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Locals may have also noticed that Galston Mowers have opened next to the Persimmon Place in the old Waddell's Shed on Galston Road (*read about them on page 9*). The Galston Feedshed has moved into the same location, but at the back of the shed. Additionally Chains Mowers have opened opposite Quarry Road at Dural. Chains Mowers have been trading since 1982 at their Vineyard store.

Harris Farm Market - Round Corner NOW OPEN

After months of looking at the sign that says Opening Early 2025, the Harris Farm Market store at Round Corner is now open. This will clearly affect locally owned Three Brothers Fresh and other local farm shop outlets, but it does increase residents' choice. It's always good to share your support where possible.



We also welcome the opening of the PERSIMMON PLACE CAFE

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see more details on page 8...

Heard ON THE Grapevine



Eagle eyed viewers have spotted a few familiar locations in the latest Wiggles music videos. Their country music themed YouTube clips appear to have been filmed at various locations including Australiana Pioneer Village, Bella Vista Homestead and Netherby Cottage & Museums at Fagan Park. In one of the clips you can distinctly see the whole Wiggles Troupe boot scooting on top of the covering of the old well at Netherby! Check them out and see what else you can spot!

The Persimmon Place to open new Cafe



The Persimmon Place located at 375 Galston Road, Galston will be opening a brand new café scheduled to start trading on the 18th March.

The Café will be operated by the same owners as S.a.l.t. Café in Round Corner, Dural and is a welcome addition to the popular Farm Gate Store.

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

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

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

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Off-leash Dog Parks – across our Shires

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Dog ownership is extremely high in both the Hornsby & Hills Shire Council areas, with around one in four households having a canine companion in the family. However, not everyone has the luxury of a ¼ acre block (or more) for their furry friend to frolic freely – and gone are the days when the neighbourhood mutts roamed the streets without fear or favour – only going back home at dinnertime!

Dogs need exercise and stimulation to be at their happy best, and judging from the amount of people you can see in and around Galston walking their pets, this information is probably a 'no brainer!' there is a myriad of reasons why people visit off-leash dog parks, and the increase of such facilities across both the Hornsby & Hills Shire areas is a testament to the need.

According to Hornsby Council's Off-leash Dog Park Strategy document, (adopted in June 2021), "Dog ownership is not evenly distributed across Hornsby Shire. Higher rates of dog ownership are recorded in suburban areas such as Cherrybrook, Berowra/Berowra Heights and Mount Colah where low density housing types are most common. Increased housing density in Hornsby's urban centres and the rise in apartment living mean that space available for exercising dogs in backyards is decreasing in some parts of the Shire. As private space is becoming smaller, the use of public space for dog socialisation and recreation is becoming increasingly important. Ownership rates are generally lower in high density areas such as Waitara however, the NSW government introduced legislation in November 2016/18 which makes pet ownership possible for many people living in strata buildings and there is an expectation that pet ownership may increase due to this legislative change. These factors combine to create an increased demand for public spaces in which to exercise pets. Demand for off-leash dog parks is greatest in urban and suburban areas where people rely heavily on public open space to exercise their dogs. Accordingly, the majority of Council's off-leash dog parks are located in the more heavily populated southern areas of the Shire where demand is greatest".

The latest Off-leash park to open in the Hornsby Shire catchment, is a little different, as it is positioned within the grounds of our very own Fagan Park, prompting some people from the community to second guess the need for it at this site. One of the major reasons for the location is the fact that Fagan Park is visited by so many people from out of area who like to bring their dogs and enjoy the wide open space and beautiful scenery. I spoke to dog owner, John, who visits with his two pooches several times a week and drives from Glenhaven. He enjoys walking his dogs on leash, but now that there is somewhere to let them run freely he likes to add this extra little bonus to his routine. He enjoys the social aspects of meeting other dog owners, and it gives his own two a chance to socialise with new furry friends. John's one small critique about the site is that it can become quite hot at certain times of the day, until the shade from trees finally settles in the afternoon.

DOG PARK RULES & ETIQUETTE

Before you decide to take your best friend to an off-leash park, remember that there are several guidelines that must be adhered to. Every Council may have a few different regulations, so make sure you check out the relevant ones to the park you wish to visit. For example, these are the parameters from Hornsby Shire Council:

- Keep your dog in sight at all times;
- Make sure your dog is under control by voice;
- Pick up and dispose of all waste correctly;
- Do not let your dog rush at or harass other dogs and people;
- Keep your dog on a lead until it is inside the fenced area and put it back on a lead before leaving.

It is also a good idea to treat your dog as you would taking a child to the local playground.

Stay off your phone so you can see your dog at all times. Not seeing him/her poop because you were texting someone won't cut the mustard with other visitors. This will also

ensure that you are aware of any changes in your (or other peoples' dogs) behaviour.

Practice your voice commands and recalls - this is an ideal time to put them into action.

Avoid taking too many treats or toys to reduce the risk of possessive behaviour.

If taking a throwing ball, make sure it stays within the fenced area. The fence height at Fagan Park off-leash is the minimum required height for a dog park and is 1.2m. Large dogs COULD jump the fence if you don't have control over them.

So, finally it's time to decide if you want to let Fido free in an Off-leash Dog Park.

The Pluses:

- They promote exercise and mental stimulation so your dog can engage in better behaviours
- They foster Socialization, where your dog learns how to react to different types of dogs
- Encourages training reinforcement so your dog learns to listen in high distraction environments
- Community building and getting to know your neighbourhood dogs as well as your neighbouring peeps!

The Minuses:

- Dog parks may spread parasites, such as canine flu or giardia
- Unvaccinated dogs are at a higher risk of contracting diseases
- Dog fights may cause injuries which also result in long-term reactive or anxious behaviours
- Introverted dogs may not actually want to exercise at parks and become overwhelmed

Designated off-leash or free run areas are located at the following reserves:

Off-Leash Dog Parks | The Hills Shire Council

- Balcombe Heights Reserve, Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills (within the fenced area)
- Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Marella Ave, Kellyville (within the fenced area)

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- Colbarra Place Reserve, Colbarra Place, West Pennant Hills (within the fenced area)
- Connie Lowe Reserve, Adelphi Street, Rouse Hill (within the fenced area)
- Coolong Reserve, Coolong Street, Castle Hill (within the fenced area)
- Crestwood Reserve, Peel Road, Baulkham Hills (within the fenced area)
- Castle Hill Showground (lower dog arenas) - please note lower dog arenas to be generally off-leash for all dogs at all times. However when formal training or competitions organised by Clubs or Associations are taking place, only participating dogs may be off-leash.
- Indwarra Avenue Reserve in North Kellyville. Just 200m north of North Kellyville Square shopping centre. Ideal for smaller dogs.
- Parraweena Avenue Reserve, Parraweena Ave, Baulkham Hills (between the hours of 4pm and 7pm, seven days per week)
- Rutherford Avenue Reserve, Rutherford Avenue, North Kellyville (within the fenced area)

Fenced off-leash areas

There are eight existing dedicated off-leash areas in Hornsby Shire:

- Asquith Park, Rotherwood Ave, Asquith

- Crossroads Reserve, corner Turner and Berowra Waters Rds, Berowra Heights
- Greenway Park, Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook
- Fagan Park, Arcadia Rd, Galston
- Hunt Reserve, Mount Colah
- Rofe Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights
- Ruddock Park, Eucalyptus Drive, Westleigh
- Dawson Avenue Parkland, Dawson Ave, Thornleigh

All the areas are fully fenced with double gate entrances and have waste bins, dog waste bags and water.

Note: Hornsby Dog Training Club has exclusive use of Rofe Park on Sunday from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. No other dogs will be allowed on the park during this time frame.

Unfenced off-leash area

The site at Lyne Rd Reserve, Cheltenham, has water, waste bags and a bin, but no fence.

Shared off-leash areas

Two other shared sites are available.

- Epping Oval, Norfolk Rd, Epping
- Ron Payne Reserve, Woods St, North Epping

At both of these sites dogs are NOT PERMITTED during organised sport and games or maintenance activities.

Galston CWA News



With the start of the new year, the members of Galston CWA look forward to continuing our commitment, supporting and assisting those in need.

Here at the planning meeting we are excited at the prospect of creating handicrafts and cooking, learning new skills and sharing knowledge in the Galston community.

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As we head into 2025 with a much-awaited interest rate decrease and further rate cuts anticipated to follow, this gives buyers, sellers and the property market as a whole greater confidence and relief. Whether the reserve bank makes the next rate cuts or not, the major banks will, as whoever reduces their rates will enjoy the lion share of the lending.

News of this first rate reduction whilst minimal is already showing signs of the activity to come with more buyers entering the market giving sellers a greater opportunity to achieve better sale prices.

Locally, the Hills District continues to offer great potential with family lifestyle properties. While Sydney's broader housing market is expected to see a moderate increase of 4-6% in prices, we're witnessing some distinct trends in our local area.

CoreLogic's Head of Research, Eliza Owen, said "economic recovery in late 2024 has laid the groundwork for increased buyer activity in the year ahead." Principal of Lumby Real Estate, Kate Lumby added "factoring interest rates, migration trends and an election for those looking for a new home, this year presents a unique opportunity".

Residential properties that saw a softening at the tail end of last year are in demand with a shortage of supply. While the acreage and

lifestyle properties have held well, the days on market have been extended to find the right buyer match that recognises the value. With an increase in listings and an influx of property expected to come to market in March and April more options are available for sellers with increased market activity.

There is a window for buyers looking to jump from the residential into acreage before these lifestyle properties become out of reach for many, with a steady rise in prices expected.

Now could be the right time to make a move, bringing fresh opportunities and the perfect chance to embrace an exciting change in lifestyle. Whether you're looking to upgrade, downsize, or find your dream property, now is the time to start planning.

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2 & 2A Celia Road, North Kellyville



Our spectacular colour and foam run is back on again!

11 am on April 6th at Galston Recreation reserve (opposite Galston High school)



With assistance from Galston High School, Galston and Glenorie Rural news and Bendigo Bank, we will be running the festival again this year.



Plans are afoot to include a slide, water feature and obstacle course. Coffee, BBQ and cold drinks will also be available.

As with the last event, there will be a short course available for younger children and those with disabilities.

