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## Glenorie Bakery's 30th Birthday

Glenorie Bakery was established by Tazzy Pirina in 1994 at the location where Woolworths now stands. In 2005, Tazzy invited Rob to return and manage the family business in Glenorie. Rob accepted the offer and the bakery was relocated to the shopping village across the road where it remains today.

Adults enjoyed the lively entertainment and the opportunity to connect with fellow community members.

A highlight of the celebration was the custom 30th birthday cake, a stunning creation that paid homage to the bakery's rich history and humble beginnings. This centerpiece not only delighted guests' taste buds but also served as a reminder of the bakery's journey and success.

As the event drew to a close, Rob took the stage to deliver a heartfelt speech. His words of gratitude were directed towards his dedicated team, loyal customers, and supportive family members who have supported the bakery's success. The moment was made even more special when Rob and his family cut the first slice of the cake.

The celebration was a tremendous success, with a strong turnout from the Glenorie community.

This 30th birthday bash was not just a milestone but a vibrant celebration of shared achievements and enduring connections.



Rob Pirina and family

Over the past 30 years, Glenorie Bakery has earned numerous national awards including being named Australia's Best Bakery for three consecutive years. The bakery has also been a leader and innovator with unique creations such as Pie of Origin, the Invictus Pie, the Biggest Cupcake, and the Longest Sausage Roll.

On July 20, 2024, Glenorie Bakery's 30th birthday celebration was nothing short of spectacular. From the moment guests arrived, they were welcomed by the delightful aroma of complimentary popcorn and fairy floss. The festivities kicked off with live music featuring the talented saxophone player Orget Sadiku and beats from a live DJ.

Throughout the day, guests enjoyed a series of activities catering to all ages. Children were particularly thrilled with complimentary face painting by Sparkle Glitter Events.



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# Satin Bowerbird

By Karlene Brummer



A reader sent in this beautiful photo of a Satin Bowerbird's bower discovered on his property at Central MacDonald.

Satin Bowerbirds are amazing birds who build these intricate 'bowers' as a way to entice and court female birds in order to mate. The males are a brilliant glossy blue-black and the females are more of an olive green with a buff yellow underside with brown 'scale' pattern. Both genders have blue - almost violet eyes.

photo credit: Mr Doug Le Lievre

The male bowerbird decorates his bower with an array of coloured objects (mostly blue) including feathers, berries, flowers and pieces of household detritus.

In this photo we can see plastic caps and pieces of blue masking tape snavelled from some building work that was being done on the property.



# Johnson Road Community Meeting

Hornsby Shire Councillor Tania Salitra invited Galston community residents to gather at 3 Johnson Road in Galston on Sunday 11th August 2024, to express our community interest in retaining the site for local 24/7 community enjoyment, and to hear about her motion to Council to WITHDRAW their plans to pursue assessing the site for rezoning to General Industrial E4.

Around 58 residents were able to attend, and appreciated Cr Salitra's stand in support of the many community and environmental benefits offered by the site as it now stands.

Galston residents believe that our constant communications with Council about our value of and need for the site, as our local community park, are being heard and understood by Council.

At Council's monthly meeting on 14th August, Council majority vote was against supporting Councillor Salitra's motion at this time. However, Council made it clear that they ARE hearing and taking into account our community's views, and will be seeking further community input regarding Council's possible development proposal when their site assessment process is completed in around March 2025.







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Julia Billyard, Elude Games, Galston - 8005 0077

Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area)

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There will be a JP at Dural Library Wednesdays between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Also available at Cherrybrook Shopping Village, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon Saturdays. Contact Jane 0427 998 004.

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# Arcadia & Galston Resident Association (AGRA)

AGRA held an AGM and general meeting in August. Thank you to those who attended. All positions were filled, and no contestants were present. The AGRA Committee is formed by the following:

**President:** Sonja Cameron

**Vice President:** Michael Hutchence

**Treasurer:** Suellen Lister

**Secretary:** Kathy Carter-Jones

**Public Officer:** Andy Cameron

**Committee Members:** Meegen Gamson, Kathryn Fehon, Peter Jones, Ian Canacott

## Off-Leash Dog Park - Fagan Park

The meeting resolved that AGRA request the Council to review the dog park in Fagan Park in 12 months. The review should include water testing, impact on native wildlife, and land conditions, with baseline water quality tested before the park's opening and results made public. Additionally, the review should consider access for local residents (e.g., free entry for 2159 residents, access outside park hours) and ensure parking and accessibility meet community needs.

## Galston Domain Master Plan

The meeting resolved AGRA's ongoing request for the Council to provide accessible public toilets in Galston and within the design of the Galston Domain master plan.

## Johnson Road, Galston

Councillors present were asked to provide their view on the Johnson Rd development. Cllr Tania Salitra was the only councillor present,

and she provided her views and answered questions from the floor. Cllr Salitra and Olivia Simons (standing for council) were asked to leave the meeting so a general and open discussion could occur. The members present spoke for an extended period, deliberating the issues.

The meeting resolved that AGRA requested the Council not to progress the Johnson Road development proposal beyond the feasibility study. Any further consideration of this, the Johnson Road development proposal be suspended till after the Local Government election and commencement of newly elected representatives. The feasibility of the proposal and any other relevant studies underway will be presented to the community to inform them of their position and provide a basis for ongoing consultation.

With this motion, it was decided that once AGRA could read the feasibility study results, further discussions and decisions would be made based on this additional information.

## Scarecrow Competition

The Scarecrow Competition is back again this year, with additional sponsorship for schools. (See our advertisement or our website for details.) Get your creative ideas flowing and brighten up our 2159 community for October and November.

We want to invite those who have not yet attended our meetings to join us, it is an excellent opportunity to contribute and learn about what is happening locally. Your presence and input are highly valued, and together, we can work towards creating a thriving and cohesive community. Membership is \$10 to join and \$5 each year afterwards.

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# Dural Scouts Earn Training Awards



This month Dural Scout Group is pleased to advise that one of their Venturers has received two Nationally Recognised Qualifications through Scouts Australia, as their Registered Training Organisation. Alexis Taylor has been awarded a Certificate II in Workplace Skills and a Certificate II in Active Volunteering.

Qualifications through Scouting are issued at no cost to members and there are a whole host of qualifications that both youth members and adult members can attain. We currently have one Venturer, Alex Edwards, working towards his Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation and others also following Alexis' example and undertaking their Certificate II in Workplace Skills. For those more creative types, a Certificate II in Creative Industries might be more their style.

The exciting news is that youth members need not limit themselves to Certificate II level qualifications, but they can then work towards Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma level qualifications across both these areas as well as qualifications in Leadership, Project

Management and Program Management. Scouting offers the youth of tomorrow a strong set of life skills from problem solving, teamwork and management skills through to first aid, adventurous activities and WHS skills.



### Why not support your child to try out Scouting today?

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

**Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phirooza@bigpond.net.au or Simon: thewolf\_1stdural@bigpond.com**

# Galston CWA

Galston Branch were visited during our August meeting by Chris and Adele, plus trainee search dog Koa, from Search Dogs Sydney Inc. From them we learnt about the amazing work undertaken and achieved by Search Dogs.



They are part of a team of dedicated volunteers who provide assistance to people missing in the bush, in areas such as Galston Gorge. Such a great learning session for us and an appreciation of the group.

They were able to answer so many questions for us. Finished it off with a CWA lunch, which we all enjoyed.

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## Message from the General Manager

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The NSW Local Government elections are on Saturday 14 September. Enrolling and voting is compulsory if you are 18 years and over so, please remember to check if your enrolment is up to date.

To vote in person on election day, visit a polling place between 8am and 6pm on Saturday, 14 September. If you are unable to vote in person on election day, you can vote early in person at a pre-poll location. You can also vote by post, if eligible. If you are blind or have low vision, you can vote by telephone.

To find out more about how and where to vote at the 2024 NSW Local Government elections, go to the NSW Electoral Commission's website at [elections.nsw.gov.au](https://elections.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 135 736.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor and Councillors for their service to Hornsby Shire during this term of Council and acknowledge their time, dedication and significant contribution to the community.

**Steven Head**  
General Manager,  
Hornsby Shire Council

## What's on



### WASTE WORKSHOPS

#### Creating a balcony garden

Tuesday 10 September, 10am-12pm  
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

#### Chipping for Mulch

Sunday 15 September, 7.30am-12.30pm  
The Old Dog Pound, 8 Warrigal Drive (RFS),  
Westleigh

#### Kimbriki Eco House and Garden Tour

Thursday 19 September, 9am-2pm  
Departing Hornsby Park bus stop

#### Clothes Mending

Tuesday 24 September, 10.30am-12pm  
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

#### Compost and Worm Farm Workshop

Saturday 28 September, 9.30am-2.30pm  
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

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### Second Hand HORNSBY Market

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#### Small Dog Park – Greenway Park, Cherrybrook

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### 'GET READY' WISEMANS FERRY

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# Glenorie Progress Association

## Glenorie Progress Association says “thank you” to Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi

The GPA appreciates the interest and valuable insight our local Councillors from both Hornsby and The Hills bring to our meetings.



Pic shows Peter in an onsite consultation with GPA President Di Coxon-Ellis and Committee Member Callum Hoogesteger

Both The Hills Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi and Deputy Mayor Clr Mitchell Blue are members of the GPA and attend meetings regularly where they listen to the concerns of residents and bring residents up to date on proposed developments within our area.

Prior to this current Council term, it had been many decades since a sitting Mayor attended GPA meetings or showed a personal interest in

Glenorie. During his term as Mayor Peter, assisted by Mitchell, has worked tirelessly for our community. He has worked towards making Cattia Ridge Road safer, the Halcrows Rd intersection has been approved and is ready to start work in the very near future, as are the upgraded flood warnings for Cattai Ck. Peter worked to get the funding and work completed on our much-traversed pathway from Glenorie School to Les Shore oval, upgrades to the sports fields there and has secured funding for the upgrade of Ted Schwebel Park, to name a few. He has shown genuine interest in the local environment group attending Platypus and Koala interest projects and attended Bush Fire awareness programs. He and Mitchell both have lobbied the NSW state government for roads funding for Old Northern Road and the New Line Road Upgrade

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Peter for his dedication to and genuine concern for our community through the GPA.

