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The trail of Crows & Crones adorning fences, nature strips, facades, shopfronts, stables, sheds of postcode 2159 bring joy and smiles to all.

Now is the time for every household, business, club, aged care facility, retirement village, school, preschool and childcare centre in postcode 2159 to create and display a ScareCrow/Crone in this marvellous community event.

With FREE ENTRY & DECENT PRIZES on offer you'd be mad if you didn't join the fun and create your very own exhibit.

So how do you go about entering? Let us know you're creating an exhibit and register via the AGRA2159 website <https://agra2159.com.au/scarecrow-competition>. When you've erected your creation send us a photo or 2.

Our independent, enthusiastic and highly respected Judge will then visit each exhibit to scrutinise, assess and evaluate just how creative 2159-er's are. The Judge will be leaping out of the car to inspect, gently poke, prod and photograph each exhibit on **Sunday 3rd November 2024**.



Multiple scarecrows may be presented at each address.

AGRA will create a trail map to guide visitors to view the wonders of 2159-ers' creativity, wit, flair and ingenuity.

There are scarily good prizes up for grabs. AGRA will issue AGRA Money vouchers which are redeemable at any business in postcode 2159.

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Courtesy of Gavan Kohen, sales director at Ray White Dural a **\$1,000 cash prize** is on offer for all educational facilities, preschools, childcare centres of postcode 2159.

Photos will be displayed on AGRA's website, Facebook, Instagram and other social media pages. Come on everyone ... get involved in this awesome community event and bring colour, fun and joy across the hills and dales of our awesome bit of the world.

The 2024 Festival of The ScareCrow timetable

Register by Sunday 6th October.

Scarecrows on display Sunday 13th October.

Judging: Sunday 3rd November.

Visit www.AGRA2159.com for all the details and to view a couple of short videos of previous Festivals of The ScareCrow.

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Pets @ Work

BY NEV THE NEWSHOUND

This month Nev was sent to interview one of the feistiest PAW (with the longest name) he has ever met: Ms Misty Sofia Furgara GalstonVet, Practice Manager at Galston Veterinary Clinic. Luckily, he had a double shot Pupacino before he met with her.



Nev: What do you like best about your job?
Misty: I like disapprovingly staring at misbehaving dogs, climbing into non-authorized cars and being taken for joyrides when I am lonely, and eating. Lots of eating. I also like to groom my privates when everyone is watching.

Nev: What do you do in your spare time?

Misty: In my spare time I like to; Eat everyone's food. All food in the clinic is my property, especially BBQ chicken from Galston Grill. Claw my

Nev: Hi Misty! Tell me a bit about yourself and how you came to be the practice manager at Galston Veterinary clinic?

Misty: Many years ago, I was a gal in trouble. Dr Andrew the Kind Hearted Vet took me in and said that I could stay. Six weeks later I produced six magnificent kittens. Even though my staff made a cozy home for me I preferred to hide my kittens in Dr Andrew's office. Under my direction I raised my kittens and sent them to good homes. Then, as a newly single mother, I accepted my position as Practice Manager.

Nev: What is your main role there?

Misty: My main roles are to sit my fluffy butt above everyone when all hell is breaking loose and observe haughtily from afar. It is also my role to ensure my staff let me in and out of the front door at least 10 times a day. If they do not, I will be sure to throw up in the kitchen to express my umbrage.

way onto people's laps - especially people who claim to not like cats. Sleep on top of the dental camera. Ensure I hiss at every incoming cat to make them feel welcome. Sit at the front door looking like nobody loves me. Indulge in emotional eating. Attend Overeaters Anonymous. Sit on the only available chair in the entire clinic and be sure to not move when someone tries to sit down. Disdainfully reject queries about me still being pregnant. It's called a Primordial Pouch people. Look it up.



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



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2024 FESTIVAL OF THE SCARECROW

FREE ENTRY

ENTRIES TO BE DISPLAYED by Sunday 13 OCT 2024

Join this delightful community event where creativity & fun come together! Residents, businesses, clubs, local schools & childcare institutions of the 2159 postcode are invited to design & display unique scarecrows on your front fence, lawn or shopfront for a chance to win exciting prizes!

CATEGORIES

INDIVIDUAL: Showcase your creative talents for a chance to win up to \$1000 in vouchers for local businesses.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: Schools & childcare institutions can participate and vie for special awards for their scarecrow creations with a chance to win \$1000 cash.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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The Galston, Glenorie & Hills Rural Community News prides itself on reporting about a variety of local topics and issues, covering news, features, sports, entertainment and the arts, community contributions, and much more.

We are interested in local stories from: Arcadia, Berrilee, Berowra Waters, Cattai, Canoelands, Dural, Fiddletown, Forest Glen, Galston, Glenorie, Maraylya, Maroota, Middle Dural, South Maroota & Wisemans Ferry.

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

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

Copy to be received by 15th of the month.

We love to hear from our community.



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Galston Rural Fire Service Fire Captain MATT WHITE	0407 390 955
Glenorie Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ROD DERRIMAN	0491 119 152
Hillside Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ANDREW BAILDON	9652 2245
Middle Dural Rural Fire Service Fire Captain LEN BEST	0408 220 705

LOCAL JP's

Mary Ord, Glenorie - 0400 363 563
Julia Billyard, Elude Games, Galston - 8005 0077
Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area)

Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive, every Saturday morning 10:00 AM to noon.

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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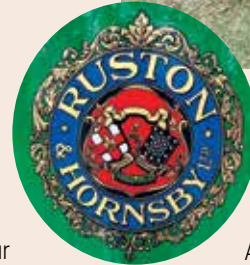
Marvellous Machines



Bringing old stationary engines back to life is a passion amongst some of our "Friends of Fagan Park" volunteers. The once silent, or rattling and clanking and even sometimes spluttering engines are now purposefully putt-putting, rhythmically rumbling with their pistons pumping!

The images show a few of the restored engines at Fagan Park. The Ruston and Hornsby engine is dated around the late 1940's and was used to belt drive machinery and pumps. It is started with a crank handle, having first activated the decompression lever.

You are invited to see some of the engines from our collection in motion at our



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NSW Scout State Rally 2024



By Brigitte Zapletal,
Dural Venturer Scout

In August, I had the great opportunity to go to the Scout State Rally in Cataract Scout Camp, at Appin. Despite the freezing temperatures, our patrol, hilariously nicknamed the Beautiful Bananas, had an amazing time, with some amazing bases and epic night activities. With over 2000 attendees, we made new friends, met old ones and created some unforgettable memories.

State Rally is an annual event that allows scouts to have more individuality and freedom over three wonderful days, while encouraging them to learn the importance of making the right decisions, being safe and careful while having fun in an open, rural environment.

The theme, Ready... Set... Adventure! was a fitting title for the State Rally, with some truly adventurous bases, including the Predator, Fair's Fair and the famous Caves, Flying Fox and Abseiling, bringing an adrenaline high to

everyone who completed them. In particular, the Predator base involved teamwork and communication to successfully get a tag while not losing any lives to skillfully camouflaged and observant predators (aka Leaders) hidden throughout a small, bushy section of the enormous scout camp.

Afterwards, we had the choice to do some activities. We chose to do ring toss, go-carting and football archery. The famous Flying Fox was a great experience, going backwards to get a bit of a thrill. The second night was full of entertainment, with a large bonfire, carnival rides and a disco with an epic light show.

This annual event is one of the many highlights of being a scout and I highly encourage you to come and try it out!

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

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Glenorie Probus Club Activities

In its program of varied and interesting activities The club visited the Ebenezer Church, the oldest extant church building in Australia, built for £400 in 1809 on 4 acres donated by a landholder, all monies contributed by local families. A multi-denominational church, it was built from sandstone quarried nearby. A timber dividing wall separated the front of the church and the rear, which was used as a school.

The adjacent Schoolmaster's Residence is believed to have been constructed in 1817.



A plaque at the step into this building indicates the level of the great flood of 1867.

Following free time to explore the Schoolmaster's Residence and cemetery it was onto the second stop, the nearby Tizzana Winery for wine tastings before a lunch of sandwich platters and hot apple pies. A very pleasant way to conclude another successful outing.

The guest speaker for August was Marie Palmer from the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, a Federal Government entity. She gave a short overview of the properties around the harbour managed by the Trust, being Cockatoo Island, the largest in the harbour, the nearby Snapper Island, the smallest in the harbour, Woolwich Dock, the Submarine Base Platypus, Headland Park stretching from Chowder Bay, past George's Heights to Middle Head, Macquarie Lighthouse and the subject for today North Head Sanctuary, Manly.