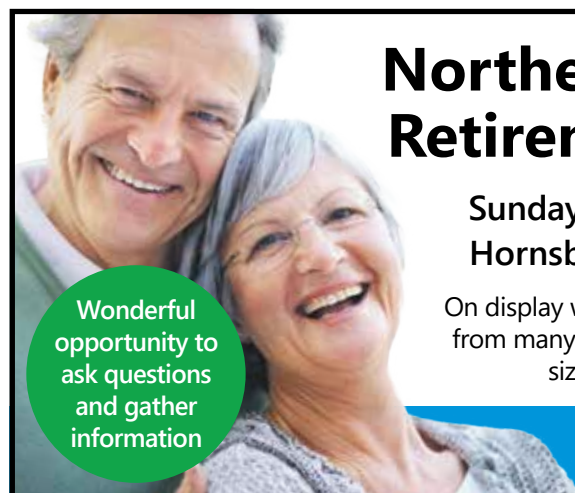
Tickets can be purchased via Trybooking. Search their website for colour and foam run at Galston on **April 6th**.

Tickets may also be purchased on the day.

Tickets are \$15 for children between six and eighteen, \$20 for adults and \$50 for a team of four. Children under six are free.

Put the detail in your calendar: 11 am on April 6th at Galston Recreation reserve (opposite Galston High school)

Come along and join in the fun!



Wonderful opportunity to ask questions and gather information

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On 20th February 2025, officers arrested a 41-year-old suspect in connection with a series of thefts, including a break and enter at a residence in Dural. The stolen items included luxury vehicles, a safe containing cash, watches, jewellery, handbags, and clothing, with a total value exceeding \$500,00

The suspect was apprehended while driving away from a known associate's home. A search of the vehicle allegedly revealed a small amount of prohibited drugs, clothing worn during a recent theft, and items stolen from another residence in Castle Hill. Further stolen items were also found at the associate's home.

The suspect has been charged with multiple offences, including possession of prohibited drugs, break and enter, and theft. They have been refused bail and will appear in court today at Parramatta Local Court.

Police are continuing their efforts to locate and arrest other individuals involved in these crimes. If you have any information that could assist with this investigation, please contact Crime Stoppers NSW at 1800 333 000 or visit their website. All information is treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance!

BREAK & ENTER

On the 12th of February, The Hills Police Area Command arrested a 28-year-old male in connection with a break-and-enter at a retail store in Victoria Ave, Castle Hill, on the 26th of January, 2025.

He has been charged and will appear in Parramatta Local Court.

The Hills Police Area Command would like to thank the community for their assistance and remind everyone to stay vigilant.

Head-On Collision

A serious head-on collision occurred at 10:31 AM on the 12th of February on Gilbert Road, near the Castle Hill Cemetery.

A driver who witnessed the crash immediately called Triple Zero.

Emergency Services, fire, and police crews were activated and attended the scene. According to the police, CareFlight was deployed to provide immediate medical assistance.

The Gilbert Road was closed in both directions between Tuckwell and Ridgecrop. It reopened at 11:53 AM.

"The parties involved in the collision have been taken to the hospital in stable condition..." the Hills PAC reported.



VEHICLE CRASH

A crash occurred on Saturday, the 15th of February, at Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill. Both drivers were taken to the hospital.

Fire and Rescue Castle Hill and NSW Ambulance attended the crash scene.

The road was eventually cleared. The police thanked the drivers on the road for their patience and the emergency crews who responded to the incident.



DRINK DRIVING

On the morning of the 20th of February, at 7:50 AM, a 52-year-old female was arrested at the Windsor Rd Castle Hill RBT (Random Breath Testing) site after returning a positive roadside breath test.

She was subsequently taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where she returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.188.

Her driver's license has been suspended, and she is set to appear in Parramatta Local Court next month, facing charges of high-range drink driving.

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Help Torie in her fundraising quest



I wanted to share that I'll be participating in the World's Greatest Shave on April 5th, 2:30 PM at Glenorie RSL

to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. As a registered nurse with a longstanding connection to the Glenorie community there is nowhere else I could imagine losing my locks. Due to a dear friend being diagnosed with blood cancer, I'm passionate about supporting this important cause.

Local business **Cam & Co Hairdressing Galston** has kindly offered to do the shave, and **Glenorie RSL** is generously donating a space for the event. I'm also hoping to rally local businesses to support the fundraiser through donations or spreading the word.

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I'm raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation to give Australians facing blood cancer life-changing practical and emotional support. And to fund critical research, bringing us closer to the day when zero lives are lost to blood cancer.

Will you be part of my World's Greatest Shave community and donate to my page? Your donation means that together, we're working to stop blood cancer in its tracks.

Any amount – big or small – will make a real, tangible difference.





NEWS FROM **NETHERBY**

Summer's Swansong at Netherby

When the temperature goes above thirty degrees, think cool shade. Deep shade under big old trees, and wide verandahs that keep the sun out of the house. You'll find these around Netherby, the old homestead at Fagan Park.



Old established trees keep the western sun at bay on hot afternoons. Little children can run safely on the wide swathes of grass. Seats under vine covered arbours invite quiet moments immersed in nature.

Wide verandahs line three sides of the homestead. On the eastern side hydrangeas have enjoyed the morning sun and afternoon shade. Through summer they have been flowering, blossoming in pinks, blues and lilacs, despite the hot weather.



On the western side roses that have survived all the trials - drought, rain and Covid neglect - flower on the hottest days, in shades of pink and white. This house and garden were gifted to the people of NSW by the Fagan family. The house is open every Tuesday and every second Sunday of the month - the garden is open every day. Look for treasures in the garden - the heritage roses are still blooming. Everyone is welcome.

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Centenary Event Comes to Galston

In 1925 Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies undertook an incredible journey in their trusty 1923 Citroen 5CV, the very first car to travel all around Australia; an amazing vehicle known for its exceptional features and reliability. After naming the little car *Bubsie*, Westwood and Davies left Perth on 4th August 1925 to visit the towns and outback regions; including stock routes and river crossings to some of the most remote and hottest parts of Australia.



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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Glenorie Probus Club Activities 2025

Glenorie Probus Club finished 2024 on a high note with wide range of activities and speakers during the year. The final event for the year was a very enjoyable Christmas Party. This started with the traditional trivia quiz which keeps all thinking. As well as an excellent meal the members were again entertained by Santa Clause. An excellent way to finish the clubs year.

The club has commenced the year with a lunch in January during which members Christmas activities and the year ahead was discussed. The program for the year will commence in February when the Club will under take a day tour of the Australia National Maritime Museum in Sydney which is a place of interest to all members.

The guest speaker at the Clubs meeting in February will be Mr Ralph Short from the Dubbo Support Group of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This talk will cover both the activities and needs of this very important

service in regional areas and how the support group assists.

The club has planned a wide variety of activities for the year including a day trips to interesting nearby sites. These include Warra School and Biodynamic Farm, the central coast and the Blue Mountains including the newly reopened Zig Zag railway. Overnight stays to attractions further away are also being planned. Together with a wide range of interesting speakers it promises to be another exciting year for the club.

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

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BY ALEXIS TAYLOR, DURAL ROVER-SCOUT

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Over the course of our visit, we explored Japan's renowned shrines and temples, each one telling a story of tradition and spirituality. From the stunning Meiji Shrine in Tokyo to the serene Namba Yasaka Shrine in Osaka, we marvelled at the beauty and history surrounding these sacred spaces. We also saw Mt Fuji on the bullet train, visited the amazing Ghibli Museum, as well as many bustling markets where we sampled delicious local street food, from savory takoyaki to sweet mochi. Throughout the journey, we had the chance to bond with each other and the local community.

Beyond sightseeing, the trip gave us a chance to be independent. We navigated public transport, managed daily schedules, and made decisions about activities, all while developing confidence. However, the experience was far from solitary—every step of the way, we were supported by our amazing Leaders.



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- Transition to reliable clean energy: lower power bills
- End native forest logging: save koalas and our wildlife from extinction

FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENCE

- Withdraw from AUKUS: establish an independent foreign policy that prioritises peace without nuclear weapons
- Legislate a ban on the import of goods produced using forced labour

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GLENORIE MEMORIAL HALL CLOSURE

The Glenorie Memorial Hall will be undergoing remedial works from late February until Mid-March. Residents are advised that the hall cannot be hired during this period.

We will advise the community when it has re-opened.



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Glenorie Progress Association THANK YOU The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence

The great news is that, after working with Hornsby Shire Council planners, the Heritage Fence construction will commence in the next few months, hoping to complete by ANZAC DAY 2025 or soon after.

For this we have to thank our many contributors;

Thank you Bendigo Bank - our wonderful Community Bank at Galston has contributed \$50,000. Initial start-up funds of \$50,000 from State Government and the Whiteman Trust.

Then \$31,000 from local donors such as HCM Building, P F Formations, Dixon Sand, Rotary Club of Greater Hills, significant donations from Shore, Nicholson & Holt families plus donations from many community members too numerous to name. And of course, selling the pavers but that is another story... (now is the time to purchase!)

Now we are pledged \$5000 to remember Ray, from The Hills Shire Council and following is an excerpt from the Mayoral minute by Dr Michelle Byrne:

Some of you will remember Ray Whiteman, a stalwart Glenorie resident who cared deeply for his community. You might also be familiar with Glenorie Progress Association's Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence project, in memory of the incredible contributions Ray made to the Glenorie community.

Ray moved to Glenorie with his family in 1943 when he was ten years old. He attended Glenorie Public School, Parramatta Junior School and Granville High School. He pursued a career as an electrician apprenticed at 15 then started his own business as an electrician in Glenorie in 1956.

Ray loved music and played the organ at church every Sunday. When he was 17, he chose the Navy to complete his national service time that was required during the Korean War.

At 20, Ray founded Glenorie Scouts, applying for a grant for eight acres of land to build a scout hall, which officially opened in 1957. As Scout Master, the boys knew him as 'Skip' and he taught them essential skills of map reading, tying knots and pitching a tent. He combined his love of the sea by organising the first Sea Scout Group from Glenorie and taught the boys to sail as well.

