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Nati Roses celebrates 80 years of business

By Karlene Brummer

The term 'iconic' is thrown around so much these days, however, in the case of Nati Roses, it truly is a fitting description of the Dural business which marks its 80th anniversary this year.

Throughout the eight decades of operation, there have been so many highlights for this beloved family concern that it would take an entire edition to talk about them all! Suffice to say that supplying flowers for both Elton John's wedding in 1984 and the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Dinner Dance in 1996, where Princess Diana was the special guest, were two standout moments. Not only did they supply the fabulous roses for the latter occasion but were also in attendance. Breaking protocol, a cheeky Pat Nati even chatted with Diana, a moment that mortified his brother Joe!

The inception of Nati Bros started as a humble farm in North Ryde in 1944, Patriarch, Giuseppe (Joe) Nati (1921-1999) also known by friends and family as 'Peppino', grew Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and Asters for the Sydney Flower Markets.

Giuseppe was one of three surviving children born to Salvatore and Grazia Maria in San Giovanni di Gerace, a Municipality of Calabria, Italy. Seeking a better and more prosperous life for the family, his father sailed from Italy to Sydney arriving in 1928. In 1933 he returned home to spend time with his wife and children, then left again - this time accompanied by his eldest son, Cosimo. The pair arrived back in Australia in March 1934. In 1936 Grazia Maria, Giuseppe and his sister, Carmela, arrived here aboard the SS Viminale and the family was together once more.

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1944 **NATI ROSES** **2024**

**Renowned Singer and local Galston identity Frank Ifield passes away
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Frank Ifield ... *We'll Remember You*

By Bev Jordan

Much-loved local identity Frank Ifield died on Saturday, May 18th aged 86.

The man who was patron of the Galston Country Music Festival for a decade and was a champion of young, up and coming country singers was a major star in the UK in the 60s when he gave a young, up-coming band called The Beatles a chance to perform.

Rock Historian Glen A Baker said: "There is so much to be said about this remarkable man, who had four number ones in Britain, three of them before the Beatles (who had briefly supported him in concert). *I Remember You* became an indelible hit all around the world and a perfect signature song. It topped the UK charts for 7 weeks.'

Frank became a household name in Britain before fellow Australians, the Seekers, the Bee Gees and the Easybeats headed to the UK.

Frank's parents (Richard and Hannah) were Australians who were living in the UK when Frank was born on 30th November 1937.

His father was an inventor and engineer who created the Ifield fuel pump used in jet aircraft. The family returned to Australia when Frank was 11 and moved to Dural to live on a farm.

Frank, who was the third of seven boys, listened to country music while milking the family cow Betsy. He said he used to yodel to stop her kicking the milking bucket over. At junior school, he led the singing. Music was in his genes as his grandfather was a former performer with touring minstrel shows.

Frank taught himself to play the ukulele before his grandmother bought him his first guitar as an 11th birthday present. After coming second in a talent competition held by a local radio station, Frank made his first broadcasts at the age of 13.

Two years later he was hired to dress as a cowboy and entertain audiences for Big Chief Little Wolf, a wrestling booth showman in a touring fair.

He made his first record at the age of 16 for the Australian branch of EMI. His career was interrupted by national service but by the age of 21 Ifield was one of Australia's leading country and pop singers, with his own television show, *Campfire Favourites*.

He returned to the UK at the age of 21 in 1959 where he secured a recording deal with Norrie Paramor of EMI's Columbia label.

While his first few records were not hits he topped the charts with a cover version of *I Remember You*, a song written for the 1942 film *Follow*

the Fleet. It reached a million sales in the UK and stayed at Number 1 for seven weeks. It remained in the UK charts for 28 weeks and made number 1 in Australia and number 5 in the US.

It was around this time that he met The Beatles' manager Brian Epstein. Ifield included the band as a support act at his show at the Embassy Cinema in Peterborough in December 1962 after he heard *Love Me Do*. They appeared free of charge.

Ifield also entered the race to represent the UK at Eurovision on two occasions - in 1962 and 1976 - but was unsuccessful at the national selection stage.

In 1986 he contracted pneumonia and required surgery to remove part of a lung. As a result, his vocal cords were damaged, which meant he could not sing or yodel for years. He returned to Australia in the 1980s moving to Dural.

In 1991, Ifield made a surprise return to the UK charts with *The Yodelling Song* - a dance remake of his 1962 track *She Taught Me How To Yodel*, which the Queen Mother once requested at a Royal Command Performance.

In 2016 his singing voice had recovered enough for him to return to the stage with a show that revisited his career.

He joined the Rotary Club of Galston and was Patron of the Galston Country Music Festival (1997 to 2007).

In a career spanning seven decades, he recorded 25 albums. In 2003, Ifield was inducted into the Australian Roll of Renown and was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame at the ARIA Music Awards of 2007. He was presented with the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2009 for services to the music industry.

He is survived by his second wife, Carole Wood, whom he married in 1992, and by two children from his first marriage, to Gillian Bowden.



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Frank Ifield & Glenn A Baker
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Giuseppe & Antonietta 1940's

Giuseppe was soon working alongside his father, brother, uncle and cousins on the family farm which grew celery and lettuce. In 1941 he obtained his driver's license which was a huge help for the two families, as no other members could drive. Giuseppe drove to Sydney Markets in his father's truck which had S.Nati & Son painted above the windscreen. The Nati's business secured a contract with the Department of Supply and Development to provide their vegetables to the army and civilians during the 2nd World War and they worked tirelessly to ensure the quota was met and delivered

on time. A hiccup occurred in 1942 when Giuseppe was interred in Liverpool and then sent out to Cowra in October of the same year. Eventually Giuseppe was released back to the family farm in March 1943, after his father petitioned that he was needed there to meet the demands of the Government Contract.

It was also 1943 that Giuseppe met the young Antonietta Marando (1928-2023) who was the daughter of a fellow market gardener. They were married in 1944 and the following year, with the assistance of both sets of parents, were able to purchase their own property of 5 acres on which is now known as Lane Cove Road, North Ryde. They also welcomed their first child, Grazia Maria (Mary Grace). Giuseppe and Antonietta grew flowers, lettuce, beans and rhubarb until Giuseppe was approached by Young's Dahlias to specialise in growing only these. He agreed and was supplied by them with the tubers. Giuseppe sold his flowers for 5 shillings a bunch, at the Markets and continued to take Salvatore's produce along with him.

The years 1946-1957 saw five more children arrive for Giuseppe and Antonietta. Salvatore (Sam), Pasqualena (Lena), Pasquale (Pat), Giuseppe (Joe) and Elizabeth (Liz) joined little Mary Grace. Once the children were old enough, they all helped with the market garden during their spare time. Giuseppe and Antonietta instilled a fabulous work ethic in their family which has obviously shaped the success and longevity of the business today.

In 1964 when the land at North Ryde was released for light industrial development (today the Marriot Hotel is situated on the site of the original farm), Giuseppe purchased a 20-acre site on Old Northern Road at Middle Dural. Along with sons, Sam and Pat, the Natis decided to concentrate solely on growing roses for the booming market in high quality flowers for weddings and special occasions. In 1966 they purchased 500 rose bushes from Catts Nursery for 50c each and began planting.



Giuseppe & Antonietta 1980's

Giuseppe Jnr (Joe) joined the family business in 1972 and took on the role of Marketing. Nati Bros Roses Pty Ltd was formed and the farm underwent an expansion program to ensure a consistent supply of roses for yearly production. This included erecting greenhouses which provided a controlled environment through heating to allow yearlong production of quality blooms.

Anthony Booth, a qualified horticulturist, was employed in 1990 as farm manager and with his innovative ideas and new methods introduced new rose colours and varieties to the farm. These new additions combined with the consistent availability of flowers meant that Joe had the flexibility to offer florists an annual supply and the Nati's market share continued to grow. By the peak of their growing success in 2000, they had 300,000 rose bushes and were renowned for both their perfumed field roses and glasshouse blooms.

Nati Roses is one of those rare businesses with a community conscience. Pat Nati was awarded an OAM in 2009 for his service to charity, in particular for his work with the Special Olympics of Australia and his role as chairman of the fund-raising committee. They have also supported numerous other charitable causes including Starlight Children's Foundation, Day of Difference, Westmead Medical Research Institute as well as dozens and dozens of local community groups, schools and causes. Looking at photos on the walls of the packing shed, you can see Pat with anyone from Pavarotti to the Four Tops and there are hundreds of laminated 'thank you' letters everywhere.

Today Nati Roses is busier than ever. With Nephew, Mark Gallo, operating as Farm Manager, six Florists working at any time, Sam, Joe and Pat and many other family members working on site, it is always a hive of activity – and open seven days a week! Let's hope Nati Roses continue to flourish so we can all celebrate their Centenary!

With thanks to the Nati Family for photos and primary sources, particularly 'A One-Way Ticket' - An Anthology of Italian Migrants in the City of Ryde - curated and compiled by Angelina Bonifacio.



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The exact age of this seeder drill is not known but is most likely 1920's to 1930's. The model is a "Sunshine" but no casting name marks are visible. It is a 14 row seeder used for the sowing of wheat, oats and barley. Bagged seed grain would be poured into the wooden hoppers along the length of the machine, where simple adjustments would be made to regulate the feed rate of the seed to the speed of the motive power, be it horse or tractor. 14 rows approximately one foot apart would be sown in a shallow furrow and covered over in one pass of the paddock. A distributor disc would rotate around and around under the seed pushing a constant regulated amount of seed down a tube into the furrow in the ground. This seeder in the image will be dismantled by the Friends Of Fagan Park and scrapped.

Anyone who reads this article and would like any parts, I expect the wheels will be sort after, can contact the friends of Fagan Park and make a donation of your choice of how much to our on going work at Fagan park at Galston. Ring Ian 0419 435 475 or Vern 0405 703 413.