She spoke of the Traditional Owners of the North Head Sanctuary, the Gayamagal People. Rock engravings, rock art, burials and shell middens are evidence of their connection with the area. Then the story of the North Fort Battery established in 1936. Until 1952 the fort featured two 9.2 inch calibre guns with a firing range of 26 kilometres. These were serviced



by a network of tunnels and a nearby Plotting Room located 8 metres underground

The area is a rich haven for flora and fauna. It features sand dunes dating back 140,000 years and a hanging swamp which now support rare Banksias, heathland, littoral rainforest and wetlands. It is a refuge for echidnas, reptiles, frogs, long-nosed bandicoots, pygmy possums, brown antechinus and bush rats. An interesting and entertaining talk.

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

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Ssssnake Sssseason is here!

By Karlene Brummer

The warmer weather is starting to wake up all sorts of sleepy snakes in our neighbourhood, from Red Bellies, to Browns and all varieties of pythons.



Recently, I was fortunate enough to witness the extraordinary event of my resident Diamond Python's slow and steady migration from the roof of my house, to a tree in the garden and then up onto the NBN cable, where it continued to make a carefully executed slither along the narrow wire for about 10 metres to a neighbouring property.

While pythons are not poisonous, they can give a nasty nip if not handled correctly, so best to leave them to do their thing! They eat all sorts of vermin so can be handy to have on your property - but make sure any bird enclosures you may have are properly secured and snake- proofed.

If you have a super snake snap, please send to editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au for a chance to be included in our next issssssssue!



ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

All the signs are there for us to see ... the beautiful spring flowers, Azaleas, Iris, Daisies, closely followed by Crab Apple blossoms and Manchurian Pear Tree blossoms ... our local gardens look amazing !!!

Other 'definite' signs of the weeks passing quickly are 'the School Holidays timetable' and love-it or not ... Daylight Saving !!!

However shared Charity work remains 'a constant'. Arcadian Quilting and The CWA are two groups where friendships can remain for many years. Planning and working with other like-minded people is a good example of commitment.



When so much around us keeps changing, the opportunity to work towards a goal and to keep an eye on the bigger picture is of great importance. These Community Connections can be appreciated when reading this plaque which supports the beautifully crafted Fan Quilt, (pictures left) made by Maxinne O'Toole, her thoughtful, personal memento to past shared friends.



Both plaque and Quilt are on display in The Community Centre, Galston.

The ARCADIAN quilting group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9.30 am. Meetings are held in the Community Health Centre, The Glade, Galston at 9.30 am.

For further information please call Carole on 9894 7749.

Are You Overlooking the Signs of Dry Eye Disease?

Do your eyes feel irritated, watery, or blurry after spending time on your computer, phone, or tablet? You might be experiencing the early signs of Dry Eye Disease (DED) without even realising it. Many people, from children to retirees, dismiss these symptoms as minor inconveniences, but Dry Eye can significantly affect your quality of life if left untreated.

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A statement from Mayor Philip Ruddock



As I approach the end of my second term as Mayor of Hornsby Shire, also marking the end of over 50 years of public service, I reflect on my deep-rooted connection with local government and passion for my beloved Hornsby Shire. Like my Shire President father before me, who I watched preside over Council meetings in the 1960s, it is my strong belief that there is nothing more satisfying than to serve my community. I have dedicated my life to improving the lives of others.

Hornsby Shire is a special place. I am passionate about preserving its unique character – both from an environmental and heritage point of view. I have always maintained that our role as a Council is to ensure we meet the development demands that are put upon us in a way which has respect for the special character for the Shire, and in doing so, there needs to be constructive community engagement.

I am proud that during my term of office, I successfully oversaw the adoption of the Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan. More recently I have advocated on behalf of Council to the NSW Government around its medium density housing reforms. It is important that we get the balance right between development and preserving our precious bushland and open spaces.

Following in my father's footsteps, who famously coined the phrase 'The Bushland Shire', I have tirelessly campaigned to preserve and grow Hornsby Shire Council's tree canopy – the lungs of Sydney. Under my guidance, Council initiated its successful 'Greening Our Shire' campaign, which saw 30,000 trees planted across the Shire, ensuring our bushland is preserved for future generations.

Hornsby Shire has a well-deserved reputation for sound financial management, a strength that has been built upon further during my term of Council. Indeed, during my tenure, my fellow Councillors and I have made tough decisions to ensure continued financial sustainability. I'm proud that Council's most recent Long Term Financial Plan puts it in good stead to maintain financial sustainability for the next 10 years.

During my time as Mayor, Council progressed major projects for our community including the ambitious plan to build a major recreation space at Hornsby Park, soon to see the first stages come to fruition; the Galston Aquatic Centre upgrades; a new boat ramp at Wisemans Ferry; Storey Park Community Centre; public domain improvements in Asquith and countless parks and playgrounds.

My time in Council has not been without its challenges and shocks. It has been my privilege to be a steady hand, successfully steering Hornsby Shire through the many trials of recent years including the COVID-19 pandemic with all its uncertainties and complications, severe storms and multiple unprecedented floods. My campaign with other Sydney Mayors saw the NSW Government commit substantial funds to repair flood-damaged roads across Sydney, including Hornsby Shire's rural areas, helping to keep Sydney moving.

I consider myself to be a person for the people. It has been my great pleasure to preside over hundreds of Citizenship Ceremonies, coming face to face with thousands of new residents from all over the world. I have been proud to attend countless community and civic events and helped numerous people through regular Mayoral meetings, which I initiated when I first came to office. My goal to extend the capacity for community consultation has seen Council establish a new digital engagement platform and other initiatives to greatly increase the opportunity for residents' voices to be heard.

Importantly, under my leadership Councillors have worked together collaboratively to deliver positive outcomes for the people of Hornsby Shire. That's a rare achievement, where Liberals, Greens and Labor have come together in the best interests of the community.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to dedicate my life to service, and to see out my career in public office by making a difference in my own community has been incredibly special to me. I thank my family – my wife Heather and daughters Caitlin and Kirsty – for their continued support. I also thank my fellow Councillors, the staff of Hornsby Shire Council, and most of all the community, for the opportunity to be your Mayor – it has been an honour.

Letters to the Editor

Sign of the Times

Many live in the area for its semi-rural charm and open spaces. Why then, are some hell-bent on turning it into an overgrown ugly advertising billboard?

There is no reinforcement of advertising signage regulations. All manner of businesses place their A-frames and promotional flags 24/7 on land which isn't theirs, outside property boundaries and on Council green spaces.

Throughout the Galston, Glenorie and Hills districts, signage is screwed or nailed into electricity poles, a practice which is illegal and dangerous. The Electricity Supply Act 1995, The Electoral Act 2017 and Ausgrid's own network standards all prohibit the attachment of material to electricity assets without approval.

In 2023 a Brisbane man was lucky to be alive after he tried to nail an illegal sign to a pole. It punctured a 11,000v cable which caused a

19,000 degree electrical arc explosion as well as cutting power to 1,500 homes.

Spare a thought for electricity crews who often have to climb poles at night and during severe weather in pouring rain with low visibility. The nails, screws and signs themselves can damage protective clothing and put the workers in a very dangerous situation.

There are other legitimate and economical ways to advertise. Letterbox drops still work, even in this digital age of limitless communication and websites.

Pleasant semi-rural streetscapes are now fast becoming advertising graffiti corridors, thanks to the actions of self-centred business owners.

And before they start whinging about "tough times", death by misadventure is a sure way to solve it.

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This year we are proud to present our amazing Arcadian Artists Team. These are the individuals who work tirelessly to make our creative Trail arguably the best home-grown Exhibition in Australia. We are a dynamic group of artisans who combine to give our visitors a unique and special experience. Ponder Ulrich Steiner's Stainless-steel sculptors, Clare Oliver's phenomenal photography, Merilyn Chappell's wonderful watercolours and Sandra Vumbaca's stunning ceramics. This is a community event that is second to none. Rebecca Jackson will also be joining us to show her talent with drawing and design, and sharing the beautiful setting of her studio.

Each of seven venues has five or more artists, whose remarkable hand crafted items will be enjoyed and purchased by visitors from far and wide. Our studios are located in the beautiful rural outskirts of Sydney where farmland and fresh air are plentiful. The photograph of the committee was taken in Fagan Park which exemplifies the heart of our Trail.

Why not come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the bush with us on **Saturday and Sunday 9th-10th November**. You will be delighted to meet the artists who are passionate about their craft and see how they work in their authentic spaces.



