celebration of their performance throughout the year. Invitations were extended to the Branch General Manager, Savio Pereira, and Senior Mobile Lender, Mevan Fernando who announced to the enthusiastic room of 120 guests that Bendigo Bank Galston would be sponsoring the club for the next 4 years.

When asked about the evening Savio said, "It was a fun night, filled with a lot of laughs. It was good to see how enthusiastic the club members were with our sponsorship. I felt really appreciated and welcomed by all. It was good to be a part of the club's celebration of their season. Hopefully, with our help, the club will be able to celebrate much more in the coming years".

Both organisations are already in the process of developing new playing kits with Bendigo Bank Galston on the front and creating sign designs to rename the main playing field after the local branch.

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Congratulations to Diana and Andrew Paton currently in London to witness the birth of their daughter, Chloe and husband Chris's, first child - a baby boy weighing in at 3.96kg.



THE PROBUS CLUB OF THE HILLS INC

Our walk this month was in Parramatta where we visited the Wisteria Gardens in the Mental Hospital grounds. The gardens were spectacular as usual with vibrant colours. Morning tea followed.

A total of 41 boarded the coach for our latest mystery trip which ended up at Avoca Beach. It was here we enjoyed our fish and chips at the beachside in glorious sunshine. Following lunch, we went on a guided tour of the Edogawa Commemorative Gardens in Gosford.

Our final activity for September was a theatre party to see the Hills Players performance of "Cactus Flower" in Castle Hill. It was a wonderful show.

Our regular activity groups of golf, snooker, bowls and finance continue to be popular.

Our meetings are held at the Galston Club on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am. We look forward to welcoming new members.

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ROGER ALLAN FOY OAM



In the image Ian Browning, Hon Curator of Friends Of Fagan Park, Leah Foy, Allan's wife, his daughter Lorrae Collins and his son Graham Foy

A special ceremony was held at Fagan Park on Sunday the first of October at 2pm during the annual heritage open day.

The special occasion was to recognise the contribution that Roger Allan Foy OAM had made during his life time of 27 years to the volunteer group The Friends Of Fagan Park.

He was known as Allan, to all of us, he was a developmental engineer with British Motor Corporation and later with Leyland Australia. He was a lover of all things automotive and had an incredible knowledge naturally of British automobiles.

The former mayor of Hornsby, Ron Payne who started the Friends Of Fagan Park found the Leyland truck that Bruce Fagan owned in a paddock at Canowindra in the late 1980's.

Bruce Fagan bought the "CUB" model truck at the 1932 Sydney Royal Easter show as it was the latest product Leyland wanted to introduce to the Australian market. Ron knew of Allan Foy and asked him to join the Friends and naturally bring his skills and knowledge with him, so in 1996 Allan joined the group, and commenced the 10 year project of restoring the truck to its former glory where it is proudly on display at Fagan Park in the mechanical museum today.

Allan's lifetime involvement was not limited to Fagan Park, he has been involved with various Motoring Bodies, served on committees, involved with Council Of Motor Clubs, Leyland Heritage Group, and written books on automotive manufacturing in Australia.

He involved himself with many other projects at Fagan Park in addition to the Leyland Truck. He was an invaluable member of the group so much knowledge and willingness to share, assist and guide. He will certainly be missed, this unique Australian Engineer.

Late last year the Friends decided to nominate Allan for an Australia Day award, sending all the relevant information to the Secretariat in Canberra. No additional information was asked for. There was not enough room on the application to provide a comprehensive summary of his life's achievements.

Around the time of the announcing of the Australia Days awards this year Allan's health had declined, but he was well enough to know that

he had been recognised and honoured with a OAM (Order Of Australia Medal) of which he was very pleased and honoured.

He was not able to attend Government House for his investiture, so the Governor Margaret Beazley made arrangements to go to the San Hospital and present to him at his bedside, sadly he passed away 7.30am that morning aged 93 years. What a wonderful gesture of Her Excellency.

So a memorial plaque was unveiled in the mechanical museum and a history of Allan for future visitors to know who he was and his contribution.



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REMEMBER RAY

A fitting memory for November Remembrance Day is a story about Ray Whiteman the organizer of the Remembrance Day service at the Glenorie cenotaph for many years. Plus of course Anzac Day service where we all recall his singing of the National Anthem, Abide with Me and all the services songs.

FROM PAT SCHWARTZ:

Ray passed away on August 2019 and over three hundred people crammed into the Glenorie Mission Church to celebrate his life – a testament to the huge number of people in our community who knew, loved and respected Ray. Ray was the thread that drew so many people together in maintaining the core values of our community. He worked in his own business as an electrician, served his years of National Service in the Navy, was a key player in the Scouts movement and sailed and owned sailing boats. He held many community roles included – President and public Officer of Eastbend Rural Communications Inc.; Chair of Glenorie Progress Association; a member of the Glenorie Maroota Bio-Regional Forum from its inception and member of Hills Community Aid Inc.

Ray main commitment was his stewardship of the Glenorie Memorial Hall and Wal Buckingham Park. He chaired the Hall Committee, created and maintained the gardens and lined the walls with photographs of homes that belonged to early Glenorie residents. All these photos he framed and maintained himself.

Those who knew Ray will know of other things that he did for them and the community.

FROM LILLY SCHWARTZ:

I saw him a fair bit growing up and he was always so kind and sweet and dedicated, particularly so to the garden there in Glenorie. He was so knowledgeable of Glenorie too. I remember he didn't like waste and loved his Church and religion. He always tried to do the right thing.



FROM ROBYN BREWSTER: ROBYN BREWSTER (NEE WHITEMAN)

Our Uncle Ray will always be remembered dearly. He had a humble selfless nature, he set an example for us all, with his morals, Christian beliefs and standards, and the respect he displayed for others.

I loved travelling back to Glenorie regularly, to spend time with Uncle Ray. We would sit and talk for hours, and he bestowed me with his wisdom and advice.

Our family is so incredibly proud of the person he was and the tireless commitment and contributions he made to the community of Glenorie.

Uncle Ray was involved in so many community activities. Earlier on it was Scouting, and in later years it was, the Glenorie Memorial Hall. In the hall, he gathered and displayed numerous photos of the Glenorie families and the community of which he was so proud to be part of.

As a family we have so many beautiful memories of wonderful times spent together. Even though I continue to miss Uncle Ray, he will be in our hearts forever.

FROM DI COXON-ELLIS:

I have a picture in my mind of Ray on hands and knees weeding the gardens, tending to the gazanias that he had planted.

He also arranged the Council planting of the Western Red Gums that line the streets of Glenorie Village and give us a stunning display of colour in summer.

Ray was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Glenorie" and was custodian of the Glenorie Memorial Hall. He hand-painted the military emblems on the glass windows, compiled the photo display in the Hall and was President of the Hall Committee. I had large boots to fill when I took over from Ray as President of the Glenorie Progress Association, which he ran for countless years.

And, of course, we are planning the tribute to Ray by naming the wonderful carved sandstone heritage fence after him. Ray is an integral part of the heritage of this area and we hope to demonstrate in the 13 piers of this fence this rich heritage ranging from the First Nations people, the convict building of the Great North Road, the early settlers and the farming and agriculture, transport, sand mining, sport and other community services.

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There was a parade on Kenthurst Road with a pipe band and community groups including Dural Scouts, Galston Guides and Kenthurst Public School.

There were also vintage cars and trucks and fire engines from the Kenthurst Rural Fire Service. At the fair there were rides and attractions for kids including a petting zoo, a jumping castle and various other rides and amusements.

For their end of term activity, the Cubs had a great night at Hayes Oval looking at the starry sky, learning a bit about Astronomy and playing wide games.