**PAVERS, PAVERS, PAVERS** The Paver project continues. It is lovely to see so many of the well-known historic family names starting to come through. It's not too late to add your family name to this project. For more information go to our website: [www.glenorieprogress.org](http://www.glenorieprogress.org) or email [pavers@glenorieprogress.org.au](mailto:pavers@glenorieprogress.org.au)

If you would like to keep your finger on the pulse of Glenorie and have your say in the future development of Glenorie, please take a moment to join the GPA on our website. We meet at Glenorie RSL 2nd Thursday every month, dinner in the Bistro from 6pm and meeting downstairs at 7:15pm. Thanks to Glenorie RSL for your continued support of the GPA.

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- Explore the rural museums and observe mechanical demonstrations
- 11am... Watch the parade of restored heritage trucks and tractors in the park
- 12 noon... Butter making demonstration in the dairy museum
- Display of military vehicles
- Browse the market style tables on the Homestead veranda and take home a 'piece of Netherby'
- \* Plants \* Varieties of Netherby marmalade
- \* Metalwork made by our own blacksmiths
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- All for sale! (cash preferred, PayID available)
- Activities for kids... dress up in vintage clothes and take a photo
- Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy in the garden

**Follow us on Facebook for updates:  
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Readers,

My name is Katy and I am one of two dedicated volunteers in charge of sorting the many hundreds of books which are donated every week to the Dural Salvation Army Store in Quarry Street.

Several weeks ago, while sorting through the paperback novels, I came across a small open envelope simply addressed to "Kirrilee".

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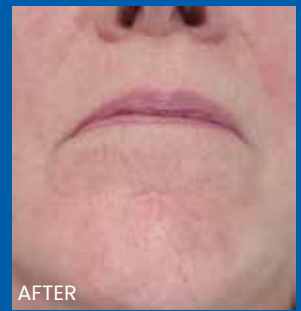
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WHERE DO I VOTE?



WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES

## The Hills Shire Candidates displayed in ballot paper order

Positions	Name	Affiliation
Mayor	Mila KASBY Michelle BYRNE Immanuel SELVARAJ	Greens Liberal Labor
Central Ward, Group A	Reena JETHI, Jerome COX, Manjula VISWANATH	Liberal
Central Ward, Group B	Tina CARTWRIGHT, Gurdip SINGH, Cheung CHAI	Labor
Central Ward, Group C	Danielle PACKER, Samuel HUGHES, Seyed HOSSEINIPOUR	Greens
Central Ward, Ungrouped	Raymond BROWN	Independent
East Ward, Group A	Evgeniya GREVTSEVA, Andrew PUNCH, Senthil SUNDARARAJAN	Labor
East Ward, Group B	Suzannah MCDONALD, Catherine WOOLNOUGH, Tian WONG SEE	Greens
East Ward, Group C	Samuel UNO, Alan HASELDEN, Leo WEI	Liberal
North Ward, Group A	Dilvan BIRCAN, Bassam SHEIKH, Kaitlyn FARQUHAR	Labor
North Ward, Group B	Mila KASBY, Vida SHAHAMAT, Rebecca OLIVEIRA	Greens
North Ward, Group C	Mitchell BLUE, Jacob JACKSON, Brooke COLLINS	Liberal
West Ward, Group A	Immanuel SELVARAJ, Sook LEE, Lachlan NEWLAND	Labor
West Ward, Group B	Frank DE MASI, Rosemarie BONEHAM, Trent RICHMOND	Liberal
West Ward, Ungrouped	Seema RAGHAV	Independent

## Hornsby Shire Candidates displayed in ballot paper order

Positions	Name	Affiliation
Mayor	Warren WADDELL Janelle MCINTOSH Nathan TILBURY Roger WOODWARD Tania SALITRA	Liberal Labor Independent Independent Greens
Ward A, Group A	Warren WADDELL, Jane SEAGLOVE	Liberal
Ward A, Group B	Olivia SIMONS, Peter DICKSON, David FIELD	Greens
Ward A, Group C	Nathan TILBURY, Kathryn FRIEND, Kristie CHAMBERS	Independent
Ward A, Ungrouped	Benjamin GOODE	Labor
Ward B, Group A	Janelle MCINTOSH, Lilith SMART, Rory MCCLELLAND	Labor
Ward B, Group B	Sallianne MCCLELLAND, Geoffrey KNOWLES, Grahame BATEMAN	Liberal
Ward B, Group C	Monika BALL, Matthew TING, Dana HATLEY	Greens
Ward B, Group D	Thomas SELLERS, Nathan CALDER, Millicent SCOTT	Independent
Ward B, Ungrouped	Ilan WEIHART	Independent
Ward C, Group A	Matthew CONLEY, Barbara TAYLOR, Andrew MACDONALD	Labor
Ward C, Group B	Tania SALITRA, Ana WARNECKE, Robyn WHEATLEY	Greens
Ward C, Group C	Verity GREENWOOD, Benjamin MCSWEENEY, Samyuta PILLAMARRI	Liberal
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**HILLS MAYORAL CANDIDATES**



**Councillor Dr Mila Kasby**  
 Mayoral Candidate and candidate for **North Ward (Greens)**

I've enjoyed working hard this term as your first Greens councillor in the Hills. Our community deserves to be heard. We should all have a say in shaping the place we call home and it has been a privilege to stand up for this. I'm a veterinarian and small business owner, Mum, volunteer bushfire fighter, lifelong resident of Kenthurst - and I love being part of this wonderful community.

North Ward is vast and the issues vary dramatically between the rural north and the suburban south. River communities have suffered repeatedly from damaging floods while others are still waiting for infrastructure and are choked with traffic congestion. We need Councillors with integrity, who will protect the quality of life we have in the Hills, act on climate, value nature, support affordable housing where it makes sense and properly resource communities. I've stood for greater transparency, protection of green space, affordable childcare and housing, but have been opposed by a majority who doesn't understand.

A balanced, inclusive Council that welcomes community input is better for everyone. We can't expect different results if we keep electing the same people - but if you want it, you need to vote for it.



**Dr Michelle Byrne**  
 Liberal Mayoral candidate for **Hills Shire**

I Served on Hills Shire Council between 2008 - 2021, including 7 years as Mayor. I am a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. I am actively involved with many local community and service organisations and charitable causes and serve on a number or not-for-profit boards and committees.



**Immanuel Selvaraj**  
 Labor Mayoral candidate for **Hills Shire**

I am qualified with an MBA, and am a small business owner and member of the greater Cumberland chamber.

**HORNSBY MAYORAL CANDIDATES**



**Warren Waddell**  
 Liberal Candidate for **Hornsby Shire Mayor and Hornsby Council Ward A**

As a fifth-generation resident of Hornsby and a proud second-term Shire Councillor, I have a deep-rooted connection to our community.

Growing up in Galston, attending Macquarie University, and managing my family's historic orchard have all shaped my commitment to our Shire.

I have owned and operated small businesses in Hornsby Shire for most of my working life, including the ongoing management of my family's historical orchard in Galston.

I have a keen understanding of the diversity of both the people and the landscape within Hornsby Shire. Especially when new Australians began making their way into our rural areas to create a new beginning.

I celebrate our urban corridor and the accommodation that it provides to our residents. I equally celebrate the peri-urban area of the Shire and the accommodation and occupations that it provides.

My experience with local organizations such as the Hornsby Kuring Gai Women's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity has reinforced my dedication to creating a safe and thriving environment for everyone in Hornsby.

I am guided by core Liberal principles and a fair go for all.



**Janelle McIntosh**  
 Labor Candidate for **Hornsby Shire Mayor**

I am running to be your next Mayor of our beautiful Shire – to provide the change we all need to deliver the best for all our residents.

I am passionate about community involvement – and about delivering the best solutions for all.

I've worked collaboratively throughout my three terms on Council to deliver a range of initiatives in the areas of sustainability, affordable housing, heritage, infrastructure planning including playgrounds and public domain works, support for local businesses, the arts and cultural groups along with actions to support seniors and people with a disability.

My key priorities for the future are what you've told me is needed for our area – balancing sustainable, well-located development with the need for housing choice and affordability for families; protecting our environment and providing services and facilities for our whole community. You've told me you want precious community spaces protected and a Council that responds to community needs.

Our new Council will be a chance to re-focus Council where it should be: on our community.

I was born and raised here in Hornsby Shire and I'm delighted to be raising my own family here. Alongside this I'm an active participant and volunteer in community and school organisations.

Hornsby Council needs Councillors with the experience to listen and act for our community. I have a track record of delivering meaningful solutions to the challenges we face and I need your vote on September 14th to deliver the change that Hornsby needs.



**Nathan Tilbury**  
 For Mayor and A Ward Councillor

For over a decade Nathan Tilbury has served the Hornsby community with integrity and distinction. The results he has achieved and delivered for the community has demonstrated that when you listen, work hard and dedicate yourself to getting it right, everyone benefits.

"It's the community and not vested interests, that should dictate our shire's future. From the footpath in front of your house to major infrastructure projects like Hornsby Park or to the natural environment that makes our Bushland Shire so special, the community has a right to demand their interests are Council's first priority," Mr Tilbury said.

Born and raised in Hornsby, Nathan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to

the job. His first order of business will be putting the people of Hornsby first and ensuring the community's interest is the driving force of local government.

"Hornsby Shire is the best place in the country to live and to raise a family. The ratepayers deserve access to the best facilities and amenities Council can provide. As Mayor I will ensure we build a shire every resident can be proud of," Mr Tilbury said.

Joined by Kate Friend and Kristie Chambers as A ward councillors, his full A Ward team are passionate about local government. It's about the street you live in, it's about the local parks, playgrounds and community centres.

Ultimately it's about you and the community you live in.

**This election, put local government first and vote 1 Nathan Tilbury.**

**Roger Woodward**  
 Independent Mayoral candidate for **Hornsby Shire**

My occupation is professional, and I am a volunteer firefighter. Other experience includes: Royal commission into the reconstruction of Hornsby hospital; Performance audit by the New South Wales auditor general of income and expenditure by Hornsby Council; and an independent inquiry into allegations of dumping within Ward A of Hornsby Council.



