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FROM THE GCN TEAM!

It has been my pleasure to have worked as the Editor of the *Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural Magazine* for the past eight months.

As one of the last remaining "Print" publications in the area, it is a blessing that we have not gone the way of so many other local newspapers – ie digital or subscription only.

Call me old fashioned (or just plain OLD), but I much prefer to read a 'physical' issue, rather than trying to read a size 4 font on my iphone, and it's very hard to fill in a crossword online too!

We are a community magazine, here to bring local news to you – our community! We welcome your input, and encourage you to send in your items of interest, photos, letters, or anything that could be of relevance to the readers in our area of coverage.

Nev the Newshound will be pawing at the keyboard waiting to interview any Pets at Work, or working pets in the New Year, so please don't be shy in putting forward your pet for consideration.

I hope you have enjoyed reading your GCN throughout 2023 as much as I have enjoyed helping to put it together. We are a team of many, all trying our best to bring you a happy, newsy and interesting read, and I would like to say a big thankyou to all our contributors, and our advertisers. Without you we could not keep going.

So from all the Team, and myself, have a very safe and Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year. We will be back in February!

Karlene x



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GIVE TICKS THE FLICK!!!

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

This would have to be the worst tick season I have experienced in over a decade. With two trips to the Vets, and a close brush with death for one of my beloved cats, I am doing everything possible to prevent any further infestations.

All my cats have Seresto collars, which usually do the trick, however this year the ticks seem to be resistant to them and I have

had to also use Bravecto spot on, which one cat had a reaction to. This week I removed five ticks off both myself and my cats, luckily before they had time to fully inject their poison.

Here is a list of symptoms to watch out for, and please make sure if you have a long haired cat or dog to thoroughly examine your animal every day, from top to toe, and even in the nostrils and ears. Those ticks are mighty sneaky!

CATS	DOGS
Change in sound of meow	Change in sound of bark
Loss of co-ordination in back legs	Loss of co-ordination in back/front legs
Difficulty standing	Difficulty standing/sitting
Difficulty breathing	Laboured or rapid breathing, grunting
Coughing	Coughing
Gagging/vomiting	Unable to rise from lying position
Loss of appetite	Loss of appetite

If your pet shows any of these signs, then you MUST take them immediately to your closest Vets and cross your fingers that it doesn't happen after hours (like me) when you will have to go to an Emergency clinic. Prevention is the best medicine, so please talk to

your Vet, your friends and family about which products they use (that WORK) and do your research re possible side effects.

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Pets @ Work

BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND

Nev was sent on his biggest challenge yet, to interview working horse, Lorien, of Lorien's Circle Arcadia and he had a big surprise waiting for him...

Nev: I was all ready to start this interview with "Why the long face?" but you are TINY! What kind of a horse are you?

Lorien: A miniature horse! Some of my friends are shetland ponies.

Nev: What is the difference between a Horse and a Pony?

Lorien: Officially it's height! A pony is under 14.2hh (hands high) or 144cm. Just to confuse everyone, some of us are miniature horses: under 102cm and we're both horses and ponies at the same time, but really that's just splitting mane hairs ;-)

Nev: What do you do here at Lorien's Circle?

Lorien: My friends and I guide guests on walking tours in Galston. We explore the bridleway around Fagan Park (even small ponies like us aren't allowed inside Fagan Park anymore). We show people how to live in the moment and connect with our beautiful countryside and animals. We also do online classes about ponies and horse care and we make the learning more fun.

Nev: Tell me a little about your fellow workers.

Lorien: There's 5 of us and we're all rescue ponies: Tiny Timmie, Tin Tin, Loki, Lunar and me - Lorien! We are between 6.3-10.2hh



(64-103cm) and 7 to 27 years old. Most of us are grey, so sometimes people can't tell us apart!

Nev: What is the best part of your working day?

Lorien: All the cuddles and carrots! We are trained using positive reinforcement and a clicker, so we love working and going out on adventures.

Nev: And the worst?

Lorien: When cars or bicycles don't slow down to safely pass us :-(That can be scary for us.

Nev: What do you like to do when you are not working?

Lorien: For fun and exercise we compete in carriage driving and horse agility - my brother Tin Tin was the Australasian Champion! Most days we just get to be horses in our pasture with our friends, where we enjoy lots of love and care from our people.

Nev: How can people get to meet you and your friends?

Lorien: Book a Pony Walking Adventure at www.lorienscircle.com.au or to see cute videos and photos of us, search for Loriens Circle on social media. If you're lucky you may even spot us walking around Galston! Feel free to say hi!

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Originally from the UK, Luke Kelly came to Australia in 2002 and has lived in the Hawkesbury area since 2011.

As a self taught painter, Luke is inspired by Australia's natural beauty and has an ongoing obsession with capturing our unique birds and wildlife through his art. His passion for teaching and creating public art in and around his community led to him being invited to paint a water tank mural at the tiny Macdonald Valley Public School depicting images of Rainbow Lorikeets, gum flowers and the Macdonald River. Following completion of this, he was asked to paint a series of murals at other schools including Colo Heights, Wisemans Ferry, Windsor, Maroota, Middle Dural and Annangrove, and is currently creating a design at Ebenezer.

The genesis behind each mural creation is in collaboration with Luke, the teachers, students and parents of each of the schools.



Wisemans Ferry

Taking inspiration from the local wildlife, native plants and surrounding landscape, each of the designs are unique and special to their location.

Some of these mural projects have been grant funded through the resilience program following the flooding events of 2021 and 2022. For these projects, Luke visited the schools with a small team of artists and painted with the students for the day to get them creating; thinking about their natural environment and area in which they live. The grants were awarded in order for the students to contribute to the creation of a piece of public artwork resulting in an opportunity to celebrate the positives about the area they live in, including reconnecting with the natural beauty and local wildlife.

More mural projects planned for the future include both Dural and Arcadia Public Schools.

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JASMINE COOK – SHOW JUMPING CHAMPION

Twelve year old Jasmine Cook of Galston Public School has had a very successful year in Show Jumping, riding her Pony, Sherbet Wizz Fizz.

In April they competed at the 2023 NSW Interschool Championship representing GPS, where they competed over two days.

They were awarded Primary Schools State Show Jumping Champion in both the 80 & 90cm Primary School classes.

Jasmine and Sherbet then travelled to Melbourne in October to compete at the 2023 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championship representing NSW where she won:

- 90cm Primary Interschool Show jumping Australian Champion
- 80cm Primary Interschool Show jumping Australian Reserve Champion



- Primary Interschool Show jumping Team Champion
- Highest point score in Team NSW

Jasmine also recently competed at the Pony Club State Show jumping Championships where she was awarded:

- U13 YRS B Grade State Show jumping Champion
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While they were in Melbourne they competed at the 202 Petstock Pony Club Australia Nationals which saw the team again taking the Pony Club Australian National Championship title in the Sub Jnr category.



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CARPE DIEM!

BY KARLENE BRUMMER



After a three year hiatus due to natural disasters like fire, floods and the Covid pandemic, the St Alban's Common Annual Carp Fishing Comp was back bigger and better than ever on the weekend of November 3-5.

The Lake within the St Albans Common has been the setting for the Fishing Competition since 2007, with attendees able to camp out for the weekend to immerse themselves in the full experience of the event. The competition is

a win/win situation, with recreational fishers able to enjoy their hobby, whilst at the same time clearing the lake of these destructive fish.

Carp are an introduced species which have a devastating impact on native fish and the biodiversity of our waterways, and so the fishing competition is an opportunity to try and cull the numbers of these pests, who have had free reign to grow in both size and numbers over the past several years.

There were prizes on offer for the three biggest fish caught, and this year the 1st prize of \$300 went to Tomasz Pawlus with his catch of an 11.3kg monster, which was only .5kg below the record set in 2008.

The Carp that are caught are placed in barrels of water and are collected at the end of the weekend by Michael from Turtle Rescue NSW in Valley Heights, who provides a donation to the Common Trust, and takes them back to feed the reptiles in his care. This year a total of 335kg of Carp were removed from the waterway, enough to feed the turtles for the next twelve months.

THOMAS JAMES BRIDGE UPDATE

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Work is well and truly underway to repair the historic 1830's Thomas James Bridge, and surrounding landscape on Settlers Road, Wisemans Ferry.

The area around the site of the bridge, which is the oldest 'in use' bridge on mainland Australia, was badly compromised by the recent flooding, resulting in major landslip of the hillside, and complete blockage of the thoroughfare for residents and travelers for an extended period of time.

Joint funding from the State & Federal Government's recovery program has allowed Hawkesbury City Council to appoint Contractor Delaney Civil to undertake the remedial works to stabilize the adjacent rock face and reconstruct the bridge. The road is open to single lane traffic, but wait times at either end of the work site are fairly minimal.

The engineering involved to rectify this area is quite outstanding and it is a sight to behold how many vehicles and large machinery can fit on this narrow part of the road.



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FAREWELL LAURA JANE

BY KARLENE BRUMMER



Laura Jane Waltisbuhl, of Laura Jane Hair at Glenorie is leaving the area after more than a decade of owning and running her very successful business.

Laura opened her Salon in July 2010 within the Glenorie Village Complex and around eight years ago she moved to the premises next door joining with Lisa of Blush skin care, situated behind the Vinnies Op Shop. After Vinnies vacated several years ago, she relocated to the empty space and remodeled and expanded it into the elegant salon it is today.

Along with husband Nick and children Chloe (8) and Jack (5), Laura will be moving in January to acreage in beautiful Yamba, where she will continue hairdressing under the eponymous name.

While leaving will be sad, she is looking forward to the change, "This salon has been my home away from home for 13 years, and many of my customers have become good friends, so of course I will miss being here very much."

