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A Love Story for the Ages Platinum Anniversary for Rowland Village Couple

Within the space of one week in September 2023, local couple Ray and Evelyn Cunningham celebrated two exceptional milestones – Ray's 100th Birthday and the couple's 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Evelyn and Ray met in Evelyn's father's house in 1944 when Ray was home for further training based at Wagga after serving on the Kokoda track. Ray was with the 14th Field Co. Engineers of the Australian Army's 9th Division, while Evelyn was on holiday from university. The pair didn't marry until 9 years later, in September 1953.

'I was just so slow in asking her to marry me!' Ray says.

After they married, Ray and Evelyn served with the Borneo Evangelical Mission in the East Malaysian State of Sarawak amongst 4 different tribal groups, each in their own language and culture. In those early years, all travel was by river.

During their time in Borneo, Ray worked as an ordained Baptist minister, visiting the longhouses, teaching a new way of life and translating the Scriptures. Evelyn, who had some training in Linguistics, was able to work out a scientifically accurate orthography for two of the unwritten languages.

With reading primers, the local children could then learn to read in 6 weeks.

Their two children, Gwen and Kathy, were born in Borneo. The birth of their first child was a particularly terrifying and ultimately memorable experience.

Evelyn recalls 'While I was waiting at our Mission base for the birth of our first child, Ray was visiting longhouses in the interior. He caught typhoid fever and nearly died.'

'He had to be airlifted to the Shell Co. Hospital in Brunei, the only hospital in our area. I was then also taken to this hospital for the birth of our child and, thankfully, all the family ultimately emerged from the ordeal healthy and well.'

Ray and Evelyn have lived in the local area since their return in 1991 and in Rowland Village in Galston for the last two decades.

When asked about the secret to their long marriage and lives (Evelyn is only a few years younger than Ray), both Evelyn and Ray credited their deep faith in God.

'For us, marriage isn't according to whim. We believe in the covenant "til death do us part."' Ray says.

Evelyn adds 'Above all, we stick together, and we support each other.'

70 years on from their wedding, Ray and Evelyn remain very much in love.

Julian Leaser MP, the Federal Member for Berowra, recently visited Ray and Evelyn to congratulate them on these outstanding milestones.

'Their commitment to their marriage, faith, and family is an inspiration to us all.'



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From the Editor's Desk

KARLENE BRUMMER


Welcome to your first edition of the Community News for 2024! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and a great start to 2024. As it seems a little late to say Happy New Year, I thought it seemed timely to note that the Chinese New Year will begin on February 10th, and 2024 is the Year of the Dragon.

We were all lucky that the predicted horrific Fire Season did not eventuate, thanks in part to some very welcome precipitation, however Summer is not over yet. So it is important not to get complacent, and to continue to implement the fire safe strategies that were addressed in the GCN last year.

I hope you enjoy reading our front cover article on Ray and Evelyn Cunningham of Rowland Village. Their story is indeed an inspiration to us all, and is also a little reminder that it is Valentine's Day on February 14th! If you don't have a special someone in your life, why not change things up and have a Gal-entines or Pal-entines Day - and go and enjoy a meal or a drink with a good friend?

In the meantime I hope that the coming year is a happy, safe and healthy one for all of our readers and if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our magazine for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.






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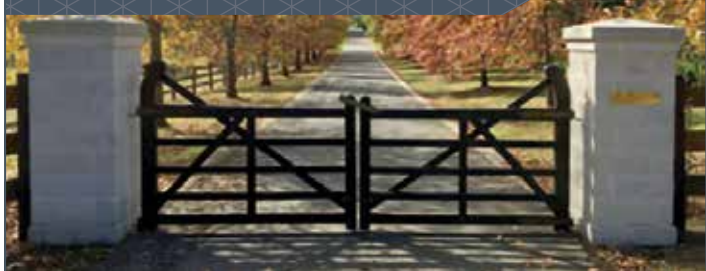
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To submit a story idea, an editorial or a community contribution, please email: editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au

Please send stories in editable text (word or email) not in PDF. MAXIMUM words 500.

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We love to hear from our community.



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

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

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Australia Day Heroes

BY BEV JORDAN

Graham Staggs (OAM) and his wife Adele Staggs (OAM) from Glenhaven have both been honoured for their work with the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia for nearly 20 years.



Now in their 80s the couple say the honours are "absolutely amazing" Adele said her husband underwent surgery for prostate cancer in 2004 and the surgeon suggested he attend the Prostate Support organisation at The Sydney Adventist Hospital.

"It started from there," she said. "He was (then) asked by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia to join the Chapeer Council (representing NSW) and from there he was asked if he would lead a support group in Dural.

Graham founded the Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group in 2012 and has seen it grown to help hundreds of people.

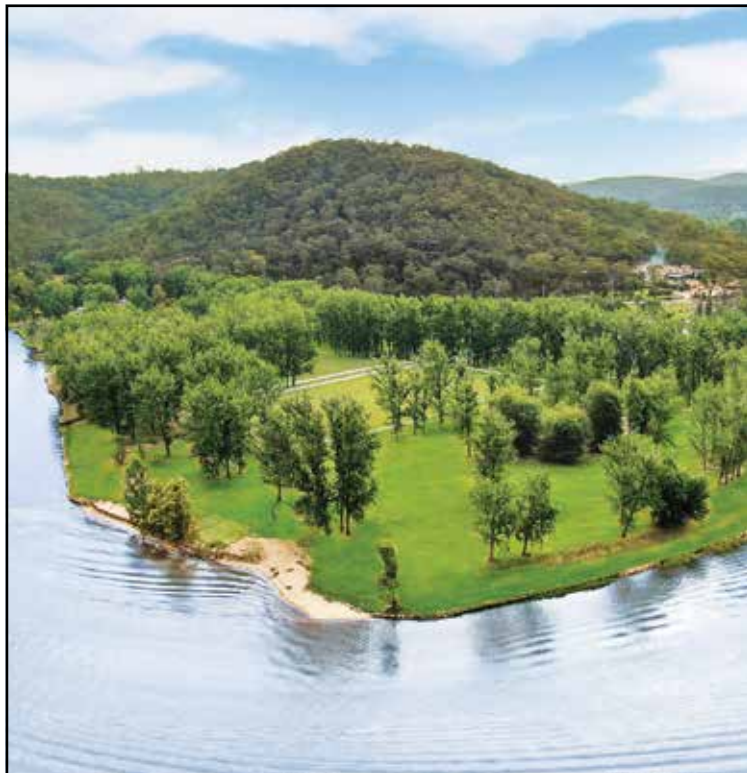
"It does make a big difference to some people when they realise they are not alone in this and they realise there are many other men going through the same thing," he said.

"We never give medical advice but we are experts in the experience."

Adele said she started the carers' support group because she could see that getting the support of other carers was important.

"We go to coffee shops and talk about how we are coping and people feel better."

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Head roaster, John Ou

John and his team are exceptionally proud of the achievements they have made in such a short space of time, and look forward to continued success in the future.



The 29 Coffee Roasters Team show off their medals

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Amylie's Fundraising Quest

My Name is Amylie, I'm a Grade 3 Para Rider based in Arcadia NSW. I have recently been added to the Next Generation (Next Gen) Australian Para-Equestrian Team. This means that one day in the future I will hopefully be competing overseas representing Australia.

A bit about myself. I was born with Epilepsy and Cerebral Palsy di Hemiplegia – The Cerebral Palsy affects both sides of my body. Growing up was difficult but myself and my family have a motto Get up and have a go.

I started riding when I was 15 years old with help from a charity organisation called Variety. I have not looked back since, Horse riding has helped me with my balance and coordination skills as well as my general health, mental health, and overall wellbeing.

With help from family and friends and my trusty steed Evie a WarmBlood X Thoroughbred I hope to do the next 3 qualifying events here in Australia.

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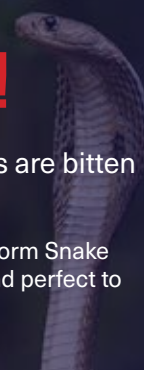


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THERE ARE 3 EVENTS IN 2024 THAT WILL HELP ME OPEN MY QUALIFYING JOURNEY:

- ◆ 15-18th February at Bawly point NSW
- ◆ 18-21st April Boneo Park Victoria
- ◆ 14-18th June Horsley Park Sydney

Please see the link to my donation page. All donations are tax deductible, so far I have raised \$5,000.

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Man charged after aged-care resident allegedly sexually assaulted - Galston

Saturday, 13 January 2024 10:31:06 AM

A man will appear in court today charged following an investigation into an alleged sexual assault at an aged care home in Sydney's northwest.

On Friday 12th January 2024, police were called to an aged-care home in Galston following reports an 87-year-old woman had been sexually assaulted.

Police were told a man, who is known to visit the facility, had allegedly entered the woman's room, on two occasions before sexually assaulting her.

NSW Ambulance paramedics treated the woman who was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital however did not suffer any serious physical injuries.

