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We understand that whilst the gates will still need to be closed manually by Council staff, the sensors under the bridges, which monitor river levels, will automatically activate the electronic signs and advise that the road is closed once the water reaches a certain level. The upgrade is not yet complete and we will advise residents as soon as the system is fully operational.

SEE YOUR FEDERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES ON PAGE 7...

Arcadia | Berrilee | Berowra Waters | Cattai | Canoelands | Dural | Fiddletown | Forest Glen | Galston
Glenorie | Maraylya | Maroota | Middle Dural | South Maroota | Wisemans Ferry

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What are those black stains?

A resident recently suggested we take a look at some odd black staining around the base of trees and running down hill at the side of the small hut on Hayes Oval where many local children play soccer and softball. We took the following photos which do look as if some black waste has been spilled and washed down the hill. We also were alerted to some items disposed of in the nearby rubbish bins. The items in the bin indicate that



the stains may be Xtreme Black Concentrate Marking Liquid. The product information sheet did identify the product as non-hazardous, but further down it said that if the product was spilled and could contaminate water courses then local emergency services should be advised. We have raised this issue with Hornsby Council and we will publish the results of our investigations next issue.



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

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

Please send stories in editable text (word or email) not in PDF.
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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)

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

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Mother's Day

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Step-Mums, Foster Mums and Fur child Mums in our community! I thought that I would pay tribute to my own Mother in this edition.

My Mother was born in 1937 in Leeton to parents Charles and Olive Keating. She was christened Mabelle Dawn but has been known as Dawn for most of her life. By the age of five the family moved to Bondi Junction and she completed her schooling at Sydney Girls High. Her father was conscripted to WW2 in 1939 and on his return was a changed man. He died tragically when Dawn was only 14. Her mother, Olive, continued living in the Bondi Junction terrace, taking on several paying boarders as well as four of her nieces and nephews whose family was no longer able to care for them.

After matriculating, Dawn enrolled in Teachers College to become a Primary School teacher and soon met a handsome young German immigrant named Rudi Brummer, who lived across the road from her. She helped him with his English, and they eventually fell in love and married in 1961.

Dawn's mother was able to get a bank loan for war widows and bought four acres of land in the little-known suburb of Glenhaven.

With a dirt main road, the area was predominantly one of orchards, chicken and pig

farms. They built a small 'shed' and the family would travel the long way from Bondi to the Hills and stay there on weekends.

Eventually a house was built on the property and Olive, Dawn, Rudi and some of the kids moved in permanently. I was the first of three children - born in 1966 followed by Richard (1969) and Dieter (1976). Dawn was posted to several teaching positions across Sydney, including spending many years at both Annangrove & Glenhaven schools, teaching all of us kids at some point or another. We were allowed no special treatment and had to call



Dawn the Dancer



Dawn & Rudi's wedding

her "Mrs Brummer"! After retiring from teaching, she worked at Koala Park as a visitor hostess and spent nearly 20 years there.

Dawn had been a dancer in her youth and continued to be involved in the dance scene throughout her life. She spent many years involved in the Rookwood Rockers - a troupe of

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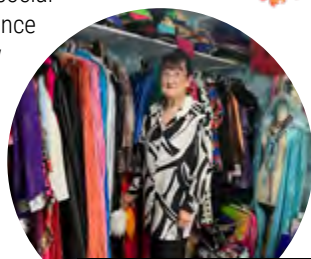
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mature ladies who would perform concerts in Retirement homes across Sydney. Dawn was also a capable seamstress and sewed most of the ladies' performance costumes.

When local Dance teacher, Alison Gold, started tap dancing classes at the Dural Club some years ago, Dawn joined for some exercise and social interaction and soon found herself once again making costumes for this new group. Losing her husband in 2017 followed by the untimely death of her youngest son in 2021, she suffered some understandable health issues which was quite a worry for my brother and myself.

Now 88, Mum has bounced back and is still unstoppable, attending Tap lessons at the Galston Club each Thursday night and sewing the multitude of costumes for the group, known as Alison's Tap Dazzlers. She is also passing on her sewing skills to her 12-year-old granddaughter, Ivy, who seems to have inherited the dressmaking gene. Still living happily in Glenhaven after some sixty years, but no longer driving, she walks to the local shops and if she needs to go further afield, she is a dab hand using the Uber app! She enjoys gardening, old movies, going to the theatre, crafting and reading, and as she often says, "Age is just a number!"