**Clr Tania Salitra**  
 Hornsby shire Council Mayoral and Ward C Greens Candidate

My despair at over-development throughout Sydney led me to run for council; where I've had the privilege to stand with residents fighting to save their much-loved park at Galston from becoming an industrial estate, and voted against further sub-division of the rural lands. Your three Greens are the only councillors to vote no to over-development, this term.

With my record of listening and acting, I have also stood up for river residents to achieve fairer parking conditions and supported residents facing disastrous developments next door.

My achievements on council include Hornsby's first multicultural festival, affordable housing dedicated to council in perpetuity, increased affordable housing targets, moving towards banning gas, fairer car parking for residents and our

first native orchard for wildlife carers to harvest food. Over the term, I've pushed for many improvements, including more sustainable building design, diversity in council committees, and protection for wildlife from cats and development.

There is still so much to do: protecting our waterways and bushland, defending rural and agricultural land from developers, increasing affordable housing, youth facilities for teens, more footpaths and cycleways, beautifying town centres, art and culture facilities, and celebrating our diversity with inclusive events.

Hornsby, you deserve strong leadership with an agile mindset and courage to stand up to property developers; leadership with critical and innovative thinking to resolve key issues, and a bold vision for a brighter future for everyone.

**Vote 1 Greens on 14th September.**  
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**Olivia Simons**  
Hornsby shire Council Ward A Greens Candidate

Living by the Hawkesbury River, I am in awe of the majestic beauty and cultural significance of Hornsby's environment.

As a former horse and pony club enthusiast, I cherish the rural and agricultural areas of our Shire. Providing much needed green space and a tranquil lifestyle, these lands must be preserved for future generations to enjoy. My goal is to care for country, as those before us have.

Development in the Bushland Shire must be appropriate and well-placed to infrastructure and essential services. It must meet our community needs for affordable housing and enhanced open spaces for recreation.

I believe community-led initiatives such as resident associations, cultural organisations, land care groups, and community gardens are the back bone of

our Shire. They build social connections, strengthen our neighbourhoods and deserve strong support from Council.

With the cost-of-living crisis hitting hard, families need more help with flexible before and after school care, and vacation care. I will advocate for safe footpaths & cycleways, recreational spaces for all abilities and facilities for older children.

My background in senior management in Information Technology, gives me a deep understanding of the need for due diligence and evidence-based decision making. I am committed to ensuring Council operations are well-planned and governed; and understand the importance of all levels of government working together to address issues with roads, transport and utilities.

As a councillor, I will listen to you and advocate for you and your community.

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**Sallianne McClelland**  
Hornsby Shire Council Ward B Liberal Candidate

Since joining the Council in 2021, my vision has been to support the development and growth of our Bushland Shire.

I've represented the community on the Arts and Culture Committee, PCYC Committee and the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC), and collaborated with groups like Northern Districts Cricket Club, Westleigh Waterboard Alliance, Women's Shed and Hornsby Lions.

I've championed community initiatives like World Pride, park rejuvenations, new Pickleball courts, and Wallarobba revitalization, while addressing individual concerns such as traffic and tree issues, DA compliance, signage, street lights, food scarcity and homelessness.

Our delivery program must include a dedicated performance space and address the growing need for housing. I'll advocate for State Government to deliver 10% affordable housing on their lands and fund essential infrastructure, including a Hornsby-based Co-Ed High School. I'll continue to support our unique community, local businesses, and strive to protect our bushland and area history.



**Clr Monika Ball**  
Hornsby shire Ward B Greens Candidate

Throughout my first term, I most often heard concerns about tree loss, negative impacts of private certified developments, and poorly placed (but state-approved) childcare centres.

In this time, I've stood up to vested interests, advocated for environmental protections, opposed inappropriate development, increased affordable housing targets and pushed to improve sustainable development.

If re-elected in September, I will advocate for more affordable housing and adaptable housing for the varying degrees of ability in our growing community. Housing is a human need and our nurseries, teachers, and critical workers need

to live close to where they work. Families want to reside near each other and mature residents need to be able to downsize locally.

My priorities will be a focus on policy that promotes health and wellbeing, including walking & cycling, and spaces where people can gather under the shade of trees. This ultimately builds strong and resilient communities.

It's more important than ever that we put nature first to ensure we improve our environmental sustainability and urban development practices. In a warming climate, we need more trees in public spaces to protect us from heat waves, and bus stops need seating and shelter from the elements.

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**Dr Verity Greenwood**  
Hornsby Shire Council Ward C Liberal Candidate

With a strong focus on community resilience and wellbeing, I am standing again as an endorsed Liberal candidate for Hornsby Ward C in the upcoming council election. I moved to this region 39 years ago and it was the perfect place to raise my family. I appreciate our local businesses, environment, amenities and importantly, the community within it.

Formerly a NSW Police Detective Sergeant, I am a legal academic and small business owner. My PhD research in community health and resilience and previous career as health geographer/resource and environmental

manager in Hornsby Shire, underpins my deep interest, engagement and active participation with our community and organisations.

Previous volunteer roles include Fagan Park Eco-Garden Committee, Galston Open Gardens Convener and environmental projects. I am Chairperson, RFPA (Hornsby) and a volunteer Councillor on the Hornsby Dementia Alliance, Arts and Culture, Heritage and Conservation and Local Traffic committees.

To reduce the impact of State housing policy changes, I will strongly support initiatives to deliver environmental, economic and community benefits to ensure our local Ward C community thrives as a resilient and sustainable community.



**Benjamin Caswell**  
Hornsby Shire Council Ward C Independent Candidate

I'm standing as your true independent community voice in Ward C for the upcoming local council elections. Ward C deserves hardworking representatives to fight for items for the community. It is telling that the forward budget for Hornsby Shire Council has almost no Ward C projects! How can this be possible? Ward C residents deserve answers.

My recent experience of being treasurer of a local community group for 2 years aids me in understanding the importance of strong fiscal management. I've also been a part of committee with various other groups that has helped

projects come to fruition. I believe this important experience will assist me in my role as councillor. Being an independent also ensure you know that I am putting you first and no party politics. It is telling to see that recent council meetings have had more motions voted along party lines. Each motion should have your best interests at heart and not a party!

I am looking forward to working with all in our diverse community to foster open and respectful relationships that promote the best solutions at council. I would be honoured if you consider to vote for me as your representative to council in Ward C.

**Please reach out to me on 0401-542-328.**

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# BENJAMIN CASWELL

COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT

LEAD CANDIDATE GROUP D WARD C  
HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

Standing as your independent choice for Ward C. Representatives to council should be above party politics and represent the community interests. I have a passion to serve my community as I have been for several years from the clubs I volunteer for and through my church.

- Ensuring appropriate development across the Shire  
This includes fighting for facilities of Cherrybrook Library at the State owned land near the metro station.
- Protecting greenspace for community and future use.
- Fighting for current items budgeted to be completed next council term. This includes the upgrade of Edwards Bennett Oval.
- Provide better lighting and coverage of community facilities to be used in all weather situations. This includes sports precincts at Cherrybrook and North Epping.
- Improved shared cycle and pedestrian pathways in the major town centres and schools around Cherrybrook, Beecroft and Cheltenham.
- Greater transparency on the council decision process.

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1 Warren Waddell



2 Jane Seaglove

### Ward B

Hornsby, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, Waitara, Westleigh.



1 Sallianne McClelland



2 Geoff Knowles



3 Grahame Batetman

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Beecroft, Castle Hill, Cheltenham, Cherrybrook, North Epping, West Pennant Hills.



1 Dr Verity Greenwood



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**Ben Goode**  
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# Revitalise Your Garden: Spring Gardening Essentials

**By Stanley Longworth  
Horticulturist, Sydney's Plant Market**

As nature awakens from its winter slumber, breathe new life into your garden! With the promise of vibrant blooms and bountiful harvests, dive into a series of essential spring gardening tasks that will set the stage for a flourishing summer.

Fertilising is critical in your gardening routine. Boost your plants by feeding them well –including your lawn, hungry fruits and vegetables, and roses, gardenias, and hibiscus. Strong nourishment now will ensure they thrive in the warmer months ahead.

Once you've fed your garden, re-mulch your beds to suppress weeds and preserve moisture during the heat of summer.

Give your hedges a proper haircut. Most hedging plants (aside from conifers) can withstand a good pruning back to old wood, and will recover rapidly. For flowering shrubs, prune them as soon as they finish blooming. This ensures they maintain their shape and encourages healthy new growth.

Now is the time to re-pot your cymbidium orchids using a specialised potting mix. Tend to your indoor plants as well—trim away any dead or yellow leaves, give them a wash, and a good feed.

If your lawn needs some love, consider laying new sod or renovating patchy areas. This is the perfect moment to plant vibrant summer annuals such as petunias, torenias, salvias, and begonias, adding splashes of colour to your outdoor space.

As temperatures rise, make sure to reprogram your irrigation timers and check your watering lines for functionality. This ensures your garden will receive the hydration it needs to thrive.

For those considering new shrubs and trees, don't delay! Planting them now allows ample time for roots to establish before the heat sets in.

Spring into action in the veggie patch! Plant summer vegetables including tomatoes, capsicums, chillies, cucumbers, and eggplants. If space permits, consider adding zucchini, pumpkins, sweet corn, and melons. To cloak an unsightly shed or fence, try choko or passionfruit vines.

There's a stunning array of blooms that thrive in spring. Embrace Australian natives like waratahs, kangaroo paws, and bottlebrush, which are all in flower now. Additionally, traditional favourites such as wisteria, jasmine, and bearded iris will bring beauty and colour to your garden.

This spring, roll up your sleeves and embrace the joy of gardening. With these essential tips, your garden will flourish, providing you with beauty and bounty throughout the summer months!

## The Rotary Club of Greater Hills

### August Roundup

Two students from a recent RYPEN weekend course made a presentation to the club, describing several sessions from the course. They involved the audience in acting out the sessions making a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Kera and Daniel for the effort they put in!

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# Belle Property launches new office in semi-rural suburb of Dural with local real estate legend

Australia's leading lifestyle real estate provider, Belle Property has announced an expansion of its network of agents in Sydney with the latest office launch in the north-west suburb of Dural. The new office is led by award-winning real estate expert and longtime Belle Property veteran, Carolyn Wheatley, who will be joined by the dynamic Kasey Fyfe. With over 23 years of real estate experience combined, the duo brings a wealth of knowledge to the brand's establishment in the semi-rural suburb of Dural, nestled on a green oasis of hobby farmers, horse lovers and home-based business operators.