Back row: Ulrich Steiner, Eva Dominello, Rebecca Jackson, Anne Steiner, Julia Elsey (absent - Carole-Anne Lunn) Front Row: Sandra Vumbaca, Merilyn Chappell, Kathleen Berney, Clare Oliver

Food trucks and cafes are abundant in the area so put a mark on the calendar, join with friends and family, and experience one of the most memorable occasions of the year.

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Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November 2024
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The Arcadian Artists is an important opportunity each year to rally and support each other and serve the community. There are 7 exciting galleries to visit and one of those is **Clare Oliver's** at 95 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

Clare opens her home for the event and exhibits her photography along with 7 other artists. Clare is a master photographer who captures the essence of people and animals with humanity and humour. She is joined by her father and hero David Oliver who is an Award winning fine-art, travel and landscape Grandmaster photographer.

A highlight of this venue is the **charity BBQ to support Arcadia Public School**. This year local families are volunteering to cook up a BBQ feast using **Taylor Angus Beef Sausages** donated by **Taylor Fine Foods**. Enjoy Grass-fed Angus Beef direct from the farm and pasture raised by Taylor Pastoral at The Rise Longford Farm, Faulkland, NSW.

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Hornsby Spring Fest to Bring A Vibrant Day of Music and Fun to the Shire

For the first time in Hornsby, a street festival will descend on Peats Ferry Road and Dural Lane, bringing a celebration that transitions from a fun-filled afternoon to a lively evening on Saturday 16th November.

Hornsby Spring Fest will transform the area from 2pm to 9pm, with live music, market stalls, food trucks, a licensed bar, roving entertainment, along with kids' activities, making it an event the whole family can enjoy.

Hornsby Shire Council General Manager, Steven Head said he's delighted to see vibrancy being injected into our streets, with the street festival set to bring the community together.

"I am thrilled that Council can hold a festival along Peats Ferry Road this spring, providing a bigger and better celebration of entertainment and local artists, and a chance to support local businesses. It is a wonderful day-to-night event filled with fun, so make sure you save the date in your calendar and join us on the day," Steven said.

Hornsby Spring Fest will come alive with music from a range of lively performers including The Funky Monkeys

(hits from the 80s, 90s and 00s), Lucky Larley (African dance and drumming), Samba Brazil (Brazilian capoeira, dance and drumming) and Gang of Brothers (funk and soul), as well as local school bands and performance groups.

Alongside the entertainment and activities, taste buds will be set alight by international food from food trucks including Yan's Asian Caterer, Hi Chef with Vietnamese street food, Empanada Che with Argentinian empanadas, East Blue Seafood with lobster rolls, Satay Brothers with Malaysian delights, Fritz's Wieners with German sausages, and Piggy & Moo with gourmet burgers and loaded fries. There will be fairy floss for the kids from Glow Fairy Floss, Kubarz pop-up bar will serve delicious drinks, from beers to cocktails, and of course a great range of food and drink available from all the existing eateries in the area as well.

Hornsby Spring Fest is funded by the NSW Government's Open Streets Program led by Transport for NSW, in association with Hornsby Shire Council.

Minister for Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-Time Economy, Jobs and Tourism John Graham said: "We're excited to support



this event in Hornsby. Too often our main streets are something we drive through, rather than drive to. Our streets are a critical part of our public and social infrastructure. Great streets make great towns and centres and reflect the local community and culture.

"The Open Streets program is about temporarily transforming our main streets into vibrant and welcoming public event spaces. The colour and diversity of these 130 events celebrates the unique personality of each town or suburb. This is what our vibrancy agenda is all about, backing locals to create events and entertainment that works for their local community."

For more information, visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/SpringFest>

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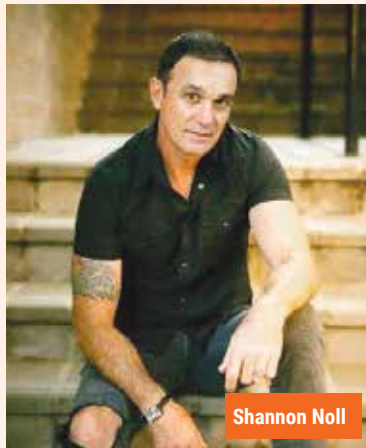


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Sunset Concert Series

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable weekend of live music at Fagan Park, Galston, this November 2nd and 3rd, as the Sunset Concert Series brings some of Australia's most iconic artists right to your doorstep. This two-day event promises to transform the picturesque surroundings of Fagan Park into Sydney's ultimate outdoor entertainment venue.



Shannon Noll

The Sunset Concert Series boasts a stellar lineup of legendary Australian acts who have shaped the nation's music scene. Among the performers are **Shannon Noll**, **Pseudo Echo**, **1927**, **Dragon**, and **Sarah McLeod**, offering a diverse range of musical styles that will resonate with audiences of all ages. Supporting them will be some of the most exciting local talent, ensuring a showcase of both celebrated and emerging artists.

This is a **ticketed event**, where guests will enjoy a relaxed, picnic-style atmosphere. So grab your picnic blanket, gather your friends, and immerse yourself in a spectacular evening of entertainment. In addition to the music, the event will feature an array of **food trucks** and a **licensed bar**, ensuring a variety of delicious dining options to enhance your experience.



Pseudo Echo

Whether you're a fan of rock, pop, or everything in between, the **Sunset Concert Series** offers something for everyone in a setting that beautifully blends music and nature.

To see the full lineup for each night, visit our website at www.sunsetconcertseries.com.au and be sure to book your tickets through Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.com.au – Sunset Concert Series. Tickets are selling fast, and with limited availability remaining, don't miss out on your chance to be part of this incredible event!

For updates and more information, follow us on Facebook at **Sunset Concert Series AU** and on Instagram at **Sunset_Concert_Series**.

Get ready for an amazing weekend of music and memories at Fagan Park. See you there!

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Glenorie Progress Association

Glenorie Progress Association supports the "FOUR WEEKS TO FIRE READY" challenge the combined initiative of The Hills Shire Council and The Hills Rural Fire Service to help you be prepared for the coming fire season.

GPA member Clr Mitchell Blue is also an active member of the RFS. As part of his roles on the Bush Fire Risk Management Committee and The Hills Rural Fire District Community Engagement team he has worked alongside Clr Jessica Brazier, also an active member of the RFS and Inspector Nathan Barnden to produce an online fire awareness and preparedness program "Four Weeks to Fire Ready" challenge.

It is 22 years since Glenorie saw the devastating bushfires that left our community in shock and reeling from the impact of losing multiple homes and lives. During the 2 decades since those fires, Glenorie and surrounding areas have seen an influx of new residents who may never have experienced BUSHFIRE.

The "Four Weeks to Fire Ready" challenge will walk you through the 4 basic steps of your Bushfire Plan.

ARE YOU READY FOR BUSHFIRE SEASON?

Join the *Four Weeks to Fire Ready* challenge, a collaboration between **The Hills Shire Council** and **NSW Rural Fire Service!**

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- **Week 1:** Discuss your bushfire plan
- **Week 2:** Prepare your home
- **Week 3:** Know the alert levels
- **Week 4:** Stay informed

Don't wait—sign up now to take action and protect your community. Together, let's be fire ready!

<https://mailchi.mp/a88989a80873/four-weeks-to-fire-ready-2024>

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Pavers Update

It's exciting to see so many Glenorie families supporting the paver drive. Great news - we will be ordering the first sample of pavers very soon. These will be on display at a Woollies stand once they arrive. Date to be confirmed... WATCH THIS SPACE.

For more information go to our website: www.glenorieprogress.org or email pavers@glenorieprogress.org.au

Join the GPA

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 the above website. We meet at Glenorie RSL 2nd Thursday every month, dinner in the Bistro from 6pm and meeting downstairs at 7:15pm. Many thanks to Glenorie RSL for your continued support of the GPA.



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Tania Salitra – Greens for Hornsby

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Residents are angry with the Liberal incompetence that led to the recent rate increases. Handing over Epping to Parramatta Council resulting in a loss of \$10 million in rates each year; the \$90 million in pork-barrelled money forcing us into trophy projects we can't afford to complete or maintain - with an unachievable deadline that could have been extended, but wasn't. While essential services are ignored.

With over a decade of neglect by Liberals and now Labor, parents are desperate for more public schools, especially a high school. Proper resourcing for critical learning support is needed, but public schools are underfunded by \$2 billion a year.

