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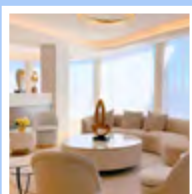
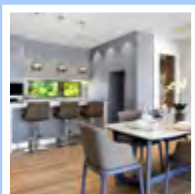


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Official reopening of Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre celebrates refurbishments and enhanced accessibility

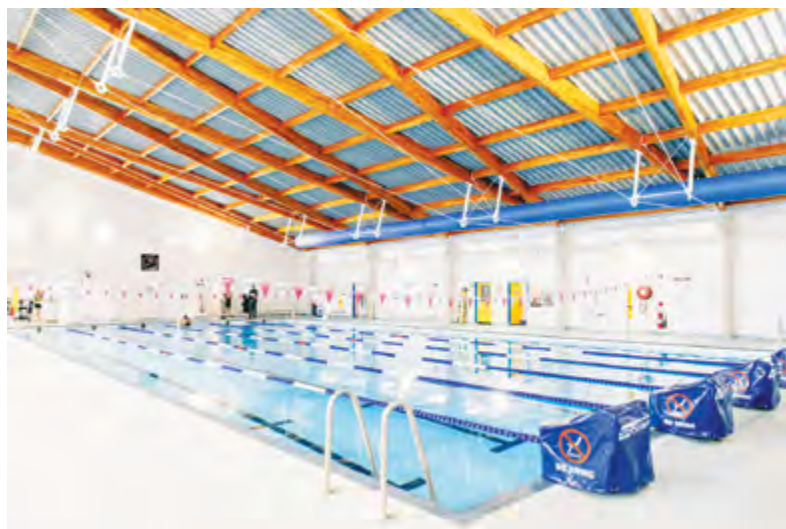
Excitement was in the air at the official grand reopening of the newly upgraded Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre (GALC) last Saturday, 3rd February.

Representing The Hon Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Sport, Hornsby Shire Councillor Janelle McIntosh was joined by Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO and Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP at GALC for a ribbon-cutting and an official unveiling of the Centre's new features and accessibility improvements, designed to enhance the facility and extend its life for many more years of use by local swimmers.

Delivered with support from the NSW Government through a Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund grant, the refurbishments to GALC included the installation of a new roof and the addition of a large, family changing room as well as a multi-purpose changing area equipped with hoists and adult changing tables – greatly improving accessibility for people with disability or undergoing rehabilitation.

In addition to functional improvements, a modernisation of the Centre's aesthetics makes for a more comfortable, family-friendly environment suitable for the diverse needs of the surrounding community, from the learn-to-swim families, attendees of the popular aqua fitness classes as well as squad training and events for local swimming groups.

"It was an honour to cut this ribbon today and reopen the doors to such a treasured community asset in Galston. The Galston Aquatic and



Leisure Centre is an important amenity of the area and crucial for our local children to learn to swim and be pool-safe," said Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO.

"The improvements to change rooms and enhanced accessibility are simply essential to ensuring that everyone feels welcomed and safe at our pools, whether they're learning to swim or swimming for fitness or leisure. Who knows, they could be Hornsby Shire's next swimming Olympian!"

Minister for Sport, Steve Kamper, said projects like these show the Government's commitment to delivering quality infrastructure that meets the current and future needs of the community.

"Projects such as these show the vital role that sporting infrastructure plays in keeping communities healthy, active and connected by providing a place for people of all ages and abilities to swim for fun, fitness or their Olympic aspirations."

Councillor Janelle McIntosh was buoyed by the accessibility improvements she experienced at the centre.

"As a Councillor, I am passionate about representing and supporting our residents living with disability along with seniors in our community. The upgrades ensure that the facility is accessible for all. I am delighted and proud that their needs, and those of their families and carers, have been considered and addressed through these upgrades so they too can enjoy the health benefits of swimming."



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Breaking down the Barriers for Worldwide Competition

By Karlene Brummer



It is incredible to believe that The Miss Universe Competition has been running for over 70 years. Officially recognised as starting in 1952, throughout this period, the rules for selection of entrants have remained fairly static, however the times they are a changin'! In the past several years boundary lines have shifted, and now married women and mothers can compete, and the upper age limit (previously 18-28years) has been extended.

For the first time in its history, two transgender women competed in the 2023 event as well as an entrant (Miss Nepal) who was considered to be a 'plus size' competitor.

Further breaking down the draconian barriers, is 33 year old Philippine born Model, and Dural resident, Christine Balaguer, who not only is married, but is also profoundly deaf. Christine has been selected as a State Finalist for Miss Universe, Australia 2024. I met with her last month for a photo shoot at the new Galston Aquatic Centre, and I must admit I was slightly concerned as to how I and the Photographic team would communicate – as I do not know Auslan, and Christine does not lip read extensively. I should not have worried – with the help of lots of gesturing, paper, pen, notes on phones and an App called AVA, we managed to complete a fantastic shoot. Christine's professionalism and determination not to let her deafness get in the way of living her best life, as well as her obvious natural beauty – external and internal was inspirational to see.

On being selected as a finalist, Christine says,

"This milestone is not just a personal achievement, but a testament to the power of dreams transcending borders. From my pageant beginnings in the Philippines to this moment in Australia, the path has been rich with challenges and triumphs. As a deaf contestant, I've faced hurdles, but each step has been a testament to the strength of perseverance and the beauty of diversity. This opportunity to represent in the prestigious Miss Universe Australia pageant is more than a chance for personal glory; it's a platform to amplify the voices of those who've been told their dreams are limited. Breaking barriers is not just a goal; it's a commitment to paving the way for inclusivity and showcasing that beauty knows no bounds. I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has been a part of my journey and believed in the power of dreams. This isn't just about me; it's about opening doors for others and proving that with passion, determination, and unwavering belief, one can conquer any obstacle. Here's to chasing dreams, shattering stereotypes, and embracing the limitless potential within us all."

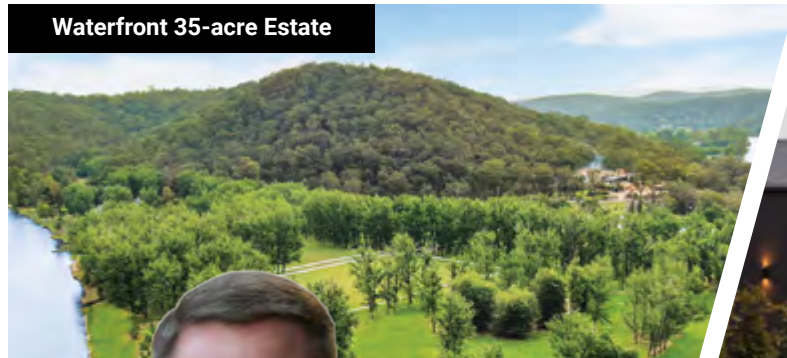
The last Australian to take home the Miss Universe crown was Jennifer Hawkins in 2004, so we wish Christine all the luck in the world.

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Swimming pools or muddy puddles

By Barry Lees

At the recent opening of Galston Pool, Mayor Ruddock told a story about when he and I were kids, we swam in a waterhole in the bush at Pennant Hills. The story brought back a lot of memories.

I lived on 5 acres of bush at Laurence Street Pennant Hills. There were 5 of us kids and 4 boys next door. We were a bit wild. Philip Ruddock lived just up the road and occasionally joined us. Sometimes my Mum couldn't stand the noise and yelled at us to "get down the bush and don't come back till tea time". Our place was next to Elouera Reserve (now part of Berowra Valley National Park), so there was bush for miles. We spent much of our lives down there racing around, climbing trees, playing in caves, chasing snakes, catching frogs.

The Waterfall was our favorite place. It was a pond about 15m round and 1.5m deep, with leaves and sticks on the bottom. There was a huge rock overhanging the pond, and the creek flowed over the edge and fell into the water. Those who were brave enough used to jump off the rock and land in the water about 7m below, our feet sinking into leaves, sticks and mud. With a howl of excitement, we'd climb up a vertical rock ledge using small holes someone had chiselled into the sandstone and do it all again. We also found soft rocks and rubbed them on a damp rock near a puddle to make orange or red war paint. We painted our faces and arms to look extra fierce. That night, we had to go last in the bath because the water went orange. As I write this, I realise again how much things have changed. We had no computers, mobile phones, social media or supermarkets but we did have a cow, 2 horses, a big vegie patch, lots of chooks, a "bury your own" toilet and the bush to enjoy.



