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# Power Outages and Loss of Mobile Services

BY DIANA PATON

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**When the high winds occurred on Wednesday 15th January a high number of residents experienced power outages, some of which lasted several days.**

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A large number of residents also reported mobile phone outages, with smartphones only showing 1 bar or SOS only. Even smartphones showing 1 bar were unable to call or text. Incoming calls were being diverted directly to voicemail. Apps like Hazards near me, were unable to be used.

It creates a feeling of incredible isolation when you are faced with no power and no mobile reception. Families were unable to contact elderly relatives, and people using medical devices had no way of contacting help.

We have had power outages before, but never lost mobile coverage to the extent we experienced this time. Imagine if it were bushfires which knocked out the power to the mobile towers. It's a concerning situation.

Personally for me, I didn't find this response particularly helpful as we were without mobile coverage from Wednesday afternoon to late on Friday. I work from home and so do other members of my family. We are in a bushfire prone area, so I'm looking for something more reliable. So from my investigations these are the options (if you know of others let me know):

- 1) Fibre to the Premises (FTTP).** If you have this plus a back up power option (battery/generator) to the modem, then you should retain access to the NBN, and can use Wifi Calling to keep in touch with the world.

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# Happy New Year Year of the Snake

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**Welcome to our first edition for 2025! A lot has happened since our December issue went to press including the very sad loss of three of the shining lights within our community. We include some heartfelt tributes further in the magazine, and extend our sincere condolences to the Jukes, McKinley and Goldstien families and friends.**

As the cleanup continues from the ferocious weather event in mid-January, I hope everyone can get back to 'normal'. It is not until an event like this happens that we realise just how reliant we are on electricity in nearly every part of our daily routine. Apart from the inconvenience of fridges and freezers going off, not being able to use a computer/heating/cooling/cooking/phone charging etc, for some in the community who rely on pumps, it means that they are unable to even flush a toilet without power.

Those that have generators are at least able to keep some appliances going, however attaching an electric jug can often trip the power bank. A friend of mine recently encountered this problem but as she owns an EV; ended up using the car to power her kettle! She said it used '1Km' worth of charge!



I hope that the coming year is a safe, happy and healthy one for all our readers, and I encourage you to continue to send in your stories, letters and PHOTOS over the next eleven months. Don't forget that Nev the Newshound is also waiting patiently in the News Room Kennels for any future nominations for Pets @ Work interviewees.

The email for all of the above is: [editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au](mailto:editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au)

**(ps for those that are interested, you were born in the Year of the Snake if any of the following are your DOB: 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013) According to the Chinese Zodiac the snake symbolizes intelligence, wisdom, and charm. People born in the snake years are intelligent and cautious. They have a romantic appearance and a polished approach to life.**



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

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- 2) **Starlink.** Again with a back up power option (battery/generator) to your equipment you will retain internet access and can utilise Wifi calling.
- 3) **Skymuster/Skymesh.** Again with a back up power option (battery/generator) you should retain access to the NBN and can utilise Wifi calling.

We tried to get FTTP to our premises this time last year, but were unsuccessful, so we are now looking at Starlink.

**We raised the issue with Telstra. This was their statement**

Telstra Regional General Manager Michael Marom:

*Widespread power outages following last week's severe weather affected parts of our network in the area. Our network sites have back up power systems, which kept services running for as long as they could. We had teams on the ground accessing affected sites as soon as it was safe to do so and managed to restore the majority of sites by the weekend. We worked closely with authorities and the power companies to get everything back online as quickly as possible and we thank everyone for their patience.*



Photo credit Kenthurst Rural Fire Service

# Woolworths reintroduces soft plastic recycling trial

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**I was ecstatic to see that both Dural and Glenorie Woolies have reintroduced a soft plastics recycling bin in their stores.**

At this stage it is being trialled at selected locations across NSW and Victoria. Along with the collection point, the company is making great efforts to reduce the use of single use plastics

(including straws and picnic cutlery) as well as plastic wrap and packaging on many of its products.

With extremely limited avenues for recycling soft plastics in our area this is a great win for the community and I must admit that I almost filled it up with the soft plastics I had been storing for the past several months, as I just couldn't bear to throw them in the red bin!

Let's hope that the trial becomes a permanent operation and to ensure that it does, please read the table below and DO NOT use it as a rubbish bin.

**Here's some tips on what you can and can't return**



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# Leeches are Lurking!

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**The day after "The Big Storm" hit, I woke up and decided to walk around my house to survey any potential damage. I grabbed my dressing gown and a pair of thongs and walked the perimeter of my home. After gratefully noting no major carnage was evident, I went back inside to make myself a coffee (gas cooktop – YAY!) and sat down to check the Ausgrid update. To my horror I saw something black and squishy on the side of my ankle and realised it was a Leech! Ugh! I had been outside for literally less than 5 minutes and this little bloodsucker had somehow hitchhiked its way onto my foot! Without thinking I grabbed a nearby tissue, placed it on the leech and pulled it off. A tiny spot of blood was beginning to show so I put some disinfectant and a bandaid over the bite site.**

Next stop – the shower, where lo and behold I found another TWO on the back of my thighs! After quickly removing them, I flushed down the loo. For the rest of the day I was completely paranoid that I still had some lurking around

on my person and so made sure I had a shaker of salt at the ready. I also worried that my cats might pick up some, but luckily, as it was still raining, they decided to stay put indoors.

Australia has over 70 species of leeches and is one of only two places in the world where they live on land, usually in wet or moist environments, bush or rainforests. I encountered my fair share of leeches during my time living at Spencer by the Hawkesbury River, but since moving to Arcadia this has been a rare occurrence.

Leeches contain a component (hirudin) in their saliva which prevents blood from clotting and allows them to have their fill before dropping off. This anticoagulant can cause a wound to bleed slightly after the leech has been detached.

### PREVENTION

When walking in leech- loving conditions, it's best to wear long pants & shirts and closed foot wear. Tropical strength insect repellents can be applied to both clothing and bare patches of skin.

### REMOVAL

Leeches, unlike ticks, do not burrow into the skin nor will they leave a poisonous

head in the wound. Despite this, many myths and old wives' tales abound about removing leeches. The simplest way is with salt: sprinkle onto the leech and most will quickly drop off. Tea tree oil, vinegar or alcohol dabbed onto the body are also effective alternatives. If however, you do not immediately find the little sucker, it will eventually drop off of its own accord when fully engorged (around 30-40mins). After removal, it might be prudent to clean the wound with some antiseptic and place a band aid or covering to help stop with bleeding. Some people may have no further ongoing symptoms, but some (myself included) could have a residual itching and swelling of the bite site for a few days afterwards. If you suffer infection or any other issues, it's best to consult with your GP.





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Whether expanding a home for a growing family or designing an outdoor area perfect for entertaining, the team works closely with clients at every step of the process to ensure every detail is carefully considered. With a strong commitment to quality and clear communication, Turrell Building consistently delivers functional and beautiful homes.

Turrell Building also prides itself on sustainability, using energy-efficient materials and environmentally friendly practices wherever possible to ensure its projects are built to last and be kind to the planet. This forward-thinking approach has earned the company the trust of hundreds of Sydney families, many of whom return for future projects or recommend the team to others.

After 27 years, Turrell Building's mission remains the same: to work with families to create homes that are timeless, welcoming, and built to be lived in. With a focus on the future, the company remains dedicated to continuing its legacy of quality, care, and innovation for decades to come.

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## Mishka: A Testament to Craftsmanship and Style

As we step into 2025, Turrell Building wishes you a Happy New Year filled with inspiration, new beginnings, and the spaces you've always dreamed of. It's the perfect time to reflect on what's possible in home design, and Mishka stands as a shining example of creativity and craftsmanship.

### Timeless Facade and Stunning Aesthetic

A stunning home in Oakville, Mishka seamlessly blends Scandinavian design's clean lines and natural textures with a modern Australian aesthetic. Recognised as a finalist in the 2024 HIA NSW Region Custom Built Home awards for over \$4 million, Mishka exemplifies collaboration, creativity, and exceptional craftsmanship.



### Seamless Indoor-Outdoor Living

Setting an elegant tone, the facade showcases Aspen stone cladding, monument render, and Decowood shadow line cladding in Spotted Gum. Refined accents on windows, doors, and garage doors create a harmonious and contemporary exterior that feels timeless.

Seamless indoor-outdoor living defines Mishka. At its heart, the Great Room is a space of connection and relaxation, anchored by a custom wagon wheel pendant and framed by steel accents. The room flows naturally into the alfresco area, which is designed for all-weather entertaining with retractable screens, a pizza oven, and a BBQ island. Beyond, the infinity-edge pool, complete with cascading waterfalls and a spa, invites tranquil outdoor living.

### Thoughtful Innovation and Elegance

Every corner of the home reflects thoughtful innovation. A bold glass floor links the upper and lower levels, creating visual depth and connection. Nearby, the sunken lounge features a stacked stone wood fireplace and a corner window that frames views of the pool and backyard, offering a cosy yet open retreat.

Inside, the kitchen showcases modern design, with Caesarstone surfaces, sleek cabinetry, and brushed gunmetal finishes. Upstairs, the Scandinavian-inspired master bedroom captures minimalist elegance with its gabled ceiling, floor-to-ceiling glass, and serene outlook of the surrounding landscape.

### Discover Mishka's Unique Style

Mishka is more than a home. It is a testament to timeless design, meticulous craftsmanship, and modern elegance. It's a place where vision and detail come together to create something truly unique. For more images of Mishka and other inspiring projects, visit [www.turrell.com.au](http://www.turrell.com.au).

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# Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Awards

**On Monday 13th January, the Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade was able to come together to celebrate the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (HOSM) to two of our members. Chris Compton and Chloe Compton (nee Paton), who were deployed to British Columbia, Canada in 2017, as a part of the Australian response to wildfires in the country at that time. They spent 6 weeks working as a part of the very first RFS overseas deployment of firefighters on the ground.**

The medal is a part of the Australian Honours System, and is awarded to those who perform humanitarian service in a foreign country, in dangerous environments.

Chloe and Chris are based in the UK these days, so it was wonderful to welcome them home to Glenorie, during their Christmas visit with their families, who also were able to attend and see them receive their awards.



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Well done to Chloe and Chris, we're very proud of you.