Their goal was to learn something about the Southern Cross and use it to find the direction South.

A big thanks to Tony who brought his telescope along. The Cubs were able to see the moon, of course, the view for each of them was different and changed as they excitedly peered into the eyepiece. The enjoyment continued as they shared lollies and chocolates at the end of the night.

It was a fun night for those who attended and hopefully it will cultivate an interest in the sky and outdoors for our Cubs.

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The event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and showcase the amazing talent from our local area including performances from schools, performing arts groups and local talent – including a very special visit from Santa.

Hornsby Shire Council Mayor – The Hon Cr Phillip Ruddock AO will be in attendance along with some very special guests. Bring your picnic blanket and camp chairs and relax in the beautiful grounds and surroundings that Fagan Park has to offer. There will be food trucks and a BBQ along with onsite parking.

This free event is only possible with the support of our local businesses. We are delighted to have Bendigo Bank confirmed as our Naming Rights Sponsor, along with event and community supporters who have committed to the 2023 event. We invite our local community to please support this event, with any proceeds being donated back into local community groups. For further information on how you can become a sponsor or supporter, please email carols@thesocialfactory.com.au

This is a wonderful time of year to come together as a community to not only celebrate the festive season but our local businesses and families.

For updates and further information on Carols by Candlelight at Fagan Park, please follow us on Facebook: Carols by Candlelight – Fagan Park and Instagram: Carols_Fagan_Park

MEMORIES OF GLENORIE AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

BY KARLENE BRUMMER



I recently attended a very interesting talk by Michael Bell at the Glenorie Memorial Hall regarding the history of the area. There were lots of maps and photos on display showcasing the past history of Glenorie and surrounds and the many changes that have occurred over the years. Thank you to the Glenorie Hall Committee for hosting the event and providing a lovely afternoon tea for guests.



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from the Mayor's Desk

In Hornsby, one landmark stands out as an icon of the town centre – our famous Hornsby fountain. Love it or hate it, our unique fountain-clock, *Man, Time and the Environment*, as it's officially known, has been a central point of Hornsby Mall, and part of our lives, for thirty years.

To celebrate three decades of the fountain, and a raft of recent upgrades made possible by a grant from the Australian Government, we are hosting a community event in Hornsby Mall on Friday 24 November. Friday at the Fountain will be an opportunity for us all to come together and enjoy music, food, kids' activities and more. Check hornsby.nsw.gov.au for details. I hope to see you all there.

Community events like this are part of Council's range of initiatives to build resilience in the community, and help combat social isolation, by providing opportunities for people to connect. Other initiatives include our Hello Hornsby program for seniors and our work with young people. We've also partnered with Lifeline to launch Lifeline Connect each Thursday at Hornsby Library. This free service, staffed by compassionate and non-judgemental Lifeline volunteers, is an opportunity for people to have a confidential conversation in a safe space. Please feel free to drop in for a chat if you need support.

Our major project to build a new park at Westleigh reached a major milestone last month as we lodged a Development Application (DA). Adopted earlier this year, the Westleigh Park Masterplan outlines how the redevelopment of the former Sydney Water site will create a major recreation facility with much needed spaces for sports including football, rugby, AFL, athletics and cricket, and activities such as mountain biking, walking and cycling. You can view the DA and provide feedback until 20 November at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



FRIDAY
at the
FOUNTAIN

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Hornsby Library

■ Beeswax Wrap Workshop

Saturday 18 November, 10.30am-12pm
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■ Solar and Batteries with Adam Corrigan

Tuesday 21 November, 7-8pm
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■ Clothing Swap

Saturday 25 November 11am-1.30pm
Thornleigh Community Centre

■ Chipping for Mulch – Galston

Sunday 26 November, 7.30am-12.30pm
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Hornsby Development Control Plan Amendments
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A "pub choir" style inclusive singing event for seniors, during Social Inclusion Week, Tuesday 21 November.

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More details: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby

GALSTON SWIM CLUB TO DIVE BACK IN

As the community eagerly awaits the imminent opening of Galston Aquatic Centre, the beautifully cottonballed "Galston Swimming Club" is starting to stir.

The club was put into hibernation whilst the pool was redone but will soon be ready for its grand awakening.

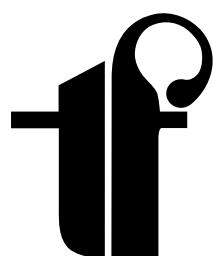
The club remains in a strong financial position with plenty of equipment but will need a new executive and new members after its rebirth. If you are looking for a great sport that the whole family can be part of, consider getting in on the ground level in Galston Swim Club.



There will be members of the old executive around that will help guide you through the process of restarting the club.

The club has a proud long history of producing elite swimmers and I am confident, with this brand new facility, the club will quickly reestablish itself as a high level, family based club.

Please email the club at secretary@galstonswimclub.com, or go to our Facebook (Galston Swim Club) page and leave a message if you have any questions or enquiry. At the time of writing this article, there was no set opening date for the pool but it should be November/December. It will be awesome!

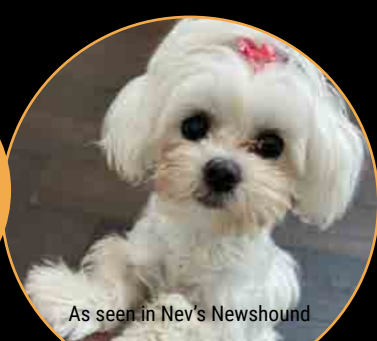


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MEN'S SHED, TRAVEL LUNCHES AND FITNESS FOR SENIORS AT THE CENTRE DURAL



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The Men's Shed is a popular spot for men of all ages to come alongside each other working on projects and offering something back to the community. As well as their own projects, the men at the shed are always looking to help others and have provided a huge amount of assistance to bushfire and flood affected areas over the past few years.

Movement classes for over 55's have been a popular weekday addition. These low impact, adaptable classes offer a great way to maintain fitness and independence in a supportive and encouraging environment. In 2024, movement classes will be available every weekday.

Travel Lunches offer a fun escape to break up your week. Imagine yourself a world away as you watch an immersive travel video and follow it up with a delicious two course meal. These lunches offer a chance to come together with good friends and good food.

Upcoming dates include Italy on the **14th November**, Greece on the **21st and 28th November** and a special festive visit to Christmas Markets around the world on the **12th December**. Call Angie on 8989 0000 to book.

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ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

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This could be like 'the chicken or the egg' question and in some ways it is just that!!

Does the idea of a particular pattern attract 'the creative mind' of a person who is looking for the next project?

Or is there a colour in the mind's eye, something which might suit a room or the 'favourite' colour of a family member... or 'WOW. I love this fabric'... where shall I start, what design will I choose, how big will make this new quilt??

Then the quilting pattern books start to appear, the pen and paper are next and perhaps the sketching will start... and the familiar pattern shapes begin to fall into place.

If your interest is sewing and colours and fabrics this can become a very satisfying, challenging and joyful hobby... always with an end result. Something to share, to give, to even present as a raffle prize for charity projects.

Patchwork is a wonderful hobby and quilting comes next as 'those three layers' need to become connected, to be held together to form The Quilt.

Herein lies another hobby, another special interest story in itself, again always with a purpose.

There are many many elegant and geometrical designs in quilting patterns.

Quilting can be created by hand and this is truly a labour of love and always beautiful.

However time is the patchworker/quilters challenge and at this point... enter 'the Quilting Machine' and the clever, talented men and women who know just how to make these wondrous machines create the subtle flowing designs which are seen as the perfect way to complete 'the beautiful quilts' we know, love and admire!!

