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# Wisemans Ferry and District War Memorial

Following approval from Hornsby Council, a committee was formed on October 5th, 2010 to construct a fitting memorial in honour of the men and women who departed the district for service in times of war. The memorial was designed by Wayne Moore & Neil Marsh and completed one week before Anzac Day 2015. It was unveiled by local resident, Mrs Dyrus Thompson, a descendant of one of the Anzacs.

The sandstone memorial comprises an obelisk, standing on top of a centre column and plinth. The column is in the 'Sentry Box' style and was designed to accommodate the 1-metre-tall bronze sculpture of a First World War Australian Digger. The sculpture is the work of Hungarian-born Alex Kolozsy.

Black granite from the Grandee Granite Quarry in the Mulyandry district was used to form the Sentry Box archway, which has the inscription 'Valour/Honour' engraved on either side of the entrance. The plinth, or base, of the Sentry Box bears the unveiling plaque. The plinth received a 'Convict picked and margined' makeover from local stonemason Paul McKinley to complement the district's colonial convict heritage. (Sadly, Paul passed away in February this year. His sister, Kath Ware's touching tribute can be read on *Page 19*).

The obelisk, which was the final stage of construction of the memorial, was to undergo

three design changes before completion. To obtain a single, 2.4-metre-long log of light grey stone, without grain or flaw, proved to be very difficult. This resulted in a compromise, including a change in height/concept to accommodate the join. The obelisk inscription 'Sacred to their Memory' was the work of Central Coast stonemason Jon Bye. The sides of the obelisk house four large bronze plaques, representing the three service branches and the Merchant Navy.

The Memorial is located in a community reserve, adjacent to the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club.



Photo credit: wisemansferrymemorial.com.au

**In our last edition about Miss Universe Australia contestant, Christine Balueg we said that she was married. This was incorrect. We apologise for the mistake.**

# Information for Rescuing Native Animals

By Karlene Brummer

Looking through recent Social Media posts from the local area I have noticed a lot of posts questioning where people can find help for the removal and/or rescue of a variety of creatures found on their property.

If you find an injured native animal or bird, your first point of call should either be WIRES, or your local Vet - if you are able to transport the animal to them in a safe manner. Most Vets have affiliations with native animal care groups and organisations so they can hold the animal for a check over and pass on to a carer for rehabilitation and release.

Don't try and catch a snake – leave this to the licensed experts. Most will charge a fee for this, but weigh this up with the alternative of being bitten, and you will see that it is well worth the cost!

Possums can be pesky but they are a Protected Species in NSW. Under certain circumstances, if Possums are causing destruction to residential properties, they may be caught and released by licensed catchers, and fees are also applied.

If you are unlucky enough to see a Funnel Web on your property follow these guidelines:

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- Invert the jar, keeping the top covered
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- Keep it away from direct sun and heat

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# Pets @ Work

BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND

Nev is back! After being seconded for a top secret assignment with the Doggy Tailograph, Nev was MIA for the past two months, however he is back reporting for the GCN and this month he was sent to interview some rather interesting Pets at Work – the Alpaca herd at Woolpaca Farm in Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie. Nev sat down with spokespaca, Hope...

**Nev:** Hi Hope! I believe you came into the world in a very interesting way. Can you tell our readers a bit more about this?

**Hope:** Last October my mum, Tempe, went into labour and after a few hours of labouring nothing was happening so the vet was called and it was apparent that a caesarean was necessary, so off to North Richmond Vet Clinic she went. After a very traumatic few hours I was born! I struggled for the first few hours then went home. I had a lot of problems with feeding and infections. I was tube fed for 7 days, and day by day I got stronger. These days I can be seen playing in the paddock with my friend Lacey. I'm still only very tiny but HOPEfully I will grow!

**Nev:** What exactly is the difference between an Alpaca and a Llama?

**Hope:** Alpacas and Llamas are both part of the camelid family. Alpacas are smaller in weight and height compared to a Llama.



Tempe and baby Hope



The Woolpaca Herd

Both are herd animals and need a friend or two. Alpacas are gentle and shy while Llamas are very confident and social.

**Nev:** What do you guys do at Woolpaca Farm, and how many of you are there?

**Hope:** We are raised to be rehomed as either family pets, herd guards or for Show purposes. At the moment there are about 50 of us. In spring and autumn there are usually another 15 or so added to the herd when the mums give birth to their crias (like me).

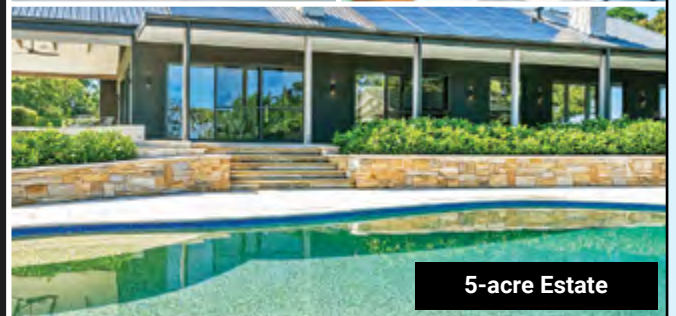
**Nev:** Do you like listening to Pan Pipe music? If so, I have some old LP's I can give you.

**Hope:** No thanks. We are more into Country and Western.

**If you would like your Pet @ Work interviewed by Nev, please email: [editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au](mailto:editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au) with NEV in the subject line.**



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# Kerrie Mead celebrates 40 years in Pharmacy Industry

In 1984, 15-year-old Maroota School girl, Kerrie Ramm, left Galston High and on the recommendation of her cousin, who was a dental nurse in Galston, obtained a job working in a nearby Pharmacy for Warren Griffiths. Kerrie was employed there until Warren passed away. Little did she know that she would remain working in the Pharmacy industry – and within Galston Village – for the next several decades.

Kerrie (now Mead) is well known in the community and is renowned for hosting the annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at the Galston Village Pharmacy, where she has worked for eleven years as the Retail Manager. Over the time that Kerrie has been involved in fundraising for the Cancer Council, she and the team have managed to raise more than \$50,000 for Cancer Research. The cause is close to Kerrie's heart, having lost both her Mother and first Husband to the insidious disease.

Kerrie has witnessed many changes over the forty years she has worked at Galston, including

seeing many more people moving to the area, and a greater demographic of elderly people and customers due to the many retirement villages springing up. However, she firmly believes that the area still retains a 'village atmosphere.'

When asked what were the best things about working in the Pharmacy Kerrie says, "Making lifelong friends, watching customer's kids grow up and become customers themselves, and of course helping people with their health needs." She also really enjoys working with her colleagues and loves to see the young girls (and occasional boys) who start working there as school students, move on to careers often in the health and well-being industry.

April 13th marks the 40th Anniversary of Kerrie's Pharmacy tenure, so pop into the GVP and wish her 'Congratulations'!!





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**Thursday 25th April. ANZAC Dawn Service**  
 6:00am Glenorie Memorial Cenotaph  
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 Galston Road, Galston

**Thursday 25th April Community Service**  
 3:15pm Glenorie RSL Club  
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# ANZAC DAY

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# NEWS FROM NETHERBY

## A Moo-vn' Story Fagan Park Jersey Cows

A visit to Fagan Park and the old Dairy in the heritage precinct will take you back to an era of days gone by. Samuel Fagan was a successful orchardist in the early 1900's in Arcadia and Galston.

With the 1930's Depression impacting the family, the once viable orchard was reaching the end of its economic production. When Samuel Fagan died at the age of 86 in 1948, his youngest son, Bruce took on the family responsibilities. He was extremely interested in cattle, particularly the Jersey, and as the orchard closed, his interest grew in developing a top quality Jersey stud farm, adding a dairy building to the property.



Bruce became an expert in cattle breeding and it became an important part of farm operations. He demonstrated his expertise in judging cattle and was approached by various agricultural shows to serve as a steward, ring master and judge. These



shows included Parramatta, Castle Hill and the Royal Sydney Show. He assisted the fledgling Hornsby Show Society when it started. Records of registrations and sales going back to around 1940, detail some of the names of Bruce Fagan's jersey cows. There was *Netherby Promise*, *Netherby Sybil*, *Netherby Heiress*, *Melody*, *Bloom*, *Jean*, *Kahoka's Favourite*, *Leda's Dame*, *Anemone's Lady*, *Oxford Queen* and *Fairy Lady*. It is interesting to note that the Jersey cattle breed originally came from the Isle of Jersey (in the English Channel between England and France) and were brought to Australia in 1829. They are a small breed, low in body weight, have superior grazing ability and are produce delicious rich, creamy milk. Is it any wonder that Bruce Fagan loved his cows?



**Visit Fagan Park and its heritage precinct: Open every Tuesday 9-4pm and the second Sunday of the month 1-4pm.**  
(Information collated by Julie Graham - Friends of Fagan Park Volunteer)



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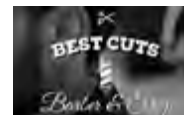
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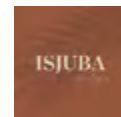
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# Glenorie Probus Club Activities

Glenorie Probus Club has continued its practice of having interesting and exciting activities.

The New Year commenced with Lunch in January at which the members were able to discuss their activities over Christmas and plans for the year.