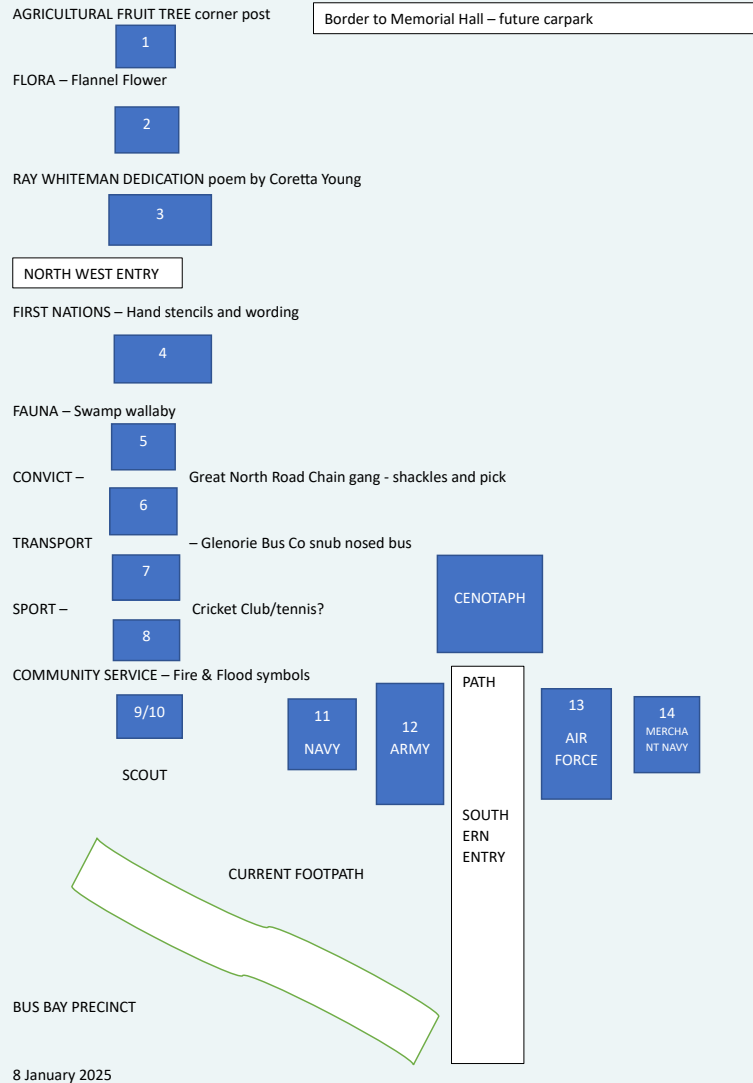
Over the years, Ray affectionately became known as the 'Mayor of Glenorie' for his dedication to his community. As well as the Scouts, Ray served as the Chair of Glenorie Progress Association, Vice President of Glenorie RSL Subbranch, President of Eastbend Rural Communications, which produces the Living Heritage magazine. He was also a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum, the Maroota Forest Conservation Committee, Hills Community Aid, and Glenorie Probus Association. As President of the Glenorie Memorial Hall Committee, Ray devoted many hours to maintaining and improving the Hall, including hand-painting the military emblems on the glass windows and putting together a photo display.

He was the 2003 Baulkham Hills Shire Council Citizen of the Year. He passed away in August 2019 at the age of 86. Over 300 people commemorated his life at the Glenorie Mission Church – a testament to his standing in Glenorie.

After his passing, the Glenorie Progress Association organised a project to raise funds for a memorial fence named after Ray to protect the Glenorie War Memorial.

The RWH Fence plans consist of 14 carved sandstone piers. See plan attached. The first completed in 2020 is dedicated to Ray for his contributions to Glenorie with a quote from Coretta Scott King: "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence Pier Placement



Five piers have been completed including three military piers carved with the Royal Australian Navy, Air Force and Merchant Navy emblems. An Australian Army pier will complete the southern entrance of the Memorial Hall precinct, recognising the sacrifices of local veterans.

The remaining piers depict Glenorie's heritage, including the First Nations people, the convict-built Old Northern Road, Glenorie Bus Co., fruit growing, flora and fauna of the area, volunteering in sport, fires, floods and Scouts.

The Fence which represents Ray's time with the Navy and Scouts, will also serve to protect the cenotaph where Ray organised the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies and the Glenorie Memorial Hall precinct, which he tended to so diligently. Ray would be pleased and honoured to know that his legacy and the history of Glenorie will be recorded in beautiful sandstone of the area for future generations to see.

Local banking with big impact at Community Bank Galston

Community Bank Galston & District is proudly part of a network of Community Banks backed by Bendigo Bank, Australia's most trusted bank, with more than 2.5 million customers nationwide. The unique Community Bank model injected more than \$40 million into communities over the past financial year and provided funding for 8021 projects.

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The local branch is operated by Galston Financial Services Limited and Chairman Ralph Steele says the branch has had a major impact by supporting many significant projects across the district. "Every day our customers help change and save lives, simply by doing their banking with us," Mr Steele said.

"Customers and their communities are at the heart of who we are and Community Banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means our profits are returned directly to the community that has generated them."

"This means our Galston branch can enable the building of vital community infrastructure, improve educational outcomes at local schools, strengthen the arts and provide places for Australians to live, work and play, by contributing \$3.587Mn till December 2024 in sponsorships donations and grants.

Some of the major beneficiary were Cherrybrook Technology High School \$80,000 towards their STEM building project, Kenthurst Rotary Club \$35,000, food trailer used to provide food and drink for the homeless and disadvantaged in the Hill Shire, Galston High School \$30,000 yearly toward school equipment's and education requirements, Galston United Church \$20,000 to cover the cost of a roof replacement, Dural Menshed \$10,000,



Norwest Christian College were the recipients of \$8,000 grant toward providing education for students in need & Helping Hearts Survive \$7500 for new Fridges & Freezer for their charity. "Community Bank Galston is pleased to be able to continue to support our local sporting clubs, volunteer fire brigades and more and we welcome applications for funding.

"Our customers know their banking is making a real difference, and the ability to be able to support local organisations as we do is testament to the importance and continuing relevance of the Community Bank model.

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Fagan Park Off-leash Dog Park – Is it a furphy?

At the Council meeting last May some Hornsby councillors paused works for the Off-leash dog park facility in Fagan Park, agreeing with concerns about the accessibility of this location and how it might impact the significant heritage. Fagan Park has protections under a Deed of Gift written when Bruce Fagan donated his beautiful property to be used by the community - ALL of the community. There are many other concerns for this site including how it is excluded those that are not so mobile, how it is closed from 6pm to 7am and how it doesn't have free parking.

In July 2024 Councillors voted to overrule these concerns and proceed with the dog park in this location. Then they went and built it during Spring/Summer when the birds at the dam would be breeding. Last week there wasn't a single bird on the dam. During construction works there were several calls to wildlife rescue organisations for injured birds although council have denied these can be attributed to the works.

Everyone was happy for a dog park to be built in the local area but now I think concerns have changed because of the quality of the construction.

The low fencing is a concern for many dog owners who fear their dogs can jump over the 1.2m fencing – it's the minimum recommended fence height for a dog park

in NSW. There are other concerns that the chicken wire fencing and star-picket posts may injure a dog that runs into it. For wildlife enthusiasts there is concern that wildlife will get trapped in the cheap fencing which fails to meet wildlife-friendly fencing standards – at the very least it should have a top rail (see photos).

According to park users, a large WolfhoundX did leap the fence last week and took off across the park with owner giving chase. On a busy day with lots of children in the park, this would be quite terrifying for many people and potentially very dangerous.

In recent weeks, Hornsby Councillors gathered at the dog park for a photo opportunity. The community wasn't invited as they were for the opening of the Children's Forest. It was noted that two large dogs that came with the Council group remained outside the dog park which struck some community members as very strange.

I am sorry to say that I will not be using this dog park - I think it's only a matter of time before either a beloved pet or a member or public is harmed because of this cheap build. And of course, it's unlikely the waterbirds will continue to thrive here now.

I feel this is a disappointing result and a waste of ratepayers' money.



- MS. K. EMMETT
Galston resident, dog owner
and wildlife carer

Indigenous Identity Fraud Undermines Aboriginal Communities

Dear Editor,

I write to draw attention to the alarming issue of Indigenous identity fraud occurring in the Northern Beaches, Central Coast, and Hornsby Shire Council areas of New South Wales. The fraudulent appropriation of Aboriginal identity by individuals and groups falsely claiming Indigenous heritage is a serious and growing concern. These imposters exploit benefits, funding, and cultural authority meant for genuine Aboriginal communities, eroding trust in institutions and undermining reconciliation efforts.

A particularly troubling example is the self-proclaimed "GuriNgai" group, which has no credible historical, genealogical, or community recognition. Research confirms that the term "GuriNgai" is a modern invention, with no basis in the Sydney region's history or linguistics (Lissarrague & Syron, 2024). Despite this, the group has secured grants, employment, and influence within local councils, government agencies, and cultural initiatives.

The Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC) and the Metropolitan Local

Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) have publicly condemned these fraudulent claims. MLALC's 2020 letter to the NSW Premier confirmed that Native Title applications by GuriNgai claimants were dismissed due to a lack of evidence. The Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) has also debunked the term "Guringai," tracing its origins to 19th-century colonial fiction and advising against its use (AHO, 2015).

This fraud extends beyond financial exploitation. The GuriNgai group has influenced policy decisions, cultural heritage assessments, and public education, often misrepresenting Aboriginal history and culture. Their actions silence genuine Aboriginal voices and undermine efforts to preserve and protect Indigenous heritage.

Local councils and government agencies have inadvertently legitimized these claims by failing to implement even cursory identity verification processes. This misdirects funding and resources away from legitimate Aboriginal communities, further marginalizing those who have long fought for recognition and justice.

The persistence of Indigenous identity fraud threatens reconciliation efforts, diverts resources from those in need, and erodes Aboriginal sovereignty. Immediate action is required to ensure that only individuals with genuine Indigenous heritage are recognized and supported. I urge councils, government bodies, and community organizations to collaborate with legitimate Aboriginal Elders and organizations to implement stringent verification processes and prevent further fraud.

This is not just an administrative issue—it is a matter of justice for Aboriginal communities whose voices are being drowned out by opportunists. We must safeguard Aboriginal identity from fraudulent appropriation and ensure that resources and opportunities reach those who rightfully deserve them.