Long term fellow stylist, Kristy Walker, has been at Laura's side for the past 10 years and she will be taking over the business under a new name: **Glenorie Hair Studio**. Kristy, a resident of Wisemans Ferry, mother of two boys, Flynn (11) and Xavier (10) will be transitioning Laura's clients along with new Staff Member, Jordan.

The Salon will continue to be open from Tuesday to Saturday, with late night trading on Tuesdays.

We wish Laura all the best after so many years in the community, and if you are a current or previous client, make sure you pop in to say 'goodbye'.



HEARD ON THE STREET

Channel 9's series, "My Mum Your Dad" which recently aired on TV showed a variety of local attractions to the eagle eyed viewer. HOTS spotted Guestlands at Arcadia, a sportscar zooming down Blacks Road, Entrata Restaurant at Annangrove and Berowra Waters Inn. The house in which the participants were staying is said to be located in Cranstons Road, Dural.

Local Glenorie property icon, the sprawling 17.4 ha estate, commonly referred to as 'The White House' is up for Auction with a reported price guide of over \$12,000,000 (Daily Telegraph, Feb 2023)



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The Glenorie Progress Association and the Galston Glenorie District Cricket Club have been around in recorded history since 1893. Glenorie was originally part of Dural and later known as North Dural.

At a meeting of the North Dural Progress Association, after an "animated discussion" and for the stated reason that "we are getting quite a little township up here, the place should be properly named", the majority of members decided on two names.

An article appeared in the *Cumberland Mercury* Page 4 December 1893 with both the GPA and GDCC in the News...

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting was held on Monday evening, Mr. Douglas (president) in the chair. An animated discussion took place on the question of changing the name of the district, and several members handed in a list of names to the chairman, the majority deciding on two names from Mr. W. Black's list, Hazledean and Glenorie.

CRICKET

Our local club met Galston last Saturday on our own ground, North Dural being the victors by two runs. Both clubs were represented by a strong team and good play was observable on both sides, Sippe was in good form with the ball. North Dural are improving greatly. W. Dettman bowled splendidly, getting most of the wickets, with an average of seven runs per wicket. This promising young bowler will, if he improves at the same rate, cause trouble to our opponents in future matches. A large number of ladies again favoured the



cricketers with their presence. And the fair ones were delighted at their champions winning the match. Our boys play Galston all-day match on Boxing Day, and on New Years Day an all-day match will be played at North Dural in return.

They were later recorded to have had a "spiffing time"

North Dural was renamed Glenorie on 1 October 1894. The name Glenorie was accepted because it had the support of the local progress association.

The two associations, now the Glenorie Progress Association and the Glenorie Cricket Club both have a rich history which is deeply entwined in the community of the Hills District.

WORDS FROM RESIDENT STAN SHORE:

"James Shore (Stan's father) restarted the Glenorie Cricket Club as its President after World War II with brother Les as Secretary. Together they badgered the Baulkham Hills council to provide a recreation area on the Hill's side of the Old Northern Rd. Council eventually responded with a piece of ground. Dad then organised the locals, with their earthmoving equipment, trucks, shovels, etc., and set about building a cricket ground, with help from Council, which ended up being named the LES SHORE OVAL because of his efforts in Council to upgrade and maintain its facilities.

The whole family participated for many years. Mum became the Official Scorer for the A Grade side, winning several Association trophies for "The Neatest Scorebook". I started with the Club in 1950 as a 12yo in Glenorie's Very First Junior Team (Under 15's) progressing through the senior ranks, Captaining GCC's Very first A Grade Team to win the 1972-73 HKCA Shield. My sons, Andrew and Stephen played for the GCC. Andrew distinguished himself by representing the NSW Junior Cricket Association playing a match on the SCG.

I retired in 1993, aged 56, privileged to be playing my last game on the then Glenorie Oval, with my son, Stephen and my granddaughter, Elizabeth."

Currently the Glenorie District Cricket Club, GDCC has teams competing in Junior and senior competitions within the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District Cricket Association. Club values are Spirit, Sportsmanship, Positivity, Integrity, Respect, Inclusivity & Tenacity.

For more than 130 years, the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) has lobbied on behalf of the residents in two Council areas & State Government areas, for improved community services and infrastructure for Glenorie.

GPA and GDCC - we have been having a "spiffing time" for 130 years!

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"It is with great sadness, but it is also exciting looking forward, that I would like to announce my retirement.

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Over the years I have been ably supported by our amazing vet nurses and vets and I wish to thank them.

I will miss you all" – Andrew Miller



GALSTON CWA NEWS

The members of Galston CWA have been busy. Since their successful Fashion Parade at the Galston Club on October 18th, they were working towards the stall that they had at the Rowland Village Market Day on Saturday last. There were many surprises to delight the buyers. Lots of homewares, knitwear and delicious baked goods as well.



On December 7th the ladies will be at Dural Bunnings from 6 – 8pm. Perhaps you may find some Christmas ideas.

We are happy to accept donations of surplus fruit and vegetables for the jams and pickles we make. The money we raise helps the charities we support.

Our last gathering for 2023 will be our Christmas Party on December 13th and we will return on Valentine's Day, February 14th, for our first meeting of what we hope will be a wonderful 2024. We would love to welcome new members for the New Year.

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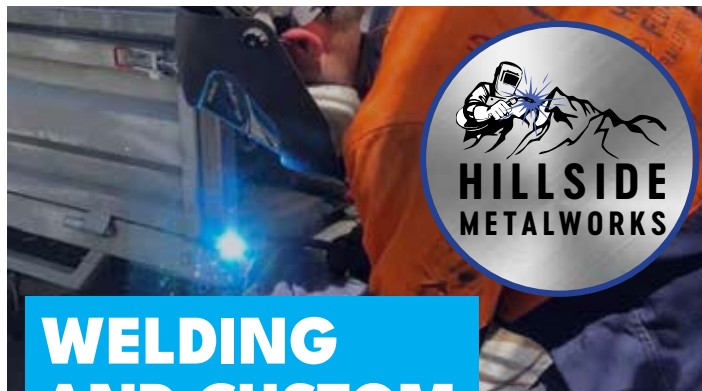
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A DECADE OF RAINBOWS—RAINBOW LORIKEET TOPS THE 10TH ANNUAL AUSSIE BIRD COUNT



In early November BirdLife Australia, leaders for bird conversation in Australia, revealed the preliminary results for the Aussie Bird Count.

With more than 420,000 counted, the colourful Rainbow Lorikeet once again comes out on top, beating the Noisy Miner with nearly 220,000 and the iconic Australian Magpie with around 154,000 counted.

In total, over 80,000 Aussies counted more than 3.6 million birds during the week submitting over 100,000 checklists and observing 658 bird species.

"The enthusiasm with which Australians have taken to the Aussie Bird Count has been outstanding," said BirdLife Australia's National Public Affairs Manager, Sean Dooley.

Over the past 10 years, the Aussie Bird Count has helped raise the profile of Australia's bird life and encouraged thousands of people around the country to connect with nature.

"In addition to being good for our mental health, bird watching is often the first step towards nature conservation. We can't protect something if we don't know how it is faring in the first place."

With nearly 1 in 6 bird species in Australia at risk of extinction from threats such as climate change, habitat loss, fires, and invasive species,

BirdLife Australia relies on data to inform priorities and insights from monitoring projects such as the count to help shape our broader Bird Conservation Strategy, aiming to halt bird extinctions by 2032 and overall bird declines by 2050.

The results will be closely vetted by BirdLife Australia's avian experts with a comprehensive data release for the Aussie Bird Count scheduled for December this year.

Learn more about Australia's biggest citizen science event at <http://aussiebirdcount.org.au>



Noisy Miner came in at No. 2



Australian Magpie: No. 3



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GLENORIE PROBUS CLUB ACTIVITIES

Glenorie Probus Club has finished the year with another active period.

A very informative visit to Luddenham to view the new airport site was held. We were able to see the progress to date as well as see plans for the completed airport and opening schedule. Probus Day was celebrated in October with a picnic in Fagans Park. It was an opportunity to appreciate some of the excellent facilities we have in the area and to have a very relaxing and enjoyable BBQ. November saw a visit to Cockatoo Island. The guide took the members on the Lower Island Tour and explained some of the history of this area which has been used since the days of Governor Phillip for a variety of activities from convict prison to Naval repair base.

The monthly guest speakers have covered a range of items of interest. A representative from Services NSW spoke in October to go through some of the benefits available to members in a wide range of areas. In September we had a talk on the activities of Days for Girls.

The year will finish with a Christmas Lunch at Glenorie RSL.



We look forward to another varied and interesting year in 2024 with plans well under way for many exciting activities.

The Club meets on the at 11.00am on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Glenorie RSL and new members are welcome.

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

GALSTON GIRL GUIDES

Galston Guides enjoy being outdoors, especially bush walking, having fun at Treetops Adventure park, camping and cooking on a campfire. We currently have vacancies in our Junior Guide unit, aged 6-9 year olds.

