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Del Rio Resort For Sale

By Bev Jordan

The McNamara family has decided to put the iconic Del Rio Riverside Resort on the Hawkesbury River at Wisemans Ferry up for sale.

The much-loved holiday destination set on a 450-acre estate has been a cherished holiday destination for generations of Australians over 45 years.

Del Rio has been listed for sale through Cushman and Wakefield. In-place development approvals include the installation of 62 mobile homes, 70 holiday apartments and 12 x 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom villas, as well as a motel, helipad, chapel, and a licensed tavern.

Bill McNamara and his wife Pat purchased the property, a former citrus orchard, in 1961 and used it as a family weekender. Prior to the Webbs Creek Bridge being built in 1972 it could only be accessed by a boat across the river.

The McNamara's established Del Rio as a family-friendly resort 45 years ago and it has grown since then, offering a wide variety of accommodation options, including cabins, villas, lodges, holiday homes, powered campsites, and unpowered camping grounds.

Bill McNamara's dream was to create a relaxing, family-friendly getaway for visitors. The resort is known for its peaceful bushland surroundings, offering guests an ideal mix of outdoor adventure and tranquil relaxation.

Its facilities are a major draw for guests of all ages, offering everything from a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts, and a swimming pool, water park, to an on-site licensed café & bistro, children's playground, and access to water sports on the Hawkesbury River.

David Curtis, Co- Head Alternatives, Capital Markets, ANZ at Cushman & Wakefield said: "The sale of Del Rio Riverside Resort presents a rare opportunity for an investor or operator

to take over a well-established business with a strong loyal customer base and a prime location within NSW's flourishing Hawkesbury region."

Raphael Sebban, Associate Director, Alternatives Capital Markets at Cushman & Wakefield added: "This is a once-in-a-generation chance to acquire a landmark destination in one of NSW's most scenic regions.

"Del Rio Resort offers not only exceptional accommodation and facilities but also potential for future growth and development, given the increasing demand for regional tourism experiences.

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NEWS FROM NETHERBY

Reflections of Yesteryear



Fagan Park was buzzing with activity at their recent Yesteryear Open Day. The Netherby veranda and spring garden created a lovely backdrop for our market tables, with the proceeds from sales supporting the maintenance and restoration of Netherby artefacts.

In the leadup to the day, volunteers were busy propagating cuttings from the garden, such as sweetly scented geraniums and succulents. We picked oranges from the tree in the back yard and made Netherby Marmalade; the blacksmiths forged butterflies and small hand tools. Bric-a-brac was collected and proved to be intriguing to visitors. The display looked inviting.

Out in the dairy, visitors were shown how to make butter in an old churn.



Volunteers and even some visitors dressed in vintage attire that reflected the yesteryear theme. Our mechanically minded enthusiasts prepared trucks, tractors and small engines for display. It was a joy to see the old Bruce Fagan Leyland Cub



truck and "Annie Lorry", the Sommerville truck, numerous vintage tractors, along with a group of WW2 military vehicles, parade around Fagan Park.

Fagan Park is something special. The "Friends of Fagan Park" are a dedicated group of volunteers. If you would like to learn about volunteering, please give us a call or drop in on any Tuesday to Netherby. (Contact: Julie 0412 766 553)





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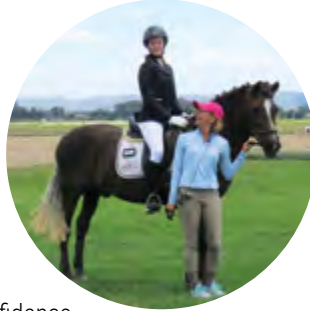
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The Privet Problem

By Karlene Brummer

Each year as I travel around our beautiful suburbs I take particular interest in noticing what types of vegetation are exhibiting the best 'show'. This year I observed that Photinia and Azaleas were flourishing particularly well, but to my dismay so was PRIVET. I don't think I have ever seen as much Privet flowering with such force since I moved here in 2010. Obviously conditions have been just right for this pesky plant to not only spread exponentially, but to positively thrive!

The problem with privet is multifaceted. It is oftentimes used as a hedge or windbreak which is fine – but it must be trimmed before flowering to stop the spread of seeds by either water, bats or birds (particularly Currawongs).

Two types of Privet are prevalent in our location:

1. Smallleaf Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)
2. Broadleaf Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*)

The following information is reproduced from the Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan and the full pdf may be found by going to: <https://sydneyweeds.org.au> if you wish to learn more about this invasive species and how to mitigate it's spread.

Both species of Privet are widespread in bushland gullies and creek lines throughout the Hornsby Shire, extensively in the urban bushland areas. Generally *Ligustrum sinense* is more prevalent in the

urban areas and *Ligustrum lucidum* in the rural areas (on both private and Council managed lands). In residential areas, privet is often found in well established, abandoned or poorly maintained gardens, more frequently in areas with fertile soils.

In the Sydney region, Privet is one of the worst environmental weeds in bushland areas. It poses a significant ecological threat through its progressive and permanent domination of indigenous vegetation, especially in disturbed areas and the more fertile soils of gullies, creeklines and rainforest edges where moisture and nutrient levels are often elevated due to stormwater pollution and sewage overflows. In higher rainfall areas with shale soils it is also known to infest relatively undisturbed bushland. Threatened species and endangered ecological communities are also at threat from Privet invasions. For example, Privet is threatening *Persoonia mollis* habitat and the Blue Gum High

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Forest in the Sydney North region. Privet propagates easily from seed where suitable conditions exist. Small-leaved Privet seedlings can form a dense carpet of over 600 per square metre after a site is initially cleared (Buchanan, R. 1989). The young plants grow aggressively, have no natural enemies and are capable of displacing most native understorey species, forming dense thickets and competing heavily with native plants for light, water and nutrients - casting heavy shade under which little else can grow. An indirect impact of Privet and other fruit bearing exotic trees is that they support artificially high currawong populations, thus affecting other native bird populations. Privet pollen and perfume is also recorded as having significant human health impacts, being highly allergenic and a major contributor to asthma, allergic rhinitis and hayfever. Councils receive numerous complaints every year from residents reporting individual flowering specimens which they feel are exacerbating their condition. However, it has also been reported that these allergic reactions are actually related to the strong, sickly perfume of the flowers rather than the pollen. The leaves and fruit are also poisonous and dangerous to children. If Privet is kept pruned as a hedge with all flowers removed before full development, and thus eliminating the seed source, it does not pose a great environmental or human health risk. However with unchecked growth it will flower and fruit prolifically and spread to other areas.

Method and Rate of Spread

Privet readily reproduces by seed, suckers from damaged stems and roots, and regrows from cut stumps. Each shrub can produce more than 10 000 seeds a year, with seed viability up to 98%. The seeds are spread widely by water, fruit-eating birds such as currawongs, bats, and dumped garden Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan – 2005/2010 10 waste. Exacerbating this, ripe Privet seedheads are regularly sold at

the Sydney Markets to florists for floral arrangements, and Privet seedlings are commonly found for sale at various retail outlets and market stalls. Often this can be as various cultivars but these are prone to revert to the wild type, and most seedlings produced are similar to the wild type.

Species Management

Small Privet plants and seedlings can be manually removed, digging up as much of the main root system as possible to discourage suckering. Over large areas, seedlings can be sprayed using a Glyphosate-based herbicide. Large specimens can be controlled using either the cut and paint, or frilling methods using an undiluted Glyphosate-based product. In bushland areas, Privet should only be controlled where follow-up maintenance and replacement native regeneration/planting can be undertaken, whether by agency staff, contractors or volunteers. Special care needs to be taken along creeklines and in areas at high risk of erosion, where control works should be undertaken with a catchment management focus and possibly with the selective use of the frilling method only.

It is commonly recommended that Privet on private property be replaced with another non-invasive species – some native tree alternatives include Blueberry Ash (*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*), Lilly Pilly (*Acmena smithii*), Water Gum (*Tristaniopsis laurina*) or Cheese Tree (*Glochidion ferdinandi*). For hedging, Lilly Pilly (*Acmena smithii*), *Syzygium* sp and Photinia (*Photinia glabra*) are good alternatives.



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Lost History of Arcadia

By Karlene Brummer

A recent 'off the cuff' conversation with a long term resident of the area regarding the lack of any identifying presence of indigenous occupation/footprint in our local area, sparked a passionate response, when she told me that i was absolutely incorrect in this assumption. I have seen with my own eyes rock carvings at both Maroota and Canoelands, but was unaware of anything further south than these. Unfortunately at some time in the 1960's/1970's, scaremongering

rumours began to spread that if anyone had any sites of Aboriginal significance on their properties that they may be open to their land being repossessed or having a caveat placed upon the title and so many landowners began a subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) process of covering up any identifying artefacts. Luckily history has recorded one such local discovery for posterity, and I include some excerpts from article below:

Excerpt: The Parramatta Press Thursday, January 3, 1957

*Local Aboriginal Art Found
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Parramatta Pressman, Collingridge Rivett, was guided to one of the biggest aboriginal art finds for decades early this week.