The first visit for the year was a trip to Warragamba dam which was very well received. A number of members commented that they had not been there since the late 1900's. It was a good time to visit the dam given it is very close to full and there is talk of increasing the height and hence we were able to visualise some of the effects of this action. This was accompanied by Lunch at Warragamba and afternoon tea at Luddenham.



Next event was the club visiting the Ramses exhibition. This was very informative and the members found the Virtual Reality session a new and memorable experience. The visit was very educational as many were not aware of the life and achievements of Ramses.

The Club is planning a number of speakers at our April meeting who will each give a short talk on war events related to Anzac day.

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

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# Waaia Café: Where every cup tells a story of diversity and empowerment

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Nestled in the heart of Dural lies the Waaia Café, where every cup of coffee comes with a side of warmth and a smile. What sets this café apart isn't just its award-winning scones and aromatic brews; it's the heartwarming story behind its existence.

Waaia Café operates out of the leafy grounds of the Warrah Society, a not-for-profit organisation committed to enriching the lives of people with disabilities. Open every Friday from 10am to 12noon, the café is run by some of Warrah's Social and Community program participants and their dedicated support workers.

Tania, one of the café team gets a head start on Thursday mornings to craft each batch of scones with meticulous care, ensuring every bite is a delight. Her scones clinched the top spot in the 2023 Hawkesbury Show. Tania uses her daily living skills at the Waaia Café and finds joy and purpose in her role.



Another integral member of the team is Sam. On Fridays, Sam extends a warm welcome to café patrons, his infectious smile brightening the atmosphere as he fosters a sense of belonging for all who walk through the door.

Ali Pruys, Executive Manager Community Services said that the vision behind the café was to create a space where the local community can come together to connect with and support the Warrah community. On our beautiful bushland campus, the Waaia guests can enjoy the surroundings while donating to a worthy cause.

The café offers more than just delicious treats, it's also a training ground for people with disabilities to gain hands-on experiences in, baking, customer service, money handling, cleaning, and food safety. Every purchase contributes directly to Warrah's programs and services, making a tangible impact on the lives of the people we support.

Tania, Sam, and the entire team extend to you a warm welcome. Join them at the Waaia Café, Harris Road, Dural every Friday and be a part of something truly special.

For more information visit <https://warrah.org.au/waaia-cafe/>

## Galston CWA

As the Summer days leave us and we move into Autumn, the ladies at Galston CWA are putting their energy into creating products to sell and donate as part of their Fund Raising activities.

From baked goods; jams and pickles to knitted and sewn items, they are happy to give of their time and talent to aid the communities they support.

To this end, the branch was delighted to accept a most welcome donation from the manager of the Bendigo Bank, Mr Savio Pereira, in the form of a cheque, which the branch has used to purchase a Brother Multi Function Laser Printer. This is an excellent addition to assist in the presentation and professionalism of our goods.

It's a wonderful thing to see community supporting and encouraging their own. Galston is lucky to be one of those.



# Glenorie Progress Association



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

## Honour your Family Veteran this Anzac Day Purchase a Paver to value our veteran's service

We have told you about the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) offer for all resident to have names engraved in Pavers and permanently laid in a path in the precinct of the Glenorie Memorial Hall.

The Glenorie Hall was built in 1932 after the original sandstone Hall began eroding. It was then constructed from brick with a metal roof. It was built by the Community, for the Community, with funds from the sale of the sandstone from the original School of Arts that stood on that site, along with the original Glenorie Public School started in 1888. The Memorial Hall has been used for concerts, movies (called The Pictures then), dances, public meetings plus many other varied activities.

The Hall was built to commemorate the local men who died in WWI. As the Hall is located on the eastern side of Old Northern Road, the veterans listed on the original Honour Board and on the present-day cenotaph plinths were either born, lived or attended schools in either Shire. So now that it is in Hornsby Council hands, the planned upgrade will include a path built from pavers from the community so...

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A Single Paver incorporates a Maximum of 3 lines, 16 characters per line and a Double Paver, a Maximum of 6 lines, 14 characters per line. The double would be able to incorporate a lot of information about your veteran family member, or best mate.

For more information, please Scan the QR code.

You can also visit <https://sparrow-mouse-cs46.squarespace.com/engraved-paver-purchase>

Any questions that you may have can be addressed via email to [pavers@glenorieprogress.org.au](mailto:pavers@glenorieprogress.org.au)



Look out for us at Open Days at the Hall or outside Woolworths on Saturdays in the coming months. We can help you order the pavers, whether they be for veterans or your family paver or even to mark the memory of a loved one.

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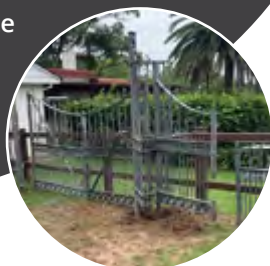
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It could be weeding gardens around a Church Hall, mowing lawns at the local primary school or in-our-case putting together quilts which we give happily to OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.



The photo above shows 'the HUB' of our group, this is us at work, creating, discussing, deciding on patterns, choosing colours, planning for workshops (and the occasional social event of course). This is a Women's Group in action.

The beautifully coloured quilt below is an individual member's quilt - showing just what can be achieved with imagination, vivid, strong colours and a creative mind!!!



The fabrics seen here were featured as serviettes at an Indian family wedding. A wonderful keepsake for the bride's family!!!

Our door is always open; new members are very welcome as are our returning members.

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

**For further information please call Carole on 9894 7749.**

## Glenorie Memorial Hall Honour Board

The Glenorie Memorial Hall will be open on Anzac Day after the Dawn Service. There will be tea, coffee and Anzac Biscuits.

The Honour Board in the Hall commemorates 30 men from the Glenorie area who served in the First World War. For eight of those men, we don't have any information other than their names. If you know any more about them, please let us know.

The names are:

- C Bennett
- A Donald
- H Pearce
- M Stubbs
- F Black
- C Maul
- C Smith (Clem)
- R Townsend

Glenorie Hall Committee,  
Diana Kincaid  
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# Dural Scouts in Competition Camp



Dural Scouts recently participated in the Oceans 2024 Camp at Glenrock along with groups from other Hills District Scouts.

Scouts were sorted into patrols of 4-6 scouts who competed for a trophy at the end of the camp. Competition points were awarded for the state and cleanliness of their camp, a MasterChef competition where they had to cook for the Leaders, a wide game on Saturday night and a video making contest.

Dural came third thanks to winning the MasterChef comp, special mention to Lachlan for his cooking skills.

When they weren't competing, the scouts participated in abseiling, swimming in the lake on Saturday and a massive water slide was set up Sunday.

Overall, a good time had by all, and some very tired scouts on Sunday afternoon.

Stage 3 Bushwalking is not a simple Scout Hike walking around the bush!

In early March, on a sunny and rain-free day the Cub Unit set off on a challenging bushwalk starting from Cherrybrook to Galston through the Berowra Valley National Park, covering 10.5 kms.

Everyone was well prepared, they had 4 short breaks and rest time, enjoyed some wonderful scenery and lookouts along the way with some challenging steep ascents and descents.

It was a pretty challenging bushwalk for everyone and I am sure there was a great sense of accomplishment!



A big thanks to Nathan our Scout Leader and Parents who supported this bushwalk – and well done to all the Cub Scouts.

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](mailto:phirooza@bigpond.net.au) or Simon: [thewolf\\_1stdural@bigpond.com](mailto:thewolf_1stdural@bigpond.com)



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# 2024 ANZAC

## SERVICES IN GALSTON

**21st April, 2.30PM**

**ANZAC SUNDAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE  
AT THE GALSTON MEMORIAL CLUB**

Attendees are asked to be seated by 2.15PM to receive the marchers who are to assemble in the foyer of the Club by 2.10PM. There will be a recital by the Hills District Pipe Band, following the service in the Galston Club. Afternoon tea will be available.

**25th April,  
ANZAC Day, 6AM**

**DAWN SERVICE  
AT THE GALSTON CENOTAPH**

A limited number of sheltered seats will be available.

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**Bill Rosier OAM, Coordinator  
Hills District RSL sub-Branch Chapter  
M.: 0432 847 137**

# Meeting Some Feathery and Furry Friends

**The Hills Wildlife Sanctuary does exceptional work caring for injured wildlife across Sydney.**

Julian Leeser MP spent time with sanctuary manager Ben Dessen and some of the feathery – and furry! – residents of the Sanctuary in early March.

While the sanctuary is located in Dural, it responds to calls from across northern Sydney. Those calls come from individuals and organisations including WIRES, Sydney Wildlife Rescue, RSPCA, and others.

Their priority is to treat and release the animals who come to them for care. Where that isn't possible, the sanctuary will continue to look after them.

The Hills Wildlife Sanctuary is currently seeking funding to upgrade its fences and expand their sanctuary facilities to an appropriately-sized, purpose-built wildlife hospital.

If that wildlife hospital was built, it would be the second in Sydney, after the Taronga Zoo Wildlife Hospital.



Ben Dessen, Julian Leeser, and Squid the Sugar Glider

While the Taronga Zoo Wildlife Hospital already cares for 5,000-6,000 native wildlife each year, that is just a fraction of the 90,000 native Australian animals who need care annually.

Julian Leeser MP voiced his strong support for the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary.

'One of the best things about our area is the incredible environment in which we live. The Hills Wildlife Sanctuary does exceptional work rehabilitating our native wildlife.'