Teachers and nurses deserve more pay and better working conditions. Hornsby Hospital needs more funding. We urgently need affordable housing, well-connected cycle paths, better bus services, and more parking at Cherrybrook metro station.

State roads are a neglected mess. I want solutions for New Line Rd that improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow. The community needs to know what is in the \$20 million traffic study so we can do more than just widen 1km of road.

As proved on Council, I will be the strong voice needed to stand up to state planning changes about to destroy our neighbourhoods and tree canopy. I will push to end private certification. I will fight for action on climate change and stronger laws to protect Hornsby's precious environment.

With my background in manufacturing management and running a small business, I know how to get the job done. I have the tenacity and experience to make our community heard. Hornsby, I will represent you, not property developers.

Please contact me on 0435 434 233 or tania@taniasalitra.com

2024 Hornsby State by-election

The Hornsby State by-election on **Saturday, 19th October 2024** is to elect of a member of the Legislative Assembly.

Do I need to vote?

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Check your enrolment and state electoral district details here: <https://roll.elections.nsw.gov.au/NSWLookUp/>

If you are not enrolled in or are not eligible to be enrolled in the electoral district of Hornsby, you cannot vote in this by-election.

Early voting opens on **Saturday, 12th October 2024**.

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Raising his two-year-old son Ben with his wife Sarah, James understands the challenges that many households face as house prices, rents, and cost-of-living pressures increase, while more strain is placed on the services we rely on.

James will fight to ensure funding for **New Line Road upgrades** is finally delivered to ease local congestion. Labor has delayed this funding at a time when traffic and congestion is worse than ever before.

With your support, James will **protect the unique character and lifestyle** we all enjoy, **fight for more support** for families and households, and **stand up against Labor's** cuts to schools, hospitals, and cost-of-living support.

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Discover essential auction tips for sellers

Selling at auction creates excitement and competitive bidding, which can often result in a higher sale price.

Whether it's your first time selling at auction or your tenth, it's natural to feel a bit jittery. The lead-up and the day of the auction can be quite stressful and overwhelming.

However, understanding the auction process can significantly boost your confidence. With this support, you'll navigate the auction more effectively and feel more assured about the outcome.



Property marketing for selling at auction.

The success of selling at auction largely depends on the marketing strategy leading up to it. A good marketing campaign is crucial because the more people who know about the property selling at auction, the more people will sign up to bid.

Your real estate agent will assist you throughout the entire campaign. They will ensure that your property is presented well for open houses, communicate with potential buyers, gather their feedback, and keep you informed about the campaign's progress.

What to expect before an auction.

The day before the auction, your sales agent will meet with you, often on their own and sometimes with the auctioneer, to discuss the schedule, pricing, and reserve price. They will also discuss bidding increments and the expected bidders. Vendor bids and what happens if the reserve price is not met will also be addressed.

Your real estate agent will also advise you on when and how to communicate with them during the auction. It's important to know when and how to talk to the agent during the auction to keep things running smoothly.

What to expect on auction day.

In NSW, potential bidders must register before the auction starts to get a bidder's number.

Before the bidding starts, the auctioneer will introduce themselves and their agency. They will also make legal announcements and discuss the property's features and benefits.

The auctioneer sets the expectations for what bidding increments will be accepted, but bidders can offer any amount.

When the bidding reaches the reserve price, the auctioneer will accept the highest bid. The auctioneer will then declare the property sold with a hammer drop. If the property doesn't sell at auction, the auctioneer will pass it in. Then, the auctioneer and agent will try to negotiate a sale with the highest bidder.

Top auction tips for sellers.

- **Book your auctioneer in advance:** Make sure to book an auctioneer in advance so they can get to know the property. Attend a few of their auctions if you're curious to see their selling style.
- **Prepare properly:** Auctions start with an open for inspection to give potential buyers an opportunity for one final walk-through. Ensure your property looks its absolute best, inside and out, drawing attention to the home's key selling features.
- **Set an appropriate reserve price:** Bidders may lose interest if the reserve price is too high, so it's important to be realistic and heed your agent's advice.
- **Attend the auction:** If the property doesn't sell at auction, the highest bidder can negotiate with you afterwards. Being present or close by on auction day is important. Watching the auction will also give you an insight into how invested bidders seem.

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Message from the General Manager

As a council, we are passionate about developing arts and culture in the Shire and strive to support local artists, while providing cultural opportunities for our residents. We are fortunate to have the wonderful Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in Hornsby which hosts exhibitions, print making, workshops and more. This month, the centre will be filled with 65 exceptional contemporary artworks when the Hornsby Art Prize exhibition returns from 25 October – 10 November.

Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the national art prize has attracted 600 entries from around Australia. The quality of this year's entries was particularly impressive, and I encourage you all to visit the exhibition to experience the fabulous Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Digital Art Stills and Sculpture works. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize.

With the wonderful spring weather, it's a great time to get out and about and enjoy a range of other activities this month in the Shire. Discover our beautiful natural surrounds on a spring guided bushwalk, help #SayHighForest by joining our community planting event in Castle Hill or become a Bushcare volunteer. Take a dip in the heated pool at the Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre or book the kids in to learn to swim.

And if you're planning to have a spring clear out at home, please consider having a garage sale, donating unwanted items to a charity shop, giving them to someone who can use them, or bringing them to the Community Recycling Centre in Thornleigh.

By the time this column is published, the results of the NSW elections are likely to have been declared. Please keep an eye on our website for information about our new Mayor and Councillors – hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Steven Head
General Manager,
Hornsby Shire Council

What's on

HORNSBY ART PRIZE 2024
25 OCTOBER – 10 NOVEMBER

Wallerobba Arts and Cultural Centre
25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

TUESDAY – SUNDAY
10AM-4PM
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EXHIBITION

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#SayHighForest

Community Planting – Castle Hill
Sunday 13 October, 10am – 12pm. All ages welcome. Includes short, guided walks through Blue Gum High Forest. Meet at the end of Woodlark Pl. near Erlestoke Park, Castle Hill.

Hornsby Shire Aussie Bird Count
Saturday 19 October, 8am – 11am
- Rosemead Road picnic area, Rosemead Road, Hornsby.
- Day Road Trail, Day Road, Cheltenham.
Learn tips and tricks on how to identify local birds. The survey includes a short bushwalk and a picnic breakfast. Bookings essential.
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Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

Chipping for Mulch - Galston
Sunday 27 October, 7.30am – 12.30pm
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Dural and District Historical Society Inc News from History Cottage

A group of Society members toured Windsor and Richmond on the 31st August. Our guide was Stuart Read, Senior Heritage Officer from the NSW Dept of Environment. On this occasion special attention was given to the evidence of Governor Macquarie's town planning and the remaining early heritage buildings. The group was privileged to be given a guided inspection of Durham Bowes by its owners. The earliest part of the house was built during the first ten years of settlement. After lunch in Smith's Park, a talk in St Peter's Anglican Church and cemetery and Stuart giving a talk in Richmond Park on the reasons for such places, we headed for home.



Our guest speaker in September was, Pamela Melocco. This was a fascinating insight into a true success story of brothers from Italy who influenced Australian architecture. Their tiles are such an integral part of Art Deco and our public buildings, they have become part of what we think of as Australian. A walk through Sydney and the larger country towns, can be made even more interesting if it includes keeping an eye out for works using the Melocco tiles.

The 12th October meeting is the Society's AGM. Rather unusually attendance at our AGM is a well



attended happy event. It is a Show and Tell, when members and friends bring an object that is of special interest to them and always to others. It is sometimes the first occasion a member has spoken to an audience but their enthusiasm and understanding listeners, make it a most enjoyable afternoon. Please come and test your knowledge on some of the mystery items.

The 9th November. David Jehan will tell us about the Hudson Brothers.

Meetings are held in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston, starting at 2.00pm. Free entry with afternoon tea for a gold coin. Local jam on sale. Enquiries to Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.



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ADULT FICTION

IN THE MARGINS BY GAIL HOLMES

In England, 1647, Frances Wolfreston, a rector's wife, is put in charge of the awful task of enforcing religious compliance. As Frances takes increasingly bold steps to help the innocent people of the parish, she attracts the ire of a parishioner who questions Frances' collection of books. When her mother is gaoled for religious crimes, the secrets Frances hides begin to surface, and she is faced with an impossible choice.

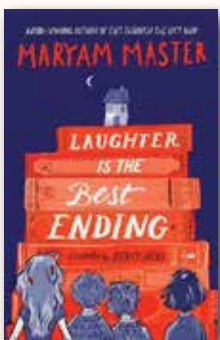


Inspired by a real person, this is the story of a spirited book-collector who uniquely preserved the earliest part of Shakespeare's legacy and is a testament to the way literature can illuminate our lives and set us free.