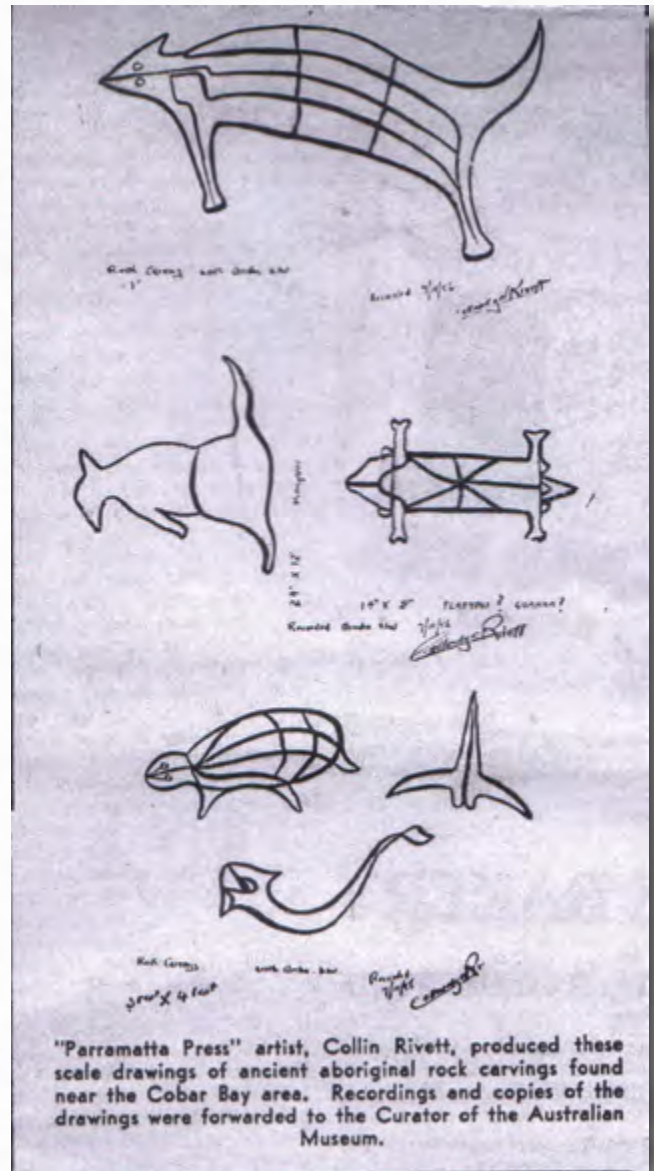
Farmers from the Fiddletown-Annangrove area formed an expedition and cut their way into thick, rough country in Northern Arcadia to enable the pressman to fully record the valuable discoveries.

Well-known Arcadian farmer, Mr. Kenneth Peebles, originally found the fascinating cave with a friend, Alan Gillis, seventeen years ago. After Mr. Peebles heard of the discoveries of rock carvings in this locality some months ago, he informed friends and Parramatta Press. The party, interested in preserving the ancient art of the Australian aboriginals, set out at dawn in a successful attempt to fully record the cave's art. However, bush fires forced the party to return back from the wild hilly country, while sketches and photographs were being made of rock carvings nearby.

The cave, some five miles west of uninhabited Calabash Bay, overlooks a magnificent tropical-like native paradise of lush vegetation and wildlife. The position of the cave suggests it was selected by abo. Elders, as a "royal box", overlooking picturesque ceremonial grounds.

Some thirty paintings were found in the cave, nearly all depicting local wild life. Among the modern-like works were three wallabies, an emu, porcupine, blue-tongued lizard, fish and snakes. There were also five strange man-like characters without necks drawn at the foot of the largest mural. Largest figure seen was a wallaby, about 40 inches long. Some 80 square feet of the cave, which faces south, is decorated with the drawings produced in orange, red and yellow ochres and black pigments. Many figures are 'super-imposed' over each other, showing an abstract pattern. The dyes or ochres used have preserved the stone faces upon which the drawings are produced. Where no drawings show on the wall, the face of the rock is 'sanding' away. Damp, moss and age have ruined many works and the remaining art appears to be fading. It would be correct to assume the art is hundreds of years old. The aboriginal artists certainly selected a fine art gallery for the production of their interesting compositions.

Rock carvings depicting a huge fish-like creature, some 27 feet long, numerous wallabies, an emu, fish and a porpoise were recorded along upright rock faces after the cave was vacated. These carvings were seen by Mr. and Mrs. Peebles some weeks ago. They were found about a mile north-east of the cave. Most significant find of the recording party was a number of fresh water holes above a cliff face. Alongside the holes, well-worn grooves were found. Aboriginals obviously carved and sharpened their axe-heads there.



Experienced bushmen of the party warn people that the area is just not an ordinary Australian 'bush-walker's delight!' Several would-be rock carving finders have become lost and police and locals have had to rescue them from the rugged, little-known ranges of primitive Murrumbidgee. It is understood very few white men have ever penetrated this aboriginal "Lost Horizon."

Glenorie Probus Club Activities

Glenorie Probus continued with its objective having varied and interesting activities for its members. The main tour for the month was a visit to the Blue Mountains tourist spots. Having left Glenorie the attendees reassembled at the Scenic World car park at Katoomba. The weather was good so the views over the three sisters and the Jamison Valley could be appreciated. The ride on the Scenic Skyway was then taken and the views could be appreciated from different angles as the ride was taken across and back. Following this they moved to the Scenic Railway where



they took the Cable Car ride into Valley enjoying more spectacular views on the trip down. In the valley the Boardwalk was followed until they arrived at the Scenic Railway. On the way they passed the old coal mine activities which led to the opening of access to the valley. Having arrived at the scenic railway stop they then joined the train and returned to the top, part of the way being via a tunnel. Following a visit to Sublime Point and Conservation Hut, with their great views, the tour returned to Glenorie to complete another enjoyable day.

This month the club had continued the policy of variety and had the guest speakers come from their own members. Barry Sinfield brought his 2011 Talbot to the meeting for all to see. The car known as "Tilly" is beautifully restored and all had a chance to have a good look. Barry explained how all the old mechanics worked including such features as the acetylene lights. A fascinating opportunity to see a working model veteran car restored to its original state. This was then followed by Helen and John Cardy who took us to their trip to Waitomo, New Zealand where they visited



the lost world. This involved dressing safely and abseiling for 25 minutes down a 100 metre chasm to land in a huge cavern carved by an underground river and supporting a large variety of vegetation. After walking through the fascinating scenery they then had to climb a 30 metre steel rope ladder to the surface. They had a memorable trip. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

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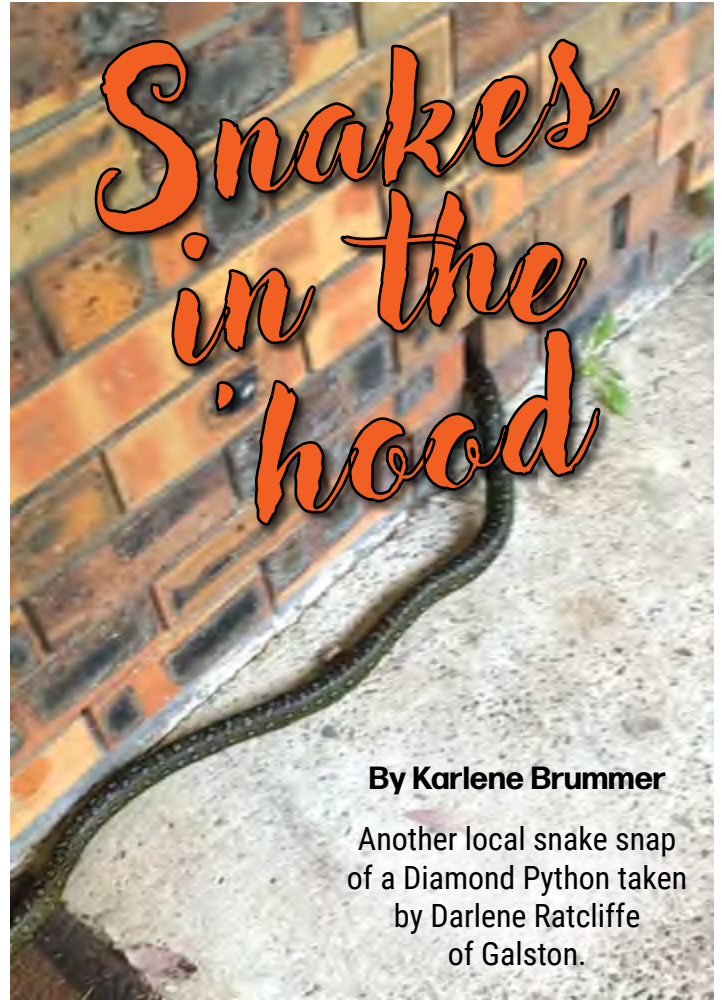
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By Karlene Brummer

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Jem's Story

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Before cancer, Jemma and Lang had dreams of travelling and expanding their family. Now, she is fighting for her life, facing an aggressive diagnosis head-on. She's navigated multiple rounds of chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiation, and trial treatments. Her resolve is unyielding, but now she needs help to continue her battle.