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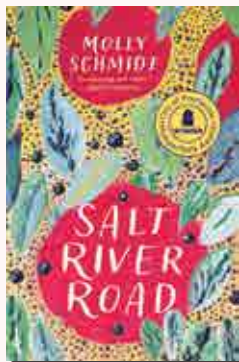
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE



Annual General Meetings are often avoided by members out of the fear they might take on more than their busy schedule allows. How fortunate then that such a meeting with DDHS, on the 14th October, was a happy time. Enthusiastic visitors and members showed treasures and examples of their wide-ranging interests and gave a short

explanation of why they were valued. For some this was a first time to stand before an audience and their sense of achievement was obvious.

The nominations for the Society Management Committee were sufficient to not require a ballot and members thanked those elected for their commitment. The coming year will include speakers on George Hall, Cattai Creek, Murder and Mayhem and the infamous, Hellfire Pass. The June Roughley Memorial Lecture in the Arcadia Hall will be given by, Dr Grace Karskens, who will talk about her research and the Hawkesbury River. Tours will include trips to Lithgow, Parramatta and Mosman.

The Society's resources continue to help community organisations and families with research and family history. If any reader is new to the district and would like to know more about the land, or dwelling on their property, do contact the Society for assistance. As a means of promoting the values of the Glenorie Memorial Hall an open day was held on the 21st October. Part of the extensive map collection in History Cottage was used to explain some aspects of the Ray Whiteman photograph collection displayed in the Hall.



The 11th November will be the last meeting for 2013. The guest speaker will be the highly regarded, Professor Don Napper, who will tell the story of Colonial Architect, Francis Greenway; from convict forger to pauper and on our ten dollar note.

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7 TIPS FOR STYLING YOUR HOME

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There's a reason why spring is a favoured time of year for many homeowners to sell a home; the days are warmer, flowers are in bloom, and the feeling of new beginnings is well and truly in the air.

And while this may be the time of year when exterior spaces and gardens are naturally at their best, there can still be plenty to do on the inside ahead of a sale - especially when it comes to preparing for those all-important open home inspections.

Maximise your home's appeal to buyers this spring - while minimising your investment of time and money - with these seven tips for styling your spring open home.

DEEP CLEAN AND DECLUTTER

Preparing your home for a spring sale is the excuse you've been waiting for to do a deep clean of your house. Before you start styling, give your home a good clean, including clearing away all the clutter from bookshelves, on top of surfaces, mantelpieces and coffee tables - this includes any personal items and photographs.

STYLE FOR COHESIVENESS

Professional property stylists work to create a cohesive feel throughout the home.

They want the house to have broad appeal to attract as many potential buyers as possible to your open home. Choose a colour palette and style (Hamptons, contemporary, vintage etc.) to achieve a unified look and stick to it.

FRESHEN UP INSTEAD OF REPLACING

After enduring months of being in a closed-up house with the heater on, it's time to give your upholstery a good clean. Instead of replacing, freshen up your upholstery by using the appropriate fabric cleaner. Your furnishings will appear more vibrant and smell fresher.

PUT AWAY THE WINTER WOOLLIES

With cooler nights behind us, pack any dark or wintery-looking cushion covers, bedding, window treatments and rugs away and replace them with lighter fabrics and colours. Breathable fabrics like cotton and linen are great options, while also helping to add texture.

BRING THE OUTSIDE IN

The simplest and most cost-effective way to make the biggest impact on your home's overall look and feel is through greenery and flowers. You can use flowers to brighten up any plain surface - coffee table, dining table, side table and so on. You don't need a lot - small floral arrangements can make as much an

impact as large ones - it's the colour and type of flowers that will catch the eye. Indoor plants are also a great way to freshen up the interiors. A few pots with large leafy branches and trailing ivory will look beautiful in any home.

BUOY UP BUYERS WITH COLOUR

Do away with any dark winter tones and boost the spirits of potential buyers by introducing an uplifting colour palette throughout your home. Cushions, throws, bedding, towels, lampshades, artwork can all be easily replaced by lighter or brighter coloured versions, while vases filled with spring flowers are another simple way to inject colour into a home.

ACCESSORISE YOUR INTERIORS

A fun way to switch up your spring styling is to introduce a few carefully chosen accessories to your home. Whether you opt for a beautiful new vase, lamp, artwork, candles, mirrors or other decorative items, look for items that complement each other and in a style that appeals to as wide an audience as possible. If you're an avid collector and have your treasures on display, it's a good idea to pack these away for the inspection; not everyone will share your passion for vintage teaspoons!

For more tips on selling and styling your home for a spring sale contact your local Belle Property agent today.



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BRIDGING SCHOOL TO TRADE:

GALSTON HIGH WORKS WITH DURAL MEN'S SHED



In Term 3 and 4, Galston High School joined with Dural Men's Shed to roll out a program aimed at Year 9 boys, particularly those considering trade apprenticeships post school. This partnership, a first of its kind in the local area, has been welcomed by both the school community and the volunteers at Dural Men's Shed. The early success of this initiative has already sparked plans for its extension into 2024.



The program gained recognition during the recent 30th Anniversary celebration of the Men's Shed initiative. The Men's Shed Association is now exploring ways to replicate this program in other parts of New South Wales. Local MPs, Mr Mark Hodges and Mr Ray Williams, also showed their support during the celebrations, with Mr Hodges even paying a visit to see the program in action.

Every Friday, the boys get to work alongside a Men's Shed mentor, diving into practical projects in various trades. Among them, there are budding welders, electricians, wood turners, and a group keen on mechanics, currently working on restoring a rally car.

Besides hands-on trade experience, the program is also teaching the boys important life skills such as:

- Persistence and resilience to keep improving their work until it meets required standards;
- The ability to stay focused on a project throughout the day; and
- Improved interpersonal skills through interactions with their mentors.



A significant benefit of the program has been the interaction with positive male role models from the Men's Shed. The rapport between the boys and the volunteers has grown quickly, with the boys keen to learn from the life experiences of their mentors.

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KINDERGARTEN 2024 AT GALSTON PS



Kindergarten Orientation days are looming for 2024 and we cannot wait to welcome our newest learners!

If you or anyone you know has children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2024, we are now accepting enrolment inquiries, applications and completed enrolment forms. Our 2024 intake is



currently sitting at around 20 students, which is very healthy for a school of our size.

As many may be aware, the Department of Education updated the enrolment policy for all NSW public schools toward the end of 2019. For those schools over their allocated cap of students, out of area applications will not be accepted, except in extraordinary circumstances.

As Galston Public School is currently close to our enrolment cap, priority will be given to students from our local drawing area.

If you or families you know are unsure if you are in the GPS drawing area, please inquire at the front office, or check your address using the school finder website below:

<https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

ORIENTATION DAYS IN TERM 4 FOR KINDERGARTEN 2024 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

- Wednesday November 8th
- Wednesday November 15th
- Wednesday November 22nd

These orientation days are an extremely important part of the transition process to primary school, and we encourage all prospective parents to lock in the hours between 9am and 11am on these days as soon as possible!

PACIFIC HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



In our Junior School, at Pacific Hills Christian School we have a remarkable group of students with hearts full of compassion and kindness and a desire to make a difference as God's beacon of hope in the world. They are our Junior School World Changers.

Our school's vision is to be a Christian Education community of teaching, learning and serving. Our Junior School World Changers embody the spirit of service, seeking to positively impact others. They see the world through the eyes of compassion and understand they have a role to play when it comes to helping others. Their actions are simple, but their impact is profound.

Recently several residents from a local aged care residential facility visited Pacific Hills Christian School. Our Junior School World Changers spent time serving and engaging them, bringing joy to their day.