We thought our waterfall was the best place to swim. We felt sorry for kids who had to swim in a proper chlorinated swimming pool with all those other people and no rocks to climb. But being realistic, we can't all have muddy ponds to splash around in. Given that, a proper swimming pool would be good place to go. I hope that the upgraded Galston pool becomes a favorite place for the whole community. I wonder if the kids of today, when they turn eighty and swimming pools are buried under high-rise buildings, will tell stories of the good times they had splashing about in those old-fashioned things called swimming pools.



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A Tale of Two Water Holes

By Karlene Brummer

At the recent opening of the Galston Aquatic Centre, Hornsby Mayor, Philip Ruddock recounted a lovely anecdote regarding the days before Community pools were readily accessible, of when he was a young boy and used to swim in a 'pond' close to his home with a mate called Barry Lees.

As Barry is a regular contributor to the *GCN*, I approached him to ask if he could expand on this reminiscence, and write a small article. Within a week of receiving his story, I also heard from long term resident and eminent Horticulturist Mrs Judy Horton, who was very pleased to tell me about an issue she has been fighting for some time – the correction of the name of the reserve that contains the Fosters Waterhole from Forsters Reserve to the correct spelling (without the 'r') – a big win for common sense, but a lot of red tape involved!

Foster's Waterhole, located off Mid Dural Road, is considered to be the "original" community pool for the area and has a long history dating back to the 1890's. It was the site for many a carnival and the home base of the Pioner Swimming Club.



Important notice re Soft Plastics Recycling

By Karlene Brummer

Attention Hornsby Shire Residents! If you are thinking about taking your soft plastics for recycling to any of the Recycling Depots, please read the following information.

I sat in the line of cars for 10mins waiting to recycle my bootload of plastics, only to be turned away after they were scanned and deemed to be 'contaminated' meaning that I was forced to take them all home again to sort through and weed out the pesky items. Even if you have a postage bag with a paper address label still attached this will be rejected and you must cut out the offending bit and then re-present. Please note, that this mandate is coming from the company that takes the soft plastics and not the Council itself. As an avid recycler, I fear that as much as we all want to reduce landfill, many people who are trying to do the right thing will just give up if it becomes too complicated and time consuming.



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- Fresh produce bags
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- Pasta bags
- Rice bags
- Zip/snap lock bags
- Pet food bags (dry pet food only)
- Net produce bags (excluding clip and paper)
- Newspaper and magazine plastic wrapping
- Australia Post satchels
- Courier and courier satchels (if all plastic)
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- Furniture and appliance plastic wrapping
- Bubble wrap
- Potting mix and compost bags

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- Chip packets
- Pet food bags
- Coffee bags

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- Ice cream wrappers
- Squeeze pouches e.g. yogurt, soup, pet food

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We started the year with a farewell lunch to one of our lovely ladies, our first opportunity to share our food and gratitude.

We would welcome any ladies along to see how we do what we do! It is always a joy to share our achievements.

We also appreciate any donations of extra fruit and vegetables for our jams and pickles.

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Together Justine and Paige have over 10 years' experience in the early childhood education and care industry. In this time, they have worked collaboratively with many families to support children in their learning and development journey.

"We are so incredibly proud of what we've been able to create so far, and we can't wait to open our doors and welcome the children and families of Glenorie. We are passionate about creating lifelong dreamers that are equipped with the confidence, wonder and curiosity to achieve anything they put their little minds to. Our ultimate aim is to provide children with the opportunities to flourish in a loving environment that is fresh, cosy and a 'home away from home' while they achieve their learning and development goals".

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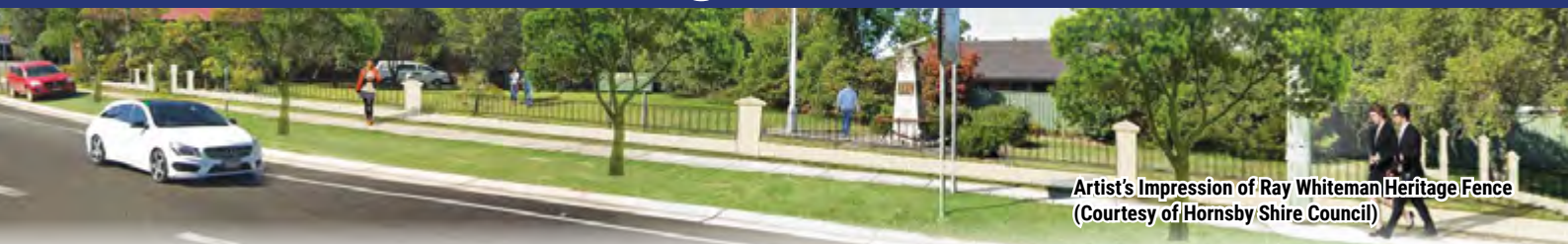
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Progress on happenings in the Hills & Hornsby

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We also aim to disseminate the facts available for you to form your own opinions, seeking to bridge the gap between the community, government and the private sector with the intent of ensuring the whole of communities' interest are wholly represented.

For this we are grateful for communication we have with The Hills Shire Council (THSC) Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi, North Ward Deputy Mayor. Mitchell Blue and Councillors Virginia Ellis & Dr Mila Kasby plus Hornsby Shire Council (HSC) Ward A Deputy Mayor, Warren Waddell, Councillors Tania Salitra & Nathan Tilbury.

The Hills Shire Council Releases Planning Proposal

THSC has released a draft Planning Proposal and Draft DCP for Agritourism in Rural Areas for public exhibition until **22nd March 2024**.

The Planning Proposal is aiming to support agritourism and small-scale agricultural development in the rural areas of the Hills Shire. Some of the key initiatives of the proposal area:

1. Permit 'farm gate premises' in the RU6 Transition zone – this means buildings or places whereby commercial farm operators can sell their products on a retail basis on their property and can also include areas where food and drink can be consumed & entertainment can be provided. Cellar door premises will also be permissible as a far gate premises within the RU6 zone;
2. Introduce new conditions for 'farm stay accommodation' - this is currently permissible in the RU6 zone. The Planning Proposal is seeking to expand the definition to allow for accommodation in moveable dwellings (such as tents and caravans) in addition to accommodation in buildings; &
3. Introduce new conditions for farm gate premises - seeking to incorporate new development criteria for the development of farm gate premises. These criteria do not include numeric standards for gross floor area and number of guests as these standards may have been too restrictive. Rather, they have not included numeric controls and used development standards.

THSC are recommending not to permit 'farm experience premises' which would include function centres on RU6 lands in order to mitigate impacts such as noise, traffic, parking and visual impacts.

The Planning Proposal and Draft DCP are available for public comment on THSC website www.thehills.nsw.gov.au up until the **22nd March, 2024**.

Progress on the Brewery for Glenorie

As you may be aware, the GPA has been playing an active role in engaging with community, local government and the applicant in relation to the proposed 'Artisan Food and Drink Premises'. The GPA hosted a community forum and consultative discussions with the applicant to ensure local community concerns surrounding the proposal are respectfully and appropriately articulated.

The Hills Shire Council shared their feedback, echoing much of what has been said of the local community including: Inconsistencies between the plans/documentation; Reduced production capacity, Reduced height to comply with the LEP. Reduced site coverage to comply with the DCP, plus amend Parking and vehicular movement, Stormwater & Wastewater treatment & Acoustics.

After considerable dialogue, the amended plans have been re-submitted to Council. Thanks to the applicant for their ongoing open dialogue with the community and its members. The GPA looks forward to reviewing the revised plans.

Go onto THSC DA tracker to view the amended proposal:

Property: 966 Old Northern Road, GLENORIE NSW 2157

Proposed Development: Artisan Food and Drink Premises

Application No: 683/2024/HA

New State Government Planning proposals

Changes to create low and mid-rise housing

The proposed reforms seek to:

- Allow dual occupancies (two dwellings on the same lot) in all R2 low density residential zones across NSW.
- Allow terraces, townhouses and 2 storey apartment blocks near transport hubs and town centres in R2 low density residential zones across the Six Cities Region.
- Allow mid-rise apartment blocks near transport hubs and town centres in R3 medium density zones across the six cities region.

This will mean more housing within walking distance from transport hubs, shops, and amenities. It will encourage better uptake of low and mid-rise housing where it is already permitted under the current rules by introducing new planning controls.

The proposed changes were on exhibition for public comment until Friday 23rd February 2024.