Born and raised in Dural, Carolyn hails from a family with a strong real estate background, where her parents have built a legacy of over 30 years of experience in the local area. This solid foundation laid by her parents inspired Carolyn to follow in their footsteps and with a passion for real estate, Carolyn has become a remarkably successful real estate agent in her own right. Holding the Top 10 Performer title in 2023 and record-breaking acreage division for Belle Property Castle Hill, Carolyn's immense success is supported by her tenacious and engaging real estate approach. This is in addition

to her strong work ethic and communal spirit to offer unwavering determination to achieve successful outcomes for her trusted clientele.

The dynamic, highly motivated and trusted pair of professionals value being active in the community. The two consider this as essential in forming long-term client relationships and combining old-fashioned family values with a rural approach to the local community's needs, contributing to local fundraisers, schools and community groups.

"Our focus is to continue fostering the lifetime relationships we are already so well known for in the community through genuine connections, honest negotiation and hard work," Carolyn said.

"We have seen a huge increase of families wanting to take advantage of the rural lifestyle while still having close access to the buzz of Sydney CBD." In addition to this influx of new neighbours to the area, Dural's predominant demographic of generational families allows Carolyn and her team to immerse themselves in the strong sense of community connection and mutual support that has characterised the Dural locals for many generations.

Belle Property Head of New South Wales, Andrew Robinson, comments on the office launch, "We're thrilled to provide Carolyn the opportunity to take the next step in opening her own office with Belle Property in an area she's so well-versed in and has a deep connection with," he said.

"At Belle Property, we highly value community connection and going well above and beyond the client's expectations, and Carolyn is the perfect example of how this can lead to great success in real estate. We look forward to seeing the Belle Property Dural and Belle Property Castle Hill offices work collaboratively in the Hills District as market leaders while providing a smooth and positive property journey experience for every client," Andrew continued.



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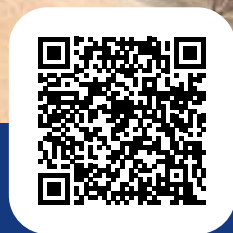
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# Bringing ART AND NATURE Together

We invited local photographer Clare Oliver of Arcadia to come and photograph our farm stay property at The Rise Longford at Falkland, NSW. Clare shows a passion for the outdoors, people and animals and she really is the instrument behind the lens.

After a full afternoon capturing the property highlights, Gloucester riverside and the outdoor woodfire spa at dusk we make our way back to the house, to sit down for wine. I take a bite of my scone, fresh from the oven, as I take in the kitchen, which has a cozy farmhouse vibe but with modern amenities. A feature of the Rise Longford Farmhouse Kitchen and Loungeroom are the custom-made antler lights from **Rapid Effects**. The designer is **Joel Fulton**, and he hand made these bespoke sustainable pieces in **his workshop in Glenorie**. I was able to choose these pieces from a large range in his Glenorie Showroom. This was a real experience in itself and I learned firsthand how all his products are ethically and sustainably sourced. It is wonderful to connect with local designers and be involved in the process of design.



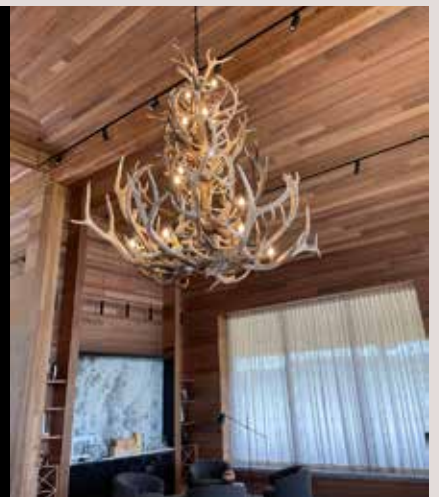
Jennifer Taylor owner of The Rise Longford Farm stay with local Photographer Clare Oliver of Arcadia.




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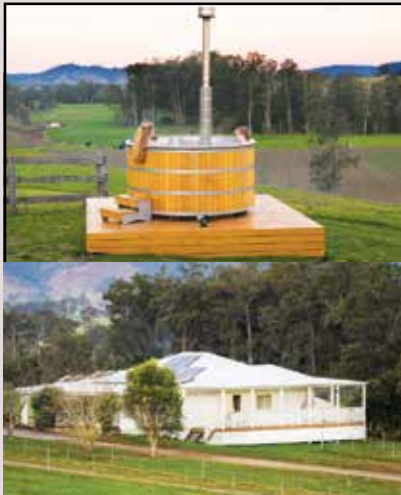
The Rise Longford farmhouse is becoming a real sanctuary and a place where art and nature come together.

At The Rise Longford, most of our heat comes from our woodburning fireplace. It's important to us to lessen our use of electricity and be more self-sufficient, noting that all the wood is from **Taylor Firewood** recycled from fallen trees and is available for guests to use during their stay.

The Rise Longford Farmhouse is a real unplug and unwind retreat, complete with a welcoming firepit in the backyard that is also home to another piece of art from **Dave Hayes of Metanical Industries**. Dave created this handmade **Botanical Rose** piece for us from his workshop in Dural. We commissioned this piece after seeing it on display at the Arcadian Artists late last year. I'm already excited to go again this year to look for another outdoor piece to add to the adventure.

"Art is an important part of life", Jennifer explains. "It's the environment you create for yourself. People often say they're not artists, but I believe everyone is an artist in their own way. If we think about it quite literally art encompasses everything we do - what we eat, how we speak, and how we live."

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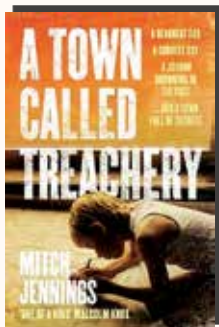
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## YOUNG ADULT FICTION

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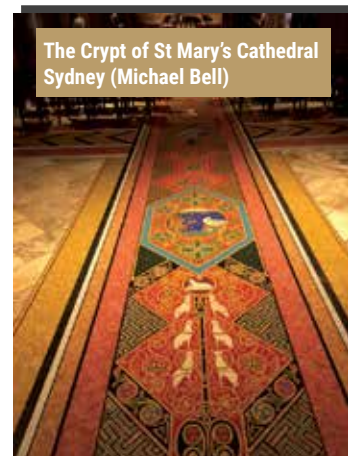
# Dural and District Historical Society Inc News from History Cottage

The audience, of nearly 150 attending the August, June Roughley Memorial Lecture, broke all records. Dr Grace Karskens' research of the history of Dyarubbin, Hawkesbury River, entertained, enthralled and generated much discussion over afternoon tea. Her explanations of the life and conditions of the early convict farmers, gave a different story to that so generally held. Our lack of education and our tendency to apply our present values, to life of two hundred years ago, mean we draw the wrong conclusions.



Audience at the August meeting (Michael Bell)

The guest speaker for the 14th September meeting will be the daughter-in-law of Galliano Melocco and wife of the late Graham Melocco. Pamela has been researching the Melocco Bros contribution to the Australian built landscape and in particular, Galliano's contribution to the Melocco Bros legacy. Evidence of their work is seen Sydney landmarks such as The Crypt and The Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral, the Sunken Fountain and the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park, the State Theatre and many other well known Sydney and Canberra buildings.



The Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral Sydney (Michael Bell)

This talk is an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge that will enhance a visit to Sydney, Goulburn, Canberra and many country towns with Art Deco buildings.

The next meeting will be on Saturday the 12th September in the Galston Uniting Church School Road Galston, starting at 2.00pm. Entry is free. Afternoon tea is available for a gold coin. Booking is not necessary but indications are that early arrival might get the visitor a better seat.

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Pickleball, an innovative sport born in America, and is a dynamic blend of tennis, ping pong, and volleyball, making it an exhilarating game for all ages. Played with a paddle and a unique waffle ball, the combination of strategic play and fun ensures that players of any skill level can jump in and have a great time. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a curious newcomer, pickleball offers an accessible and engaging way to stay active and social.

To be part of the action, sign up online for the free open day at The Centre Dural. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn the basics, experience the game firsthand, and see why pickleball is quickly gaining popularity, and don't forget the social side of a coffee in the café after the game! Don't miss out on this chance to discover your new favourite sport and meet others in your community. We look forward to seeing you there and introducing you to the excitement of pickleball!

**There is always something going on at The Centre, so feel free to pop on over to our website, to check out all the other things we have to offer, [thecentredural.org.au](http://thecentredural.org.au) or phone 8989 0000.**



## Dural Bowling Club News

The month of August saw the completion of the North West Region Pennants and the Dural Men Minor Singles Tournament. The final of Men Minor Singles took place on Saturday 10th August between Rob Whiddon (the Club President) and Greg Smith.



The Men Single Final was a very intense game with Greg Smith leading narrowly at most ends. Rob won the game at the last end with the score of 25 to 22. Congratulations to Rob the winner and Greg the runner up of the Men Minor Singles 2024.

The next tournament at Dural Bowling Club will start on the 7th September being the Open Gender Pairs.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on August 17th in the Celebrity Room at Dural Country Club.

**Anyone interested in playing bowls please contact Robert on 0411 375 580.**

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# Pacific Hills Christian School

## 100 Days of Rocking Kindy



At Pacific Hills Christian School, we celebrated the start of Term 3 with a 100 Days of Rocking Kindy event! Kindergarten students dressed up as rock stars to mark the occasion while staff and families also got in

on the excitement with activities, a concert and sausage sizzle! *"It is such a joy to see the children grow and mature with such a marked difference after 100 days of School life."* says Mr Scott Cousins, Head of Junior School.

Kindergarten is a significant milestone in the life of a family and celebrating these moments is important as a school community. At Pacific Hills our core values in Junior School are reflected across each grade with Kindergarten's focus being *Courage*. In the Bible the verse often referenced is Joshua 1:9 which states *"... Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* It is our prayer that our little Kindy 'rock stars' are encouraged and equipped to keep on trying as they grow.