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PLEASE DON'T FEED THE HORSES

BY KARRI NADAZDY, HORSE & LIVESTOCK REPRESENTATIVE, ANIMAL CARE AUSTRALIA

Feeding horses over the fence might seem like a harmless and friendly gesture, there are several reasons why it's best to avoid doing so:

1. **It Can Be Deadly:** Some foods can be toxic for horses, and have serious consequences. The horse may not become sick for some hours after you have fed it, and the owner will not know what has happened to inform the vet. Some horses have food intolerances and allergies too, and the owner will not why their management is not working.
2. **Diets:** Many horse owners carefully manage their horses' diets. They might have restricted or special feeds for specific health conditions, be monitoring calorie intake to increase or reduce weight, or be on a strict diet to resolve a vitamin or mineral imbalance. Unplanned treats can disrupt this careful balance.
3. **Sudden Dietary Changes:** Any dietary changes for horses should be made very gradually over a week or more to prevent serious, and sometimes sudden health issues. Horses have a symbiotic relationship with the good bacteria in their digestive system to help them digest starchy foods, and it's the bacteria that cannot handle sudden changes. Things like fresh lawn clippings ferment in the horse's stomach, killing the helpful microbiome that the horse depends on. Without healthy bacteria, horses can suffer painful colic. As horses are unable to vomit, colic can be fatal, even with the best veterinary treatment.
4. **It's not safe for the Horse:** Horse owners try to minimize their horse's contact with perimeter fencing. This is especially true if its barbed wire or another structure that could injure the horse. So it is not

helpful to encourage horses to approach, touch, lean on or against fences, as those fences will eventually give way. The fences are there to keep the horse safely contained and off roads and out of other properties. This could result in unnecessary injury to the horse, along with a big vet bill. Damage to fencing because horses are trying to reach snacks they shouldn't be having is very costly to the owner too.

5. **It's not safe for you:** Horses can react unpredictably, especially if they're startled, protective or fighting their friend to get the treats you are offering. It can also teach them to nip, bite or snatch at fingers – putting the owner or their children at risk too.

While the idea of feeding horses is heartwarming for you, and might make the horse happy in the short term, try to appreciate the owners' care and responsibility for the horse and do not feed them over the fence. If you really can't help yourself, ask the horse owner first to ensure you are not causing any harm. It's not enough to know what's safe for most horses, each horse is an individual. Don't be upset if the owner says no to snacks over the fence. They are just being a responsible horse owner!

You can be a good friend to horses by admiring them from a respectful distance.

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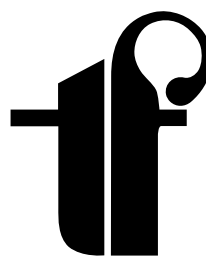
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from the Mayor's Desk

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to down time with our family and friends to celebrate, reflect on the past year and make new goals and plans. With many experiencing financial strain, we can take advantage of what the Shire has to offer this summer at no cost. From paddling in the water to enjoying the serenity of the trees around us or one of our new or upgraded playgrounds, there's so much to experience right here on our doorstep. I will appreciate some time with my family and hope you enjoy the time with those around you.

With the increased risk of bushfires, I trust you have all prepared your homes to reduce the risk to your property and belongings. We are so fortunate to live in a place with abundant bushland, but it does come with its risk, especially this year when the grass and bush is so dry. Don't forget to have a plan for what you would do in an emergency and know what you will take with you and where you will go. There is lots of information to help you prepare on the new bush fire education section of Council's website: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushfireaware

Summer is a great time to read a good book, and in saying that, the Hornsby Shire Library's Summer Reading Clubs for children and adults run from 6 December until 23 January to encourage all ages to explore the amazing world of books. Register on the library's website for reading recommendations and for the chance to win great prizes.

To conclude, thank you for your support of Council and for all the time taken to give your feedback and suggestions. I wish you a cheerful and joyful holiday season and a happy new year.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Council opening hours
Christmas and New Year 2023-2024
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CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB

6 December 2023-23 January 2024

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ADULT SUMMER READS

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Storey Park Community Centre

Chipping for Mulch – Westleigh

Sunday 10 December
7.30am-12.30pm
The Old Dog Pound, Westleigh

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Brickpit Park Playground Concept Plan

Submissions close: Monday 4 December

Fagan Park Off-leash Dog Park

Submissions close: Tuesday 12 December

Public domain upgrades Asquith to Mt Colah Stage 1

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Planning for a Resilient Wisemans Ferry Drop-In Info Sessions

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NEW NAME - SAME COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

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For nearly four decades, Comfort Discovered has been an integral part of the local community, serving its needs with dedication and care. In 2018, the business embarked on a transformative journey, relocating to a state-of-the-art facility in Hornsby. The move was a pivotal moment in the brand's history, setting the stage for its evolution into Karis Life.

Rejimon Punchayil, the visionary behind this rebranding, sheds light on the inspiration behind the new name, Karis Life. "Compassion," he notes, "is what our customers have always identified as our defining trait." The name 'Karis' draws its roots from the Greek word 'Charis,' signifying goodwill, loving-kindness, favor, and grace. This name encapsulates the nurturing approach with which Karis Life addresses each customer's unique circumstances. Listening attentively and understanding individual needs are the cornerstones of our philosophy, enabling us to offer tailored, dignified, and independent living solutions.

Karis Life isn't merely a business; it's your partner in the journey to regain independence with dignity.

With decades of industry knowledge and experience, the team at Karis Life is fervently dedicated to providing life-changing assistive technology solutions that enhance not only physical well-being but also the overall quality of life for every customer.

The genesis of Karis Life can be traced back to a chance encounter with an elderly woman struggling with mobility. This encounter stirred the founder, Rejimon Punchayil, to dedicate himself to helping vulnerable members of the community achieve a better quality of life, leading to the birth of Karis Life.

Rejimon Punchayil, the founder, is a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience spanning continents and industries, including manufacturing, international trade, and marketing. His vast expertise and genuine commitment to community well-being drive a knowledgeable and passionate team. Together, they provide exceptional service and product solutions, while Rejimon remains



at the helm, anticipating and addressing future challenges and trends within the assistive technology landscape.

"My highly experienced, trained and motivated team, sharing the mission and value of Karis Life is the force that delivers the Karis Life promise" – Rej Punchayil, Founder Karis Life

Karis Life is not your typical mobility store. In addition to providing top-notch products, they conduct training programs for therapists, enhancing their knowledge and understanding of innovative solutions in the industry. These programs, presented by industry experts specializing in allied health products, empower participants with valuable insights into the highest quality and most innovative products available in the market.

"Live Life Better Seminars for Seniors" is a community initiative offered by Karis Life. These friendly, informative 90-minute seminars are designed to educate seniors about health, well-being, and independent living. The seminars include a wellness segment, easy-to-use exercise items, trivia to spark discussions, and a conversation about solutions to everyday issues related to independence and mobility.

Karis Life also offers professional Assistive Technology assessments conducted by licensed independent Occupational therapists. These assessments alleviate the concern of selecting appropriate equipment and securing the necessary funding, ensuring peace of mind for customers.

Karis Life's journey is a testament to the power of compassion, knowledge, and community, and they continue to be a beacon of support and innovation for all those they serve.

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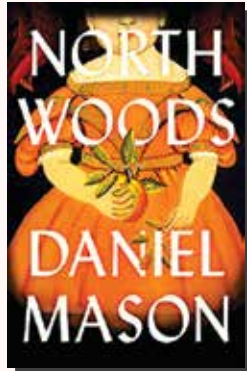
Boost your holiday reading with our Summer Reading Club for kids and Summer Reads for adults and teens. Both programs start on Wednesday 6 December and are free to join. The more you read, the more chances you have to win fabulous prizes. For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library or pop into a library branch at Hornsby, Pennant Hills, Berowra or Galston.

ADULT FICTION

NORTH WOODS BY DANIEL MASON

When a pair of young lovers abscond from a Puritan colony, little do they know that their humble cabin in the woods will become home to an extraordinary succession of inhabitants. A soldier abandons the battlefields to devote himself to apples. Spinster twins survive war and famine, only to succumb to envy and desire. A crime reporter unearths a mass grave. As each one confronts the mysteries of the north woods, they come to realize that the dark, beautiful past is very much alive.

Daniel Mason delivers an inventive tale brimming with love, madness, humour and hope and shows the ways in which we're connected to our environment and to each other.

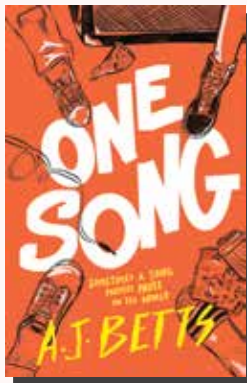


YOUNG ADULT FICTION

ONE SONG BY A.J. BETTS

Eva wants to make it as a musician, but after three rejections from the Triple J Unearthed High competition, she is ready to give up her dreams. Until Cooper, charismatic guitarist and Eva's long-time crush, convinces her to try again. Cue the band, including mellow drummer Ant, broody bassist Ruby and documentary-maker Mim in the background, filming their rehearsal. Five people who have nothing in common but music. Will it be enough?

Part music documentary, part coming-of-age story about five teenagers, one creatively charged weekend, and the song that unites them.



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Christmas CAROLS

The Centre

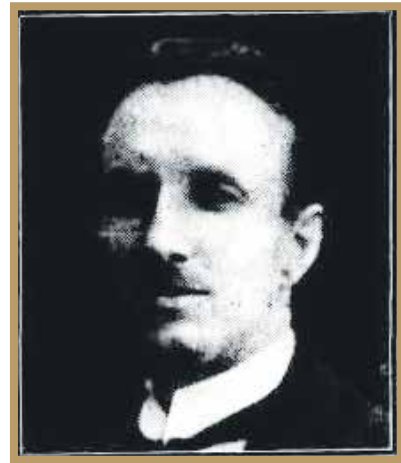
Sunday 10th Dec 10am

Community event with free sausage sizzle after

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HISTORY NEWS

REMEMBERING A LOCAL FLOOD HERO



WILLIE PORTER, BRONZE MEDAL.

HE RESCUED A FRIEND FROM DROWNING IN THE FLOOD WATERS BETWEEN GALSTON AND MIDDLE DURAL, THEIR BUGGY HAVING BEEN CARRIED AWAY.