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# Aldi Armageddon

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Like so many others in the area, my power was out after the extreme weather event of Wednesday, 15th January. By Thursday evening I had pretty much exhausted what was edible in my fridge/freezer so thought I would just pop down to Aldi to grab something I could put in my gas oven.



As I walked down the aisles, I was absolutely stunned to see that not a skerrick of chilled or frozen food was on the shelves. It was even worse than the covid days! I believe that a lot of food had very kindly been donated to the Helping Hearts Survive Charity at Dural whilst it was still ok.

Luckily it was the special Schnitty night at the Galston Club, so I went there instead!

## Who is Keith Lees and Why Was He Arrested



BY DIANA PATON

**Police Officers attached to Kuring-Gai Police Area Command arrested 72-year-old Keith Lees at a property on Kenthurst Road, Dural at about 8am on Thursday 2nd January 2025. He was wanted on an arrest warrant for an alleged murder in Queensland 27 years ago.**

The warrant was issued in July 2023 in relation to an alleged murder of Meaghan Rose in 1997 on the Sunshine Coast.

Much of the back story to this arrest was covered by the Australia True Crime Podcast which you can listen to here <https://shows.acast.com/australiantruecrime>, then look for Episodes 573 to 577 (577 includes details of the latest update). The podcast first aired on 23rd December 2024.

It was a podcast listener who provided the breakthrough to Police enabling them to find and arrest Keith Lees. Police first visited a unit block in Hornsby. A neighbour knew the man police were looking for as David Japaljarri.



Photo Credit - Victoria Police

Readers may wonder what happened between 1997 and today. This is covered in the podcast.

### The Galston Club Stops Local Community Papers

Unfortunately we are disappointed to have to inform the community that The Galston Club will no longer allow us to put our baskets of papers in the club foyer. You will no longer be able to pick up the *Galston News*, the *Dooral Roundup*, the *Hills to Hawkesbury Community News* or other local magazines.

We expressed our disappointment to the new Manager, as we have had a 30 year association with the Galston Club, but we were informed they were doing everything online now. It's a very sad end to a very long association the Galston Club has had with our local community newspaper.

To cover the loss of available papers at the Galston Club, we are increasing the copies at the local shops. In the evenings you can also collect copies at the Glenorie RSL and the Dural Club.



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### For anyone encountering similar situations

**Check for Injuries:** If it's safe, carefully approach and check the animal for injuries.  
**Pouch Check:** Always check the pouch of a deceased kangaroo for any joeys.

**Call for Help:** Contact WIRES on 1300 094 737 for assistance or local wildlife rescue services. They are equipped to handle and care for injured wildlife.

Let's all do our part in ensuring the safety and well-being of our furry friends

## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PERSONS? REF NO. E98859622.

Hills Police are investigating an alleged theft and we need your help!



On 10th January 2025, two females entered a store at Castle Towers Shopping Centre, Castle Hill, separately. Both allegedly took items from the racks and placed them in bags before leaving the store.

Police are keen to speak with the persons shown in the photo below, as they may have important information that could assist with our enquiries.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Crime Stoppers NSW at 1800 333 000 or visit their website. All information is treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Please remember, do not report information via NSW Police Force social media pages. Thank you for your assistance!

## HIGH-SPEED MOTORCYCLE PURSUIT AND ARREST IN KENTHURST

At approximately 7:18 PM on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, Hills Highway Patrol observed a red Honda CB1000RR motorcycle allegedly speeding on Kenthurst Rd, Dural. The rider, a 26-year-old male, was allegedly clocked at 105 km/h in a 70 km/h zone and subsequently fled from police,

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**CAN YOU HELP US FIND GABRIELLA?**

Gabriella, aged 53 was last seen in Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby about 1pm on Wednesday 30th October 2024. Despite extensive inquiries, police have been unable to sight her. She is described as Caucasian, 155cm, large build with grey/white hair. Gabriella is known to frequent



reaching speeds estimated at 160 km/h. The pursuit continued until the rider abandoned the motorcycle on Raym Rd, Kenthurst.

With the assistance of a police dog unit, the rider was located hiding in nearby bushland and was arrested. The rider, who was found to be disqualified from driving, provided negative results for both breath and drug tests. He has been charged with multiple offences including police pursuit and drive whilst disqualified. He was refused bail by Parramatta Local Court.

the T9 Northern line between Eastwood and Hornsby.

Anyone who sees her is urged to contact Castle Hill Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**BREAK AND ENTER WYOMING ROAD DURAL**

A break and enter occurred at the intersection of Old Northern Rd and Wyoming, Dural, at 3am on 31/12/2024. During the incident, a blue Porsche Cayenne and a black Mercedes were stolen.

Remember to lock it or lose it! Follow the #9pmroutine to secure your vehicles and belongings.

If you have any information on any of the above, please contact Crime Stoppers NSW at 1800 333 000

**\*\* EDITORS NOTE**

A further break-in occurred on Wyoming Road at 5.30am on 6th January. The homeowner was awoken and chased the assailants. They tried to steal a car and 2 motorbikes. Due to the quick actions of the homeowner, they only got away with one motorbike.



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# Beautiful Bugs



BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**Who can remember the Summers of past, when the hot days were serenaded by the sounds of Cicadas echoing around your backyard and the balmy nights meant your screen door was adorned with dozens of small brown 'Christmas' beetles? If you were really lucky you might have had one or two colourful and shiny larger beetles making an appearance and hanging out with their drab cousins.**

Where have they all gone? According to the Australian Museum, numbers have indeed fallen over the past 30-40 years. This is mainly due to the decline in their habitat – namely the Cumberland Plain woodland, of which only around 10% remains.

The Christmas Beetle larvae eat native grass roots, and the adult beetles eat

eucalypt leaves, so as the woodland makes way for more and more housing, the beetle population has declined. I was very excited to see this little beauty over the Christmas break. It brought back many happy childhood memories.



Speaking of Cicadas, I thought I had seen most species and colours over the years, until I found this little guy recently, and it truly stumped me. It turns out that Australia has more than 300 species of Cicadas and after some diligent research, trawling through photo after photo, I think I have identified him as a Razor grinder, (*Henicopsaltria eydouxii*).



Apparently, the Razor grinder has one of the loudest calls, which has been likened to the sound of a metal grinder. It is one of the larger varieties of cicadas and has zig-zag markings on its front wings. Razor grinders occur all along the east coast from Gladstone Qld, to Narooma, NSW.

And finally in this trio of interesting insects, may I present to you the Fiddler Beetle. He was deep in a log when I was gardening, and the colour was just spectacular to see. Once again, I had no clue what it was (etymology is not my strong suit) so after some hit and miss search terms in Google, I finally found it: *Eupoecila australasiae* more commonly known as the Fiddler Beetle - So named because of the markings on its shell which supposedly look like a Fiddle or violin.





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This year is the 100th Anniversary of their amazing journey. This is why 'The Incredible Journey' team from NSW are retracing the steps of those pioneering men who travelled almost 18,000Kms in 148 days, covering some of the roughest ground imaginable.

And while the original Bubsie, driven by Westwood and Davies, can be seen in the National Museum in Canberra, on **Tuesday 11th March**, a beautifully restored replica of Nevill's Citroën will be on display at 'The Persimmon Place' (Waddell's Orchard) 375 Galston Road, Galston from 10am – 12pm; and then at Galston Adventist Church from 2pm – 5pm.

Please join us for this memorable event and discover what inspired Westwood and Davies to make such a dangerous, incredible journey. And make sure you get your free copy of the 'Overlander' detailing Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies amazing adventure. This event is promoted by 'The Incredible Journey' and Galston Adventist Church.

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# NEWS FROM NETHERBY

## A Restoration Journey

The Friends of Fagan Park recently celebrated the completion of a seven and a half year restoration project by some very dedicated volunteers.

Donated to the Friends of Fagan Park in July 2017 by the Cranston family of Middle Dural, it had finished its working life hauling bush rock out of gullies and had been heavily modified for the purpose. It was decided in consultation with the donors to restore it to original condition.



It has been a mammoth job! Every single part has been rebuilt by our volunteers with no new parts available. The wheels were the major challenge and expense using nearly forgotten crafts. All the timber was milled



locally and fashioned into the beautiful body you now see. An absolute credit to all the volunteers and local tradesmen who have donated goods and services. It was proclaimed "complete" in December 2024.

The truck drives well but is challenging with its "crash" gearbox. Its maximum speed is about 25km/h but is unlikely to ever be driven so fast!

The photos show the truck in its original and restored condition. Come along to Fagan Park and have a look yourself... we are open every Tuesday 9-4pm and every second Sunday of the month 1-4pm.



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to sponsor a pier and have your family name on that pier. To sponsor a pier, contact the [president@glenorieprogress.org.au](mailto:president@glenorieprogress.org.au)

**The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence update** - Four piers have been carved. We are almost there! Working with Hornsby Council, the plan is to be ready for Anzac Day 2025. Watch for the build to commence soon!

If you want to keep your finger on the pulse of Glenorie, come along to our meetings at 7:15pm 2nd Thursday every month in the downstairs meeting room of Glenorie RSL. Visitors are welcome but if you want to be kept up to date, please consider joining the GPA.

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# Glenorie Probus Club Activities

Glenorie Probus Club finished the year on a high note. The club had a Trail day tour to Bobbin Head and Kuring-gai National Park. They gathered at the Kalkari Discovery Centre which has a fascinating collection of items on view. Following this it was a walk pass the Look Out and Discovery Trail. Then a drive down to Bobbin Head. Here there were a number of walks around the area with different views of the Creek and surrounds. Following a lovely lunch the group moved to the North Turramurra entrance and viewed The Sphinx War Memorial. This was carved by William Thomas Shirley, a returned serviceman and trained stonemason over two years in 1924-5 as part of his therapy while he was a patient at the nearby Hospital.

The guest speaker for November was Ralph Steele from Galston Community Bendigo Bank. Ralph briefly outlined his background and the key roll he played in the creation of the Galston Community Bendigo Bank. The Bank is owned 50% by



Bobbin Head

Bendigo Bank which receives 50% of the earnings and 80% of the remainder goes to supporting a wide range of Community Groups. The Bank has given just under \$4,000,000 to date to benefitted a wide range of Community activities including schools, sporting clubs, disability support, aged care, Careflight, and Arcadian Artists to mention a few.

The club held its Christmas lunch at Glenorie RSL. The traditional Trivia Quiz was held which kept all entertained and thinking. This was followed by a great meal for the



Sphinx

members which was provided by the club. Once again Santa visited and an enjoyable time was had by all to finalise the years activities.