Progress on Pavers

Last month we told you all about the pavers that can Make You and Your Family a Permanent Part of Glenorie History - the Single and Double Paver offer - Donation of \$100- or more for a Single Paver and \$180- or more- a Double Paver.



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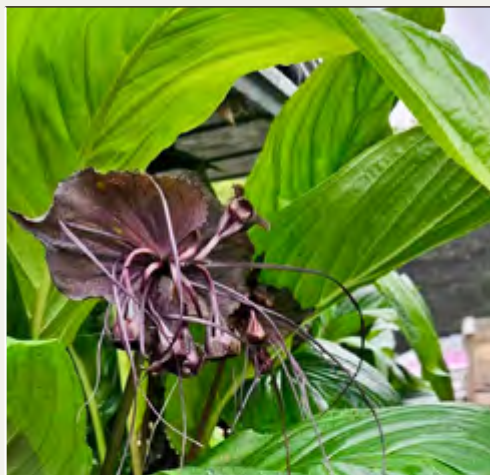


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from the Mayor's Desk

There has been much coverage in the media recently about the NSW Government's housing reforms, in particular around low and mid-rise housing, and I wanted to share with you Council's response to these and how we are advocating for our community.

Following the December 2023 announcement by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to exhibit its *Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing*, we resolved to make a submission on the proposal, outlining our concerns and recommendations. We will encourage the NSW Government to set clear housing targets and allow councils to develop and implement their own responses having regard to the character of their local area and community expectations.

Our submission will highlight our concerns that the density of development proposed under the state-wide approach to deliver housing will impact the character of the Shire's suburbs, heritage, environment and tree canopy, infrastructure and over-development in hazard areas (prone to risks such as bush fires and flooding) and parts of the Shire without adequate supply of wastewater as well as sewerage infrastructure.

It will also underscore our commitment to deliver a diverse range of housing under our adopted Local Housing Strategy which has been prepared following extensive consultation with our community. We will request an exemption from the proposed changes to progress our own local medium density housing strategy.

We are committed to continuing to deliver housing to meet the needs of our community. But we're concerned by the 'one size fits all' approach that is outlined in the proposal. The density of development that would be permitted would simply be far too great and would be devastating to other objectives of environmental and heritage conservation in Hornsby Shire. As your Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that we achieve our housing targets appropriately, and I hope the state government works with us to ensure this is achieved.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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Saturday 16 March, 11am-1pm
Storey Park Community Centre

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Saturday 23 March, 9.30am-11am
Thornleigh Community Centre

Meal Planning Workshop

Wednesday 27 March, 10.30am-12.30pm
Hornsby Library

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Maide Welch,
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Maide and Chris Welch exhibition

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Ross Tamlin,
Scrap Metal (detail), 2023



"I Dream a World" for The Galston Concerts

On Sunday 17th March The Galston Concerts will preview their 2024 line-up with a charity fund-raiser concert captioned I Dream a World.

Classical pianist Tonya Lemoh, born in Sierra Leone but Australian resident, will play the Galston Uniting Church grand piano to launch her new ABC Classic CD of popular music inspired by children - Schumann's Scenes from Childhood, Elena Kats Chernin's Piano Village including Eliza's Aria and much more.

The chance choice of St Patrick's Day allows for some bonus Irish music - folk-style Percy Grainger and magical John Field.

The concert supports a very worthy cause: all proceeds are destined for the the Children's Hospital in Bo, Sierra Leone, established by Tonya's late father, a leading Sierra-Leonean paediatrician who studied medicine in Sydney and eventually returned to raise his family in Australia.

A 2pm start at Galston Uniting, a concert without interval till 3ish before afternoon tea in the foyer and an opportunity to purchase copies of the CD to further support the fund-raising cause - music and medicine across continents and cultures.

Advanced booking will assist catering plans so please search Galston Dream on trybooking.com or phone Robert Harris on 0428 248 348.



ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

The letter "O" No rough edges - No pointy bits!

Complete; smooth; all encompassing...? DO quilts come to mind?

YES they do; all of the above can describe a QUILT. Our recently completed quilts (see photo) have arrived at the Red Cross Refugee Centre in Wollongong.

21 quilts, ready for the next group of 'new arrivals' into Australia; we hope our efforts will make a difference to their comfort as they prepare to settle into a new home and a different way of life!!!

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This lovely, smooth, round letter "O" could be the perfect approach to 2024, push away all the negative and let's accentuate the positive;

let's be ON-BOARD with new, bright ideas and best of all, let's OPEN OUR EYES and OBSERVE our wonderful colourful world around us!!

Meeting a quilting friend recently, sharing each other's news and also catching up on another group's activities I came away (with a smile in my heart) thinking about the fact that she has just started a new 'handmade quilt' (WOW) ... and she buys GREEN BANANAS.

My friend is definitely a true OPTIMIST.

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

For further information please call Carole on 9894 7749.



Melissa Lyon and co-worker Stephar unpacking our quilts, getting ready for distribution by Red Cross

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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

News from History Cottage

What a wonderful start to the Society's 2024 year with 90 members and friends in attendance at the February meeting. Using an event in Pennant Hills in 1906 lawyer Rod Best presented an outstanding talk that contrasted past and present social attitudes to sections of our population, in that case to the Chinese. In the light of present tensions between different groups within our population, his talk was a timely reminder of the benefits of our multicultural country.



The Society archives are the custodian of a great deal of family and local history. It was therefore a privilege to be given a collection containing photos, certificates and a small diary. This last mentioned opens with the words: "Left Northern Ireland Tuesday 13th November 1894". After recounting the day's events for the journey, it ends with the lines: "December 31st 1894 entered Sydney Harbour at 7.00 o'clock in the morning and cast anchor at half past 7. Charlie came on board at eight. Commenced work in Galston on 1st January 1895".

What a priceless record this little book is of the voyage of a young man starting a new life in a strange country. His family name is now quite familiar in our community.

A collection of deeds, for land that forms part of the original George Hall 600 acres grant of 1819, has been kindly lent by the current owners. When copied these will be added to the large collection of maps and land records that is available for approved research. Enquiries to 9653 1365.

It is through the interest, generosity and concern for local history that members of our community can assist in understanding and preserving the unique community in which we live.

Our guest speaker for March will be local identity and published researcher, Trevor Knight. He will tell of his visit to Germany and Switzerland and the solving of a long unanswered family mystery.

Next month's meeting, at 2.00pm on the 10th March in the Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. Booking is not required and all are welcome. Entry is free with a gold coin for afternoon tea. Enquiries 9653 1365.



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1. Finance first.

Before your property search even begins, you need to know how much you can afford to spend! Talk to a mortgage broker and/or bank and be sure to shop around for the best deal taking into account rates, fees and fine print.

2. Get clear on what you want.

Before you start searching draw up a property wish-list to help keep your search on track.

3. Research your local market.

Use online resources such as [Realestate.com](https://www.realestate.com.au) and Domain to gather insight on your local market.

4. Attend inspections.

Now is the time to start attending as many open for inspections as possible. The more homes you visit, the more you'll realise what's

within your budget and what you're willing to compromise on.

5. Understand the process of buying.

Now is the time to familiarise yourself with the terminology and process of buying a property.

6. Be aware not all listings are advertised.

Don't just rely on property portals for new listings, as some properties are sold 'off-market'. In this case, property details are shared via a dedicated website or buyer's agent networks without being advertised to the wider public.

7. Find a good local agent.

A skilled and experienced real estate agent can be your greatest ally when buying, providing valuable market insight and helping you navigate the entire process.

Chat to your local agent about your budget and requirements; that way they can let you know about relevant upcoming listings before they go live.

8. Brush up on your negotiation skills.

Negotiation is a crucial part of buying property – from the final price to the length of settlement, to fixtures and fittings, everything can be up for discussion.