Yours sincerely,

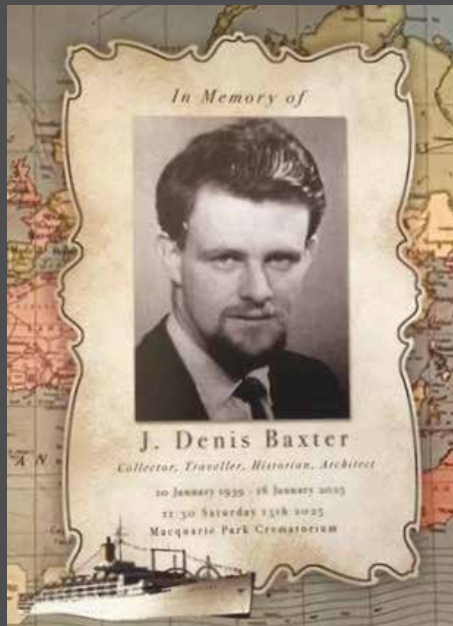
- JD COOKE
Proud Marramarra Carigal man

Vale John Denis Baxter

Local resident (John) Denis Baxter passed away at his residence in Bayfield Road, Galston on the 16th of January, having celebrated his 86th birthday only a week before. Born in England, Denis arrived in Australia with his Mother, Father and siblings in 1950.

Denis was one of four children to Lilian, and the eminent philanthropist Sir Phillip Baxter. Sir John Philip Baxter KBE CMG FAA (7th May 1905 – 5th September 1989) was a British-Australian chemical engineer. He was the second director of the University of New South Wales from 1953, continuing as vice-chancellor when the position's title was changed in 1955. Phillip Baxter College is named in his honour.

Denis had been a renowned Architect in his early life constructing many buildings across Sydney as well as designing a Hotel in Nauru. He later started up his own successful Pool Chemicals and Equipment business which he ran for years. He was an avid collector of Antique aircraft, and was instrumental in setting up the The Historical Aircraft Restoration Society Inc (HARS), a not-for-profit organisation formed in



1979 by a group of aviation enthusiasts interested in the preservation of Australian aviation history. Denis bequeathed his collection (including a Vampire Fighter and Boomerang airplane) to the organisation which is located at Albion Park Rail on the South Coast.



Denis (second from left) taken at Glenorie RSL Anzac Day Commemoration, 2024

Fellow Armoured Vehicle enthusiast, and good mate, Tim Parry remembers him as a 'true English gentleman and a man of many interests.'

Denis leaves behind three children; Jeanie, John and Andrew. Grandchildren; Kezia, Leo, Cressida, Madeline & Henry and Great Grandchildren; Florian, Lisa and Remy.

His Service was held at Macquarie Park Crematorium on the 15th February and was attended by family and close friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Albion Park at a later date.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As a Council, it is our commitment that we remain community led in all our decisions, projects and plans. Our draft 10-year Community Strategic Plan, your plan for how you would like Hornsby Shire to be in 2035, goes on public exhibition from 13 March.

Titled *'Your Vision | Your Future 2035'*, the Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level plan that Council prepares and is developed collaboratively with you, our community. It identifies your main priorities and aspirations for the next 10 years and outlines the various strategies to achieve them. Every project led by Council is guided by this plan.

The major challenges you have identified for the next 10 years include population growth, housing affordability, traffic and transport, economic and technological change, preserving our natural environment, climate change, social diversity and resilience.

In preparing the document, we have considered the feedback from over 10,000 residents, as we work toward a more prosperous and sustainable future for our residents. I strongly encourage you to share your thoughts on this important document before 21 April at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

This month, we also mark NSW Senior's Festival from 3 -16 March with a vibrant range of events, activities and workshops celebrating Hornsby Shire's valued seniors. From an art exhibition to writing workshops, an empowering community forum and a lively community choir, there's so much to enjoy. Tickets are sure to be in high demand! Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/seniorsweek for more information.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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News from History Cottage

The Society started the year with a masterful presentation by Emeritus Professor, Don Napper. His subject, to an audience of ninety, was about the inventor, Nicola Tesla. The technicalities of electricity had many going



back to their schooldays science but it all became much clearer for discussion over afternoon tea.

On Sunday the 16th March the Society will have an open afternoon at "History Cottage", 412 Galston Road Galston,



between 12.00 and 5.00.

The public is invited to inspect the facilities that are available for research. These include an extensive collection of maps, over two thousand photographs, an extensive library, micro fiche of Colonial records and family histories. This is an excellent chance to find out more about the work of the Society and how it could help the public with local history.

A record for an Australian work of art was recently set at auction. To most Australians the artist's name, John Peter Russell, would be unknown. However in Europe he was a friend, supporter and teacher to many artists during the Impressionist period. The story of this most influential person is



the subject of the talk to be given by the Society's guest speaker on the **8th March**. Branching away from her usual field and following another of her interests, Judy Horton will present her research.

Next meeting **8th March 2.00**. Galston Uniting Church, School Rd, Galston. No entry fee. Gold coin for afternoon tea appreciated.

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Interest rate reduction - major news for homeowners, buyers, and investors alike!

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR MORTGAGE

If you have an \$800,000 home loan, this rate cut could save you approximately \$120 per month or \$1,440 per year on repayments. This seems like a little amount, however if the RBA continues with a predicted two more rate decreases by the end of the year, the reduction could be a more like \$360 per month or \$4,320 per year. This would ease financial strain for many homeowners currently feeling the pinch.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BUYER ACTIVITY?

Buyer activity has been slower however we should see an increased level of buyers now house hunting again, as lower rates mean higher borrowing power. As interest rates ease, more buyers who had previously held off are now returning to the market, creating increased

competition—especially in sought-after areas like The Hills District. If you're thinking about selling, now could be the ideal time to take advantage of the growing buyer confidence.

WILL PROPERTY PRICES INCREASE?

As borrowing costs drop and more buyers enter the market, property values are expected to rise over the next 12 months. Lower interest rates typically lead to higher demand, which pushes prices up—especially in popular suburbs. If the RBA continues to cut rates, we could see property values increase by 5-10% by this time next year. For sellers, this means favourable market conditions, while buyers may want to act soon before prices climb further.

The property market is ever evolving and now is the ideal time to review your home loan, explore refinancing options, or consider getting into the market before prices rise again.

Contact Carolyn Wheatley, Principal at Belle Property Dural for advice on navigating these changes today - 0407 120 483. Whether you're a buyer, seller, landlord or tenant, you could take advantage of the opportunities ahead.

SPORTS NEWS

Dural Bowling Club News

The Open Gender Drawn Triples final will take place on Saturday 15th February 2025.

The regional Pennant competition will start on February 22nd and will run for ten weeks. Three teams of fours will represent Dural at the competition. The club wishes all the players the best of luck.

Dural Bowling Club played a trial game against Rose Hill Bowling Club on Saturday 8th February in preparation for the Pennant competition. It was a great practice for the teams and Kate Liu a new recruit showed her excellent skills with a great shot that tied the game.

Dural Bowling Club is organising a Twilight come and try free competition with great prizes on Friday 21st and 28th March 2025 at the Dural Club. Please call John on 0409 806 632 for further inquiries and registration.

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Arcadian Quilting News

IF ESCAPISM and WHIMSY was your delight on VALENTINE'S DAY then our Exotic Garden Quilt was the perfect choice.

This quilt is the result of our Christmas Holiday Challenge. The blocks were 'judged' by our visiting guest, Beth Miller, a renowned Patchwork teacher, Judge and Quilter, Beth now resides in Canberra and we were delighted to have her company for the day!!



Photo left ... still in the early stages, this quilt will soon become a real 'winner.'

We also had a second 'challenge' for those members who wanted to keep busy ??

The theme was A HOUSE BLOCK, choosing any style we wanted, School-house, Cabin or Church-block etc and the results are

already looking wonderfully interesting.

Another 'winner' in the making, SO please watch-this-space for next months news !!!

It's February 2025 and great for us to be back, sharing our days and ideas together and looking forward to another rewarding year.

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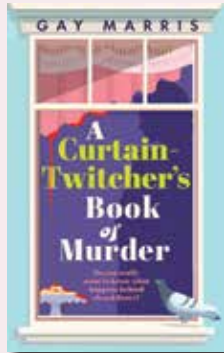
Hornsby Shire Library will be presenting a Falls Injury Prevention session in partnership with Western Sydney Local Health District on Friday 21st March at 2pm. Learn all about reducing the risk of falling and maximising independence at home. The session will cover factors contributing to falls, strategies for prevention, osteoporosis versus falls, and helpful resources. Bookings are essential. Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library for more information.

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The Joys and Worries of a New School Year



BY DR STEPHEN FYSON

Starting school can be a joy for some children and youth. For others, not so much. Likewise, re-starting school can be a cause for excitement and anticipation, or not.

What makes a difference? Firstly, we must remind ourselves that there is no 'secret recipe' for success in having children come back to school. But there are a couple of really important principles that can help in these seasonal transitions.

As in all parenting (and teaching), it is the child being confident that they will not be overlooked. We all need to be known, in terms of our thinking, needs and ideas being heard by important others. That is why Schools choosing the "right" teachers is really important. We want them to want to know their pupils, not only as learner, but as people.

Secondly, they need to be safe – not just to feel safe, but to be safe. That includes knowing clearly what expectations are in place about how they should conduct themselves, and that others know how to conduct themselves.

These are the two basics – being heard and having safety boundaries (for them and others). That is what we at Pacific Hills Christian School seek to provide in all years for all students. It is one reason that thirty years ago we commenced Middle School, so that young people going through internal changes had people who knew them really well at school.

Most of all, let's all remember to check in with our young ones regularly to celebrate the joys and help them through the pains.

New State MP calls for better parking and bus services to the Metro

James Wallace MP Member for Hornsby has spoken in Parliament calling on the NSW Government to improve parking at local Metro stations, particularly Cherrybrook.

Noting that the Cherrybrook Metro car-park is often full by 6:30am in the morning, Mr Wallace called for more parking and different parking options including 4 hour spots.

Bus services can also be improved. The lack and infrequency of bus services means that many have to be dropped at the station by family, putting more congestion on local roads.



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Help Hornsby Shire's bushland flourish – claim your free native plants this March

Hornsby Shire Council is again welcoming the return of its popular Native Plant Giveaways program this March, inviting all residents of Hornsby Shire to nurture their local environment by booking an appointment to collect four free native plants.

Taking place at Council's Warada Ngurang Community Nursery in Pennant Hills on **Friday 28th and Saturday 29th March**, residents can select plants from a great variety of grasses, groundcovers, shrubs, climbers and various-sized trees – all cultivated by dedicated volunteers and staff at the nursery.

Attendees to the plant giveaways can also make use of the expertise of Council's staff and volunteers on the day as they help by making suggestions of the best plant species to meet everyone's needs. Information about each species on offer will also be displayed on handy

posters, so you can choose plants that will suit the growing conditions in your garden as well as the size of plant and features you want.