JUNIOR FICTION

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST ENDING BY MARYAM MASTER

Zee is a loner so her parents decide to send her on a five-day camp, hoping she'll make 'at least one friend'. But Zee would rather take a bath in Tabasco sauce than attend a camp called Youth Fusion. With influencer Tiffanee and super-nerds Jonah and Moses, Zee soon finds herself in the middle of a mystery, involving some fierce detective work and bringing her face-to-face with the notorious Old Bat Viv.



Enhanced with illustrations by Astrid Hicks, this is a heartwarming and hilarious story about being yourself and finding your people.

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Bushfire Ready... Anytime, Anywhere

Unprecedented wildfires raging in California serve as a sombre reminder of what can happen during hot summers here in Australia. Hills residents need to be on high alert because bushfires can strike anywhere, anytime and once they take hold, they become a lifeforce of their own.

Residents should be preparing now because it takes time, planning and resources. People living on what the RFS call the "Urban Interface" know that living amongst the gum trees has never been more dangerous!

The last few years of La Nina rainfall has generated a huge fuel load in the bush. Although another La Nina is predicted, the threat of bushfires during the hot dry periods is very real indeed.

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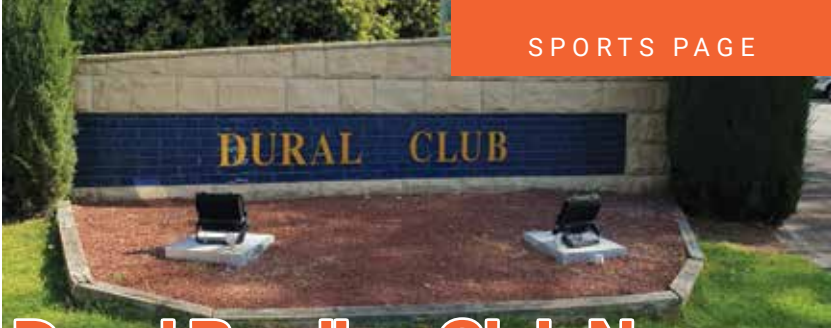
Held on the St Albans Common, 6km north of St. Albans on Wollombi Road. The Common is 27kms from Wisemans Ferry.

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- Carp Fishing Comp from Fri 3pm - Sunday noon
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Dural Bowling Club News

The Open Gender Pairs Competition is currently taking place on Saturdays at the Dural Bowling Club. The final is scheduled for Saturday 28th September.

The Dural Country Club has been rebranded as Dural Club with an updated logo. A reopening will take place on the 29th September with the slogan - to experience the new Dural Club. The bowlers as well as all the members are very excited as we have seen the gradual improvements over the last year. We have now a great expectation of a more promising future at Dural Club.

The last weekend in September will be a busy one for the bowlers with the final of the Open Gender Pairs on Saturday 28th, the reopening of Dural Club on Sunday 29th and an Open Gender Triples Carnival on Monday 30th.

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Galston High School Partners with Dural Men's Shed to Enrich Student Experience



Galston High School has forged an exciting partnership with the Dural Men's Shed, offering students a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on learning across woodworking, metalwork, and electronics. This innovative program has seen Year 8, 9, and 10 students immerse themselves in practical skills development, guided by skilled hobbyists and former professionals.



During Term 2, Year 8 students participated in the program, and it continued with Year 9 and 10 students in Term 3. The school is already planning to include another group of students in Term 4.

Each Friday, students rotate through three distinct workshops. In metalwork, they have designed, cut, and welded custom desk organizers. Electronics sessions involved building battery-powered remote-control cars, culminating in a thrilling final-day race. Woodworking projects included crafting car frames, bowls, and paper towel holders using lathes. Notably, the boys eagerly anticipated the weekly sausage sizzle lunches, where the sheer appetite of growing teenagers amazed everyone.

Beyond these engaging projects, students have gained vital life skills such as persistence, resilience, and focus. They learned to refine their work to meet high standards and improved their project management and communication skills through interactions with their mentors.

A standout feature of the program has been the chance for students to connect with



positive male role models from the Men's Shed. The strong rapport developed between the boys and volunteers has been a highlight, with students eager to absorb the mentors' wealth of experience.

As Year 9 and 10 students continue to benefit from the program, Galston High School eagerly anticipates sustaining this valuable partnership in the years ahead. Our school, along with our students and their families, deeply appreciates the Dural Men's Shed for their commitment to helping our students reach their personal best.

Dural Public School Bands Shine at Recent Eisteddfods!



We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our Concert Bands and Ensembles at the recent Eisteddfods. Our talented musicians showcased a diverse range of music, from folk tunes and classical arrangements to a nostalgic tribute to the silent movie era.



The dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail of our students have truly impressed us. Their hard work and commitment to excellence were evident as they once again took home 1st place at the Penrith Eisteddfod, marking the third consecutive year of this remarkable achievement. Notably, our Year 6 Ensemble and Flute Ensemble were competing against high school ensembles, earning fantastic results in their respective categories.

The results from the competitions:

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod:

- Senior Concert Band: 3rd place in Band Grade Level 2
- Beginner Band: Merit Award

Penrith Eisteddfod:

- Senior Concert Band: 1st place in the Primary Band Section
- Year 6 Ensemble: 2nd place in the Mixed Ensemble Section
- Flute Ensemble: 3rd place in the Mixed Ensemble Section

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful band parents for their unwavering support throughout the competition. Your encouragement and dedication have played a significant role in our success. Congratulations to all our talented musicians—your achievements make us incredibly proud!

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Pacific Hills Christian School Supporting R U OK? Day



On Thursday 12th September, Pacific Hills Christian School community rallied around and supported R U OK? Day.

Students and teachers added yellow accessories to their uniforms and outfits in support of the day and mental health awareness.

500 RUOK? Day stickers were handed out and Wellbeing and Hospitality Prefects ran a BBQ with

all funds raised going to Lifeline. Lauren Graham, Pacific Group Director of Wellbeing writes "What I love about RUOK? Day, is the way it works to destigmatise mental health issues and normalise conversations about checking in with each other about how we are really going. It is such a powerful way to show interest in and support for those who are on this journey." A fundamental part of the Pacific Hills community is caring for each other and showing support, particularly when times are tough. We are proud to get behind a cause like R U OK? Day as we encourage students, teachers and parents to continue to check-in on each other throughout the year.

If you or someone you know need support and someone to talk to, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

The Galston Concerts Sunday 27 October 2024

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

Founders Farewell Gala

Stars return: **Louise Johnson** (Sydney Symp Principal Harp alumna); **Evgeny Sorkin** (Sydney Con violin virtuoso) with pianist **Rachael Lin**; prize-winner organist **Samuel Giddy**.



A farewell to artistic directors **Robert Harris & Dorit Herskovits**, with great music by Bach, Handel, Brahms, Gershwin, Grainger; Russia, France & Spain - wonderful!



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Hornsby Council Development Application - DA/983/2024

Change of Use - Function Centre - (Temporary Use) - 10 Blacks Road, Arcadia

Extract from DA

Proposed Development

It is proposed to use part of the site as a temporary function centre. The image below identifies the areas to be used for functions.

The lawn area is proposed to be used for gatherings for ceremonies such as a micro wedding or elopement. The Cabana and external dining area is proposed to be used for catering and dining activities (food & drink) associated with the temporary functions.

Functions will be limited to a maximum period of 28 days (whether or not consecutive days) in any period of 12 months, excluding time required for set up and pack down.

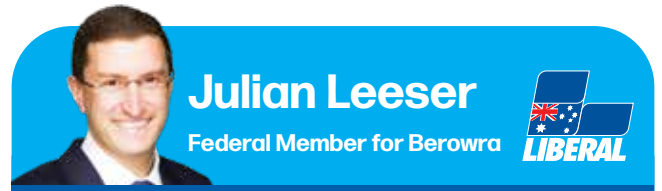


Table 1 Occupancy and trading hours

Location	Max People	Hours	Restrictions
Lawn Area	50	Mon to Sun - 8am-6pm	Refer to Pulse White Noise Acoustics Report - R3
Cabana & External Dining area	50	Sun to Thu - 8am to 6pm Fri & Sat - 7am to 10pm	Refer to Pulse White Noise Acoustics Report - R3

The application is now open for submissions.