The recent floods brought back the story of Willie Porter from Old Northern Road, Middle Dural who was awarded a medal for bravery in 1927.

After a period of heavy rain Willie and his neighbour Thomas McKeown were travelling from Hornsby back across the Colah Creek causeway on the part of Mid Dural Road that's now known as Sallaway Road. The current was so strong that Willie, Thomas and their horse and sulky were washed into the creek.

Willie Porter managed to save himself and his friend but the poor pony was carried away and its body was later found in Foster's Waterhole further down the creek. It's said that someone carved the pony's name, Dandy, onto a rock at the causeway where it could be seen for many years.

Willie was subsequently awarded a NSW Humane Society Bronze Medal for his courage in saving his friend. The newspaper extract (right) is taken from the *Sydney Mail* Wed 14 September 1927 (Source:Trove)

WILLIE'S NAME IS STILL FOUND IN THE RECORDS OF THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NSW:

Willie PORTER

Willie PORTER was awarded a Bronze Medal for actions involving a flood at Galston on the 18th April 1927.

Christmas Markets

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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE

The Society Christmas lunch will close a wonderful year for the Society.

Talking to other organisations the common theme has been that their membership and attendance have not recovered from the Covid pandemic.

The DDHS has surprised all visitors by showing the opposite. The membership has grown and the attendance has always been above fifty, on several occasions more than one hundred.



Thinking back over events we have come to the conclusion that this success is due to several factors: A growing interest in local places and people; a coming together of the members of several different organisations, who have a common interest in their community and history; all in a venue that has excellent space and facilities. It has been a fine example of Community networking.

Our speakers over the year have told of the Best, Roughley and Bevan and Allen families: of Fosters Waterhole and Mount Orient, of the Sallaway home and family.

We have heard from renowned speakers on life in early Parramatta and the Colonial Architect Francis Greenway. So much of our enjoyment has been the result of the research and work of members and their efforts are truly appreciated. The generous support of the Galston Uniting Church, has made this possible.

The Society Committee wishes readers a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

We look forward to another enjoyable and informative 2024, with gatherings of likeminded people enjoying the good fortune of living in a unique community such as ours.

Next years programme for speakers and tours in final preparation.

The first meeting for 2024 will be 10th February, starting at 2.00 in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. In the meantime enquiries to Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.



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ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

At a recent patchwork meeting the decision was made... we're starting our "Christmas Challenge" blocks? Watch-this-space in early 2024 to see the results!

Our quilting members recently enjoyed several lovely surprises (a bit like Christmas) when we were shown two 1930's quilts, both belonging to one of our members. Having once lived in America she was able to buy and add these two amazing quilts to her private collection.



The quilt above is made from embroidered blocks, each representing a State of America (50 states at that time) and the quilt below is called a Dresden Plate quilt. Both are hand-made and hand-quilted.



Another group member proudly showed her 'hand-pieced' Hexi-Quilt, a true labour-of-love, 3 years in the making and quilted by Sue Olma, (quilt seen below).

The Christmas planning continues with a date chosen for our Christmas Lunch Party which we will hold at our 'home-venue' in Galston on **6th December, 2023**.

Normal life goes on around the planning and preparation for Christmas and we next look



forward to seeing Andrea Blackford from the Assistance Dogs Australia Team and her Ambassador dog Bella at our meeting on **29th November** when we will present quilts to her for children who will receive an Assistance Dog as a support to their lives.

We are proud to be able to add in a small way to the wellbeing of children with difficulties.

May we wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Let's see 2024 as an open-door to a better future for all!!!

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When it comes to your internet connection, it is best to factor in a lead time of two to three weeks before it is connected and working. It is best to organise this ahead of time, so you're not left without internet for an extended period.

Another task is to locate your fuse box and water valve on the property. This is super important to know in the event of an emergency or when trades need to access them when working on your property.

SORT OUT THE ADMIN

Once you have everything in your home ready to sort, set some time aside to get into homeowner administration. If you haven't needed to do so beforehand now is the time to organise house and contents insurance.

For security purposes, you may want to change the locks on your new home, making sure you have enough keys cut for all occupants.

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SOCCER CLUB PROMOTES COMMUNITY WELLBEING



The Hills Hawks Football Club was founded more than 30 years ago, and has become a cornerstone for the well-being of individuals and the community.

In an era where many of us have sedentary careers, soccer offers a fun and engaging way to stay active, improving cardiovascular health, muscular strength, and agility. Regular participation in community soccer leagues also gets our kids off their digital devices for a few hours a week!

The inclusive nature of community soccer fosters widespread participation. Soccer is affordable and accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Our very own O35 Social comp is home to ex-Premier League players, through to those who enjoy a kick with their mates on a Saturday afternoon.

This creates a sense of camaraderie as players of diverse backgrounds come together, breaking down barriers and forging connections that extend far beyond the final whistle.

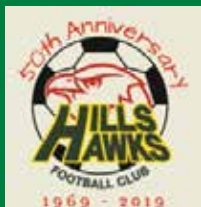
Local soccer leagues become a hub for social interaction, fostering friendships and



creating a shared identity among participants. By embracing the sport at the local level, communities not only invest in the well-being of their residents but also create lasting bonds that strengthen the social fabric. The Hills Hawks are keen to welcome new

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IT'S HAPPENING SOON! GALSTON AQUATIC CENTRE REOPENING...



**Have you been missing something in your life?
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We are so looking forward to the reopening of the GAC. Soooo...

- Happy not to drive so far to Hornsby or Waves for a swim?
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- Work on a lifestyle change for the better?
- Wondering if you can ever complete 100metres butterfly without stopping?
- Do you dream of the perfect tumbleturn?
- Want to keep fit but find pounding the pavement is too hot in summer?



If the answer is a yes to any or all of these questions, then membership of Hills AUSSI Masters is for you. If you are 18 and over, of any swimming ability, and prepared to take the plunge, now is the time to join us.

Research indicates that swimming is a great way to build muscle tone, which means you'll be looking good and feeling confident all through summer. Not only that, but swimming is also proven to help reduce stress. So if you're working, studying or both, then having time in the pool is the perfect way to wash away the woes of your day. Our coaches are on hand to help you achieve your goals and progress towards whatever targets you set for yourself.

Don't miss your chance to be better.

If you're looking to swim for recreation, for competition, or to learn some new techniques then Hills Masters Swimming is ready and waiting to welcome you to the club.

We are returning to our swim sessions on Tuesday nights at 7pm at Galston Aquatic Centre with an accredited coach for 3 of every 4 weeks. We have an enjoyable endurance event once per month and club races where your PB's are created and sometimes smashed. We enjoy the occasional social event. Members are encouraged to attend other club's meets throughout the year.

Galston Aquatic Centre looks awesome with the renovations and the new roof and has our heated learn to swim pool, so we have space for our lap swimming. Look out for our vouchers for **FOUR FREE SWIMS** with us on Tuesdays at GAC.

It's easy to join... contact Tony on 0418 207 476 or Di on 0418 432 587 to find out how.

DURAL BOWLING CLUB NEWS

MITCHELL PLATE COMPETITION



Left to right Rosemary Taylor, Kay Turrell, Marion O'Connell, Ann Wilson, Elizabeth Goode, Lyn Luxford, Margaret Yeend, Robyn Scoble, Lan Lim – President Mitchell Zone Absent Cheryle Hobart

Dural was presented with the Mitchell Plate for the Ladies competition on Tuesday 17th October 2023 by the President Lan Lim, Match Chair Lyn Skeers and Secretary Elizabeth Whelan from the Mitchell Zone. Dural secured the championship on September 13th with some close wins. 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.

JACK ATTACK AT DURAL

Dural Bowling Club four-week Jack Attack Competition took place between October 13th and November 3rd with prizes donated by the new parent club Parramatta Leagues. Jack Attack is a lawn bowls game similar to Barefoot Bowls, but played over a number of weeks as a competition. Players are mostly inexperienced bowlers, participating for fun, friendship and lovely prizes! The teams of three give themselves imaginative names.

OPEN GENDER PAIRS

Competition is currently taking place with the finals scheduled for November 25th.

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

WELCOME TO SPORTS NEWS AT THE CENTRE (1 PELLITT LANE, DURAL)

Welcome to our first edition of our Sports News at THE CENTRE in the heart of Dural. In the past our focus has been mainly on social Futsal and Netball competitions. We run multiple competitions for varying skill levels.



Part of this is our Holiday Clinics for the young ones to grow their skills and love of sport. We have Boot Camps for mums to socialise while they reignite their love of fitness after babies, and Action Kidz, for our little ones to get a taste of a variety of sports they may enjoy when they get older.

When we start up again after the Christmas holidays, in Term 1, both our current junior and senior competitions, Futsal and Netball, will be midway through their summer competition. As a point of difference this year we are opening the competition up midway for those that have finished their outdoor soccer to give them an opportunity to keep playing. Let us know if your team would like to join the competitions.

Another popular edition is our lazy Sunday afternoon Futsal competitions for those that would like a kick around and just can't get enough of their soccer. There will be an open Men's competition and Mixed Team competition to round out your weekend. Let us know if you are interested in entering a team. Everything else will be starting fresh in the new year with early morning Boot Camps, Over 55's movement classes our Future Starz programs. We also have some new exciting, never seen before, programs and competitions like our J league Netball competition, for High School aged boys.

It is certainly going to be a busy start to the year. Look out for us next month for our next update. In the meantime if you would like to know more head over to our website for more information, <https://thecentredural.org.au/> or phone 8989 0000.



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YEAR 10 NATIONAL STEM CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS SHINE BRIGHT

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM program presented by the University of Newcastle every year providing Year 9 and 10 students with unique science and engineering experiences beyond the classroom setting.