Happy Mother's Day Mum!



Dawn and some of the costumes she has made



Dawn's children

Galston CWA

With Autumn now blessing us with milder sunny days and cooler evenings, the ladies from Galston CWA are busily creating, baking and organising stalls, with the aim of contributing our efforts to those in need.

We are eager to focus where we can be the most effective. To that end we had a visit from Karen Lindley, an inspirational advocate, nationally recognised with an Order of Australia for her services to social welfare and business. She has over two decades of voluntary work, supporting victims of child sexual assault, collaborating with legal teams, police and victim advocacy groups to secure justice and restitution.

A wonderful speaker, Ms Lindley inspired and educated us.

We are now hard at work preparing for our Mother's Day Stall on May 10th, outside the Bendigo Bank in Galston, from 9am to 1pm. We will have some lovely handicrafts, home made jams & preserves and tasty baked goods and look forward to visitors. FYI our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month in the Galston Community Centre, starting at 10am.



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If you don't want to mess around with organising pick ups or drop offs, the Thornleigh to Hornsby is a great option as you can start at Hornsby station



and finish at Thornleigh Station and return to your car by train.

This trail is around 10km in length and travels through some beautiful bushland, including Fishponds and the Blue Gum Trail. If you don't want to end your walk walking up lots of steps, then start at Hornsby and walk to Thornleigh. The walk is considered moderately challenging. Dogs are not allowed on this trail. There are some creek crossings, so maybe don't go after lots of rain. Leeches can also be more common after rain. The walk goes through Berowra Valley National Park and the feedback on All Trails App is that the trail is well maintained but good walking shoes are recommended.

An offline map is recommended as there are some other walks that cross this trail and you don't want to head off in the wrong direction. Time for moderately fit people is 3-4 hours.

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FEDERAL ELECTION

BY BEV JORDAN

If you hadn't noticed the Federal Election is about to get into full swing.

VOTING

On election day you will receive two ballot papers: a white one for the Senate.

Senate and a green one for the House of Representatives.

On the white ballot paper, you have a choice of two ways to vote:

If you choose to vote above the line, you need to number at least 6 boxes. Put the number '1' in the box for the party or group that is your first choice, a '2' for your second choice and so on until you've numbered at least 6 boxes. If you choose to vote below the line, you need to number at least 12 boxes, from 1 to 12, for individual candidates in the order of your choice.

On the green ballot paper, you need to put a '1' in the box beside the candidate who is your first choice, '2' in the box beside your second choice and so on, until you have numbered

every box. You must number every box for your vote to count

EARLY VOTING CENTRES

Opening hours

- Sat 26th Apr, 9 am–4 pm
- Mon 28th Apr – Thu 1st May, 8:30 am–5:30 pm
- Fri 2nd May, 8:30 am–6 pm

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World Down Syndrome Day is on 21st March every year! The Mt Wilga NDIS Therapy and Accommodation Team wore crazy socks to raise awareness of this global day and to raise funds for Down Syndrome NSW.



NDIS Participants, Lucy and Melinda, have so much fun attending Mt Wilga for their physiotherapy and exercise physiology sessions!

The goal of the day is to help people understand and support those with Down syndrome better. The date, being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was chosen to represent the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

In 2025, the Theme of World Down Syndrome Day is Improve Our Support Systems. People with Down syndrome need support to live and be included in the community, like everyone else. At Mt Wilga the NDIS Team provides Therapy Supports to people with Down syndrome including Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Psychology and Exercise Physiology – and they just love attending! The Mt Wilga NDIS Team also offers Short Term and Medium Term Accommodation.

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This was established in the 1960's on a 30 acre bush block with academic and occupational programs for children and adults with handicaps. Subsequently living quarters with 12 bedrooms was added and it now caters for students from kindergarten

to year 12 and adult residents. An organic garden was established to provide motivational work and fresh produce. This is now the Warrah Biodynamic Farm and a range of crops are now harvested to sell in the Farm shop as well as being used in the Sch. Following talks by school staff a very enjoyable lunch was had at a nearby spot. The clubs AGM was held during the month and the club showed there appreciation of the wonderful job done by Dale by electing her as President again along with her existing committee. The meeting then considered a number

of the years forthcoming activities and it was agreed this year looks another exciting year. A trip to the Zig-Zag railway is planned. The Parramatta Rivercat is set down for an outing, along with a lunch cruise on the Lake Macquarie and these are just some of the club's forthcoming activities.