Disclaimer: The information above is merely an extract from the DA and does not provide full details of the application. We advise anyone who wants to view the full application to go to Hornsby Councils Website (DA Tracker application) using the DA number above.



Our electorate is changing. As you may be aware, the Australian Electoral Commission has finalised the new boundaries for Berowra which means I'll now be representing Waitara, as well of all of Normanhurst, Asquith and Hornsby, and also Epping and North Epping – areas once represented by former Prime Minister John Howard. Sadly it means that I'll be losing the Hills Council part of West Pennant Hills and Carlingford, which I've particularly enjoyed representing. I see the boundary changes as an opportunity to represent an even more diverse and interesting electorate. I'm looking forward to getting out to even more community events and meeting old and new locals, so please say hi if you see me around.

Many people in our community will know the wonderful local veteran, Ray Davis, as the principal organiser of local Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations. Sadly, Ray recently passed away after a life of service to our country and community both at war and in peace. I recently had the great privilege of speaking about him in the Parliament to recognise his remarkable contribution.

I've been talking a lot about the concerns of Berowra locals in the Parliament. One issue that I've been speaking about is the cost of living. I know that increased fuel, electricity, gas and grocery prices and the rise in mortgage repayments and rents is making life tough for people in our community. As your voice to our Parliament, I am determined that the Parliament hears the concerns of our community.

Did you know a local business grows most of the lettuce sold in New South Wales and Victoria? That is what Bonello Farms in Kenthurst does and I had the chance to visit and check out the operations recently. We have lots of agricultural businesses in our area which supply food for our nation. I am keen to ensure that our community always maintains its mix of suburban, rural, and river communities.

Finally, after a long wait, the new portraits of his Majesty the King have finally arrived. I've been presenting them to local community organisations recently. If you would like a portrait of the King, please contact my office.

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Authorised by Julian Leeser MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Level 11, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

Bromeliad Society of Australia - Guest Speaker Bob Sharpley

The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday, 5th October with sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12 noon.

The guest speaker will be one of our dedicated committee member's Bob Sharpley who will discuss his trials and tribulations of installing a suitable watering system for bromeliads.

After too many plants being damaged by the heat because he wasn't home to water, he knew he needed to organise a watering system where his plants could water whenever he was away from home.

He researched watering systems and decided to go with a WiFi watering system which could be turned on or off as needed.

Since using this system he hasn't lost or had any damaged plant due to excessive heat.

He installed uv protected nylax tubing with several different misting tips every metre.

The system can be preset to turn on up to 12 times a day or can be turn on manually.

There will be our usual 'Show, Tell and Ask' session and the very popular plant raffle.

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

Still Creek Landcare The Creeks and Critters Project

By Nick Chartorisky

The *Creeks & Critters* project, which employed cutting-edge eDNA technology to connect people with their local environment, recently concluded with a final presentation to its dedicated citizen scientists. This grant-funded initiative brought the community together to explore the biodiversity of 41 creekline sites across Hornsby's Bushland Shire.

The presentation highlighted some fascinating findings from the Spring 2023 and Autumn 2024 eDNA sampling, showcasing the diverse range of species detected in our local waterways.

As a proud project partner, Still Creek Catchment Landcare believes this initiative

has provided an invaluable baseline of the existing life in our creeks and surrounds. The results were astounding in the number of creatures detected and reinforced our knowledge of the biodiversity in our creeks in a number of catchments - something we've never had before and is available to all, students, scientists and land developers.

The importance of this baseline information cannot be underestimated as a window to what we have and help in managing the land we hold so dear.

For those interested in exploring the eDNA results further, an interactive data dashboard is now available. To learn more and dive into the data, visit: Community, Creeks & Critters - Using eDNA technology to connect people, place and science.



One of our local volunteers, now a Citizen Scientist, taking an eDNA Sample after being trained up in the process.

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Galston Garden Club

Next meeting will be on 9th October
 Guest speaker will be Michell Jones
 Talks about "The Wonderful world of Begonias"

Only weeks to go until the Galston Garden Club's OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND.

The Club is excited to open 8 acreage gardens and are most grateful to the owners who are probably working tirelessly to present their gardens at their best. These are acreages but have features which can be readily adapted to any garden environment, large or small.

Visitors 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.

The Galston Garden Club would like to thank all the garden owners who have so generously agreed to share their gardens. We hope you have a pleasant and relaxing visit



admiring their handiwork and go home full of enthusiasm for gardening.

Please visit our website for full descriptions of the gardens being presented and where you can buy tickets. All money raised will be distributed among many charities including ones chosen by the garden owners.

Website: galstongardenclub.com.au or
 Email: galstongardenclub@gmail.com

The Galston Garden Club meets on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** at 7.30 in the Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston. At our meeting this month Herbie Hempill of Herbie's Spices gave a very interesting and informative presentation explaining various herbs and spices, and a little about their history. At our October meeting our guest speaker will be Michell Jones,

"The Wonderful world of Begonias". Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings. See you there!



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Hidden In The Hills

Bird Nesting Hollows



By Lachlan Turner

Very old and large trees have the capacity to provide nesting hollows for all manner of Australian wildlife including mammals, reptiles and of course birds. But naturally formed hollows in trees have become scarce due to the removal of these old trees to make way for housing development and agriculture.

Not just any tree hollow will suit a particular bird. Factors such as the angle of entry access, as well as the size of that entry and the depth of the hollow, all have an influence on whether a particular bird species will feel adequately protected in order to successfully breed a new generation.



It has been suggested that it may take up to 200 years for hollows to form that will enable larger birds and animals to find a suitable hollow in which to make their home.

Trees which have been subject to a disease or insect attack, as well as having weather or fire related damage, are ideal



for nature to help in the forming of suitable hollows. Approaching their breeding season birds can be seen "renovating" an existing hollow to better meet their specific needs.

In the absence of adequately formed natural hollows, artificial hollows or bird boxes, can be constructed from suitable weather proof materials to provide a source of accommodation to replace those hard to find naturally formed hollows. The Kenthurst Mens Shed may still have a range of hand made boxes that have been designed to meet the needs of a variety of birds.

This year the "Aussie Backyard Bird Count" will be held during Bird Week from **Monday October 14th to Sunday October 20th**. For more information enter this web address into your browser - <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

The Community Environment Centre will be hosting a "Do You Know That Bird" workshop on Thursday October 17th at 10.00 am.

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Rural Fire Service Blessing Service



In our Hills District, we have come to rely on the Rural Fire Service (RFS) for the mantle of safety they provide against fire and bushfires in particular. We thank the RFS for their selfless service to our district.



At Galston Uniting Church, we recognise their service and the potential dangers they face. So, each year at this time we have a special service of worship for all the local RFS brigades, in order to ask for God's blessing and protection during the coming bushfire season.

Therefore, we welcomed brigades from Galston, Arcadia, Middle Dural, Glenorie, Cherrybrook, Maroota and the Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Support Brigade, many in their bright yellow uniforms with their gleaming red fire trucks taking up the entire entry-way to the church.

The RFS Blessing Service is our opportunity to send them out with God's blessing and our prayers for their safety in the coming bushfire season. This year the service was led by Rev Nich Cole, Associate State Chaplain of the NSW Rural Fire Service. Nich is also the minister at Mt Colah Uniting Church and was a member of

Galston Uniting Church before entering the ministry. It was great to welcome Nic and his wife Sam back to GUC.

This year Mike Mellis, Captain of the Arcadia Brigade, gave an address on "Why I joined the RFS" and the Galston Men's Choir sang "On Eagles Wings".

After the service the Fleet and personnel were blessed in traditional style by the Rev Nic with a backpack spray and of course, the kids enjoyed a first hand experience of the fire trucks with an up close inspection.



You can watch all this on our recorded live-stream of this service at *Galston Uniting Church* on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" *Galston Uniting Church Facebook posts*. **Church services** continue in church at 10am on Sundays.

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

Contact Elizabeth Garlick, Office Manager.
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Religion or Salvation

It is over 115 kms from Jerusalem to Galilee. Yet some of the Pharisees walked that distance just to criticise Jesus. (Mark 7: 1-13). The Pharisees were a group of men who, while they believed in God, made a great many more laws or rules than God ever made for His people. They thought that by doing certain things they scored points with God. All they cared about were outward things. But their hearts were not right with God.

It is tragic when men and women go through life doing things which they think will please God when all the time God is looking for the love and worship of their hearts.

Because the Pharisees had added so many new rules of their own to the law which God had given, their rules had taken the place of God's law. Christ mentioned this when pointing out what they had done to the commandment regarding parents (v.9).