A crime scene was established as detectives attached to Kuring-Gai Police Area Command commenced an investigation.

Following inquiries, police executed a search warrant at a home in Asquith about 7.40pm Friday 12th January 2024 and arrested an 80-year-old man.

He was taken to Hornsby Police Station where he was charged with aggravated sex assault – victim with cognitive impairment, aggravated – sexually touch another person and fail to comply with direction storage of firearm.

The man was refused bail to appear in Parramatta Local Court today (Saturday 13th January 2024).

Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol suspend a P1 licence holder travelling well above the sign posted speed limit running late to a party.

About 2.30pm on Monday 25th December 2023, officers detect a Holden Commodore along Old Northern Road, Glenorie travelling at 115km/hr in a sign posted 60 km/hr zone. Officers stopped the vehicle and spoke with a 17-year-old male driver from Maroota. The driver has only been a holder of an NSW C Class P1 licence for 2 months and stated to officers, "I didn't realise I was doing that speed! can you forget you stopped me". The driver returned negative results for alcohol and drugs.

The driver was issued an infringement notice for P1 driver Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 km/hr, his NSW driver's licence was suspended and confiscated on the spot for a period of 6 months. The vehicle was not owned by the driver and the number plates remained on the vehicle.



Great work to PD Charger and his handler (Police Dog Unit - NSW Police Force) located the alleged driver from this crash in the The Hills Police Area Command

23 year old man arrested - High Range Drink Driving 0.168 after crash at Dural

It will be alleged in Parramatta Court next month that the 23 year old Glenwood man was driving a Ford Ranger on Wyoming Road Dural at 7.40am on Thursday the 28th December 2023 when he crashed the vehicle. It is also alleged that he left the scene on foot. Police and Emergency Services arrived a short time later. Police Dog Unit - NSW Police Force conducted a search for the driver, and found him in Landford Road hiding. He was subjected to a road side alcohol test, which returned a positive reading. He was arrested and conveyed to Castle Hill Police Station, where he returned a Blood Alcohol reading of 0.168. His licence was immediately suspended, and he was given a Court Attendance Notice to attend Parramatta Local Court next month.



Stolen Porsche

At 3am on Thursday 11th January 2024 a Porsche Macan was stolen during a break and enter at Cranstons Road, Middle Dural. At 12.05am on Friday the 12/1/24 five teenagers were arrested in the vehicle after it was involved in a police Pursuit at Whalan involving PolAir - NSW Police Force Aviation Command.



See Sophia Wiseman at the State Library

THE CHARLES RODIUS EXHIBITION

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

On a recent visit to the State Library of NSW, by pure chance I happened to come upon an exhibition of early colonial artworks. The exhibition is billed as the 'first ever retrospective of 19th Century Australia's best unknown artist, Charles Rodius'.

Born Joseph Myer in 1802 in Cologne, Germany, as a teenager he moved to Paris, France, where he studied art and worked as a teacher of "music, painting, drawing and languages in families of the first distinction".

Relocating to London in 1827, Myer changed his name to Charles Rodius. In early 1829 he was charged with stealing a perfume bottle, tickets, an opera glass and a handkerchief from a woman's purse. Rodius defended himself, arguing that the items were gifts from some of his female students. Whatever the truth, he was convicted and sentenced to seven years' transportation to the Australian penal colony of New South Wales.

Upon arrival in Australia, Rodius's skills as a draughtsman were utilised by the colonial authorities and he was assigned to the Department of Public Works in Sydney. He taught drawing to civil and military officers and helped to draft plans for proposed colonial buildings. Rodius was also commissioned as a portraitist by members of the colony's elite. With the support of his patronage, Rodius was granted a ticket of exemption in 1832—the year he began to earn

his own living as an artist—which was changed to a ticket of leave two years later in 1834. Finally in July 1841, Rodius was granted his certificate of freedom.

Rodius remained in Australia where he continued to create portraits of well-known colonial identities, as well as painting many images of indigenous Australians.

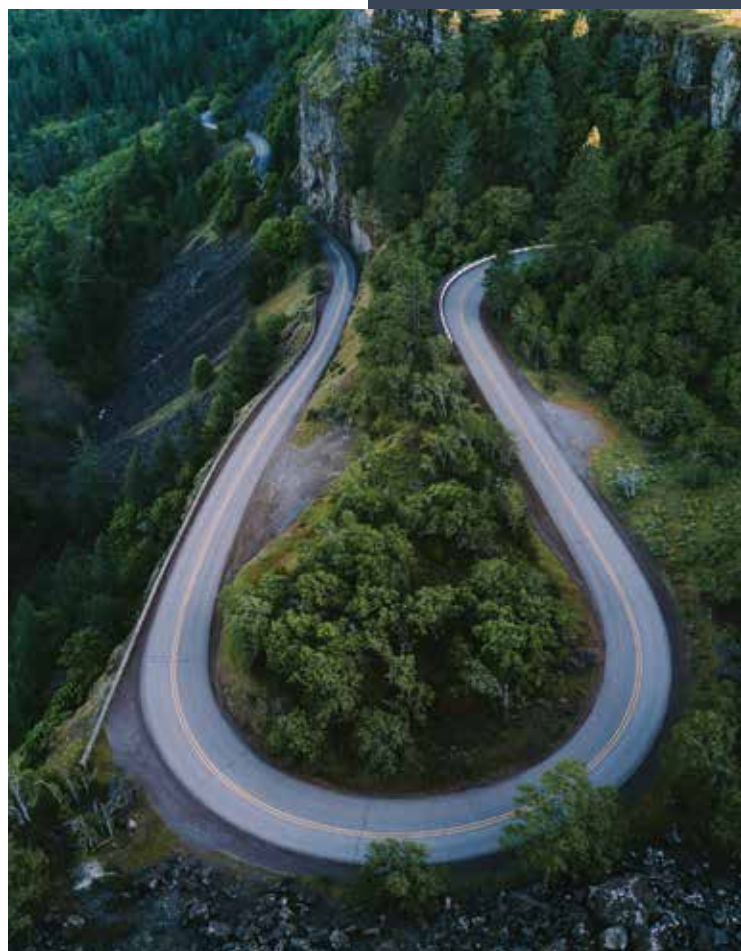
One of the colonial identities on display is an exquisite miniature portrait painted on ivory of our very own Solomon Wiseman's second wife, Sophia. This work was purchased by the State Library

for over \$50,000 at a Melbourne Art Auction in October 2023. The painting was previously owned by the late Bruce Kerr, who had purchased it for \$850 on ebay in the US. It was very exciting to see, as there is a dearth of information regarding Sophia Wiseman, let alone pictorial representations.

Another portrait that was hanging in the same vicinity was a dark and brooding painting of Sophia's husband, Solomon. Dressed in gentleman's finery, the ex convict cuts a dapper figure. His visage is stern, and he holds an open Bible in one

hand, and his ever present telescope in the other. This painting, donated in 1994, does not have an artist attributed to it, however it is not too much of a stretch to imagine that if Rodius was granted a sitting with Sophia, perhaps he was commissioned to paint Solomon as well.

Charles Rodius suffered a stroke in the late 1850s, leaving him paralysed on one side, and on 9th April 1860 he died "of infirmity" at Sydney's Liverpool Hospital. He outlived two wives and is believed to have had a son in 1834.



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The Awards spotlighted the exceptional talent and dedication within the Nursery and garden sector, honouring a diverse group of professionals.

Anita Campbell, CEO of NGINA, admired the high standard of this year's nominees. "The quality of entries we received this year was remarkable, setting a new benchmark for excellence in our industry. Each finalist demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication, making the selection process incredibly challenging," Ms Campbell remarked.

Two local businesses were among the winners:

Large Wholesale/Production Nursery of the Year: Cameron's Nursery



Sonja and Andy Cameron and their exceptional team manage an environmentally conscious nursery specialising in water-wise practices. They consistently produce top-quality stock adhering to industry NIASA and EcoHort accreditation standards. Notably, they recently became the sole Nursery in NSW registered under the BioSecure HACCP program, showcasing their unwavering dedication to integrated pest management and ongoing improvement initiatives for both staff and the Nursery itself. Their commitment extends to introducing new plant varieties to the Australian market. In addition, both Sonja and Andy actively contribute their time and expertise to various state and national committees and programs, furthering the advancement of the industry.

Employer of the Year: Cameron's Nursery

Cameron's Nursery clinched the prestigious Employer of the Year Award after a closely contested competition among three diverse finalists. The award recognises businesses fostering purpose and meaning in the workplace, emphasising practices that create a constructive, inclusive culture. Cameron's Nursery stood out for its commitment to building an inclusive culture, investing in team capabilities, and maintaining high levels of engagement in workplace health, safety, innovation, reflecting a genuine commitment to creating an inclusive and thriving workplace.