The National Championship assembles the best of the best, with the top eight schools from across Australia, each sending 32 students (256 in total). These eight teams have earned their place in this prestigious one-day National Final.

This year, the Pacific Hills Christian School Year 10 students were crowned the 2023 Science and Engineering Challenge champions. A team of 31 Year 10 Pacific Hills students participated. They were divided into eight teams. It was game on as our students competed in the eight exhilarating challenges, going head-to-head against the other seven schools. Some of their challenges included building a bridge that could withstand eight kilograms of weight, constructing an eco-friendly house to collect maximum water supply and capable of withstanding an earthquake and typhoon, providing electricity to a city, communications through coding and other challenges. Across the day, students undertook eight STEM challenges.

Adapting to the unexpected, each of the eight Pacific Hills Christian School teams were formed randomly requiring our students to work as entirely new teams whilst undertaking the challenges that were also randomly assigned. This tested their capacity to adapt to



unpredictable circumstances, persevere and work as unified teams to cross the line as number one. "The teamwork of our students was excellent, and their innovative ideas to solve problems was inspirational. They showed resilience, perseverance and they fought hard in every challenge", said Dr Quee, Science Research Coordinator at Pacific Hills. "Students were determined to positively spur each other on to claim first place."

We celebrate the bright minds and God-given talent of our Year 10 STEM team. This accomplishment was remarkable and demonstrates their dedication, resilience, and commitment to excellence.

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GALSTON HIGH STUDENTS SHINE IN PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC PROGRAMS



Two talented Year 10 students from Galston High School, Hayley Mathie and Jasmine Barrett, have recently achieved significant milestones in their musical journey, demonstrating the talent fostered within public education.

Hayley Mathie has been selected as the Principal Vocalist in the renowned Pulse Alive 2024 program. This event, a highlight in the performing arts calendar, will be held at Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney Olympic Park on **14th and 15th March 2024**. Pulse Alive is a prestigious platform that provides unique opportunities for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 across NSW public schools to showcase their talents. It's a testament to Hayley's abilities that she has been chosen for such a significant role in this large-scale event, which celebrates the performing arts talents of students from Greater Sydney and beyond.

Meanwhile, Jasmine Barrett's musical journey took her to the Schools Spectacular, where she performed as a Featured Artist - Backing Vocalist. The Schools Spectacular is known for spotlighting some of the best vocal talents from NSW Public Schools, offering an exceptional stage for young artists to develop and exhibit their artistic capabilities. Jasmine, through her dedication and hard work,



HAYLEY MATHIE



JASMINE BARRETT

which included extensive rehearsals during her holidays and weekends, has lived up to the high standards set by this program. Her role as a backing vocalist was the result of a competitive selection process that involved online video auditions and live auditions in Sydney, showcasing her adaptability and commitment to her craft.

The achievements of Hayley and Jasmine highlight the rich pool of talent nurtured within public education. Their success is not just a personal milestone but an inspiration for other young musicians.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AND BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



Friday 3rd November saw our students dressing up as their favourite book characters, with our grandparents having the opportunity to share a meal with their grandchildren (as well as some adopted ones!), look at learning spaces as well as enjoy all the fantastic performance groups our school has to offer.

This day was a colourful event where our students got to share their love of reading with some of their favourite extended family members.

The role and relationship of grandparent is a special one, and the saying "it takes a village to raise a child" was on full display as our grandparents had the opportunity to share the fun and witness the achievements of their grandchildren!



DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



On Tuesday 31st October Students and teachers at Dural Public School held their inaugural Grandparents Day! Excitement bubbled and the rain stayed away as grandparents were treated to an endearing welcome song by kindergarten and a wonderfully theatrical performance by the choir with a medley of songs from the musical Annie.

Following on from the performance students eagerly welcomed grandparents into their classrooms and the art room to show them all their hard work and wonderful learning spaces.

Many then ventured up to the library, where each student had both physical and digital work viewable, and to the book fair where many grandparents lovingly purchased their grandchild/ren a book to take home!



The day was concluded with a delicious morning tea and treats available at the canteen, which grandparents were able to enjoy in the company of their grandchildren in the expansive school grounds.

It was a wonderful day, with proceeds from the book fair raising almost \$1000 for the school library!



RURAL ROUNDUP

HORNSBY COUNCILLOR WARREN WADDELL

It was once again a privilege to represent Hornsby Shire Council at Remembrance Day services at both Galston and Glenorie.

It was a pleasure to attend the morning service at the recently restored Galston cenotaph. The service was performed by Bill Rosier of the Hills RSL sub-branch and supported by volunteers from Galston RFS and John Graham on pipes.

The afternoon ceremony was held in the grounds of Glenorie RSL Club and featured the traditional "Ceremony of Beating the Retreat". A military ceremony dating back to 17th century England. Thank you to Graham Bruce and the Glenorie RSL sub-branch for organising this event and showcasing the talents of the Baulkham Hills High School Cadets and the Hills District Pipe Band.



BY WAY OF UPDATES...

- The long awaited off leash dog park planned for within Fagan Park is due to start. The first step is the exhibition of the proposal for comment. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to click on the, "Have Your Say", window found on the HSC Website to view the proposal.
- The Galston Aquatic centre has reached completion and will be handed back to Council on or around the **24th November**. However, it will not become accessible to the public until the certifier provides the occupation certificate ensuring full safety and operational compliance. This could take a further couple of weeks. Call 9847 6340 for confirmation and further updates.
- The take up of State funding tied to rectifying flood affected roads continues. Most recently the completion of work in Loughtondale Gully Rd. and Mansfield Rd Galston.
- The latest draft plan for Galston Village public domain upgrade will be presented by staff at the next AGRA meeting. This is scheduled for 7pm **Thursday 30th November** at The Galston Club. It's important that business owners and village users alike prepare to make comments on this project.
- I would also like to extend congratulations to the organisers of this year's Arcadian Artists Trail. This event just goes from strength to strength as so many of our local artists demonstrate such diversity in their work. Special thanks to those that open their homes for the event and accommodate the thousands of visitors.

I look forward to many more community events as we approach the holidays.

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FROM THE DESK OF MATT KEAN

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

I have been overwhelmed with positive feedback I have received on the proposal to have a safe pedestrian/cycle access along Old Northern Road between Glenorie and Dural.

This is clearly a piece of infrastructure that, once delivered, residents will use and enjoy. My office will continue to pursue getting this on the Active Transport Strategy agenda with the support of both Hornsby and Hills Shire Councils.

I was very pleased to host the Primary School leaders in parliament house last month. I have to say this annual event is one of the

highlights in my agenda and over the years I have watched with interest as previous year's attendees have progressed on to great things.

Student leader representatives from schools right across the Hornsby electorate attended including Arcadia, Galston, Middle Dural and Cherrybrook.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period.

I'd also like to thank the community for their support as we continue to ensure Hornsby is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

MATT KEAN HOSTS SCHOOL LEADERS IN PARLIAMENT

Friday 27th October was a very special day for local primary school leaders as they had the opportunity to visit NSW Parliament as part of an annual event hosted by Hornsby MP, Matt Kean.

After a guided tour Matt hosted the young leaders in the Legislative Chamber where they were joined by several special guests including former NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, Giants netball captain Jo Harten, former dual professional athletic with WNBL and AFLW, Erin Lorenzini, and rugby union international Billy Pollard.

It was a special experience for Brumbies player Billy Pollard who, ten years prior, was himself one of Matt Kean's guests as a Hornsby Heights Public School leader. The students listened intently to Billy as he talked about his personal journey coming through the Asquith Magpies and the Hornsby Rugby Union clubs, which ultimately led to him making his debut at hooker for the Wallabies in August 2022.

Matt Kean was impressed with all the student leaders who asked some very insightful questions about leadership and how the NSW parliament operates. Matt said, "I hope all the student leaders had an enjoyable visit and I wish them all the best as they start their high school journey next year."



REFLECTING ON THE PAST YEAR AND THE YEAR TO COME

JULIAN LEESER - FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Every year has its challenges, and 2023 has been no exception.

Families, households and businesses across Berowra have all experienced financial pressure.

Thirteen successive interest rate increases, and wages not keeping up with prices have put most households under pressure.

Young and old are experiencing the financial vice – with interest rates and rents going up and up.

As your federal MP, I want to assure you that the number one, two and three issue that I'm focused on is the economy. Productivity, workplace relations and keeping government spending under control really matters.

My view is that it is better that government tightens its belt than households having to tighten its belts.

During such times when we are all under stress, our sense of community and attachment to community matters more than ever. Getting involved with community groups, like mums' groups,

Men's Sheds, bushwalking groups and many of the service organisations can all help alleviate the sense of isolation that can strike in such times.

These groups are important not only for the service they provide our community but the bonds they create across Berowra. It's why I've been proud to work with over 65 local groups this year in securing federal funding to help them in their work.

We live in a bushfire prone area, and with summer approaching I want to encourage to freshen up their fire plans for the summer. If you haven't ever done one, you can find out more at myfireplan.com.au

Please read up on this, it could save your life.

As Christmas nears, I want to thank all our emergency services personnel and volunteers for everything they have done over the year and will do over the summer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone across Berowra. I look forward to continuing to serve you in 2024.

EV CHARGING TOWARDS ZERO EMISSIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Reducing carbon emissions is a difficult challenge in the Hornsby Shire, particularly in outer urban and rural areas where residents are dependent on private vehicles for daily commutes, due to limited public transport options. Dependence on fuel engine vehicles means increased carbon emissions thereby hindering targets for environmental sustainability.