'Hundreds more native animals would die without their dedicated care.'

'I support the sanctuary's efforts to expand their facilities so that they care for and rehabilitate even more animals in the future.'

The manager of the sanctuary, Ben Dessen, grew up in the area and has been running the sanctuary for 10 years. He reflected on the importance of the sanctuary and its vision for the future.

'Never in its 47-year history has the work of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary been more important than right now.'

'Our native wildlife urgently need our help and we hope to further develop the sanctuary facilities to create a world-class conservation hub on the outskirts of Sydney.'

'There is a desperate need for a state-of-the-art wildlife hospital in the area along with specialised rehabilitation facilities and we hope to realise this bold vision, working closely with the Government as well as corporate and philanthropic partners.'

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## from the Mayor's Desk

As a council, we are passionate about preserving our unique environment to ensure our beautiful Bushland Shire remains for future generations. In addition to Council's own programs, initiatives and strategies, we present a range of events and activities for our community to support people to live more sustainably.

Waste is a problem of particular significance, and so this month, we are presenting a series of events encouraging you recycle and reuse items rather than sending them to landfill. On 14 April, you're invited to attend our 'Second Hand Hornsby Market' at the new Coronation StrEAT space in Hornsby, when 30 store holders will sell their high-quality second-hand items. Come along and pick up a bargain!

Throughout the rest of the month, there are events teaching you how to mend your clothes, repair your furniture and electronics, and create a recycled kitchen garden. Our regular series of solar webinars and workshops returns with a webinar unpacking the basics of how to get the most from solar. Check out our ad below and visit the What's On section on our website to find out more – [hornsby.nsw.gov.au](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au).

NSW Youth Week 2024 runs from 11 to 21 April, when we focus on supporting our young people and giving them the opportunity to have their voices heard. This year's theme is 'Express. Empower. Get Loud!', and we have a range of exciting free events for youth aged 12-24 to come together and celebrate. Featuring a movie night, skate competition, art prize and more, there's lots to get involved in. Visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

As we head further into autumn, sportspeople young and old are excited to embark on a new season of winter sports. And at Council, we've been busy getting everything prepared at our 37 sportsground venues across the Shire. Grass has been cut, nearly 50km of line markings have been applied, 55 pairs of goals have been installed and 18 cricket wickets covered. I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all the clubs and players all the best for the new season and thank all the staff and volunteers who play a significant role in community sport.

**Philip Ruddock AO**  
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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**Chipping for Mulch - Mt Kuring-gai**  
Sunday 14 April, 7.30am-12.30pm  
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**Your Recycled Kitchen Garden**  
Thursday 18 April, 10am-12.30pm  
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre

**Repair Cafe - Furniture and Electronics**  
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Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

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# Vale Paul McKinley

## Life and times of a local stonemason

It's sometimes said that everyone dies twice – first when they breathe their last breath, and finally when someone mentions their name for the very last time. In the case of a stonemason, their craftsmanship often lives on for centuries and becomes an established part of the community, enjoyed and admired by successive generations.

Paul McKinley, well-known local identity and Wiseman's Ferry stonemason, died last month aged 63. The funeral service was held at his home in River Rd, on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, attended by more than 200 family members and friends.

The hearse was his beloved 1961 VW Kombi. At the end of the service, the Kombi was driven by his brother, Hughie, out of the driveway and slowly down the road, flanked on both sides by attendees in a guard of honour. Walking at the front of the Kombi were his wife, Lynette and daughters Karli and Belle. At the rear were his other brothers and sisters.

Some of the attendees commented that he would obviously have carved his own headstone, as any stonemason would in preparation for their own passing. In fact, he didn't. Paul's wish was to be cremated and for his ashes to be scattered at two of his favourite bush retreats, Tuross River and Colo River.

Paul Martin McKinley was born in 1960 at Darlinghurst, the fourth of eight children to Edward and Margaret. When he was a year old the family moved to Dural, which at the time mostly comprised rural properties and bushland. He loved riding motorbikes and exploring the bush with his brothers. One of his earliest household chores was to help his mother milk the family cow.

After graduating from Galston High School, Paul first job was at Robin's shoe factory. But in 1983 he helped to build a large stone barn and two gate houses on a local property and fell in love with the rustic strength and timelessness of stonework.

He also met and fell in love with a young woman who was getting around in a 1963 blue Beetle. Lynette now claims that it was actually her doing to introduce Paul to the world of Volkswagens – but whether or not that bit's true, no-one disputes the fact that he became so besotted with her and her crazy VW, he developed a lifelong commitment and fascination for both.

Paul became a licensed stonemason in 1986, after graduating from Granville TAFE. Over the next 37 years he built everything from beautiful stone houses to retaining walls and sea walls. He also engineered a machine that made stone spheres for water features.



Like all master craftsmen, Paul wasn't just a builder, he was an artist. He brought his appreciation for traditional architectural design to all of his jobs and gave his clients not just a solid stone structure but also the enduring qualities of classic elegance and style.

On father's day in 1992, Karli was born. Paul was bursting with pride, and at the end of the day he was told to 'go home and rest his smile'. His second daughter, Belle, was born in 1994 while Paul was fighting a catastrophic bushfire in the area that was threatening many homes, including his own.

They bought the family home in Wiseman's Ferry in 1993. If the local community hadn't known much about them before they moved in, this was quickly rectified on the day they arrived with their possessions in a convoy of 10 Kombis and hoisted a VW flag in the front yard to announce that they were now 'in residence'.

Paul was an eccentric, stubborn, sometimes-infuriating man with iron-clad principles and a strong sense of right and wrong. He was generous to a fault, and there were times when he would bring complete strangers back home to meet his long-suffering wife and be given dinner and a place to stay for the night. He wasn't so much a glass-half-full as more of a glass-always-overflowing person. He tended to see the best in everyone, including those who were doing it tough or were at the lower end of the social scale.

One of his favourite pastimes was fly fishing, particularly on the Tuross River. He was originally taught the art by his great aunt in Tuross, using a traditional split cane rod. Aunty Bid was a formidable woman who lived to the grand age of 98 and was known to shoot snakes in the backyard from her bedroom window. Despite the huge age difference, Paul and Aunty Bid were peas in a pod, and shared the same values and outlook on life.

But Paul's over-riding passions were his family and stonemasonry – and VWs. Every car he owned was a VW – work vehicles, family cars and vintage cars. He regularly went to VW car shows and swap meets, and would spend his weekends tinkering with cars in the back shed. He even made his daughters buy VWs as their first car.

In mid 2023 Paul was diagnosed with lung cancer. Although he tried chemotherapy and visited several specialists for advice, it soon became clear that the condition was inoperable and untreatable. In typical style, he made his mind up that the hospital circuit was not for him, and decided to stay home and see out his days on the front verandah.

Over the following months, many family members and friends came to see him. Right to the end, he was gracious and cheerful with visitors and always interested in their activities. Paul died on 18th February 2024, lying in bed holding Lynette's hand. His last words to her were 'I love you'.

At the memorial service held two weeks later, some of the attendees commented that he was one of the most honest, principled and idiosyncratic people they had ever met. He will be remembered as an expert craftsman and devoted family man, with values and standards just as enduring as the centuries-old trade that he practiced.



# Approval for 'Off-Leash Dog Park' at Fagan Park is ill-considered

Hornsby Council have just approved a Dog Park in the middle of Fagan Park, directly above the dam where a multitude of waterbirds feed and breed. It's a tranquil area of the park and the significance of these dams was detailed in a survey of Hornsby Waterbirds in 2012, and is noted in Hornsby council's own 'Conservation Management Report' for Fagan Park (2003).

As a dog owner in Galston, I welcome an area for my dogs to run around nearby but this location is NOT the right one.

It's not near either car park so it's a considerable walk for anyone with mobility issues; it's a distance for anyone hoping to give their dog a quick run before or after work; the park is closed morning and evening; parking is not free; run-off will end up in the dam polluting this natural area and the placement of a dog park in the Natural and/or Heritage area of Fagan Park is not compliant with the Deed of Gift by Bruce Fagan who left his home to be used by ALL of the local community.

Dog owners don't care where the park is and if residents knew the impact on the birdlife of

this specific location, they might agree that other sites would work better and have less environmental impacts. Even the field next to the top car park would be better from an environmental perspective.

Since the announcement of a possible dog park in Fagan Park, there has already been a considerable increase in people walking their dogs off-leash in all areas of Fagan Park which is going unregulated. Can you imagine what will happen in Spring when all the nests are in the reed beds, or the baby birds are fledging? It doesn't bear thinking about and just goes to show that very little thought of the repercussions of this dog park has been given.

The grassy slope above the dam is critical habitat for the birds just as much as the water itself – Fagan Park users will see that the birds graze all over this slope especially morning and evening when it's quieter. The presence and impact of dogs here will deter these birds.

Migratory birds such as the endangered Latham's Snipe have been recorded here. Have Hornsby Council carried out any up-to-date bird surveys prior to giving this approval? If not, why not? This species is protected under International Treaties with China and Japan.



Further information: [https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/106607/Fagan-Park-Conservation-Management-Plan-Appendices.pdf](https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/106607/Fagan-Park-Conservation-Management-Plan-Appendices.pdf)

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I believe Hornsby Council needs, at the very least, to carry out bird surveys and consider other sites elsewhere.