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Seen ON Socials



This cute post by Natasha Daly on Glenorie Families FB page:

Please meet Ray the cray found today at Dural business centre car park. We have wined and dined him thanks to leftovers from local restaurants, and safely relocated to Colah creek Arcadia. After release we have learnt that they travel up to 50km. If anyone sees him we would love updates on his future travels. See you little guy. Safe travels!



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Artist's Impression of Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence
(Courtesy of Hornsby Shire Council)

What is in Glenorie's future - Pavers and Breweries...

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As part of our fund-raising activities for the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence, the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) is offering Glenorie residents the opportunity to have your names engraved in Pavers and permanently laid in a path in the Park in front of the Glenorie Memorial Hall, opposite Woolworths on Old Northern Road.

The Pavers will be laid during the planned Hornsby Shire Council upgrade of the Glenorie Memorial Hall. The exact layout will be dependent upon how many Engraved Pavers are ordered. That said, we're hoping that the vast majority of Glenorie Residents will participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity for you, your family and the Community to become a permanent part of Glenorie History.

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A brewery in Glenorie?

The GPA is aware of the proposal to build an Artisan Brewery/Distillery in Glenorie and are discussing its impact. We are taking a balanced view so we have held a Community Forum on **14th December** to hear the views of the residents most impacted by this proposal. We have also met with the applicant to hear his vision for the Brewery and respond to community concerns.

The GPA does support artisan industry in the area but opposes the submission as it is currently proposed.

Please go onto The Hills Shire Council DA tracker and investigate the proposal to form your own opinion.

Property: Lot 100 DP 866564 966 Old Northern Road, GLENORIE NSW 2157

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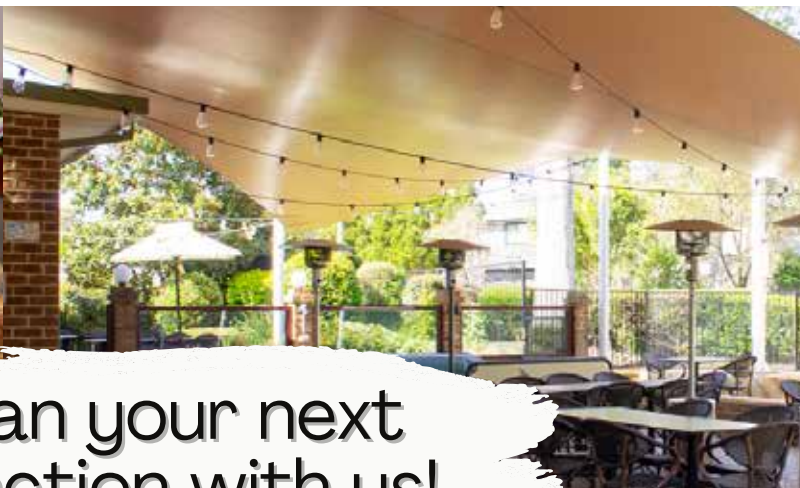
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Application No: 683/2024/HA

The DA is currently at STOP THE CLOCK so residents are able to make a submission to Council through this medium.

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Dural Scouts Achieve Peak Award



In an informal ceremony at a recent Scout BBQ, Kristina Taylor and Emily Symons were presented with the Australian Scout Award. This is the highest award in the Scout Section and involves demonstrating skills in Bushcraft, Bushwalking and Camping as well as completing a Leadership Course and leading an Adventurous Journey over three days and two nights.



Kristina and Emily have demonstrated leadership and learning across outdoor activities such as bushcraft, camping and bushwalking with Dural Scout Group and District and Regional events. Both girls developed their leadership skills through leading several projects and exciting adventures. These included representing Dural Scout Group at ANZAC Services, Organising Clean-Up-Australia Day events, completing First Aid courses and learning canoeing and

boating skills, which they shared with the younger Scouts.

As part of their Adventurous Journey challenge, Emily lead other Scouts on a three-day boat hike from Berowra Waters down Berowra Creek, while Kristina led a three-day bushwalk in Marramarra National Park. In 'planning, doing and reviewing' these activities, both girls demonstrated significant personal growth, an interest in trying new things, and exhibited 'hands-on' techniques in tackling new challenges.

Scouting is all about education for life. It's a dynamic, challenging, and adventurous program that equips young people with life skills, such as teamwork and leadership, and gives them the tools to develop into strong, resilient adults and valuable members of the community.

The 1st Dural Group is very proud of Emily and Kristina's achievements and will be keen to follow their progress in Scouting.

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



Kristina Taylor receives the Australian Scout Award

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Glenorie Probus Club Activities

In November Glenorie Probus Club had an informative to Cockatoo Island in which the members saw and learnt a lot about the historic past of this site. The island has contributed in many ways to the development of Sydney and all who were there had a very worthwhile day.



The Club finished the year 2023 with a Christmas Lunch at Glenorie RSL that was a thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Not only was there a Trivia Quiz, singing and an excellent meal but there was a visit from Santa much to the delight of the attendees many of whom when asked what they wanted for Christmas avoided his question on whether they had been naughty or nice throughout the year.

The room had been decorated by his two elves prior to the lunch which added to the atmosphere and contributed to all having a great lunch.

The Club is preparing for another active year with many activities planned starting with a visit to Warragamba Dam first item. In March we will follow with a visit the Ramses exhibition at the Australian Museum.

2024 promises to be another great year for the Club.

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

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Vale Norman Sumner

Norman Edward Sumner (Norm) was born on the 17th of November, 1938. He was the youngest of 4 children to Leslie, John and Stella Sumner. Norm grew up behind the family's hardware shop at New Canterbury Rd, Hurlstone Park. He started school at Yeo Park Infants, then to Canterbury Boys Primary School, then to Dulwich Hill Boy's High. Norm certainly learned practical skills from a young age and he turned his hand to anything.

Norm moved to Berrilee around 1955 when he was about 17, this is where he met Wendy Venner who lived across the road. They courted for about 4 years before getting married at St Jude's Church at Dural on the 23rd of September 1961. Norm set to work building their house on Bay Rd, Berrilee where they have lived for approximately 60 years. Norm and Wendy have 3 children.

Norm had many jobs including working in a licorice factory, boilermaker at Rikers, working for himself as a handyman, and also delivering water, he was a production manager at Brooks

Moylan Tiles and Norman's last job was at Hornsby Council.

Norm retired about 16 years ago and kept busy with the history of Berrilee, and his main focus was why the boundary for Berrilee had changed and the sign moved from Calabash Rd. He was involved in relocating the oldest Methodist Church from Upper McDonald Valley to Vision Valley in Arcadia.

Norman was the proud grandfather of 5 grandchildren and he loved spending with them.

Norman Sumner passed away 12th of November 2023 and was privately cremated.

Galston CWA Branch will be returning to their meetings in 2024 at the Galston Health and Community Centre, starting with their first meeting on **February 14th**.

Our meetings are held on the **second Wednesday morning every month**, starting at 10.30am.

Please come along and check us out, we welcome visitors and enjoy sharing the friendship that comes from contributing to our community.

We also welcome any donations of fruits and vegetables for our clever cooks to turn into relishes and jams, to sell on our stalls.

For any further information, please phone

Anne on 0404 228 209 or Patricia on 0412 948 787

Heidi Edwards Family Fund – Notice for AGM

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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

News from History Cottage

After a most successful year in 2023, with record numbers attending the monthly meetings, forty four members enjoyed the Society's Christmas party. Often the conversation turned to the interesting subjects presented during the year, particularly the local family histories and special local places.

Encouraged by this interest the Committee has arranged a series of talks for the coming year that it feels will add to understanding our special community.

The first meeting for 2024, on the **10th February**, will be given by Rod Best, a lawyer who specialised in child protection and social history. Taking a dramatic incident in Pennant Hills in 1905, Mr Best shines a light on the lives of all groups in society in the Federation years before World War 1.

Future talks will tell, among others; of a century old mystery solved, the research and recognition of the infamous Hellfire Pass; local architecture; Cattai Creek and a little known local institution. The August, June Roughley Memorial Lecture, will be given by renowned researcher and author, Dr Grace Karskens.

A tour to Lithgow is planned for March and Judith Dunn will guide members on a tour of Parramatta in May, after a preparatory talk earlier in that month. At least one more tour will also be arranged.

The Society continues to receive valuable donations of historical material that must be recorded and archived. In addition there are many requests for research into land title, family and residential history and photographs.



The Society is in urgent need of new members who could help with the work associated with this most important part of its responsibility to our community. Please contact **Michael** on 9653 1365 or **Judy** on 9651 2034.

Next meeting on the 10th February at 2.00pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road Galston. All welcome. Enquiries, 02 9653 1365.



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from the Mayor's Desk

As a Council, we're committed to delivering events and activities across the Shire for the whole community to enjoy. So, we're excited that our popular 'Food Truck Fridays' are returning in 2024.

'Food Truck Fridays' will showcase some of Sydney's best food truck offerings at different locations in Hornsby Shire on Friday evenings from 5pm to 8.30pm. The events will feature great live music, too.