To learn more about our Junior School visit [pacifichills.nsw.edu.au](http://pacifichills.nsw.edu.au)

# National Recognition as a school of Excellence – Enrolments now open!



Earlier this year, Galston Public School was named as an awardee at the Australian Education Awards in the category of Primary School of the Year (Government Sector).

This is a fantastic honour for our school and recognises the ongoing excellence 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

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.

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# Arcadia Public School



On a glorious winter's day, Arcadia Public School marked Public Education Week and Book Week with an Open Day and Book Parade. The festivities began with captivating performances by our Junior and Senior bands. Some of our junior band have only been playing a musical instrument for six months, their performance was impressive in front of the live audience. Our senior students played next, delivering a more complex musical piece that showcased their advanced skills, thanks to Mr. Josh McNulty from Teaching Services Dural, who leads our band program.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Crouch, continued the celebration with a performance that highlighted the diverse talents and opportunities at Arcadia Public School.

Kindergarten students opened our 'Reading is Magic' Book Parade, bringing beloved book characters to life. The parade featured Mary Poppins, Bo Peep, Batman, Harry Potter, a pirate, international football players, and even a couple of Where's Wally characters. This vibrant display of imagination underscored the joy and educational value of reading. Reading is the pathway to imagination, knowledge and learning about other perspectives in life. As Dr. Seuss said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Subsequent class presentations included dramatizations of popular books such as "What's in My Lunchbox?" by Peter Carnavas, "Imagine" by Alison Lester, "Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Roald Dahl, and "Thelma the Unicorn" by Aaron Blabey. These productions allowed our theatrical students to showcase their talents.

After the performances, guests explored our classrooms, observing the dynamic learning environment. The day concluded with a delightful Teddy Bears' picnic on our spacious grounds, where the community gathered to celebrate the students' achievements and enjoy each other's company. We would like to thank our community members who attended and supported our school. It was truly a joyous occasion and we enjoyed seeing the happiness on the children's faces.



This successful event was made possible by our dedicated team of teachers and school administrative and support staff, whose hard work inspires every student to achieve their personal best. We are very lucky to have such a collaborative, cohesive team of teachers who genuinely care about every student and work hard to provide as many opportunities as possible for our students to 'Be Outstanding and Be Inspired.'

**Public Education is the best education that money can't buy. We invite families interested in joining our school to consider enrolling for 2025. If you are interested in our school for your child's educational journey, please contact the school on 9653 1207 to arrange a private tour.**

**Belinda Reedman - Proud Principal of the amazing Arcadia Public School**

# Dural Public School



On Wednesday the 31st of July, Dural Public School invited members of the school community to join them for Open Day to celebrate Education Week. This was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those who contribute to our children and young people's educational journey, including school staff, parents, carers, community members and the P&C Association.

To begin the day, there were student performances from a wide range of extracurricular activities, including the Senior Concert Band, String and Recorder Group and the K-6 Choir groups. Dural Public School is lucky to have so many dedicated staff members who eagerly provide a wide range of extracurricular activities for students to engage in. After an adorable Kindergarten dance piece, parents and carers were invited into classrooms where they experienced a variety of activities that our students engage with in an inclusive, diverse learning environment.

In celebrating this year's Education Week theme, 'Proud to belong', it was wonderful to witness the students showing a sense of pride and achievement for their school on Open Day. Their enthusiasm for learning was evident as they shared their work with their loved ones



and gave tours of their classrooms, the art room, the library and the music room to show what they had been working hard on all year. After spending time celebrating the students' achievements, parents and carers were then invited for morning tea with their children on the playground. Luckily, the weather held off and it was a lovely morning.

Dural Public School staff and students appreciate everyone who visited the school on Open Day. They were very proud to share their hard work and dedication with the school community and look forward to future community events.



# Galston High School Celebrates Science Week with Innovative Activities and Discoveries



Science Week occurred at Galston High School in week 4, where the Science Faculty celebrated their passion for science. The week started with a special assembly featuring Maggie Clifton, an alumna from the class of 2020. Maggie, who excelled in Biology, Chemistry, Investigating Science, and Science Extension during her time at Galston High, shared her journey from high school to her current Honours project at the University of Technology, Sydney. Her research on 3D Source Attribution could revolutionise forensic science by tracing 3D-printed tools back to their sources, highlighting the real-world impact of scientific investigation.



The week continued with a Science Trivia Competition, challenging students to test their general science knowledge. Groups competed to answer ten science-related questions, with top performers earning prizes. High-ability students tackled questions from higher grades for bonus points, showcasing their scientific prowess.

Midweek, Fizzics Education presented "Tick Tick Boom!", an explosive incursion that delved into the science of explosions and chemical safety, aligning with the NSW Science Syllabus. This engaging performance deepened students' understanding of various scientific domains, including the Physical World, Earth and Space, Living World, and Chemical World.

On Friday, Year 7 students visited Taronga Zoo, linking their studies of Living Things to real-world biodiversity and conservation. Through workshops and animal encounters, students explored classification, adaptations, and the critical role of these concepts in understanding wildlife.

To conclude Science Week, Galston High participated in BioBlitz, a citizen science initiative where students and teachers documented local biodiversity. This activity promoted environmental awareness and scientific engagement, with the hope of discovering unique species, as was the case when an echidna was spotted on school grounds last year.

Additionally, Galston High continued its accelerated Science program and Science Extension course in collaboration with the University of Technology, Sydney. These initiatives provided students with advanced learning opportunities and access to university resources, fostering a deeper engagement with scientific research and inquiry.

Our STEM project with Galston Public School further exemplified our commitment to fostering a love for science. Year 9 students collaborated with Year 4 students to create Rube Goldberg machines, blending creativity, engineering, and teamwork. This project not only



nurtured young scientific minds but also strengthened our school community.

Science Week at Galston High School was an inspiring celebration of scientific curiosity, achievement, and collaboration. We look forward to continuing the tradition of Science week at Galston High School in 2025.

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## ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

### WOW, how good were the Olympic Games in Paris !!!

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The Quilting group was busy this past month ... "achieving" a few of our own PB projects ... not quite gold in colour but bright, cheerful and welcoming.



This charming "houses quilt" (photo top) makes me want to pack-a-bag; go to live in some European hillside village, enjoy the sunshine and a sip or two of a local beverage?

Being surrounded by recent gloomy days seemed to call for light, bright and happy fabrics this month and



another PB (photo top) was achieved by one of our newer members.

This is one of the group's favourites, a scrappy quilt using the 'Potato Chip block' pattern. The term 'scrappy' simply means many different fabrics all in the one quilt.

Happily we also welcomed another new member to our group this month, it's always great to see new faces around our table where we share ideas and get-to-know someone new ... so let's KEEP DOING THINGS TOGETHER !!

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

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

## Glenorie Probus Club Activities

In July Glenorie Probus Club had its annual Yuletide celebration. Each year they try and have dinner at a different venue. This year it was decided rather than go to a restaurant the celebration



would be at the Presidents residence and everyone would contribute to the festivity. This was a great success. The food was outstanding and all tastes were accounted for. Albeit there was too much. The decorations were superb and a wonderful time was had by all. The venue was a great success as people were able to move and mix freely and were much more relaxed than at a restaurant.

The club's guest speaker for the month was Arthur Pearce who is a volunteer at the Sydney Maritime Museum and spoke on the history of Sydney Ferries. He entertained with stories that with the first fleet to today's active ferry boats on the Harbour.

The ferries contributed much to the early colony as the best farming and grazing land found was at Parramatta. However getting there from the town at Sydney was by boat and took a week of rowing all the way. This need to transport between Sydney and the Food Source led to the development of the Ferry Service. He told about the development of the Ferries including many mishaps on the Harbour involving them. He also gave a brief run down on the Maritime Museum and its contents to encourage members to visit the site and see some of our Harbour history. A very passionate and knowledgeable speaker.

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

**Contact Wendy Black on 9653 1022 or email [wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au)**

## PHILIP RUDDOCK STATEMENT

### Property developer interests see Mayor and former federal minister ousted over his stance to protect Hornsby shire's environment

I have always advocated for appropriate development that respects the built and natural environment of the Shire of Hornsby and is in keeping with its amenity.

That has been seen as unacceptable by property developer interests, supported by some senior party members, in the Hornsby Local Government Liberal Party preselection.

In recent months it became clear to me that I could choose to either allow developers free reign over the shire I have fought to protect, or to stand by my principles and face certain replacement as the Liberal Party candidate.

I chose to stand for preselection as an example that politicians should not bow to vested interests, and instead should fight even unwinnable battles on behalf of those they are supposed to represent.

My time in politics and my upbringing have taught me that the community should always come first.

From a very young age, my late father Max instilled in me a great love of the Bushland Shire and its unique importance, as Sydney's lungs,

with its location between three great national parks: Lane Cove to the South, Kuring-Gai to the East and Berowra to the West. As a 16 year-old I identified the planning laws that prevented the industrial development of the area west of Thornleigh now known as Westleigh.

A considered approach to the way Hornsby manages the balance between urban growth, its rural areas and its natural environment was the reason I re-entered politics and stood for Mayor seven years ago. It was about giving back to my community not about any self-interest or ego. My commitment has been my ongoing public service to the diverse voices of the people of Hornsby Shire and in what I believe are their shared concerns about sustainability, heritage and growth to achieve positive outcomes for the whole community.

It has been my privilege to serve the people of Hornsby, who are given their voice on election day on **14th September**. I thank them for their support in this unfinished journey, as well as the dedicated Hornsby Council staff who have managed significant budgetary constraints in a way that continues to deliver important initiatives like Hornsby and hopefully Westleigh Parks.



# Hornsby Shire Council urges residents to get emergency prepared

As EmergencyRedi Week approaches (16th-22nd September), Hornsby Shire Council is calling on residents to take proactive steps in safeguarding their families and houses in emergencies by downloading and completing an emergency plan on the Australian Red Cross' Get Prepared app.

The free, easy-to-use app is designed to help residents make important decisions ahead of time by creating a personal emergency plan. Individuals can establish a network of key support contacts, add vital information into one place, set up simple survival checklists and emergency actions, as well as share their emergency plan with others.