**- Ms K Emmett,  
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## The pros of selling off-market.

### Potential savings

Selling off-market can save the seller money on the listing. Offers can be submitted, reviewed, negotiated, and accepted before investing in external marketing options or auction fees.

### Reach the right buyer

Off-market sales allow sellers to cut through the noise and only invite qualified and highly motivated buyers to inspect a property.

Another way to reach qualified buyers is through online off-market real estate platforms which require buyers to provide specific criteria. If a property matches their criteria, the buyer is notified immediately.



### No open homes

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# Dural and District Historical Society Inc. News from History Cottage

Once again our monthly meeting was well attended, demonstrating how enthusiastic we are to hear more about our local community. Our guest speaker, local resident and member, Trevor Knight, told the story of his German/Swiss family. A shortage of land, religious wars and the promise of a better life, forced many to leave. Those left behind only found out where they had settled when Trevor made contact, 150 years later.



For our meeting on the 13th April we will again call on the knowledge of our member, Kenneth Bradley. His topic describes the Second World War railway connecting Thailand with Burma built by the Japanese using some 200,000 Asian labourers and captured Allied Soldiers. We begin at the bridge on the River Kwai and move towards Burma revealing several bridges up to the site of the Australian Government's Memorial at the cutting named Hellfire Pass and identify several of the extraordinary men who survived the ordeal working in appalling conditions as prisoners of war. Men from our own

community were among those who served. Ken's knowledge comes from his time working in Thailand and a 1988 Bicentennial project.

It was traditional for our community, on the Sunday before the 25th April, to gather around the Cenotaph. It had been built from stone quarried from the end of School Road Galston, and it seems, unbeknown to authority. An organ to play and a speaker, on the back of a truck and ANZAC was remembered.

Age, the weather and the attraction of a secure and predictable location, means we now go to the Galston Club on the Sunday before, as usual.

The wonderful thing that has happened is the very large crowd that now comes to the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day at the same old Cenotaph. To see the faces of families and friends, gradually come into view as the sun rises, is a true demonstration of the real significance of the day and a community's commitment to it.



**The next Society meeting is on Saturday the 13th April, in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road Galston at 2.00pm. All are welcome. It is free with a gold coin for afternoon tea. Enquiries: Michael on 9653 1365.**



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# Galston Concerts go Gold and Silver

28th April sees The Galston Concerts return for their 10th year of Sunday afternoons in Galston Uniting Church.

This first of four concerts through 2024 has a Gold and Silver... Cello and Piano theme, from the 2023 ABC Classic FM audience survey of favourite instruments, listeners voting the Cello as Gold, the Piano as Silver.

After triumphs in Europe and the USA the now Sydney-resident Australian-Hungarian husband-and-wife duo of Zoltan Szabo, cello, and Erzszi Marosszeczy, piano, will perform popular music by Classical greats.

It's a 'Bs' theme with music by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms: Budapest, Barcelona and Buenos Aires toe-tapper 'encores' plus 'non-B' Chopin, Handel and Schubert - for many a 'Top Ten' line-up; for most it's definitely 'Top Twenty'.

Zoli's many years with the Australian Chamber Orchestra and as a Principal Cellist for the Australia Ballet and Opera Australia at Sydney Opera House are now balanced by his faculty role at Sydney Conservatorium.

Erzsi's piano talents are balanced by multi-skills as a choir director of European and Australian choirs and as a past President of the Australian National Choral Association in NSW.

Friendly Galston traditions include a pre-concert chat from 1.40pm, the concert (with the players relaxed comments) from 2 till 3.15ish and a meet-the-musicians post-concert afternoon tea.



Easy access and ample off-street parking complement the renowned acoustic and ambience of Galston Uniting, with its concert grand piano a real bonus for Hills district music-lovers.

Bookings are preferred on trybooking.com (search Galston 28th April). Any who are computer-cautious can phone Galston Uniting on 9653 2039 or Robert Harris on 0428 248 348 to book seats for cash-only payments 'at the door' prior to the concert.

Future concert dates for your diaries are 23rd June (guitarist Andrew Blanch), 25th August (pianist Glenn Amer) and 27th October (The Galston Gala).

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## The Galston Concerts

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A pre-concert chat c. 1.40, the concert (and players' relaxed comments) 2 till 3.15ish, then a 'meet the musos' afternoon tea, in Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston.

## *Gold & Silver ... Cello & Piano*

Popular music by Classical greats: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms; Budapest, Barcelona & Buenos Aires toe-tapper 'encores' (plus Chopin, Handel & Schubert - a Top 10 line-up).

With Australian-Hungarian husband-and-wife duo **Zoltan Szabo** (cello) and **Erzsi Marosszeczy** (piano), after Europe, UK & USA triumphs now Sydney-resident.

Bookings advised on trybooking.com (search Galston 28 April)  
Cash-only sales at the door on the day.  
**Enquiries phone 9653-2039**

# Westside Vibe to Return Better than Ever this May

Hornsby's most loved local festival, Westside Vibe is returning on Friday 3rd May, with a lineup of entertainment and international cuisine that promise an evening overflowing with rhythm, colour and the sensory delights.

This year's Westside Vibe will again transform the area around Hornsby's Dural Lane with striking decorations, food trucks, a licensed bar, face painting and kids' activities, along with five hours of free live music.

Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO is looking forward to the festival, saying that it is a great opportunity for the community to come together again to support local arts and culture.

"I am thrilled that Council can once again present its most loved street festival, Westside Vibe, giving people the chance to enjoy food and drink and celebrate local artists. It is a wonderful opportunity to come out and have fun, and I look forward to seeing everyone there," Mayor Ruddock said.

Westside Vibe will come alive with music from a range of lively performers to get you dancing including Gang of Brothers, The Funky Monkeys and Voodoo Punch.

Alongside the entertainment and activities, taste buds will be set alight by international food from over 15 of Sydney's best food trucks including Vietnamese Street Foods, Master Gozleme, Myme Express with Indian street food, Fritz's Wieners with German sausages, and Piggy & Moo with gourmet burgers and loaded fries. There will be



animal shaped fairy floss for the kids from PourSomeSugar, and Kubarz pop-up bar will serve delicious drinks, from beers to cocktails.

Westside Vibe will take place on **Friday 3rd May** at Hornsby's Dural Lane, from 4pm to 9pm.

For more information, visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/westsidevibe](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/westsidevibe)

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## Sport News at The Centre Dural

# Hit the Ground Running



Term 1 is well underway, which means so are our summer competitions! We've had a huge start to the year, with the kick off of our new early morning boot camps, our mid-morning ladies boot camps, and added classes for our over 55's movement class. Our community is loving all the opportunities to move their bodies in a fun way, with the added advantage of smaller class sizes.

Our Summer competitions are nearly at an end, with Grand- Finals being played from the week of the 25th March, and we are gearing up for an action packed Winter Competition. Winter Competition brings with it the



introduction of a Men's Netball competition, the re-introduction of Dural 5's Netball, and the introduction of our junior boys netball J League. We are all super excited to get these off the ground.

That's not to say though that our old faithful competitions are not getting the same amount of excitement. Men's, Mixed and Ladies futsal will be back with a bang, as will our ladies and mixed netball.

That's all for this month!

If you would like to know more about what goes on at The Centre, check out our website [thecentredural.org.au/sports-competitions](http://thecentredural.org.au/sports-competitions) or call the sports team on 8989 0000.

## Dural Bowling Club News

### Robyn Scoble Honoured

The recent awarding of Life Membership to Robyn Scoble was a recognition of her long service to the club. A very competent bowler, Robyn won many events at Dural and away, including pennant wins and the Dural Major Singles.

Robyn has been a member of Dural Bowling Club since 2001. During her time, she has held a number of offices, particularly President. During that period the men's and women's clubs decided to amalgamate, she was just the right person to attend to the details of the constitution and practices of a joint men's and women's club as the foundation is so important to the well-being of any organization.

She stayed on as president of the new venture to see it settled. She likes keeping in touch with members from the past and checks on members who are absent without cause!

### Mixed Triples Competition

Final results. Team 4 - Marion O'Connell, Mike Keane and Norm Nicholson.

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# Dural Year 5 Goes to Point Wolstoncroft



In week 3 of this term all of year 5 participated in a fun and challenging 5 day camp at Point Wolstoncroft on the Central Coast.

Students participated in a range of physical challenges such as, Stand-up Paddle-boarding, canoeing, sailing, Kayaking, Archery, orienteering and a host of other exciting activities.

Each evening also saw students continue to have fun with Trivia, tabloid sports and a 'County Fair'.

Throughout the camp students developed independence, organisational skills, physical skills and challenged themselves to develop resilience while having a great time! The weather was also with us throughout!

*Miss Airey, Mrs Barhon, Mrs Dwyer and Miss Stone.*

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# Dementia Alliance Committee: Becoming a Dementia Friendly Community

By Cllr Dr Verity Greenwood

Imagine you are in a shopping centre and the music, noise and people makes you so confused you do not know where you are. Imagine you cannot remember where you put your car or even that you have a car. Finally, imagine you find yourself in a strange street at night in your pyjamas, you do not know how you got there and do not know how to get home, perhaps you cannot remember you have a home. These are just some of the symptoms of dementia and are situations those living with dementia may be confronted with in everyday life.