The club resumes its activities in February with an exciting range of activities in plan for 2025.

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

Contact Wendy Black

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## Rules for a Smooth Ride

BY REJIMON PUNCHAYIL

**As you embrace the newfound independence that your mobility scooter provides, it's essential to understand its safe use and maintenance.**

**Weather Wisdom:** It's crucial to exercise caution when considering your scooter outings. Avoid using your scooter in rainy conditions. Moisture can harm the scooter's electronics and pose safety risks. Always stay informed about the weather forecast before venturing out.

**Routine Maintenance:** When it comes to scooter issues, leave troubleshooting to the experts. This is especially important when dealing with tasks like replacing tubes, tires, or wheels.

**Battery Care:** To keep your scooter in optimal condition, maintain your scooter's battery health by charging it regularly, even if you don't use it frequently. Keeping the battery charged ensures it's always ready when you need it.

**Safety:** Enhance your safety on the road by installing a safety flag on your scooter, increasing your visibility to other road users. For evening rides, add lights and reflective accessories. Avoid nighttime scooter use unless absolutely essential, and if so, exercise utmost caution. Planning your travel route and discussing accessibility with your local council is a creative planning tool.

**Respect for Others:** Always prioritize pedestrian safety. Slow down and provide them with ample space, especially in crowded areas. Ensuring everyone's safety is paramount.

These crucial rules are designed to keep you and your scooter safe and in optimal condition. If you have any questions related to your mobility and independence or any other concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to your local specialist at [www.karislife.com.au](http://www.karislife.com.au) for a friendly chat on phone or in person.

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## COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF CHERRYBROOK MEETS

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Contact Ross 0411 104 863.

We warmly welcome you to our Probus Club to share the good times!

**06-02-25**

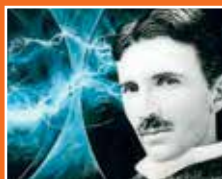
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## MONTHLY TALK DURAL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Contact: Judy Horton 0419 604 701

Email: judyhorton949@gmail.com

**08-02-25 || 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM**

**Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston**

## HILLS LUNAR FESTIVAL

Celebrate the Year of the Snake at the Hills Lunar Festival on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at Arthur Whitting Park. Enjoy vibrant drum beats, traditional Chinese dancing, and a variety of Asian foods like dumplings and bubble waffles. Experience captivating performances by The Hills Chinese Association, along with family-friendly activities such as face painting and clay snake crafting. Two Wishing Trees will allow guests to write and hang their wishes for the year ahead. Lunar New Year is a time for family, reflection, and optimism.

**08-02-25 || 02:00 PM to 09:00 PM**

**Arthur Whitting Park, cnr Old Northern Road and McMullen Ave, Castle Hill, 2154**

## ELLERMAN PARK BUSHCARE

The Ellerman Park Bushcare Group works in Ellerman Park, Dural.

This reserve was targeted for restoration due to the vegetation community of Sydney Turpentine – Ironbark Forest being listed as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community.

There is very little Sydney Turpentine–Ironbark Forest reserved on public land that contains all stratum of vegetation (ground, mid and canopy).

Grants from the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) have been utilised to restore Ellerman Park.

Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary.

**09-02-25 || 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Ellerman Park, 22Z Pellitt Lane, Dural, 2158**



## PROBUS CLUB OF THE HILLS MEETING

Probus Club of the Hills welcomes you to our meetings! 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January), Galston Club 10am.



Contact Bob Heyward 0427 360 389 or Ken Smith 0413 309 573.

**12-02-25 || 10:00 AM**

**The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston NSW 2159**

## MEET THE AUTHOR PENELOPE JANU

Mackenzie Henry is content in her small town of Summerfield until her grandfather asks her to lead a rehabilitation effort for land damaged by an open-cut mine, involving a Norwegian documentary team. The project reveals secrets that endanger her family's reputation and safety, and complicates her life even further with the arrival of Kit Thorsen, who threatens the heart she's kept safe.

Penelope, an author passionate about social and environmental themes, celebrates Australian characters and communities in her novels. She will discuss her work with fellow Australian writer Sandie Docker, known for books like *The Redgum River Retreat* and the *Lyrebird Lake Ladies Choir*.

**14-02-25 || 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM**

**Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby**

## JAZZ AT THE PINES

Enjoy live Jazz at The Pines in the historic Roughley House grounds at Dural. Bring a picnic and relax under the old pine trees. Tables can be booked or bring your own chairs or picnic rug. Refreshments available in the Visitor Centre.



**16-02-25 || 12:30 PM to 03:30 PM**

**Dural Visitor Centre, Roughley House, 656A Old Northern Road, Dural, 2158**

## COMPOST AND WORM FARM WORKSHOP

Learn how to compost and set up a worm farm at our workshop. Join the Hornsby Shire composting community to transform your food waste into nutrient-rich compost. Get expert advice and ask questions. Free for residents, refreshments provided.



**20-02-25 || 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre, 29 Sefton Road, Thornleigh NSW 2120**

## CASTLE HILL AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS EMERGENCYREDI™ WORKSHOP

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**26-02-25 || 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Castle Hill RSL, 77 Castle Street, Castle Hill, 2154**

# Clare Oliver *Photographer*



**H**i I'm Clare, your local photographer here in Arcadia. I've been asked to introduce myself to the fabulous readers of the *Galston Community News* and in 250 words explain my life as a professional photographer. Funny that as I spend most of my life avoiding using words and express how I feel and what I see through imagery.

*"Photography is the story  
I fail to put in words"*

Photography is my passion and life, I was born into it and will never stop loving it. For any of you who have had the privilege of owning a proper camera (not an iPhone) and capturing life through a lens, you will understand the tremendous excitement of using light and time to make a picture. So simple, yet extraordinary when you think about the power a photograph has.

I am very lucky to have learnt my craft from my father "David Oliver" who had a studio on Pennant Hills Road and serviced the Hills area for over 30 years. We both enjoy photographing people and Dad taught me how to communicate, interact and capture humanity.

*"If a photographer cares about the people before the lens and is compassionate, much is given. It is the photographer, not the camera, that is the instrument"* –Eve Arnold.

Well that's enough words for me.

Thank you to *Galston Community News* for the opportunity to engage with fellow residents of the best place to live in Sydney!

I look forward to hopefully meeting many of you in the future if you need any family, event or business photos. I will endeavour to keep a regular advert in here to showcase some fun images locally and internationally - watch this space!

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# Why Jennifer Taylor has partnered with skinb to create a New Skincare Product Made From Grass Fed Tallow

**Galston local Jennifer Taylor wanted to create a skincare product which was free of toxins and harmful chemicals**

## TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND

I've lived in Sydney for my whole life and I have worked in the beauty and fashion industry for many years. I never gave a second thought to the chemicals I was using daily on my skin or at work until I reached my late 40s. I recently became inspired by Cherith, a former party girl turned health guru, who educates her Instagram followers with natural beauty solutions. Cherith the founder of skinb, was actually looking to source a reputable local 100% Grass Fed and Grass Finished Beef Tallow, and when we met it was almost an instant decision for us to collaborate.

I had a life changing experience in 2023 when I nearly lost my life to cancer and a brain tumour, and it was through this experience that I became more and more aware of the links of toxins in food, cosmetics and household products to diseases such as cancer. I have been committed to take better care of myself, and I'm growing in wisdom and knowledge to make better lifestyle choices in the hope that I can be around for my family longer and to teach my son and daughter to make better lifestyle choices too.

## WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START TAYLOR FINE FOODS AND NOW TAYLOR GRASS FED TALLOW?

I began wanting to eat more organic, unprocessed food and drinking filtered water – clean eating was now a huge desire for me so it was a natural progression to want to eat our own farm produce. I started the

process to bring beef back from our farm and in a format that was useful to the community. We now have a growing group of local customers from Galston, Arcadia and Glenorie enjoying our grass fed and grass finished beef.

The next challenge was to consider natural cosmetics and to source products that were going to benefit my skin and overall health. It was a chance meeting while on holidays that I met Cherith and together we shared of our passions for clean living. Cherith has been on a journey to discover natural ingredients and how to blend them up to offer real natural beauty solutions. We are both in our late 40's and now recognise how important it is to NOT to use products with toxins that can disrupt hormones.

It was a pleasant surprise to discover that beef tallow is actually a really good solution to use as a cosmetic.

Part of my research has led me to be motivated to go back down the ancient paths for truth and to go back to basics with simplistic skin care, taking the wisdom of our ancestors and seeking to use a product that is good for both inner and outer beauty.

## WHAT IS TALLOW?

Tallow is made from animal fat which is rendered (or cooked down) into a purer form. Tallow itself is not a new innovation: it's been used in cooking for centuries, and medicinally by the ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks.



Local residents Gwen Darby, Esther Taylor and Jennifer Taylor

## TELL US ABOUT THE INGREDIENTS YOU USE

Taylor Grass Fed Tallow comes from the fat from the cows I see grazing in the hills at the farm. I know exactly which blades of grass they have been fed and raised on. Fat from grass-fed cows is the most nutrient-dense fat there is as it's packed with nutrients, vitamins A, D, E, K and B12, plus Omega 6 and 9 – you just can't get these from plant-based creams. And because the fat has such a similar fatty acid profile to the sebum in our skin, it's as though our skin recognises it and absorbs it, leaving no greasy feeling which surprises many people.

Both my daughter and I have been using it for weeks now and we are amazed at how soft it makes the skin. My friends and family love it too – and even my husband is willing to use it. From this point, knowing this is a 100% natural product, I am pleased to introduce Taylor Grass Fed Tallow X skinb blend and make it available to anyone who wants to use a clean, natural moisturiser.

The product is launching late February and is available for pre-order now at Taylor Fine Foods.

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# Vale Margaret McKinley

BY KATH WARE (DAUGHTER)

**Margaret McKinley died on 30th December 2024 in Mark Donaldson VC House Galston at the age of 93. Throughout her long busy life she wore many hats: a teacher and catechist; a nature lover, gardener, farmer and environmentalist; a dressmaker and home maker; an artist and music connoisseur; a genealogist and historian; a community activist, and an irrepressible volunteer. But the role that had the most profound impact on those who were closest to her was as the disarmingly modest, but hugely inspiring, matriarch of the McKinley family.**

Margaret Ann Cape was born on 18th December 1931 in Cooma. Her early years were spent on a sheep property in Merriwa.