By Vern Sotter

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As they bid farewell to Glenorie Pizzeria, Jemma and Laura wish to extend their deepest gratitude to the community that has supported them every step of the way. To the loyal patrons of Glenorie Pizzeria,



they offer a heartfelt thank you. Your unwavering support and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind Glenorie Pizzeria's success, and for that, Jemma and Laura are eternally grateful.

It's with excitement we announce two familiar faces, Tiernan and Matt, beloved members of our community and longtime employees of Glenorie Pizzeria, have stepped up to take the reins. These local legends have not only mastered the art of tossing dough but have also been entrusted with the secret recipes that have made Glenorie Pizzeria a beloved go-to.



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WHAT'S ON: The Village Glenorie is open every day, providing a range of retail shops, food and services to all our valued visitors.

With mid-year approaching this month makes sure your appointments are up-to-date. Before you tuck your toes away for the winter, ensure your feet are healthy with a visit to Glenorie Podiatry. Alternatively, make time for a physical or dental check-up at Glenorie Family Medical Practice or All Smiles Dentist. Plus don't forget your financial health check with a visit to Two Birds One Loan, Smart Start Financial or The Hills Book Keeper. There are an array of service providers open every day at The Village Glenorie.

Whilst you are ticking off the to-do list, visit one of the delicious food options or equally decadent retail shops and pick yourself up something nice to enjoy this winter. Whether you're looking for unique gifts, indulgent treats, or professional services, The Village Glenorie has it all.



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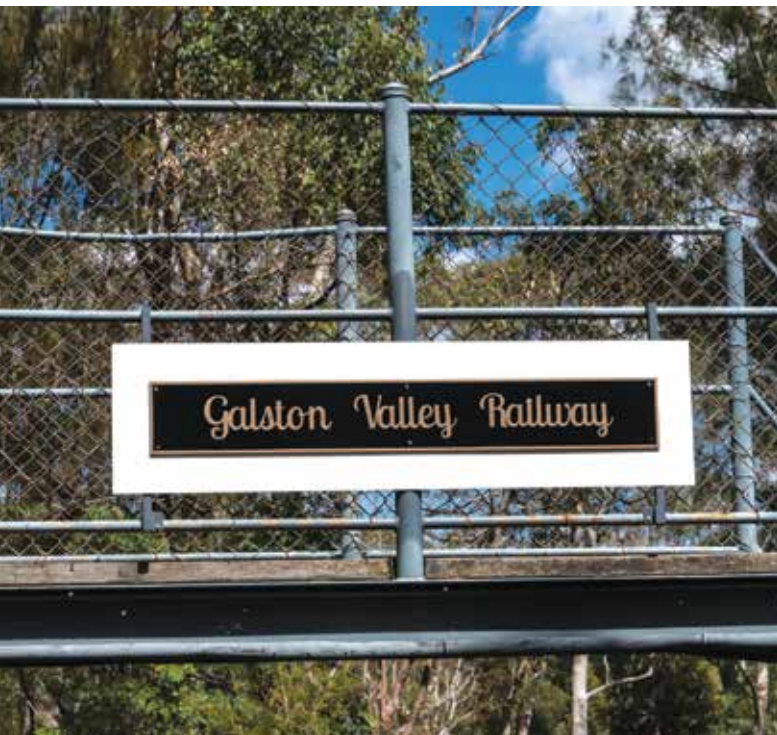
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Galston500 - MS Fundraiser

By Allie Thackray



The Galston500 is an exciting once a year event, that raises money for research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) at The Westmead Institute for Medical Research. It is hosted by the Hornsby Model Engineers Co - Op Ltd, a 100% volunteer Run Organisation, at their "Galston Valley Railway" site.

The Galston500 is an endurance event that sees a number of teams operating 5 inch gauge miniature trains over a combined total of 500 laps of the picturesque 1km track at the Galston Valley Railway. Starting at 7am, on **Saturday 31st August 2024**, with Public attendance from 10am till 3pm, The event will continue until all 500 laps are complete!

The public are invited to join us at the event, between 10am and 3pm with entertainment on the day planned to include Live Music, Merchandise, Craft and Food Stalls, RFS Fire Truck and, of course, rides on the miniature trains.

The event is once again fancy dress, with the theme this year being "As seen on TV".

All visitors and participants are invited to dress up as a character they have seen on TV!

Multiple Sclerosis is a cause that we are very passionate about and we are excited to be making a difference!

The Galston500 has raised over \$46,000 in past years for research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

I myself was diagnosed with MS in 2013 and my sister in 2012. It has been extremely difficult on all of our family, but especially my sisters 3 young children.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As we move into the cooler months, I wanted to highlight some of the wonderful winter experiences we have on offer here in the Shire. Despite the chill in the air, there are plenty of reasons to get out and about in the community.

I encourage you to get outside and enjoy our beautiful and unique environment. Discover the beauty of the Bushland Shire, with its diverse range of flora and fauna, by heading out on one of the many bushwalks available – our guided bushwalks are a wonderful way to get some fascinating insights into our natural and cultural history.

Take the family to one of Council's upgraded parks, playgrounds or ovals, with a range of equipment and facilities for people of all ages to enjoy. Children will love our new Children's Forest at Fagan Park in Galston where they can let off some steam while learning about nature.

You could take your beloved four-legged friend to an off-leash dog park to enjoy the winter sunshine, including our new park in Cherrybrook especially for small dogs, or organise a coffee catch-up with friends at a local café.

Enjoy a swim, lesson or an aqua aerobics class at our heated pools at Hornsby and Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centres or get warm having a workout in their well-equipped gyms.

If you are looking for a more relaxing option, why not catch up on some reading? Winter is always a great time to get cosy with a new read, so head to one of our Council libraries to borrow a book or even listen to a fascinating author talk.

I hope to see you out and about this winter enjoying the sights, sounds and serenity of our stunning Bushland Shire.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



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Neal Park, Cnr of Sherbrook and Northcote Road, Hornsby



Bicycle Repair Workshop

Saturday 15 June, 9.30am-12.30pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby



Clothes Mending

Thursday 20 June, 10.30am-12pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby



Clothing Swap

Saturday 22 June, 9.30am-11am
Thornleigh Community Centre, Thornleigh



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Draft Hornsby Shire Social Plan

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Draft Arts and Cultural Plan 2024-2029

Submissions close: Sunday 9 June

Draft Hornsby Development Control Plan

Submissions close: Monday 10 June

Greenway Park Cherrybrook small dog park trial

Comments close: Tuesday 29 October



Free Guided Bushwalks

Join one of Council's free guided bushwalks this winter. Whether you prefer an easy stroll, a challenging hike, something with the kids or even your four-legged friend, there's bound to be a bushwalk for you.

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Glenorie Progress Association



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

Pavers, koalas and major road works were all up for discussion at the May meeting of the GPA

The Glenorie Environment Centre report from Pat Schwartz gave insight into our local Koala population and the great work being done to research and document our growing Koala population. **REMINDER** we should all be on koala watch; If you see, hear or photograph local koalas, please let Lilly Schwartz know via the HHRKP website so your sightings can be added to the research.

Council updates

The GPA appreciates the support of our local council representatives who regularly attend our meetings reporting on local impacting developments and allowing questions and discussion.

The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi announced funding committed to the much-needed upgrade of Halcrows and Cattai Ridge



Federal State and Council Representatives unhappy with the New Line Road funding cut: Peter Gangemi, Matt Kean, Robyn Preston, Mitchell Blue, Mark Hodges, Julian Leaser and Nathan Tilbury

Roads intersection. We look forward to seeing work commence soon as well as approvals for additional flood gates at Cattai Creek and the Ted Schwebel Park upgrade.

The Hills Deputy Mayor, North Ward Councillor, Mitchell Blue discussed the very real concerns many of the northern residents have with the condition of Old Northern and Wisemans Ferry Roads. Both are State Roads and there is a very real concern with the lack of maintenance of roadside vegetation and with flooding, particularly with the Little Cattai Creek crossing of Wisemans Ferry Road which still has no flood gates.

Hornsby Mayor Philip Ruddock AO addressed the meeting congratulating the GPA on the excellent job we are doing representing the residents of Glenorie and on the initiative to build the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence. The fence not only pays tribute to Ray, but to the heritage of Glenorie. Philip, along with Councillor Warren Waddell, discussed the concerns with the New Line Road upgrade being shelved when funding allocated under the previous state government for stage 1 works was reallocated elsewhere.

Both council's representatives expressed their concerns with the state requirements for additional residential development without any strategic plans for infrastructure improvements. Press release last month outlined these serious concerns and the impact that a lack of planning for infrastructure has on a vast feeder network of people who struggle with traffic on New Line Road.

The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence update

The good news is the first three piers have been carved and the fund raising is going well with many thanks to; Robyn Preston who organised state government grants, the Whiteman Family Trust, Bendigo Bank and to the many locals who have sponsored a pier and or bought pavers. We still have a little way to go. It's not too late to sponsor a pier and have your name on that pier or, on a smaller scale, have your family name included in the Glenorie heritage pathway. Visit our website or use the QR code to place an order or contact the secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au if you need further information.



If you want to keep your finger on the pulse of Glenorie, come along to our meetings. Visitors are welcome but if you want to be kept up to date, please consider joining the GPA.

Another Queen's Scout at Dural



The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award in the Venturer Scout section and carries an outstanding reputation within Scouting and the Community world-wide. Alexis Taylor joins the list of over 40 Queen's Scout recipients at 1st Dural since 1963.