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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Strzelecki Desert Ultra Run - 501kms



Many people know Mel Tunbridge as a lifelong member of the community, Melinda (Min) Bowerman. Her Dad, Greg Bowerman, was the local barber in Galston and Glenorie for more than 50 years.

In an extraordinary display of endurance and compassion, Mel is set to embark on the Strzelecki Desert 501, a 501-kilometre ultra run through the harsh terrain of the Strzelecki Desert in South Australia. This solo endeavour, scheduled for July 2025, aims to raise funds and awareness for Wings4Kidz, a charity dedicated to providing free flights for seriously ill children from rural areas to access essential medical care, and support the flooded small town of Innamincka and surrounding areas.

The Strzelecki Desert 501 will see Mel traverse the iconic Strzelecki Track, starting from Innamincka and concluding in Lyndhurst, in an official Guinness World Record attempt. Mel will then run on to the historic town of Farina to finish at the underground bakery, which is open for just 8 weeks per year. This route, known for its challenging conditions, will test Mel's physical and mental limits as she strives to complete the distance in record time.

Mel will be accompanied by her husband Jason who is by her side in "all of her greatest achievements". "Jason has seen me at my very best and most vulnerable through these ultra runs. He anticipates what I need before I have even thought about it. And when my brain fails me and my emotions are at their peak, his logical problem solving and intimate knowledge of how I respond to circumstances will get me to Farina".

Mel Tunbridge is no stranger to extreme challenges. She has previously completed several Ultra-Trail events in Australia and internationally. Mel is no stranger to running in Australian deserts, having run multiple distances in the Simpson Desert and the Kanku Breakaways of Coober Pedy, and she has run the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

In addition to her athletic achievements, Mel is a successful executive. She is the Executive Director of the number one Business School in Australia at the University of NSW (UNSW) and is often seen running to and from the Randwick campus on her commute. Residing in Canoolands, she is also an active member of Maroota Rural Fire Service.

As a Mum of 2 young girls, Mel believes it's important to demonstrate to girls in particular, "it's cool to do hard stuff". With notable achievements of their own, it's clear to see Heidi and Eloise embracing this lifestyle and mantra. They are often seen on the sidelines and finish line of many of Mel's races and will be part of the support crew for the Strzelecki Desert 501.

Mel remains resilient, using her experiences to fuel her passion for encouraging others and her partnership with the charity Wings4Kidz is no exception. Her ability to juggle her professional responsibilities, athletic pursuits, and family life is a testament to her strength



and determination. With the Strzelecki Track currently closed and under floodwater, the planning and training continues.

The ultra run is not just about setting records; it's about making a tangible difference in the lives of children and their families. By supporting Wings4Kidz, Mel hopes to ensure that more children can receive the medical attention they need without the added stress of travel logistics and costs.

For more information and to support Mel Tunbridge's Strzelecki Desert 501, visit the official website www.strzeleckidesert501.com.au or tap her on the shoulder at Galston Parkrun most weekends.

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Dural Scout Prestige Awards



Dural Scout Group recently held their Awards and Report Presentations, celebrating another fabulous year of Scouting. They welcomed the Mayor, Hon. Warren Waddell, who presented Kristina Taylor with her King's Scout Plaque. The King's Scout replaces the Queen's Scout and was renamed after His Majesty King Charles III confirmed his patronage of the Scout Association of Australia.

It is the highest award a Venturer Scout can achieve. Venturers must demonstrate a capability across core outdoor skills and progression across additional outdoor adventure skills such as paddling, cycling, aquatics, rock climbing etc. They must also demonstrate leadership and achieve personal challenges across six identified special interest areas. Kristina challenged herself across a wide range of interests from developing barista skills, learning a new sport, and demonstrating her commitment to community service through volunteering with the Galston Rural Fire Brigade.

The King's Scout Award, and Scouting more broadly, develops resilience and confidence in our youth members. These awards encourage them to build essential skills preparing them for leadership roles within the community.