Dementia has a health and quality of life impact on those living with dementia which also impacts their carers, family and friends. Age, genetics and family medical history are strong factors for developing dementia, but other factors, such as obesity, smoking, high blood pressure and hearing loss can contribute to developing dementia or hasten its symptoms. In 2022, an Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing (AIHW) report estimated 401,300 Australians were living with dementia (AIHW, 2022). Our Hornsby Shire is an ageing community, with 25% of our residents aged 40-59 years and 23% of our residents aged over 60 years. Having nearly 50% of our population over the age of 40 years means Hornsby Shire Council must consider the needs required for aged services and support, with a considerable focus being on those living with dementia.

In 2022, Hornsby Council Disability and Inclusion Action Plan and Age Friendly Strategy Consultation Findings Report (DIAP) found Dementia Friendly Communities was a high priority for the community ageing strategy (57%), for people with a disability (54%) and for family members and carers (65%). These findings were the result of surveys, online and face-to-face consultation forums in Berowra, Galston, Thornleigh, Cherrybrook and Asquith. In 2022, Council also adopted its Healthy Ageing Strategy, with a focus on improved accessibility, activities to support physical and mental health and nurtured age-friendly environments. Council resolved to become a Dementia Friendly Community, with a focus on improving community inclusion and quality of life for people living with dementia.

It is a privilege to be a Councillor representative on the Dementia Alliance Committee alongside Councillor Janelle McIntosh, who initially proposed and is a strong advocate for the Dementia Alliance. Following the 2023 Hornsby Dementia Forum, the Dementia Alliance was officially adopted as an initiative by our Hornsby Council. Co-chaired by two community members with lived experience

of dementia, the volunteer group has begun meeting periodically to advise and direct recommendations to Council to create a more physical and social dementia-friendly community and to assist in helping people living with dementia to be understood, included and accepted without stigma. The Alliance has already discussed initiatives with Dementia Australia representatives and a prominent Hornsby business and plans to work with businesses, community groups, service organisations and agencies to find solutions to challenges and concerns raised in the 2022 DIAP.

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

Hornsby Shire Council collaborates with Dementia Connections "DCaf" to create a more dementia-friendly community for locals. "DCaf" meets in Galston, Hornsby and Waitara.


See <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057081624625>

See Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) (Sept 2023) <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/dementia/dementia-in-aus/contents/summary>

See Hornsby Council resources/initiatives for people with dementia and their carers <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/community/services/seniors/dementia-supporting-people-living-with-dementia-and-their-carers>

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# Second Hand Market Comes to Hornsby

Following the success of the popular Car Boot and Clothing Swap markets last year, a second hand market will be coming to Coronation StrEat, Hornsby for the first time on Sunday, 14th April 2024. The market provides residents with an opportunity to declutter some of their pre-loved items in an environmentally conscious manner, offering others the opportunity to discover thrifty treasures.

The market is part of Council's Second Hand Hornsby initiative, which also includes an innovative service on Council's website allowing residents to advertise their garage sales and plan their day of visiting sales across the Shire.

Council is encouraging locals to reduce the number of items sent to landfill, by instead opting to give their unwanted items a new lease on life. Some of the items that will be on offer at the Second Hand Hornsby Market include clothing, toys, furniture, books, sporting equipment and other household items.

Hornsby Shire Council Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO has called on the local community to get involved in the fun-filled initiative. The stalls are already booked out, but you can still play a part in helping conserve Hornsby Shire's environment.

"I encourage residents to take this fantastic opportunity to come together and experience the fun of second hand markets," Mayor Ruddock said.

"Buying from one of the stall holders at the Second Hand Hornsby Market is environmentally, socially and financially



rewarding, and will reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill."

The Second Hand Hornsby Market will run from 9am-1pm in the car park on Coronation Street and in the new Coronation StrEat space. There will also be a bike repair demonstration at the bike station under the new ghost building structure next to the car park.

Second Hand Hornsby aligns with Council's Waste Matters Strategy and is part of several initiatives to assist Council achieve its goal of diverting 80 per cent of community waste from landfill by 2030.

**For more details on the Second Hand Hornsby Market, visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/market](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/market)**



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## From the desk of Matt Kean

Matt Kean - NSW Member for Hornsby



I am receiving a lot of correspondence from local residents concerned about the current government's proposed radical planning changes.

After years of promises, Labor have spent their first year in power achieving nothing in housing. Now they are proposing a series of desperate zoning changes across every Liberal seat. Communities should not be punished based on where the live.

More concerning is the government's position on New Line Road. The previous government approved a funded upgrade to New Line Road between Hastings Road and Purchase Road, taking the road from single lanes to dual

carriageway. \$70 million dollars was allocated across several budgets however, the new NSW government reallocated these funds.

Indefinitely postponing the issue of addressing New Line Road is unacceptable. This road is constantly choked with traffic snarls now and with the government's proposal to significantly increase residential numbers in and around the area this will simply bring New Line Road to a complete stand still.

Labor cannot pump more housing into an area where they are cancelling major infrastructure projects required now, for the existing population. That equation simply does not work.



## Julian Leeser

Federal Member for Berowra



### Anzac Day 2024

The original ANZACs forged the Anzac spirit of service and mateship in World War One on the shores of Gallipoli.

Since that time, hundreds of thousands of Australians have served our country across dozens of conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

On Anzac Day we reflect on the service of veterans, many of whom made the supreme sacrifice far too young. We also honour the more than 80,000 Australians who are currently serving our country in the Australian Defence Force, either full-time or as reservists.

This Anzac Day marks the first since we lost two remarkable young men who grew up in our area – Lieutenant Maxwell Nugent and Warrant Officer Class Two Joseph Laycock, who died tragically during a training exercise in July

last year, alongside two of their fellow servicemen.

Those young men died serving our country. They did so as men who were duty-driven, noble-minded, and brave. They will be remembered not just for their sacrifice, but for who they were – bright, warm, talented, family-minded young men.

When I pause for a moment of silence on Anzac Day, I will be keeping Lt Maxwell Nugent and WO2 Joseph Laycock, and their families in my thoughts. I hope that you will do the same.

I strongly encourage you and your family to attend one of the Anzac Day services which will be held across our community on **25th April**. It is an important opportunity to pay tribute to current serving members, veterans, those who have since passed away, and their families.

Lest we forget.



## Rural Roundup

Hornsby Councillor  
Warren Waddell



As part of Council's recent community engagement process and Special Rate Variation, our Shire will now be better prepared for disaster management. We have been fortunate in recruiting RFS veteran Rolf Pool, as our Emergency Management Coordinator. Rolf's role is a diverse one, responsible for being the primary point of contact during disaster events, preparing disaster management plans and guiding future planning to be better prepared.

Council welcome's Rolf to our team.

➤ I am pleased to announce that the off-leash dog walking facility for Fagan Park will progress. I thank the community for their feedback and positive contributions to the discussion. This was a request brought to me in my first term as Councillor. These enquiries resulted in a Shire wide assessment which led to four more off leash parks and two more upgraded facilities.

➤ A motion put by Councillor Greenwood at the last council meeting will result in an assessment of locker requirements at the Galston Aquatic Centre. I have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback relating to the recently refurbished pool complex, however, lockers and accessibility have



been raised as further potential improvements.

➤ Finally, our operations team will be once again pitch to Transport NSW a plan to upgrade the bus terminus located at the gateway to Glenorie Village. An upgrade to this facility would result in an improvement to the water stand area and bus stop. A more attractive gateway would be an extension of improvements being undertaken throughout the Memorial Hall and Cenotaph precinct.

➤ In addition, recent collaboration with Hills Councillors has resulted in a plan to escalate the urgent need to complete New Line Rd. Only by a coordinated approach, highlighting the frustration of the rural community will this key piece of infrastructure ever be prioritised.

As always, happy to assist with any issue via the contact details. Ph: 0499 004 861  
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# Hidden In The Hills

## Hills Community Nursery

By Lachlan Turner

Not exactly hidden, but at least somewhat concealed on the top of a hill near the southern boundary of Ted Horwood Reserve, is The Hills Shire Council's Bidjiwong Nursery off Renown Road, Baulkham Hills. It is here that Council Horticulturists and Volunteers propagate thousands of Australian Native Plants every year.

Care is taken to ensure genetic integrity as all seed is collected from local flora. Much of the seedlings produced and, in some cases more advanced plants, are used to revegetate local reserves and parks. There are times when seedlings are replanted in bushland fringes to replace exotic species that have been removed by dedicated bushcare volunteers.

To encourage the use of indigenous varieties, Ratepayers and Residents within the Shire are able to collect a small number of free native species for planting in their home garden.



It is not recommended that any native plants be removed from their natural environment as there is around a 95% mortality rate in such cases.

For those interested in the propagation and cultivation of native species, the Community Environment Centre conducts Workshops on these subjects, at the Nursery.

Participants are introduced to the various techniques employed in the propagation process. Growing from seed and hardwood cuttings are effective ways to perpetuate the native vegetation of the region.

Other related Workshops are conducted on a regular basis at the Community Environment Centre at Annangrove. A free native plant in tubestock is often available to those attending many of the sustainability workshops. These plants have been propagated and nurtured by the Staff at the nursery and are guaranteed to thrive in the local area given proper attention once being planted in the home garden.





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# Galston District Garden Club

The Garden Club is more than just coming to listen to speakers and purchasing a bargain plant. You will be rewarded by making new friends and sharing plant tips and ideas.