Margaret attended high school at Sacred Heart Rose Bay and went on to Sydney Kindergarten Training College, where she graduated as a pre-school teacher. She met her future husband, Edward McKinley, at her 21st birthday party. In 1955, Margaret married Ted and they bought a 13 acre property in Dural. The property cost 100 pounds per acre, and they scrimped, saved and toiled away to build a three bedroom home stick by stick, with most of the work done personally by the pair of them. The power was only connected after the house was finished, so everything had to be done without the aid of mains electricity. Over the years the couple had eight children.

Margaret was an intrepid volunteer. Much of her work was connected to the local parish. She was on hand when the Benedictine Monks bought a property in Arcadia in 1961, and helped the priests with transport, meals and shopping while the monastery was being built. She also served as a catechist, or scripture teacher, for 36 years, starting at Middle Dural public school in 1965.

Margaret earned extra income for her family by making school uniforms, netball uniforms and bespoke aprons for people in the local community. So it was only natural that she should apply these skills to her volunteer work, and over the years she made many robes for lay ministers and habits for the Benedictine Monks. She also loved cooking, and regularly made cakes for school fetes and Arcadia monastery fetes.

In 1971, Margaret joined a group of like-minded locals to form Dural Neighbour Aid. Over the years they did housework and cleaning for sick and elderly people, cooked hot meals, and provided transport to medical appointments and other engagements. She retired from her Neighbour Aid duties in 2019, after 47 years of service.

Margaret had a very strong sense of history, and the importance of understanding the back story to the way people lived their lives and how communities evolved over time. She joined the Dural Historical Society in 1999 and worked there until 2019. During this time she researched and wrote up the histories of many buildings, institutions and families in the region.

In her spare time, Margaret loved listening to fine music. Although she wasn't a stage performer herself, she couldn't bear just being a spectator, so in 2002 she helped to organise a concert series for Arcadian Musical Recitals. Margaret continued in the role of administration and publicity manager for the next 13 years, right up until she entered Rowland Village.

After Ted died in 2014, Margaret sold her Dural home and moved into a self-contained unit in Rowland Village. Some of the other residents in the village were already friends and acquaintances, and she quickly made new friends with her neighbours, helping them with their gardening, letter writing and meals.



The day before Margaret died, Father Michael came and spoke to her, and administered the last rites. She was very weak, but at peace and ready to bring to a close her amazing life. Margaret passed away on Monday 30th December 2024. She was farewelled by her family, friends and the local community at a requiem Mass at St Benedicts Parish Church, Arcadia on 9th January. Her humble, unassuming but immensely giving and productive life continues to be an inspiration to everyone who was touched by it.

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# Jemma Juckes (née Hibbert)

## 25th June 1990 – 18th December 2024

BY ELISE PRIDE

The Glenorie community mourns the loss of one of its brightest lights, Jemma Juckes, who passed away peacefully on 18th December 2024. A devoted wife to Lang, beloved stepmother to Riley, and adored fur-mum to George, Jemma will be remembered for her warmth, resilience, and extraordinary capacity to inspire those around her.

Jemma's impact on Glenorie was profound and far-reaching. As the owner of Glenorie Pizzeria for nine years, she turned a local eatery into the heart of the community. Jemma created a space where connections flourished, and her mentorship of young staff helped many discover their potential and build confidence. Her kindness and encouragement helped shape lives and left a lasting impression on everyone who walked through her doors.

Diagnosed with cancer in April 2023, Jemma faced her battle with unwavering



courage and determination, using her journey to bring people together and inspire action. Her advocacy efforts achieved a remarkable milestone just two days after her passing, when the life-saving drug she fought to make accessible was approved for inclusion on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). This victory ensures that the 150 Australians diagnosed each year with the same cancer

can access treatment at a fraction of the cost—a lasting legacy of Jemma's dedication to helping others.

Jemma found joy in life's simplest pleasures—sharing a laugh with friends, enjoying the beauty of nature, and cherishing moments with loved ones. Her quick wit, artistic flair, and boundless kindness made her a beacon of positivity to everyone around her. Whether she was creating something beautiful, lifting someone's spirits with her humour, or connecting deeply with those she met, Jemma's ability to bring warmth and light to others defined her. Her legacy of love, creativity, and genuine connection will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her.

A celebration of Jemma's life will be held on Friday 31st January, at 10am, at Glenorie RSL.

Jemma's light will forever shine in the hearts of Lang, Riley, her family, and the entire Glenorie community. She leaves behind a legacy of love, connection, and an enduring reminder of the difference one person can make.

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# Vale Pastor Peter John Goldstien

BY PETER KAZZI

**Peter was a loved and cherished life member of Maroota Rural Fire Brigade. He served in the RFS for 60 years. That alone is a massive achievement!**

Pete joined Annangrove brigade in 1964 where he served till 1992. He then joined Maroota Brigade in 1992 till his passing.

Pete as well as being an active member of the brigade also became the brigade President in 1992 and 1993, he became our First Aid Officer in 2002 till 2013. He was voted in as Vice-President from 2009 till his passing. He was voted a Life member in 2013.

Pete was active in fundraising for our brigade, always ready and willing to surprise us in some way to help us raise money. We used to have midyear dinners for the brigade and community at South Maroota Hall. It was one of our fundraising events that we held annually. One year Pete was doing an auction for us and the bidding was a bit slow, so he jumped up onto a table and said if we can raise this amount of money for the item being auctioned, he will pull his pants down. The money was raised in no time flat and Pete's pants came



down just as quick! I think we raised a bit extra when he pulled them back up again.

Pete not only was a fire fighter he was a mentor, leader, someone that our brigade looked up to. Pete not only helped the needy with goods but he also looked after the mental health of many of his flock. Pete's passion for helping people made him a well known and loved member of the community. His legend was known in the Hills, Hawkesbury, Hornsby and Central Coast areas surrounding the Hawkesbury River. He married people, christened children, buried people and most of all, helped people. If someone

needed help, he would supply them with food, clothes, toys, washing machines, dryers, fridges and if he didn't have what they needed, he would do his best to get it for them.

He raised money to support what people had already donated to him by doing the Carols in the Park at Wisemans Ferry and for a couple of years after the floods, at Maroota School. With the donations and the money received from the carols, he would put together what Pete and Jessie would call their "Love Hampers". The Love Hampers were distributed by Pete and Jesse to the needy families of the four main districts that Pete and Jesse supported. The hampers ensured that these families had a wonderful Christmas.

This is the Peter Goldstien we all know and love. This is the man everybody knew. Pastor Peter Goldstien is one of a kind and I doubt we'll see anyone like him in the near future. If we do, they will have very big boots to fill!

Peter you will never be forgotten... how can you forget someone that has given all of us so much to remember.

Pete loved and adored Jesse, his kids and grandkids but there was only one person that Pete loved as much as his family, and he is with Him now.

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## from the Mayor's Desk

As we get back to business following the summer period, we're eager to continue making a positive impact in our community. 2025 is set to be a significant year, with many important initiatives to shape the future of Hornsby Shire. In March, we're looking forward to engaging with you around our **Community Strategic Plan, Your Vision | Your Future 2035**. We're also excited to reveal to you the first stages of our major project within Hornsby Park. Of course, we'll continue to deliver the many projects and initiatives outlined in our 2024-27 Delivery Program. Stay tuned for more news to come.

As a Council, we're committed to delivering events and activities across the Shire for the whole community to enjoy. So, we're excited that our popular 'Food Truck Fridays' are returning in 2025. Food Truck Fridays will showcase some of Sydney's best food truck offerings with live music at different locations in Hornsby Shire.

In February, the trucks will roll into Berowra, then in March they will visit Cherrybrook and Galston. More than just providing delicious treats, our Food Truck Fridays activate our public spaces and our local evening and night-time economy. For details, see [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ftf](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ftf)

We're also excited that Remagine, our annual environmental art prize and exhibition, returns this May. We're calling on artists across the Shire to submit a piece of work for this year's competition. The theme is 'RE:THINK TO RE:PURPOSE' and entries are open until 1 May. Visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine) to find out more.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events and activities across the Shire in 2025. And if you would like to get in touch, please feel free to email me at [wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

**Warren Waddell**  
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

## What's on



### GREAT FOOD LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAYS, 5pm-8.30pm  
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**Berowra Oval**  
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**Galston Recreation Reserve**  
7 March

**Cherrybrook, Greenway Park**  
21 March



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**Chipping for Mulch – Mt Kuring-gai**  
Sunday 16 February, 7.30am-12.30pm  
Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Road,  
Mt Kuring-gai

**Compost and Worm Farm Workshop**  
Thursday 20 February, 10am-12.30pm  
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

**Repair Day – Clothes, Bikes,  
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Saturday 22 February,  
sessions from 9.30am-1pm  
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Artwork by Fleur Brett,  
*Yellow Torso (The Muse), 2024*



### Understanding and Preventing Dementia

Friday 28 February, 10am-12pm  
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## DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

# News from History Cottage

**The Society thanks all who contributed to a most enjoyable series of meetings last year; the guest speakers created much discussion over afternoon tea and all further understood what it is that makes a community special when it learns about its own and its place, in history.**

This year the Society will again call upon selected members and residents to speak on local topics; an influential Australian and a man who could have changed history. Here is the list for the year, it could change because of unforeseen circumstances:

- February - Don Napper - Nikola Tesla.
- March - Judy Horton - John Peter Russell - The Forgotten Impressionist.
- April - Vern Potter - The Fagans and Fagan Park.
- May - Carolyn Broadhead - Carolyn's French Connection.
- June - Rod Best - The Best Family.
- July - Michael Bell - Galston Gorge Archaeology.
- August - The June Roughley Memorial Lecture, Ian Hemphill - My Life In Spices.
- September - Bob Ifield - The Ifield Family.
- November - Ron McIntosh - The Lost Boys (on local cenotaphs).

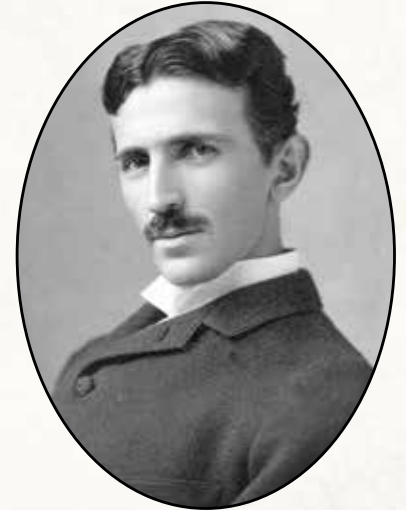
With generous access given to the Society by the Galston Uniting Church in School Road, our meetings have been held there with obvious success. However the home of the Society is "History Cottage" beside the Galston Cenotaph, where all research material is housed and available.