Scout, Jack McDonough, was recognised with 'The Bear Award'. This is an award presented to a single outstanding and valued member of the Group who represents the spirit of Scouting in their actions, but who may not necessarily excel in scout award system achievements.



Jack has shown outstanding personal growth across his leadership skills, outdoor adventure skills, and he represents the spirit of Scouting by courageously facing every challenge he encounters and successfully overcoming every one of them!

A huge congratulations to both our award recipients and a special thankyou to the Mayor for his continued support of Dural Scout Group.

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

Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phirooza@bigpond.net.au or Simon: thewolf_1stdural@bigpond.com

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Gather your friends, family and neighbours for a feel good pop up event and gift stall just in time to find something special for Mother's Day. It will be an opportunity to taste the farm fresh Taylor Foods Beef and try the Taylor Tallow Face Balm as well as other natural beauty and food solutions.

It will be a celebration of Local Flavours, Wellness and thoughtful gifting. Come along to Shop 7 + 8, 356 Galston Rd on the 3rd or 10th May or both.



Galston residents out in force to save Johnson Road community parkland!

Currently, an important Planning Proposal for 1-3 Johnson Road is open to submissions from local residents. Hornsby Council needs to hear from us all NOW if we are to save this valuable area and ensure children and local residents along the western side of our village can continue using the former Pony Club site for their social and recreational use.

Mayor Warren Waddell first proposed the rezoning of this site to General Industrial at a council meeting in July 2022 where he described the site as an 'industrial storage facility', 'Council Depot and adjacent land' and 'surrounded by similar infrastructure comprising industrial uses'. It was not explained that since 2009, the 3 Johnson Road portion of the site has been constantly used as an informal park by the local community, especially local children and dog walkers - and is used every single day.

At the Council meeting last week many locals spoke up in defence of their park. One local mother and daughter spoke convincingly about how they use this valuable open space and that, *"turning this space into a loud, busy area will make it more dangerous for children and ruin the most favourite part of their day - walking through this warm, sunny bushland (after school)"*. They outlined how the community is, *'in disbelief'* because last year they were told to *'trust the process'* and believed their voices were being heard.

Other speakers outlined that the Galston community is not anti-progress but that this rezoning is *'deeply irresponsible, deeply unpopular and deeply at odds with what Galston village needs'*.

The original Notice of Motion also failed to mention the Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark *'Critically Endangered Ecological Community'* which surrounds this open space.

The Planning Proposal currently on exhibition outlines a proposal for 28 industrial units and up to 68 car parking spaces with the entrance on Johnson Road itself. If this proposal isn't bad enough, local residents are also savvy enough to know that being classified as Operational land means if the site is rezoned entirely as E4 Industrial Use, council would be **legally entitled to sell off the whole site to the developer with the most money**. Council does not have the \$14 million plus dollars needed to develop this site so any plans for this site cannot be guaranteed by Councillors.

Galston is not a densely populated area and Old Northern Road and Galston Gorge are NOT suitable commercial road networks to support an industrial complex. This plan seems ludicrous.

The only proposal that has been investigated by Council is for this entire site to be rezoned for industrial use. A Motion that was put forward last year to rezone the trees separately with C2 Conservation Zoning and for the open space to be considered for RE1 Public Recreation zoning was rejected despite this being a way Council could ensure the true attributes of this site are preserved and protected.

This land is used every single day and residents want this Council to put the community needs before profit-driven planning. We hope our councillors take heed.

Closing day for submissions is Sunday 11th May 2025 - please make the effort to contact each individual Councillor, our State MP James Wallace and Federal MP Julian Leeser to tell them your thoughts on such inappropriate rezoning. More details can be found at this link - <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/draft-planning-proposal-1-3-johnson-road-galston>

MS K. EMMETT - GALSTON RESIDENT





NEWS FROM NETHERBY

A Truck Load of Smiles

A beautiful Sunday morning, recently saw the Friends of Fagan Park meet up with descendants of a local pioneering family, the Cranstons, who donated the 1918 International truck to the Friends as a restoration project in 2017.

Delighted Cranston family members,

Megan, Steven and Danielle along with their families and friends visited Fagan Park to view the International truck in its final restoration glory. Huge smiles abounded as they climbed on board and took a ride in the old family truck over to Netherby Homestead.