Spring is also a good time to start taking steps to protect your homes as the bush fire season approaches. The top five actions to make your home safer are:

- Trim overhanging trees and shrubs to stop the fire spreading to your home (with approval where required).
- Mow grass and remove the cuttings and have a cleared area around your home.
- Remove material that can burn around your home, such as door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint and outdoor furniture.
- Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home.
- Prepare hoses that will reach all around your home.

Hornsby Shire Council's General Manager, Steven Head emphasised the importance of being prepared for emergencies.



"With natural disasters becoming more frequent and severe, Hornsby Shire isn't immune, and it's more important than ever to make an emergency plan and prepare your home. Emergencies often happen quickly, without a lot of warning and being prepared can help protect yourself and your loved ones," said Steven.

"You can take practical steps like preparing a survival kit with what you would need for an emergency, keeping your garden well maintained and creating a plan using the Get Prepared App."

The Get Prepared app is co-created by the Australian Red Cross and NRMA Insurance.

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## Rural Roundup

Hornsby Councillor  
Warren Waddell



August is the last full month of my council term prior to the September 14th Local Government election.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have now spent two terms representing the Shire of Hornsby and in particular, the A ward residents.

I am humbled by the faith this community has placed in me to undertake this role and the confidence expressed by many in my prospects for the future.

The year spent serving as Deputy Mayor was another special opportunity. I thank my Council peers for electing me to that position.

The rural area of Hornsby Shire required more direct representation and I hope that I have effectively provided that. I believe by being an accessible conduit for residents and businesses to the Council administration, better outcomes have been achieved. I am proud to part of a team that delivered on a range of rural initiatives such as:

- Upgrades to park facilities
- Identifying and installing new footpath links
- Upgrade of Galston Aquatic Centre
- Refurbishment of our memorials and cenotaphs
- New boat ramps and parking facilities
- Sustainable environmental initiatives
- Installation of outdoor gym equipment
- Streamlined pile burn procedures
- Rural Land Study
- Galston Village public domain plan
- Activated an Economic development and Tourism strategy
- Scheduled verge slashing and drainage maintenance
- Identified new bus stop locations
- Implemented rural road safety features
- Ensured that the monitoring of on-site wastewater did not attract extra rates

For the duration of the term, I am happy to assist with any other enquiries. [wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)  
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## Julian Leeser

Federal Member for Berowra



## The war on graffiti

Earlier this year some local residents and shop owners talked with me about the level graffiti in Normanhurst. Like many of you, I have seen the amount of graffiti grow in our suburbs this year. On shop fronts, fences, in parks and community spaces, it was there and just like in Normanhurst, graffiti right across our area is a problem that has been overlooked.

For shop owners and local small businesses, the presence of graffiti gives an impression of the area being run down or neglected and that doesn't help attract new or return business. On people's fences and in community spaces the graffiti made it feel like our area was unsafe or not the great place to live that it actually is.



Something had to be done. I began looking into the problem and devising a solution.

After speaking to local Police, Hornsby Shire Councillor Sallianne McClelland and Wahroonga MP Alister Henskens, I convened a meeting with community leaders about how we tackle graffiti around our area. We developed a plan of attack and began to rally the troops.

I put out a call for volunteers and was overwhelmed with support from community organisations, local church groups, small businesses and families. We assembled our local graffiti-busting army and we prepared for battle.

What I didn't realise until then was just how easy removing graffiti is once you have the right supplies and know what you're doing... perhaps that's why graffiti has been left so long and has only gotten worse across Berowra.

Roger Norman from Turramurra Rotary provided the expertise and know-how and trained over 30 volunteers to get the job done. Together we donned gloves and masks, and scrubbed and scraped. Volunteers from Hillcrest Uniting Church and St Agatha's Pennant Hills joined local Rotarians along with families and friends from across the community and we got the job done.

Local businesses were also on hand to support the war on graffiti with Dulux, Southern Cleaning Supplies, Kennards Thornleigh, Inspirations Hornsby, Uni-Pro, Bunnings Thornleigh, R Hair 4 U, On Dough, Wooden Mill and Jo from Well Versed Homes all providing supplies and sustenance.

We started in Normanhurst and Thornleigh but I know this is a problem across the electorate.

If you look around and notice a part of the area that may need a little TLC, please get in touch and let me know so that I can continue to fight for our community.

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# Galston Garden Club

Next meeting will be on 11th September  
 Guest speaker will be Ian Hemphill  
 Topic is about "spices"



The Galston Garden Club is proud to present eight outstanding acreage gardens which will delight and inspire any visitor. You will find a host of plants of all shapes and sizes, spectacular flowering shrubs, wonderful specimen trees, water features, garden architecture and lots of ideas. It is always fascinating to see how different owners have developed their gardens to suit the topography of the land and their own tastes and interests.

Tickets are available on Open days outside The Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Road, or at any of the gardens. An inclusive ticket for \$25 per person gives entry to all the gardens (this ticket is valid for the three days) OR entry to a single garden is \$5 per person. EFTPOS is available at The Galston Club

and at Garden 4 for plants and teas etc. But if you are going directly to one of the gardens, please bring CASH. Children under 18 years are admitted free of charge.

All the workers for this Open Gardens Weekend are unpaid volunteers from the Galston Garden Club and other community groups. All profits are distributed to medical research, charities, and community projects.

For details about the Galston Open Gardens 2024 please visit our website, [galstongardenclub.com.au](http://galstongardenclub.com.au)

The Galston Garden Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston at 7.30 pm and our next meeting will be 11th September 2024. The guest speaker for that meeting will be Ian Hemphill who will be speaking about spices! For further information please visit our website or email [galstongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:galstongardenclub@gmail.com)

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# Bromeliad Spring Show

## 28th-29th September



Spring time is the perfect time to check out the numerous varieties of Bromeliads flowering during Spring and with the additional sunlight they can colour up beautifully.

The Bromeliad Spring Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on **Saturday, 28th September 9am-4pm** and **Sunday, 29th September 10am-3pm**.

Rare and exquisite bromeliads from local and interstate growers will be on display and available for sale to the public including Jan and Jon Townsend from Bonville, Angela and Gary Fleming, Tillandsia experts Chris and Lap Larsen and BSA's competition winners Harold Kuan, Nina Woodcock, Elizabeth Mudriczki and Kerry McNicol together with Anna Ernst and her amazing artistic bromeliad wall hangings.

There will be 20 plant sale tables continuously restocked, books, pots, information and free advice available from experienced bromeliad growers.

There is plenty of parking on site, admission is free to the show and please bring a box for your purchases.

For further information contact **Ian Hook, President, Bromeliad Society of Australia** on mobile 0408 202 269, email: [hook1@bigpond.com](mailto:hook1@bigpond.com), or check the website [www.bromeliad.org.au/](http://www.bromeliad.org.au/)

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# Hidden In The Hills



## Trigger Plant

By Lachlan Turner

Frequently when out walking and looking for any wildflowers it is probable that the bushwalker may notice a small low growing plant with pink flowers on a stem protruding upwards from what appears to be a tuft of fairly thickly leafed grass.

More than likely this plant is one of the Trigger Plants, which are fairly common perennial herbs. There are two very similar varieties of this plant that grow in sandy soils in sheltered locations of open woodland forest.



Stylidium productum Trigger Plant



Stylidium graminifolium Trigger Plant

One is simply known as Trigger Plant (*Stylidium productum*) which flowers from November to January.

The other is known as Grass-leaf Trigger Plant (*Stylidium graminifolium*) which generally flowers from September to December.

These two plants are very difficult to separately identify due to their similarity in growth habit and the colour and form of their flowers. Added to this is their overlapping flowering periods, which make a quick identification difficult.

To explain how the name "Trigger Plant" is derived requires some simple botanical terminology.

There is a small tube in the flower containing the style with two anthers that are usually bent backwards below the flower. An insect lands on the flower's centre which activates the tube to flick up and strike the insect, thus depositing a layer of pollen on the insect. The insect will visit a neighbouring Trigger Plant and unsuspectingly deposit the pollen onto another flower.

The trigger mechanism usually resets after a short period ready for the next visiting insect.

# Walking and praising God

Wouldn't it have been thrilling to see this man (*read Acts 3,v 1-11*) jumping around trying out the new strength in his feet and ankles and at the same time shouting hallelujah? No wonder a crowd gathered to see what it was all about (v.11). In Acts 4:22 we are told that the man who was healed was over forty years of age.

A miracle of healing like this is wonderful and would always attract attention. But the miracle of salvation which Peter went on to talk about (3:12-19) is even more wonderful.

Yet sometimes we do not realise that truth.

Supposing in one of our church services a man was healed of a serious illness and another man gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ and was saved. Which man would people talk about the most as they went home? They would talk more about the man who was healed rather than the man who was saved, don't you think?

Yet what did Jesus say to the disciples in John 14:12? He promised that they would do even greater works than those which he had done. How? Because their work would be to bring men and women to the place of salvation and that is even greater than just healing their bodies.

Salvation lasts for ever and ever. Physical healing only lasts as long as we are here on earth. Salvation carries us on into heaven and eternity with Christ.

God doesn't give healing to everyone but he does give salvation to anyone who asks for it in the name of Jesus. Have you asked Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life and save you from being separated from God forever? Read Acts 4:12 and see for your self that there is no-one else who can save you, only Jesus Christ.

If you will do this just now, there will come happiness and peace into your life. It may not come immediately, but as you learn to trust God's word for yourself, that peace and joy will grow in your heart!

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# News from St Benedict's

## St Benedict's Maker's Table

The monthly Maker's Table evening workshops for women are going from strength to strength. In August 21st women joined together to embroider handtowels with bullion roses. Bullion refers to a type of embroidery knot that is ideal for re-creating pretty flowers. The history of bullion knots is said to date back to 400 BC so the St Benedict's



ladies were carrying on a very long embroidery tradition. As well as enjoying each other's company at the end of the evening they were able to take home their own personally stitched handtowel to keep for themselves or to give as a gift. The picture shows part of the group showing off their handiwork.

At the next Maker's Table, to be held on **Wednesday 4th September**, attendees will be trying their hands at pottery. It will be another fascinating and fun evening. For more information visit [www.themakerstable.org](http://www.themakerstable.org)

## Other Activities

The men of the parish were busy, too, enjoying another Meet & Greet evening in August. Here they got together to share thoughts and opinions in a non-judgmental situation. And, with school back from the winter break, the Youth Group was again in action. Then there was the Craft Group and the opening of the new Piety Store opening. Goodness we're busy!