Over recent months Society members, under the guidance of member, Toni Phillips, have carried extensive rearrangement and recording of what is stored. Justly proud of what has been achieved the Society will hold an open afternoon between 12.00 and 5.00 on **Sunday 16th March**. It invites all to come and see the maps, documents, family history, the library, photographs, micro film and more, that is there to share. A diary reminder is strongly recommended.

It was with sadness that members heard of the death of long time member, Mrs Margaret McKinley on the 30th December. She was an avid historian, who held a strong belief in the value of family and local history to help people understand their sense of belonging in a community and society.

The first meeting for 2025 will be on **Saturday 8th February** in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston, starting at 2.00pm. The guest speaker will be Don Napper. He will tell the story of Nikola Tesla, inventor, visionary, forgotten man but the one Elon Musk chose to use as the name of his car for very good reasons. Professor Napper has spoken to the Society on several occasions; his knowledge and presentation always guarantee a special afternoon. He was educated at Sydney and Cambridge Universities. He retired from Sydney university in 2003 as the Pro-Vice Chancellor where he is now Professor Emeritus.



Afternoon tea is free but a gold coin is appreciated.

Enquiries, Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.

## Artist Studio Clearance

**The Ferry Artists Gallery in Wisemans Ferry welcomes in the New Year with our first exhibition of 2025 with our Artists Studio Clearance exhibition. With the holidays behind us and our artists working again in their studios this is a good time for our artists to offer work for a reduced price. All hanging artworks in the gallery will be for sale for \$300 and under and this is a wonderful opportunity for new art buyers or established collectors to find something very special. If you have been watching one of our many talented artists you may be excited by what they offer for this exhibition.**

Our usual selection of high quality and original jewellery and giftware will be on sale in the gallery also. So join us for our opening event **Saturday 22nd February 2025 3-5pm** at The Ferry Artists Gallery in beautiful and historic Wisemans Ferry.

The Ferry Artists Gallery supports and promotes emerging and established artists in our local community and the greater Hawkesbury and surrounding regions.

Keep up with what we are doing by following our socials or send us your email to be on our customer distribution list for special events and offers to [ferryartistsgallery.org.au](http://ferryartistsgallery.org.au)

The Ferry Artists Gallery is in Wisemans Ferry Central and open daily 10am to 4pm.



# Entries now open for Remagine environmental art prize 2025

**Hornsby Shire Council's environmental art prize Remagine is again open for entries with \$11,000 in total prize money.**

Hosted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society since 2009, the Remagine Art Prize challenges artists to create works in response to the waste and overconsumption crises. This year's theme, *RE:THINK TO RE: PURPOSE*, challenges artists to explore the impact of waste production and creatively reuse materials to help conserve our precious natural resources.

Entries are open to Digital Stills, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Ceramics, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking and Photography, with six prizes to be won in 2025, including:

- Winner: \$5,000
- Highly Commended: \$2,000
- Recycled/Reused Materials Award \$1,500
- Local Artist Award: \$1,000
- Youth Award (18-25 years): \$1,000
- People's Choice Award: \$500

Hornsby Shire Council Mayor Warren Waddell said this year's theme was chosen to reflect the importance on reuse and repurposing materials before they become waste that enters our environment, renewing the art prize's track record of poignant commentary on the waste crisis – the effects of which are seen most clearly at the level of Local Government.

"Rethinking our approach to managing household waste is essential to reducing the amount of waste we send to landfills, which are quickly



Chris Gleisner, *The Sixth Extinction A Short-List*

reaching capacity," said Mayor Waddell. "Finding creative ways to repurpose old items, whether in art or life, is a crucial behaviour towards building a more sustainable community."

"Each year since its inception, we've seen Remagine Art Prize reach larger and larger audiences, as the effects of the waste crisis and climate change become a reality. I'm sure that this year's theme will prompt a wonderful response from right across Australia yet again and raise community awareness on these important waste issues."

Entries to the Remagine Art Prize close on **Thursday 1st May 2025** at 5pm and the winners will be announced at the award ceremony on **Friday 13th June 2025**.



Coco X. Huang, *In A Drop of Water*

The Remagine Art Prize exhibition will be held from **Friday 13th June** until **Sunday 29th June 2025**, at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby.

For further information and to enter visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine>



Remagine Art Prize award ceremony 2024

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# 2025 property outlook: What's in store for the property market

**As we step into 2025, the Australian property market looks set to showcase a range of challenges and opportunities for buyers, sellers and investors. Factors like interest rates, migration trends and evolving rental conditions all contribute to shaping the year ahead. Here's what to expect for residential real estate in 2025.**

Belle Property's insights reveal that the 2025 property market will be balancing several issues. High interest rates have dampened some buyer enthusiasm, while in other areas limited housing supply and continued migration are keeping demand strong. CoreLogic's November 2024 data showed a 5.5% increase in home values nationwide, a trend likely to extend into 2025. The rental market remains competitive, driven by low vacancy rates and rising rents, while potential interest rate reductions later in the year could re-energise market activity.

The New South Wales metropolitan property market saw increased stock levels towards the end of 2024, largely driven by the impact of higher interest rates. This rise in supply has slowed market activity, putting downward pressure on prices and providing more choice for buyers. Despite this, demand for premium suburbs remains strong, fuelled by foreign investment and stable buyer confidence. If interest rates decrease in 2025, buyer confidence is expected to improve, potentially stabilising prices.

Regional New South Wales faces challenges as it transitions into 2025. Following a significant price surge during the COVID era, many areas are struggling to maintain momentum as businesses call



more employees back to metropolitan offices. Lifestyle properties and holiday homes have been particularly impacted by rising costs and reduced disposable income, with this trend expected to persist through the first half of 2025.

## 2025 RENTAL MARKET TRENDS.

The 2025 rental market is poised for increased competition. As vacancy rates remain low, tenants may face rising rents, particularly in metropolitan areas. Investors are likely to find attractive opportunities in growth regions like Brisbane and Adelaide, where rental yields remain strong. In Western Australia, vacancy rates remain exceptionally low, driving rents higher – a trend likely to persist into 2025.

## LOOKING AHEAD.

While challenges such as affordability pressures and policy changes remain, there are plenty of opportunities for informed buyers and investors for the year ahead. A potential reduction in interest rates in 2025 could revitalise the market further, making this a year of cautious optimism for residential real estate. Understanding these trends will be critical for navigating this dynamic property landscape.

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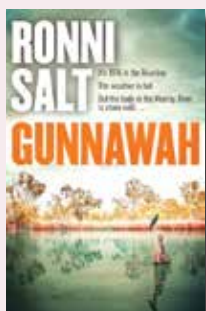
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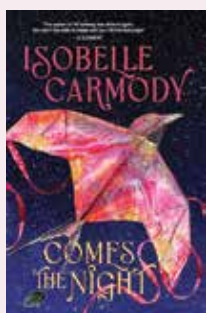


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For the past decade the Hills Hawks have run a Premier League team, which is the very highest level of amateur football in Australia. For a small club in semi-rural Sydney, that is no mean feat. Unfortunately, through natural attrition and other factors that team disbanded at the end of 2023. Now the club will put together a team capable of competing in the Super League which will, hopefully, provide a pathway for our most competitive players to again

move up into Premier League within a couple of seasons.

The Hawkies are an integral part of the fabric of our community, and many locals are brought together by sport in general, and the club more specifically. Those who have played for the club, coached, or cheered on their kids from the sideline are bonded together by their shared experiences.

To have a team to watch at the very top of amateur football gives local kids something to aspire to, should they have a competitive nature themselves, as well as making for a very entertaining spectacle on a Saturday afternoon! We do have some extremely talented juniors coming through at the moment, and the club is providing extra training opportunities for anyone wanting to take their game to another level. That said, we are first and foremost a family club and there is a level for any player, whether they



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# Dural Bowling Club News

**Dural Bowling Club Christmas lunch and the award presentation took place on Saturday December 14th 2024.**



Most players attended the day and had a wonderful time.

The day started with a game of scrungers whereby players are divided up into groups of 4 to a rink. Each rink players plays an individual game against the others. Each player has 3 bowls and the closest bowls scores 3 points, second 2 points and third 1 point.

It was a fun and entertaining morning with the game starting at 9.30am. After the completion of the game of scrungers the players joined the other bowlers that had elected to skip the morning games for lunch in the dining room. The winner was Mike Keane and the runner up Phil Laing.

The last bowl day for 2024 was on Saturday 21st December and resumed on Saturday 4th January 2025.

The Open Gender Drawn Triples is currently in progress and started on January 11th January 2025.

Anyone interested in playing bowls please contact Robert on  
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# Northholm Grammar HSC Excellence Ranked 31st in the State



**It is with enormous pride that Northholm Grammar announces the outstanding academic achievement of our Year 12 2024 cohort in the HSC results. Northholm Grammar's rank of 31st in the State's best performing schools is a testament of our commitment to academic growth, excellence and developing the character of each student.**

Our Year 12 cohort embraced the opportunity to engage in a rigorous academic program allowing them to achieve their personal best whilst balancing their studies with a diverse array of personal accomplishments in their areas of interest and passion. We commend our Year 12 2024 students on their results and for their grit, perseverance and unwavering drive towards excellence.

**Northholm Grammar's standing as one of the leading schools in New South Wales is reflected in the following highlights:**

- 18th best performing Independent School in New South Wales
- 30 students recognised as NSW Distinguished Achievers
- 5 students on the Honour Roll (Chloe Fader, Emelie Gartner, Amelia Gartner, Sophie Hamilton-James, Gemma Oaklands)



- 4 State Ranks – Mia Lawton (2nd Biology and 4th Agriculture) and Emelie Gartner (7th Modern History and 12th in English Advanced)
- 67% of students gaining at least one Band 6
- 80% of students gaining at least one Band 5 or Band 6
- 100% of courses achieved above State Average marks

Special congratulations go to Sophie Hamilton-James and Emelie Gartner as the Dux of the School, both achieving an ATAR of 99.75.