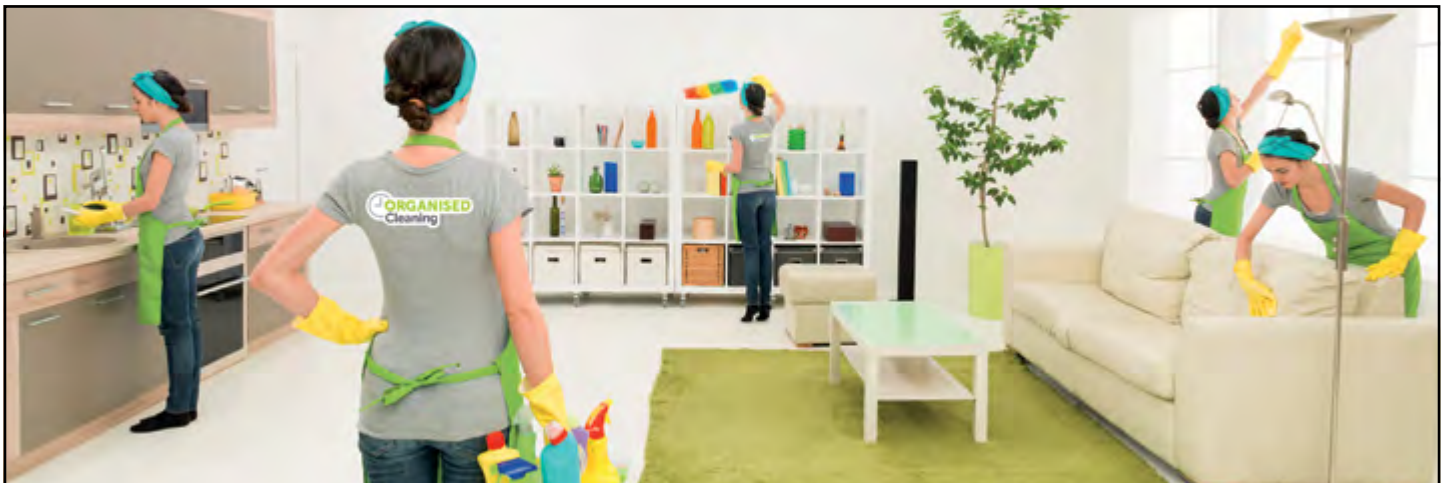
9. Be patient and keep emotions in check.

Buying a home can be an emotionally charged process, where feelings of excitement can quickly turn into disappointment.

Lastly...

While each buyer's journey, following these tips and having the correct information at your fingertips means you will be ready to move quickly and confidently when the right property comes along.

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Dural Scouts Hike Over Summer



Over the Summer holidays, a group of 1st Dural Scouts and Venturer Scouts undertook an Adventurous Journey from Murray's Beach to Stockton Beach via the Glenrock State Recreation Reserve. The weather was hot and humid, but they persevered and achieved their goal after four days' worth of hiking. Along the way they overcame many challenges - from heat stress, waterlogged shoes, rescuing a baby ringtail possum that had fallen from its mother's back (they called it Todd and give it to a W.I.R.E.S volunteer) and experienced so many things that they wouldn't have had the opportunity to if they were stuck in front of a screen all holidays.



The youngest on the hike was Jack, who has only recently moved up to Scouts from Cubs but proved to be 'the stuff real Scouts are made of', never complaining about the weight of his pack, nor the heat, even once. The conditions meant that the Scouts had to support each other as the heat made the hike even more physically demanding than usual, and the 1st Dural Group are all particularly proud of them and their wonderful achievement.

This term all Sections have organised programs with a lot of outdoors activities, challenges, and fun - from canoeing to making dumplings for Lunar New Year celebrations and of course there's some camping planned! We look forward to keeping you all updated of what we've been up to.

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

Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phirooza@bigpond.net.au or Simon: thewolf_1stdural@bigpond.com

Galston Library

Celebrate Seniors' Week with us at Hornsby Library! On Friday 8th March at 2pm, Dr Anne Ring will talk about her empowering new book *Engaging with Ageing: What matters as we grow older*. Also join us for Age Pension: Your Choices on Friday 15th March at 2pm and StrokeSafe on Friday 22nd March at 2pm. Bookings are essential. Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library for more information.

ADULT FICTION

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The Invocations is a darkly seductive witchy thriller where girls refuse to go quietly into the night.



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SPORT NEWS AT THE CENTRE DURAL

Boys take to the Netball Court!



Boys around NSW are embracing their speed, agility and coordination playing Netball with their peers. Local Mum Jenni has an almost 12 year old who has been playing Netball in the local junior competitions. She said "He's absolutely loved the game and being a part of a team for the first time. He's developed skills he didn't know he had and it's been great to see him finally find a sport he enjoys."

Even though there are more boys playing netball than ever before, it's not easy to find pathways to continue once they reach the age of 12. Netball NSW in conjunction with Men's Netball NSW has been seeking to create more opportunity for high school aged boys to embrace this sport. The Netball NSW Schools Cup in 2023 had a big turn out of boy's teams keen to participate and showcasing their skills.



The Centre at Dural, with Netball NSW and the Dural Warriors Netball Club, is looking forward to offering boy's social Netball Competitions for high school aged boys in 2024. Boys can form teams with their mates and enjoy playing this intense and highly-skilled sport. Maybe the next generation of Men's Netball Superstars will be grown right here in our local area.

If you have a boy interested in finding out more about Netball, see thecentredural.org.au/sports-competitions or call the sports team on 8989 0000.

Dural Bowling Club News

Jack Attack Competition 2024

Jack Attack is returning in 2024 and will take place between February 16th and March 2nd with prizes donated by the parent club Parramatta Leagues. It is pleasing to see some returning teams that took part in the competition of last October and November 2023. 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. Anyone interested in playing Jack Attack can contact Robyn Scoble on 0416 035 655.

Other News

A mixed triple competition had been scheduled to start on 10th February. Unfortunately, the wet weather has caused for the 1st round to be postponed and has been rescheduled for the 17th February.

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Dural Public School Leadership Team



This year we have 10 students from Dural Public School who make up the leadership team for 2024. The school captains are Mia L and Hudson S and the vice captains are Emma F and Benjamin L. The other members of the leadership team are Lachlan D; Sydney L; Lexie W; Jack W; Bella W and Gideon Z.



The role of a leader is a complex one. As they are the senior students in the school, they have a lot of responsibility. They work with the younger students by helping them settle into school and showing them how to play games in the playground and they also work with the other students to support them in a myriad of ways.

Our leaders communicate confidently with the students, staff and wider community and they work collaboratively to solve problems and to come up with some amazing solutions. They are all very mature and they display this by taking responsibility for their actions and choices and showing this to all the other students at Dural Public school, leading by example.

All the members of the leadership team have a positive mindset and this is integral to inspiring and leading others.

I look forward to seeing the leadership team develop into an inclusive and brilliant team who are paving the way for future leadership roles and responsibilities at Dural Public School and in their future life.

Hello! If anyone who either attended the school (Dural Public School) or who knows of any friends, neighbours or relatives who attended or worked here, could maybe contact me on 0412 231 491 as we are wanting to add names to photos. We have photos going back to the 1930s up until the 1980s. We are also missing a few year photos. Thank you.


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In a world that is often eclipsed by self-pursuit, it has been inspiring to see the bright light of loving kindness breaking through the dawn of difficulty. At Pacific Hills Christian School, brothers Brayden (Year 9) and Quinn (Year 7) have truly embodied a profound sense of kindness through their commitment to help children living with cancer.



Before Shot

Their remarkable story began with a desire to make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer. Brayden and Quinn recently completed an extraordinary mission. They grew their hair for several years with a heart-warming purpose; to help sick children in need. Speaking with their mother, Mrs Tracey Frendo, it was clear that the boys' have a deep sense of compassion. Mrs Frendo said, "Right from an early age both boys expressed their desire to make a difference in the lives of sick children."



After Shot

For children facing unimaginable challenges, this act of kindness will have a positive impact. Mrs Frendo commented "I don't think the boys truly grasp the gravity of their actions."

As Brayden and Quinn prepared to part with their 'locks of loving kindness', their message was simple, "We're cutting our hair to donate it to help sick kids throughout Australia".

Brayden and Quinn had their lovely locks cut off and donated it to the Kids with Cancer Foundation supporting Wigs4Kids. These handcrafted wigs boost the confidence and dignity of young cancer patients.

Brayden and Quinn raised an impressive \$645.00 to support children in need.

The brothers used their 'locks of loving kindness' to shine brightly into the dark corners of adversity, making the path of children with cancer just that bit better.

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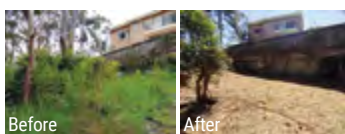
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Hornsby elects a new deputy mayor

At the February General Meeting of Hornsby Shire Council, A Ward Councillor, Nathan Tilbury, was elected as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the council term.

Nathan has served as Deputy Mayor twice previously and is currently serving his third term as a Councillor. He also represents Hornsby Council as Vice President of the Northern Sydney Regional Organization of Councils (NSROC).