In March, the trucks will roll into Pennant Hills and Berowra, then in April they will visit Galston for the first time as well as Cherrybrook.

More than just providing delicious treats, our 'Food Truck Fridays' are an opportunity for residents to come together and enjoy our public spaces. And they help activate our local evening and night-time economy. For locations and other details, see hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ftf

We're also excited to present a special event celebrating our diverse multicultural community on Saturday 17 February in Hornsby Mall. For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au

I'm proud that Hornsby Shire is a diverse and welcoming community. To support all our residents, we are developing a Plan to foster social cohesion and encourage community connectedness, resilience, and wellbeing. Please help shape the new Hornsby Shire Social Plan by sharing your thoughts. Find out more and complete a short survey at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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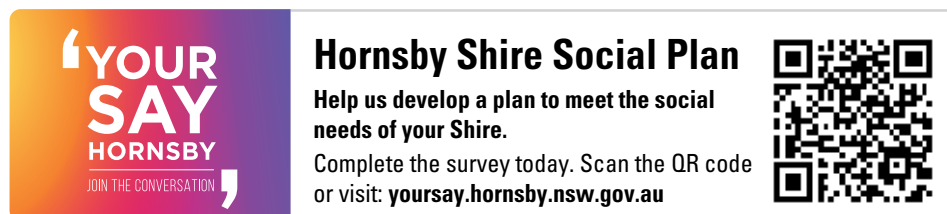
Theme: 'Crossroads of Consumption'

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Ross Tamlin, Scrap Metal (detail), 2023


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Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

Beeswax Wrap Making
Wednesday 21 February, 10am-12pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

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Happy New Year from the Arcadian Quilters

With our end-of-year activities over it's TIME for the quilting group to start stitching, creating and contributing to our surrounding community for 2024.



We called our first meeting for this year a "WORKSHOP" meeting. Starting bright and early, sewing machines at the ready, we set about creating new quilt tops made from the 'potato-chip-blocks' (which became holiday-homework) for us after our Christmas Lunch Party.






A cute name meaning that JUST ONE POTATO CHIP IS NEVER ENOUGH!!! A big achievement for our first meeting as we made 8 Potato-Chip-quilt tops and one Christmas theme quilt top!!!


We had a young lady visitor, Ginger Choudhary, who joined our meeting on Wednesday. She is a Yr12 student from Hornsby Girls High and is keen on learning more about Patchwork.

A very welcome new friend and we will hope to see more of her, school timetable permitting ?


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Entries now open for Remagine Sustainability and Environmental Art Prize 2024

Hornsby Shire Council's sustainability and environmental art prize Remagine is again open for entries with \$11,000 in total prize money.

Hosted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society since 2009, the Remagine Art Prize challenges artists to create works in response to the waste and overconsumption crises. This year's theme, Crossroads of Consumption, invites artists to explore the critical juncture of consumption overtaking Earth's finite natural resources.

Entries are open to Digital Art Stills, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Ceramics, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking and Photography with six prizes to be won in 2024, including:

- Winner: \$5,000
- Highly Commended: \$2,500
- Recycled/Reused Materials Award: \$1,000
- Local Artist Award: \$1,000
- Youth Award (18-25 years): \$1,000
- People's Choice Award: \$500

Hornsby Shire Council Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO said this year's theme was chosen in light of the urgency of this issue, renewing the art prize's track record of poignant commentary on the waste and recycling crises—the effects of which are experienced most clearly at the level of Local Government.

"Overconsumption is not just a threat to the environment, but a clear threat to future generations as well", said Mayor Ruddock. "Each year since its inception, we've seen Remagine reach larger and larger audiences, as the effects of the waste crisis and climate change become a reality for an ever-growing audience."

"Art has an ability to communicate these issues very well and we are always impressed with the way artists respond to the themes of our Remagine Art Prize. I'm sure that this year's theme will prompt a wonderful response from our country's brilliant creative community yet again."

Entries to the Remagine Art Prize close on **Thursday 21st March 2024** at 5pm and the winners will be announced at an award ceremony on **Friday 10th May 2024**.

The Remagine Art Prize exhibition will be held from **Friday 10th May** until **Sunday 26th May 2024**, at the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Hornsby.

For further information and to enter visit
<https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine>



Jennifer Kemarre Martiniello OAM, Not Wasted, 2023



Magdalena Koehlen, Picking up the pieces, 2023



John Lynch, Omen, 2023



Gillian Hodes, Seaweed Fossil, 2023



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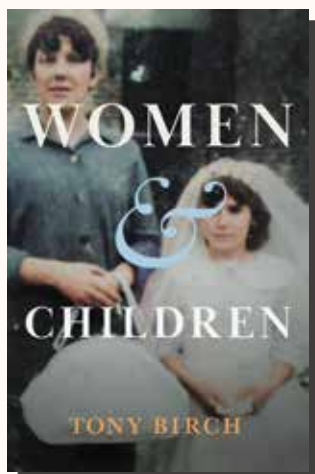
Have you attended an author talk at Hornsby Library yet? We have a fantastic line up of 'Meet the Author' events in February and March including Bonnie Hancock author of *The Girl Who Touched the Stars*, Allan Sicard author of *The Courage to Lead* and Dr Anne Ring author of *Engaging with Ageing*. Bookings are essential. Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library for more information.

ADULT FICTION

Women & Children by Tony Birch

It's 1965 and Joe Cluny is living in a working-class suburb with his mum, Marion, and sister, Ruby, spending his days trying to avoid trouble. One evening his Aunt Oona appears, distressed and needing somewhere to stay. As his mum and aunty work out what to do, Joe comes to understand the secrets that the women in his family carry. Their pleas for assistance are met with silence and complicity from all sides. Who will help Joe's family at their time of need?

Women & Children is a novel about the love and courage between two sisters, and a sudden loss of childhood innocence.

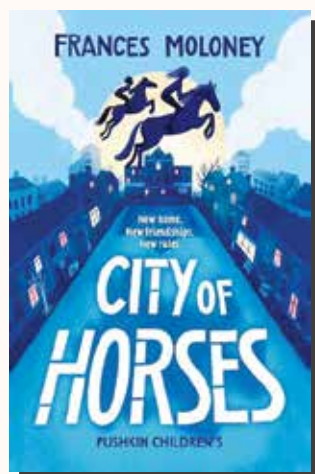


JUNIOR FICTION

City Of Horses by Frances Moloney

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The top interior trends for 2024

The start of a new year is always a great time to shake things up and start anew when it comes to lifestyle and wellbeing goals, but why not include your home in the mix this year?

If you're looking for fresh ideas and inspiration to revamp your living space this year, here's our roundup of the top interior trends for 2024 which are set to steal the spotlight over the next 12-months.

ECLECTIC STYLES

In 2024, there will be a 'more is more' vibe for home décor, so get ready to make your home as vibrant and unique as you are. Think eclectic – mixing eras, colours, and textures to express your style. Individuality is the brief, so if you love it, don't hold back.

A great starting point for inspiration and sourcing pieces in this vein is online interiors emporium Fenton & Fenton, which offers a treasure trove of unique homewares, artwork, and furniture ranging from holographic bar carts to geometric side tables to satisfy even the most whimsical leanings.

THE RISE OF STATEMENT FLOORING

Floors are finally getting their time to shine, and we're here for it. 2024 will encourage us to look down and appreciate what's beneath our feet in a new light - get ready for the grand entrance of patterned tiles and marble, injecting a space with instant appeal and impact.

A WARMER COLOUR PALETTE

Steering away from last year's cool greens and white minimalism, 2024 is all about embracing a warmer and more nostalgic palette. The 1970s vibe continues to prevail with a retro rainbow of oranges, yellows and reds set to take centre stage, with earthier deep browns and nature-inspired muted greens and pastel blues also playing a leading role.

To help increase your options and create a space bursting with impact and depth, try layering different shades and tones of a colour in addition to its pure form.

Each year, the Dulux Colour Forecast announces new paint ranges reflecting the latest colour trends and 2024 is no exception, including the 'Solstice' series of warm browns, reds, and pinks; 'Journey' offering lavish mid-tone colours for a maximalist and eclectic feel, along with 'Muse', a nostalgic series of calming greens and rich browns which take their cues from the free-spirited 1970s.



RUSTIC DESIGN

Brace yourselves for a rustic revolution in 2024. This trend is all about creating a warm, inviting space using natural textures and furniture while embracing quirks and imperfections as style statements in their own right.

Think natural woods with soft white walls and organic forms, paired with weathered finishes and antique treasures, topped off by unique pieces.

CURVES & ARCHES

Get ready to see curves in all the right places this year. From interior arches to organic shapes and fluid forms, 2024 is all about breaking away from the confines of clean lines.

Nostalgic curves and arches are making a comeback into our homes, channelling a groovy 1970s vibe. While undulating lines have become somewhat of a design staple these days, this look continues to play out with newfound boldness. In terms of furniture look out for curved sofas, wave headboards, and invitingly-shaped pieces like a sleek coffee table or plush dining chairs.