Alexis started with the 1st Dural Group in Cubs, earned her Grey Wolf badge, and then after moving to Scouts she stayed as a volunteer helper with the Cubs Section. Her Special Interest Activity badges included challenges across a variety of life skills - from cooking, driving, self-defence and art making, through to home maintenance and handywork. Alexis' interest in being a valued member of her local community also saw her join the local Rural Fire Service as a Junior member - then staying on to become a fully qualified firefighter.



In her time in Scouting, she has been to family camps, Cuborees, Jamborettes, and District Camps. More recently she's

ventured out camping across many parts of NSW - from hiking the Snowy Mountains through to her Adventurous Journey which saw her complete the first of several multi-day hikes along the beautiful NSW coast. She's also completed her First Aid qualification and her Surf Lifesaving Bronze Medallion.

Always full of exciting ideas, Alexis sets a great example of personal development and what can be achieved with the 'life skills' that Scouting offers.

Each year only a few Venturer Scouts achieve this prestigious award, which is presented by the Governor and Chief Scout of New South Wales, as a representative of the King, at Government House. Alexis is looking forward to the ceremony later this month.

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

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Council Calls for Entries for its Annual Calendar

The Hills Shire Council invites residents to submit photos of their favourite locations in The Hills for a chance to be featured in the 2025 Waste and Recycling Calendar.

Mayor of The Hills Shire Dr Peter Gangemi said that people of all photographic levels can enter the competition, titled 'Your Hills', which is now open for submissions.

"The competition is an excellent opportunity to showcase your photographic skills in a calendar adored by the local community," Mayor Gangemi said.

"We are looking for entries that capture the essence of the Hills and highlight the district's unique beauty.

"I wish all the entrants the best of luck, and I look forward to seeing their submissions."

A group of judges will evaluate and choose 13 images to feature in the annual calendar. One will be selected for each month, and another will be showcased on the front cover. Applicants must reside within The Hills Shire and can only submit images taken within the LGA within the last two years. The images can feature natural and man-made environments and must not include people or faces.

All winning entries will receive Coles/Myer gift cards, with monthly feature photos receiving a \$50 voucher and the front cover feature receiving a \$100 voucher.

Submissions for the competition are open until 23rd June 2024.

For further details, visit The Hills Shire Council website (www.thehills.nsw.gov.au), and search 'Waste Calendar Photo Competition'.





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Winterfest is back on **6th - 7th July 2024** at the Hawkesbury Showground, 10am – 5pm.

At Winterfest you can adventure to a world with free-flying birds of prey, knights, vikings and more. From jousting, archery and combat to crafts, cooking and games, this popular two-day event features an extensive program to delight the whole family.

Immerse yourself in the action with a wonderful line-up of entertainment, including:

- The exciting **Winterfest Jousting Tournament** in the sport of kings!
- **Full Contact Fighting with Australian Medieval Combat:** The best fighters from NSW and Victoria battle it out in full



medieval armour with steel - the last one standing wins!

- Meet graceful and powerful raptors with **Feathered Friends**. Get up close with a majestic eagle, and colourful parrots fit for a pirate.
- **Melee Battles** with warriors in armour from a range of historical periods. Watch the groups battle for supremacy in the 'Combat and Arms' displays
- The **Mounted Skill-at-Arms**, demonstrating the skills required for knights in training and in battle on horseback.
- The **Re-enactors's Row**, where you can try helmets, armour, shields and weapons. Friendly re-enactors from

history enjoy sharing their knowledge about the people and period they are re-enacting.

Explore the vibrant range of wares at **'Merchant's Row'**, with over 70 stalls including quality artisan and handcrafted wares, clothing, accessories, and toys, to delectable home-made sweets and stunning artwork! Discover traditional skills in the **'Artisan Alley'** with displays throughout the day, including blacksmithing, woodworking, and leatherwork.

Roaming entertainers add to the festival, including musicians and minstrels, and 'Feldergast the Fool' the wandering jester. Treat yourself with many delicious foods to choose from, including delicious slow-cooked BBQ, gluten-free Japanese style chicken, handmade pizza, and refreshing ginger beer.

Have a go at archery, Celtic drumming workshops, and the chance to learn to use a rapier. Have your photo taken with a

unicorn, and kids can join in at the Kids' Knight School.

Immerse yourself in the festival environment by wearing something a bit different from the usual. The free-to-enter Winterfest Costume and Cosplay competition is always popular. Join the competition parade for judging and fun. Come along in a medieval-inspired outfit or fantasy-style clothing; all medieval periods, cultures, and styles are welcome.

Getting to and parking at Winterfest is easy at the Hawkesbury Showground:

Free on-site parking, and Clarendon Railway station is only two minutes' walk from the gates.

Pre-purchase your tickets online for discounts, or you can buy at the gate.

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Happy First Birthday Middle Dural Toy Library



Middle Dural, NSW – The Middle Dural Toy Library has had a fantastic first year, expanding its collection to over 1300 toys, with new toys added every week to keep the selection fresh and engaging for local families. Since opening in June 2023, the library has been committed to providing high-quality play opportunities that are crucial for children's development.

Located at 1 Sunnyvale Rd, Middle Dural, the library opens every Saturday from 10am to 12pm. It also offers a handy out-of-hours click and collect service, making it easy for families to access a range of educational toys, games, and puzzles at their convenience, promoting both educational development and sustainable living.

Emily Kothe, President of the Middle Dural Toy Library, shares her enthusiasm: "Our first year has been remarkable. We are deeply grateful for the community's enthusiastic support and continually

look to welcome new members into our library family. We encourage interested families to visit during our opening hours to see our excellent collection. Joining the library is simple, and new members can start borrowing toys immediately."

Membership starts at just \$50 a year, helping families manage costs and home clutter while supporting environmental sustainability by minimising toy waste.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Middle Dural Toy Library is a community effort and is always looking to extend its volunteer base. It invites local residents who are passionate about making a difference in children's lives to join the cause. Middle Dural Toy Library is a registered charity.

For more information about how to become a member or volunteer, visit <http://middleduraltoylibrary.org> or stop by the toy library at 1 Sunnyvale Rd, Middle Dural, during opening hours.

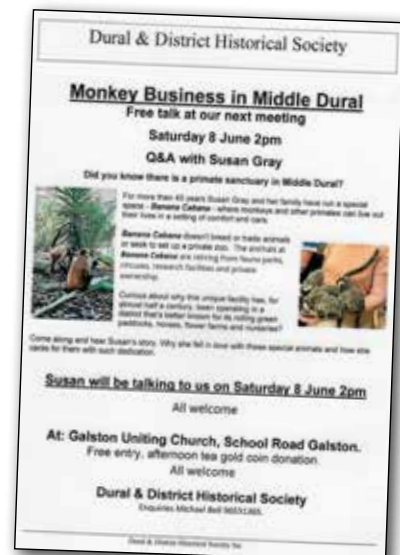
Dural and District Historical Society Inc. News from History Cottage

It was hard to tell the descendants of the free settlers from those of the convicts at the May meeting; all looked prosperous and not a leg iron in site. Our guest speaker, Judith Dunn OAM, held her audience in thrall with the results of her five years of research into the crimes of the convict women. Using the Court reports in the Sydney Herald, Judith used the florid euphemisms of the seafaring Sydney Town language to list the crimes, the conditions and the life of those sent to the Female Factory, the homes of the wealthy and those who lived as best they could using the only resource left to them. A most informative and enjoyable afternoon, in the company of those who came 190 years later.

The June meeting is in some ways similar except the main characters are those released from a different bondage. Our guest speaker will be,

Susan Gray, who with her family, have run a special space, Banana Cabana. For over forty years monkeys and other primates once in circuses, research facilities and private ownership, can live out their lives in a setting of comfort and care. Come to the meeting and learn more about this unique facility and why she fell in love with these special animals.

Next meetings on the **9th June** will be in the Uniting Church, School Road Galston, starting at 2.00pm. Entry is free and afternoon tea is served for a gold coin.



Letter to the Editor

Galston Club gets a right Royal approval

Allow me to recount my recent sojourn to the Galston Club, a culinary oasis nestled amidst the verdant hills. Our familial coterie convened for a repast on the auspicious occasion of Mother's Day. The fare, I dare say, was a revelation—an epicurean symphony that resonated with my senses.

The victuals procured by our table, without a shadow of a doubt, transcended mere sustenance. They bore the imprimatur of excellence, rivaling even the culinary prowess of my dear wife. The portions, generous as a benevolent dowager, elicited both surprise and pleasure. Verily, I resolved to frequent this establishment with discreet regularity.

And so, with a flourish, I affix my Royal Seal of approval upon the Galston Club—an accolade bestowed upon few. Pray, convey my felicitations to the restaurant, that they may bask in the glow of my commendation.

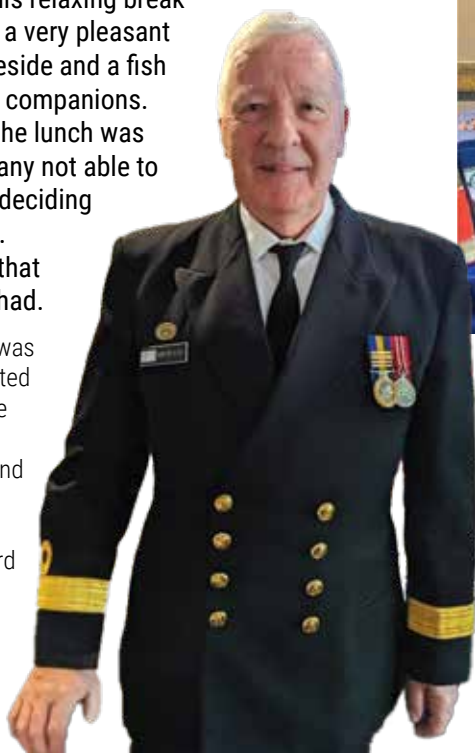
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Glenorie Probus Club Activities

In keeping with its objectives Glenorie Probus Club has had a busy time. The club members traveled north for a day at the lakes with first stop at the Brooklyn Marina for morning tea. Following this relaxing break it was onto Budgewoi for a very pleasant walk and relax by the lakeside and a fish and chip lunch with good companions. The only complaint with the lunch was the large quantity with many not able to consume it all and many deciding to forgo dinner that night. The weather was onside that day and a great day was had.