Well known for his contribution to local community groups Nathan previously served for many years as President of the Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Association and as Vice President of the Ku-ring-gai Netball Association.

In addition, he was a member of the original committee responsible for delivering the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter and, once it opened, he served on the Shelter's Board for five years.

He has been Vice President of the Hornsby Historical Society since 2016 and has published several books on our local history.



Nathan is also a passionate bushwalker, cricketer and mountain biker. He lives in Berowra Heights with his Brazilian born wife and two daughters.

His council priorities for the remainder of the term are sensible management of council's finances, ensure council is transparent with its decision making and to continue to move forward in

delivering public domain improvements, as well as with both Hornsby Park (the former quarry) and Westleigh Park as high priority recreation projects for the benefit of the entire community.



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Recycle and Repurpose your Coffee: a Win-Win for our Environment

By Cllr Dr Verity Greenwood

Congratulations to Witham's Coffee Hornsby, who have been recently recognised as Local Waste Champions. Apart from having fabulous coffee, Witham's has stepped up by recycling and repurposing its roastery and café byproducts, to ensure minimal waste and less recycling contamination. In acting local, using sustainable practices, they contribute to global environmental sustainability.

Australians love of coffee means an estimated 90% (around 2.7 million) of all disposable coffee cups thrown away daily end up in landfill. Most paper coffee cups are lined with waterproof plastic lining that do not break down and they contribute around 60,000 kilograms of plastic waste each year. Even when their paper breaks down, soft plastic will remain and become a pollution hazard.

How can we dispose of our coffee products in a way that results in minimal waste and sustains our environment? Withams Coffee donates used coffee grounds to Edgeworth David Community Garden and recycles coffee chaff with Herfo's Woodshed, to create coffee compost. Galston cafes have done that too. Over a five-year period, my husband collected coffee grounds from two Galston cafes weekly and used it in our compost. Coffee grounds have a high nitrogen content and assist in creating organic matter, improving the ability of soil to hold water. Now we just use our own coffee grounds, adding them directly to our soil.

There are advances in production of recyclable coffee cups, but the process is costly. However, there are opportunities in our Hornsby Shire that assist in coffee cup recycling. Simply Cups has three drop off locations in the Shire for separate disposal of cups and lids. Simply Cups recycles cups to make various items, including furniture and car park bumpers. RecycleMe has a collection point for 100% recyclable coffee cups at Thornleigh, which Shred-Xm collects and processes into new paper products, such as 100% recycled copy paper. You can also choose to buy coffee from Responsible Cafes whose ratings are based on their positive environmental actions.

How can we work with our Hornsby Council to reduce waste and safeguard our environment? The present recycling contamination rate in Hornsby is 10%. There is some resident misunderstanding as to what part of the coffee cup can be recycled. The plastic coffee lid goes into the yellow recycling bin to be recycled with other hard plastics, but the



cup must go into the general red bin. Our Hornsby Shire Council Single-Use Plastics Policy, which was adopted in 2020, requires community-run and supported events on Council land to phase-out use, sale or other provision of food, drinks, and packaging items made from single-use disposable plastics. This includes coffee cups. Hornsby Council also highlights sustainable business practices like Witham's Hornsby and promotes sustainable coffee cup swap programs, such as Green Caffeine, Huskee cups, Returnr and Claycups.

Simply Cups locations: <https://www.simplycups.com.au/locations>

Coffee cup swap programs: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/waste-and-recycling/waste-reduction/coffee-cup-swap>

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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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From the desk of Matt Kean

Matt Kean - NSW Member for Hornsby



The Minns Government's widespread proposed changes to the planning rules that are currently before us is a serious threat to life as we know it in our local area. Rural villages such as Glenorie and Galston are set to be changed forever.

All the work Hills and Hornsby councils have done, together with their communities to set the character of the rural amenity whilst allowing for appropriate development, will be thrown out the window. The Minns Labor Government's one size fits all approach to planning will see Galston treated the same as Granville, with local voices trampled in a clumsy attempt to find an agenda.

In more positive news, I was very pleased to be part of the officially reopening of the upgraded Galston Aquatic Centre on 3rd February. The community has waited a very long time for this highly valued public pool to be available once again and it is now an impressive modern facility.

Finally, I am pleased to see Hornsby Council moving forward with their Galston Village Public Domain Plan. Galston's shopping area is in desperate need of some attention and council's plan is about to go out for public exhibition. I encourage residents to provide council any feedback they have to these plans.



Julian Leeser

Federal Member for Berowra



People often ask me what my favourite part of this job is. Without trying to sound like a cliché, it is undoubtedly the opportunity to help our community. While part of that role is representing you in Canberra, another important part is helping members of our community to access and navigate Federal Government services.

I am hearing more and more about people suffering because the wheels of bureaucracy are turning far too slowly. When that happens, we are here to help. One of the main areas where we assist is with Centrelink, Medicare and the NDIS. For instance, Jess from Mount Colah applied for paid parental leave but, 3 months later, it still had not been approved. My office raised the issue with Centrelink and, four days later, she started getting those much-needed payments.

I've long advocated for better telecommunications for our electorate. If you have

telecommunications problems, we may be able to help. Recently, Lee from Cherrybrook contacted our office about issues with his phone and internet connection which had continued ever since he moved into his home 6 months before. My office raised the problem with Telstra, who fixed the problem within a week.

Additionally, while we can't influence the migration process, we can draw the Department's attention to applications and seek updates on your behalf. For example, last year, Taylor from Thornleigh's niece applied for a visa to come to Australia for her wedding. When it still was not approved 3 months later, despite her family's visas being granted, our office escalated it with the Department. A few days later it was approved – making for a much happier wedding!

If I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me on **9980 1822**, or by emailing **Julian.Leeser.MP@aph.gov.au**



Rural Roundup

Hornsby Councillor
Warren Waddell



Several residents have enquired if it would be possible to make the crossing of Arcadia Rd even safer for children. The recently formed road verge and pedestrian island are an obvious benefit, however, the inclusion of a zebra crossing is also up for consideration.

If you would like to comment on this proposal, please go to the Council website or use the following link: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/>. If the exhibition period should end in the meantime, feel free to email your comments and I will pass them on myself.

While you are at it, Hornsby Council is calling on people of all ages to contribute to a 10-year plan for a socially sustainable shire. The plan will set out clear directions for priorities and actions to support social cohesion, community connectedness, resilience, and wellbeing. To have your say, please use this online link: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/social-plan>

Free plant giveaways have returned to the community nursery! The nursery located at 28 Britannia St Pennant Hills will open at 9am, Friday 23rd February. Bookings essential: [Hornsby.nsw.gov.au/plants](https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/plants)

On a broader note, Council has serious concerns over the State Governments plan to increase housing density.



The blanket, "one size fits all", approach lacks planning merit and would harm the character of our Shire's suburbs, heritage precincts, environment, and tree canopy. Let alone a total disregard for lack of infrastructure. We will be making a case to the State planning authority that we already have existing planning strategies that have been developed from the ground up with substantial community consultation.

Our Rural Land Strategy is a merit and evidence-based strategy that seeks to preserve the integrity of our rural area while identifying a sustainable approach to housing, local economy, and our environment. State planning reforms will undermine all of this. I will be working hard to ensure that our community controls its own future in terms of planning.

As always, happy to assist with any issue via the contact details. Ph: **0499 004 861**
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Hornsby shire council's native plant giveaways return this autumn

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

Taking place at Council's Warada Ngurang Community Nursery in Pennant Hills on **Friday 15th** and **Saturday 16th March**, residents can select plants from a great variety of grasses, groundcovers, shrubs, climbers and various-sized trees — all cultivated by dedicated volunteers and staff at the nursery.

Attendees to the plant giveaways can also make use of the expertise of Council's staff and volunteers on the day as they help by making suggestions of the best plant species to meet everyone's needs. Information about each species on offer will also be displayed on handy posters, so you can choose plants that will suit the growing conditions in your garden as well as the size of plant and features you desire.



During the previous Native Plant Giveaways event, held in Spring of 2023, residents from over 800 households collected approximately 3500 plants — statistics that Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO says are testament to the continued popularity of the program.

"We've been holding our native plant giveaways for a number of years now and have seen them really flourish over time," said Mayor Ruddock.

"I think this is due in part to the real sense of community that emerges at these events. The incredible skill and devotion of our nursery volunteers is on display, our residents' passion and enthusiasm for native plants really shines and the hard work of Council staff brings it all together. I couldn't be more proud of everyone involved and am very excited for the program to return this autumn."