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Hills Hawks Football Club



As this particular scribe 'hangs up their pen' after four years working with the mighty Hills Hawks Football Club (Go Hawkies), thoughts go back to the wonderful group of people that devote their time to make this club – and indeed all community sports clubs – run smoothly year after year.

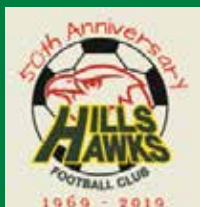
They exist behind the scenes for the most part, selflessly giving up their time so that the local community can enjoy a healthy social activity like soccer, netball or rugby league. People come and go from such committees, sometimes helping out for a year, often times several before stepping aside as their children grow up or move on. However, in my experience there are generally a core group that provide the knowledge and stability that makes a club great, that invest hours and hours of their spare time in planning meetings, organising committees, operating the Club BBQ, working as Fair Play officials and so forth. It is these people that provide the platform for a whole community to come together, wear their club colours proudly and enjoy a sport, whether they are six years old or forty-five.

Much as it may sound like a lot of work and even sometimes a thankless task, let me assure you it is a thoroughly rewarding experience and I personally leave the committee with mixed emotions about stepping down. To be a volunteer in the great Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural area and surrounding suburbs is to engage with new people, make new friends and forge strong ties to individuals and business owners – to be a bigger part of the community, in other words.



As others step in to fill vacant roles, the cycle of volunteer work at a local sports club continues and the energy and dedication that others have shown passes down the line. However, never take for granted the work that these wonderful people do for their community, to keep the wheels turning and provide a strong, proud club for their locals to enjoy. We salute you, regardless of which code you represent, and commend your dedication and selfless commitment to the sport, local kids and the wider community.

I would personally urge anyone and everyone to get involved, and take a turn filling one of the roles at their club. It really is a vital part of running a not-for-profit sports organisation, as well as being very rewarding and a whole lot of fun with great people. Oh... and one last time... Go Hawkies!



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Our new and exciting venture into the individual fitness side of things is kicking off in Feb, with the introduction of our boot camps, and additional days for our ever popular Over 55's classes. Both are a great option if you are starting your fitness journey, or looking to get back into fitness after a break.

We have also launched our new "Outdoor" Netball Club for 2024, the Dural Warriors. Our teams will play in the Hills District



Netball Association, at Pennant Hills Park, but get the benefit of indoor training sessions to beat the winter weather at The Centre! For a limited time, we are offering a FREE uniform for each new registration for Dural Warriors.

That's all from us this time around, but stay tuned for next months update. In the meantime if you would like to know more head over to our website for more information, <https://thecentredural.org.au/>, phone 8989 0000, or check out our Facebook and Instagram pages.

We're back at Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre WITH TWO FANTASTIC OFFERS FOR YOU



OFFER 1: FOUR FREE SWIMS WITH HILLS AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING 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. The four free swims offer includes free pool entry on four consecutive Tuesday nights, thanks to Hornsby Shire Council.

So now is the time to take the plunge and join Hills AUSSI Masters. If you are 18 years or over, of any swimming ability, you are welcome to come along.

So look on our Facebook page for our vouchers for FOUR FREE SWIMS or turn up at GALC on Tuesday night at 6:45pm, mention at reception that you wish to swim with Hills AUSSI Masters and see us for your vouchers.

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Workshop Cost is NIL (pool entry NOT included in this offer) but you must register as numbers are limited.



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Schoolies Done Differently Mates Helping Mates



BY WENDY MORAN

At Pacific Hills Christian School, we are an educational community of teaching learning and service excellence. Our students are encouraged to serve others and to extend their helping hands beyond the gates of our own school yard.

Schoolies done differently was an exciting venture for some of our graduating 2023 Year 12 cohort to mark the completion of their school journey. Our students were invited to participate in a special mission project in partnership with Scripture Union and the Pacific Island Christian School in Vanuatu.

On 26th November our team of Year 12 students and staff departed for the shores of Vanuatu to lend a helping hand across a range of service activities including teaching, practical work in areas of need and contributing to the local community.

The time our students spent with their peers at the Pacific Island Christian School in Bene, East Santos, Vanuatu was transformative

as they encountered a different culture and school that does not have the same access to resources that many Australian schools have. Our students learned gratitude from the Vanuatu children and have gained new perspectives on life.

Our students and staff loved helping with some specialised projects at the school. They got their paintbrushes out and helped to paint the new kindergarten classroom. They ran a mini-Olympics for the school and conducted a flat bread making class. Our students felt privileged to be able to have this opportunity. Upon their departure they donated an assortment of resources such as storybooks that would further support the school in Vanuatu.

The Vanuatu mission trip was also a lot of fun as our students spent time with their new friends enjoying meals together, swimming, singing, and getting their 'game on' with loads of games.

Students are always impacted by these mission trips. They get the chance to walk a mile in the shoes of others and to share

a journey that profoundly changes them. Schoolies done differently was a fresh and innovative way of marking the completion of their school years, and no doubt a memorable way to do schoolies.



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Our students embraced the opportunity to engage in a rigorous academic program allowing them to achieve their personal best. The sacrifices were many and they worked together as a collective group with enormous commitment and character throughout the year. It is with much pride that we celebrate their achievements and recognise that our vision and commitment to academic growth and scholarship continues to be rewarded.

Some Excellent Statistics and Achievements Include:

- 64 Honourable Mentions on the Distinguished Achievers list (Band 6 results)
- 56% of students achieved at least one Band 6/E4
- 85% of students achieved at least one Band 5 or Band 6
- Top ATAR: Calum Fraser (School Captain) with 99.80
- 2 All-round Achievers list students
- Every Subject achieved above State Average results



- Every student in Drama achieved an Individual and Group On Stage nomination
- Northholm Grammar was 13th in the NSW for Mathematics Standard
- 100% of students achieved Band 6 results in Music I and Mathematics Ext I

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HORNSBY COUNCILLOR WARREN WADDELL

With predicted hot weather over the break, it was terrific to have the Galston Aquatic centre open for business. Although the official re-opening is on Saturday 3rd February, we welcomed the opportunity to provide access over the holiday period. I look forward to the resumption of all activities now we are into the New Year.

With construction access no longer a requirement from Galston reserve, the third outdoor gym station will be scheduled for installation. This will complete this popular circuit.

Elsewhere in the area, upgrades have been scheduled to school crossings at both School Rd Galston and Tecoma Drive Glenorie. These improvements will ensure safer crossings for children accessing their school at these locations.

Workshops continue to take place in Wiseman's Ferry that focus on recovery and building resilience to severe weather and flood events. This grant funded pilot program seeks to adopt a community led approach to resilience and recovery. To participate or make a comment please contact **Lana Frost** on 9847 6549 or lfrost@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Looking ahead...

- 2024 will see a strong focus on improved public domain, led by the current project to upgrade public spaces in Galston village.
- Gateway signage has been rolled out across the shire, but more work needs to be done in improving first impressions at these key locations. In particular, resolving the jurisdictional issues over the number of State-owned roads and roundabouts that feature prominently in all our villages.



- I will continue the investigation into a fixed location for a mountain bike skill track. Along with funding options for a completed footpath from Galston to Dural.

There will be plenty more to report on but for now, I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year!

As always, happy to assist with any issue via the contact details below.

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From the desk of Matt Kean

MATT KEAN - NSW MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

To date, we have had a relatively mild summer and not faced the extreme bushfire season that was anticipated. However, I would like to remind everyone not to become complacent as we are not out of the bushfire season yet and dangerous fires can occur at any time.

We all should continue to take precautions and ensure we have prepared our properties as well as have our plans in place in the event of a bad bushfire breaking out in our local area.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all our local Rural Fire Service volunteers for their significant commitment to keeping us safe all year round. As a member of the Hornsby Brigade, although not as active as I'd like to be, I am aware of the work that is put in by RFS members and the sacrifice their family makes to allow them to do what they do.

Congratulations to both the Glenorie Cricket Club and the Glenorie Progress Association in achieving 130 years. Both these community organizations are well respected, wonderful advocates for their local area and are thriving. This has set them up for many years to come.

It is pleasing to see the work recently completed on the repair to Laughtondale Road. This important road that links Maroota with Singleton Road was badly damaged by storms and flooding in 2022.

The previous State Government provided the funding and Hornsby Shire Council undertook the repair work that has the road in a safe functioning condition once again.

As we hit our stride for 2024, I once again look forward to serving you as the Member for Hornsby.

As always, if you think I can help with any issue please feel free to contact my office at any time.



Celebrating Australia Day

JULIAN LEESER - FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Australia is the best country in the world.

Every year, Australia Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate Australia and being Australian.

Australia Day is a day of beginnings – about how the Australia that we know and love today has come to be. It is a chance for all of us to reflect on how our families came to be here.

As Noel Pearson has rightly said, there are three parts of our national story: our Indigenous heritage, our British inheritance, and our multicultural success.