Christ wanted to cut through their man-made rules and help people to see the need of obeying God and having a right relationship with Him. Christ always taught that God wants our fellowship, with no sin between us and Him.

The Pharisees thought that sin was a failure to keep their rules. It was some thing on the outside of a person. But Christ said sin is in the heart. It is not just common dirt on our hands, but the stain of sin deep within our hearts.

Do you understand the difference? Religion is only something we do. Salvation is something which deals with the heart, and only God can do that.

'What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.'

If we confess our sins He (God) will forgive our sins. 1 John 1:9

(a message by the late Rev. Ed Long)

Glenorie Mission Church.
Service time – 10.00 am on Sundays

What is Faith and Why is it so Important?

The word "faith" is often spoken in conversation but at the same time can be quite difficult to define or explain.

So I checked the dictionary meaning and found some useful example sentences.

- ** Her supporters have accepted her claims with blind faith.
- ** Lending him the money to start his own business was a step of faith.
- ** It requires a giant leap of faith to believe that she is telling the truth.
- ** Nothing is more important to him than his faith in God.

Everyday we have faith that the lift in the shopping centre will take us up or down just by the press of a button! When we fly in an aeroplane, we have faith that it will take off, fly and land at our chosen destination. We have faith in the pilot that he is experienced and knows what he is doing!

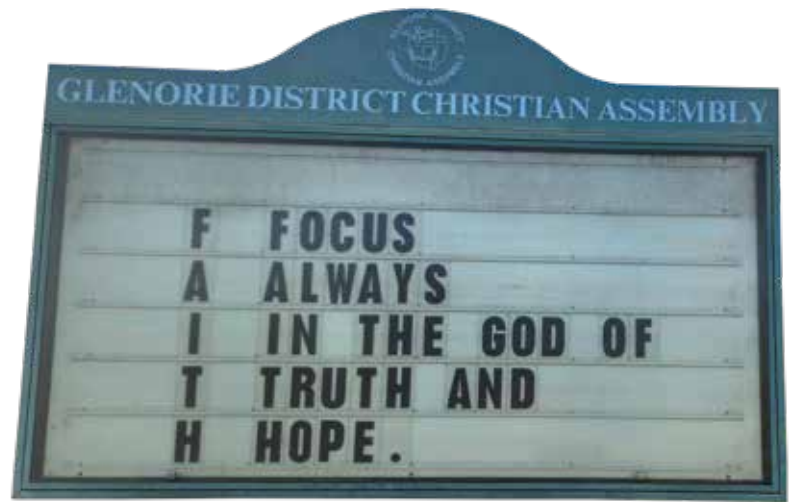
The pressing question comes when we look at the big picture of our lives and how we choose to live it.

** Where will we put our faith?

We exercise faith everyday in the things we SEE - but what about the things we DON'T see, like what will happen tomorrow or next year? We can't control or even organise time in the future and we can't 'make' our dreams come true.

The Bible defines faith as: "the assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

This means that true and lasting faith can be understood as: choosing to believe in God and HIS CHARACTER and then living life in ways that honour, trust and hope in Him.



Three examples:

** Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD. Blessed is the man who trusts and takes refuge in Him."

So we have faith that God is good, even through tough times when it feels otherwise.

** Lamentations 3: 22-23 says, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is His FAITHFULNESS." So we believe that God is faithful even though we don't know the future nor how things will work out.

** John 3:16 tells us that "God so LOVED the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, that whoever BELIEVES in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." So we have faith in God's loving promise that when we believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, we will be in heaven after we leave this earthly life.

Let's be encouraged to focus always in the God of truth and hope. God bless.

Pr. Alex and Dee Valich - Glenorie Community Church
1507 Old Northern Rd Glenorie.
Sunday service: 10am. All welcome!

News from St Benedict's

Opening of St Benedict's Piety Store

The wonderful Lila Bacha (pictured) and her family have organised and set up a complete shop in one of the spare rooms near the



church entrance where there is a huge range of religious goods available for purchase. The shop was opened on the last Sunday in August with a grand celebration after the 9am Mass. Parish priest Father Shansana officially declared the shop open and gave a special blessing. Everyone present was given a blessed St Benedict's medal, an appropriate reminder that our parish is named after St Benedict.

Congratulations to all involved. We even had, thanks to Victoria-Rose, Ella and Sonya Saliba, had popcorn and slushies on hand to add to the fun. All involved have put so much hard work into setting up the shop and the timing couldn't have been better, with confirmation being celebrated in the parish on 12th September. The shop will be opened after most Masses and all profits go to the parish.

Other Activities

All the other activities in the parish are being pursued with enthusiasm. The men of the

parish had another wonderful Meet & Greet and are set to hold the next one on **1st October**. What a great opportunity this offers for men to share camaraderie and support. The youth group for 8-12 year olds is meeting every Friday afternoon in school terms, attendees at the craft group and Maker's Table are busy and on **Sunday 13th October**, for the 27th year, we will be commemorating the Our Lady of Fatima Feast day with a children's re-enactment play, a procession, recitation of the rosary in five languages, Mass and a delicious afternoon tea.

St Benedict's Parish services

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

The Hopeful

Last month we spoke about the “Blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). Ever since I became a believer in Jesus Christ, I’ve tried to keep an eye on world events; especially those mentioned by Christ that would precede His return. Clearly, those days are here! World events, both diabolical and catastrophic, seem to be engulfing our world. The return of Christ is our only hope!

Millions are experiencing uncertainty and hopelessness. While the endless pursuit of pleasure and possessions fills the mind, yet for many, their hearts remains empty. We need a hope that gives us certainty. God’s word says, “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4). God’s word give us “certainty” (Luke 1:1-4). Over the centuries millions have discovered the hope and certainty found in God’s word. It reveals God’s rescue plan through Jesus Christ, His Son. He “died for our sins according to the scriptures...

and He rose again according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3,4); and He will return very soon (Hebrews 9:28). He is the Blessed Hope!

I also find hope in connecting with others of like faith. That’s how our church began in the mid 1800s. Thousands of Christians from various faith’s came together with a single purpose; to understand more deeply the prophecies regarding Christ’s return. It was called the Great Advent Awakening. In their earnest desire to be ready for Christ’s Second Advent, they began to share their hope with great enthusiasm. As a result, they became known as Adventists.

However, they didn’t anticipate a bitter disappointment. Christ didn’t then return, as they expected. And although their hopes were shattered, they experienced renewed comfort and hope as they continued to study the scriptures. Thus, they became known as The Hopeful.

On the **17th October** (this month) a new movie called “The Hopeful,” portraying the story of those early Adventist men and women of faith, who gathered every Sunday for worship, will be screened at the major theatres around Australia. If you want to be inspired and encouraged, please join us as we catch a glimpse into the faith-driven lives of The Hopeful.



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

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade



OPEN DAY FUN

On the 3rd August, Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade welcomed the community into their station for an open day. It was a glorious day; the sun was shining, and it was a great success with more than 100 people coming to visit the team.

It was marvellous to meet so many people, both residents and visitors to our area and most enjoyable seeing the smiling faces on the children who attended when they were checking out the fire trucks and learning how to use a fire hose.

The sausage sizzle was a big hit, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Exclusive Meats North Turramurra for their generous donation of 100 sausages. Also, a big thank you to Women's Work for their donation of relishes which were an absolute winner.



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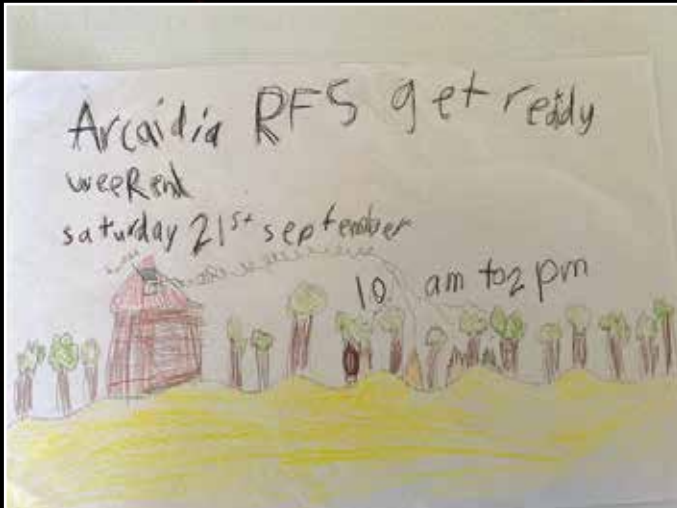
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Arcadia RFS

Arcadia RFS was overwhelmed by the fabulous posters produced by the students of Arcadia Public School to advertise the Get Ready Weekend of Saturday 21st September. Posters by the students were attached to fences, power poles and a bus shelter around the district, which caused some comments from locals as to how talented the students are.