Hornsby Shire Council's Native Plant Giveaways take place at the Warada Ngurang Community Nursery, located at 28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills. Each residence in Hornsby Shire is entitled to collect four free native plants per calendar year. Bookings are essential and will open at 9am on Friday 23rd February. For additional information about the Native Plant Giveaway Program and to book your plant collection appointment, please visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/plants

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By Nick Chartorisky

*A finger of air surrounded by wood,
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And my mere existence stops things from being killed.
Over one hundred years it will take me to form,
For an hour, or decades I'll keep something warm.
So many beings use me for safety and shelter,
Where they're safe and snug from the rain and the swelter;
Goanna and tree frog, python, corella,
Boobook, black-cockatoo or a rosella,
Possum and glider, small bat and woodswallow
Have you guessed what I am? I'm a tree hollow!*

- Alexander Dudley

I've heard a bit of chatter in our community asking for help on how to remove creatures from our roofs.

I've heard the pleas from others, after hearing and seeing chainsaws and dozers clearing the scrub, asking that we leave some room or have consideration for the creatures that inhabit our backyards and bushland.



Image by Nick Chartorisky

I'll not buy into any arguments or make any judgments but would like to propose a couple of humble solutions.

Offer the critters a place to live that's not in your roof.

Leave your old trees up, especially if they have hollows forming.

If you think the trees are in poor health or dangerous condition, get an arborist in to help keep the trees useful and beautiful and it won't cost as much as removing the trees.

And if you have the desire, hang some wildlife boxes.

Still Creek Landcare have a number of used boxes available in various states of decay but all still functional. If you would like to reserve a Wildlife Box, send us an email using the address below.

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.

Galston Garden Club

The Galston District Garden Club met for the first time this year on the 14th February. Our guest speaker for the night was Judy Horton, Horticulturist, OAM, MAIH, RH, HMAA. Judy made a presentation about the significance of the "Fosters Waterhole" in the district of Middle Dural. Our guest speaker for March will be James Carrick and the topic will be "Tree".

Visitors and new members are warmly invited to attend the meetings. Come and enjoy the company of people with an interest in gardening. The next meeting will be on the **13th March** at 7pm for a 7.30 start. There will be a trading table with a variety of plants for sale and very reasonable prices and a cuttings table to help yourself to take home and propagate. Members enjoy a supper at the end of the meeting and time to catch up with the other members.

* If you are looking for plants that flower all year round with minimum of care then the **Salvia family** is for you, and all of them are sensational in the sun. They are rugged plants which grow equally well in rubbly clay or friable loam, providing they are well drained. There is over 500 species of Salvias from edible sages and small to large shrubs up to 3m high. There is a Salvia to suit any climate, season and garden style. Most Salvias show off their flowers best in spring through to autumn. Salvias can easily be propagated by either sowing seeds or by taking cuttings or dividing old clumps.

Plant salvia en masse for a stunning display of colour in garden beds or use the smaller more compact varieties for pot displays around patios and entertainment areas. Most love a full sun position and well drained soil. Mix into soil before planting 5in1 Organic Fertiliser for strong healthy foliage and flower display. An occasional application of soluble fertiliser will keep the plants flowering optimally, although too much nitrogenous food will result in excess foliage at the expense of flowers. They are tolerant of moderate droughts although in poor soils it is a good idea to protect their roots with well-rotted compost or mulch during prolonged periods of hot and dry weather.

Annual and perennial varieties can be pruned after flowering to remove spent flowers and repropportion top heavy plants, while the longer shrubby types should be cut to approximately 45cm from the ground in autumn, after which they will produce fresh new growth almost immediately.

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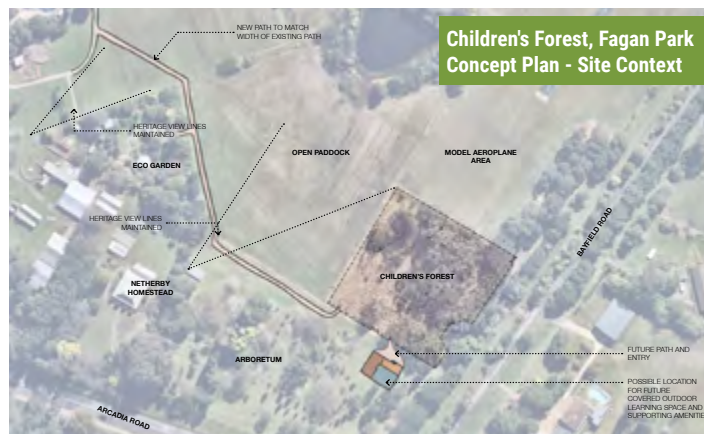
Developing a unique “children’s forest” in Fagan Park

By Councillor Nathan Tilbury

Hornsby Council has a section in Fagan Park that was used for growing saplings of varying native and exotic tree species. This area became known as “the tree farm”.

Once these trees reached maturity they were replanted in an appropriate area. However, if any of the trees developed a defect of any kind, that made it unsuitable for replanting, it was simply left growing in the tree farm. Over the years this has created a unique eclectic forest of trees in an underutilized section of Fagan Park.

Hornsby Shire Council has taken the opportunity to open up the old tree farm area and make it a place for children to get closer to nature, create and discover.



The children’s forest is being developed in stages as funding becomes available with stage one nearing completion. This is being funded through a government grant secured with the support of Matt Kean.

Once fully complete this natural adventure play space will include tree climbing, a cubby building area, treetop canopy walk, bird hide, tree house with a slide and much more.

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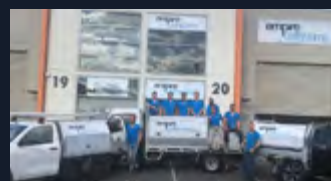
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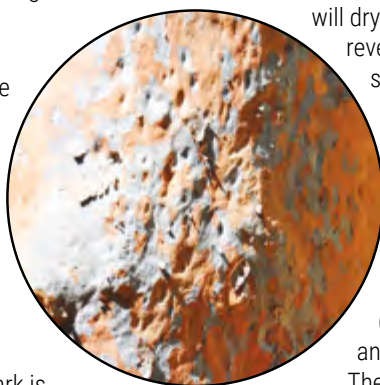
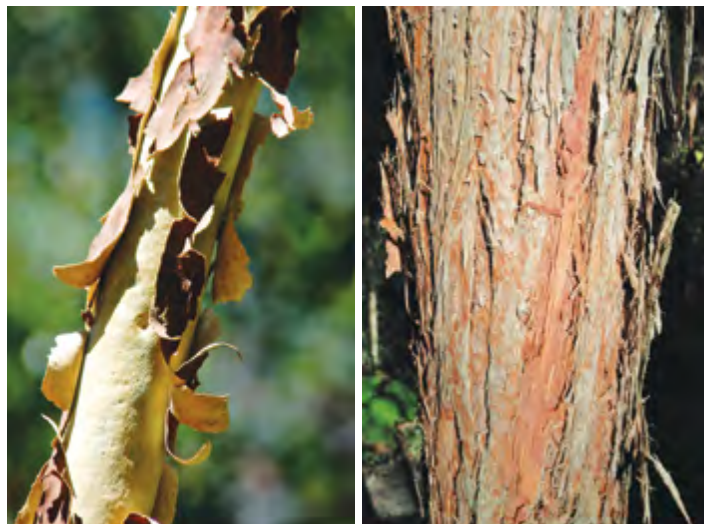
By Lachlan Turner

Everybody knows that trees have bark. There are almost as many variations in bark as there are trees and shrubs. Often a tree gains its name from the description given to its bark.

Examples would be:

- Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus Haemastoma*), (see February's column), where an insect burrows just under the surface, finding a source of food in or under this top layer of bark. leaving a wiggly trail on the surface;
- Black Butt (*Eucalyptus Pilularis*), where the dark fibrous bark at the base of the trunk appears to have been subject to a bushfire and the burnt colour is retained for quite a distance up the trunk;
- Stringy Bark (*Eucalyptus Agglomerata*), which refers to the stringy fibrous nature of the bark which if pulled from the tree reveals a reddish colour beneath the grey exterior.

Some trees visibly shed their bark completely every year, usually during spring when the new growth commences. The manner in which the old season's bark is shed can produce interesting colours and patterns depending on the type of tree. In some cases, last season's bark, if it is quite thin,



will dry out and flake off the tree and fall in long sheets revealing the new coloured bark underneath. One such species is a variety of Angophora where the new bark is a bright orange.