Australia Day is a chance to celebrate these three strands of our society, and in particular to reflect on the arrival of the First Fleet,

which brought with it many of the British institutions which are so central to Australian life today – our system of Parliamentary democracy, the rule of law, property rights, and the right to vote.

Our unique Australian sense of humour is a mix of the British and the Irish, and the British gave us a language that connects us to English-speaking people in every continent around the world.

As Australians, we have hand-picked the best bits of British culture (while rejecting the class system which holds Britain back) to create the exceptional Australia which is so dear to each of us today.

To everyone across the electorate, I hope you had a very happy Australia Day!

'Hello Hornsby': Caring, sharing and... lots of fun

It is great news that the Hornsby Shire Council 'Hello Hornsby' program, designed to provide and incorporate a range of activities for the benefit of our Hornsby Shire residents, aged 60+ years, is continuing in 2024. In 2023, buoyed by a NSW Government grant, this program also held events correlated with International, National and State event weeks, such as International Women's Day, NAIDOC Week, National Volunteer Week, Dementia Action Week and 'Wear it Purple Day'.

Nearly a quarter of the Hornsby Shire population is aged 60+ years. This age group often faces several changes due to retirement, becoming an 'empty nester' and/or a carer, 'downsizing', widowhood and/or changes in health. These changes can affect the ability of our 60+ residents to connect with and maintain friendship networks and their community, as well as access social support. In Hornsby Shire, such changes can intensify social isolation for our rural residents, due to poor transport options and limited access to services.

Council staff crafted the 'Hello Hornsby' program to bridge our Shire communities, by giving residents the opportunity to enjoy a range of events, free of charge, in a variety of urban and rural locations. The informal morning teas and the River Postman trip down the Hawkesbury were very special but I will highlight two events held in October that shone in their impact. The Carers Week Comedy Show, held at the Hornsby RSL, attracted 200 participants who were either carers for a person with a disability, long term illness or old age or were persons who are recipients of that care. The Comedy Show created much laughter but more poignant was the shared conversation and laughter I saw amongst the attendees whilst they enjoyed their buffet lunch. Several participants advised me, without complaint, that this event is the only outing they have had away from their carer responsibilities that year.

The Grandparents Day, held at Koala Park, attracted 400 grandparents and grandchildren and a waiting list. For many attendees, it was their first opportunity as a family to see a koala, kangaroo and different species of birds up close. It was wonderful to observe the relaxed interactions, laughter and 'shared moments' between grandparents, their grandchildren and other Hornsby Shire families, whilst they enjoyed the Park, fed the animals, and took photographs of each other.

The 'Hello Hornsby' program clearly provides attendees with a firm sense of belonging to their Hornsby Shire community. Such a



'belonging' opens the possibility for our older residents to reach out to others within their local community and take proactive steps to adapt to changes in their life. In January, the 2024 program began with a well-attended coffee morning for residents in the Hornsby Library. This event was an excellent entrée to another year of 'Hello Hornsby's' caring, sharing and fun experiences.

For further details re future 'Hello Hornsby' events see the website <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/community/services/seniors/hello-hornsby>

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

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Hills Heroes Honoured at Australia Day Awards

The outstanding contributions of Hills heroes were celebrated at The Hills Shire Council's Australia Day Awards, held at the Pioneer Theatre on Tuesday 16th January.

The event recognised exemplary individuals and groups across five categories: Community Group of the Year, Environmental Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, and Citizen of the Year.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi, said the event honoured local legends who selflessly contribute to the community without expecting recognition.

"I would like to congratulate each of our nominees and winners on their awards and thank them for their work in making our Shire such a great place to live," Mayor Gangemi said.

"These individuals and all our volunteers selflessly give so much of their time and effort to help others, and each of our residents is so thankful for these incredible contributions.

"I hope the Australia Day Awards go some way to showing how much we truly appreciate them."

The winners in each category were:

Community Group of the Year:

- **Winner:** Fit Kidz Foundation - Providing support to neurodiverse children and their families through occupational therapy, speech therapy, family support, and initiatives including the Stronger Together Conference.
- **Highly Commended:** The Mind Connections Foundation and Seroptimist International of The Hills.

Environmental Citizen of the Year:

- **Winner:** Lilly Schwartz - Advocate for the environment, founder of the Flora and Fauna of Hills/Hornsby Facebook group, and organiser of a unique koala counting project.

Young Citizen of the Year:

- **Winner:** Aiza, Aish and Abdullah Khurram of Little Helpers on the Run - Organisers of activities for nursing home residents, including therapeutic art clubs, Lego clubs, and tea parties.
- **Highly Commended:** Marcus Campagna and Eva Pulvirenti.

Senior Citizen of the Year:

- **Winner:** James 'Jim' Smith (AFSM) - Active member, leader, and mentor of Middle Dural Rural Fire Brigade for over 45 years, with significant contributions during interstate deployments for major fire events.
- **Highly Commended:** Max Roughley.

Citizen of the Year:

- **Winner:** Ellen Kulbicki - Service director of the Fit Kidz Foundation, committed to supporting Hills Shire families with neurodivergent children.
- **Highly Commended:** Melissa Monteiro and Dr Padmini Howpage.

The Australia Day Awards are one of many significant events happening as part of Council's Australia Day celebrations.

Other exciting events are also scheduled for January 26th. These events include an Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at Council's Norwest Chambers, a pool party at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre, an evening event at Bella Vista Farm with fireworks, and several community events and flag raising ceremonies.



Australia Day Award winners - Ellen Kulbicki, Melissa Scaife of Fit Kidz Foundation, Mayor Gangemi, Lilly Schwartz, Jim Smith, Little Helpers on the Run representative Khurram Jaw

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Hidden In The Hills

Scribbly Gum

BY LACHLAN TURNER



The name "Scribbly Gum" can refer to a number of eucalypts. The main owner of the name Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus haemastoma*) is possibly the best known example in our Hills District bushland.

This tree generally is not very tall with a number of short trunks growing from a single root system similar to the group of eucalypts know as mallee. It is characterised by those wiggly lines that appear on the bark.



These wandering lines are where an insect has burrowed just under the surface of the bark, finding a source of food in or under this top layer of bark, leaving the characteristic wiggly trail on the surface.

The pale colour of the bark makes this tree stand out against the dull green colour of the adjacent heathland in which it often grows.

A closely related variety known as the Hard-leaved Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus sclerophylla*) exhibits similar bark colouration and typical scribbles. However it prefers a habitat with open woodland and forest, surviving on shallow to deep sandy soils. This more erect medium sized tree can grow up to 20 metres high.

Yet another similar variety found in the general region is the Narrow-leaved Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus racemosa*). It can grow to much larger proportions, is less mis-shapen and more erect when compared to the other two above. As its name implies, its leaves are much narrower than the others. This tree can survive quite well in poorer but moist sandstone soils.

This obvious infestation of insects does not appear to be detrimental to the welfare of the tree.

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Galston District Garden Club

The Galston Garden Club will be resuming monthly meetings from Wednesday the 14th February 2024. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and visitors and new members are warmly welcome. The meetings are held at the Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston at 7.30pm.

We are an informal and friendly group, and no matter what your gardening knowledge, you can be sure that you can look forward to pleasant company. Your botanical knowledge will be entirely adequate. Members range from beginners to very experienced. We use our interest in gardening as a great excuse for social gatherings and garden rambles. There will be interesting talks and displays at each meeting, we have a large and extensive library of gardening books and DVDs that members can borrow.

Each year, we hold the Galston District Open Gardens Weekend on the third weekend in October, to fundraise for local community projects and charities. About eight gardens are opened to visitors.

It seems a common thread among the garden owners that have opened their gardens in past years that the "privet" plant/tree was a project to clear from their properties when establishing their gardens. In some cases a project over many years.

Native to Asia, Chinese privet is a large shrub that has been widely distributed in Australia as a garden hedge plant. Narrow-leaf and broad-leaf privet (*Ligustrum sinenses* and *Ligustrum lucidum*) can be legally sold in NSW plant nurseries while in 57 local government areas privet must be actively controlled on private property. Both species thrive in a wide range of climates and will tolerate droughts and cold and/or wet conditions. The leaves and berries of privet are considered poisonous to humans and most animals.



The pollen and scent of the flowers are often thought to increase the chance of respiratory problems such as asthma and hay fever. Birds can disperse seeds. The plant can displace native plants and can rapidly invade bush margins and waste areas, potentially inhibit native seed germination, and become the dominant species in an area.

To physically control privet, pull out young plants before they get too large, as they have a taproot, which makes it very hard to pull out as they age. Cut down trees/shrubs and immediately apply a poison. However, more care must be taken using this method.

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Bigger Better Bushfires

BY BARRY LEES

I have been a bit naughty for some years now – I have ignored advice from experts to prepare my property for bushfires. The reason is I live on a bush block with bush right up to the house and I absolutely love it. I can't bear the thought of clearing it to make what they call an "asset protection zone" around my house and around other assets that I value. What will happen to the small birds, wallabies, possums, echidnas, goannas, water dragons etc. who provide us with much entertainment?