## St Benedict's Parish services

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

# God's Safe Boundary Lines

Isn't it a challenge to be stuck in a line of traffic, especially when we are time poor or when we are due at an appointment at a certain time? Our attitudes can be tested and our patience can wear thin!

At the same time we are grateful for road rules to keep us as well as those around us safe.

Stating the obvious to every driver...

"Roads have lines: one on each side and one in the centre. These lines provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over the line on one side, we risk going into the ditch! If we cross over the line in the middle, we risk getting hit by oncoming traffic. We appreciate those lines because they keep us safe." (a good description from an article I was reading recently).

It's like that in other areas of our personal lives too. A few months ago I wrote our magazine article about the Bible being GOD's book!

I explained how "ALL Scripture (each Bible passage) is GOD-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training us in righteousness", so that we are equipped for life.

Just like the lines on the road, when we have clearly marked boundary lines to follow in our daily lives, in the decisions we need to make and in our relationships with others, we can experience less anxiety and more peace.

God knows what is good for us - and also what can get us into trouble!! An old adage about God answering prayer says, "Sometimes He says 'yes'; sometimes 'no' and sometimes 'wait'. He always answers us when we chat to Him, but we need to realise that, just like the lines on the road are there to keep us safe, when God says 'no' or when we don't understand what's happening; when things don't work out in the way we want them to, God is not



being difficult or uncaring; He is being protective and has our safety and best interests in mind. After all, He is God and we are not!!

As we learn to rely on God and stay within the boundary lines found in His Word (the Bible), we have His assurance that He knows the road ahead and what is HIS best for us.

Why can we trust Him? Because He is Truth and "He so loved the world (you and me) that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting LIFE. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world (us) but that the world (we) would be saved through Him." (John 3:16-17).

God bless.

**Glenorie Community Church**  
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# Galston Uniting Church

## Meet the minister..



Hi, I am Rev Elizabeth Orr and I am the interim minister for Galston Uniting Church while they seek a new minister to replace Rev Geoff Smith. Geoff now ministers at Parramatta City Uniting Church with a team who care for the

needy in the wider community through Parramatta Mission. Our community at Galston and the Uniting Church congregation are regularly providing needed provisions for those struggling to face this cold winter. It is wonderful to be part of this generous, welcoming and genuinely caring congregation.

I moved to Glenorie three years ago on retirement from full time ministry in the very multicultural area of Granville, Guildford and Merrylands. Though I am missing the wide variety of cultures I was part of for 10 years, it has been great to be part of this beautiful rural area and friendly community.

I first trained at the National Art School, and have raised five children, homeschooled them over ten years and held art classes for children and youth. I have been in ministry for over 20 years and I'm an accredited Spiritual Director and have had a long interest in Spirituality, Meditation and Tai Chi. At Galston Uniting Church we have a class on Fridays for an hour at 11am practicing the moving meditation of Tai Chi and silent meditation.

One of the great delights at this church is the celebration of worship with music. Our concert tuned grand piano and the 20 rank 1887 Foster and Andrews Heritage Pipe Organ (the Rolls Royce of organs) really make a difference to worship. Originally ordered from Hull in Britain for the Congregational Church in Bourke Street Darlinghurst, this organ took 6 years to install at Galston 30 years ago.

Having Men's and Women's Choirs and concerts held in the church with varied musicians, help raise money for the upkeep of the heritage organ and the bi-monthly Galston Concerts means there is ample opportunity for many to be transported with glorious music.

The next Galston Concert on **22nd September** at 2pm features Heather Moen-Boyd at the organ with a late Victorian and Edwardian repertoire and is one not to be missed. I look forward to seeing you there.



Rev Elizabeth can be contacted through the church office: 9653 2039.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**RFS Blessing Service - Sunday 15th September - 10:00am**

*Please join us and local brigades for this community worship service.*

## The Blessed Hope

Last month we spoke about the "glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). The apostle Paul, who spoke a great deal regarding the return of Christ, called it "the blessed hope." Everyone likes to hope in something. We hope that our favourite team will win, and recently, we hoped for more gold medals. We hope for higher pay. We hope for personal health, happiness, and positive relationships; and while our individual hopes and dreams may differ, we all hope for a better world. "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness" (Desmond Tutu).

Sometimes the darkness of this world may overwhelm us; dreams may fade, friends may let us down, or trauma might hit us unexpectedly. Yet, in spite of this, the most re-assuring hope I've found was when I discovered that Jesus Christ is real. At that moment my life changed forever. His life, death, and resurrection enables me to hope in ways I've never hoped before. Only He can impart hope to the hopeless! Only He can provide inward peace!

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The "peace" Jesus offers us covers our past, present, and future:

- The crucified Christ saves us from the guilt of the past
- The resurrected Christ provides strength for the present
- The returning Christ gives us hope for the future

This is why the Apostle Peter declared, we have a "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). When we accept Jesus Christ as a personal Friend, we have nothing

to fear. He assures us, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). The return of Christ to this world is our only hope for lasting peace. If He died to save us at His first advent, He will surely return for us at His second advent.

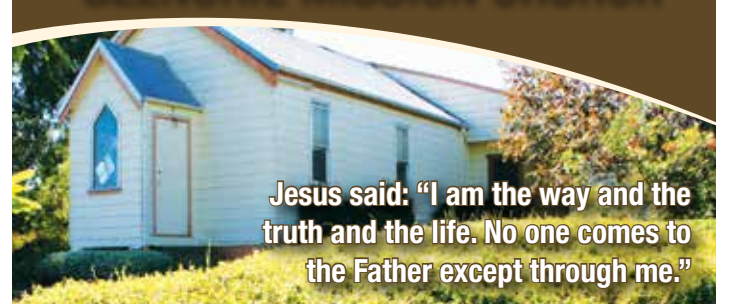
"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Galston Adventist Church exists primarily to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ, knowing His return is imminent. Please continue to pray for each other and for our community.

Steve Belson (Pastor) 0438 459 223

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# Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade



## Congratulations Darren Dodd

Born and bred in Glenorie, Darren Dodd is a true local through and through. Darren has lived in Glenorie his whole life; he runs a family-owned business and is married with two children, one of whom is a member of GRFB.


Darren Dodd joined Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade six years ago and is an exceptionally active member of the brigade and highly committed to serving the community. In addition to being the Equipment Coordinator and Driving Coordinator, as of this year, he is now a Deputy Captain.

During the devastating 2019/2020 bushfire season, Darren made a significant contribution and has been awarded the National Emergency Medal for his efforts. This is an extraordinary achievement, and we would like to say congratulations to Darren, and a heartfelt thank you for all the time, energy and hard work he dedicated to helping protect his community.




## Get Ready Weekend


Get Ready Weekend is a statewide annual opportunity for NSW RFS to raise fire awareness and encourage the preparedness of communities for the bushfire season. Join us at Woolworths Glenorie on **Saturday 21st September** at 10:00am – 2:00pm for a sausage sizzle and to learn about your bush fire survival plan.




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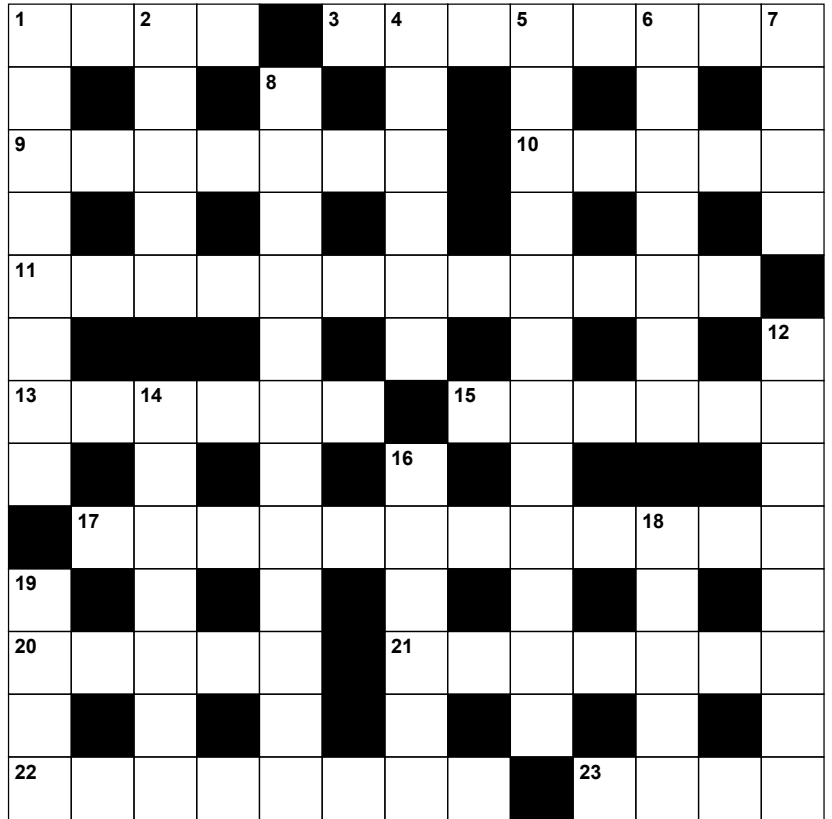
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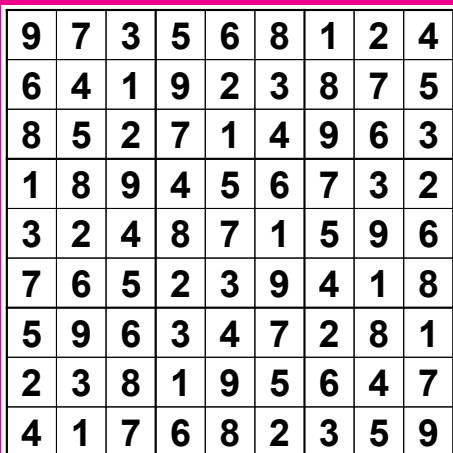
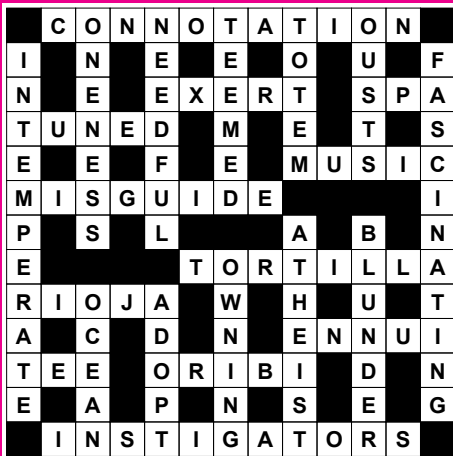
- 01 High-pitched flute (4)
- 03 Observing (8)
- 09 Single-horned creature (7)
- 10 Gardeners sow these (5)
- 11 Dictatorial (12)
- 13 Flash intermittently (6)
- 15 Representation of a plan or theory (6)
- 17 Make a guess that is too high (12)
- 20 Small marine fish (5)
- 21 Tax imposed on ships (7)
- 22 Perceived (8)
- 23 Transparent camera part (4)