Jemma has been offered the opportunity to access a potentially life-saving drug, one that targets her rare cancer mutation. However, this treatment must be sourced overseas at an overwhelming cost of \$10,000 per session every two weeks. The price is daunting, but the stakes couldn't be higher—it's a chance for Jemma to keep living life to its fullest.

To help make this a reality, Jemma's brother-in-law, Gus, is stepping up in a big way. He's taking on an extraordinary challenge, riding 1,000km to raise the funds needed for this treatment. But he can't do it alone—he needs support from all who can lend a hand.

This is a fight for Jemma's future. By sharing her story and donating, you can help her access the life-saving treatment she desperately needs. Together, we can transform hope into reality and give Jemma the chance to keep fighting for the future.

THE GREAT NORTH RIDE FOR JEM

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The Ultimate Ride (from a Non-Rider)!

Last year, Jem's brother-in-law Gus conquered the 250km Great North Walk, and now he's taking it up a notch with an epic 1,000km bicycle ride to raise funds for Jem's cancer treatment.

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The Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala Project (HHRKP) has been working since 2018 to investigate koala presence in the Hills-Hornsby areas. HHRKP aimed to establish whether we have a breeding population of koalas in the area again, as we did prior to the 2002 fires. Also to gain knowledge on the distribution, health and population density of koalas in the area, to gain information required to protect them. The project works closely with the community and has received many reports from community over the years, as well as some absolutely crucial evidence such as photographs and recordings to build evidence for a population.

In recent years there have been many more reports of koalas which have been collated into verified and non-verified sightings. A verified sighting must be accompanied by a photograph or sound recording. Non-verified sightings, also very important, are recorded but cannot be viewed with the same certainty.

The work of HHRKP has been very successful as there is now evidence to show that there are populations of koalas in the bushland of The Hills and Hornsby Shires and not just 'transient' individuals passing through.

The key is community engagement - community is the eyes and ears of the Koala Project.

So if you think you hear a koala bellowing or if you are lucky enough to see one, please record/photograph if possible and report it to Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala project facebook page or call/message 0424 844 740.

Our Glenorie Heritage Fence

Many have asked about the progress of the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence which is planned to be constructed in the Wal Buckingham Park at Glenorie - opposite Post Office Road. The fence to honour Ray's dedicated service to the Glenorie community and both Shires while giving honour to the history of Glenorie, including The Dharug people, the convicts who built the road and early settlers & farming families who helped make Glenorie what it is today, and honour those who represented our community and country in the armed services. This will be in the form of engravings on the sandstone pillars.



Air Force emblem carving



Navy emblem carving



RW Dedication Pier

The design is to complement the Cenotaph and link it with the Memorial Hall.

To date the three piers pictured here have been completed, the pier dedicated to Ray plus two of the military piers - the Navy and Air Force piers. Major contributors are Galston Bendigo Bank, Whiteman Family Trust, State government and in kind from Hornsby Shire Council. Also funds have been provided by the Shore Family who will have a pier dedicated to their family. Any other families or community members who wish to contribute may do so by direct credit donations, through our website. Please contact the GPA President on 0418 432 587 if you wish to discuss your donation.

2024 REMEMBRANCE DAY GALSTON

The Hills District RSL Chapter Remembrance Day Commemoration Service

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The Hills Mens Shed will be having one of their legendary Open Days

**On Saturday, 16th November from 10am to 1pm!
At Eric Mobbs Reserve, Ferguson Avenue,
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Come along just for a chat, find out what we do at the Men's Shed or have a look at the wonderful shed made items for sale.

Not only will there be our beautiful handmade items for sale but there will also be lots of tools and carpentry items from \$5. The perfect opportunity to get that bargain for your home workshop.

Christmas is just around the corner so come and pick up that special gift. There will also be books and puzzles priced to sell and craft items available.

We will have some delicious cakes and slices to purchase and while you are perusing our wares, sip on a coffee, tea or cold drink. Our members will be conducting tours of our facilities, tools and equipment.

Don't forget, to have a chat with our talented shedders about any repairs or modifications to your precious pieces, or making that "special piece" you have always wanted.

As always, EFTPOS will be available.

For any enquiries please contact, Graham Metcalfe 0412 669 277.

Letters to the Editor

A letter to the editor in your October issue has prompted me to add my thoughts on "visual pollution".

Not that long ago I wrote to the then Mayor Mr Ruddock - voicing my concern at the number of signs on power poles in the area. I stated that I could count 45 such signs in the area Forest Glen to Gaston. I received a reply from Mr Head - the Hornsby Shire Council General Manager - stating in no uncertain terms that this signage was the responsibility of the power company as the owner of the poles, not Hornsby shire Council.

I must state that recently some signs have been removed, however I don't need to be invited to "play rugby for Dural" when summer is coming or get a quote on having my roof painted.

May I also mention the number of real estate signs that remain long after the property is sold or the number of "open house" signs that remain for weeks and suggest the property is permanently open for 24 hour inspection.

I strongly disagree that our local council is without the power to rectify this situation. If the council wishes to promote the Galston/Dural/Glenorie area for its semi-rural beauty then it is incumbent on this council to prevent visual pollution.

Incidentally as I cross over to the Hornsby side of the gorge, I see no advertising signs on power poles. How strange.

S.McIver - Forest Glen

5 REASONS TO SHOP LOCALLY & SUPPORT AUSSIE FARMERS

What a blessing we live in the great Galston, Glenorie and Hills Rural Community that still offers roadside stalls selling fresh local produce.

The truth is that we have a lot more choice than we may realise when it comes to fresh produce and in fact, we can make a huge amount of positive change by choosing greener alternatives when shopping for food.

Shopping locally provides the best solution and will result in huge positive change on personal, community and environmental levels.

The importance of a balanced diet that is packed with nutrients is widely known and is also proven to help prevent chronic diseases, improve your energy and your ability to sleep. Most people are well aware of this, but what about the source of your food? Have you ever considered whether that will make a difference to your health if you buy local?

Below we have counted out five reasons why not only you should shop locally, but also why you should convince your friends and family to do so as well.

1 Shopping local is better for your body and for your wallet. Produce that is sourced from local farmers is fresher meaning its nutritional value is maximised. Sourcing your fresh fruit and

vegetables and meats directly from farmers for a farm-to-table experience means it will be tastier, more flavour-packed and better for you.

2 Australian produce is safer and higher quality. Australian food is in high demand, with our producers exporting about 70 per cent of agricultural produce, including 3.7 billion worth of food to the US every year. We have an excellent reputation for clean, high-quality produce and have extremely strict food safety standards in place to ensure that we keep it that way.

While this is comforting, it doesn't necessarily mean that you can trust products labelled 'Australian made' at every supermarket. The 'Australian made' label can be applied to foods that don't actually contain 100% Australian ingredients. So you still may not be benefiting from our high food safety standards, even if you're looking at that label.

Again, the best answer is to buy local from farmers and small local grocers.

Here at **Taylor Fine Foods**, we know where all of our produce comes from, and we work closely with our team of primary producers and meat processors.

3 Shopping local supports local farmers more directly. Shopping directly from farmers or through smaller local grocers supports farmers more than you would if you bought produce that is 100% imported or

significantly made from imported ingredients.

Our focus at **Taylor Fine Foods** is all about producing **Grass Fed, Grass Finished, Hormone Free Meat** that is reliable and tasty.

4 Shopping local helps build local communities and economies. Shopping local provides each of us an opportunity to put money that we would already be spending back into our economy.

5 Shopping Local is more efficient and personable. Taking time to choose how to feed your family is a good activity. Including the whole family in the process is also community building and rewarding.

Taylor Fine Foods would love you to come visit us at the **roadside stall at 359 Galston Rd, Galston** on the 1st December from 1pm. Anna and John have been serving the community with their fresh fruit and vegetable produce for years and we are looking forward to collaborating to offer you both farm fresh beef and fruit and vegetables.

These beautiful pictures were taken by Clare Oliver. She is an expert at capturing the essence of nature, people and animals.



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from the Mayor's Desk

It is a great honour and a privilege to be chosen to serve my community and to represent the interests of the people of Hornsby Shire as your new Mayor.

After two rewarding terms serving as a Hornsby Shire Councillor, including a period as Deputy Mayor, I am looking forward to taking the next step to ensuring our beautiful Shire continues to thrive.

As someone who was born and bred in the area, I am passionate about Hornsby Shire and our people. I was born in Hornsby Hospital and attended Galston Public School and Galston High School. I am the fifth generation of the Waddell family of fruit producers and have enjoyed a career in a range of small business entities, including the oversight of our ongoing family business. I am also a former board member of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

My priorities as Mayor include:

- Ensuring Hornsby Shire remains a place where our natural beauty is preserved, and our neighbourhoods are safe, attractive and functional.
- Advocating for responsible renewal of our neglected urban corridor and the enhancement of our public domain.
- Ensuring that every voice in Hornsby is heard, contributing towards transparent decision-making that reflects the needs and aspirations of all our residents.
- Building a strong future for Hornsby Shire and its next generations.