The Galston District Garden Club meet regularly on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** in the Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston at 7.30pm. We welcome new members and visitors. We are an informal and friendly group, and no matter what your gardening ability or 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 DVD's that members can borrow.

Each year we hold the GALSTON DISTRICT OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND in October to fundraise for local community projects and charities. This year will be from the **18th to 20th October**. About eight gardens will be opened to visitors with plant and produce stalls. We are always looking for new gardens to open for this event and if you would like to generously open your garden or know of a garden owner who could be approached, please contact the Secretary at the Club.

AUTUMN is a great time for garden chores. This is the time to clean up before winter, protect vulnerable plants, and wind down the growing season. Raking up fallen leaves is probably the most common autumn gardening chore. Leaving a layer of dead leaves on grass can harm turf grass by blocking sunlight and trapping moisture. On the other hand, leaves can benefit garden beds and the compost bin. Instead of bagging and disposing of leaves, mulch them with the mower and let them decompose.



Plant your spring bulbs so you can enjoy flowers next spring: daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, crocuses and more. These are the hardy bulbs that need a cold period to bloom.

NOW is the best time to plant SWEET PEAS in all Australian climates, or just follow the Australian tradition and sow your seeds on St. Patrick's Day (17th March) Did you forget? It's not too late. Sweet Peas are delightful and very popular annual climbing plants. They combine delicate and very pretty flowers with a beautiful fragrance. Sweet Peas can cover a fence or tepee in gorgeous flowers or dwarf varieties are perfect for garden beds, pots and hanging baskets. They require full sun, regular watering, well-drained fertile soil. Well fed Sweet Pea plants will be healthier and produce more flowers, so regular feeding is important. Once they start flowering, pick bunches of flowers as often as you like. Frequent picking will help promote a longer flowering season.

**For more information regarding the Galston District Garden Club, please visit our website: [www.galstongardenclub.com.au](http://www.galstongardenclub.com.au) or email: [galstongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:galstongardenclub@gmail.com)**



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# Bromeliad Autumn Show

## Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May at Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill

The Bromeliad Autumn Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 4th May between 9am-4pm and Sunday 5th May between 10am-3pm.

Exquisite and rare bromeliads from local, interstate growers and collectors will be on display and for sale to the public including Tillandsia expert Chris Larsen with many of his rare and unusual plants. Glenorie respected grower Allan Beard, as will Jan and Jon Townsend, from Bonville near Coffs Harbour with their large colourful Bromeliads.

"If you're looking for plants that are colourful, drought tolerant and very low maintenance or a bromeliad enthusiast there is something for everyone at our show. If you're never been to a bromeliad show come along and appreciate the wonderful world of bromeliads." said Ian Hook, President, BSA.

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For further information call Ian Hook on mobile 0408 202 269  
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# Still Creek Landcare

## Can our kids still paddle safely in our local Creeks?



By Chris Noon

**Most of the time yes, but not after heavy rain, when pollutants and rubbish get washed in.**

This conclusion is based on our routine water testing over a decade at three creek sites in the Still Creek Catchment that runs from around Fagan Park to Crosslands.

The pollutants we find come from poor waste water management, livestock and other animal waste, detergents with phosphates, over-use of fertilizers all compounded by land clearing or mowing to the creek lines. This clearing and mowing stops the filtering that naturally cleans waters before they enter creeks. Much of the pollution would be removed or lowered drastically if we left 10-20 meters of natural scrub along waterways.

Still Creek Landcare's water testing is part of the Greater Sydney Landcare Streamwatch program who bring together volunteers from the local communities across Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Illawarra and beyond who test their local waterways on a regular basis. Streamwatch is also associated with the national Waterwatch program.

Recently Still Creek Landcare has assisted Hornsby Council with eDNA sampling for the presence of platypus in our creeks, a process that will be repeated in Autumn and hopefully regularly in the future. This eDNA testing goes beyond looking for Platypus, capturing a catalog of the creatures that live in and around our waterways and forming a vital baseline of the health of the waterways.

Our water testing of dissolved oxygen, phosphates, salts, turbidity and E. coli levels have shown that these waterways are capable of sustaining life and are normally relatively clear of pollutants. But as most long term residents have seen, the fish and fresh water Crays, that used to be there are there no longer or at much reduced levels.

In addition to our water testing, we periodically search for and identify insect populations, macro-invertebrates, the small creatures that fish, yabbies and platypus feed on. These creatures are also a vital barometer of the health of the waterways.



Photo by Nick Chartorisky

Like to know some details of our testing? See our website:  
<http://www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au/our-catchment/water-quality/>

Interested in joining us to learn more or assisting us with the testing program? Please contact us: **Nick on 9653 256**

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## CHURCH NEWS

# Our Faith Must Grow

**The gospel of John was written to help us see Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Each story helps to show what Christ wants to do for us now and how He can help our faith grow.**

This happening (John 4:43-54) took place in Galilee and concerns two towns and two people. The two towns were Cana and Capernaum, about 25 miles apart. The two people were the father of the sick boy and Jesus.

The father had a real need. He felt Christ could help him. He went to Jesus with nothing to offer except his need and his faith. He may have had money but he didn't offer it. He simply said, 'My son is dying, will you help me?'

Now Christ wanted to help, but He also wanted to see this man's faith grow. So He gave him two tests. First, He said, 'All you people want is to see miracles. You're not interested in believing in me.' That test would soon show what the man really wanted.

The father answered by stating his need again, and in doing so showed his faith in Christ's power.

Then Christ said, 'All right, if you believe in me, do this – go home now without me. When you get there your child will be well again.'

Was the father prepared to step out on Christ's word alone? Yes, he was. He turned and started home and even stayed overnight somewhere on the way. (see vs 51- 53.) Then the assurance came to him that healing had come (vs 51-53).

Faith grows as we read God's word, the Bible, and dare to believe what it says. Try it now. Your faith will be tested, but then that is how faith grows.

### **A PRAYER:**

*Lord increase my faith. Help me to stand the tests that help my faith to grow.*

**(a message by the late Rev. Ed, Long)**

**Glenorie Mission Church. Sunday service 10.00am.  
1409 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie NSW 2157**

# News from St Benedict's

## St Benedict's parish fete - Sunday 7th April 2024

Such great news to have the fete back again this year and we look forward to telling you all about it next month. As well as all the popular stalls, once again we had a giant raffle drawn at the fete. It's been wonderful to once again share this popular event with the community.

### Volunteers of the week

We are particularly grateful to the parishioners who operate the TV presentations for each week's services, especially the young people who are, of course, much better at technology than most of the adults. Hence, in March we acknowledged Sebastian, Roderick, Michael, Xavier, Joshua, Leon, Adam and Trey as Volunteers of the Week for giving up their time and sharing their skills.

### New sacramental program

The program for this year will be starting in May with lessons leading up to Confirmation. For more information contact the parish office on 9653 2312 or email [arcadia.pariah@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:arcadia.pariah@bbcatholic.org.au)

### Catechist commissioning

The catechists are the wonderful parishioners who visit the local schools to teach the children about their faith. In March this group of volunteers was introduced at one of the 9am Masses. As they are beginning another year of ministry the parish was invited to thank them and think about their dedicated work. We are very fortunate this year to have a full complement of catechists for the local schools but we are also looking for some reserves who may be able and step in if required. We are supporting, too, parishioner Paul El Chaar who teaches at Galston High School for the multi-faith Galston Christian Education Association.



We are particularly thankful to the retiring catechists - Delel Touma, Pauline Honor, Denise Youl and Sally Souma - who have given many, many years of service. Picture shows the 2024 group of catechists with Parish Priest Father Shansana.

### St Benedict's Parish activities and services

Please check our website for service times and parish information [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://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.



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# What it means to be blessed by God

**"Amazing Grace" is a very well-known hymn that is now 250 years old!**

An article written by Simon Barker from 'Premier Christianity' explains about the life of this hymn writer, John Newton:

"John Newton's story is a powerful tale of redemption and God's grace. As a young man, his life was spent at sea. He became part of the slave trade, rising to the rank of captain and transporting slaves from Sierra Leone to the West Indies.

But in 1748, on board 'The Greyhound', a fierce storm arose off Ireland. Newton, fearing for his life, cried out to a God he barely knew. He promised that, if his life was spared, he would devote the remainder of it to God's service. The ship survived - barely - and Newton miraculously made land.

In his gratitude he never forgot his promise to God and committed his life to serving Him. Due to his previous life experience and lack of education, it took more than seven years for him to be accepted into ministry in the Church of England."

#### **Newton wrote:**

*"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see."*

John Newton recognised that he had lived his life full of pride. In our world today, pride is often celebrated. Proud people seek then boast of their accomplishments, their possessions or their qualities and can even set themselves up to be in control over others leading to a mindset that says there is no God!



However, the Bible tells us the opposite: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

People like John Newton, who realise that pride is a stumbling block in their lives and that they can't really control anything, are able to accept God's love, forgiveness and grace in their lives - through a relationship with God's Son Jesus Christ.

God shows His favour to those who choose to trust in Him rather than relying only on themselves. Life can be really tough but those who know their God can live with an inner peace and hope because of God's favour upon them - both now and in eternity after their earthly death.

Consider this!

God bless.