Since implementation of the Hornsby Shire Council *Climate Wise Hornsby Plan 2020*, which identifies transport as the second largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the Shire, the Council has undertaken strong initiatives to reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions and meet its adopted 2050 Net Zero target.

We have actively prioritised collaborative opportunities to integrate renewable energy sources, such as electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, into road transport networks and community spaces. EV uptake in the Shire has been strong, with well over 1,000 EV vehicles now owned by our Hornsby residents. This quick uptake is also reflected nationally. The annual *State of Electric Vehicles* report (Electric Vehicle Council, June, 2023) notes the surge of EV sales in Australia has resulted in more EV's being sold in the first half of 2023 than in all of 2022. The report also states EV's have made up 8.4% of all new car sales for 2023 and public charging locations have increased by around 57%.

Availability of public high-power EV charging and private EV charging at home is a strong concern for us at Hornsby Council. Recent media images show desperate EV owners outside the Shire taking unusual steps to charge their cars on a public street. Methods used include stretching extension cords across public streets,

footpaths, over fences and dangling cords from trees down to the car's charging port. Such behaviour is risky, dangerous and a fire hazard.

At Hornsby Council, we have taken action to enhance accessibility of EV chargers within the Shire. In 2022, we adopted an *Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Public Land Policy* to provide criteria to install, manage, maintain and remove EV charging infrastructure on public land for Shire residents who do not have EV charging off-street parking options. This policy should alleviate concerns regarding access to EV charging infrastructure and support reduction in carbon emissions.

Our Council worked with Ausgrid and JOLT Charge to install the 25th JOLT EV charger station in June, 2023, at Council's Beecroft carpark off Wongala Crescent. All of JOLT's chargers are powered by 100% Greenpower certified wind and solar energy. JOLT was founded in 2018 by Doug McNamee, who grew up in the Hornsby area. JOLT's business model provides DC fast electric vehicle public charging infrastructure, which is installed and operated at zero cost to landholders, with all costs covered by JOLT. JOLT provides free daily charging of



up to 7kWh (40-50km of range) to consumers. 88.9% of residents and tenants within a 50-metre radius of the Beecroft site supported the JOLT proposal prior to its installation. The Beecroft JOLT EV Charger has provided over 750 hours of charging which has delivered over 90,000km worth of range to drivers (as at October 2023). The JOLT EV charger at Beecroft also attracts visitors from outside the region. (In the attached photograph: The red Tesla EV car is being charged at the Beecroft JOLT charger. The Tesla had travelled from Wagga Wagga and its owners were charging their vehicle, then driving back to Wagga (534 kms) via the Sydney CBD). There are presently five other EV charging stations available in retail locations across the Hornsby Shire. To view a map of available EV chargers in Hornsby Shire, visit <https://electricvehiclecouncil.com.au/about-ev-charger-map>

Council staff are now examining submissions made by residents following our resolution and public exhibition in October 2023, of draft amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan. These amendments are designed to identify and require minimum EV charging connection points for new residential and commercial developments and to reinforce and promote future EV uptake in these developments. This will avoid the need for expensive retrofitting in the future. Established residential and commercial development will be unaffected.

If you have any concerns or issues where I may assist, please do not hesitate to contact me at vgreenwood@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

**- Cllr Dr Verity Greenwood
Councillor, Hornsby Shire Council**

STILL CREEK LANDCARE INSECT POLLINATORS IN THE GARDEN



BY JUTTA HAMILTON

Insect pollination is the most efficient and reliable mechanism for plants to set seed and reproduce. Sadly, pollinator populations, particularly bee populations are decreasing as we are clearing land for urban development, remove vegetation and use pesticides.

The Australian Pollinator Count is a citizen science project that is conducted once a year, in spring, and aims to measure the abundance and diversity of insect pollinators. It categorises insects into broad groupings of various native bees and European honey bees, native and exotic flies, beetles, butterflies, moths and skippers, native and European wasps and other insects.

The Australian Pollinator Count supports participating citizen scientists through a

range of online information. I also used the opportunity to attend a short workshop hosted by Hornsby Shire Council.

After that, simply count the insect pollinators that are visiting your flowers in any 10 minutes and submit the count sheet.

The real fun started after that, when I relaxed with a cup of tea in the garden. I became so acutely aware of the large number of pollinators in my garden. Various native bees and flies were feeding on native plants, herbs gone to flower and my salvias. Various butterfly species were showing off and looking for mates, and some of the untidy areas of the garden with bamboo sticks and dead wood had turned already into pollinator nurseries.

By conserving existing pollinator habitat, having large patches of a variety of different flower species available during the year and not using pesticides, we can help our pollinators to maintain required numbers.

After all, we need pollinators to help us to grow our food and flowers and to maintain our natural environment.

If you would like help or further information, contact Nick on 9653 2056, via email StillCreekLandcare@iinet.net.au or visit Still Creek Landcare at <http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au> or on Facebook.



Native bee pollinator by Anne-Marie Seve

BROMELIADS MAKE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held on Saturday, 9th of December in the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill.

Christmas sales will be available to the public from 10am. The meeting will commence at 12noon followed by the BSA Christmas celebrations for members and their guests.

The January meeting will be held on Saturday, 13th in the usual location with special guest speaker Doris Kiernan from the Central Coast Bromeliad Society.

Doris will discuss how she created a successful bromeliad garden on a restricted bush block. Doris and husband Greg will also bring along some of their bromeliads to sell.

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



GALSTON DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

The Galston Garden Club would like to thank the Community and wider public for the support to raise money for Charity at the recent October Open Garden Weekend.

The weather could not have been more perfect. I would like to congratulate the garden owners for their presentation of their gardens, the gatekeepers for their attendance at each gate and others working behind the scene.



In the New Year, we will be looking for new gardens to open for this event in 2024. If you know of a garden or would like to open your own garden the Club would love to hear from you.

On the 8th November, we had our last meeting until 2nd Wednesday in February. We welcome new members and visitors. Come and enjoy the club's guest speakers, garden rambles and the company of people with an interest in gardening.

At our recent meeting, we had an interesting talk about Bromeliads. Alan brought along some of his collection and the members were able to purchase some of his interesting plants. In fact, he had nothing to take home.

For a feature plant in a shady or sheltered area in the garden or even for indoors, you cannot look past the Bromeliad. All arising from the same family (Bromeliaceae) there are a wide range of bromeliads to choose from. They provide great foliage colour and form to the garden, can grow in trees and even produce fruit! Easy to grow and propagate they are a must have for the avid or beginner gardener... They like full sun, regular watering, well drained/sandy soil, and are suitable for all climatic zones.

Choose a spot in the garden that receives filtered sun and has well-drained soil. In poorly drained areas, create an elevated mound for free-draining soil or chunky orchid mix. Dig a hole in the prepared mounds the same size as the root ball. Holding the main body of the plant with one hand, gently backfill the hole, pushing the soil under and around the roots so that the plant is sitting high on the mound. If the plant is unstable, you can use some supports such as stones or pots to hold it upright while its roots settle in.

Water in well. Ensure that you also place some water into the central part of the plant, as this is where they draw in further moisture as well. Feed each spring and autumn with Dynamic lifter soil improver and plant fertiliser by applying around the root zone and water in well.

Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston the Community Hall at 7.00pm. Our next meeting will be in February 2024. For information regarding our Club please visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com.au or email: galstongardenclub@gmail.com

Hidden In The Hills

WATERCOURSES AND WATERFALLS

By Lachlan Turner

Due to the somewhat rugged terrain in some of our local bushland reserves it can be expected that numerous creeks course through the narrow floors of steep gullies. In many places water tumbles over rock ledges as it makes its way downstream.

At times its progress is slowed where pools and ponds have formed due to a rock shelf holding back the flow. This in turn can create picturesque scenes, many of which are accessible from walking tracks which generally follow these watercourses.

It is where the water flows slower that bushwalkers are more likely to encounter water birds and water dragons. Where there is suitable vegetation in which these creatures can hide the bushwalker may need



to wait quietly for a time to make these creatures think that it is safe to come out of hiding.

In times of heavy rainfall however it is advisable to NOT be in the vicinity of these creeks as waters may rise quickly. This is due mainly to the more rapid run-off from built up areas accessing natural watercourses more quickly. At times a "wall" of water may flow with considerable force along the creek lines, joining forces with other tributary watercourses, forming a dangerous current that can sweep away anything in its path that is not firmly attached to the ground.

Mostly though, watercourses and waterfalls in our bushland reserves present a much more peaceful, enjoyable and pleasant environment to stop and spend some time. It is along these creeks that can be found a wide variety of flowering plants, delicate ferns and colourful fungi, that thrive on the moist conditions provided by the flowing water. There is also an increased presence of birds where water is accessible to them, along with more insects for them upon which to feed.



NEWS FROM ST BENEDICT'S

OUR NEW ROOF

The new roof is finished, the external brick walls of St Benedict's have been professionally cleaned and we are all spruced up for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you to all involved for your generosity and patience.

ST BENEDICT'S IN 2024

There'll be lots going on in the parish next year. Most importantly, we are planning to revive the very popular parish fete in April. This local event, like so many others, was a casualty of the pandemic so it will be wonderful for the community to see it happening again.

Our quilting group that has been meeting regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the parish centre will resume in 2024. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We have a wonderful new addition to our Christmas season celebrations at St Benedict's. Parishioner and local cabinet maker Dane Maurer has made this beautiful Advent wreath (pictured) out of local silky oak (*Grevillea robusta*) timber. Dane says the timber will darken slightly as it ages and will end up matching the colour of the pews in the church. Thanks Dane. We know your precious gift will be treasured for many years.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

In the parish church:

★ *Christmas Eve* ★

Sunday 24th December at 7pm and 11:30pm (Midnight Mass)

★ *Christmas Day* ★

Monday 25th December at 9am and 10:30am (Latin Mass)

★ *New Years Day* ★

Monday 1st January at 9:30am

In the monastery:

★ *Christmas Day* ★

Monday 25th December at 7am

★ *New Years Day* ★

Monday 1st January 7am

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.