In some trees, lightly scraping away the old flakey bark reveals a totally new coloured bark underneath. This is the case with Geebung (Persoonia species) and Paperbarks (*Mellaleuca quinquenervia*) in particular.

The bark of a mature Old Man Banksia (*Banksia serrata*) is distinctively globular in formation and relatively cork like.

There are occasions when a tree will emit a sappy gum-like liquid in its attempt to counteract an insect infestation. This may give the appearance that the tree is bleeding.



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What's with the Chocolate Egg?



Murray Lambert – Pastor at The Centre Dural

If you visit the Cadbury Museum (sounds dangerous) they have examples of chocolate hens, bells, fish and EVEN PIGS which were all the rage at Easter in the early 20th century. Eventually, the egg became the dominant shape due mostly to convenience in production (an egg is definitely easier to make out of chocolate than a pig).

The modern Easter egg has taken on a life of its own. These days there's Crunchie eggs, Caramello eggs, Turkish Delight eggs, Cream eggs, Humpty Dumpty eggs with the smarties in them – I can't keep up!

But I still hold a special place in my heart for the humble, empty Easter egg. Why? Because just like the empty egg, Jesus' tomb was



found empty that first Easter Sunday. It's not only why we celebrate Easter, it's why we hold onto faith as Christians - it's why we meet on Sundays!

Without an empty tomb, our faith is also empty – that's what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:14. "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty."

Ultimately something's gonna turn out empty. Either Jesus' tomb was empty, or our faith is empty.

And if you'd like to explore a faith that is full of hope, love and life, we'd love to have you join us for one of our upcoming Easter Services; **Good Friday 29th March** at 10am
Easter Sunday 31st March at 10am.

Email me at murray@thecentredural.org.au



Galston Uniting Church

The things we do...

Of course, Sunday Worship is central to all we do. It is a time for spiritual refreshment and direction as well as to catch up with friends. However, we have many other activities during the week and there is hopefully something here for everyone in the community.

They include:

- ✓ Sunday Worship at 10.00am each Sunday includes a time for "Sunday's Kids".
- ✓ Jabez is our drop-in centre where people can meet for a chat over a decent cup of coffee or tea with a special treat to nibble on. Jabez is open on Fridays from 10am - 3pm.
- ✓ Bible Study is also on Fridays at 9.30am
- ✓ Meditation and Tai Chi is a new group that also meets on Fridays at 11.30 am.
- ✓ KUCAs (Kids in the Uniting Church of Australia) is for children K - 6. They meet each Friday of school term from 5.00-6.30pm. This varied program includes dinner. (Cost \$5 per night)
- ✓ Youth Group - for those in Year 6 and junior high school, they meet on Friday evenings at 7.00pm. Contact the church office for a program.
- ✓ The Men's Choir - Come and "make a joyful noise"! Great stress therapy and a whole lot of fun. Contact church office for details.
- ✓ Ladies Choir - People come from near and far to join this choir. Practice is on Sundays at 11.30am after church.
- ✓ Tuesday Gentle Exercises 9.15am
- ✓ Tuesday Chair Yoga 10.30am
- ✓ The Craft group - meets on Thursday at 12pm for a great time of friendship while doing patchwork, crocheting, sewing and other crafts and all are welcome.



- ✓ "Over 55s" - a social group with a variety of outings and activities for the slightly older fraternity. Please come and join us at 10am at the church on the second Monday of each month.

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

May God Bless You

Recently I've been having a chuckle about typical Australian sayings - our Aussie lingo!!

We grew up with...

- ✦ "Good on ya' mate!"
- ✦ "No worries! (everything will turn out ok)
- ✦ "Gonna throw a snag on the barbie" (an invitation)
- ✦ "Tell him he's dreaming" (it's not a fair deal)
- ✦ "Put a sock in it!" (be quiet!)

...and many more including all our abbreviations:

- ✦ avo (afternoon)
- ✦ brekkie (breakfast)
- ✦ brolly (umbrella)
- ✦ mozzie (mosquito)
- ✦ sunnies (sunglasses)

Another one of our frequently used expressions is "God bless you" when someone sneezes!!

Apparently there is no certainty about where the phrase came from, but the most common belief is that during the plague of AD 590, Pope Gregory 1 commanded unceasing prayer, to say "God bless you" right after someone sneezed because sneezing was one of the first signs of the plague!

These days, it's become an automatic response, whether people believe in God or not!

Our church noticeboard this month says, "God bless you. He's the only One who can."

Let me explain...

The Greek word used in the Bible to define "blessed" is "makarios" which means "happy, enlarged or lengthy." It defines the kind of happiness that comes from receiving favour from God.

For many Christians before they say goodbye to someone, end a text, email or a phone call, it is quite normal to say "God bless you."



It's far more than a nice ending; rather it is a sincere prayer, asking God to show His favour to that person.

It is very important to note that we are commanded by God to show love to others. We certainly can express this through our support and encouragement. However, God is the only One who can truly "bless", because only He truly knows a person's heart, life circumstances, health and needs. In prayer we ask Him, our loving God, to bless or show favour in meeting people at their point of need.

"For God so loved the world (each individual), that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

The term "God bless you" is a prayer, asking God to show favour to all those who believe in Jesus and to direct those who are searching or unsure that Jesus IS God who loves them and that believing in Him as "the Way, the Truth and the Life" is the ultimate blessing.

May God bless you.

Pr. Alex and Dee Valich.
Glenorie Community Church

Galston Adventist Church

Last year my wife Rhonda and I moved over from Perth, Western Australia. We felt like we were being called to an unknown land. Although we have been to Sydney before, we have never lived here. We soon realised that Sydney offers a faster pace, more people, more traffic, and the big one, very expensive housing. Our shift reminded me of the story of Abraham who was called to leave his homeland and relocate to an unknown place. He didn't know what he might encounter, but God assured him of His presence; he simply had to step out in faith.



I've always believed that faith is having the assurance and peace of mind that God will guide us along the road ahead. The future is in His hands, and we can daily claim His promise to be with us as we go forward in faith (Isaiah 41:10).

I had no idea that part of my New South Wales journey would involve being called to be the minister for Galston Adventist Church. God truly works in amazing ways. I feel deeply honoured to serve Jesus Christ and His church; and to share Christ's amazing love to all who are open to receive the joy of salvation. God's free gift of grace is available to all through faith in Jesus Christ.

Every day offers new opportunities, new experiences, and new friends. Bringing joy to others creates a merry heart. As King Solomon said, "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

On **16th March** at 6pm all are welcome to join us for Sunset Melodies, where your spirit will be uplifted and joy will fill your heart.

On the **first and third Tuesday of each month** at 10am join us for Chit Chat, a program for seniors: fun time, fellowship, and morning tea. On Saturday mornings 9:30am we have a group Bible study, followed by our divine service at 11am. Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

As Rhonda and I merge our lives into the Galston community, you may see us from time to time. Please stop and chat, we would love to meet you.

Steve Belson 0438 459 223, Galston Adventist Church



Glenorie Mission Church celebrates 125 years

In 1899, 7 men from different denominations met and decided to start a new Church in the Glenorie District and that the building be known as the Glenorie Mission Hall interdenominational, that it shall be used exclusively for the purpose set forth in the appeal to the public for support. A place of worship to Almighty God.

The Church building was built in record time as the minutes recorded on the 11th March 1899 that a decision was made to build the Church and by the 13th April 1899, the first meeting was held in the building.

It is now 125 years since that decision was made and it has continued as an interdenominational Church in the district. Over these 125 years, it has supported many missions and missionaries throughout the world, it has been faithful in its teaching and sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. A Sunday School has been present during all these years and is still an integral part of our Church.

On the 7th April 2024, we are planning a special Church service and lunch to celebrate this occasion.

If you would like more information, please contact Phillip Thorp on 0405 270 688 or email at glenoriemc@gmail.com

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News from St Benedict's

St Benedict's Parish Fete - Sunday 7th April 2024

We're all looking forward to the return of this popular event so please save the date. If you have any donations or suggestions for the fete please contact the Parish Office on a Monday or Friday (phone number below).

St Benedict's Youth Group

The parish is starting a youth group for 8-11 year olds to give them a chance to get together and share activities. Possibilities include table tennis and basketball so if anyone can help with equipment for these please contact the parish office. It's expected that the fun will start in April or May.