I would like to acknowledge the Hon Philip Ruddock and all the Councillors who served on the previous term of Council – thank you for your significant contribution to the community. And congratulations and welcome to all our incoming Councillors. I look forward to collaborating with everyone, new and reappointed, to serve our community.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months as our new Council gets down to business. If you see me out and about, please don't hesitate to come and say hello. And if you have any enquiries or concerns, I am always happy to hear from you at wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Warren Waddell

Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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What is the role of a property manager, and why should you use one?



Managing multiple investment properties can be time-consuming, not to mention stressful when things go wrong. The role of a property manager is to take the stress off your hands. From handling tenant issues and maintenance to understanding legalities, this blog covers the main roles and reasons why a property manager makes a world of difference.

According to research by Domain, most Australian investors - around 75 per cent, use a property manager to manage their investment property; there are plenty of reasons why.

With numerous responsibilities, laws and regulations applying to investment property owners, outsourcing the management of your rental property saves time and stress compared to managing a property yourself.

1. Finding quality tenants.

Sourcing and securing quality tenants require a lot of time and effort and is not as easy as people think. When finding the right person for your investment, property managers have a strong advantage over those managing their property alone.

"Property managers are experts in their local rental market and typically have a database of verified tenants living in or looking to move to the area. With experience in dealing with multiple types of tenants, they can match the right people to the right property - making for a swifter and more effective process compared to managing it yourself," explains Carolyn Wheatley, Principal of Belle Property Dural.

"The other benefit is that property managers often have access to databases and software, allowing them to verify tenants and their rental history. Self-managed investment property owners generally won't have access to this kind of data so take more of a risk when it comes to placing a tenant in their property." - Carolyn Wheatley.

2. Managing maintenance and repairs.

Property owners can find themselves in hot water if maintenance and repairs aren't handled quickly and correctly for tenants. As such, this is a key area where a property manager alleviates unexpected stress and hassle, stepping in to deal with the problem quickly and efficiently.

3. Understanding the fine print.

Several laws apply to rental properties, investment owners and tenants, varying from state to state, and owners must be up to date with the fine print when renting out their property. This can be a lot to keep track of, especially when new laws and changes are made, and, for many, having a professional take care of the legal side of things is a deciding factor in employing a property manager.

"Being across all the requirements of the Tenancy Act also makes it easier for property managers to have difficult conversations if they need to, which can be extremely uncomfortable for self-managed investment property owners, especially if they're not across all the rules."

4. Collecting rent and property inspections.

Perhaps one of the most important roles of a property manager is maintaining the ongoing (and on time) payment of rent - something

that can be tricky when managing alone. Life happens, and your property manager will be the first point of call for tenants who need to notify you of any problems, and they will deal with it accordingly.

On top of this, your property manager will ensure your property is respected and clean throughout the tenancy. This is done through routine property inspections, with inspection reports available to the owner to verify the upkeep.

If you're tired of the way your investment is managed, it may be time to speak with the team at Belle Property Dural and regain confidence in the way your property management. Call Belle Property Dural's Principal, Carolyn Wheatley 0407 120 483 / 9129 2882 to discuss the advantages of having us on your team.

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ARCADIAN QUILTING NEWS

The pleasure in being part of a 'group' is that each member can 'share-in-a-small-way' the success of another.



Please; imagine our joy when Nicole Tate (one of our newer members) came away from the recent Sydney Quilt Show with a "Judges Commendation" Quilt NSW 2024!!! (photo left).

Started at a quilting 'summer school' earlier this year Nicole chose hand stitching and machine stitching to make and complete this glorious quilt. Her choice of fabrics is superb and the overall colour combinations make this an absolute "winner" !!! (Photo right of the full quilt)

Summertime gives everyone encouragement to start something new and we quilting ladies are no exception; we are already making plans for our "secret" Christmas Blocks which will be revealed at Christmas Lunch in early December.

Perhaps consider a 'new' project' for yourself... IF you are interested in quilting, sewing or just belonging to a group of women who share common interests, our Welcome Mat is always there for new members and friends.



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What have the Ferry Artists been doing you ask?



Melissa Read Devine and Julia Sandford

The Ferry Artists Gallery has had a fabulous few months celebrating our current exhibition Living Colour. We had a wonderful opening with the gallery jam packed full of artists and friends and our celebrations went off so well. Our artists showcased in the Artist Hot Seat Interviews this opening where Julia Sandford our assemblage artist and Mark Wilson AKA Red Herring our Street Pop/Street artist. Both spoke of their practice

and inspirations and gave a great insight into their work.

Our AGM was held recently, and our existing members were welcomed unanimously back to their seats on our committee. Thank you to our committee who work very hard behind the scenes to keep our Community Gallery running so well.

The Ferry Artists were also delighted to take part in the recent Hills Shire Council Orange Blossom Festival Taste of Wisemans event held 29th September in Wisemans Ferry Park. The Hills generously provided us a marquee and funding to running a free art activity with the



community and we had a full house of happy kids and adults painting canvas fridge magnets to take home. This was a wonderful opportunity for our artists to work with the community and to raise awareness of our community gallery. We had a fabulous day so thank you Hills for your support. <https://www.facebook.com/reel/883084186695041>

And wait there's more! The Ferry Artists also had the opportunity to talk to presenter Gabby from Channel 7 Sydney Weekender about our gallery and stand at the OBF event. You can find that link here: <https://sydneyweekender.com.au/taste-of-wisemans-orange-blossom-festival/>

Ferry Artists also runs an en plein air day once a month called River Sketchers. If you would like to come along and join us drawing or painting our beautiful valley views you are very welcome. Please keep an eye on our socials for the next date and please register your intent to join us.

Coming up next for us down in the valley is our Ferry Artists Presents! exhibition. Join us on **Saturday 9th November 3-5pm** for our opening where you will find fantastic 20cm x 20cm small works for the bargain price of \$80 (Yes, it's still \$80 can you believe it?) These little artworks are a great way to start a collection or gift to an art lover or inhabit small spaces in your home filling home with colour and wonder. We will also have the gallery full of our usual unique and stunning giftware, pottery, textiles, glass, sculpture, jewellery and so much more!

The Ferry Artists welcome submissions for membership either exhibiting or social. So contact us via our website or ferryartistsgallery@gmail.com and tell us about yourself!



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Managing Wandering in Dementia

Dementia can be a challenging journey for families, and wandering behavior is a significant concern affecting up to 60% of patients. This may stem from memory loss, disorientation, or a desire for familiar places.

Creating a Safe and Secure Environment

To manage wandering, consider these strategies:

- **Secure the Environment:** Install window and door locks.
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- **Karis Life (Hornsby):** Hosts free CPD training sessions for therapists and carers

on managing wandering. For more info visit www.karislife.com.au

Taking Control and Seeking Support

A proactive approach is key. A brain-healthy lifestyle with regular exercise, social interaction, and a healthy diet can benefit cognitive health.

Conclusion

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Dural and District Historical Society Inc. News from History Cottage

Once again the Society members rose to the challenge with a Show and Tell, of their special interests, at the AGM in October. Eighteen spoke on a wide variety of subjects, a New Guinea Coast Watcher, farm clothing made from fabrics at hand, bagpipes saved from the western desert, a shipwreck salvage, the collected art of a renowned botanist and the story of a spoon, to name but some. A most informative and enjoyable afternoon for the nearly fifty present.

company that was to become the great Clyde Engineering, started by the Hudson Brothers. Some can still be seen throughout our district and they form part of the architectural heritage, of the small rural farming communities, that is so worth preserving.

At the 9th November meeting the story of The Hudsons and Clyde Engineering will be told by David Jehan BE (Hons), MIE, Railway Engineer and Author.

Meeting starts at 2.00pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road Galston. Enquiries, Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.



It has been a remarkable year for the Society; with record numbers attending the monthly meetings. The guest speakers covered many topics relevant to the people and places of our community, while others spoke of individuals who had a marked influence on our society and architecture.

Next years speakers will deal with, inventors international and local, spices, local places, early land holders and World War1 soldiers.

The early families had to provide shelter on their selections and turned to whatever building materials were at hand. With huge trees and an easily worked sandstone; timber slabs, bark and sandstone huts were soon constructed. A few of

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Dural Bowling Club News

The result of the Open Gender Pairs final played on Saturday 5th October saw the team of Rob Whiddon and Glen Davey defeating the team of Barry Fisher and Pat Budgen 21-12.

Our congratulations to Rob and Glen and commiserations to Barry and Pat.

The next competitions to be held will be the Ladies Major Singles which commenced on Tuesday 14th October and the Men's Major Singles which will commence on Saturday, 19th October.

On Monday, 30th September Dural Lawn Bowls hosted a successful Triples Carnival sponsored by Living Choice. All twenty-four teams enjoyed a morning of three competitive games. Thanks to the dedicated members who ensured that all bowlers were provided with coffee, tea and lunch as well as handling the duties of umpiring and the calculation of results for the carnival.