Upon arrival at our school the aged care residents were warmly greeted by our Junior School World Changers with a big smile and a friendly handshake. Our students served our visitors tea, coffee, scones, jam, and cream. They read stories aloud to the residents. The elderly residents cherished the opportunity for our students to read books with them. Students also spent time chatting with the residents. As they exchanged their stories, our students formed bonds which transcended age. Kindness became the common ground for young and old.

Through their small hands and big hearts, our World Changers are having a significant influence on people in need of support. They inspire us not only to serve others with passion and dedication but to be the change that brings hope. These young students teach us that kindness, care and help are not limited to grand gestures but arise from changing the world one step at a time through acts of service.

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DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



On Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th September, Dural Public School held their annual Art Show. The theme for this year was Space and the school hall was transformed into a galaxy of colour and creativity. All children from K-6 constructed spectacular 3D models.

In addition to the sculptures, every child chose their favourite artwork for the year, and these were displayed as a fabulous art gallery.

Each year the children design and paint a fibreglass animal to be installed permanently in the school grounds. This year we painted a sensational life sized horse.

The show was a great success and we are looking forward to creating next year's masterpieces!



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FROM THE DESK OF MATT KEAN

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

Residents in the Glenorie area are eager to have safe pedestrian/cycle access along Old Northern Road between Glenorie and Dural. A shared pathway in that area would allow the local community to increase their walking and cycling opportunities and decrease their reliance on using motor vehicles, particularly for shorter trips.

The previous State Government introduced the Active Transport Strategy to identify and provide funding for these major shared pathway opportunities and I will be working hard with the current Government to have this section of Old Northern Road included in the Active Transport plan.

The recent NSW police boundary changes have relocated the Glenhaven/Cherrybrook areas from the Eastwood Local Area Command to the Hills Local Area Command. This will reduce response times to Glenhaven/Cherrybrook area, and I know it is a very welcome

change as a number of residents previously contacted my office with concerns on this issue.

I am pleased to see Hornsby Council rolling out significant road repairs across my electorate. These repairs are being funded as part of the previous State Government's \$500 million Regional and Local Road Repair Program for NSW councils to support emergency patching to roads damaged from last year's severe storms. Through this funding, announced in February this year, Hornsby Council received \$6.5 million as a boost to their existing repairs budget for roads that fall under their responsibility.

If you are aware of a road that requires repairs in your local area, please report it to Hornsby Council or my office.

If I can assist with any issues, you can contact me at hornsbys@parliament.nsw.gov.au

VULNERABLE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SUFFER AS LAW REFORM STAGNATES

Over recent weeks it has come to my attention that property developers and energy retailers are able to establish energy contracts that leave tenants paying inflated energy prices.

This exploitation of tenants is due to the establishment of an Embedded Network where services for the basics of water, gas and electricity are installed by an energy company, instead of the developer. The developer therefore saves money by not having to build this infrastructure and allows the energy provider to embed a long-term contract that tenants cannot negotiate, leaving them tied to the profiteering of that energy company.

One resident of an embedded network received a hot water bill for \$2,000 for a 9-month period, while another was charged \$9,700 for a 14-month period! When a resident complained about their exorbitant prices, they were threatened with disconnection despite knowing the customer was registered for life support. This racket is causing mental and physical harm. Vulnerable people on fixed incomes are going without hot showers or essentials such as food and medicine, and many are having to turn to charity for support to manage their bills.

Embedded Networks are not new and are common practice in shopping centres, retirement villages, apartment complexes and caravan parks. However, regulation has not kept up, and with the rise in residential apartments, the consumer/tenant is getting ripped off.

Consumers are becoming trapped into energy agreements that are overpriced, uncompetitive and impossible to exit and there is no obligation for the seller or agent to disclose whether a complex is on an Embedded Network or not.

There have been many enquiries into Embedded Networks over the last six years with many recommendations including calling for an immediate ban on charging for hot and chilled water. While the NSW Government dawdles at a sluggish pace, the Victorian Government has realised this is an issue and banned Embedded Networks in most new residential apartments!

The laws governing Embedded Networks are not fit for purpose so if you would like to get involved, please send me an email mball@hornsbys.nsw.gov.au so we can collectively put pressure on the NSW Government and look after the most vulnerable members of our community.

- CLR MONIKA BALL



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

JULIAN LEESER - FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

I've always been struck by the generosity and community-mindedness of our community. We come together around local organisations, community events, and cultural holidays. The greatest pleasure of my job is to support those organisations, attend those events, and celebrate those holidays.

Recently, it was an absolute pleasure to speak at the 100th anniversary gala dinner of the Eastwood Thornleigh District (North-West Sydney) Tennis Association. It's remarkable that they have been providing a place for everyone from 2-year-old to 90-year-olds to enjoy tennis for over 100 years. That is a testament to the quality of their volunteers, and the community that they have built up over the years.

In late October, I opened the Inala Fair. Inala is another excellent community organisation in our area, which supports individuals living with disability in our community and across Sydney.

I also want to say happy Diwali to all the Indian-Australian members of our community. It was an honour to speak at a dinner celebrating the local Indian community recently, and to share in the positive message of Diwali – that ultimately light always triumphs over darkness.

On a more serious note, every member of our community needs to make sure they have a bushfire survival plan. This is predicted to be a disastrous bushfire season for our area. The 2023-24 bushfire season is not a drill. If you haven't already, go to the NSW RFS website and create your bushfire survival plan. Making that plan could save the lives of you and your family.

On **Sunday 26th November**, I will be hosting community events to promote bushfire awareness in our area, in partnership with the local Rural Fire Services.

They are among the most exceptional local organisations in our area. Look out for further details.



RURAL ROUNDUP

HORNSBY COUNCILLOR WARREN WADDELL

As previously advised, funding for the completion of New Line Rd has been cut. It is important that the Hills and Hornsby Shire communities make it clear to the State Government that this is unacceptable. I will be working with the Hills Councillors to ensure that this desperate situation is once again made a budget priority. If you feel strongly about this issue, I recommend writing to the roads Minister, the Hon. John Graham, directly: john.graham@parliament.nsw.gov.au

By contrast, it has been fantastic to see the final seal and line marking completed on Cobah Rd Arcadia. This project was a clear demonstration of how collaboration between the residents of Arcadia and Fiddletown, the Northholm School community, Councillors, and management could bring about a budget priority where it previously didn't exist.

Likewise, I welcome the completion of the most recent stage of the Arcadia Rd upgrade. I look forward to working with our finance team in keeping the next stage on track.

More improvements at Wal Buckingham Park Glenorie have been completed. Worth a look when in the vicinity of the Glenorie Memorial Hall.

The much-anticipated re-opening of the Galston Aquatic Centre is now close. Practical completion has pushed out slightly and is set for early November with access anticipated towards the end of that month.



I would like to acknowledge and thank the Open Garden committee for another successful event. The weather was kind which really helped in the success of such a popular community project.

Equally exciting is the return of events to Fagan Park. Carols by Candlelight has advised that this free event will be held **Saturday 9th December 4pm – 8pm.**

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Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

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NEW QUARTERLY PUBLICATION BRINGS COUNCIL NEWS AND UPDATES TO ALL RESIDENTS OF HORNSBY SHIRE

Hornsby Shire Council has begun delivery of the first edition of a new, free publication to all residents of the Local Government Area (LGA) – furthering its commitment to keeping the community updated on Council services and initiatives.

Titled 'Our Council', the publication is to be delivered on a quarterly basis directly to mailboxes throughout Hornsby Shire and includes updates on major projects, information on services, local history and sustainability along with contact information for the Shire's Mayor and each of its nine councillors.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock AO says the publication demonstrates Council's want to ensure that all residents of the Shire feel informed and updated on Council projects, regardless of whether they are active users of online platforms.