The truck was heavily modified back in the day to haul sandstone out of a quarry in the NW outskirts of Sydney. It was decided in consultation with the donors, to restore it to its original condition.

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



was milled locally and fashioned into the beautiful body you now see. An absolute credit to all the volunteers and local tradesmen who have donated goods and services.

So heartening to see a family's joy in a long term restoration project by the Friends that our whole community can now enjoy.

Netherby Homestead in Fagan Park is open to every Tuesday 9-4pm and every second Sunday of the month 1-4pm.

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from the Mayor's Desk

This month, we mark National Volunteer Week from 19–25 May, when we recognise the important role of volunteers in our community. As Mayor, I am impressed and humbled by the outstanding contribution volunteers make in Hornsby Shire, donating their time, skills and services for others.

Volunteering can be incredibly enriching. It provides opportunities to form connections and gives you a sense of fulfillment. Council has many opportunities to volunteer, through our Bushcare program, at events, our library and even in our Waste team. Find out more about how you can contribute on our website.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who gives their time freely for the benefit of others – whether for Council, emergency response, charities, sports clubs, schools and many more, I thank you all.

As I mentioned last month, our Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan is on public exhibition. I encourage you to comment on this important document, which outlines the many projects and initiatives Council will work on in the next four years, before 12 May.

Also in May, Council is again supporting the Australian Liveability Census. This nation-wide research project will help us understand liveability from you, our community's perspective and see how we are faring compared to the rest of the country.

The Australian Liveability Census is open until 30 June 2025 and I encourage you all to share your views at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Warren Waddell

Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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- **Draft Planning proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston**
Submissions close: Sunday 11 May
- **2025–2029 Delivery Program including the 2025–2026 Operational Plan.** Submissions close: Monday 12 May
- **Heritage Development Control Plan Review**
Submissions close: Sunday 25 May
- **Dual Occupancy Development Control Plan provisions**
Submissions close: Sunday 25 May
- **Library Customer Satisfaction Survey**
Submissions close: Saturday 31 May

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ABANDONED UTE

Police patrolling Carrington Rd, Castle Hill, on the evening of 4th April, and saw a man leave a rental vehicle and run into a nearby building site.

An inspection of the bag in the rear tray identified an amount of wiring, along with a 'Specialised' brand mountain bike.

An inspection of the adjoining building site identified an electrical box that had been stripped of wiring, along with another bag of copper and various plastic tubing with the wiring stripped out.

A police search of the site with the assistance of a police dog handler failed to locate the male who had been sighted earlier. The vehicle has been seized for forensic examination, with inquiries to continue to identify the driver.

CARS CRASH



Firefighters from Riverstone Fire and Rescue NSW Station were called to a motor vehicle accident on Pitt Town Rd, Kenthurst, on 12th April after two cars were involved in a crash with one person trapped in a car.

Given the potential for a serious incident, resources from Oakville Rural Fire Brigade, Annangrove Rural Fire Service and rescue firefighters from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 071 Castle Hill were all called to attend.

The Hills Police Area Command had the road closed in both directions to allow access for firetrucks and NSW Ambulance.

The NSW Rural Fire Service established fire protection whilst Fire and Rescue NSW crews used hydraulic rescue equipment to assist Ambulance Officers gain access to a patient.

Fortunately, there were no serious injuries, and the occupants of the vehicles were transported to the hospital for further checks.

MASSIVE CLEAN UP

A massive clean-up was made along Annangrove Road and Bannerman Rd Glenhaven after an unknown vehicle deliberately ran down several garbage bins on Friday, 4th April.

According to GPS tracking, the earliest truck in the area was a recycling truck around the affected properties on Annangrove Road.

The Hills Council and Hills Police are calling for anyone in the area to check their CCTV and DashCam footage on the early morning of 4th April to help narrow down the offending vehicle.

DRINK DRIVING CHARGES

Police are warning people not to drink and drive. At around 12.05 am on Thursday, 10th April, a 57-year-old male driver was stopped on Kings Rd, Castle Hill, while driving a 2018 white Holden station wagon.

He returned a positive roadside breath test. He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station. A breath analysis was conducted, returning a reading of 0.107 grammes of alcohol in 210 litres of breath. As a result, the driver's licence was suspended, and he was charged with drink driving.