On Sunday the 29th September Dural members and visitors experienced the reopening of the new Dural Club. In attendance for



the launch were local community members, including Hills Shire Mayor Michelle Byrne, Castle Hill Liberal Party MP Mark Hodges, and councillors Mitchell Blue and Frank De Masi.

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Galston High School Celebrates 50 Years of Achieving Excellence

Galston High School is celebrating a major milestone in 2024—50 years of providing quality public education. United by the mantra Achieving Excellence – Inspiring Success, the school is proud to have been a pillar of the local community, fostering growth and learning for generations of students.

To mark this special occasion, Galston High School is hosting an Open Evening on 29th November. This event invites past, present, and future families to come together and celebrate the school's legacy and achievements. The evening will showcase student performances, exhibitions, and interactive displays that highlight the exceptional work being done at our school and within our community of schools.

As part of the celebration, the event will bring together local primary schools (Galston PS, Hillside PS, Middle Dural PS, Kenthurst PS, Glenorie PS, Arcadia PS), current students, and alumni, demonstrating



the close partnerships that have supported educational success across the region. It will be a fantastic opportunity for prospective families to get a glimpse of the vibrant learning environment and the exceptional opportunities Galston High offers.

We are excited to welcome

everyone to see firsthand how our students excel academically, artistically, and athletically, and how we focus on ensuring excellence goes beyond the classroom. This event will demonstrate the strong community spirit that has defined Galston High for 50 years.



Pacific Hills Christmas Fair and Carols

Pacific Hills Christian School is excited to present our Christmas Fair and Carols on Saturday, 23rd November, from 2-7pm!

This is promised to be a joyful community celebration for the whole family featuring a free children's concert, heartwarming carols, and an exciting range of activities like face painting, a petting zoo, pony rides and more!

Explore the Christmas markets, where you can find unique gifts and treats, and enjoy a wide selection of delicious food from our food stalls. With something for everyone, you are not going to want to miss this event! Entry is FREE, so come along and join in the fun!

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New Principal for Northholm Grammar in 2025

Northholm Grammar School is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Nate Atkinson to the position of Principal, commencing January 2025. Mr Atkinson joins Northholm Grammar from his role as Principal at Summerland Christian College in Lismore where he has successfully led the development of academic, pastoral and wellbeing programs.

Mr Atkinson demonstrated a deep belief in the power of community, along with his educational philosophy centred around a future-focused school, where students are encouraged to develop critical thinking, creativity and character.

"The Board is confident that Mr Atkinson's vision, experience and passion for education will lead our School into an exciting new chapter of growth and excellence," said Chair Tony Parle.

"A commitment to excellence in education across his career aligns perfectly with the values and ethos of Northholm Grammar," Mr Parle added. "Mr Atkinson brings with him a clear vision to cultivate students' resourcefulness and reflective habits, preparing them to be lifelong learners in a rapidly evolving world. He is dedicated to fostering collaborative relationships with staff, students, parents and the broader school community. We are excited to welcome him and look forward to the positive impact his leadership will bring to the school."

The search for a new Principal for Northholm Grammar followed the resignation of Mr Christopher Bradbury after six years of leading Northholm Grammar throughout a period of transformation, strong



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Supporting our local clubs and volunteers

One of the best parts of being your local Member of Parliament is getting to know the kids, families and volunteers involved in Berowra's local sports clubs.

While the dedication and passion is evident at every match from the kids on the field to the parents working the canteen, BBQ or running the logistics, the reality is that it comes at a cost.

Berowra's local sports clubs do a great job fundraising for new uniforms, running end of year presentations and basically keeping the lights on but right around our area we've got clubs that operate in facilities that aren't up to standard. We have club houses that don't have women's changing rooms. Some clubs have bathrooms that are dilapidated and frankly just aren't equipped for the growth, especially with more young women joining up.

And as anyone involved with winter sport will tell you after the wet winter the drainage on too many of our fields is not up to standard.

Since I have been elected, I've taken up this fight for a lot of local clubs and I'm so pleased with what we've been able to achieve working together. New club houses, returfing, equipment, storage facilities, bathrooms and upgrades and improvements totalling around \$5 million worth of local investment are some of my proudest achievements as your local MP.

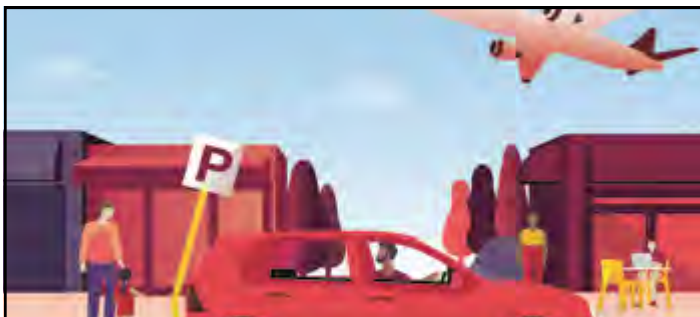
I've lost track of the number of times I've spoken about local sports clubs in Parliament and the reason is because when I'm in Canberra I'm there fighting for Berowra; I'm telling my parliamentary colleagues about the fantastic groups in our area and reminding them that they need support to continue.

Despite how much we've managed to achieve together, there's still lots to do.

Last week I met with representatives from a couple of local clubs and community groups to talk about how they're travelling and what their plans for the future are. I met with representatives from West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Football Club – the Lions. The Lions play at Campbell Park, along with West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club which means the facilities are in demand pretty much year-round.

The representatives from the Lions gave me a few really great ideas so I've taken those thoughts and am starting work on a plan on how to support them and other clubs using Campbell Park.

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New Mayor Elected for Hornsby Shire Council

The NSW Electoral Commission has officially declared Warren Waddell as the newly elected Mayor of Hornsby Shire. This marks his first term as Mayor, following the 2024 Local Government Election, which was held on Saturday, 14th September 2024.

"It is a great honour and a privilege to be chosen to serve my community and to represent the interests of the people of Hornsby Shire," said Mayor Waddell.

"After two rewarding terms serving as a Hornsby Shire Councillor, and a period as Deputy Mayor, I am looking forward to take the next step to ensuring Hornsby Shire continues to thrive."



Warren's priorities as Mayor include:

- Ensuring Hornsby Shire remains a place where our natural beauty is preserved, and our neighbourhoods are safe, attractive and functional.
- Advocating for responsible renewal of our neglected urban corridor and the enhancement of our public domain.
- Ensuring that every voice in Hornsby is heard, contributing towards transparent decision-making that reflects the needs and aspirations of all our residents.
- Building a strong future for Hornsby Shire and its next generations.

Warren grew up in Hornsby Shire, attending Galston Public School, Galston High School and Macquarie University, securing an Arts degree in Political Science. He is the fifth generation of the Waddell

family of fruit producers and has maintained a career in a range of small business entities, including the oversight of the ongoing family business. He is also a former board member of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

The NSW Electoral Commission is expected to formally declare the Councillors for Hornsby Shire Council's three Wards tomorrow, Tuesday 1st October.

The first General Meeting of Council for the new term is set for Wednesday 23rd October, commencing 6.30pm.

For details of Council's Ward System, see: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/about-council/wards-and-boundaries> and for a schedule of Council meetings and to view meeting agendas and business papers, visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/about-council/meetings>

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Support for local events: Hornsby Shire Council invites applications for Community Event Grants Program

Hornsby Shire Council is pleased to announce that submissions are again open for its Community Event Grants Program, with \$60,000 on offer for events in the local community.

Not-for-profit organisations located within the Hornsby Shire Local Government Area (LGA) are encouraged to apply for funding that will be made available to support local community events.

The Community Event Grants Program aims to promote active participation of residents in community initiatives, and to encourage community-based organisations to develop and run sustainable events in the Shire.

Hornsby Shire Council Mayor Warren Waddell said Council is committed to supporting local events that help foster community engagement and connectedness.

"I'm thrilled that Council is able to offer support to not-for-profit and community

organisations to develop and run sustainable events," said Mayor Waddell.

"Local not-for-profits play a big role in enriching Hornsby Shire's atmosphere and fostering inclusion and resilience. I encourage all eligible local organisations to take advantage of the financial assistance on offer."

\$42,000 is available through a Community Event Grant funding pool where cash funding, in-kind support and sponsorship is available up to a total value of \$7,000 per annum per successful applicant organisation.

\$18,000 is available through a Place Activation Grant Funding pool for \$3,000 per successful applicant organisation.

These grants are designed to be one-off only. Events must be held between **1st January and 31st December 2025**.

Previous recipients of the Community Grants Program include Hornsby Relay For Life, Berowra Fauna Fair and Chinese Australia Services Society Migrants Information Day.



The closing date for applications is Sunday, 10th November at 5pm.

For more information on the Community Event Grants Program and to apply visit:
<https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/cegp>

Hornsby Shire Council welcomes four new councillors as full election results declared

The NSW Electoral Commission conducted the 2024 Local Government Election on Saturday, 14th September 2024, and has now officially declared the newly elected Councillors for Hornsby Shire Council, including four new Councillors.