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



## Don't be anxious

**Mitch Levingston - Pastor at The Centre Dural**



**My name is Mitch, I am one of the pastors at The Centre Dural. Recently we have been exploring Jesus words on the Sermon on the Mount and not worrying about money, food, or clothing but to store our treasure in heaven.**

According to research, one-third of us have or are currently suffering from anxiety. There is much to be anxious about, such as mortgage stress, the cost of living, job security, international relations, or another global pandemic.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers the cure to fear and anxiety, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Jesus argues that our anxiety is built upon pursuing earthly treasure. Our earthly treasure can be stolen or destroyed. But heavenly treasure lasts forever.

Jesus' teachings can seem simplistic because, as we know, there is a lot to be anxious about, and how does storing treasure in heaven help pay the bills? Jesus is not telling us to put on a happy face or to dismiss our emotions in a bad situation or live pie in the sky.

Where we store our treasures gives us an anchor of hope. Focusing on the kingdom as our number one priority will not be a forcefield against life's problems. But it provides us with the knowledge that we rest in the hands of our Heavenly Father. Each anxiety-producing situation is a test to determine where our treasure is stored and our trust in God.

**You are welcome to come along and join in our services on Sunday at 10am. You can contact us on 8989 0000 or on our website - [thecentredural.org.au/church/](http://thecentredural.org.au/church/)**



# Galston Uniting Church

## Easter 2024

Easter is a special time for Christians everywhere to remember the life, death and resurrection of the head of the church, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This Easter we would love to see you at Galston Uniting at one or more of the services below:

- Tenebrae Service 7.00pm **Thursday 28th March**, includes a meal.
- Good Friday Service **29th March**, 9.00am
- Easter Sunday Morning Service **31st March**, 10.00am.

### Messy Church

This is child-focused Sunday worship, with a range of activities for children as well as the young at heart. This time, Messy Church was held on Palm Sunday with a real donkey to add to the realism. Different craft activities were based on that theme. Of course, there was an Easter egg hunt, enthusiastic palm waving, hot-cross buns and a child-friendly story. This was all followed by lunch together. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

### Our thanks to Rev Ross Mackay

Since last March, Ross has been our supply minister. In so doing, he has well and truly "gone the second mile" in this role. Not only has he led us in worship, he has inspired us, taught us, and cared for us. He has led us in bible studies of both



Rev Ross Mackay

the old and new testaments, giving us an overview of each. He has been diligent in visiting people as well as church organisations. In short, we have come to know, respect and love him, and are sorry that it is time for him to move on.

Ross's last service was held on March 17th. It was an occasion when we each had the ability to say our goodbyes.



### Vale June Smith

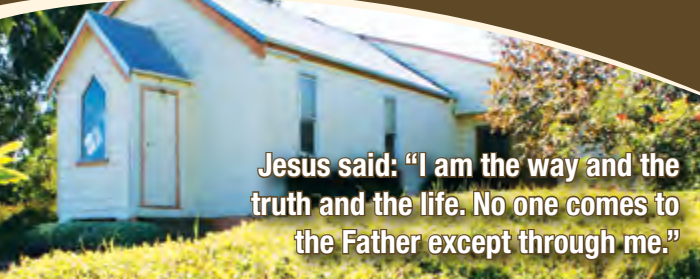
June Smith has been a long time resident of Rowland Village and member of our congregation. June was 101. In a service led by former minister Rev Geoff Smith, we said our farewells to June on 4th March. The service was well attended by family and friends.

Church services continue to be live-streamed on Sundays at 10am including Easter Sunday, and you can find them at Galston Uniting Church on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" Galston Uniting Church Facebook posts.

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


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## Glenorie Mission Church

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# Galston RFS and International Women's Day - 9th March 2024

The aim of International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 this year was to Inspire Inclusion and collectively aims to forge a more inclusive world for women. IWD has been an ongoing event since 1911, and is truly an inclusive, diverse and eclectic moment of impact worldwide.



To celebrate Galston Rural Fire Brigade hosted an event to celebrate IWD 2024 on Saturday 9th March, with an all women crew leading an open day for other local women to visit station and showcase the involvement of women within their local community.

Our 10 women and young women firefighters on the day conducted demonstrations of hose work, operation of pumps and other firefighting equipment to members of the public. Women from the community were taken on a tour of station and given an insight into "station-life", the roles women play in the Rural Fire Service and how women from all walks of life can contribute to the service we provide to community.

Being a Volunteer firefighter takes as much or as little time as you can spare,



and you'll meet some great like-minded people on the journey. You may have met Jen, a former Police Officer and Senior Fire Fighter and key member of our Community Engagement Team with Galston Rural Fire Brigade. You would have seen her out and about chatting with the community on our Annual Santa Run, or manning the stalls at our Get Ready Weekend activities, Kings Coronation display at Fagan Park, and our regular Anzac day and Remembrance Day celebrations.

Firefighter Tiffany, primary school teacher, joined Galston Rural Fire Brigade to learn new skills and to help out the local community.



If you have ever considered volunteering in your local community we would love to have more women and young women join our brigade with young women able to join our Juniors Program from 14 years of age. The service provides education and training on the latest firefighting skills and equipment, and our highly experienced trainers will guide and support your journey on to being a qualified firefighter.

You can get in touch with our team via Facebook, Instagram or via [info@galstonrfs.org.au](mailto:info@galstonrfs.org.au)

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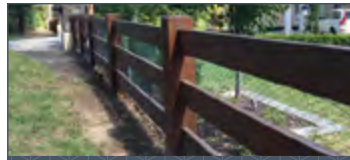
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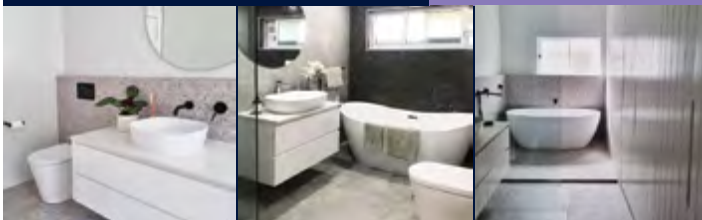
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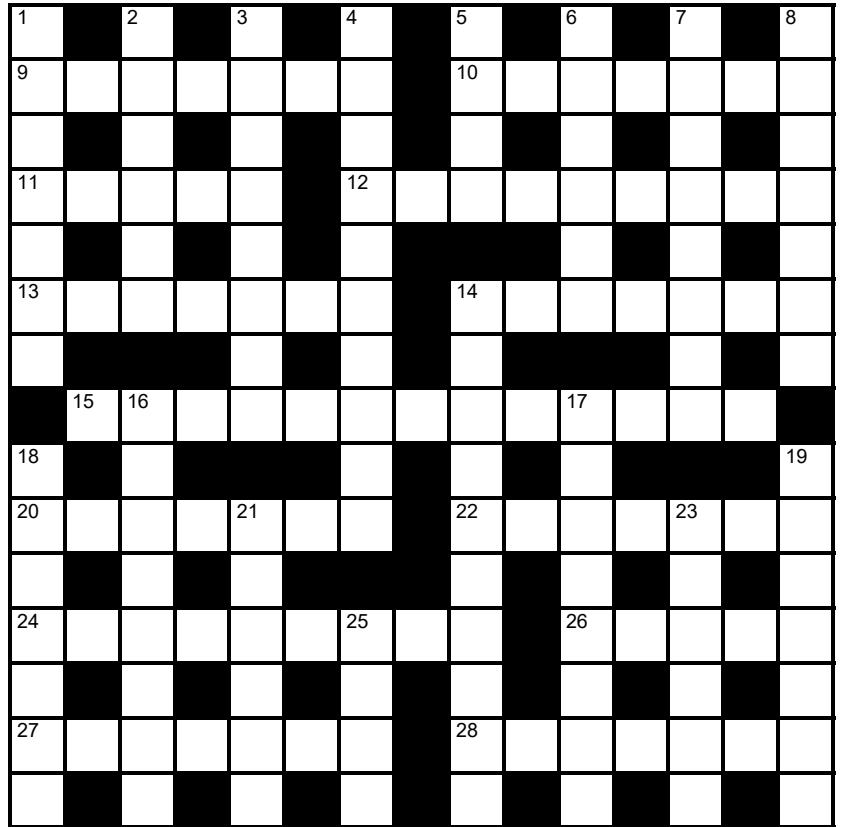
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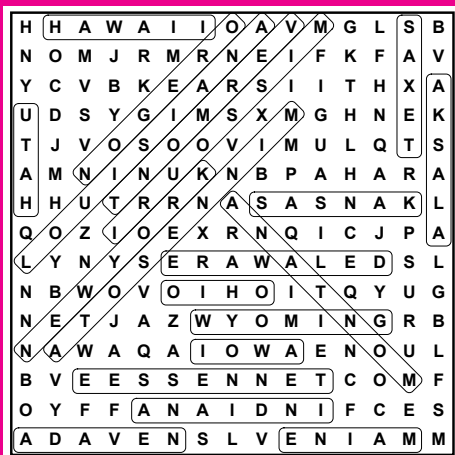
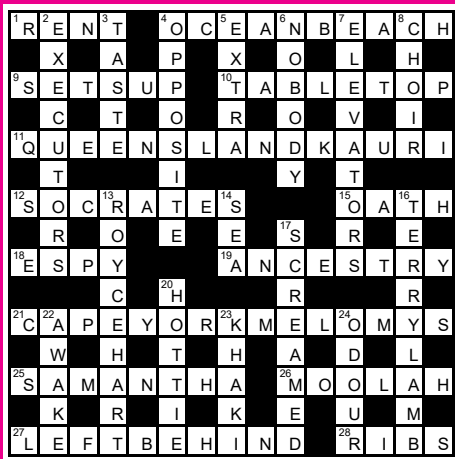
- 09 Fit (7)
- 10 Small long-tailed bird (3-4)
- 11 Claire Hooper, for example (5)
- 12 Misnamed fruit bat (6,3)
- 13 Utopian (7)
- 14 Some arts (7)
- 15 Sydney-born country singer (7,6)
- 20 At the start (5,2)
- 22 Flat-bottomed canal or harbour barge (7)
- 24 Coiner of "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" (9)
- 26 Register (5)
- 27 Mocked (7)
- 28 Developed over time (7)