But lately other news has been intruding into my inactivity concerning bushfires. Things like:

- 2023 was the world's hottest year on record
- in many places, temperatures reached over 50°
- people have died when they couldn't find a cool place
- the atmosphere has a lot more energy causing hotter more frequent heat waves, colder winters, stronger storms, worse floods, longer droughts
- many bushfires are not like we remember them 20 years ago. They are bigger, hotter, harder to control. I've been told I need to update my thinking.

All this information has finally convinced me that my little house may well burn down in the next bushfire unless I change my ways

and do something! So I read about asset protection zones and learnt that you don't need to remove all plants. Trees and shrubs can be left provided they are separated horizontally by several metres, and no branches overhang the roof. I also learnt that the speed the fire travels is dependent on the amount of leaf litter and fine sticks on the ground. Remove these, leaving just enough to provide protection from soil erosion. My house is on a slope and fire travels faster uphill, so the protection zone should be wider on the downhill side. There is a lot more information on the Rural Fire Service (RFS) and Council websites.

Working hard, I am about half way through my "Things to do" list. I have just prepared a Bush Fire Survival Plan which I found rather challenging. I am also aware that if we get a fire when the Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic or Extreme, the fire will probably be a monster like we see on TV. Because I am so close to the bush, I will leave well before the fire arrives and find a safe place. I'll be surprised if my house survives. If the Fire Danger Rating is High or Moderate, my house might survive because of my good preparation. That thought keeps me going.

I wonder how many other local landowners have gone through the same change of attitude as me. In Landcare, we are not bushfire experts, but if you want to talk about these issues, contact Barry Lees on 9653 3691 or go to www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au or email stillcreeklandcare@iinet.net.au or on Facebook.

Warril Evans shares her knowledge at BSA meeting on 10th February

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

Long-term member of the BSA Warril Evans has a magnificent garden but does have a particular passion for bromeliads.

She will be bringing some of her very favourite Broms to this meeting for discussion

and advice on her methods for successfully growing bromeliads.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle, Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called just "Show" for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.

For further information please contact Ian Hook, President of BSA on mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com or refer to www.bromeliad.org.au for the latest updates.



Galston Uniting Church

A Very Community Christmas

Thanks to everyone in the Community who helped to make our Christmas activities so busy and inspiring.

* **Christmas Magic** - was held at the church at the end of November. Organised by the Galston Early Learning Centre and KUCAs (Kids in the Uniting Church of Australia), it was a night for the whole family, but mainly for the kids! Of course, a familiar looking (Geoff-shaped) Santa was there, as well as Santa's helper twisting balloons into shapes. The Galston RFS Brigade came in force, as well as pet sheep and chickens. There was face painting and tattoos, songs from the children and sooo much to eat! A wonderful Aussie Christmas!



* **The Craft Service** (aka, The Creativity Service) was an opportunity for our Craft Group to display their creations, especially quilts, and to give thanks for their creative gifts. The church was transformed by the quilts and they made a spectacular display. The sale of Craft Group creations enabled donations to be made to Parramatta Mission and Galston Uniting Church. In addition, quilts were presented to the three young men who had been so diligent in providing their technology skills for live-streaming our services and operating the sound system. The Craft Group meets weekly and is open to all and all are welcome.



* **Christmas Services.** It was great to see so many friends from the community at our Christmas services and our thanks go to Rev. Elizabeth and Rev. Ross for leading us in worship over the Christmas season.

* **Welcome to 2024** and Happy New Year to everyone. Our regular activities have recommenced and Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams. You can find *Galston Uniting Church* on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" *Galston Uniting Church* Facebook posts.

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

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

Christ's death means our life

This is one of the most well known stories in the Bible (John 3:1-16).

Nicodemus was sincere. He knew Christ had something which gave Him His great power and wisdom. Nicodemus wanted to know more about it.

But Christ said 'It isn't what you know Nicodemus. If you want to be in a close, saving relationship with God, you will have to begin again. Let God give you a new heart and life.'

Nicodemus was puzzled. All he said can be summed up in one word - 'HOW?'

Christ gave him a wonderful explanation. It happens by the work of the Holy Spirit. This is made possible by the death of the Son (Himself) and because of the love of the Father.

Christ reminded Nicodemus of an Old Testament story.

Moses and the children of Israel were in the wilderness and desperately

needed healing. God told Moses to put a serpent of brass on a pole. All who looked to it would be healed. In the same way Jesus Christ would be lifted up on the cross. Those who look to Him there as their Saviour will be saved!

It is still true today. Friend, have you looked to Jesus to be saved? He is not on the cross now. But by looking back to that cross and accepting what Jesus Christ did for you, you can be saved. You can have a new life in Christ right now.

Have you done it? Will you do it now?

(a message by the late Rev. Ed Long)

Come and find out more at - Glenorie Mission Church
1409 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie.
Sunday Service at 10:00am.

Looking forward with HOPE

Our church's calendar for the New Year began with a Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve, where church members came at 10pm for a bit of a party - to reflect on the past year and think about the new one ahead.

We had a light supper (yes, more eating!!) and shared some personal stories. Then, when the countdown to the New Year was close, we thanked God for the past year and prayed for His guidance in 2024. Why?

The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 11:12...

"The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it (the land), from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."

During this time of reflection, I came across a poem by Pr. Barry Black which filled me with hope for the year ahead...



I AM THE NEW YEAR...

The challenge of new goals.
The desire for spiritual growth.
The continual burden for lost souls.
The anticipation of answered prayer.
And the eager expectation of Christ's soon return
for His Bride, the Church.
I am the New Year.
I may only be lived one moment at a time.
I am replete with the unknown.
And rife with...
Opportunities to trust;
Unexpected moments of blessing and delight;
Satisfaction for spiritual Truth and hunger;
Motivations to give of your time and effort to
people and projects;
And the joy and privilege of serving the Lord in new
and exciting ways.
Yes, I am the New Year.

Alex and I pray that your year ahead will be filled with hope for the future. God bless.

PR. ALEX AND DEE VALICH,
Glenorie Community Church

News from St Benedict's

Our Parish Fete - 7th April 2024

Great news. The popular St Benedict's parish fete will be back on **Sunday 7th April**, so please mark the date in your calendar. We haven't held the fete since 2019 because the 2020 fete, like so many other events, was cancelled in the weeks just beforehand due to the COVID shutdown. It will be so good to have this local activity back again.

If you have any donations or suggestions for the fete please contact the Parish Office (phone number below). The picture shows us enjoying the 2019 fete on a beautiful autumn day. Let's hope we have similar good weather this year.



Christmas celebrations

Christmas 2023 might seem to be a rapidly fading memory but we are still rejoicing in the spirit of Christmas celebrations in the parish. Our well attended services brought together old and new friends to share the Christmas spirit. Christmas had special significance last year as we prayed for the many people around the world who are so badly affected by war, poverty, persecution and the negative effects of climate change.

Monastery Anniversary

While parish priest Father Shansana took a well-deserved break in January we were pleased to welcome back Father Hilarion who had been our acting parish priest before Father Shansana's arrival. Father Hilarion's time with us fortunately coincided with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We were delighted to share a very happy morning tea to mark this wonderful anniversary. Congratulations Father Hilarion!

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.



Welcome to Church News at The Centre (1 Pellitt Lane, Dural)



Happy New Year! It is a universally shared desire to improve our lives, even if we define it differently. The start of a new year is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year and set resolutions to enhance our health, finances, social life or skills.

While setting resolutions is one way to improve our lives, as followers of Jesus, we believe He is the only way to create real, lasting change. Jesus once said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

The Centre offers various programs, such as sports, fitness, dining, and community events. Working at The Centre is very appealing to me as a person who values health and fitness. However, physical wellness is only one aspect of what makes life meaningful.

Our mission at The Centre is to make Jesus the Centre of our lives through activities like prayer and play. Only through Jesus can we find purpose in our pursuits and become the best version of ourselves. We welcome you to join our church community, where we aim to make Jesus the Centre of our lives. We invite you to join us for our Sunday service at 10 am. We would be delighted to see you there!

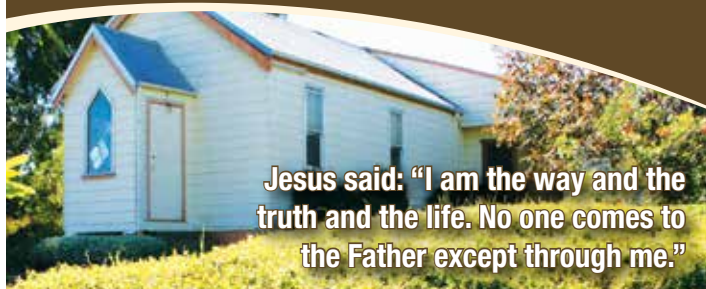
Our regular ministry programs are on a break over the New Year period. The Men's Shed opens Thursday, January 25th, 9am-3pm.