On the day, at the RFS station, it looked like an art exhibition was taking place!! A huge thank you to the students for helping to make the Get Ready Weekend such a success.



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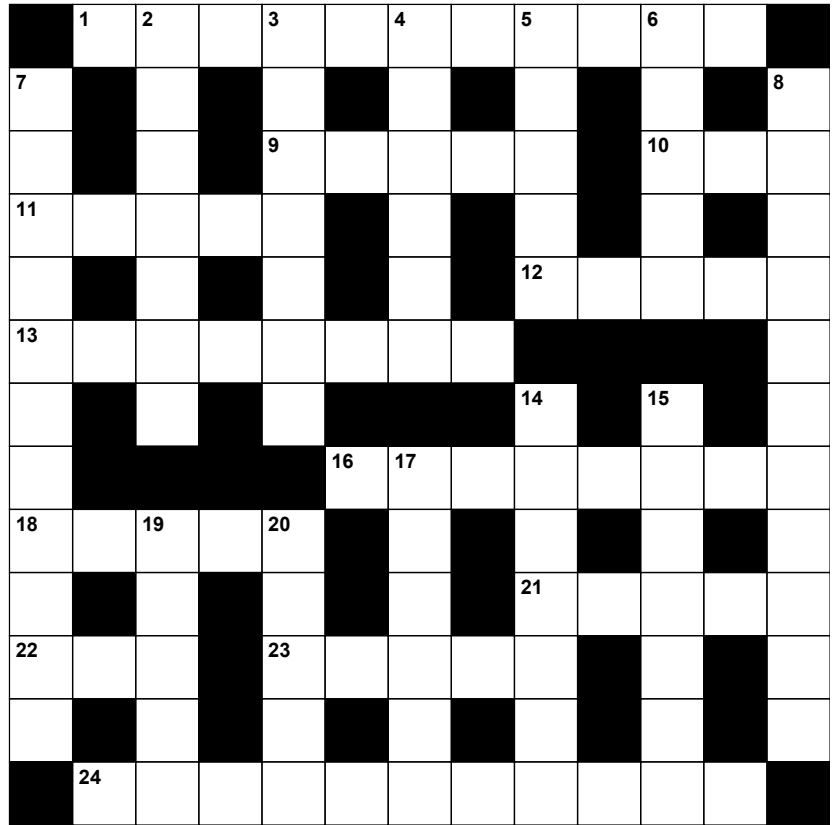
PUZZLE

ACROSS

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- 09 Swift (5)
- 10 Epoch (3)
- 11 Short choral composition (5)
- 12 Music with a recurrent theme (5)
- 13 Device for spraying paint (8)
- 16 Morally compel (8)
- 18 Manner of writing (5)
- 21 Looked at open-mouthed (5)
- 22 Sort; kind (3)
- 23 Sculptured symbol (5)
- 24 Stargazers (11)

DOWN

- 02 Public speakers (7)
- 03 Bring up (7)
- 04 Urges to act (6)
- 05 Senior figure in a tribe (5)
- 06 Sequence (5)
- 07 Camaraderie (11)
- 08 Endorsed (11)
- 14 Cotton fabric (7)
- 15 More cheerful (7)
- 17 Subatomic particle such as a nucleon (6)
- 19 Bonds of union (5)
- 20 Keen (5)



ANSWERS FROM SEPTEMBER ISSUE

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Sudoku

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 Meets 8pm each Friday. Trying to live with someone who has a drinking problem? Come along to these meetings.
 ● Galston Community Health Centre
 ● 9264 9255

Arcadia Community Hall
 Available for functions. Inspections welcome.
 ● 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia
 ● 9847 6504

Arcadia Galston Residents' Association
 Membership is open to all adult residents/ratepayers of postcode 2159.
 ● www.AGRA2159.com.au

Arcadian Quilters
 Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9.30am.
 ● Galston Community Health and Resource Centre
 ● Carole on 9894 7749

Association of Independent Retirees Ltd
 Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10am.
 ● Yarrara Rd Pennant Hills
 ● John Guthrie on 9634 6727

Castle Hill Art Society
 Monthly Meetings and Art Demonstrations are every first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.
 ● 155 Ridgecorp Drive, Castle Hill
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 ● Janet 9653 2959
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Dural and District Historical Society Inc
 Holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston.
 ● History Cottage, 412 Galston Road, Galston is open for research by appointment.
 ● Michael Bell 9653 1365

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group
 We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. 7:00pm for 7:15pm start.
 ● Blue Gum Centre Glenhaven Green 607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven
 ● Graham 8677 7896 or 0402 421 060

Dural and Hills District Garden Club
 Meetings at 8pm on 1st Wednesday of each month.
 ● Mid Dural Fire Station, 57 Mid Dural Road
 ● Di Glasgow 0409 909 161
 ● duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts
 Joys (aged 6-7 years), Cubs (aged 8-10 years) and Scouts (aged 11-15 years) meet weekly at the Scout Hall in Galston Road, Galston. Learn new skills, challenge yourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun!
 ● Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed
 Meets Thursday and Saturday 9am. Woodwork & Metalwork/Welding facilities.
 ● Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd
 ● Chris Thomas 0402 478 498
 ● www.duralmensshed.org

Friends of Fagan Park
 Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.
 ● Ian Browning 0419 435 475
 ● isandian@tpg.com.au

Ferry Artists Gallery
 For info on workshops & membership see
 ● www.ferryartists.org
 ● Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry 2775
 ● 02 4566 4385

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc
 Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm (during school terms).
 New members always welcome.
 ● Galston Primary School Library, School Road, Galston
 ● 0403 076 175

Galston Branch CWA
 Meets on the second Wednesday of each month. New members are sure of a friendly welcome.
 ● Galston Community Health Centre
 ● Patricia 0412 948 787 or Jann 0439 222 217

Galston Community Hall
 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call 9847 6050.
 ● Galston Community Health Centre
 This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade).
 ● 9485 7599

Galston Garden Club
 New members are always welcome. Meetings held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of every month.
 ● Galston Community Centre
 ● Lorraine Muscio 0448 478 161

Girl Guides
 Is an exciting opportunity for girls to learn and develop life skills, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors, make their own challenges, express their creativity and much more. Junior Guides (age 6-9) meet Thursdays 4.30-6pm at Galston Guide Hall and Guides (age 10-14) meet Thursdays 6-8pm at Annangrove Guide Hall.
 ● GalstonDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum
 Meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Let us know of your local environment and heritage concerns.
 ● Glenorie Community Hall
 ● Carolyn Hall carolyn@dphpc.com.au

Glenorie Memorial Hall
 Available for Hire. Seats up to 120 people. Tables and chairs available. Small kitchen/servery.
 ● Pat Schwartz 0419 321 276

Glenorie Progress Association
 Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm.
 ● Glenorie RSL Club
 ● secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au
 ● 0418 432 587

Glenorie Probuc Club
 This Club meets every 4th Wednesday at 11.00am. New members are welcome.
 ● Glenorie RSL Club
 ● Wendy 9653 1022
 ● wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au

Glenorie RSL Club
 Glenorie RSL Sub-Branch meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month commencing at 7pm.
 ● Glenorie RSL Club
 ● Graham Bruce 0432 391 811

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

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

Hills Shire Garden Club
 Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm.
 ● Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill
 ● 9624 5034

Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt
 2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm.
 ● Castle Hill Showground
 ● www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

Hills District Pipe Band
 Bagpipe band based in Castle Hill. Join to learn the bagpipes, snare drum or tenor drum, or enquire for gigs.
 ● Pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com
 ● www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club
 Is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm.
 ● Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights
 ● www.hk4wd.com.au

Pennant Hills Photographic Club
 Meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays each month at 8pm.
 ● Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills
 ● www.phpc.org.au

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.bushwalkingsw.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 Muscros 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
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 ● Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Mt Colah
 ● Jenny 9477 1855

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

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

Dural Rugby Club
 ● efl86029@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
 ● Glenorieidcc@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 Sumska 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
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 ● Care of Galston Community Hall
 ● Jane 9847 6050

Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie
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 ● 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

GLENORIE

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

LEARNING BLOCKS

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

KENTHURST

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

GALSTON

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

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

PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

Thursdays 9:30-11:30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.

We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 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.



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