The club's monthly meeting was 24th April and the club devoted the meeting to remembrance of Anzac Day. An Anzac Day display had been prepared and set the tone for the meeting. The opening address was given by Commodore Ranford Elsey RFD RAN (retired) and he reminded members of the sacrifice of so many soldiers at Gallipoli and all the wars. This was followed by a talk giving



details of a number of people who had active involvement in the wars and were worthy of recognition. The meeting concluded with a talk giving the background history of the Anzac Biscuit, with samples. It was a very appropriate meeting given ANZAC day was the next day.

This month will see the club visit the Sydney Tramway Museum, Hyde Park Barracks and the Museum of Sydney.

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

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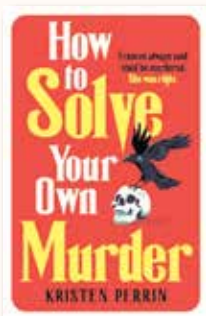
Hornsby Library will be hosting two author talks in June and we would love to see you there. Hugh Mackay will discuss his new book, *The Way We Are*, an examination of the major trends affecting our way of life, and Tania Blanchard will join us to talk about *A Woman of Courage*, her latest work of historical fiction. Bookings are essential. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library.

ADULT FICTION

HOW TO SOLVE YOUR OWN MURDER BY KRISTEN PERRIN

It's 1965 and Frances Adams is a teenager when a fortune-teller makes a prediction: one day, Frances will be murdered. Frances spends a lifetime trying to solve a crime that hasn't happened yet, until sixty years later, when she is found murdered. Frances' great niece, Annie, is determined to catch the killer, but thanks to Frances' habit of digging up secrets, it seems every villager in Castle Knoll has a motive for her murder.

This small-town mystery is a fun and suspenseful read, and the first in Kristen Perrin's new *Castle Knoll Files* series.



JUNIOR FICTION

THE APPRENTICE WITNESSER BY BREN MACDIBBLE

Bastienne is an orphan living with Lodyma, the local Witnesser of Miracles. 10 years ago, Lodyma sent her son Osmin into the hills to live with the mountain men after her husband and oldest son died of a sickness that continues to sweep the land. One day, two boys arrive in town asking Lodyma to go on a mysterious mission to a monastery. When Lodyma and Bastienne arrive, what they discover will change their lives.

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Winter-proof your home with these top energy-saving tips

It's time to think about how to make your home more energy efficient. With the colder months often leading to increased energy consumption and higher bills, now is the perfect time to implement some energy-saving strategies.

Why is my energy bill so high?

To effectively reduce your electricity bill, it's essential to understand where and how you're using energy in your home. Heating and cooling accounts for a significant portion of energy usage, followed closely by appliances, water heating, and lighting.

Follow these tips to avoid your heating system (and wallet) having to work hard this winter.

Energy saving with your heater.

Instead of cranking up the heating this winter when the cold weather sets in, set your thermostat to a moderate temperature (around 18-21°C) and use a timer to pre-heat your space before you need it.

Maximise heat retention.

Close curtains and blinds at night to trap warmth inside, preventing heat loss. Draught-proofing your home by sealing gaps around windows and doors can also help retain heat and reduce energy consumption.

Take advantage of natural drying.

Save energy by air-drying your clothes instead of using a dryer. Hang clothes outside on sunny days or use a clothes airer near a sunny window to take advantage of free drying.



Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances.

To reduce energy consumption, replace old, inefficient appliances with energy-efficient models. LED light bulbs are cost-effective, use less energy, and last longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.

Consider solar solutions.

Solar energy can be especially beneficial during winter, providing an eco-friendly and cost-effective alternative to traditional energy sources. If solar panels are installed, maximise them by scheduling high-energy appliances to run during daylight hours. By optimising your solar energy usage, you can further reduce your reliance on the grid and lower your energy bills.

Quick fixes to reduce your energy bill.

To start saving on your energy bill right away without planning too far ahead, try these simple adjustments:

- **Layer up:** Stay warm by wearing layers of clothing indoors to reduce the need for heating.
- **Opt for natural heating:** Swap out electric blankets for hot water bottles or extra blankets to keep warm without increasing energy usage.
- **Adjust your thermostat:** Lower the thermostat on your heater to a comfortable temperature (around 18-21°C) to reduce energy consumption.
- **Zone heating:** If your heating system is zoned, only heat the rooms you actively use to avoid wasting energy.
- **Maximise natural light:** Open curtains during sunny days to let in natural light and warmth, then close them at night to retain heat.
- **Natural drying:** Hang your sheets, towels, and clothes outside on a sunny winter's day or on a clothes rack next to a sunny window, and only use the dryer as a last resort.
- **Insulating blinds:** Add insulating blinds to reduce heat loss through windows and improve overall energy efficiency.

Big changes that pay off in the long run.

For older homes with significant heat loss issues, consider these long-term investments to improve energy efficiency:

- **Insulation:** Insulate your home to reduce heating loss in walls and floors and improve energy efficiency.
- **Quality Rugs:** If insulating under the floor is not feasible, lay down large quality rugs to minimise heat loss.
- **Double-glazed windows:** Upgrade to double-glazed windows to prevent heat loss and improve energy efficiency, especially in older homes with single-pane windows.

Planning and investing strategically in energy-saving measures can better prepare your home for winter, they can also make a difference to your sale price when you inevitably sell. Contact Belle Property's local agent Carolyn Wheatley to discuss further today – 0407 120 483.



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Correction from May issue

On page 27 of the May edition
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Sponsors of Arcadian Artists Trail 2024

2024 Arcadian Artists Trail has been generously sponsored again this year by **Galston & District Community Bank Branch** of the **Bendigo Bank**. The Sponsorship funds will significantly assist in achieving our goal of supporting the arts amongst the local community and beyond to those in the wider Sydney region.

The Bendigo Bank in Galston is known for its community minded assistance in a variety of activities and events, and this year's sponsorship will greatly enhance the preparation and running of the *Arcadian Artists Trail* once again. It is an important opportunity to gather the locals together and bring the gift of fun and creativity to our stunning area. People from all parts of Sydney are drawn to our rural surrounds to enjoy a delightful weekend exploring the seven private studios whose doors are open to guests. Visitors can view and purchase beautiful handmade items and speak directly to the talented artists.

It is a wonderful time for families and their friends to spend the day travelling through our unique neighbourhood enjoying this unparalleled part of Sydney's outskirts. The Artisans have been working diligently to provide lovely and enticing items that will enhance any home, show off a beautiful face, or offer that special and unique gift to someone they love.

This year the Arcadian Artists Trail weekend will be on **Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th November**. Entry is free.

Further information about the Trail will come later in the year, but for now, place the dates in your diary and prioritise this special event. It is a great opportunity to meet the Artists behind the Artworks and possibly see a demonstration of how work is produced.



The Arcadian Artists website www.arcadianartists.net.au has further information about the weekend, and closer to the event a brochure will be printed and distributed. Look out for the signs too. They will lead you to each venue.

Once again, thanks are extended to our remarkable local Bank, the **Galston & District Community Bank Branch** of the **Bendigo Bank** whose support will help to make this much anticipated event a great success.

**Julia Elsey on behalf of the
Arcadian Artists & Artisans Inc.**



ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

Autumn has well and truly arrived this year with a very soggy start to what at times can be a colourful and soft time of year.

On a positive note, spending time indoors; catching up on some of those activities which we keep 'putting off' can be rewarding ... which has led me to browsing through past AQ news articles where I discovered a story and a picture of this quilt (see photo) which was displayed at an AQ Exhibition held in 2008.

This 'scene' is in fabric and has been reproduced from a painting and would have involved a great deal of careful planning. 1" blocks of coloured fabrics machine stitched together were used to create what can be seen in this picture.

WOW, what an achievement.

I understand a lucky grandson delighted in sleeping under this quilt as a child when he visited his 'Grandma' ... some years ago now !!!



Isn't this a perfect way to celebrate Autumn, I can imagine this quilt gracing a

bed perhaps or a cosy chair during these grey days?

Meanwhile busy hands at our group meetings are creating quilts for the Assistance Dogs Australia Charity. These quilts are given to children and young adults who through injury, mental and / or emotional disabilities are given an Assistance dog as their support and 'lifeline' out into the wider community. A quilt also adds to their feeling of security.

Andrea Blackford, our much valued contact with this very worthy Charity will be visiting us later this month and to our delight Bella, their Ambassador Dog will also put in an appearance!!

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

For further information about us please call Carole on 9894 7749.

Remagine Art Prize 2024 winner announced

The winner of the Remagine Art Prize 2024 has been announced, with Lane Cove based artist Phoebe Stone taking out the first prize of \$5,000 for her oil and pastel painting, *Serene Sea*. Inspiration for Phoebe's work came when she was walking the Gadyan track around Sydney's Berry Island Reserve and her eye was taken through the native scrub and over to a large oil tanker.

"Its hull was faded black and rusty red in hue. The irony of the name of the tanker 'Serene Sea' really struck me. An oil tanker, serenity? A 'Serene Sea'? As I walked on, I couldn't help but muse that this might be a plea from the workers of the ship; a serene sea, a safe passage home," said Stone.

"Yet as thoughts about excessive consumption, endless industries devouring fossil fuels, rising temperatures and sea levels swam around my head, I realised, this isn't just their plea, it's ours too. If we aren't careful and if we do not keep our seas serene, in a relatively short space of time, no one will be able to walk this track."