Taking place since 2003, Council's Native Plant Giveaways have become a staple on the calendar of local green-thumbs, supplying tens of thousands of native plants to local backyards around the Shire.

"Our Native Plant Giveaways provide free local native plants which help preserve the integrity of our bushland and support ecosystems. Every home gardener has an important role in protecting our biodiversity, particularly our native flora and fauna. Our experts on site can help identify the right plant for your property that will support biodiversity without creating future problems," said Hornsby Shire Mayor, Warren Waddell.

"It's always a delight to see our community's enthusiasm for our native bushland and to know that these carefully grown native plants will find many homes around the Bushland Shire."



Hornsby Shire Council's Native Plant Giveaways take place at Warada Ngurang Community Nursery, located at 28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills. Each residence in Hornsby Shire is entitled to collect four free native plants per calendar year.

Bookings are essential and will open at 9am on Friday 28th February. For additional information about the Native Plant Giveaways program and to book your plant collection appointment, please visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/npg>

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Putting A Spotlight on Seniors at The Hills Seniors Festival

The Hills Shire Council is celebrating the outstanding contributions of its senior residents with a two-week festival filled with free events and activities from March 2nd to March 16th.

Residents aged 60 and over are invited to enjoy a complimentary screening of the new Bridget Jones movie, *Mad About The Boy*, at Castle Towers and a free Devonshire tea during the Bella Vista Farm Open Day.

Seniors can also try out Tai Chi and aqua aerobics for free, as well as an Expo where attendees can connect with care service providers and more.

Mayor of The Hills Shire Council, Dr Michelle Byrne, said the celebration aims to put a spotlight on seniors and their dedication to the community, aligning with this year's theme: "Time to Shine."

"We're offering a range of free activities to honour and celebrate the contributions of our senior residents while providing an opportunity for seniors to connect and socialise," Mayor Byrne said.

"Seniors play an integral role in our community, with an incredible 77 per cent of Council's volunteers aged over 60. Their dedication to volunteering, sport, recreation, and the arts makes The Hills a



fantastic place to live, work, and enjoy life.

"Whether it's enjoying a cuppa at the farm, a film at Castle Towers, an afternoon of jazz at Roughley House, or a dip in the pool at Waves, there's something for everyone during NSW Seniors Festival."

The Hills Shire's Seniors Festival program consists of:

OPEN DAY AT THE FARM

Explore the historic homestead, shop for local treasures, and enjoy Devonshire tea (FREE for the first 100 seniors to register), whilst listening to a special musical performance by the Hills Symphony Orchestra.

Where: Bella Vista Farm

When: 9am – 2pm on Sunday, 2nd March

TAI CHI CLASSES

Improve your balance, flexibility, and mindfulness during a FREE Tai Chi class which promotes gentle, low impact movements for focus and peace.

Where: Baulkham Hills Community Centre

When: 9:30am – 10:30am on Wednesday, 5th March & 9:30am – 10:30am on Wednesday, 12th March

**Bookings not essential*

AQUA AEROBICS CLASSES

Stay active and improve your fitness in a supportive and refreshing environment, during a FREE aqua aerobics class at Waves.

Where: Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre



When: 11am – 11:45am on Wednesday, 5th March & 9:30am – 10:15am on Thursday, 13th March

MOVIE SCREENING

Relax with a FREE screening of *Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy* at Events Cinemas.

Where: Events Cinemas, Castle Towers

When: 4pm – 6pm on Thursday, 6th March



SENIORS FESTIVAL EXPO

Connect with the local community and enjoy a vibrant showcase of local service providers, businesses, and community organisations. Shuttle buses to the Expo are available from multiple locations.

Where: Hills Community Care, Balcombe Heights Estate

When: 10am – 3pm on Thursday, 13th March

JAZZ AT THE PINES

Listen to the enchanting sounds of live jazz and tour the grounds of the historic Roughley House. All ticket holders will receive a \$5 voucher to enjoy a complimentary homemade cake, coffee, and/or morning tea.

Where: Roughley House 'The Pines'

When: 12:30pm – 3:30pm on Sunday, 16th March

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Discover the beauty of autumn with Hornsby Shire Council's free guided bushwalks

With autumn fast approaching, Hornsby Shire Council has unveiled its upcoming schedule of free guided bushwalks, aimed at providing an educational, safe and enjoyable outdoor experience, exclusively for Hornsby Shire residents.



The bushwalking program certainly has something for everyone, with a wide range of events planned, some targeted at beginners looking to take an easy stroll, others to bushwalking enthusiasts looking for a challenging hike.

Bushwalkers will be sure to learn a lot on these outings, with knowledgeable guides and organisers providing fascinating insights into the natural and cultural history of the Bushland Shire. Upcoming guided bushwalks this autumn include:

- Cultural History – Berowra Station to Waratah Bay Bushwalk, Berowra
- Sphinx to Bobbin Head Return Bushwalk, North Turramurra
- Wild Investigators Activity for 7-12 Year Olds, Fagan Park, Galston
- Endangered Forest Walk, Cherrybrook
- Fagan Park Dog Walk, Galston

Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell has encouraged residents to take up the opportunity to explore nature with this bushwalking initiative.

"The guided autumn bushwalks offer a fantastic opportunity for residents to immerse themselves in the Bushland Shire's natural beauty and learn about local plants and wildlife from our experts," said Mayor Waddell.

The autumn bushwalks are part of Hornsby Shire Council's rolling program of guided walks which showcase the Bushland Shire through the changing seasons. Programs are announced three times per year and are very popular – residents are advised to book early so they don't miss out.

For dates and further details of the upcoming spring events, or to register <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushwalks>

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Hello Residents,

TACKLING STORMWATER

For years, parts of Galston, particularly Glen Street, The Knoll, Gardiner Road and The Glade have struggled with stormwater, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall. At a recent community gathering, these issues were discussed. Council presented a way forward, including the upgrading of drainage systems and the clearing of blocked stormwater flow paths. While challenges still remain, these efforts signal a clear intention to mitigate flooding and to protect the homes of residents impacted. The community feedback is appreciated and has been integral in shaping these solutions.

A NEW OFF-LEASH DOG AREA IN FAGAN PARK: A WIN FOR DOG OWNERS

Exciting news for dog owners with the opening of a new off-leash dog park. This addition will serve as a safe and vibrant space for dogs to roam freely while promoting community connection among local residents. The park is designed with functionality in mind, featuring shade tree planting, seating areas, dog-friendly water stations, and secure fencing. These features aim to create a welcoming environment for both two-legged and four-legged visitors. The new park will complement the existing recreational spaces in Fagan Park, providing families with another reason to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of Hornsby Shire.

RAY WHITEMAN HERITAGE FENCE: PRESERVING GLENORIE'S LEGACY

The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence will pay tribute to Ray Whiteman, a lifelong resident of Glenorie, for his considerable contribution to the greatness of the Glenorie Community. The fence will complement the **Glenorie Memorial Hall**, which honours the sacrifices of local servicemen and women. Featuring a timeless design, the fence reflects the rural aesthetic of the area while ensuring longevity for future generations.

The fundraising for the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence was a community effort, made possible through the combined efforts of local residents, businesses, Bendigo Bank and the Glenorie Progress Association. If you would like to become part of the history of Glenorie, email: secretary@glenorieprogress.org.au



For these or any other issues please feel free to contact me on jseaglove@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

From the desk of
James Wallace
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



As the new State Member for Hornsby I was honoured to give my inaugural speech in Parliament.



The speech explored the unique history of the Hornsby Shire. My family first moved to the Hornsby Shire around 1906, which was the year the Shire was founded and was home to just 5,000 people. Hornsby's residents at the time worked as fruit growers, farmers, timber-millers and tradespersons. They lived in small villages amongst the bushland.



Our area has been blessed by so many who volunteered their time and gave their money to support the community. There are many great stories which prove this point - whether it is Hornsby Hospital which was built with funds raised by local initiatives in suburbs from Glenorie to Brooklyn, or the farmers and community members who came together with donated trucks and equipment to form the first Rural Fire Brigade (now Galston RFS).

To protect and preserve this community spirit, I used my inaugural speech to call for renewed efforts to support the work of our community organisations, encourage people to engage in voluntary work and improve our parks and community facilities. I acknowledged the many volunteers who take their time – freely and generously – to build those connections and to support our community.

I also highlighted the challenges of after-school care for our kids. Locally, there are schools where after-school care spaces are very limited, and even when space is available, parents still feel pressure to leave work early to pick up children to other activities like football and netball practice, scouts, guides and music lessons. I called for after-school programs to be integrated with the other activities that our kids are involved with. This requires rules changes to ensure community groups can access school grounds and after-school care centres are able to walk children to nearby parks and facilities.

I outlined a number of policy priorities focussing on improving housing affordability, and utilising technology and data to improve the quality of services at our schools and hospitals.

I acknowledged the responsibility given to me by the people of the Hornsby electorate. I will do all I can to serve you.



Julian Leeser
FEDERAL MEMBER
FOR BEROWRA



A plan to bring back the dream of home ownership

For many families in Berowra, home ownership feels further out of reach than ever before. Rising house prices, increasing rents, and limited housing supply have made it difficult for first-home buyers and young families to stay in the area.



Julian speaking in the Australian Parliament last month on home ownership as a Matter of Public Importance.

Parents worry as their children move away because they simply can't afford to buy locally. I want Australian to own their own home. The Liberal Party has a plan to make homeownership achievable again.

We will introduce a Super Home Buyer Scheme, allowing individuals to access up to \$50,000 of their superannuation for a deposit, giving young people a much-needed boost towards purchasing their first home.

We will also pause foreign investors and temporary residents purchasing existing homes, which is currently crowding Australians out.

Our migration levels are also exceeding the rate at which new homes are being built. That is why we will reduce the migration intake by 25 per cent over the next two years – to allow housing supply to finally catch up with demand.

By implementing policies that reduce demand and provide targeted financial support, we can help families in Berowra secure a place to call their own. I want to ensure home ownership remains a reality for future generations in our community.



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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



BY LACHLAN TURNER

Hidden in the Hills

GROWING FOOD FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT

The Growing Food for Wildlife Project began when local wildlife carers approached The Hills Shire Council and asked if they may have some land where they could plant specific native species to grow for the special food needs of rescued wildlife whilst in the care of local wildlife rescue groups. The Community Environment Centre in Currie Avenue at Annangrove was already an ideal site with a well established native plants garden from which wildlife carers could collect suitable foods.