Our feeding Program, Hands and Feet, is from 10:30-12:30am on Monday, February 5th, or Playtime starting Thursday, February 8th, from 9:30-11am.

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Bushfire Threats! Prepared?

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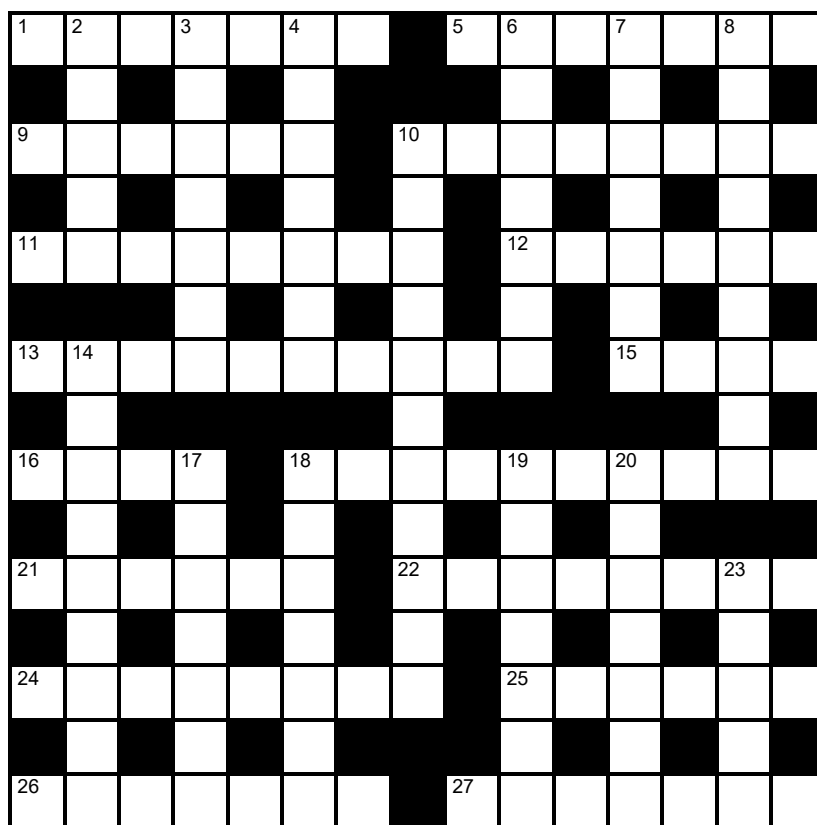
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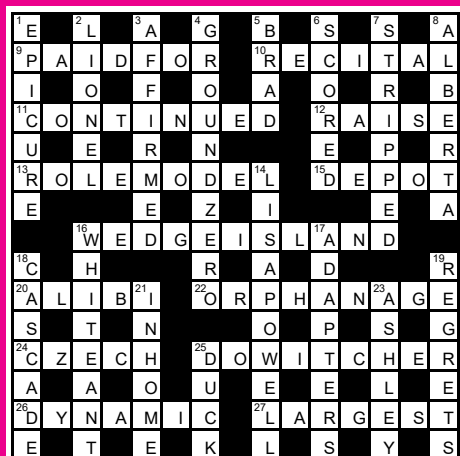


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- Paul Henry 9872 464 or 0408 617 686

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

- Galston Community Health Centre
- 9264 9255

Arcadia Community Hall

Available for functions. Inspections welcome.

- 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia
- 9847 6504

Arcadia Galston Residents' Association

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

- www.AGRA2159.com.au

Arcadian Quilters

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

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

Association of Independent Retirees Ltd

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

- Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills
- John Guthrie on 9634 6727

Castle Hill Art Society

Monthly Meetings and Art Demonstrations are every first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

- 155 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill
- 9899 3179

Circular Keys Chorus

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

- Janet 9653 2959
- info@circularkkeys.org
- www.circularkkeys.org

Dural and District Historical Society Inc

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

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

- History Cottage, 412 Galston Rd Galston
- Michael Bell 9653 1365

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

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

Dural and Hills District Garden Club

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

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

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

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

- Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed

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

- Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd
- Chris Thomas 0402 478 498
- www.duralmensshed.org

Friends of Fagan Park

Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome!

Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.

- Ian Browning 0419 435 475
- isandian@tpg.com.au

Ferry Artists Gallery

For info on workshops & membership see

- www.ferryartists.org
- Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry 2775
- 02 4566 4385

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc

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

- New members always welcome.
- Galston Primary School Library, School Road, Galston
- 0403 076 175

Galston Branch CWA

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

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

Galston Community Hall

37 Arcadia Rd, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call 9847 6050.

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

Galston Garden Club

New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

- Galston Community Centre
- Lorraine Muscio 0448 478 161

Galston View Club

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

- Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston
- President Lesley 0413 996 783

Girl Guides

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

Junior Guides (age 6-9) meet Thursdays 4.30-6pm at Galston Guide Hall and Guides (age 10-14) meet Thursdays 6-8pm at Annangrove Guide Hall.

- GalstonDMgirlguides-nswactntn.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

Available for Hire. Seats up to 120 people. Tables and chairs available. Small kitchen/servey.

- 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
- wendyireneblack@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

Gregoriana Arcadia

We welcome new members to join a community choir, Gregoriana Arcadia, dedicated to learning and singing the ancient, spiritual Gregorian music. It is sung in Latin and without accompaniment. No previous choir experience or knowledge of Latin is required, and there are no fees. We practise from 2-4pm on the second Saturday in the month, in the beautiful chapel.

- Benedictine Monastery, Arcadia
- Andrew: ajihede@gmail.com

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

For whitegoods, furniture, computers, essential repairs etc.

- Hills Community Aid 9639 8620
- enq@hca.org.au
- www.hca.org.au

Hills Shire Garden Club

Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm.

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

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt

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

Meets at 6.30 on the 3rd Wed of the month.

- Crestwood Community Centre
- Baulkham Hills
- 04 3583 7118

Social Dance Workshops

Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers. \$7.

- Pennant Hills Community Centre, Varrara Road.
- Wilma 0413 673 339

Still Creek Landcare Group

Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrielle. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW)

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

- Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill
- Evelyn 02 9634 4987

The Shed Studio - Arcadia

Womens Shed held on third Thursday of the month 10-12. Different creative projects each month.

- The Shed Studio on FB
- Suzanne 0419 603 122

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club

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

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

CHURCHES**Christ Church**

Has a service at 9.30am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.

- 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst
- Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

Dural Salvation Army

1st Tuesday of the month at 10am for an informal worship service. Everyone welcome.

- 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road)
- 0405 560 211

Galston Uniting Church

Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.00pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursdays of the school term from 12noon to 4.00pm.

OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest: Men's Choir, Ladies Choir.

- church office 9653 2039
- 11 School Road Galston

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church

Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service.

- 49 Arcadia Rd Galston
- Minister Pr. Andrew McCrostie
- 0481 575 334

Glenorie Community Church

Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Ladies meeting at 10.30am last Tuesday of every month. All welcome.

- 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie
- Pr Valich 0420 602 989
- Church 9652 0577

Glenorie Mission Church

Dural 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

Mass at Monastery 7am every morning.

- 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

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

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

St Judes Anglican

Service Times: 8am Traditional; 10am Contemporary with Sunday Kids and Yr 5-9 Teen group; 6pm Evening church for youth and parents.

'Epic' kids club and Youth Group - Fridays (see website for details).

- Galston and Old Northern Rd, Dural
- 9651 1119

St Madeleine's Catholic Church

Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm.

- 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS**Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls**

Meets every Tuesday at 9.30-12.30pm.

- Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Mt Colah
- Jenny 9477 1855

Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs

New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network.

- 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

Dural Country Club

Fishing Club meet at Dural Country Club on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Activities include a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing, organised short stay holidays and great social BBQ's. New members welcome.

- Murray 0407 950 939 or
- Bruce 0428 970 439

Dural Rugby Club

- ef86029@bigpond.net.au
- 0412 230 328

- http://dural.rugbynet.com.au

Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. The meeting has a raffle at 7pm with lots of prizes and every meeting has a guest speaker.

- The Galston Club
- Lachlan 0438 801 170 or
- Warren 0416 061 428

Glenorie District Cricket Club

Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.

- Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499
- Glenoriedcc@gmail.com

- Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd
- Glenorie NSW 2157

Galston Equestrian Club

New Members are always welcome.

Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

- Rural Sports Facility Centre off

- Mansfield Road
- Liz 0409 992 920
- www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au

Galston Netball Club

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

Glenorie Social Golf Club

Plays monthly.

- www.glenoriesl.com.au
- Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

Hills AUSTI Masters Swimming Club

Adults 18 years to 80+ are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun and friendship.

- Hornsby Aquatic Centre
- Di 0418 432 587

Hills Hawks Football Club

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

Hills Hawks Softball Club

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