The annual Remagine Art Prize is hosted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with Hornsby Art Society. This art prize challenges artists to create works in response to the crisis we are all facing with waste and over-consumption. The theme for this year was 'Crossroads of Consumption', referring to how our everyday consumption can be reduced to limit the impacts of waste and climate change.

Mascot based artist Chris Gleisner was awarded Highly Commended, winning \$2,500 in prize money for her work, *The Sixth Extinction: a Short-List*.

"This short-list represents an ongoing existential crisis: an estimated 1 million species of flora and fauna are threatened with extinction in the upcoming decades. The primary human causal factors in descending order are habitat destruction, over exploitation, invasive species, pollution, and now climate change. As humans continue to consume the natural world at unsustainable rates, the looming question arises: when will humanity join the list of extinctions?" said Gleisner.



Talented Mount Kuring-gai artist James Birch collected the Local Artist Award and a \$1,000 prize for his work, *SCRAPS*, and Waitara resident, Coco X Huang won the Youth Award (18-25 years) and \$1,000 in prize money for her mixed media work, *In a Drop of Water...*

Fleur Brett from Victoria secured the Recycled/Reused Materials Award and \$1,000 in prize money for her sculpture using recycled

cardboard and clothing, *Yellow Torso (The Muse)*.

Hornsby Shire Mayor the Hon Philip Ruddock AO praised the finalists for their inspiring artworks.

"Congratulations to these worthy winners of the Remagine Art Prize. These artists have expressed their passion for sustainability and the environment through each of these unique, thought-provoking works. Council remains committed to preserving our natural environment for future generations. This year's theme emphasised how we can all play a part in reducing waste and living more sustainably," Mayor Ruddock said.

The esteemed panel of judges for 2024 were curator Sheona White, contemporary Australian multidisciplinary artist, Susan O'Doherty and local sculptor Ulric Steiner.

Art lovers can visit the 2024 Remagine Art Prize finalist exhibition at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby until Sunday, 26th May 2024. Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. Entry to the exhibition is free.

For further details, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine



The Galston Concerts Sunday 23 June 2024

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

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Dural Bowling Club News

Competitions for Dural Bowlers

Three teams of four players are currently playing in the district Pennants competitions. Dural Lawn Bowls teams are currently leading the competition after round 5. The ladder table is very close and the players representing the club will have to perform exceptionally well to ensure that they keep their lead. The competition has been delayed due to the recent wet weather experienced in Sydney.

Our Major Singles Champion, Phil Laing, played in the Champion of Club Champions at St Johns Park bowling club last Monday 13th May 2024. Unfortunately, he was eliminated in the second round of the competition.

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



Sport News at The Centre Dural

Welcome Back!

As the calendar flips another page, the sports scene at Centre Dural is abuzz with excitement and activity. The newly minted outdoor netball club, Dural Warriors, has burst onto the scene at Pennant Hills Park, marking its debut season with an impressive start. With three games already in the books, the Warriors are showing promise across their three teams, setting a high bar for the competition.



But netball isn't the only game in town. Dural Warriors is also making waves in the NSW Futsal Premier League, boasting a high-calibre lineup ready to take on the competition. Trials for both girls and boys teams are slated for early June, promising to unearth the next generation of futsal stars. With training set to commence in August and the season kickoff in September, anticipation is building for what promises to be an action-packed campaign.

Meanwhile, Inflatable World Dural is becoming a hotspot for weekend fun, with bookings filling up fast for parties and playdates. Catering to kids aged 4-12, it's a surefire way to beat the winter blues with two hours of non-stop entertainment.

As the sports calendar continues to unfold, stay tuned for more updates and highlights from Centre Dural. Whether it's on the court, on the field, or bouncing around in inflatables, there's something for everyone in the vibrant sporting community of Dural.

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Arcadia Public School



On Friday, May 10th, Arcadia Public School embraced a tradition that not only promotes safety but also fosters community spirit: National Walk Safely to School Day. What makes this annual event particularly special for our school is the enthusiastic participation of the Arcadia Rural Bush Fire Brigade. As students made their way to school, they were escorted by members of the brigade, ensuring their safety every step of the way. This collaboration not only highlighted the importance of community involvement but also served as a reminder of the value of teamwork in promoting children's safety.

The morning was filled with camaraderie and joy as students walked to school. Adding to the festive atmosphere was the talented bagpiper, Mr Jock McDonald, who entertained everyone with his stirring melodies. The sounds of bagpipes filled the air, adding an extra spring to the steps of students and their families.

Upon arrival at school, it was a BBQ breakfast and hot chocolate, courtesy of the wonderful Arcadia Public School P&C. Gathered around tables, students shared stories of their walk to school, further strengthening bonds within the school community.

This annual event holds a special place in our school calendar because what sets Arcadia Public School apart is its unique rural setting. Here on the day, it's not uncommon to see students wearing gumboots and being accompanied by their beloved pets. National Walk Safely to School Day is more than just a safety initiative



for us; it's an opportunity to celebrate our rural identity and the diversity within our school community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Arcadia Rural Bush Fire Brigade for their unwavering support and to Jock McDonald for adding his musical talents to our event. Together, we made National Walk Safely to School Day a memorable and successful occasion.

Mrs Rachel Lacey, Principal (relieving)

Dural Public School



On Thursday 2nd May, Stage 2 had an Aboriginal Experiences incursion. The day was absolutely sensational and contained lots of interesting information presented by our three Gumaraa rangers who travelled from Dharawal country.

Stage 2 started the day with an ochre and smoking ceremony which was intended to cleanse the area of any bad spirits. The variety of symbols drawn in ochre on students' faces represent different things, such as those who were knowledgeable, those who were warriors and the locations of where people came from (such as waterways). The students then split into groups to rotate through three fantastic activities.

In the hall, they learned about bush tucker and the different uses of Australian native plants with Ranger Tallara. Did you know that coastal wattle can be used as soap and when crushed and put into water it can stun fish to make them easy to capture? Did you know that the dianella plant can be used as a whistle to mimic an injured bird in order to capture snakes? Or that the she-oak tree can deter snakes from the area and be used as a weaving needle once it's been dried? We learned about plants that can be used as medicine, energy boosters, paintbrushes and food. Did you know the seeds from the lomandra bush can be crushed to make flour?

On the green playground, the students learned the correct technique to throw a boomerang. We had a few that even managed to throw theirs and have it return in nearly a full circle! This activity was a favourite for many students. Ranger Jake even showed us how he could throw 4 boomerangs at once. These skills were commonly used with this style of boomerang to hunt birds.



On the courts, we hunted emus and kangaroos by developing our spear throwing skills with Ranger Drew. She taught them the words buru (kangaroo) and biraban (emu).

Stage 2 came together towards the end of the incursion to learn 4 different types of traditional dances which told stories of native Australian animals travelling through the bush. They learned about traditional tools such as hunting boomerangs, coolamons, woomeras and shields and listened as Ranger Jake used a didgeridoo to mimic animal sounds.

Galston High School ("GHS") Athletes Dominate with Determination and Grace: Excelling at Softball, Triathlon, Equestrian and Hockey



The beginning of 2024 has witnessed numerous GHS students excel in various sporting endeavours, embodying their commitment to personal growth and aiming to achieve their personal best.



Jacynta Eisermann, a Year 12 student, has demonstrated outstanding performance in softball, earning accolades such as the Sydney North Schools Sports Association 'Blue Award' and representing Sydney North from 2021 to 2023. Jacynta's remarkable skill led to her inclusion in the NSWCHS Blue Team in 2023, followed by selection for the School Sport Australia Championships,

earning a spot in the All-Australian Girls Merit Team.

Jacynta's exceptional performance secured her a place in the CHS team, leading to triumph in the NSW competition and selection for the NSW All Schools Softball team, which will be competing on the Gold Coast from **July 27th to August 1st**.

Alongside Jacynta, Holly Taylor, also a Year 12 student, showcased her talent in softball, contributing to the Sydney North team's victory as the Champion Association.



In another sporting arena, GHS students participated in the NSW All-School's Triathlon, which included a 750m run, rather than a swimming stage, due to water quality concerns. Despite the challenge, Annabelle Vella, June Dayes, and Billie Burton, all Year 8 students, achieved 24th place overall, among all NSW schools, with the girls' team clinching 3rd place, among all government schools.



During the recent school holidays, Grace Sandlin, a Year 7 student, impressed at the State Interschool (Equestrian) Vaulting Championships, securing 2nd place in the pre-novice level.

Jasmine Cook, also a Year 7 student, shone at the State Interschool Equestrian Championships, earning 3rd place in the 100cm category and 5th place in the 90cm category. Jasmine's achievement qualifies her to represent GHS and Equestrian NSW



at the 2024 Australian Interschool Championships, in Tamworth, in **September 2024**.

Rowan Whiteman and Zayne Driscoll of Year 11 have been chosen to represent Sydney North in the upcoming Hockey tournament scheduled for **June 18th to 20th 2024**. We extend our best wishes for success and victory as they compete in this prestigious event.

These are just some of the achievements which highlight the dedication of GHS students, who continuously strive to achieve their personal best, both academically and athletically, exemplifying the spirit of the "quiet achiever" within our school community. These successes serve as a testament to the diverse talents and efforts of our students.




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Lynn McCrindle OAM: A Pioneer in Christian Education



On the 21st of May, 1979, Lynn McCrindle OAM commenced as the first school teacher of Pacific Hills Christian School, then called Pennant Hills Christian School. The school began with only eight students, with Lynn as the only teacher, teaching all subjects. Now, in 2024, it is one of ten schools in the Pacific Group of Christian Schools.