Merry Christmas
from Galston Uniting Church



GALSTON UNITING CHURCH

A CHRISTMAS STORY FROM ROSS*

**Rev Ross Mackay has been our supply minister since April. We have come to know and love him for his wisdom, faith and love. He also tells jokes. Here is his story from the short-story writer, O Henry:*

THE GIVING OF GIFTS

We know gift giving at Christmas began when wise men from the east presented the baby Jesus with symbolic gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Following that tradition we are encouraged to be thoughtful in what we give to loved ones and friends. It is not the cost but the thought that matters, we are told.

A young, married couple – 24 year old Jim and his young wife, Della, are very much in love but dirt poor.

It is Christmas eve and Della counts her savings: just \$1.87 to buy her beloved a gift for Christmas. She is desperate to buy him something that will give him pleasure and will show how much she loves him. As she stands in front of the mirror she sees the only asset she has: her beautiful, shining golden hair. When she lets it out it is like a gown that cascades down her body.

Quickly, she goes to the shop of "Mme Sofronie. Hair Goods of All Kinds". She quickly accepts the offer of \$20 for her hair and with that she races to a store to find her Jim's perfect gift. It is a fob for his pocket watch, inherited from his grandfather. It is Jim's one precious possession but it is attached by an old, worn leather strap. How good it

would look with a proper fob! It cost her \$21 and she hurried home with her remaining money in her purse – just 87 cents.

She waited excitedly for Jim to come home, to show him his gift and how much she loved him.

When he entered their bed-sit, the look on his face shook her. He was gob-smacked. Quickly he assured her of his love and she gave him his gift. When he opened it, he was dumb-struck. He told her he had just sold his watch so he could purchase his gift to her. She opened it. Inside was a set of combs she had long admired but could never afford in colours that set off her hair.

Each had given all for the other.

God so loved the world he gave us his only Son.

Happy Christmas everyone!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve - 10am

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day – 8am

Church services continue 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

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas celebrations, tinsel, gifts and activity can be overwhelming in our Western World to the point where most folks have limited time or the inclination to consider the true and serious meaning of the event. The birth of Jesus should fill all with great and lasting joy irrespective of our status in life.

Rich or poor, young or old, weak or strong, we all need Him and the salvation He came to bring us.

Here in this reading was one most excited by the arrival of the promised Messiah Luke 2. v36-38, says - 'There was also a prophetess Anna, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty- four,' She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them that very moment she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.'

If there was anyone who could have had an excuse for Atheism it was her, (Anna), having lost her expected joy and fulfilment so early in life! Her long life of devotion, worship, and prayer, waiting for the

promised Messiah, meant that she was sensitive to the revelation that this baby was the one she had been praying for, the Christ! Her response was spontaneous!

The coming of Jesus is such good news for children, it means that there is a way now for their redemption from sin and that Jesus will be with them forever.

It is also a marvellous event for adults, and the elderly! We should all be praising our Saviour as now there is no need to be afraid of death, because Jesus paid the price for our sin and removed or destroyed the power of the grave. (John 3;16)

Let us all, children, adults and the old give thanks to our Saviour as we remember the amazing birth of the Saviour!

Let us rethink then where we may place the trivia and tinsel of Christmas so that it may be in it's place in the light of God's Amazing gift to us!

- A Christmas Message from Glenorie Mission Church

Christmas Day Service at 9am

Sunday Service at 10am

JESUS SAID - "I AM"

As I sit down to write this final magazine article for 2023, I'm shaking my head because the months have flown by so quickly with so much happening in each of our lives.

We pray that each of you has a safe, healthy Christmas season as we remember "Christ" in "Christ- mas". You are very welcome to join us for our service on Christmas Day, from 9-10am.

During this year we have been on a journey to discover more about who Jesus Christ IS - and it hasn't been a mystery because Jesus Himself has described aspects of His character in the Bible book of John.

From His statements we who believe in Him can live our lives in peace and confident hope for the future, knowing "He will never leave us or forsake us." (Hebrews 13:5)

JESUS DECLARED:

- ** I AM the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.
- ** I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- ** I AM the Door. If you enter by Me, you will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.
- ** I AM the Good Shepherd... I give My life for you. The thief only comes to kill, rob and destroy. I have come that you may have life and live it more abundantly.
- ** I AM the Bread of Life.
- ** I AM the Resurrection and the Life. If you believe in Me, though you may die, you will live (eternally).



- ** I AM the Light of the world. If you follow Me, you shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.

THEN JESUS DECLARES ONE MORE STATEMENT:

- ** I AM the Vine and you are the branches.

Therefore, each of us can learn, live and thrive through our connection with Jesus - through our personal relationship with Him. God bless.

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

WELCOME TO CHURCH NEWS AT THE CENTRE (1 PELLITT LANE, DURAL)

It is going to be a busy time at The Centre over Christmas as we are organizing a Christmas extravaganza, and the entire community is warmly invited to join the celebrations. There will be plenty to do for all ages to enjoy.



On the **9th December** you can unleash your creativity with our annual wreath-making morning, bookings essential. You can warm up your vocal cords as we sing everyone's favourite Christmas Carols on **10th December** followed by a free sausage sizzle after the service. Or if you are available on a weekday on the **12th December** you can immerse yourself in the magical atmosphere of European Christmas markets, bookings essential.

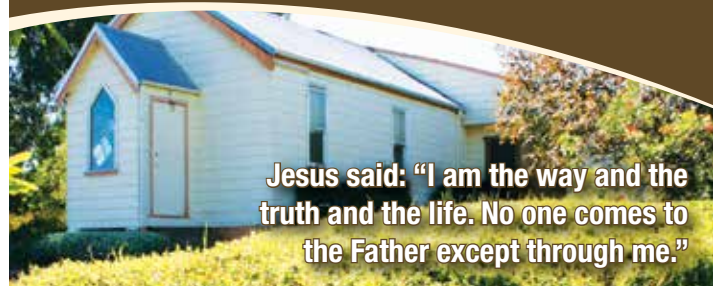
Or if you would like some assistance in releasing some of that holiday energy with your kids you can book in for our special Christmas-themed Inflatable World sessions, featuring special guests

from the North Pole. Finally, join us on Christmas morning to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The Centre is a unique church where we encourage the community to have fun inside our church. Instead of meeting in a traditional church building, our services are held on our playing courts. Our regular worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 10am; everyone is welcome to join. If you are interested in learning more about the hope Jesus offers, come along at Christmas to learn about the true meaning of Christmas.

For more information, our website <https://thecentredural.org.au/> or phone 8989 0000.

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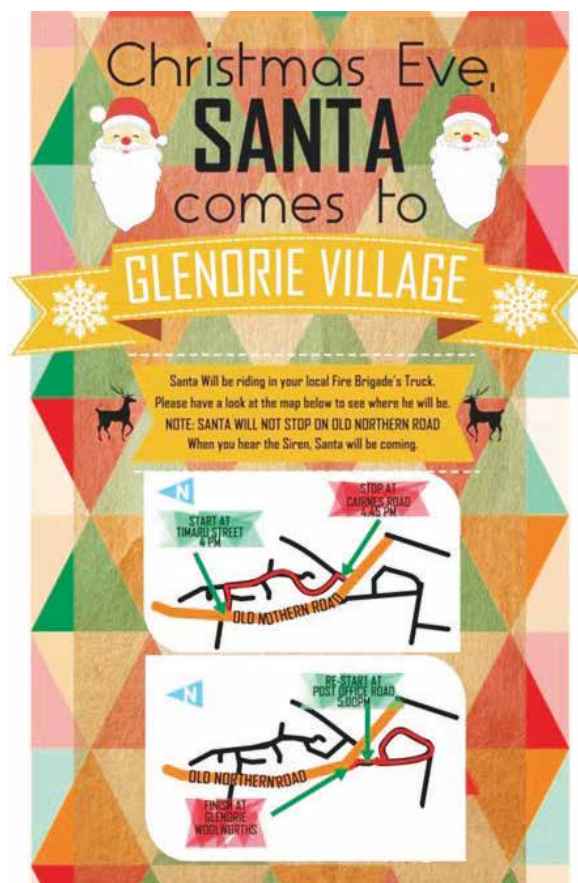
Our members at Glenorie RFB have been raising their hands to volunteer for out-of-area commitments to participate in various firefighting activities. Recent commitments have seen our members travel to areas such as Scone, Glenn Innes, and Casino in New South Wales, and even as far as the Northern Territory. These opportunities not only allow us to support our fellow firefighters but also provide invaluable

experiences for our members. We're looking forward to more adventures, more challenges, and more chances to lend a hand wherever we're needed. Bring it on!



THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Glenorie RSL and Richard from Glenorie Woolworths for their generous donations to our brigade. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated. Thank you!