### DOWN

- 01 Fruit sugar (8)
- 02 Force upon (5)
- 04 Elaborately adorned (6)
- 05 Directions (12)
- 06 Do repeatedly (7)
- 07 Lesion (4)
- 08 Fellow plotter (12)
- 12 Groundless (8)
- 14 Returns to a former state (7)
- 16 Insect that transmits sleeping sickness (6)
- 18 Not asleep (5)
- 19 Capital of Norway (4)

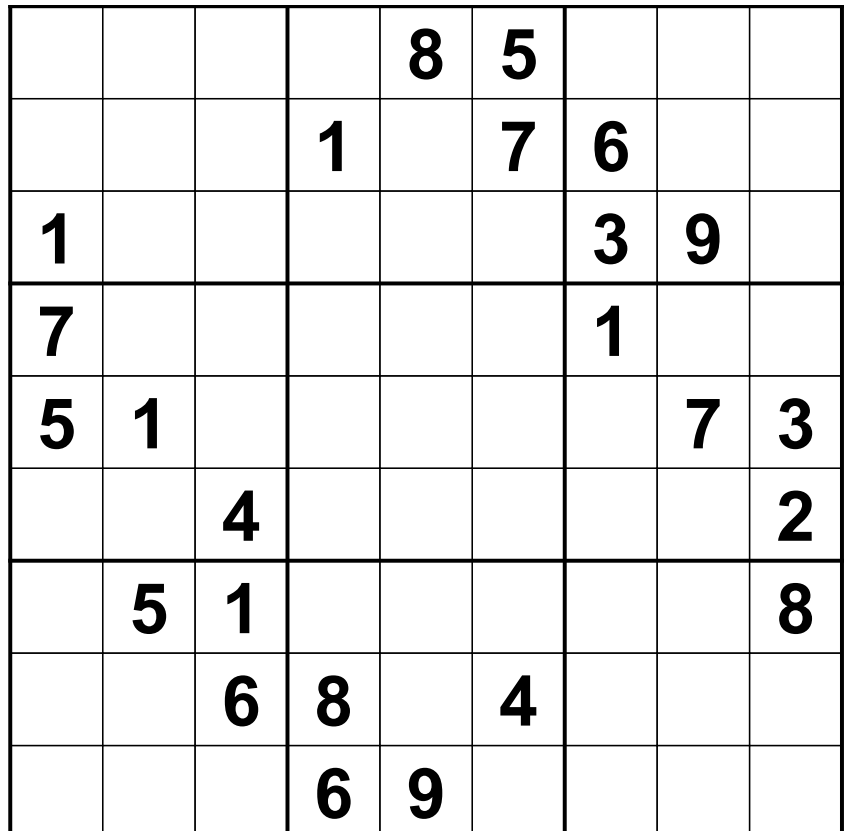


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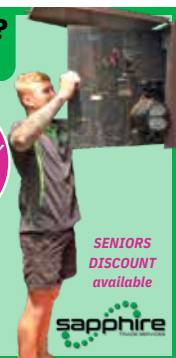


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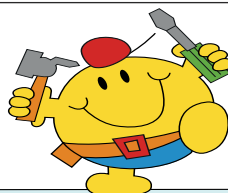
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 ● www.phpc.org.au

**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**  
 Now has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group, Mah-Jong Group, Theatre Group, Tennis Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day trips. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10am. We look forward to you joining with us.  
 ● Galston Club 19 Arcadia Rd, Galston  
 ● All enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

**Rowland Village Workshop Club**  
 Invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age.  
 ● Michael Bell 9653 1365

**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

**Soroptimist International of The Hills District Inc**  
 Meets at 6.30 on the 3rd Wed of the month.  
 ● Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills  
 ● 04 3583 7118

**Social Dance Workshops**  
 Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers. \$7.  
 ● Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road.  
 ● Wilma 0413 673 339

**Still Creek Landcare Group**  
 Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrielle. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.  
 ● www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au  
 ● StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au  
 ● Nick 9653 2056

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

**The Shed Studio - Arcadia**  
 Womens Shed held on third Thursday of the month 10-12. Different creative projects each month.  
 ● The Shed Studio on FB  
 ● Suzanne 0419 603 122

**Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club**  
 We have frequent bushwalks, city walks and social activities. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday each month at 8pm.  
 ● Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills  
 ● Ted 0429 790 091  
 ● www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

Churches

**Christ Church**  
 Has a service at 9.30am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.  
 ● 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst  
 ● Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

**Dural Salvation Army**  
 1st Tuesday of the month at 10am for an informal worship service. Everyone welcome.  
 ● 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road)  
 ● 0405 560 211

**Galston Uniting Church**  
 Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.30pm. #ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursdays of the school term from 12noon to 4.00pm. OVER 55s for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest: Men's Choir, Ladies Choir.  
 ● church office 9653 2039  
 ● 11 School Road Galston

**Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
 Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service.  
 ● 49 Arcadia Rd Galston  
 ● Minister Steve Belson 0438 459 223

**Glenorie Community Church**  
 Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Ladies meeting at 10.30am last Tuesday of every month. All welcome.  
 ● 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie  
 ● Pr Valich 0420 602 989  
 Church 9652 0577

**Glenorie Mission Church**  
 Sunday Service 10:00am.  
 ● 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie  
 ● 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

**St. Columb's Anglican Church**  
 1st Sunday of the month 9.30 am. All welcome.  
 ● 9651 1119

**St Benedict's Catholic Parish**  
 Mass at Monastery 7am every morning.  
 ● 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia  
 Mass at the Parish Church 7pm Saturday, 9am and 10.30am Sunday.  
 ● Cnr Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd  
 ● 9653 2312 or Parish Priest Fr Shansana 0437 884 233

**St Judes Anglican**  
 Service Times: 8am Traditional; 10am Contemporary with Sunday Kids and Yr 5-9 Teen group; 6pm Evening church for youth and parents.  
 'Epic' kids club and Youth Group - Fridays (see website for details).  
 ● Galston and Old Northern Rd, Dural  
 ● 9651 1119

**St Madeleine's Catholic Church**  
 Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm.  
 ● 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

Local sports associations

**Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls**  
 Meets every Tuesday at 9.30-12.30pm.  
 ● Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Mt Colah  
 ● Jenny 9477 1855

**Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs**  
 New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network.  
 ● 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

**Dural Country Club**  
 Fishing Club meet at Dural Country Club on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Activities include a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing, organised short stay holidays and great social BBQ's. New members welcome.  
 ● Murray 0407 950 939 or Bruce 0428 970 439

**Dural Rugby Club**  
 ● efr86029@bigpond.net.au  
 ● 0412 230 328  
 ● http://dural.rugbynet.com.au

**Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club**  
 Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. The meeting has a raffle at 7pm with lots of prizes and every meeting has a guest speaker.  
 ● The Galston Club  
 ● Lachlan 0438 801 170 or Warren 0416 061 428

**Glenorie District Cricket Club**  
 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

**Glenorie Social Golf Club**  
 Plays monthly.  
 ● www.glenoriesl.com.au  
 ● Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

**Galston Equestrian Club**  
 New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.  
 ● Rural Sports Facility Centre off Mansfield Road  
 ● Liz 0409 992 920  
 ● www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au

**Galston Netball Club**  
 ● secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com  
 ● www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

**Hills AUsSI Masters Swimming Club**  
 Adults 18 years to 80+ are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun and friendship.  
 ● Hornsby Aquatic Centre  
 ● Di 0418 432 587

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

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

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

**Tennis/Squash Social Group**  
 Looking for new players.  
 ● 9847 6050  
 ● tennisandsquash@live.com.au until March each year.

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

**Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie**  
 Available Day or Night.  
 ● Les Shore Reserve  
 ● 0404 600 460

Calling All Playgroups

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

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

GLENORIE

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

LEARNING BLOCKS

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

KENTHURST

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

GALSTON

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

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

PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents. We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 8989 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.

MUSIC AND PLAY

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

**Arcadia Public School PLAYGROUP**  
 EVERY THURSDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM  
 9:30AM UNTIL 11AM  
 LOCAL PARENTS ARE INVITED  
 A PARENT RUN PLAYGROUP  
 BEAUTIFUL TRANQUIL SETTING  
 MEET FRIENDS, BABIES AND PRESCHOOLERS - ALL WELCOME  
 DISCOVER ARCADIA PLAYGROUP  
 COME JOIN THE FUN!



# Leading local agent has a new home.



## **Carolyn Wheatley launches Belle Property Dural.**

Belle Property is excited to announce the opening of its newest office in Dural. Led by Principal and long-time local professional Carolyn Wheatley, the team is committed to fostering strong relationships, understanding individual needs, and delivering tailored solutions for buying, selling, or investing in property.

This expansion marks a significant milestone as the premium brand continues to broaden its reach with a new office and known expertise. Carolyn is well-known and well-respected in the area and is taking the reins to provide exceptional real estate services to more communities.

Expect commitment from Belle Property Dural to a personalised and honest approach to real estate that goes beyond just transactions. With a focus on professionalism and client care, the team ensures a seamless experience from start to finish.

To learn more please contact Carolyn on 0407 120 483 or 9129 2882.

[Belleproperty.com/dural](https://www.belleproperty.com/dural)

Please find us at 6a/829 Old Northern Rd Dural (Cnr. of Quarry Rd)

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