Throughout her career Lynn's dedication to serving the local community and those in need through education and service has been pivotal in both the establishment of the School in Dural, as well as many flourishing ministries that have come out of Pacific Hills.

On the 21st May, 2024, Pacific Hills Christian School celebrated its 45th Anniversary and commemorated the outstanding service of Lynn McCrindle, renaming its MPC to the Lynn McCrindle Multipurpose Centre. This was a wonderful time of celebration, recounting stories of God's faithfulness over the years and looking to the exciting future of what is yet to come for Pacific Hills Christian School. As a School community we would like

to honour Lynn and her lifetime of service. We also give thanks for the privilege it is to serve our amazing local community and beyond.



Mrs McC and class

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National Recognition as a school of Excellence

Earlier this year, Galston Public School was nominated by a member of the community at the Australian Education Awards in the category of Primary School of the Year (Government Sector).



We are now able to announce that we have been shortlisted and named as an awardee!

This is a fantastic honour for our school and recognises the work we have been undertaking over the past four years in the following areas:

- Individualised and small group learning
- Technology to engage our students
- Data-driven practice to ensure student engagement
- Physical activity and sports programs
- Holistic wellbeing programs
- Positive student behaviour expectations

Shortlisting for these awards is also an acknowledgement of the outstanding results we have been achieving with our students' learning outcomes as reflected in external measures such as NAPLAN and Check In Assessments in reading and numeracy over recent years.

It goes without saying that being shortlisted in these awards is also a wonderful accolade which highlights the value of the relationships and community involvement at our school. Parents, students and staff should be very proud of the learning community we have created, and over the coming weeks we look forward to keeping our community updated with our progress in the awards process.

Please see below information regarding the Australian Education Awards:



After a fantastic round of nominations, The Educator is proud to announce the Excellence Awardees for the Australian Education Awards 2024.

The Australian Education Awards, now in their seventh year, recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the country's top performing schools, principals, department heads and teachers.

Educational excellence in Australia's schools will be recognised at a black-tie gala event being held at the Star Event Centre in Sydney on Friday 9th August 2024.

The Awards, spanning 29 categories, include Best Student Wellbeing Program, Education Rising Star of the Year, and Australian School of the Year, showcasing the best of what Australian education has to offer in 2024.

If you are looking to enrol in a school of national excellence in education, look no further than Galston Public School!



Julian Leeser

Federal Member for Berowra



Working to deliver cost of living relief for our community

I know that people throughout our community are doing it tough. That's why this year's Federal budget is so important. Our community is right to have expected cost of living relief.

However, I am concerned that the budget will not do enough to help people throughout our area manage the worsening cost of living crisis. In just the last few weeks, I have heard from residents who have been slugged with a 41% increase in their electricity bill compared to this time last year. I've also heard from another constituent who recently received a more than 50% rise in his home and building insurance premium.

People across the community are telling me that they are having to tighten their belt. Unfortunately, the Government is doing the opposite. This budget has added \$315 billion of new spending - that's \$30,000 of extra spending for every Australian household. Additionally, far too much of that spending is going to projects that won't truly help people across our community.

I will however support some measures which will have a meaningful positive impact for people across the Berowra electorate. They include funding to add life-changing and life-saving medicines to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the extension of measures to support women and children escaping domestic violence, and money to every Australian family to help them with soaring power prices.

I'll also be calling for the Government to support measures proposed by the Coalition in Peter Dutton's budget-in-reply speech. Those include measures to limit migration to help manage the housing affordability crisis, increase workforce participation, and support small businesses by extending the value of assets eligible for the instant asset write-off.

As your local member, I am focused on getting Australia back on track, to keep our nation safe and secure and to make life easier and better for all Australians.



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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- ➔ Attend your local community event
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From the desk of Matt Kean

Matt Kean - NSW Member for Hornsby



I was thrilled to host a group of Legal Studies year 11 students, from Pacific Hills Christian School, in Parliament last month. I was particularly impressed with their knowledge of the workings of the NSW Parliamentary system. The future of our state is in good hands with engaged and interested students like these.

Last month, I attended various ANZAC Day ceremonies across the electorate and I was especially privileged to have been invited to give an address at the Glenorie Dawn Service. Once again, the numbers in attendance were very strong right across the Hornsby electorate and the entire state.

Another special ANZAC Day ceremony I was pleased to have been able to attend was the Wisemans Ferry's mid-morning ceremony. As this area is new to my electorate I have never previously had the opportunity to be part of an ANZAC Day ceremony at Wisemans Ferry. The organizers should be very proud, as they did a wonderful job, with a beautiful service delivered. I know it was appreciated by the large crowd in attendance.

Finally, I am so pleased to see the reopened Galston Aquatic Centre is once again being extremely well utilized. I know the extended closure during the rebuild was very frustrating for many swimmers, but, since it reopened in December, this refurbished facility has returned better than ever. This has also seen the resurgence of the Galston Swimming Club.



Rural Roundup

Hornsby Councillor
Warren Waddell



During May I had the pleasure of attending the Eastbend Rural Communications Inc. meeting. I was joined by my Hills Council colleagues, Mayor Peter Gangemi and his Deputy Mitchell Blue.

Together we were presented with a list of concerns facing the local rural community. These issues included:

- Speed and road user conduct on main roads
- Cumulative impacts of industry on public roads
- Community and environment issues
- Litter and illegal dumping

Although many of the issues relate to our State road network and their contractors, it was widely viewed that driver conduct on all of our roads was of real concern. On all of the issues Councillors agreed that we will act as a community conduit for any items that may or may not be under direct Council jurisdiction.

On exhibition this month is the latest draft plan for the upgrade of Galston Village. It is important that any comments or suggestions are registered as soon as possible so construction may begin. Attend the AGRA meeting on the 27th May at The Galston Club for a presentation of the plan, look for signs throughout the village or use the "Have Your Say" link on Council's website.

Also on the planning front, a consultant has been selected that will help guide the process of preparing a village planning proposal for Glenorie. With the first stage of the Rural Land study recommendations now complete, work will now begin on delivering the community vision for Glenorie's future.

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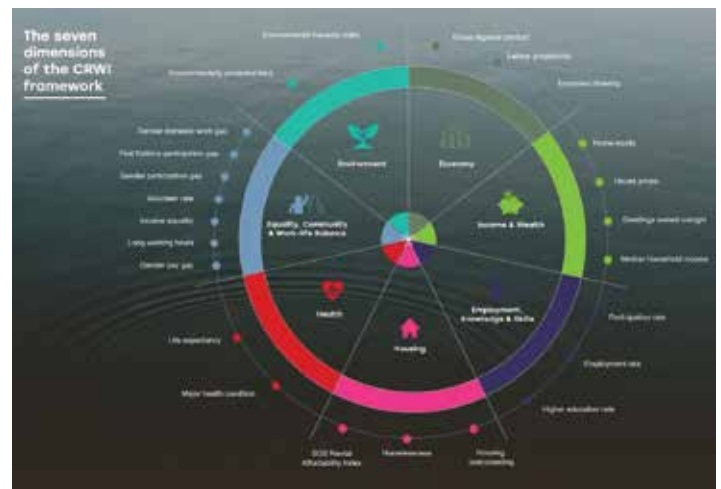
By Cllr Dr Verity Greenwood

Hornsby Shire ranks as the fifth highest in Australia and a top performer for wellbeing. In May this year, the public policy advisor SGS Economics and Planning published its annual National Wellbeing Index, an analysis of 518 local government areas (LGAs) in Australia. With a 'Headline' Index score of 6.9, our Hornsby Shire has a higher Index score than the Greater Sydney region at 6.0.

So how is this Wellbeing Index determined? Across Australia, each LGA was assessed on seven wellbeing indicators: economy; income and wealth; employment; knowledge and skills; housing, health, equality, community and work-life balance and the environment. This assessment was also based on 24 factors that impact general wellbeing, including gender pay gap, home prices, environmentally protected land and community volunteer rate (SGS Cities & Regions Wellbeing Index, 2024; see diagram).

So what is achieved by the Wellbeing Index assessments? The National Wellbeing Index provides clear evidence and understanding of the social, economic and environmental trends across Australia. The Index indicates improvements in overall wellbeing can be achieved by focussing on place as well as the community within that place. My previous research has found that 'resilient' communities in Australia have high levels of community social integration, lower mortality rates and higher rates of life expectancy. A sense of being part of or belonging to a community is an important aspect of overall community wellbeing and resilience.

So should we just enjoy the prestige of our high ranking? Well, there is more. Our Hornsby Shire was also ranked 7th on the Income and Wealth rank. This ranking suggests our Hornsby Shire is doing well however wealth does not always mirror health. Income capability certainly bolsters capacity of individuals in a community to make choices promoting their health interests, independence and support in place. Yet there are those in our Hornsby community that suffer through distance from services and transport, emotional health, poor health resources, lack of support and carer responsibilities and commitments which can restrict their everyday lives, affect mobility and continue to place their health at risk. There is still socio-economic inequality in our community, in particular housing affordability, homelessness, and wage disparity. Knowing our Hornsby Shire shone as a top performer in the Wellbeing Index does not mean we should 'rest on our laurels.' Instead, it should be a driver to ensure every decision we make in relation to our Shire community considers every aspect of our economic, social, cultural and environmental future.



For more information re Wellbeing Index see SGS Cities & Regions Wellbeing Index https://sgsep.com.au/assets/main/SGS-Economics-and-Planning_SGS-Cities-and-Regions-Wellbeing-Index_2024_Website.pdf

For more information regarding Hornsby Council assistance for homelessness see <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/community/services/homelessness>

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Galston District Garden Club

Don't let the cooler weather deter you from getting stuck into the garden. There is a lot you can do during winter. While it might be cold outside, working in the garden will give you a warm glow in both body and mind.