For Council's three Wards, the following results were declared:

- In Ward A – **Nathan Tilbury** has been re-elected as Councillor, and **Jane Seaglove** and **Olivia Simons** have been elected for their first terms.
- In Ward B – **Janelle McIntosh**, **Sallianne McClelland** and **Monika Ball** have been re-elected as Councillors.
- In Ward C – **Dr Verity Greenwood** has been re-elected for another term, and **Ben McSweeney** and **Matthew Conley** have been elected for their first terms.

This comes as yesterday the NSW Electoral Commission officially declared Warren Waddell as the newly elected Mayor of Hornsby Shire.

"Congratulations and welcome to all the incoming Hornsby Shire Councillors. I look forward to collaborating with my fellow Councillors, new and reappointed, to serve our community," said Mayor Waddell.

"This term there is a wide breadth of Councillor experience to serve our vibrant community. I am looking forward to getting down to business, along with my fellow Councillors and Council staff, to deliver a range of important projects, initiatives and strategies as outlined in Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan."

About our newly elected Councillors:

- A Hawkesbury River resident, Councillor Olivia Simons has a background in senior management in Information Technology.



- Councillor Jane Seaglove is a resident of Dural and has 15 years' work experience in IT organisations within Australia and overseas.
- Councillor Ben McSweeney, a long-term resident of Beecroft, is a tennis coach, personal trainer and singer/guitarist, with a background in mechanical engineering.
- Councillor Matthew Conley is a recent university graduate with a degree in Information Technology.

The first General Meeting of Council for the new term is set for Wednesday 23rd October, commencing 6.30pm.

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Dr Michelle Byrne Returns as Mayor for New Council Term

The NSW Electoral Commission has officially confirmed the results of The Hills Shire’s Mayoral election, declaring Dr Michelle Byrne as the popularly elected Mayor for the new term of Council.

A mother of three and proud longtime Hills resident, Mayor Byrne has been a dedicated representative of the community for many years.

First elected to The Hills Shire Council in 2008, she became the youngest Mayor in the Council’s history at the age of 33 in 2012. In 2017, she made history again as the first popularly elected Mayor of The Hills Shire, and now returns for another term in office.

Mayor Byrne said she was grateful for the community’s continued trust and support.

“I am deeply honoured by the overwhelming support received in the September election,” Mayor Byrne said.

“Your confidence and trust in me are invaluable, and I am committed to working as hard as I can to ensure Council delivers for our community over the next four years.

“Our priority will be delivering essential infrastructure and facilities, such as parks and sports fields, and improving our local roads to support the rapid population growth particularly in The Hills’ designated growth areas.”

Looking ahead, Mayor Byrne is eager to work with both new and returning Councillors to achieve these goals.

“The new Council brings fresh perspectives and an unwavering dedication to serving our community. Together, we will focus on ensuring that The Hills receives the necessary infrastructure while preserving its unique, family-friendly, and semi-rural character in the northern parts of our region,” she added.

Mayor Byrne also reiterated her commitment to advocating for better infrastructure and resisting overdevelopment.



“We will continue to make significant investments in our local facilities. We will also advocate for the NSW Government to take responsibility and fund more parks, sports fields, build more schools, and upgrade local roads to support the rapid population growth – something that they have enabled through their density policies such as the Transport Oriented Development and low to mid-rise housing.”

“I am also determined to lead the fight against overdevelopment, protecting the region’s family-friendly environment, and ensuring a supportive atmosphere for local businesses to flourish,” Mayor Byrne added.

The new Mayor and Councillors were publicly sworn in during a special ceremony held at The Hills Shire Council’s Norwest Business Chambers on 3rd October.

THE NEW COUNCILLORS INCLUDE:

North Ward	West Ward
Clr Mitchell Blue	Clr Frank De Masi
Clr Jacob Jackson	Clr Rosemarie Boneham
Clr Mila Kasby	Clr Immanuel Selvaraj
East Ward	Central Ward
Clr Samuel Uno	Clr Reena Jethi
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The first Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 8th October.



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Praise for White Cockatoos



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For the long-lived Greater Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, (*Cacatua galerita*), this bond could last up to sixty years!

Emotionally well developed, these pairs can often be seen grooming their partners.

Cockatoos spend their time in small groups of five to twenty 'best friends', formed from within the whole flock of fifty to one hundred birds.

Within the Sydney Region, this flock tends to spend all its time – whether sleeping or feeding – in the same small 5-square kilometre area.

While the group feeds on the ground, one bird will stay perched in a nearby tree, acting

as look-out. On observing a predator it will emit a loud screech, alerting the others to take to the air. Birds will band together to call the alarm and in the case of a goanna, for example, will often harass the intruder, even over a period of days, until it leaves.

Sulphur-crested cockatoos are remarkably intelligent.

In fact, bird expert Gisela Kaplan of the University of New England says "They're comparable to a chimpanzee in intelligence,"

The neurons in their brain are organised in a way that enables complex processing. This results in a preferred handedness, and yes, they are left handed.

While there are many other fascinating aspects to Sulphur Crested Cockatoos this is probably the most amazing of all...

That their group evolved over 95 million years ago on the ancient super continent of Gondwana, when present-day South America, Africa, Arabia, Madagascar, India, Australia, and Antarctica were still joined as one!!



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Galston Garden Club

Next meeting will be on 6th November
Guest speaker will be Amanda Trulove
Talks about "Florist's Art"

November meeting will be on the 6th November a week earlier than usual and will be the last meeting for the year. We are taking a break and the first meeting will be in February, 2025 the 2nd Wednesday of the month. But we are not finished yet we still have a garden ramble to go and a Christmas Party. At the November meeting we have a guest speaker, Amanda Trulove speaking about "Florist's Art". Visitors and new members are always welcome, even for our last meeting for the year.

In my garden at the moment, the Iris are coming into bloom. Iris flowers begin blooming in late winter to early spring. Iris care is minimal once the growing iris is established. Iris plant care consists mainly of dividing the iris plants to assure continued blooms. Iris plants are abundant multipliers but once the rhizomes of the plant become crowded, the iris flowers may be limited, and the rhizomes need to be separate.

Tips for growing iris: Plant rhizomes of the iris in a sunny location with well-drained, rich soil for optimum flowering. Leave room for growth between the rhizomes and do not bury the entire rhizome. Make sure roots are covered but allow the iris rhizome to remain partially above ground to avoid root rot.

Once blooms fade, leave the foliage to yellow before removing it from the flowerbed. As with many spring blooms, the foliage is sending nutrients to the rhizome for next year's flowers. This is one of the difficult parts of iris care, as many gardeners wish to immediately remove foliage once flowering is done.

Other iris plant care includes watering during dry spells, fertilization before flowers appear and deadheading of the spent blooms. However, most clumps of iris provide flowers with no maintenance. Iris is drought-tolerant and may be part of a xeric garden; keep in mind even drought-tolerant plants benefit from occasional watering.

Xeric Garden: This type of landscaping uses as little water as possible. This has the advantages of making the xeric garden easier to plant and maintain, while also being more cost-efficient for the owner and less harmful for the environment.

The Galston District Garden Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Galston Community Hall, at 7.30 pm, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston. For further information visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com.au or email: galstongardenclub@gmail.com

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Hidden In The Hills

Ferals and Invasives



By Lachlan Turner

Hills district residents may be surprised to know that there are a considerable number of feral animals roaming unchecked throughout the region.

Residents may also be surprised at the number of invasive garden escapee plant species that are colonising our bushland and adjacent areas.

Most feral and invasive pests are the direct result of historical human decisions, some supposedly made with good intentions. Some were to help eradicate other introduced species. Recent history has proven otherwise. It has now become the responsibility of everyone to be aware of the devastation caused by these exotic species which have no place in the Australian environment. All have the potential to destroy various elements of our unique Australian Biodiversity. Many have toxic effects on humans, domestic animals, livestock and native Australian birds, mammals, fish and insect species. By doing nothing about the adverse consequences of these species, the sad history of feral infestations continues to be perpetuated.

It is illegal to keep, sell and trade (swap) many of these declared plant and animal species designated as having a detrimental effect on Australia's biodiversity.

There are strong requests for community members to notify appropriate authorities where any of these species are observed in their locality, as well as in other environmental situations elsewhere.



Feral cat



Indian Myna



Asparagus fern foliage



Climbing Lantana

Some known local feral animals include foxes, cats, rats, rabbits, dogs, deer, cane toads and possibly horses and goats. All are a death sentence to native birds, mammals, reptiles and riparian dwellers.

Some invasive plants known to overwhelm native bushland plants are Asparagus Ferns, Lantana, Blackberry, Privet varieties, Wandering Jew (Trad) and Scotch (English) Broom.

Feral birds such as Indian Myna, Starling and Feral Rock Pigeon harass and compete with native species for food and nesting spaces.

To read more about the destruction of Australia's Environmental Biodiversity, copy the following web link into your browser's search box and press enter (return) <https://online.fliphtml5.com/awdd/jsn/>

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Our Dependable God

Recently I read the true story about a man who lived his life with strong faith in God despite the challenging circumstances he was faced with. It really made me think!