"To regular users of the web and digital devices, receiving a printed publication in the mail might seem like a hark back to the past. But as a diverse and inclusive community, it's important that Council news and information reaches all residents, not just those who frequently use social media," said Mayor Ruddock.

"Now more so than ever, we can appreciate that residents of the Shire expect to be kept up to date on exactly how their rates are being spent and what we are doing to deliver timely and effective projects and services. We hope that this publication will not only make residents feel informed but also empowered to have their say and help us shape the future of our Shire."



The first edition of the publication includes updates on Council's flagship projects at Hornsby Park and Westleigh Park, details the latest in waste and recycling news, explains Council's efforts in mitigating significant road damage over the previous years and maps recent upgrades and new builds delivered for the community.

To access a digital copy of 'Our Council', please visit:
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GALSTON DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

BY GRETA WICKHAM



I would like to thank the garden owners, volunteers and the public for making the recent Open Gardens weekend such a success.

I have been in my garden and have noticed how dry everything is, especially the soil. During this dry weather, it can be difficult to make sure plants get the water they need to survive, much less thrive.

Most plants absorb very little moisture through their leaves. Almost all the water they need has to get absorbed through their roots. So the more roots they have, the better equipped they are to find and absorb moisture. A well-developed root system with lots of little sponge-like root hairs is a plant's best insurance for survival in drought conditions.

For a plant to develop a good root system, the roots need to be able to push out into the soil. In addition, to do that they need to be working in a loose, friable soil – not one that is hard and compacted. Gardeners can help create good conditions for root growth by breaking hard packed soil with a fork, and most of all, by adding organic matter. Mixing organic matter with native soil particles loosen up the soil and makes it much easier for roots to stretch out in all directions.

Organic matter – such as compost, peat moss, and shredded leaves – works in two other important ways to help roots access moisture. Adding these materials will make your soil more porous, so water that is applied to the soil surface will not run off but rather will move down into the root zone. Soil that contains a large amount of organic matter can also retain much more moisture.

Absorbing moisture is the task of the youngest, most tender part of a plant's system – the growing roots tips and root hairs. When moisture conditions alternate radically between wet and dry, these root hairs are stressed and damaged. Covering the soil surface with a thick layer of mulch reduces water loss due to evaporation, and just as importantly, helps maintain a consistent moisture level in the soil to keep delicate root hairs healthy.

OTHER TIPS FOR GARDENING IN DRY WEATHER:

Water early or late. Morning time is best because moisture doesn't sit on the leaves and encourage disease. Use a drip hose to water at the base of the plant. By doing this, you are getting more water to the roots, reducing water loss through evaporation and reducing the amount of moisture left on the leaves. Strong, deep roots are vital to healthy plants. Watering deeply encourages roots to follow the moisture further into the earth, rather than remain at the surface of the soil where they are more susceptible to heat and drought.

Water as needed, not on a set schedule. This kind of goes hand-in-hand with watering deeply. By watering a few times each week, you encourage deeper root growth. Plants in containers will require more frequent watering. Reduce your watering when rainfall is abundant (obviously) Too much water can be as detrimental to plants as too little.

Visit www.galstongardenclub.com.au

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA - BUS TRIP TO MOUNT TOMAH

The Bromeliad Society of Australia's members and their guest are heading to the Blue Mountains on the 11th November so there isn't a meeting due until Saturday, 9th December.

A bus trip has been organised by Carolyn Bunnell and the executive committee. First stop, will be Wildwood gardens at Bilpin then onto the beautiful botanical gardens in Mount Tomah.

A must see plant, currently flowering in the gardens is the blue puya which is a spectacular South American beauty that stands two metres tall with deep turquoise flowers and is part of the Bromeliaceae (Bromeliad) family.

Following lunch a visit to the Hillbilly Cider Shed, Bilpin is planned, providing an opportunity to taste the locally made varieties of apple cider.

For further inquiries please contact Ian Hook, President, BSA on mobile 0408 202 269, ianhook1@bigpond.com www.bromeliad.org.au



Hidden In The Hills

KUNZEAS

BY LACHLAN TURNER



If you are walking along one of the many tracks in our bushland reserves between October and December you may chance across a *Kunzea ambigua* (White Kunzea or Tick Bush).

This bush is fairly common, particularly in open scrubby woodland and heath with sandy soils. It is one of the first to regrow after its habitat has been disturbed by clearing.

In ideal conditions, this bush which may grow up to 3 metres tall, and in season, can be covered with a prolific crop of delicate white flowers with very long stamens which conceal the petals.

These flowers provide a welcome source of nectar for all sorts of insects as well as small nectar feeding and insectivorous birds.

When taking the time to look into the bush it is possible to observe some of the insects that prefer to live in its vicinity.

This particular species is sometimes used in gardens, especially those featuring a variety of native plants. When kept compact by pruning it presents well as a seasonal specimen plant.

The name "Tick Bush" apparently comes from people observing that some native animals like to lay below the bush. It was thought that the aromatic oil content of the foliage may deter ticks and mites.

Growing in a similar habitat is the less common *Kunzea capitata* (Pink Kunzea). This smaller variety may grow to around 1.5 metres high, and will be in flower generally from September to October.

The deep pink flowers have small white pin head size globular dots at the ends of the stamens. Several flowers are clustered together towards the ends of branches which have a distinctive reddish-brown colouration.

This shrub is usually more compact than its relative. It too can be grown as an ornamental specimen in a home native garden.



NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST DAY SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

What a wonderful event this day was again this year. With a children's play, a recital of the Rosary in five languages followed by a procession, Mass and then a luscious afternoon tea, the day was full of activity, joy and love. Thanks to all who were involved in organising or taking part. In early October parishioner Angela Egiziano was recognised as Volunteer of the Week for her many years of support for this annual parish event.

DONATIONS FOR SEAFARERS

Once more the parish was asked to give donations to Stella Maris (Star of the Sea) Seafarers, the organisation that helps sailors who arrive on ships that come in to Sydney. Sister Mary Leahy boards every ship that lands at Botany Bay to check on the welfare of the sailors. Anyone who would like to donate men's clothing or personal hygiene items such as shampoo and toothpaste is welcome to contact the Parish Office (details below) to be put in touch with local coordinator Cathy Holling.

OUR NEW ROOF

In October the parish embarked on the big job of having a complete new roof installed on our St Benedict's Parish Centre. While this will be disruptive in the short term, the end result will keep the building – and those in it – warm and dry well into the future. The picture shows the scaffolding that was set up around the church, ready for work to start.



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.

OUR ANCHOR OF FAITH

Recently, we spent a few days by the ocean where I enjoyed watching boats of various sizes coming and going. In the calmer waters, two boats anchored overnight - which caused me to think about a Bible verse in Hebrews 6:19, referring to Jesus Christ. It says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul; both firm and secure."

This thought took me to the dictionary, which describes an anchor as "a device normally made of metal, used to secure a vessel to the bed of a body of water, to prevent the craft from drifting due to wind or current." (Wikipedia).

I further learnt that "the primary force bonding an anchored ship in place is the weight of the chain on the bottom of the sea. The wind will push the boat away from the anchor and keep the chain in place... if the anchor is in the correct position, it will dig in deeper when wind or waves put pressure on the chain." (www.sailhow.com)

So, what does it mean when the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the anchor for our souls?

When we declare that God's Son Jesus Christ is our Saviour and Lord, we can live life with hope - because He is a dependable and powerful anchor for our souls in spite of the wind and waves of life that come against us to try to discourage us or make us feel that life is hopeless.