There was also some unutilised and available land nearby suitable for planting a range of additional suitable species that has now been developed for this purpose.

An enthusiastic, active volunteer community was already available which could help with advice, as well as help maintain the native plantings.

Some of the rescued wildlife, such as possums, can eat up to 2kgs of native foliage a day! However, they would probably

only eat the fresh outer tips of any fresh green foliage provided. Nectarivorous birds also need to eat from flowering native plants whilst in care, so that they can easily recognise their natural food source when released. Collecting native foliage and greens for rescued wildlife is a huge job for busy wildlife carers! The planting plots at the Community Environment Centre contain specifically selected



local native species that wildlife carers most need to help support them to feed and care for our rescued local wildlife.



A group of dedicated Volunteers tend to these planting plots at monthly working bees, then regularly harvest and donate available native foliage to wildlife carers who need it. They continue to provide supplies for injured wildlife whilst bringing like-minded communities together in a much needed support activity.

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Trees for Weeds Programme - 2025



BY BARRY LEES

Landcare has been running this programme for several years now. Our generous donor is so pleased by what we have achieved that he has donated yet again! We are able to offer free local native plants to landowners in the rural area of Hornsby Shire, and those in the Hills Shire reasonably close to Old Northern Road. Our aim is to help people who have cleared weeds like lantana or privet, or want to revegetate cleared land, or create a wildlife corridor or plant out their nature strip or anything similar.

If this sounds like you, contact me (Barry Lees) on 9653 3691. If you are not sure what to plant, I can visit your place and advise what native plants would suit your location. They can be trees, shrubs or groundcovers. They will be seedlings in 50mm square tubes, minimum of 40. We will deliver them, you plant them and then return the empty tubes to me at Galston.

The plants will come from local Community nurseries, all grown by volunteers. At Landcare, we are volunteers who are keen to improve the environment, increase biodiversity and provide habitat for local animals. I encourage you to join us.

See our website www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au



Bromeliad Society of Australia - Watering System for Bromeliads



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

If you missed Bob Sharpley's presentation on the system he installed for watering his huge bromeliad collection. The good news he has agreed to go through the process again at this meeting.

Bob spent many hours researching watering systems and decided to go with an ORBIT brand WiFi watering system called B-Hyve.

The WiFi watering system could be turned on or off as needed, even while he is away on holidays by using his mobile phone.

He will bring to the meeting samples of piping, misting nozzles, tap connector, and the B-Hyve tap timer and he can assist with the costings for the installation.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle, Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called just "Show" for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.

There is also an opportunity to meet like minded people in a friendly and inviting environment.



Contact Ian Hook on 0408 202 269, email ianhook1@bigpond.com, website www.bromeliad.org.au

Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 12th March 2025

The Galston Garden Club had its first meeting for 2025 on the 12th February. Visitors, new members and members were welcomed back with a interesting talk from Mal Johnston from Boongala Native Gardens and Rainforest. Mal outlined the history of Boongala and spoke about the garden with a pictorial.

You may be noticing around our district Ivory curl trees, botanically they are called *Buckinghamia celsissima*. Ivory curl trees tick all the boxes as they are fast growing and easy to care for with spectacular flowers that attract birds. It is an Australian Native. Ivory curl tree perfectly describes their curled Ivory coloured flowers which appear from late summer through into autumn. They are produced on the ends of branches and are full of nectar which attracts birds and bees alike.

Ivory Curl trees have a lovely dense umbrella shape, with attractive glossy green foliage. New growth often has a pinkish red tinge which provides interest even when not in flower. They are perfect as a feature tree or mass planted for privacy.

Originally from the tropical rainforests of eastern Queensland they are surprisingly adaptable and will even grow in areas with light frosts provided they are in a sheltered position. They will tolerate a wide range

of soils but will benefit from good drainage with plenty of organic matter mixed in. The richer the soil the faster the growth. Plant in full sun to part shade and maintain moisture levels until well established. After this they are quite dry tolerant.

Actual tree height will be determined by your climate. In warmer regions they reach 6 to 8 metres but the temperature drops, so does the height of the tree. This means in places like Sydney or Melbourne the ivory curl tree is more of a large shrub than a real tree. Plants usually flower after 2 to 3 years.

The Galston Garden Club's next meeting will be on the 12th March, (we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month) at the Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Visitors are welcome. We end our meetings with a Chat and Cuppa.

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Australian Plants Society-Parramatta/Hills Branch Meeting
Saturday 22/3/2025 at 2-00pm
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The meeting includes afternoon tea and plant sales.



God Exists!

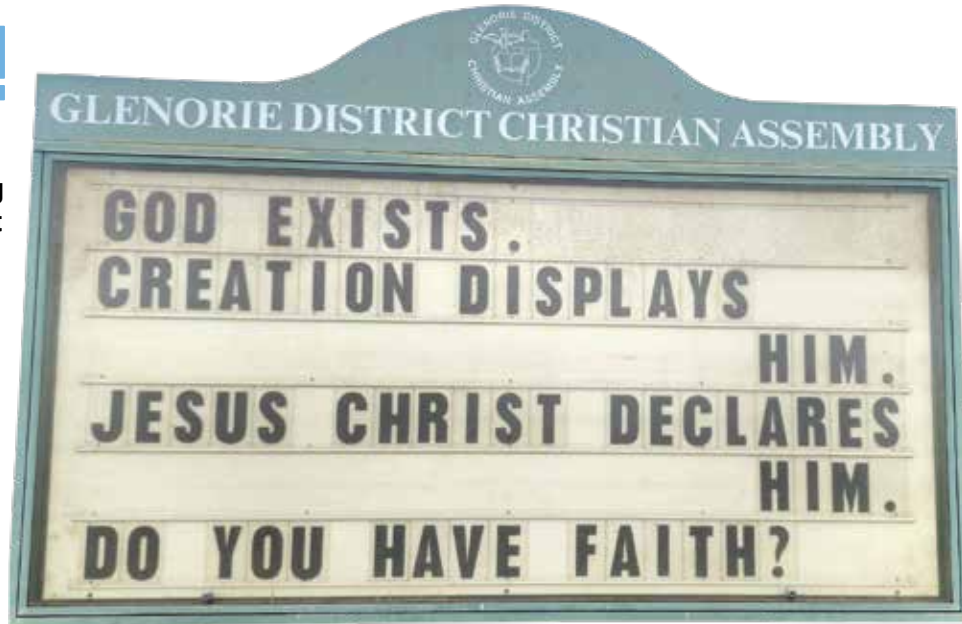
Last month we introduced the thought of New Year's resolutions, with a view to exploring some of the big questions of life! We wrote that by prioritising our understanding of, as well as our heart relationship with God, the foundation is set for the decisions we make in every other area of our lives.

Answering the first question - Does God exist? - seems almost too difficult to answer in half a page of writing; and it IS because this is GOD we're talking about, not someone we casually know!

So, to help us, we've taken a very short snapshot from the introduction to the "Thirst Quencher Bible", edited by Greg Laurie.

Please be encouraged to look up the following notes and Bible verses to find out who God is and that He DOES exist.

1. God is All- Knowing, Ever Present and All-Powerful. The Creator of the Universe knows every intimate detail of His Creation. (Matthew 10:29-31.)
2. God is Holy. His incomparable holiness merits our worship. (Revelation 15:2-4).
3. God is Loving & Just. God's justice is tempered by His love in sending His only Son Jesus Christ to save humankind from sin. (2 Peter 3:3-9 and John 3:16-17).
4. God is Personal. (Psalm 139).



5. God is in Control. It is important to remember this fact, even if and when things around us seem to be in chaos. (Romans 11:33-36).
6. The God of the Bible is the One True God. (1 Corinthians 8:6).

It has been said,
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God bless.

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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 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
Phone 0438 459 223
49 Arcadia Road, Galston



Christ Died for our Sins

The New Testament is very clear that Christ died once and for all, for our sins. His death was sufficient to pay the price for all our sins. His death never needs to be repeated. No- one can ever offer that sacrifice again.

There are those who teach that man will bear part of his own punishment for sin. The Bible never says that about Christians. Of course the unsaved person will bear his own punishment, but not the Christian. Christ has suffered once and for all for us. Sin may interrupt our fellowship with God, never our relationship.

Other people say that Satan will one day bear part of the punishment for our sin. But the Bible says that it is Christ, (1 Peter 3:18-22), and Christ alone, who paid all the penalty when He took our sins in His body on the tree. Isaiah said that God laid on Him, Christ, the iniquity of us all. We should thank God every day that Christ has done this for us.

There are a number of difficult thoughts in verses 19-22. Do not be disturbed by them. We are told that Christ was brought back to life by the Spirit of God, but we are not given a clear explanation of what is meant by His preaching to souls in prison. Possibly during the time His body was in the grave He showed

Himself to those who did not believe the Word of God in Old Testament times.

Perhaps He said something like this to them. "You didn't believe that I was coming. Here I am, proof that the words of those prophets were true words. Now it is too late for you. You should have believed while you had the opportunity.

In the same way that the ark saved Noah and his family (v. 20), so Christ saves us. The very water that overwhelmed others, lifted the ark and carried Noah and his family to safety. So Christ carries us through the waters of judgement and keeps us absolutely safe. Baptism is the way to show that we belong to Christ. It is a picture of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Let us go back again to this great truth – Christ died for our sins once and for all. We have complete salvation in Him if we accept what He has done for us. Stop and thank God for that today.

(A MESSAGE BY THE LATE REV ED. LONG.)

Glenorie Mission Church - 1409 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie 2157.
Sunday Service: 10am.

News from St Benedict's March 2025



EASTER IS LATE THIS YEAR

The 2025 Easter period starts on **5th March** with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which is almost a month later than last year's date (14th February). Lent is the six week period that leads up to Easter.

Why the variability in dates? Because the date of Easter is governed by the moon's calendar. Easter Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon that follows the equinox, **21st March**, the date that day and night are close to equal in length. Easter's variable date can be a bit of a nuisance but is based on a very long tradition established by the early Christians. St Benedict's Ash Wednesday services will be at 7am in the St Benedict's Monastery and 9:30am and 7pm in the Parish Church.

CONGRATULATIONS PAULA

Our Parish Secretary Paula El Chaar is celebrating five years in the position. Paula keeps our parish functioning as it should. Her cheerful manner and thoughtfulness are reflected in everything she does to make our community feel like a family. Her role entails many tasks and we are all very grateful to her.