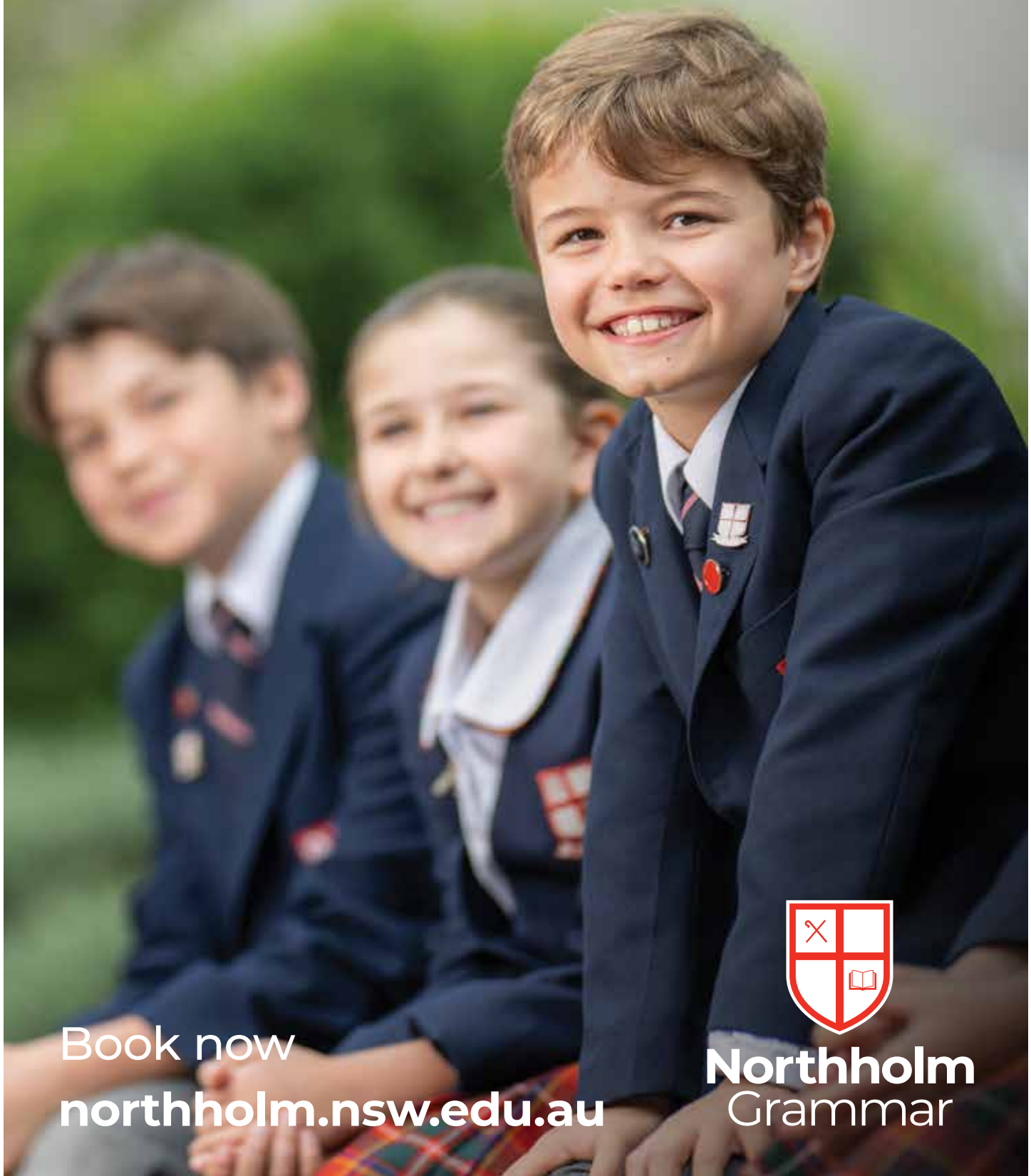
The Class of 2024 have not only achieved magnificent HSC results but have led the way in sport, visual and performing arts, leadership and entrepreneurship. They have elevated the standard for academic excellence that will inspire future cohorts at Northholm.

We also acknowledge our community - staff, parents, friends and family for their support of our Year 12 students. Our Year 12 families have worked in partnership with the School, to ensure a healthy learning experience for our students.

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# Pacific Berowra Christian School Welcome to our new Principal, Royston Lee



**Mr Royston Lee has joined Pacific Berowra Christian School as their new Principal, commencing, January 2025. Royston comes with decades of educational leadership experience in both Singapore and Australia, most recently as the Pacific Group Dean of Teaching.**



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# Food Truck Fridays return with international flavours and live music

**Hornsby Shire Council is excited to welcome back its popular series of Food Truck Fridays this February and March.**

Council's Food Truck Fridays showcase some of Sydney's best food truck offerings and live music at locations across Hornsby Shire, with residents of the LGA and neighbouring areas invited to come along and enjoy the delicious offerings from international food trucks and family friendly music and entertainment by local artists for everyone to enjoy.



In February, the trucks will roll into Berowra Oval (5pm-8.30pm, 21st February), then in March they will visit Galston Recreational Reserve (5pm-8.30pm, 7th March) and Greenway Park Oval in Cherrybrook (5pm-8.30pm, 21st March).

"We're excited to kick off another fantastic season of Food Truck Fridays, bringing together delicious food, live entertainment, and a fun atmosphere for everyone in our community to enjoy," said Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell.

"These events are a great way to try new flavours, catch up with friends and family, and unwind at the end of the week – we can't wait to see everyone there!"

Hornsby Shire Council's Food Truck Fridays are FREE to attend. For locations and details, see [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/fff](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/fff)



**I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some down time with family and friends over the holiday season.**



Already as we begin 2025 Council staff have been busy dealing with unforeseen challenges. Storm events throughout the Shire created a substantial volume of service requests for the Council team and local emergency services.

With over 120 calls to SES alone, this has been an opportunity for our Emergency Management Coordinator, Rolfe Pool, to activate plans prepared for precisely these occasions, ensuring a proper coordinated approach across all agencies.

Events like those experienced recently, also highlight to Council the constant need to review our tree preservation codes. As the Bushland Shire, we are committed to the preservation and enhancement of our tree canopy and natural resource areas. However, we have an equal obligation to ensure the safety of our residents and their property.

Fortunately, our scheduled mulching programme took place at the Galston Council Depot on Sunday 19th January. This provided at least one outlet for the increase in tree debris experienced throughout the rural area. For all other ongoing enquiries relating to the storm and its impacts please call Council on Ph 9847 6666.

While on the topic of Bushcare, Council has launched an initiative aimed at connecting new parents with nature. Sessions are held on the third Monday of every month between 10am and 12 noon at Mt Colah community centre. Child minding has been made available while parents get to enjoy some introductory training to bush management.

Looking forward to activating many more strategies this year as we move from planning to implementation.

I am happy to be contacted on any issue on [jseaglove@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jseaglove@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

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From the desk of  
**James Wallace**  
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



**I would like to give a huge shout out to our wonderful Hornsby SES volunteers.**

In response to the recent electrical storms and powerful winds, Hornsby SES received over 400 requests for assistance. Supported by local RFS brigades, SES teams were operational day and night, in difficult conditions, as they worked through tasks as quickly as possible.



Their main priorities were to ensure the safety of the public, restore power and essential services, and provide support to vulnerable community members, especially the elderly.

Throughout this period the ongoing collaboration between SES, RFS and NSW Police was crucial. Hornsby SES also worked closely with Ausgrid to ensure jobs affecting homes without power were processed as a priority.

To date we have experienced a relatively mild and wet summer. However, I would like to remind everyone not to be complacent as dangerous bushfires can occur at any time.

We all should continue to take precautions and ensure we have prepared our properties and have plans in place in the event of a dangerous bushfire.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all our local Rural Fire Service volunteers for their significant commitment to keeping us safe all year round.

Finally, it is my pleasure to let you know that applications for the 2025 Hornsby Community Building Partnership (CBP) Grant Program are open.

CBP Grants are available to incorporated not-for-profit bodies, such as local sporting groups, social and environmental groups and school P&C's, for community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes.

The deadline for applications COB, **21st February 2025**. Please let my office know if you submit an application or if you have any questions.

I look forward to serving you as the Member for Hornsby. If you think I can help, please feel free to contact me at my office at any time.

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA



**Getting our RFS the resources they deserve**

**As summer progresses, we're reminded of the vital role our Rural Fire Service volunteers play in protecting our community from bushfires. The Hillside Rural Fire Service in Glenorie is at the forefront of this effort and comprises of dedicated locals committed to keeping us safe.**

The 2019-2020 bushfire season reminded us of how destructive and unpredictable bushfires can be. We treasure living in a community surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes, but we also have a responsibility to remain vigilant against the ever-present risk of bushfires.

Having spent time with the Hillside RFS over the years, I've seen their incredible dedication and the challenges they face. One of the most pressing issues is the need for better telecommunications infrastructure. In parts of Glenorie, dead zones can hinder communication during emergencies, delaying critical responses and putting lives at risk.

That's why I'm campaigning for funding for the installation of a telecommunications tower in Glenorie for the Hillside RFS. This essential infrastructure would provide reliable communication links, meaning the RFS can respond quickly and effectively when it matters most.

Our community owes a debt of gratitude to these remarkable volunteers. I'll continue to work with Glenorie's Hillside RFS team to push for the tower which will help to ensure that they have what they need to keep our community safe.

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# Galston Garden Club

Next meeting will be on 12th February 2025  
Talks about "Four common plants that repel APHIDS  
from your garden"

**HAPPY NEW YEAR. The Galston District Garden Club will resume monthly meetings on the 12th February 2025.**

The Garden Club is more than just coming to listen to speakers and purchasing a bargain plan. You will be rewarded by making new friends and sharing plant tips and ideas. We meet regularly on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** in the Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston at 7.30pm. We welcome new members and visitors. We are an informal and friendly group, and no matter what your gardening ability or gardening knowledge, you can be sure that you can look forward to pleasant company. Your botanical knowledge will be entirely adequate. Members range from beginners to very experienced. We use our interest in gardening as a great excuse for social gatherings and garden rambles. There will be interesting talks and displays at each meeting. We have a large and extensive library of gardening books and DVD's that members can borrow. We look forward to meeting you.