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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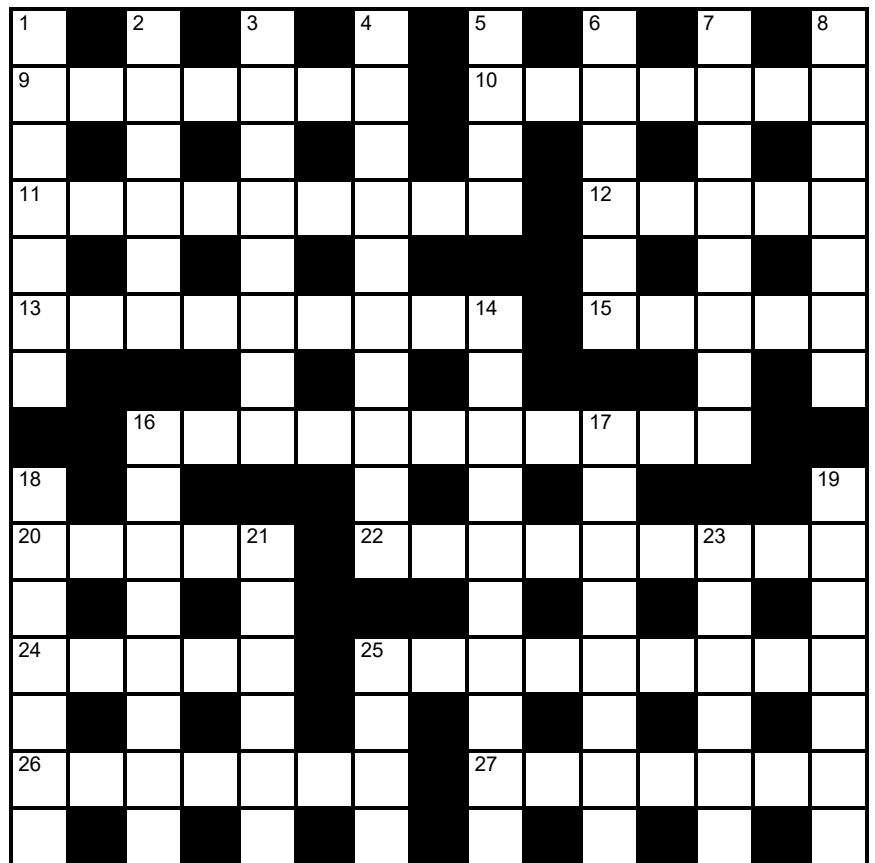
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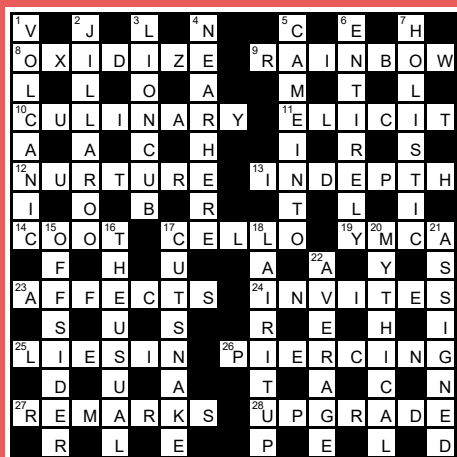
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Avicultural Society of NSW Inc.

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 ☎ Paul Henry 9872 064 or 0408 617 686

ALANON Family Group

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 ☎ Galston Community Health Centre
 ☎ 9264 9255

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 ☎ 9847 6504

Arcadia Galston Residents' Association

Membership is open to all adult residents/ ratepayers of postcode 2159.
 ☎ www.AGRA2159.com.au

Arcadian Quilters

Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9.30am.
 ☎ Galston Community Health and Resource Centre
 ☎ Carole on 9894 7749

Association of Independent Retirees Ltd

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10am.
 ☎ Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills
 ☎ John Guthrie on 9634 6727

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Holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm.
 The Cottage is also open to the public from 10am to 4pm on Wed and Sundays.
 ☎ History Cottage, 412 Galston Rd Galston
 ☎ Michael Bell 9653 1365

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. 7:00pm for 7:15pm start.

☎ Blue Gum Centre Glenhaven Green 607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven
 ☎ Graham 8677 7896 or 0402 421 060

Dural and Hills District Garden Club

Meetings at 8pm on 1st Wednesday of each month.
 ☎ Mid Dural Fire Station, 57 Mid Dural Road
 ☎ Di Glasgow 0409 909 161
 ☎ duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

Joey's (aged 6-7 years), Cubs (aged 8-10 years) and Scouts (aged 11-15 years) meet weekly at the Scout Hall in Galston Road, Galston. Learn new skills, challenge yourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun!
 ☎ Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed

Meets Thursday and Saturday 9am. Woodwork & Metalwork/Welding facilities.
 ☎ Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd
 ☎ Chris Thomas 0402 478 498
 ☎ www.duralmensshed.org

Friends of Fagan Park

Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.
 ☎ Ian Browning 0419 935 475
 ☎ isandian@tpg.com.au

Ferry Artists Gallery

For info on workshops & membership see
 ☎ www.ferryartists.org
 ☎ Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry 2775
 ☎ 02 4566 4385

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc

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

☎ Galston Primary School Library, School Road, Galston
 ☎ 0403 076 175

Galston Branch CWA

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

☎ Galston Community Health Centre
 ☎ Patricia 0412 948 787 or Jann 0439 222 217

Galston Community Hall

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☎ Galston Community Health Centre.

This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade).
 ☎ 9485 7599

Galston Garden Club

New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of every month.
 ☎ Galston Community Centre
 ☎ Lorraine Muscio 0448 478 161

Galston View Club

The Galston VIEW Club who raises money for The Smith Family "Learning for Life program" hold their lunch meeting, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. 11.00am.
 ☎ Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston
 ☎ President Lesley 0413 996 783

Girl Guides

Is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn and develop life skills, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, make their own challenges, express their creativity and much more.

Junior Guides (age 6-9) meet Thursdays 4.30-6pm at Galston Guide Hall and Guides (age 10-14) meet Thursdays 6-8pm at Annangrove Guide Hall.
 ☎ GalstonDM@girlguides-nswactnwt.org.au

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum

Meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Let us know of your local environment and heritage concerns.

☎ Glenorie Community Hall
 ☎ Carolyn Hall carolyn@dhphc.com.au

Glenorie Memorial Hall

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 ☎ Pat Schwartz 0419 321 276

Glenorie Progress Association

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm.
 ☎ Glenorie RSL Club
 ☎ secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au
 ☎ 0418 432 587

Glenorie Probuc Club

This Club meets every 4th Wednesday at 11.00am. New members are welcome.
 ☎ Glenorie RSL Club
 ☎ Wendy 9653 1022
 ☎ wendyireblack@yahoo.com.au

Glenorie RSL Club

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

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 ☎ Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill
 ☎ 9624 5034

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt

2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm.
 ☎ Castle Hill Showground
 ☎ www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Hills District Pipe Band

Bagpipe band based in Castle Hill. Join to learn the bagpipes, snare drum or tenor drum, or enquire for gigs.
 ☎ Pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com
 ☎ www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club

Is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 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

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☎ www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au
 ☎ StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au
 ☎ Nick 9653 2056

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW)

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

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 ☎ Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills
 ☎ Ted 0429 790 091
 ☎ www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

CHURCHES

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 ☎ Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

Galston Uniting Church

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 ☎ 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

1st Sunday of the month 9.30 am. All welcome.
 ☎ 9651 1119

St Benedict's Catholic Parish

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 ☎ 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

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 ☎ 9651 1119

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 ☎ Jenny 9477 1855

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 ☎ 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

☎ efr86029@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

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!

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

• PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

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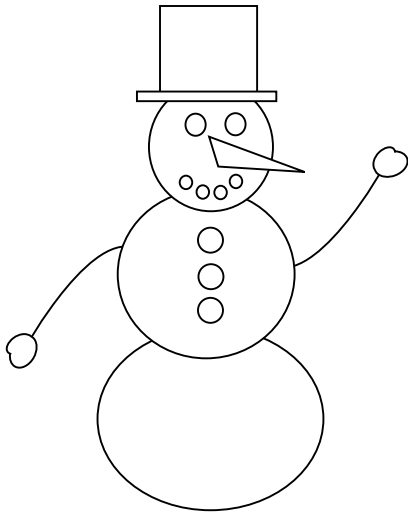
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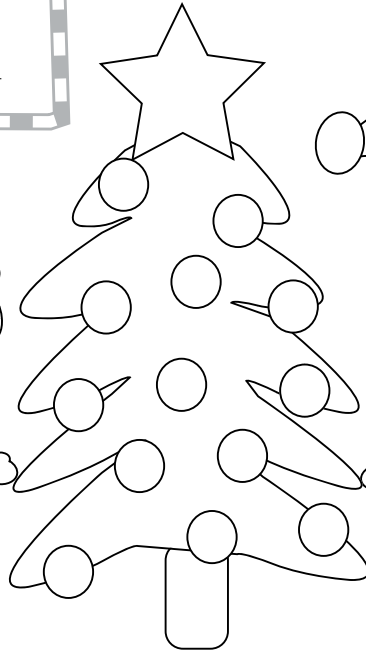
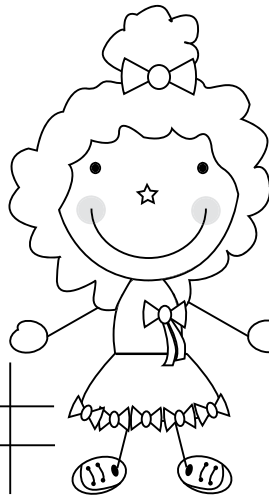
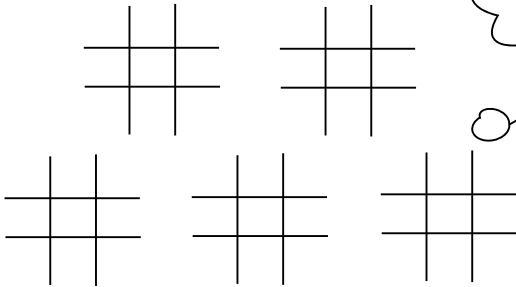
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