The "anchor metaphor" emphasises the stability and safety of Jesus Christ as our hope - firm and secure; sure and steadfast; strong and trustworthy.

Having a relationship with Jesus through believing in Him and His Word in the Bible, will not make us immune to the pressures



of life - but - it will prevent our souls (ie. our mind, will, emotions, conscience) from feeling hopeless and helpless in times of pressure. As one author describes, "This hope as an anchor holds us steady in this life and secure in the future because it is eternally attached to the eternal throne of God."

When Jesus says, "I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life - come follow Me", He is declaring to each of us that He is the perfect anchor for our faith.

The words of a song comes to mind... "Without the Way there is no going; Without the Truth there is no knowing; Without the Life there is no growing."

The call of Jesus to follow Him is for everyone because, after all, He gave up His life on a cruel Cross, to set us free from our sins and rose again triumphantly to give us abundant life, both now and for all eternity. God bless.

**Pr. Alex and Dee Valich,
Glenorie Community Church**



Service of Remembrance

for families whose children have died or are missing

This service is open to families and friends who have lost a child of any age

With a brief message from Rev Roger Chilton

Tuesday 5 December 7:30pm

St Matthews Anglican Church

In person: cnr New Line and Castle Hill Rds, West Pennant Hills
Online: www.stmatts.au

A note on flowers and tribute list during the service:
During the service those present will be invited to place a flower on the communion table in recognition of the life of their child. You may bring a flower of your choice or use a flower available at the church.
A tribute list of names and ages of the children will also be read and displayed. Our desire is to have all children recognised. Please note that we cannot reuse names from previous years. You will need to register your child every year. For details on how to have your child included please go to stmatts.au or call 8568 8773

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CONGRATULATIONS RAY AND EVELYN CUNNINGHAM... ON 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND RAY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

In September, the Church Family celebrated with Ray and Evelyn at a special morning tea. Their lives have been great examples of faith in action!



Ray was born in Sydney in 1923 and had active service during WW2 in PNG, Morotai and Labuan. When Ray's division returned for further training at Wagga in 1944, he met Evelyn who then lived in Wagga. Ray then returned to the war in Morotai and Evelyn completed her BEc. degree before entering high school teaching. After the war, Ray trained as a wool classer and then entered Bible College to train as a missionary, before going to Sarawak with the Borneo Evangelical Mission. Evelyn followed four years later and they were married at the mission base in 1953, 9 years after their first meeting.

Their service was to the tribal people; the Kayan, Kenyah, nomadic Penan and Iban, in their own language and culture. Transport was by river, often over rapids. Their animistic religion was full of prohibitions, fears of omens and the spirit world with its associated customs. Many of the tribal people gladly replaced these destructive customs with a meaningful trust in Jesus Christ, their Creator God who loves them and so had died for them, rose again and was now alive and more powerful than the evil spirits they feared. As Ray and Evelyn say, *"the good in their culture was in this way enriched and not destroyed"*.

The 40 years of Evelyn and Ray's service in Borneo cannot be condensed in these pages. Suffice to say that it has been a lifetime of service to God and to people. May God continue to bless you both!



We borrowed this longboat for the journey

DATES FOR THE DIARY

* Friday 24th November, 5pm - 8pm CHRISTMAS MAGIC - carols, market stalls, food, raffles, and a special visit from SANTA.

* Sunday 26th November, 10am - The Annual CREATIVITY SERVICE - to highlight the hard work and creativity of the Craft Group - followed by morning tea and an opportunity to purchase some beautiful craft including quilts!

Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams on Facebook. The church office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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

THE BIBLE SAYS

The Bible says, "To all who receive Him (Jesus Christ), to those who believe in His name, he gives the right to become children of God, (John 1:12) and there are many more blessings that are yours when you become a real Christian.

Now it's over to you. If you have never accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, why not do it right now? It's not enough just to know how to become a real Christian, we have to act on that knowledge.

JESUS... MY PERSONAL SAVIOUR

If God has been speaking to you as you have read, through these messages, and if you now want to become a real Christian, then follow these few simple steps and you can accept Jesus as your personal saviour and benefit from the many blessings. God wants to give you.

Confess - tell God in your own words that you are a sinner needing a saviour, (Read Romans 3:23).

Accept - tell God that you realise Jesus Christ died for you and you accept Him as your Saviour. (Read Romans 6:23).

Believe - that Jesus Christ has accepted you and saved you because you asked Him to do so. (Read Romans 10:13). His written Word, the Bible, gives assurance that God has done what you asked Him to do.

Believe - that the Holy Spirit has now been given to you to stay with you and help you live a true Christian life. (Read Romans 8:9 & 16).

Don't worry if you don't happen to feel any different after following the steps outlined above. You may or may not do so. But if you have sincerely committed your life to Jesus Christ, he has accepted you.

After you make this decision, it's a good idea tell someone today what you have done. You will need to find and join a church where God's word is taught and where you can have fellowship with other Christians.

It may help to sign your name on the front page of your Bible as a record and future reminder of when you made the decision to become a real Christian.

Here is what you are saying:

Today I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Saviour and I thank Him for saving me!

(by the late Rev E.G. Long)

Come and find out more on Sundays at 10:00am.
Glenorie Mission Church 1409 Old Northern Rd Glenorie.

HILLS MOWERS PREPARES FOR FIRE

There's a frenzy of activity in the Dural area as families heed the RFS's warnings to prepare their homes against the threat of bushfire.

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 ☎ Pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com
 ☎ www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club

Is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm.
 ☎ Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights
 ☎ www.hk4wd.com.au

Pennant Hills Photographic Club

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

Rotary Club of Greater Hills

New members welcome. Meets every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Join us and help make a difference through our local and international projects. Enjoy the fellowship of fellow Rotarians in our many and varied projects and social activities.
 ☎ The Galston Club
 ☎ Annette 0437 148 126
 ☎ membership@greaterhillsrotary.org.au

Probuc Club of the Hills

Is a mixed club which meets on the second Wednesday of each month

(except January) at 10am for 10.30am.

New members welcome.

☎ The Galston Club
 ☎ Bob 9624 8954 or Ken 9629 6459

Probuc Club of Round Corner

Now has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group; Mah-Jong Group; Theatre Group; Tennis Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day trips. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10am. We look forward to you joining with us.
 ☎ Galston Club 19 Arcadia Rd, Galston
 ☎ All enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

Rowland Village Workshop Club

Invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age.
 ☎ Michael Bell 9653 1365

Soroptimist International of The Hills District Inc

Meets at 6.30 on the 3rd Wed of the month.
 ☎ Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills
 ☎ 04 3583 7118

Social Dance Workshops

Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers. \$7.
 ☎ Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road.

☎ Wilma 0413 673 339

Still Creek Landcare Group

Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrielle. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
 ☎ www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au
 ☎ StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au
 ☎ Nick 9653 2056

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW)

The Trefoil Guild is the adult section of Guiding which links Members, former Members; female Members of the Scout Association; and women who have not been Guides but are prepared to make the Guide Promise. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month commencing at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm.
 ☎ Guide Hall, Bounty Eye, Castle Hill
 ☎ Evelyn 02 9634 4987

The Shed Studio - Arcadia

Womens Shed held on third Thursday of the month 10-12. Different creative projects each month.
 ☎ The Shed Studio on FB
 ☎ Suzanne 0419 603 122

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club

We have frequent bushwalks, city walks and social activities. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday each month at 8pm.
 ☎ Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills
 ☎ Ted 0429 790 091
 ☎ www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

CHURCHES

Christ Church

Has a service at 9.30am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.
 ☎ 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst
 ☎ Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

Galston Uniting Church

Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.30pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursdays of the school term from 12noon to 4.00pm. OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest: Men's Choir, Ladies Choir.
 ☎ church office 9653 2039
 ☎ 11 School Road Galston

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church

Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service.
 ☎ 49 Arcadia Rd Galston
 ☎ Minister Pr. Andrew McCrostie 0481 575 334

Glenorie Community Church

Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Ladies meeting at 10.30am last Tuesday of every month. All welcome.
 ☎ 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie
 ☎ Pr Valich 0420 602 989
 Church 9652 0577

Glenorie Mission Church

Sunday Service 10.00am.
 ☎ 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie
 ☎ 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

St. Columb's Anglican Church

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

St Benedict's Catholic Parish

Mass at Monastery 7am every morning.
 ☎ 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

Mass at the Parish Church 7pm Saturday and 9am Sunday.