## FOUR COMMON PLANTS THAT REPEL APHIDS FROM YOUR GARDEN

Aphids are a very common garden pest and can affect the health of many plants in the garden when an infestation occurs. Their sap-sucking tendencies can cause damage in various ways including distorting or destroying leaves, transferring disease from sucking, encourages the growth of mould and attracts ants from their excretion of honeydew.

While removing and killing aphids is an effective way to treat infected plants you could avoid this situation by using an aphid repellent. There are plants you can put in your garden to repel aphids naturally.

These plants either have repulsive aromas and scents, or they release chemicals that actively repel aphids and encourage them to relocate. So not only will they stay out of your garden beds, they're also likely to move their breeding and egg-laying to an alternative spot. The **Allium** family of plants are known for being active repellers for many pests and unwanted animals, including snakes. Whether you choose garlic, leek,



chives, onions or even agapanthus, aphids will not enjoy any of their strong scents. If you choose quick growing chives, you can have the benefit of eating them. **Marigolds** and **Fragrant Herbs** are also a repellent. Plant the around veggies, flowers and shrubs prone to an aphid attack or are very sensitive to pest damage. Good Gardening.

For more information regarding the Garden Club please visit;

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## Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc

### BSA Guest Speaker - David Chandler

**The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 8th February with plant sales to the public commencing at 10am and the meeting commencing at 12noon.**

Guest Speaker for this meeting is David Chandler, a volunteer for the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney.

The particular garden tour that David will share with the BSA was organised through Botanica World Discoveries. It provided an opportunity for him and his wife to visit some of the most beautiful and famous gardens in England and Wales.

It also gave him a wonderful chance to return to his roots and share the beauty of British gardens with his Australian born wife Jenny.

David originally came from England as a young teacher in 1967 and became fascinated with Australian native plants and created a prize winning native garden. This led to him becoming a volunteer guide for the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney.

For the past 20 years he has taken many overseas visitors on walks through our beautiful botanic gardens.

BSA Meetings include plant sales, club news, raffles and competitions as well as providing an opportunity to meet like minded people in a friendly and inviting environment.

Contact Ian Hook;

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BY LACHLAN TURNER

# Hidden in the Hills

## TREE FERNS

**The (Lacy) Tree Fern (*Cyathea cooperi*) is the more spectacular of these two related species - the other being (Rough) Tree Fern (*Cyathea australis*). Both prefer a moist, high humidity, well drained habitat with adequate protection from sunlight, which will ensure the fern's longevity as a spectacular feature plant.**

The Lacy Tree Fern has a more slender trunk that displays distinctive raised "branch" ends where former fronds have died and broken away from the trunk. The Rough Tree Fern displays masses of hair-like



material around the entire trunk. Evidence of previous frond ends remain following the frond stem breaking away.

Propagation, although desirable, is not an easy task as these ferns do not produce any new plants from the roots or trunk. They can only be

reproduced by the function of germinating spore material, usually from different specimens. Both have a fairly extensive shallow, fibrous rhizome type of root system. These ferns can suffer under drought conditions and require a daily drink in these circumstances.

Both varieties share a similar distribution from the Central Queensland Coast to Southern Victoria. *Cyathea australis* is more prolific as it tolerates cooler climates better and is more likely to be found in mountain areas as well as in Tasmania. Both varieties can quickly reach a height in excess of 6m where habitat conditions are most favourable.

When walking along tracks that follow watercourses and passing by large ponds of still water, these majestic ferns growing along the water's edge are conspicuous as they create a somewhat impressive rainforest-like vista, particularly when the fronds are reflected on the still waters of the pond.



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# New Year Resolutions!!!

The start of a new year always tends towards reflection... with time to review the past year and make plans for the year ahead! Many people focus on things like health, travel, work, fostering and / or improving relationships or even how to pay off the house mortgage, but if we truly want to see improvements or change, then it should start with our spiritual lives.

As each of us reflects on 2024, I'm sure that there have been many things to be thankful for. However, at some point, no matter how things are going in our lives, we know that things of this life aren't forever and so we should explore the bigger questions!

### Have you ever thought about these questions?

- \*\* Does God exist?
- \*\* Who is the Jesus Christ of Christmas and Easter?
- \*\* What is the difference between religion and a faith relationship with God?
- \*\* What does "God loves me" really mean?
- \*\* What is sin and am I a sinner?
- \*\* What is the Bible all about?
- \*\* Is there life after death?

The answers to these kind of questions and the way we put them into practice will shape how we live our lives.



Let me offer a very brief introduction that I'm still learning about, after many years of loving God...

The Bible is God's book and has a myriad of advice for how to know and understand Him, how to learn about Jesus Christ and how to live a good and meaningful life, including a few resolutions that would make a real difference in the way 2025 will unfold for each of us.

By prioritising our understanding of and our heart relationship with God, the foundation is set for every other area of our lives.

This year, with each monthly article, I will aim to give a meaningful Biblical answer to each of the questions that I've listed. Watch this space...

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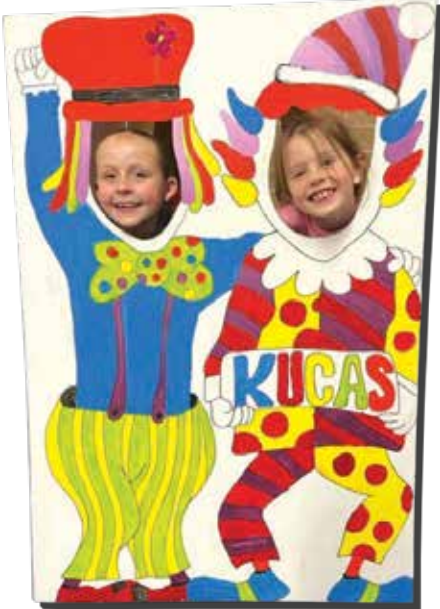
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# Galston Uniting Church



## Welcome to 2025...

**...and Happy New Year to everyone!**  
**Our regular activities have recommenced and church services continue at 10am on Sundays.**



We strive to be a church for the whole Community. So, at Galston Uniting there are activities throughout the week and there is something for everyone. You are assured of a warm welcome.

### Some activities include:

- *Jabez* - our drop-in centre where people can meet for a chat over a decent cup of coffee or tea with a special treat to nibble on. Jabez is open on Fridays from 10am - 3pm.
- *Bible Study* - also on Fridays, at 1.00pm
- *Tai Chi* - a group that also meets on Fridays at 10am, with *Meditation* at 11.30.
- *KUCAs (Kids in the Uniting Church of Australia)* is for children K - 6. They meet each Friday of school term from 5.00-6.30pm. This varied program includes dinner. (Cost \$5 per night)
- *The Men's Choir* - Come and release your inner Pavarotti! Great stress therapy and a whole lot of fun. Contact church office for details.
- *Ladies Choir* - People come from near and far to join this choir. Practice is on Sundays at 11.30am after church.

- *Exercises for Seniors* - Tuesday 11 to 12.00.
- *The Craft group* - meets on Thursday at 12pm. Come for a great time of friendship while doing patchwork, crocheting, sewing and other crafts and all are welcome.
- *"Over 55s"* - a social group with a variety of outings and activities for the slightly older fraternity. Please come and join us. Contact church office for details.

**Church services** continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams. You can find *Galston Uniting Church* on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" *Galston Uniting Church Facebook posts*.

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, 9653 2039

📍 11 School Road, Galston

# News from St Benedict's February 2025

## ANGELA WRITES A BOOK

In 1997 St Benedict's parishioner Angela Egiziano had a dream that inspired her to begin establishing Fatima celebrations in our Arcadia church. These carry on an international tradition that commemorates the appearance of Our Lady to three Portuguese children in 1917.

Angela wanted an appropriate statue of Our Lady for the Arcadia procession and it took her some time to find what she was looking for. But eventually she found what she wanted and the statue was carried at the first Arcadia procession in May 1998. Since then our parish has enthusiastically followed Angela's leadership and the Our Lady of Fatima feast day celebration has become a regular feature on the St Benedict's parish calendar.

Now Angela has written a small booklet that tells the story of her spiritual journey and of how it has helped her to inspire others. Angela, pictured with the statue, knows that her journey had been one of love, faith and persistence. Congratulations Angela.

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH ACTIVITIES

We had wonderful Christmas celebrations at St Benedict's over the Christmas period. It's such a joyous and sharing time of year. Then it seemed almost everyone went on holidays and all of our regular activities took a break, too.

But all will return to normal in February with the Craft Group, Maker's Table, Youth Group, Piety Shop, Catechists' program and all the other happenings that are part of our vibrant parish back in action. Information about all of these can be found in the bulletins on the parish website (see below).

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH SERVICES

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



Angela Egiziano

# Bubsie comes to Galston Church

**Have you ever wanted to pack your bags and travel around Australia? It's been a dream of mine for many years. And although Rhonda and I have visited every Australian city, and have lived in Perth, Melbourne, and now Sydney, there are many amazing places we still haven't seen. So it's on our bucket list. Maybe it's on yours too?**

100 years ago when most outback roads were bull dust or loose gravel at best, a 22-year-old man by the name Nevill Westwood had such a dream. After discovering the undeniable accuracy of Bible prophecy, Nevill became an Adventist in 1921 at the age of 18. Later he enrolled in a Bible study course where he met Greg Davies who had the same aspirations.

In 1925 these two young men made the decision to visit the outback regions of Australia in a second-hand car that Nevill had bought; a trusty 1923 Citroen 5CV, known for its exceptional features and reliability. After naming the little car *Bubsie*,



Westwood and Davies left Perth on 4th August 1925 sharing their faith in God and the Bible throughout some of the most remote and hottest regions of Australia; places like Marble Bar which recorded 160 days over 37 degrees the year before.

In celebration of their exceptional feat, 'The Incredible Journey' team from NSW are retracing the steps of these two pioneering men who travelled almost 18,000Kms in 148 days. And while the original Bubsie, driven by Westwood and Davies, can be seen in the National Museum in Canberra,

on Tuesday 11th March, a beautifully restored replica of Nevill's car will be on display at 'The Persimmon Place' (Waddell's Orchard) 375 Galston Road, Galston from 10am – 12pm; and then at Galston Adventist Church from 2pm – 5pm.

Please join us for this memorable event and discover what inspired Westwood and Davies to make such a dangerous, incredible journey. And make sure you get your free copy of the 'Overlander' detailing Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies amazing adventure. This event is promoted by 'The Incredible Journey' and Galston Adventist Church. For more information visit 'The Incredible Journey' at: [tij.tv](http://tij.tv) or contact Steve Belson on 0438 459 223.