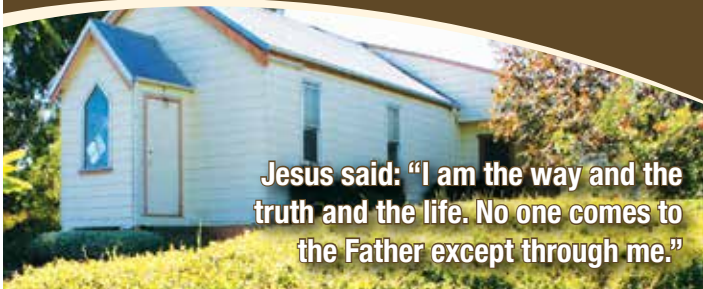
ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

February saw the youth group coming together for the first time in 2025. These Friday afternoon gatherings of young people aged 8-12 during the school terms gives them a chance to meet, get to know each other and share fun activities. Picture shows a small group of the kids last year building a model of Jerusalem.

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH SERVICES

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

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Galston Uniting Church

Ah, technology...



... or, grrr, technology when its not working properly! ... which has been the case with our old sound system of late. Because, as someone speaks, they may suddenly, and for no apparent reason, be confronted by a sound wall of uninterrupted static. This has been a signal for a young sound technologist to run to the front, make an adjustment to the lapel mike of the (usually older) speaker, then rush to the back to the sound desk to make yet another adjustment in order to quell the horrible noise.

So it is with considerable delight that I am able to announce that *GUC has been able to upgrade its audio system!* If you are a sometime user of church facilities, I'm sure that you will be pleased too!

The upgrade has also put a smile on the faces of our live-streaming technologists, who have been able to re-locate from their current position under the thunderous organ pipes to the sound booth at the back of the church. This means that they will no longer need to wear ear protection during hymns and it will replace some of the equipment that was cobbled together quickly so that weekly church services could continue during Covid lockdown.

Our thanks to Kath and Reuben for all they have done to bring about this upgrade.



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.
Phone 9653 2039
11 School Road, Galston

SAVE THE DATES!

**Church Fete - A Community Event -
Saturday, 22nd March - from 10.00am - at the church.**

There will be - Books, (adults and children's), second hand clothing, a raffle, car-boot sales, plants, cakes, white elephant stalls, Devonshire teas, and lots of other good things to eat.

Galston Concert - Sunday March 30th at 2pm.

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NSW RFS REPORT

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade Australia Day Celebrations



We would like to say thank you to five of our GRFB members Di, Elizabeth, Catherine, Michele and Don who attended the Australia Day event at Bella Vista Farm, organised by The Hills Shire Council.

Our team volunteered their time, in the true Aussie way, connecting with the community with fun-filled activities; sharing helpful fire safety tips to thousands of families; and those bright red RFS firefighter hats were an absolute winner with the children.



Galston RFS and International Women's Day

8th March 2025

The theme of the IWD 2025 #AccelerateAction is a worldwide call to acknowledge strategies, resources and activity that positively impact women's advancement, and to support and elevate their implementation. According to the World Economic Forum, it will take until the year 2158, roughly 5 generations from now, to reach full gender parity. IWD belongs to all groups everywhere and is inclusive without being exclusive.

One of the biggest ways to help #AccelerateAction is to 'Support the Supporters'. So as a Supporter, Galston Rural Fire Brigade will be reaching out to women and girls in our community, to come along to an All Women information and experience day at our Johnstone Road Fire Station on **Saturday 8th March**. At the RFS we support women and girls into leadership, decision making and STEM roles and encourage the advancement of women and girls.

You will have access to our station resources, fire trucks and equipment, and try your hand at using water pumps and hoses, and of course a chance to don our stylish RFS Fire Fighting uniform. There are no age restrictions, and we have a very active Junior's Brigade as well for the teenagers. Coincidentally we're also currently recruiting for members where we will provide education



International Women's Day
2025

and training on all the latest fire fighting skills and equipment, and our experienced trainers will guide you through the process to gain firefighting qualifications.

Being a Volunteer firefighter takes as much or as little time as you can spare, and you'll meet some great like-minded people on the journey. You'll meet Jen, a former Police Officer who is one of our Senior Fire Fighters and part of our Community Engagement Team.

International Women's day has been an ongoing global event since 1911, and is truly an inclusive, diverse and eclectic moment of impact worldwide, and this year once again we'll be bringing Galston RFS along to the party.

So don't be shy grab your mum, a friend or your daughter and come along and get involved, and meet all the fantastic women and girls at Galston Rural Fire Brigade, then maybe you'll be inspired to become a volunteer and become an IWD Supporter.



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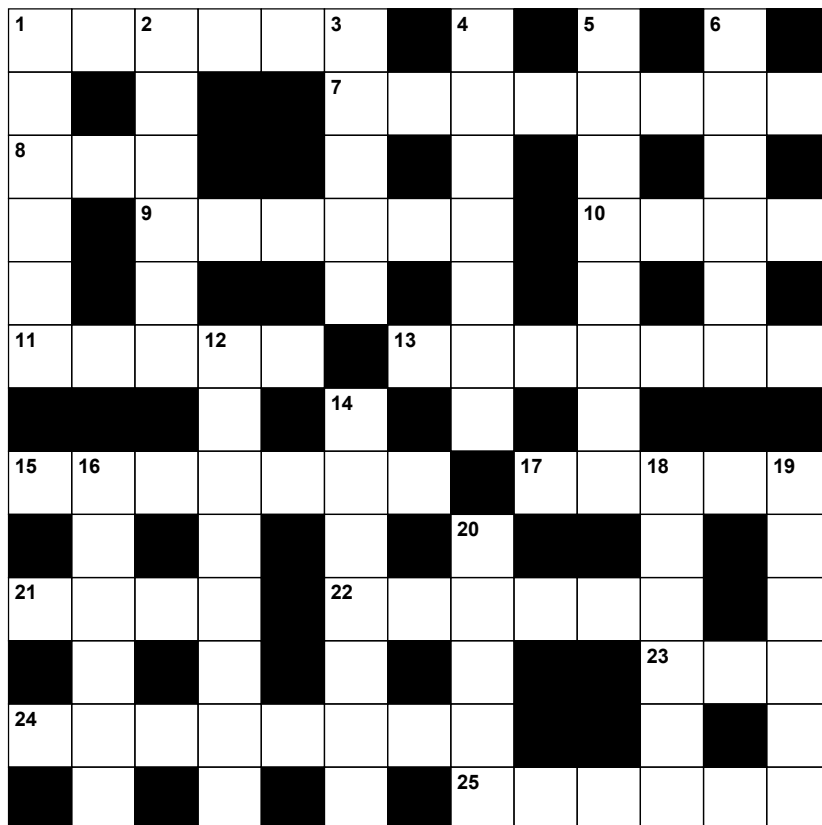
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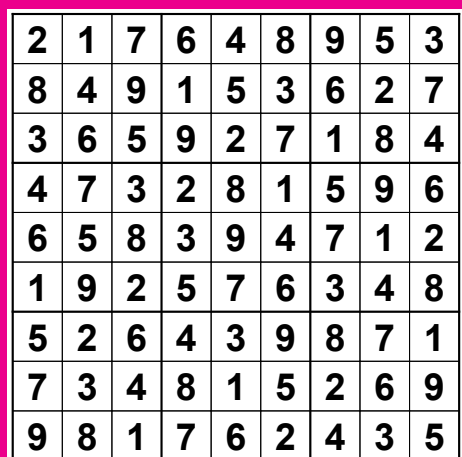
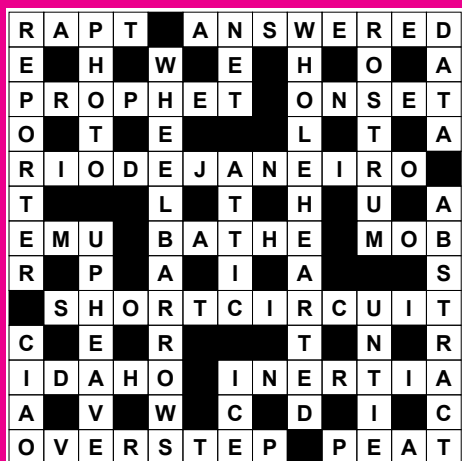
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- 07 Eg from Tokyo (8)
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- 09 High-kicking dance (6)
- 10 Speak indistinctly (4)
- 11 Mournful poem (5)
- 13 Noisiest (7)
- 15 Bodyguards (7)
- 17 Lazy person (5)
- 21 Rounded protuberance on a camel (4)
- 22 Humorously sarcastic (6)
- 23 North American nation (abbrev.) (3)
- 24 Lengthen (8)
- 25 Molecule that binds to another (6)

DOWN

- 01 Mob (6)
- 02 Brawn; strength (6)
- 03 Expel (5)
- 04 Underwriter (7)
- 05 Unequal (3-5)
- 06 Important topics for debate (6)
- 12 Putting into categories (8)
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- 16 Bitterly (6)
- 18 Small pit or cavity (6)
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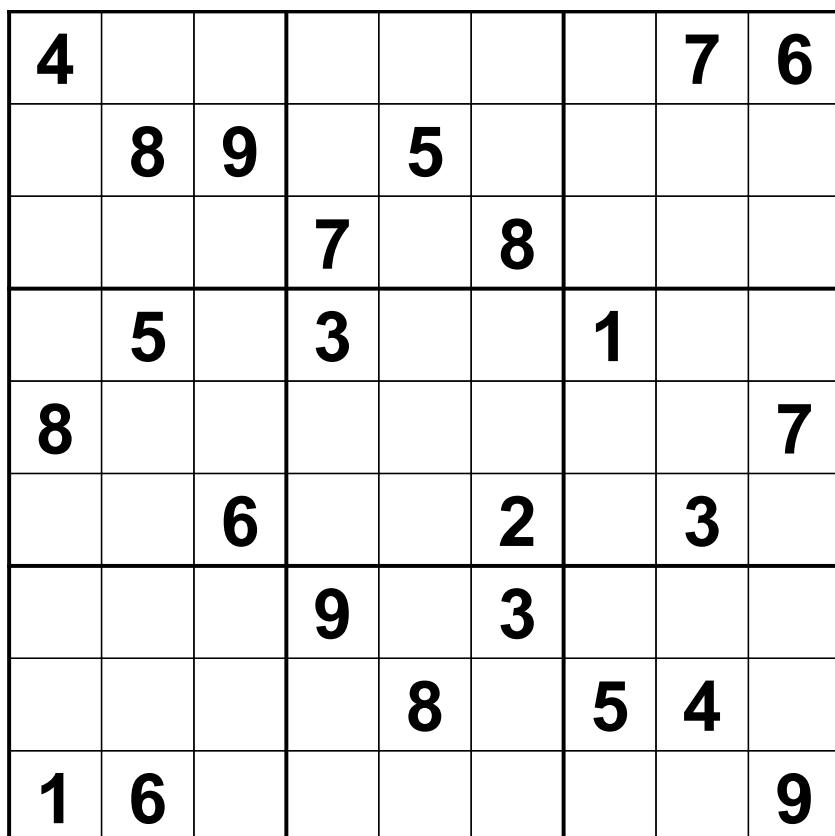