I was struck by the man's character as a man with an enquiring mind who thanked God when he prayed but also wasn't afraid to ask Him questions about things he didn't understand.

For example, He asked God, "Why do you force me to look at evil and stare trouble in the face day after day?" Then after asking his questions, he said, "What's God going to say to my questions? I'll wait to see what He will say to me and how He will answer my complaint."

This man's name was Habakkuk and a whole book of the Bible is written about his faith in God. As I began to read the account, it quickly became clear that Habakkuk had a relationship with God - he asked questions and waited for answers. What I liked about Habakkuk is that he spoke passionately, listening and expecting an answer.

The Bible is our best option for answers because "Every part of Scripture is God - breathed and is useful one way or another - showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. (2Timothy 3:16. MSG)

Do you believe that God is interested in you as an individual? Let me tell you, He IS! Psalm 139 explains clearly, "How precious are your thoughts towards me O God. How great is the sum of them. If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand. When I awake I am still with You." God knows things about you that you may have forgotten or have yet to experience. He was there, "knitting you together in your mother's womb." He knows the days ordained for you to live on the earth before you even experienced the



first one! You are vital to Him, precious and loved - loved so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die on a cruel cross for your sins and to rise from the dead in victory, giving you a place in heaven with Him forever - if you choose to believe in Him.

Then, having a relationship with Almighty God, each of us CAN rejoice in Him in faith, like Habakkuk, despite the circumstances of life, knowing God's divine protection throughout our earthly lives and then, eternal life with Him in Heaven.

God bless.

Pr. Alex and Dee Valich, Glenorie Community Church.
Sunday service: 10am. You are welcome to join us.

Galston Uniting Church "Raising the Roof"!



It's become somewhat of a cliché not only in church circles but also on TV and elsewhere, that "the church roof needs fixing"! But now it's our turn as the building ages, the raindrops coming through have been getting more frequent and the buckets needed to hold them have become more numerous.

This has had a "flow-on effect" so to speak as damage has been occurring to gyprock and paintwork.



So, after a lot of hard work and organization, funds have been raised in order to meet the significant expense of re-roofing the church, hall and office buildings. Our special thanks to Kathleen and Elizabeth who worked so hard to make this happen, as well as to our friends at Bendigo Bank.

Please join us in Prayers for Peace in the Middle East

Following the recent violence and tensions across this region, the President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Rev Charissa Suli, has called on all UCA people and organisations to please join in praying for an end to violence and death in this sacred part of the world, and for a just peace to prevail. Please join us in this prayer.

Dates for the Diary

- * **Sunday 3rd November**, 10am, All Saints Sunday, remembering those we have loved who have passed on.
- * **Sunday 24th November**, 10am - The Annual **CREATIVITY SERVICE** - to highlight the hard work and creativity of the Craft Group - followed by morning tea and an opportunity to purchase some beautiful craft including quilts!

Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams on Facebook.

The church office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Contact Elizabeth Garlick, Office Manager.
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Going to Church

Well okay, 'Going to Church' is what I've written about today. So please bear with me, as I try to explain, what I have to say. We've all heard that classic Bible verse of "JESUS is the Way." But there is so much more, that I would like to put on display...

When we stop and think, "What is really going on" in our Church. You will see many benefits, more than just "sitting on the perch". Yes, listening to, or reading "the Word" is a great way to start. But sooner or later, it will drop from your head, into your Heart...

So when we realise what can happen, in any church setting, hopefully it will affect you, and there will be no more forgetting. You may think "Only because it's Sunday," the right thing to do, but please appreciate, what HE has done, for me and for you...

If we get into this "Place of Grace," it can be quite overwhelming, to think our Creator, has actually been here, from the beginning, and that He has given us this Life to live, to love, and to share. But even through those difficult times, He will always be there...

Yes it is also nice to reflect and pray, when you want to be alone, and of course, with any of that reflection prayer, I'll also condone, but it is within that lively Church of "Praise, Worship and Song", Because there, we can all gather, and feel like we really belong...

So please let me encourage you, with all the best that I can. However I'm only human, a humble and mere "Mortal of a Man" and also, with HIS Blessings, and counsel, of the Holy TRINITY.

Just wanted to share this, what I believe 'your Church could Be'.

***("All ideas, thoughts and words by
PETER NICOLSON")***

**GLENORIE MISSION CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICE 10.00 am**

News from St Benedict's

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

On Sunday October 13th for the 27th year Arcadia Parish celebrated a beautiful feast in honour of Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day. This day commemorates the appearance of Our Lady to three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Once again this was a wonderful celebration that brought together many people from across Sydney. The statue of Our Lady, decorated with masses of beautiful flowers, was carried as part of the procession (pictured). Children dressed in early 20th century Portuguese peasant costumes presented a play that re-created the 1917 events.

We were particularly honoured to be joined by Vicar General Father David Ranson from the Berowra Diocese. Special thanks to the parish Fatima Committee for all their hard work.



St Benedict's Piety Store

The piety store is becoming a popular centre of activity before and after most Sunday Masses and at other times during the month. Organiser Lila has been reaching out to parishioners to join a roster to help look after the shop. In October the shop held a special secondhand items event where people could bring along and donate unwanted piety goods.

On a sad note

We were very saddened in late September with the passing of Brother Terry Kavanagh. Brother Terry has been one of our beloved monks at the Arcadia Benedictine Monastery for many years. He was described as a dedicated and humble soul.

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.

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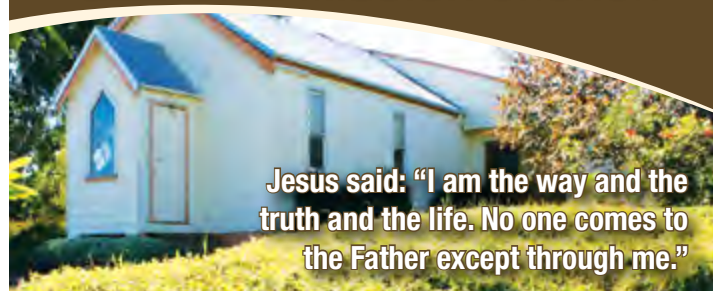
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The Hopeful (part 2)

Last month many headed off to the cinemas around Australia to watch "The Hopeful." Set in the mid 1800s, the story (taken from real-life events) focuses on faith, courage, and hope. Thousands of Bible-believing Christians who faithfully worshipped every Sunday deeply hungered for the return of Jesus Christ. Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and many others from various faiths, studied God's word as never before.

The story begins with William Miller, a Baptist who miraculously survived the War of 1812, studied the scriptures; especially the prophecies regarding Christ's return. His method of Bible study was to methodically compare scripture with scripture; thus, allowing the Bible to interpret itself. One passage commanded his attention, "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" (Daniel 8:14). After studying the prophecies intensely for several years, and believing that the sanctuary meant the earth, Miller and many of his contemporaries came to the conclusion that Christ would return to cleanse the earth on October 22nd, 1844.

However, they didn't anticipate a bitter disappointment. Christ didn't then return, as they expected. Their calculations were correct, they just got the event wrong. They later discovered that their bitter experience was foretold in Revelation 10:8-10; and that they should continue to share the truth of God's word (V11). As they continued to study the scriptures, hope revived, and thus, those early Adventist believers'



became "The Hopeful." As they continued to study, the Holy Spirit revealed, not only deeper insights into the truth of Jesus (Gospel), but also the truths of Jesus (the doctrinal teachings of His word).

Around that time a lady named Rachel Oakes, a member of the Seventh-day Baptist Church, challenged Pastor Frederick Wheeler, an Adventist Methodist, to step out in faith to keep all God's commandments. He and many others decided to follow the Biblical principle found in Acts 17:10, 11 which says, they "searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." As a result, through honest study of the word, many Methodist and Baptist preachers accepted the Sabbath truth; men such as Joseph Bates, Owen Crosier, Hiram Edson, including James and Ellen White.

As the Apostle Paul says, faith doesn't make 'void God's law,' it established it (Romans 3:31).

Those men and women of faith, who built their hope on the truths of God's word, became the nucleus that formed the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1863, nineteen years after the Great Disappointment. Check out sabbathtruth.com as we wait for the "Blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

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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It is important to acknowledge that you are not totally responsible for others' happiness, but also that they cannot assist you if they are not aware of your pain or concerns.