If your soil has been dry for an extended period it can become water-repellent (hydrophobic) even after heavy rains. Look for water pooling on the surface, which can be fixed with a good soil wetting agent and or seaweed-based additives. Remove heavy layers of autumn leaves that can stop the rain getting to the soil. Use these excess leaves to make nutrient-rich compost.



Get stuck into weed control. With rain comes weeds. Make sure you remove weeds before they mature and set seed. Be careful to remove roots and all. I have even laid layers of newspaper over large areas and covered it with leaf mulch to kill weeds.

Winter is the time to prune your existing fruit trees or buy new ones to put in the ground. It's also a great time for planting brussels sprouts and cauliflower, lettuce and Chinese vegetables. Take the time to tidy up your veggie garden, enrich the soil with compost and start thinking about what you're going to plant next season.

Winter is a good time to prune for structure on young deciduous trees. Because these trees are without leaves, the form of the tree can be seen easily, so crossing wood, double leaders and a plethora of other problems can be picked up early.

Hydrangeas pruning can also be done now the flower buds have set. The old wood can be pruned out and the shrubs pruned back to those healthy fat flower buds for a good display next year. Rose pruning is a winter must. Any time from July onwards is fine. When you've finished, apply a seaweed-based product to condition the soil, which will help the plant with drought tolerance, resistance to frost and attack from pets and disease.

And why not come to one of our Club meetings which are held on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** in the Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston at 7.30 pm. It is cold but once inside the hall it is warm and inviting as the members enjoying the comradery, speakers and a delicious supper. Our guest speaker for June will be Judy Horton. The Topic – Irish Gardens.

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Hidden In The Hills



Murray Park Road Track

By Lachlan Turner

Bush tracks can take the bushwalker through a variety of landscapes and vegetation. One such track, which is in reality a fire trail, starts and ends at the end of Murray Park Rd Kenthurst. This track is hardly hidden but the diversity of native flora that can be "discovered", certainly in many cases, is hidden from the view of the casual walker.

At most times of the year the walker can be rewarded in finding a wide variety of wildflowers both large and small, along the fringes of the track. The track passes through ridge top landscapes of open forest and heathland scrub, to a spot where there are views over adjacent forested valleys and slopes.

There is a relatively steep descent into one of these valleys which supports an extensive regrowth forest of towering Blue Gums.

The track then follows Blue Gum Creek upstream a short distance before ascending a reasonably steep hillside to the ridge top plateau.

When walking slowly and quietly through this area it is possible to sight many birds, some that are not usually visible in built up areas, as this is their preferred habitat.

Depending on the pace chosen to walk, it may take up to two hours to complete. Remember to take your camera as there is always the opportunity to capture something memorable.

If you are not a frequent bushwalker accustomed to being out in this environment there are some points of advice to consider when you venture out into bushland. Adequate strong footwear is essential, so too is a hat. If going out for an extended time always take some water and maybe a snack bar or two.



Through the Community Environment Centre at Annangrove there is a program of free guided bushwalks organised throughout the year. For further details go to the Hills Shire Council website at <http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au> and enter "bushwalks" into the search box at the top of the page.



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Galston Uniting Church News



Ongoing Ministry Support

We are greatly blessed to have Rev Elizabeth Orr as a member of our congregation. Rev Elizabeth "retired" to Glenorie a few years ago and has agreed to be our supply minister for a time while we continue our search for a new permanent minister. Elizabeth will be ably supported by Rev Bruce Slater from Galston as well as lay-preacher Alan Harper. In addition to leading from the pulpit, Elizabeth leads a Meditation and Tai Chi group on Fridays at the church from 11am to 12, to which all are welcome.



KUCAs

Back for Term 2 with an exciting program for children K- 6. This includes; *Balloon games, *Indoor obstacle course, *the letter "R", *Beat the Time, *Balancing Act, and *Lights Out. KUCAs meet on Fridays from 5pm to 6.30pm with dinner provided for a nominal cost. All children K - 6 are welcome.

Vale Ron Halloran

We were saddened by the loss of our dear friend and active member of our congregation Ron Halloran. Ron passed away peacefully in April aged 89. Ron had been an electrical engineer of considerable standing involved in the design and construction of power stations both in Australia and overseas. He was a foundation member of Galston Uniting Church and for many years he was secretary of the Dural District Eisteddfod that was sponsored by our church.

Church services continue to be live-streamed on Sundays at 10am 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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Living God's Way Works

Recently, our family spent the day together at the Sydney museum. On our way home, while seated in the Metro train, I noticed a very physically disabled gentlemen in a wheelchair who was quietly enjoying the journey while waiting for his stop.

When nearly there, the people around him became aware that he needed help and very kindly moved aside for him. One man, who I thought was his carer (but who was actually the train guard), guided the man's wheelchair off the train to make sure he was safe. As the doors closed, he turned and waved a thank you with a big smile on his face - and the people on the train were all smiling as well.

I was moved by the genuine kindness of this group of people, which reminded me of Micah 6:8 in the Bible - "God has shown you what is good - and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, show kindness and walk humbly with God."

God created each of us and gave us gifts like kindness and thoughtfulness, to use in our lives. He is the Gift - Giver.

When we realise this and ask Jesus to be our Saviour and Lord, we are even more enabled to live life in a good way, God's way.

Dwight L. Moody, a famous evangelist and publisher once said, "Give your life to God; He can do more with it than you can."

Living a purposeful life through God's teachings in the Bible isn't just about rules! It's about living with purpose and making a positive impact in your world.



To walk humbly with God is the basis for being just and merciful towards others. It grounds everything else we do.

Then, to act justly means to do what is morally right and fair.

To show mercy means to have compassion for others, not only in words but also with our actions.

When we have a humble heart attitude towards God and choose to walk carefully before Him, He encourages us and helps us to make wise decisions that will add value to the lives of the people around us.

God bless.

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From Doubt to Faith

As we journey through life we sometimes meet people who impact our lives in different ways. I remember my Bible teacher in high school teaching us about the Apostle Paul and his journey, and how he impacted others. As a young man I doubted more than I believed, but the stories he shared and the conviction he exhibited touched my heart; and a seed was sown. However, it took several years for that seed to germinate. You see, not everyone I met had a positive influence over my life. As I was drawn toward alcohol and deeper selfishness, I forgot about making wise choices.

Another person who had a positive influence in my life was an old minister. One day he confronted me in a very caring way. The earnestness with which he spoke somehow watered the positive seeds that laid dormant in my heart. I realised that I needed to make a positive change so I decided to return to my parents' home and live under their roof for a while.

While in the lounge room one day I picked up a book that totally changed my life. While it spoke a lot about end-time events, it revealed to me a caring Saviour. As I arrived early to work one morning I finished a chapter called "God's People Delivered." Suddenly, I had an incredible urge to pray for safety; so I did. It was probably my first honest prayer to God. As I walked through the building where I was working a thought came to my mind, "grab the tape measure on the bench behind you." As I turned some timber beams outside crashed through the window and the glass just missed my face. Suddenly I realised: God is real and He just saved my life. Faith now entered my heart. Faith in Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour is the greatest life experience one could ever have. What also amazed me was that when I finally looked around, there on the kitchen bench was a tape measure.

Since that time I have had many incredible answers to prayer, and my church too has had a positive influence on my life. I also discovered through reading God's word that salvation is a free gift through faith in Jesus Christ, and it's exciting to be part of a church that believes and teaches such a beautiful truth.

However, this miracle story is not really about me. It's about an incredible God of love who reveals Himself to those who seek Him. He says, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

At Galston Adventist Church we worship every Saturday at 9:30am feel free to join us for an in-depth Bible study, and at 11am for the Divine Service. On Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm we have Prayer Connect. God bless!

Steve Belson (Pastor) 0438 459 223
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He is Coming Back!

The great hope of the church! The return of Jesus Christ! The first message from heaven after Jesus ascended, is found in the words of the angels to the wondering disciples. 'This same Jesus shall come back in the same way that you have seen Him go'. The last written message from heaven says exactly the same truth: 'Yes I am coming soon'. Between Acts 1 and Revelation 22 there are hundreds of references to this tremendous truth.

It is a message of comfort. Have you lost a loved one? Paul speaks of the fact of Christ's return in this way: 'Wherefore comfort one another with these words'.

Do we see sin abounding on every hand? The Bible replies: 'When you see these things come to pass, lift up your heads for your redemption is drawing near.'

The promise is that Christ Himself shall return. The one who walked on water, the one who healed the sick and made the blind to see, the one who reached out and touched and healed the lepers, the one who could raise the dead, will also be the same one who will return. The one who saved you from your sin by giving His life for you and me, will be the same one who will return.


There may be strong divergence in the various views concerning the timetable of His coming. It is possible to be so involved in the details, that we overlook the glorious fact itself. If a loved one was returning from overseas, we would certainly be guided by the timetable, but when that loved one arrived, we would be so glad to see him or her that the timetable would be forgotten in the joy of reunion.

When He comes, the believers who have passed away will be resurrected and those still living will be caught up to be forever with the Lord. What should be our attitude now? We should be looking for Him, living for Him and labouring for Him. Then we will not be ashamed before Him at His coming. May God grant that it will be so!

(a message by the late Rev. Ed Long)

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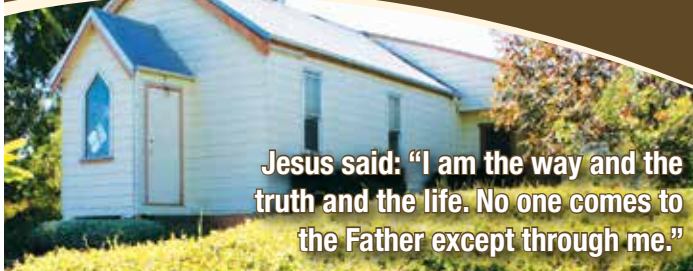
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News from St Benedict's

St Benedict's Youth Group

In May we began the St Benedict's Youth Group for 8-12 year olds. The Youth Group will meet at the Parish Centre from 4pm to 5:30pm every Friday afternoon during school terms. It had a flying start with a group of enthusiastic kids taking part in the activities such as baseball, soccer, table tennis and, best of all, marshmallow tower building. On the Friday before Mother's Day the children offered special prayers for their own and all the other mothers.