### DOWN

- 01 Clairvoyant (7)
- 02 Consternation (6)
- 03 Powerful (8)
- 04 Enforce pit discipline to achieve improvement (10)
- 05 180-degree turn (4)
- 06 Disposable mobile phone (6)
- 07 Some wall art (8)
- 08 Banished (2,5)
- 14 Popular NSW National Park (5,5)
- 16 Bombastic monologue (8)
- 17 Enlisted (6,2)
- 18 Mass-to-volume ratio (7)
- 19 Musical introduction (7)
- 21 Like fresh bread (6)
- 23 Prosper (6)
- 25 Chucks in (4)

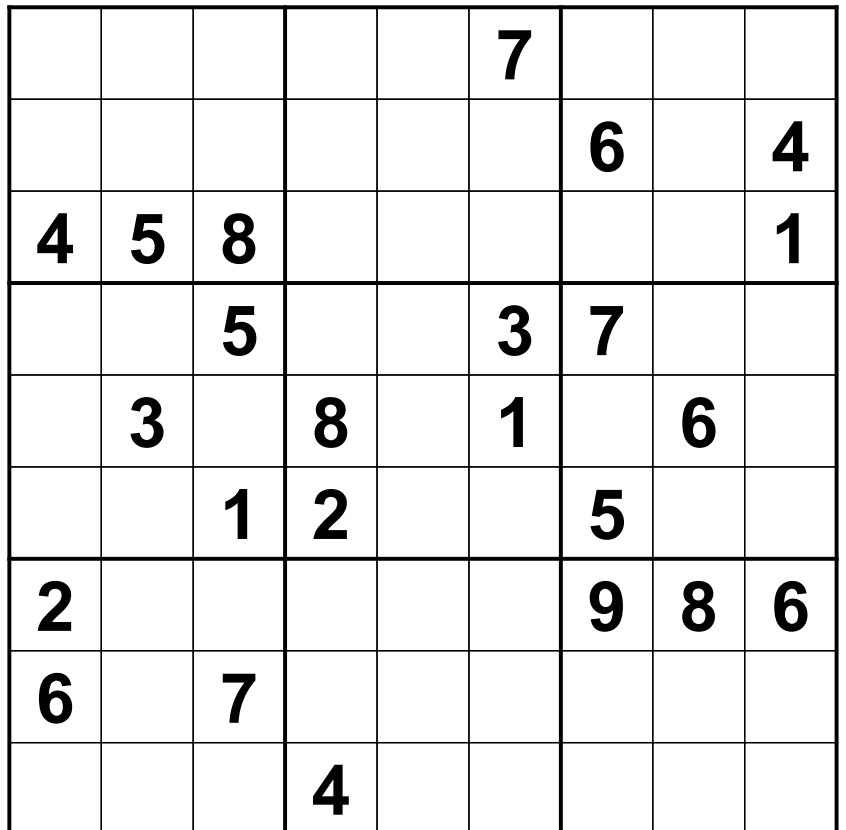


### ANSWERS FROM MARCH ISSUE



# Sudoku

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**Local sports associations**

**Avicultural Society of NSW Inc.**  
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 ☎ Paul Henry 9872 464 or 0408 617 686

**ALANOM Family Group**  
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 ☎ Galston Community Health Centre  
 ☎ 9264 9255

**Arcadia Community Hall**  
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 ☎ 9847 6504

**Arcadia Guild Residents' Association**  
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 ☎ 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**  
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**Dural and District Historical Society Inc**  
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 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  
 ☎ duralgardclub@yahoo.com.au

**Dural-Glenorie Scouts**  
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 ☎ Warren Payne 0419 280 967

**Dural Mens Shed**  
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 ☎ Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd  
 ☎ Chris Thomas 0402 478 498  
 ☎ www.duralmensshed.org

**Friends of Fagans 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 Richardson 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**  
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 ☎ Galston Community Health Centre  
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☎ Galston Community Centre  
 ☎ Lorraine Muscio 0448 478 161

**Galston View Club**  
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 ☎ Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston  
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 ☎ Glenorie RSL Club  
 ☎ secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au  
 ☎ 0418 432 587

**Glenorie Probuc Club**  
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 ☎ Glenorie RSL Club  
 ☎ Wendy 9653 1022  
 ☎ wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au

**Glenorie RSL Club**  
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 ☎ Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill  
 ☎ 9624 5034

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 ☎ Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights  
 ☎ www.hk4wd.com.au

**Pennant Hills Photographic Club**  
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 ☎ Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills  
 ☎ www.phpc.org.au

**Rotary Club of Greater Hills**  
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 ☎ The Galston Club  
 ☎ Annette 0437 148 126  
 ☎ membership@greaterhillstroraty.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.  
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 ☎ The Galston Club  
 ☎ Bob 9624 8954 or Ken 9629 6459

**Probuc Club of Round Corner**  
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 ☎ 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.  
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 ☎ www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au  
 ☎ StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au  
 ☎ Nick 9653 2056

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

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 ☎ The Shed Studio on FB  
 ☎ Suzanne 02 9634 603 122

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 ☎ Ted 0429 790 091  
 ☎ www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

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 ☎ church office 9653 2039  
 ☎ 11 School Road Galston

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 ☎ 49 Arcadia Rd Galston  
 ☎ Minister Pr. Andrew McCrostie  
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 ☎ 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie  
 ☎ Pr Valich 0420 602 989  
 Church 9652 0577

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 ☎ 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**  
☎ efb8029@bigpond.net.au  
 ☎ 0412 230 328  
 ☎ http://dural.rugby.net.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  
 ☎ Glenoriédcc@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 Aussii Masters Swimming Club**  
Adults 18 years to 80+ are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun and friendship.  
 ☎ Hornsby Aquatic Centre  
 ☎ Di 0418 432 587

**Hills Hawks Football Club**  
☎ Ian Robertson 0418 211 131  
 ☎ president.hillshawksfc@gmail.com

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

**Hills Pumas Football Club**  
☎ Sarah Sumskas 0430 883 385  
 ☎ registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au

**Tennis/Squash School Group**  
Looking for new players.  
 ☎ 9847 6050  
 ☎ tennisandsquash@live.com.au

**Tennis Court for Hire Galston**  
Available Day or Night.  
 ☎ Rear of Galston Community Hall  
 ☎ Jane 9847 6050

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Available Day or Night.  
 ☎ Les Shore Reserve  
 ☎ 0404 600 460

**Calling All Playgroups**

If you are organising or running a playgroup in the local area, please let us know. We would like to help you promote your playgroup, and also let our new mums know what groups are open in the area.

**Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to: [editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au](mailto:editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au)**

**GLENORIE**  
 Located at Les Shore Oval playground, every Thursday (weather permitting) 9.30am onwards. The kids can play whilst the adults chat. Bring allergy friendly snacks to share and a picnic rug. A great informal setting to meet some locals.

**LEARNING BLOCKS**  
 Dural, Level 1, 242 New Line Rd Dural at Learning Blocks Dural. It is open to the public free of charge. Hills Playgroup takes place every Mondays restarting from July 6 between 10am-12pm. It's fun, informal and a great way to socialise.

**KENTHURST**  
 Thursdays, during school terms, 9.30am til 11.30am at the Literary Institute. 131-135 Kenthurst Rd, Kenthurst.

**GALSTON**  
 Galston Kids Playgroup is located in the lower room of the Galston Community Health Centre. We have a fully stocked indoor/outdoor play area with sandpit, cubby, ride-on toys, craft supplies and more!

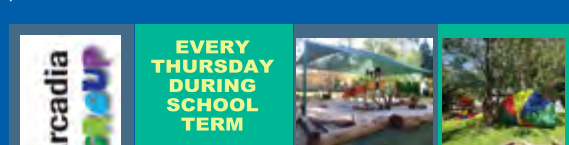
Sessions span over a couple of hours and are unstructured, providing lots of time for kids to play while adults chat.  
 Bring your own morning tea (nut-free). New members are very welcome to drop in; the first two visits are free.  
 Email galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.

**PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL**  
 Thursdays 9.30-11.30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.  
 We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 9899 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.

**MUSIC AND PLAY**  
 Dural Salvation Army, 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road) Wednesdays during school term. 10am-11.30am.  
 Qualified Music Therapist with a planned themed morning of music, craft and playtime.  
 A great way to meet more local families. For more information please phone 9651 3456.

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**Glenorie Community Hall**



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