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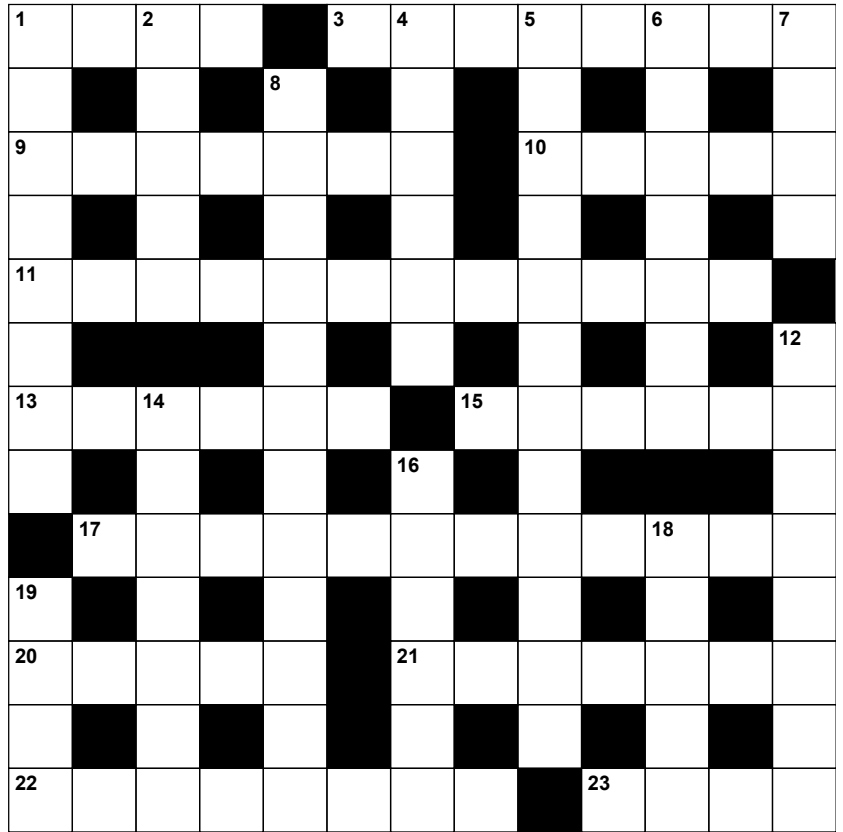
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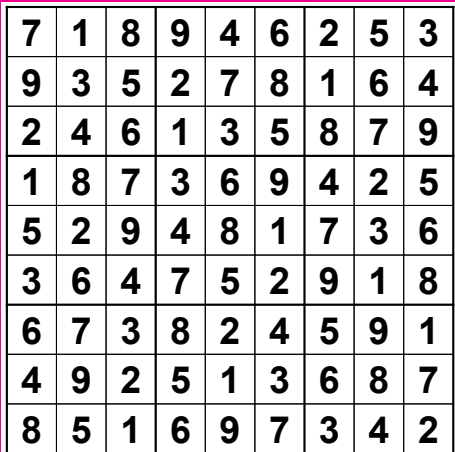
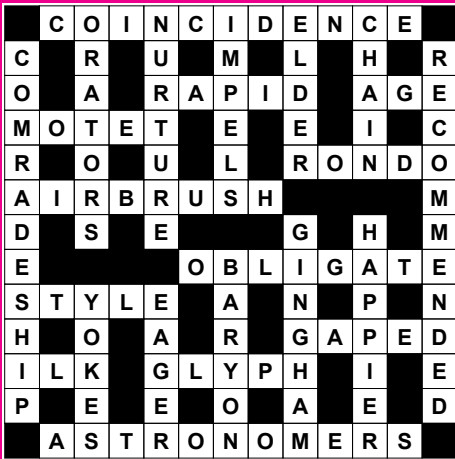
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- 17 Female fellow national (12)
- 20 Skewered meat (5)
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- 22 Cowboy films (8)
- 23 Requests (4)

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- 01 Ascot cat (anag) (8)
- 02 Clear and apparent; obvious (5)
- 04 Move faster than (6)
- 05 Unseen observer (3,2,3,4)
- 06 More straightforward (7)
- 07 Bond movie (2,2)
- 08 Untimely (12)
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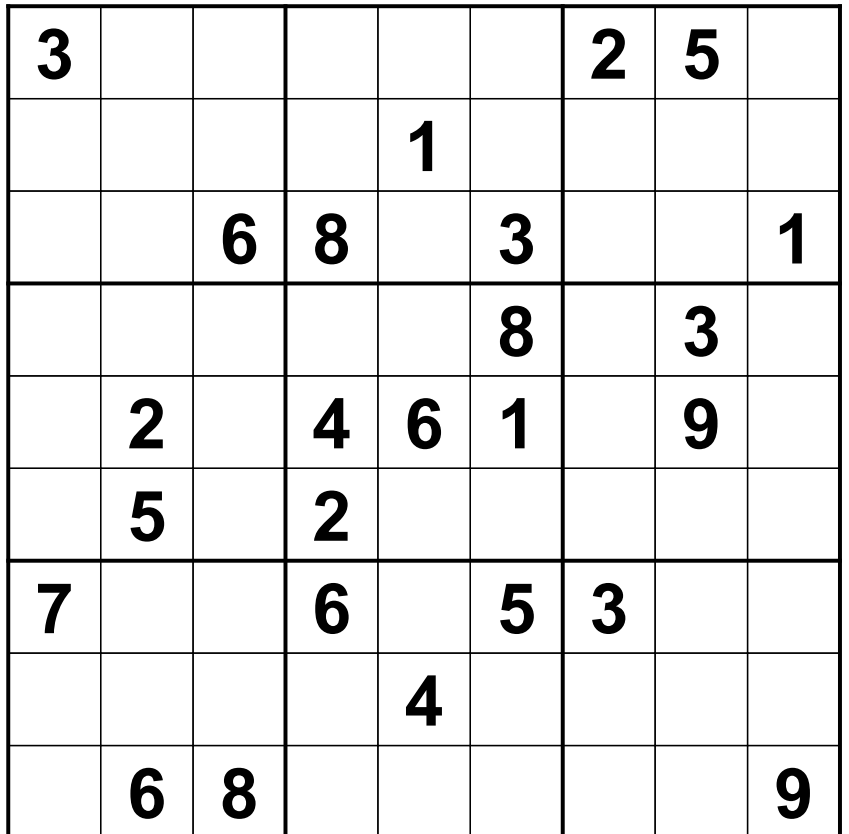


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 ● 9264 9255

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 ● 9847 6504

Arcadia Galston Residents' Association
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 ● www.AGRA2159.com.au

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

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

Castle Hill Art Society
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 ● www.circularkkeys.org

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@dhpnc.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
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 ● 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

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 ● www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au
 ● StillCreekLandcare@innet.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
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 ● Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills
 ● John Harris 0423 167 467
 ● 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 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest: Men's Choir, Ladies Choir.
 ● church office 9653 2039
 ● 11 School Road Galston

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

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 ● 9651 1119

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 ● Jenny 9477 1855

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 ● 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

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 ● 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
 ● Glenoriectc@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
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 ● 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

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 ● Jane 9847 6050

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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.

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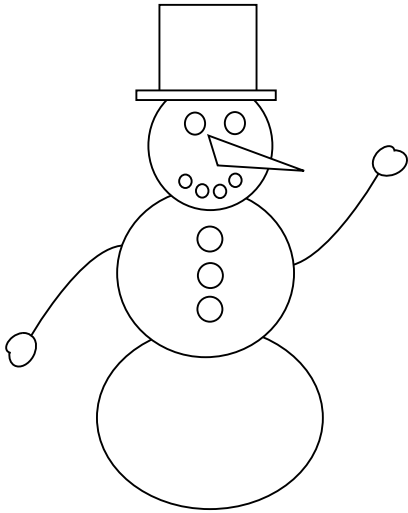
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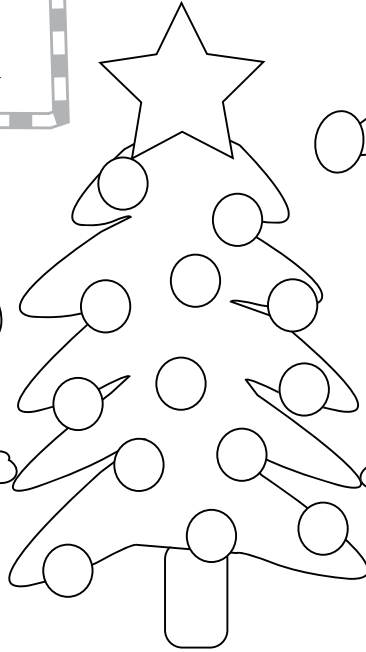
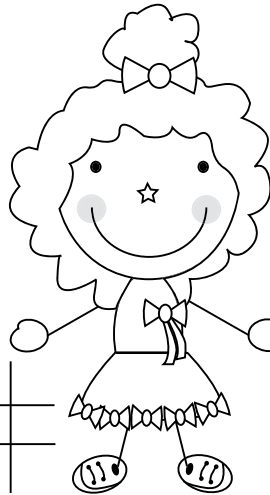
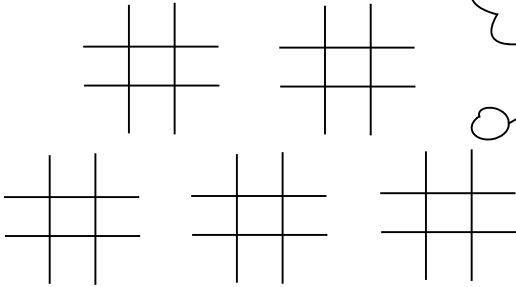
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