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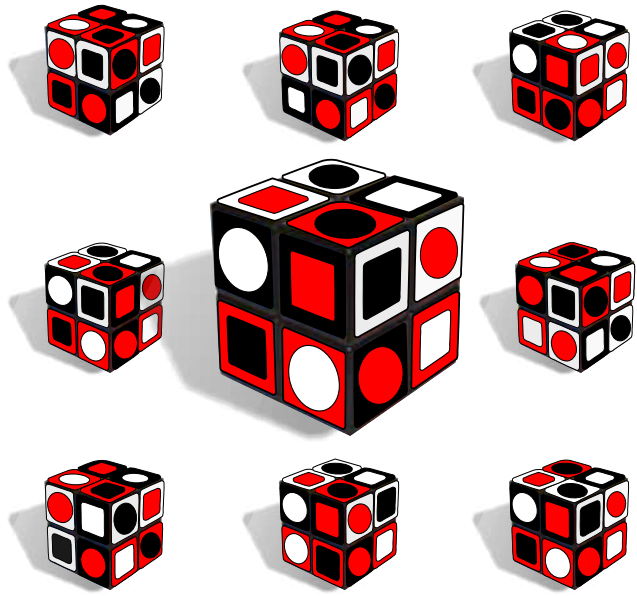

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 ● Galston Community Health Centre
 ● 9264 9255

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

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

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

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

Castle Hill Art Society
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 ● 155 Ridgecorp Drive, Castle Hill
 ● 9899 3179

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 ● info@circularkkeys.org
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 ● 0479 137 131
 ● www.cphills.org.au

Coonara Cherrybrook Probus Club
 Meets at the Castle Hill Bowling Club 79 Castle Street, Castle Hill on 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am. New members welcome.
 ● Sue 0419 994 948
 ● sueandjb@bigpond.com

Dural and District Historical Society Inc
 Holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston.
 ● History Cottage, 412 Galston Road, Galston is open for research by appointment.
 ● Michael Bell 9653 1365

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group
 We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. 7.00pm for 7:15pm start.
 ● Blue Gum Centre Glenhaven Green 607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven
 ● Graham 8677 7896 or 0402 421 060

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

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

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 Meets Thursday and Saturday 9am. Woodwork & Metalwork/Welding facilities.
 ● Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd
 ● Chris Thomas 0402 478 498
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Friends of Fagan Park
 Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.
 ● Ian Browning 0419 435 475
 ● friendsoffaganpark3@gmail.com

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

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

Galston Branch CWA
 Meets on the second Wednesday of each month. New members are sure of a friendly welcome.

● Galston Community Health Centre
 ● Patricia 0412 948 787 or
 Jann 0439 222 217

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gregoriana Arcadia
 We welcome new members to join a community choir, Gregoriana Arcadia, dedicated to learning and singing the ancient, spiritual Gregorian music. It is sung in Latin and without accompaniment. No previous choir experience or knowledge of Latin is required, and there are no fees. We practise from 2-4pm on the second Saturday in the month, in the beautiful chapel.
 ● Benedictine Monastery, Arcadia
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 ● Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill
 ● 9624 5034

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

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

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

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

Probus Club of the Hills
 Is a mixed club which meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am. New members welcome.
 ● The Galston Club
 ● Bob 9624 8954 or Ken 9629 6459

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

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@greaterhillshotary.org.au

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

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 ● www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au
 ● StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au
 ● Nick 9653 2056

The Hills Trofoil Guild (Guides NSW)
 The Trofoil 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
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 ● The Shed Studio on FB
 ● Suzanne 0419 603 122

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club
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 ● Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills
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 ● www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

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CHURCHES

Christ Church
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 ● 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst
 ● Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

Dural Salvation Army
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 ● 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road)
 ● 0405 560 211

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

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

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

Glenorie Mission Church
 Sunday Service 10.00am.
 ● 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie
 ● 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

St. Columba'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
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 ● Cnr Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd
 ● 9653 2312 or Parish Priest Fr Shansana 0437 884 233

St Judes Anglican
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 ● Galston and Old Northern Rd, Dural
 ● 9651 1119

St Madeleine's Catholic Church
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 ● 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

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 ● Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Mt Colah
 ● Jenny 9477 1855

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 ● 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

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 ● Murray 0407 950 939 or Bruce 0428 970 439

Dural Rugby Club
 ● ef86029@bigpond.net.au
 ● 0412 230 328
 ● http://dural.rugby.net.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
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 ● Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499
 ● Glenorioredcc@gmail.com
 ● Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd
 ● Glenorie NSW 2157

Glenorie Social Golf Club
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 ● Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

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 ● Rural Sports Facility Centre off Mansfield Road
 ● Liz 0409 992 920
 ● www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au

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

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

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

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

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 ● Sarah Sumskas 0430 883 385
 ● registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au

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

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


- GLENORIE**
 Located at Les Shore Oval playground, every Thursday (weather permitting) 9.30am onwards. The kids can play whilst the adults chat. Bring allergy friendly snacks to share and a picnic rug. A great informal setting to meet some locals.
- LEARNING BLOCKS**
 Dural, Level 1, 242 New Line Rd Dural at Learning Blocks Dural. It is open to the public free of charge. Hills Playgroup takes place every Mondays restarting from July 6 between 10am-12pm. It's fun, informal and a great way to socialise.
- KENTHURST**
 Thursdays, during school terms, 9.30am til 11.30am at the Literary Institute. 131-135 Kenthurst Rd, Kenthurst.
- GALSTON**
 Galston Kids Playgroup is located in the lower room of the Galston Community Health Centre. We have a fully stocked indoor/outdoor play area with sandpit, cubby, ride-on toys, craft supplies and more!
 Sessions span over a couple of hours and are unstructured, providing lots of time for kids to play while adults chat.
 Bring your own morning tea (nut-free). New members are very welcome to drop in; the first two visits are free.
 Email galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.
- PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL**
 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 9899 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.
- MUSIC AND PLAY**
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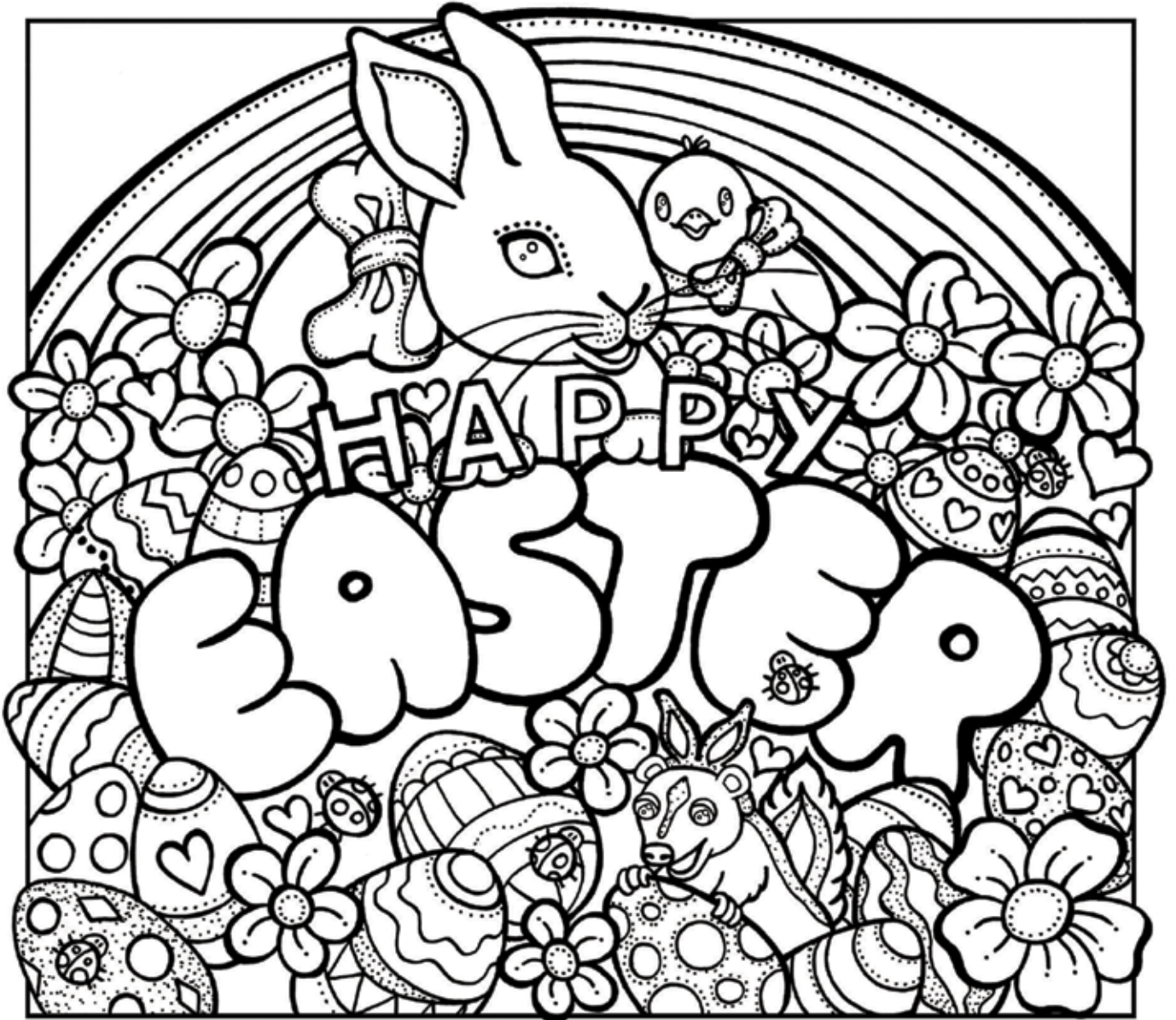
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