☎ Cnr Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd
 ☎ 9653 2312 or Parish Priest
 Fr Bernard McGrath 0416 032 497

St Judes Anglican

Service Times: 8am Traditional; 10am Contemporary with Sunday Kids and Yr 5-9 Teen group; 6pm Evening church for youth and parents.
 'Epic' kids club and Youth Group - Fridays (see website for details).
 ☎ Galston and Old Northern Rd, Dural
 ☎ 9651 1119

St Madeleine's Catholic Church

Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm.
 ☎ 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls

Meets every Tuesday at 9.30-12.30pm.
 ☎ Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Mt Colah
 ☎ Jenny 9477 1855

Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs

New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network.
 ☎ 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

Dural Country Club

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

Dural Rugby Club

☎ efi86029@bigpond.net.au
 ☎ 0412 230 328
 ☎ http://dural.rugbynet.com.au

Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club

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

Glenorie District Cricket Club

Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.
 ☎ Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499
 ☎ Glenoriectcc@gmail.com
 ☎ Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd Glenorie NSW 2157

Galston Equestrian Club

New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.
 ☎ Rural Sports Facility Centre off Mansfield Road
 ☎ Liz 0409 992 920
 ☎ www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au

Galston Netball Club

☎ secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com
 ☎ www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

Glenorie Golf Club

Plays monthly.
 ☎ www.glenoriesl.com.au
 ☎ Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club

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

Hills Hawks Football Club

☎ Ian Robertson 0418 211 131
 ☎ president.hillshawksfc@gmail.com

Hills Hawks Softball Club

Our competition is held during the summer season (September to March, excluding school holidays). We welcome new members!
 ☎ Hayes Park, Galston
 ☎ hillshawks softball.org.au

Hills Pumas Football Club

☎ 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

Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie

Available Day or Night.
 ☎ 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

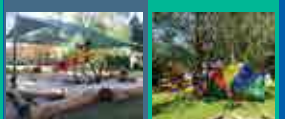
Thursday's 9.30-11.30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.

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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9:30AM UNTIL 11AM

ARCADIA PUBLIC SCHOOL
 140 ARCADIA ROAD
 ARCADIA
 P. 9653-1101



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A PARENT RUN PLAYGROUP
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COME JOIN THE FUN !

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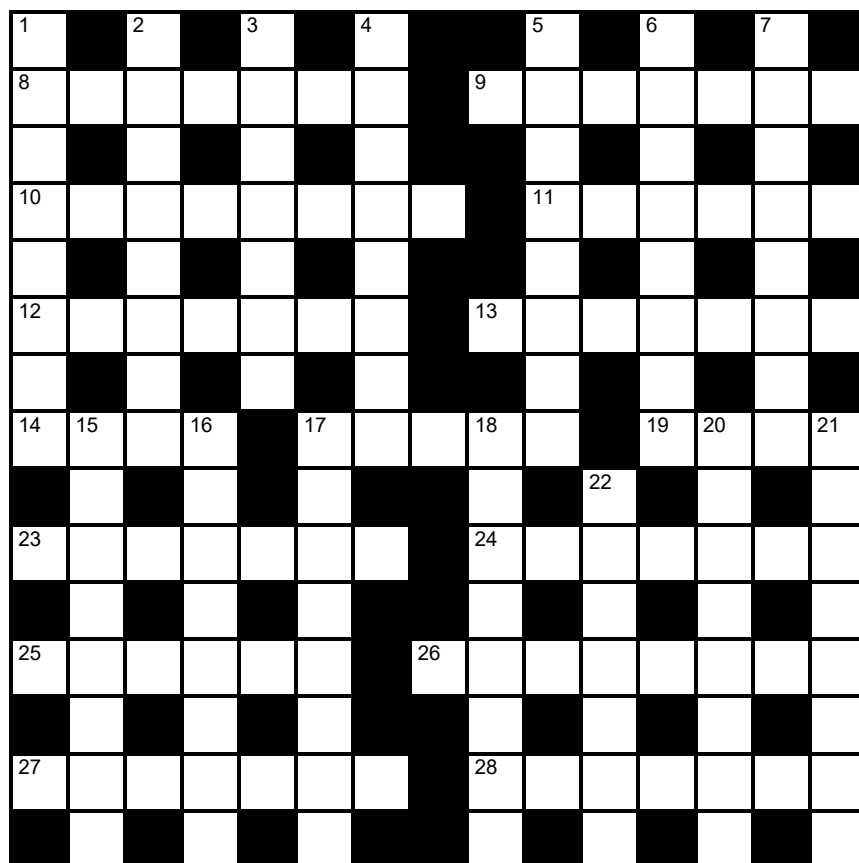
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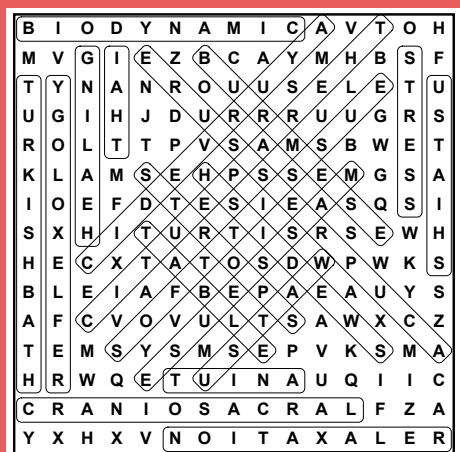
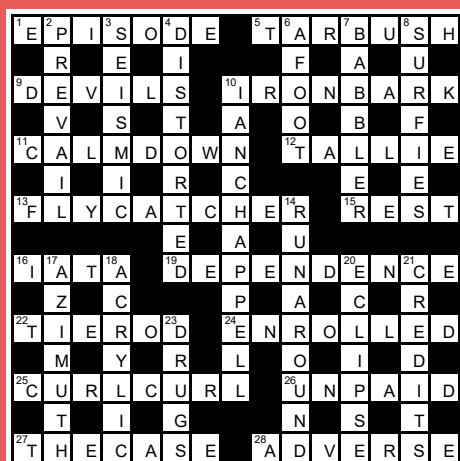
- 08 Burn (7)
09 Illusory pointer to gold (7)
10 Used in cooking (8)
11 Bring forth (6)
12 Bring up (7)
13 Very detailed (2,5)
14 Dark-grey waterbird (4)
17 Second largest stringed instrument (5)
- 19 Youth charity (1,1,1)
23 Impacts (7)
24 Asks over (7)
25 Gets up late (4,2)
26 Shriek (8)
27 Comments (7)
28 Frequent-flyer perk (7)