Monastery Anniversary

We had a very happy celebration of Father Hilarion's 50th anniversary of his ordination. A large group gathered to enjoy a yummy morning tea (pictured) to mark this wonderful anniversary and bid Father Hilarion our very best wishes for his return to Sri Lanka.

Lent is here

Ash Wednesday on February 14th marked the beginning of Lent, the lead-up period to Easter (**Good Friday this year is 29th March**). Lent is a time for reflection and for thinking of those who are less fortunate. Once again parishioners took home Project Compassion boxes or envelopes that they can use during Lent to collect and return



donations for the work of Caritas. Caritas supports communities all around the world in tackling problems such as poverty, food security, sanitation and disaster risk reduction. The name Caritas is derived from a Latin word that means love and compassion. The organisation, which started in 1897, has grown to become one of the largest aid and development agencies in the world.

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.

The difference Christ makes

When men and women do not know Jesus Christ, death is the end of everything. They do not know what is on the other side of the doorway we call death. I have often had folk say to me, 'Well I'll just take my chance with whatever comes after I die. I'm not going to worry about it now.'

But the Christian looks at death differently. Like Paul we can say, 'To me to live is Christ and to die, means just to have more of Him'. It didn't really matter whether he lived here on earth or died and went to heaven. Christ was with him and in him in either place. (vv 21-23).

When a Christian dies, his soul goes immediately into heaven to be with Christ for ever. The body which is left we put into the ground because the person is finished with it.

But the body isn't going to stay in the ground for ever. When Jesus Christ comes back once again, He will bring with Him all those

thousands of souls who have gone to heaven. As He comes through the clouds, He will call and out of the ground a new resurrection body will rise for each of those saved souls. It will happen so quickly that we will hardly be able to see it—the Bible calls it 'in the twinkling of an eye'.

This is the hope of every Christian. Can you see the difference Christ makes as we, as Christians, look at death as well as at life? This is part of the gospel and part of all that Christ gives to us when we accept Him. A Christian need never fear death!

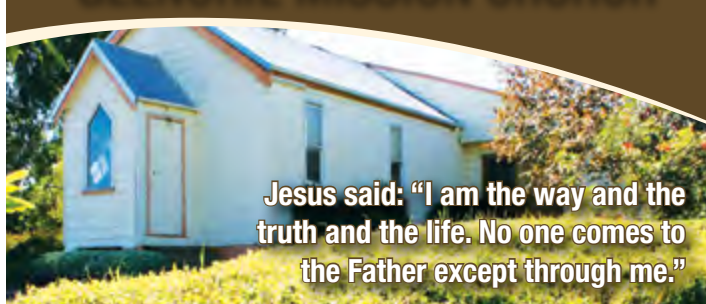
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(Message by the late Rev Ed. Long)

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Training continues at Glenorie RFB



Firefighting training is continuing within our brigade. Glenorie RFB is undertaking village firefighting (VF) training which teaches our members essential skills for incidents such as structure and car fires. This is a critical part of Glenorie's training due to the wide variety of incidents we can get called out too.

We are also currently training our bushfire fighting (BF) course at Glenorie station. This course teaches the essential skills to enable our firefighters to undertake bushfire fighting operations. If you are interested in joining us, please come down to the station on Monday nights at 7.30pm or Saturdays at 2.30pm.

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Graeme's customers speak highly of his personability and honesty, and his name always comes up when their friends and families need help with their own machines. People remember him, too; many calls made to Northside Washers come from customers who Graeme visited 10 or 20 years ago.

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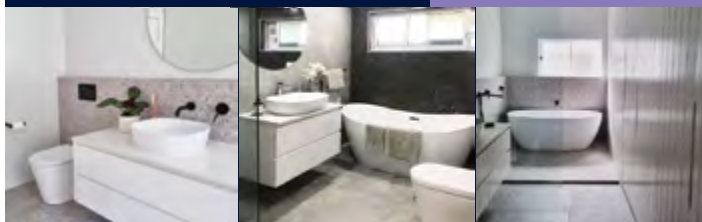


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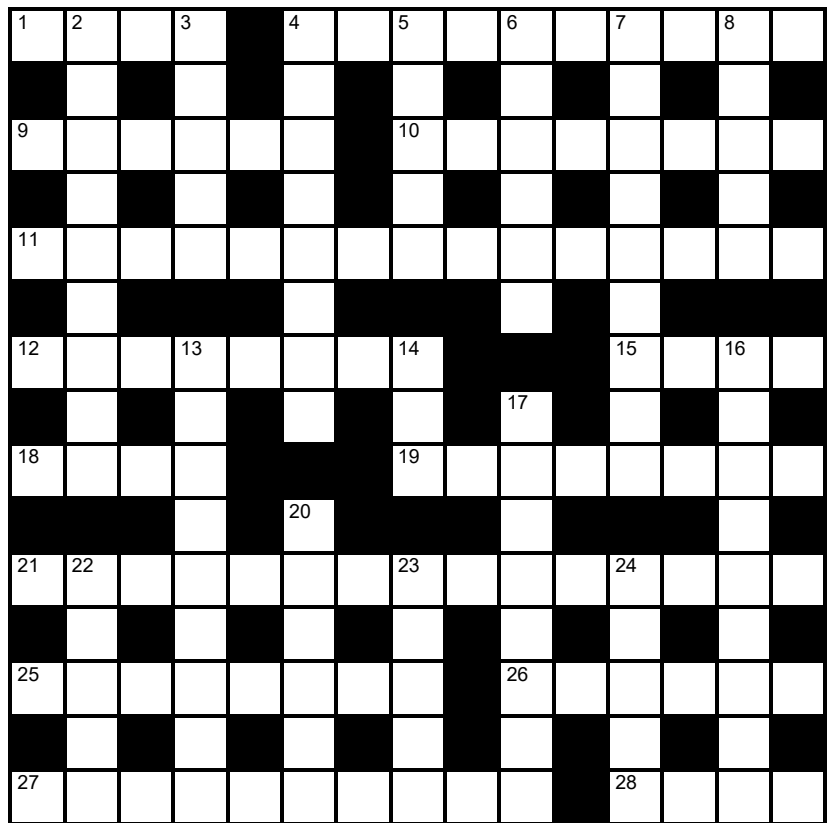
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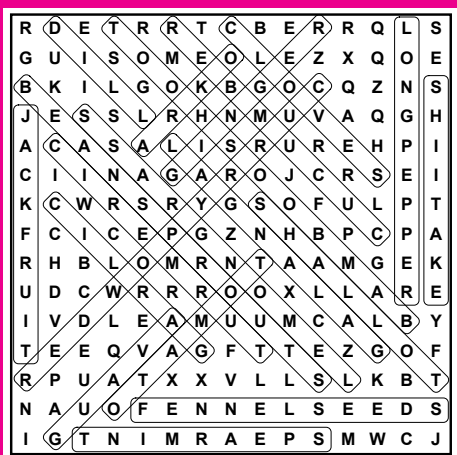
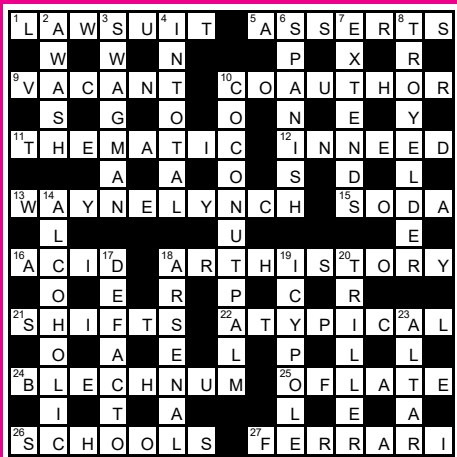
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10 Dinner site (8)
11 Atherton Tableland pine (10,5)
12 "Know thyself" philosopher (8)
15 Profane expression (4)
18 Spot (4)
19 Lineage (8)
21 Rat only found way up North (4,4,7)
25 Desert runner --- Gash (8)
26 Bread (6)
27 Abandoned (4,6)
28 Barbie staples (4)

DOWN

- 02** They obey one's will (9)
03 Preference (5)
04 Pope is to upset another performer (8)
05 Beyond what is usual (5)
06 Unimportant person (6)
07 They're uplifting (9)
08 Church singers (5)
13 Former Richmond centre half-forward (5,4)
14 Vast amount (3)
16 Rugby's "The Back-up man" (5,4)
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- 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-nswactnt.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: ajhede@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@greaterhillslotary.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

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.

- 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

- Fr Valch 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

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