One particularly inspiring aspect of the youth group is that a number of teenagers have been helping with the sessions and have provided



inspiring examples to the younger ones. Congratulations and special thanks to Tyrone, Raphael, Peter and Salomon. Not to forget the adults who are organising the get togethers. It's been a wonderful combined effort by all – and they're all having fun!

Our picture shows the Rosary keychains that the children in the Youth Group made as part of their activity program.

2024 Sacramental Program

Enrolments are now open for children in Year Three and above for the Confirmation sessions that will lead up to Confirmation on **12th September**. If you'd like an enrolment form or would like to know more please email the Parish Office at arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com or call Paula on 9653 2312 on Monday or Friday.

Maker's Table

Maker's Table, a new group that will soon be starting in the parish, invites women to come together, enjoy each other's company and create, craft, pray, listen and share gifts and stories. Our workshops will be held from 7:30 to 9:30pm at the Parish Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. Visit www.themakerstable.org for more information.

St Benedict's Parish activities and services

Please check our website for service times and parish information www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia. Click on the News and Events tab to find the weekly Parish Bulletin that will keep you up to date. Or ring Paula 9653 2312 on Monday or Friday at the Parish Office, St Benedict's Catholic Church 2 Fagans Road Arcadia.

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade



ANZAC Day

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Hazard Reduction Burning

Glenorie RFB has and continues to participate in the ongoing hazard reduction burns within the Hills district. These hazard reduction burns are an important aspect for preparing for the bushfire season, aimed at reducing fuel loads to reduce the potential impact of bushfires. Hazard reduction burning is a significant operation that requires the input and collaboration of multiple brigades as well as the community. To check for hazard reductions near you please visit: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/hazard-reductions>

Are you interested in volunteering with the NSW RFS?

We are always looking for new members to join Glenorie Brigade and we have a wide variety of roles available to suit everyone, ranging from firefighting, catering, and administration roles. If you are interested in joining our brigade, contact us via our Facebook page or simply stop in for a chat when we are open. The station is open Monday nights from 7:30pm, and Saturday afternoons from 2pm.

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Arcadia RFS

Arcadia RFS was invited to take part in the Arcadia Public School's Walk to School morning. This is an event that we look forward to every year. Despite very wet weather all week, it did not rain on the morning of Friday May 10th, and the walk went ahead as planned.

The journey starts at the Arcadia Fire Station where everyone gathers in preparation to begin the walk to the school, and it is always a terrific opportunity to show off the fire trucks and catch up with everyone. The plastic fire helmets being handed out were also a hit this year!

Escorted by two of our fire trucks, Arcadia 1 Alpha and Arcadia 1 Bravo, and led by the piper, the kids, teachers, parents, dogs and RFS all set off for the short walk to the school yard. On arrival the Arcadia Public School P&C cooked a delicious breakfast of BBQ egg and bacon rolls, served along with hot Milo. Over breakfast, we had a wonderful time talking with teachers, parents, and students. A few hotly contested games of table tennis also took place between students and RFS members.

We would like to express our thanks to the Arcadia Public School for arranging the Walk to School event and inviting us. This has become a special event in the local community, and we really enjoy being part of it.

If you would like to join us working in our community or would like to assist in keeping our community safe through the Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade, please contact us at info@arcadiarfs.org.au, or come and see us on a Saturday afternoon. We conduct training most Saturdays and you can meet us and see what we do. Alternatively, if you would like to talk with someone first, please contact Roslyn on 0475 309 440.

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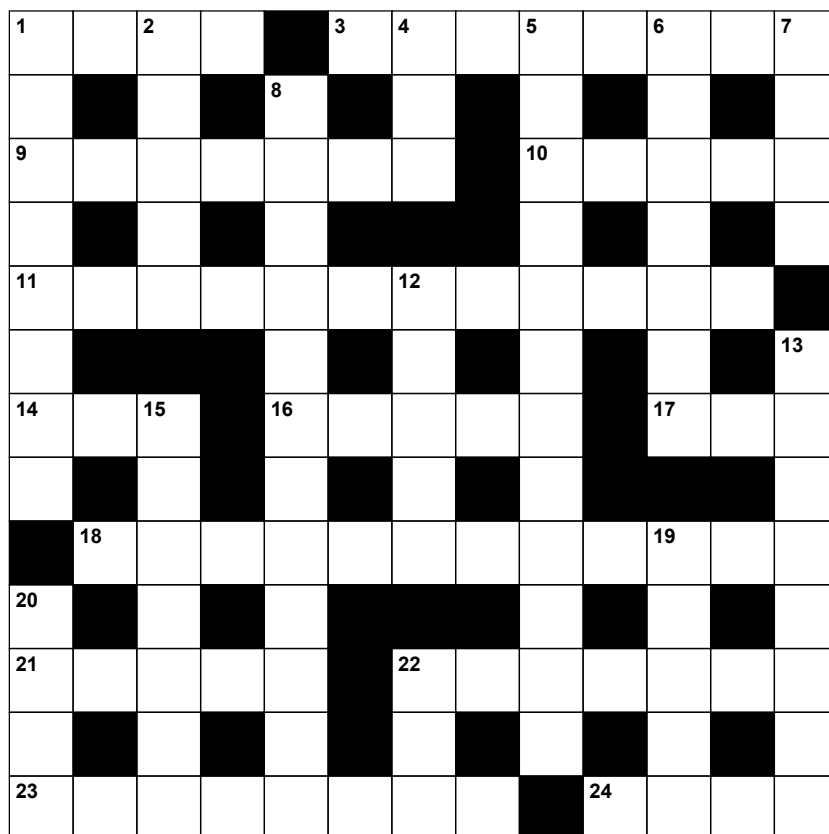
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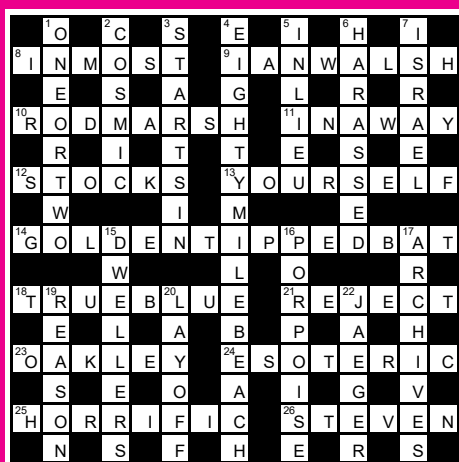
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03 Small streams (8) **18** Productive insight (12)
09 Among (7) **21** Sound (5)
10 Legend (5) **22** Central bolt (7)
11 Cooling device (12) **23** Moving at speed (8)
14 Large primate (3) **24** Creative disciplines (4)
16 Gold block (5)

DOWN

- 01** Relating to trees (8) **12** Number after seven (5)
02 Dominant theme (5) **13** Automata (8)
04 Pub (3) **15** Prior (7)
05 Uncomplimentary (12) **19** Opposite of lower (5)
06 Entangle (7) **20** Unit of linear measure (4)
07 Appear to be (4) **22** Relations (3)
08 Lawfully (12)



ANSWERS FROM MAY ISSUE



2	8	7	9	3	6	1	4	5
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Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

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Avicultural Society of NSW Inc.

Welcomes persons interested in Avicultural (bird keeping). The society holds monthly meetings which include presentations and talks on all aspects of bird keeping and breeding.

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- Galston Community Health Centre
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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

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

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

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

Dural and Hills District Garden Club

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

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

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

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

- Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed

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

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

Friends of Fagan Park

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

- Ian Browning 0419 435 475

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Ferry Artists Gallery

For info on workshops & membership see

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

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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

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Galston Branch CWA

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- Patticia 0412 948 787 or Jann 0439 222 217

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- GalstonDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum

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

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- Pat Schwartz 0419 321 276

Glenorie Progress Association

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- Glenorie RSL Club
- secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au

0418 432 587

Glenorie Probuc Club

This Club meets every 4th Wednesday at 11.00am. New members are welcome.

- Glenorie RSL Club
- Wendy 9653 1022
- wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au

Glenorie RSL Club

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

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club

Is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm.

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

Pennant Hills Photographic Club

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- Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills
- www.phpc.org.au

Probuc Club of the Hills

Is a mixed club which meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am. New members welcome.

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

Probuc Club of Round Corner

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We look forward to you joining with us.

- Galston Club 19 Arcadia Rd, Galston
- All enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

Rowland Village Workshop Club

Invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age.

- Michael Bell 9653 1365

Rotary Club of Greater Hills

New members welcome. Meets every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Join us and help make a difference through our local and international projects. Enjoy the fellowship of fellow Rotarians in our many and varied projects and social activities.

- The Galston Club
- Annette 0437 148 126
- membership@greaterhillsrotary.org.au

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- www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au
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- 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
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- www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

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

Church 9652 0577

Glenorie Mission Church

Sunday Service 10.00am.

- 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscos Rd), Glenorie
- 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

St. Columb's Anglican Church

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- 9651 1119

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

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- 9653 2312 or Parish Priest

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ef86029@bigpond.net.au

- 0412 230 328

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Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club

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

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Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.

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

- Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd Glenorie NSW 2157

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- www.glenoriesl.com.au

- Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

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- Rural Sports Facility Centre off Mansfield Road
- Liz 0409 992 920

- www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au

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- www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

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