DOWN

- 01 Explosively violent (8)
02 Cattle station trainee (2)
03 Pride young 'un (4,3)
04 Not far away (4,4)
05 Inherited (4,4)
06 Wholly (8)
07 Kind of medicine (8)
15 Assistant (8)
- 16 You know what I'm drinking (3,5)
17 In a rage, you might get as mad as one (3,5)
18 Behave in a vulgar way (4,2,2)
20 Like unicorns (8)
21 Designated (8)
22 Unremarkable (7)



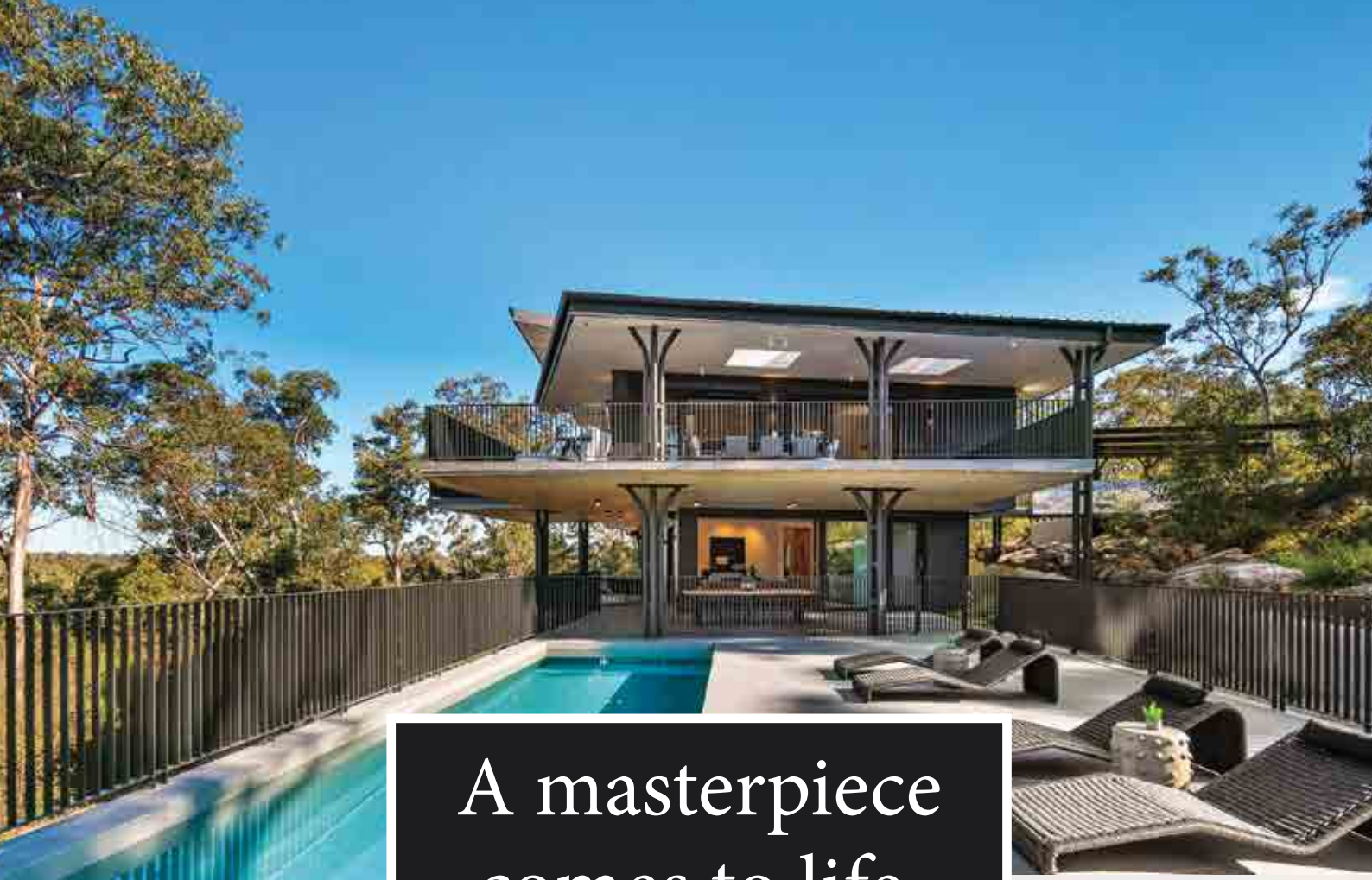
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Modern Anniversary Gifts (WordSearch)



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- BRONZE
- CLOCK
- COPPER
- DIAMOND
- EMERALD
- FURNITURE
- GOLD
- INSTRUMENT
- JADE
- LACE
- LEATHER
- LINEN
- PEARL
- PLATINUM
- PORCELAIN
- SILVERWARE
- TEXTILES
- WATCH
- WOOD



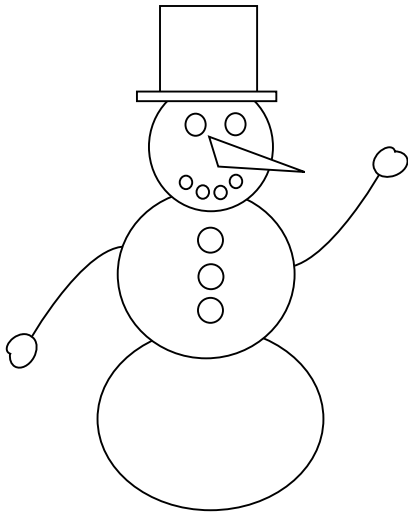
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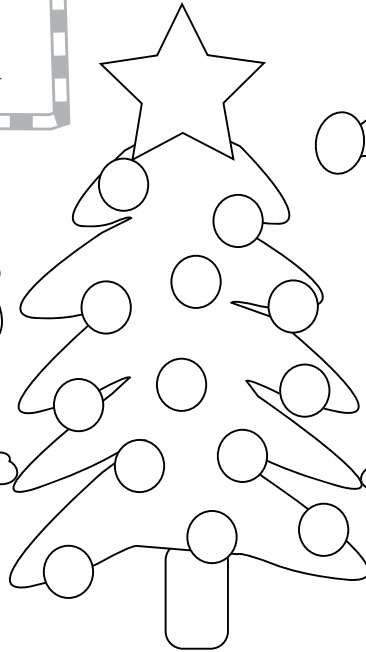
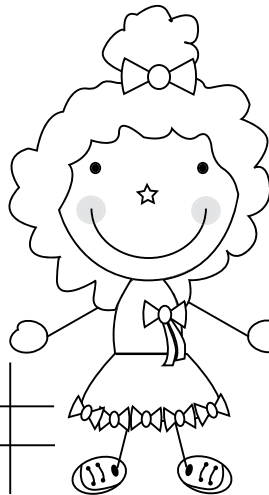
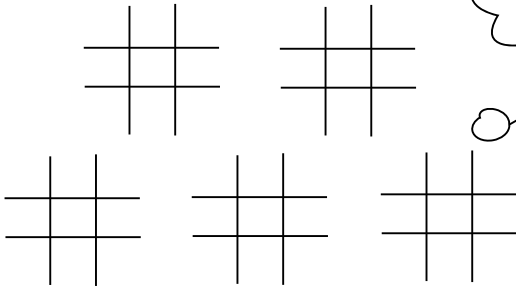
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Use MERRY CHRISTMAS to make as many words as possible

1 _____	2 _____	3 _____
4 _____	5 _____	6 _____
7 _____	8 _____	9 _____
10 _____		
11 _____		

Play Tic Tac Toe with a friend



COLOURING COMPETITION

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mum or Dad's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE POST TO: Belle Property Castle Hill,
10/3-9 Terminus Street, Castle Hill NSW 2154
OR TEXT: Carolyn Wheatley on 0407 120 483
to arrange collection

Winner will be announced via social media on 22.12.23.