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

Steve Belson (Pastor), Galston Adventist Church

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## Everyone on the same level

**In the early years of the Christian church, many of the members were slaves or were very poor. On the other hand there were some who were very rich. In chapter 2 : v 1-10, James said no matter who people may be or how much money they may have, they are all the same in the sight of God. Everyone must be treated in the same way.**

God sees men and women as they really are -- all sinners needing a Saviour. God said to Samuel, when he went to anoint David in the house of Jesse in Bethlehem, 'Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart'.

We need to see men and women in the same way. It is easy for us to be nice to those who are nice to us. We don't find it difficult to love those who are lovely. But it is very different when we are face to face with those who are unlovely.

What does James say to us from what he calls the 'royal law'? 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Our friends are those we choose for ourselves. Our neighbours are those whom God has chosen for us. He puts us alongside various kinds of people during our lifetime. His plan is for us to be witnesses to them, no matter who they might be.

It is not easy to do this, but if that is what God wants, then certainly He will give us the

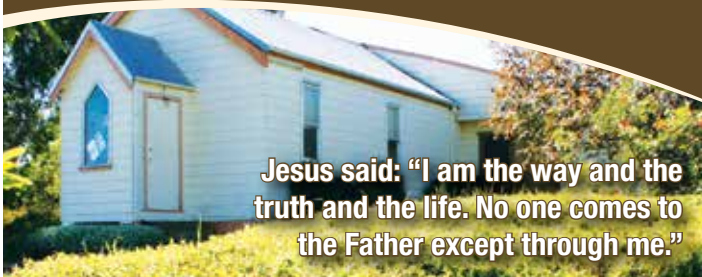
grace to do it. Our church gatherings also ought to be places where everyone feels genuinely welcome in the name of Christ!

Perhaps the word from James to us today is to look again at how we treat people, the lovely and the unlovely. The well dressed and the poorly dressed, the clean and the dirty. Do we see them as God sees them—men and women who all need Christ? Do we seek to lead them to Him?

**(A MESSAGE BY THE LATE  
REV. E.C. LONG.)**

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# Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade Keeping Our Community Safe



Our team has been extremely busy during the last couple of months, following a fire burning in difficult terrain off Niech and Smallwood Roads in December 2024 and then storms in January 2025. There were trees down on power lines, wires arcing and motor vehicle accidents, amongst other things.



We would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer members at GRFB who pitched in, and helped assist our community during these challenging times. Teamwork makes the dream work!

We are always looking for new members to join Glenorie Brigade and we have a wide variety of roles available from firefighting, catering and administration roles. If you are interested in joining our brigade, contact us via our Facebook page or simply come to the brigade for a chat when we are open. The station is open Mondays at 7:30pm and Saturdays at 2:00pm.



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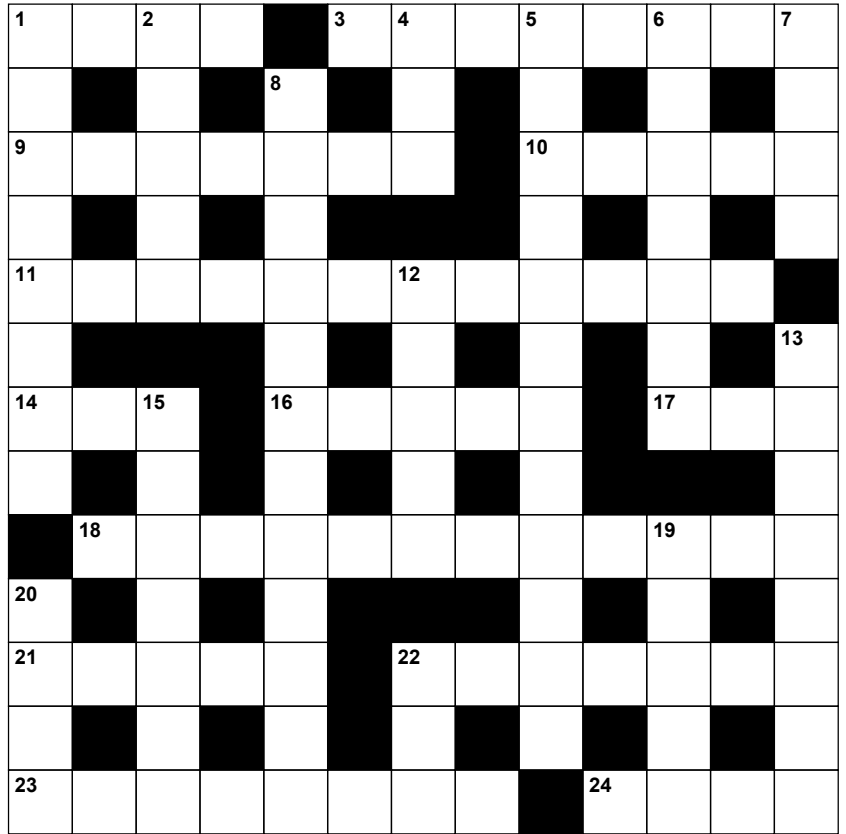
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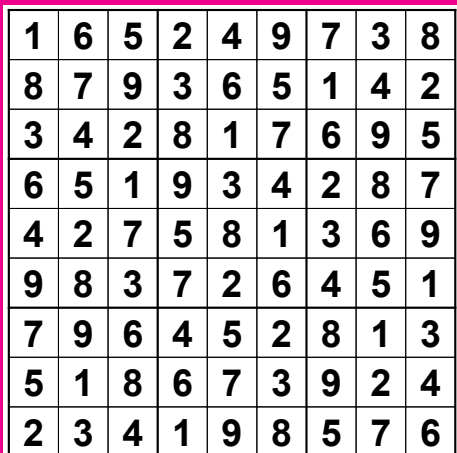
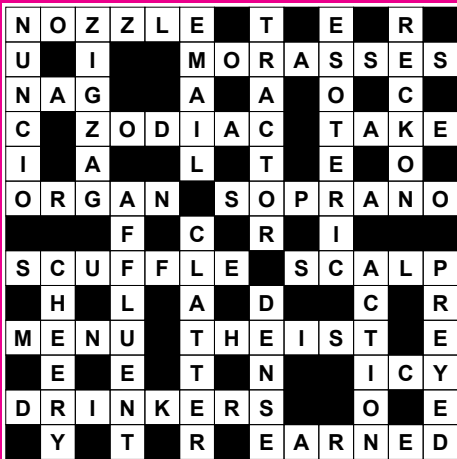
- 01 Engrossed (4)
- 03 Responded to (8)
- 09 Soothsayer (7)
- 10 The beginning of something (5)
- 11 Large Brazilian city (3,2,7)
- 14 Flightless bird (3)
- 16 Cleanse the body (5)
- 17 Gang (3)
- 18 Malfunction or fail (of an electrical device) (5-7)
- 21 State of the USA (5)
- 22 Resistance to change (7)
- 23 Go beyond a limit (8)
- 24 Vegetable matter used as fuel (4)

### DOWN

- 01 News journalist (8)
- 02 Camera image (abbrev.) (5)
- 04 Item for catching fish (3)
- 05 Showing total commitment (12)
- 06 Platform (7)
- 07 Facts and statistics collectively (4)
- 08 Small garden carts (12)
- 12 Loft (5)
- 13 Theoretical (8)
- 15 Lift up (7)
- 19 Unfasten (5)
- 20 Italian acknowledgement (4)
- 22 Frozen water (3)

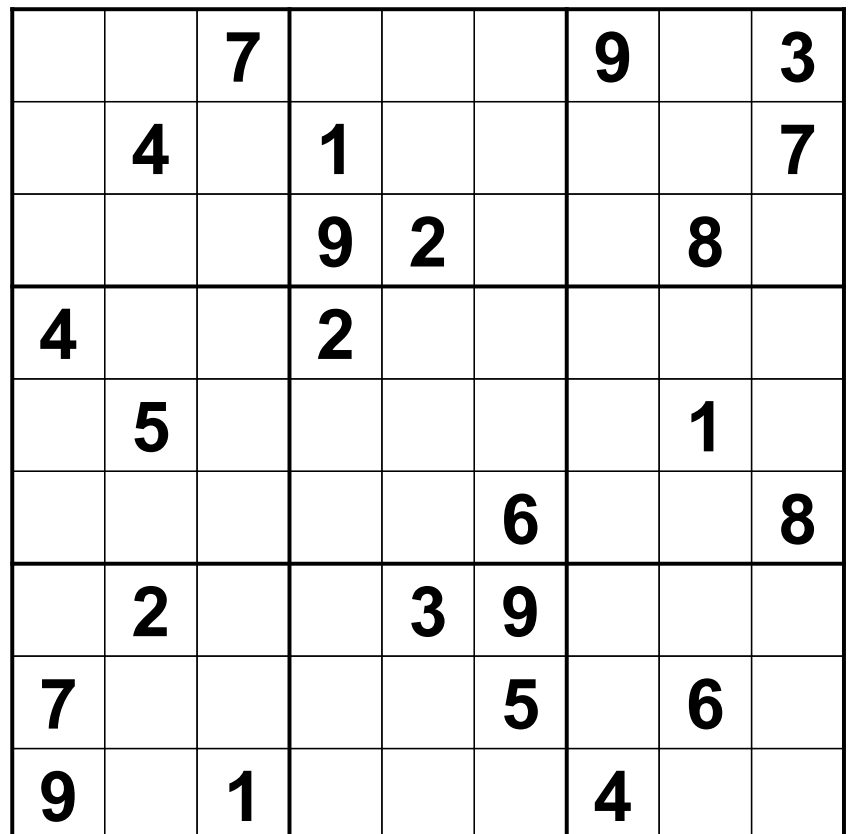


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 Now has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group, Mah-Jong Group, Theatre Group, Tennis Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day 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  
 ☎ 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. (Friday 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

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

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

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

**Glenorie District Cricket Club**  
 Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.  
 ☎ Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499  
 ☎ Glenorieccc@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 AUSTS Masters Swimming Club**  
 Adults 18 years to 80+ are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun and friendship.  
 ☎ Hornsby Aquatic Centre  
 ☎ Di 0418 432 587

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALLING ALL Playgroups

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

Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to: editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au

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. Bringing 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

Thursday's 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 8999 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.

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

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 140 ARCADIA ROAD  
 ARCADIA  
 Ph 9653 1119

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