In another incident a woman failed a breath test after the car collided with multiple vehicles.

At around 5.40 pm on Friday, 4th April, a 20-year-old woman driving a blue Toyota Camry collided with multiple parked vehicles on James Mileham Dr, Kellyville. The driver continued driving after each collision, eventually stopping against a tree.

Police arrived around 6.10 pm and found the driver seated on a small brick wall nearby. A breath test returned a positive result, and she was arrested for a secondary breath analysis, which showed a reading of 0.144 grammes of alcohol in 210 litres of breath.

The driver was charged with Mid-Range PCA, her licence was suspended, and she was issued a 'Notice of Suspension'.

On Saturday 5th April at 9.30pm a stationary RBT unit on Mile End Rd Rouse Hill stopped a red Toyota Camry April. The red P-Plate driver admitted to having some beers with a mate and returned a positive breath test. Due to his level of intoxication police say he vomited in the back of the car. At the station he returned a reading of 0.116. He will face court at a later date on a mid-range drink driving charge.

INCIDENT ALERT

Date/Time: 03:14 AM, 17/04/2025

Location: **Derriwong Rd Near Wirrabara Rd, Dural

On the above date and time, police received information from a resident that a white **Porsche Cayenne** was seen casing houses near the mentioned address.

Upon attending the location, police observed the vehicle, which immediately began to flee at high speed upon seeing the officers.

Numerous police resources attended the area of Old Northern Rd, New Line Rd, and surrounding streets, obtaining visuals of the vehicle traveling at high speed. However, due to the speed of the vehicle, police were unable to get close enough to engage in a pursuit. At one point, the vehicle was seen traveling in the opposite direction to police, where officers observed two offenders wearing hoodies and face masks. The vehicle was sighted on several roads, including Derriwong Rd, Langford, Mid Dural Rd, Old Northern Rd, and Galston Rd.

Police were able to obtain footage from the resident of the offenders jumping fences to his house before entering the vehicle, however we are asking residents to check their cctv to see if they have better images.



SECOND MURDER CHARGE

A woman has been charged in connection to the alleged murder of Johnny Birch at Glenorie last month.

Police arrested a 35-year-old woman on the morning of 3rd April, at a property on Gleness Place, Glenorie.

She was taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where she was charged with accessory after the fact to murder and larceny – accessory before the fact.

Strike Force Halderen was established by The Hills Police Area Command and the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of 39-year-old Johnny Birch, whose body was found on the property on Gleness Place on Friday, 14th March.

The woman was refused bail to appear in Parramatta Local Court on Thursday, 29th May.

She is the second person to be charged in relation to the man's death. A 24-year-old man remains before the courts charged with murder.

Drink Driving Arrest Glenhaven

On Friday, April 18th, 2025, at approximately 10:00 AM, Hills Highway Patrol were conducting Random Breath Testing (RBT) at the intersection of Old Northern Rd and Gilbert Rd. During the operation, a driver of a Mazda BT 50 was stopped and returned a reading of 0.075, marking their second offence.



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PAVER TALES Local families can record their family names in stone at the entrance of the Glenorie memorial Hall. One such family has purchased two single and six double pavers to record their heritage in Glenorie District. Here is their story:

GLENORIE SHORE FAMILY 1909-2025



The significance of the Shore Family's contribution to the development of Glenorie cannot be over emphasised. James Cullen Shore, our grandfather (The Patriarch of the Glenorie Shores) was born of English parents at Lanarkshire Scotland in 1875. He moved to Middlesex, England, from where he immigrated to Australia in 1902. He settled in Chatswood where he set up a horse drawn coach service.

Here he met and married Georgina Scranton (1905). They lost their first child, Mary, in her year of birth. Our father (James Leonard) was born next in 1907 followed by his brother, Dudley 1908. In 1909 Grandfather moved the family to a farm 5 miles along Cattai Rd, Glenorie at "Hillside" where he farmed and added Gladys, 1910, Charles, 1912, Sydney, 1913, Margaret 1914 and Jean 1916 to the family.

In 1918 Grandfather purchased another 20-acre farm near present day Gleness Place. In 1924 he added 80 acres which backed onto his holding. During this period, while still living at Hillside, the family worked hard developing their citrus orchard and adding some poultry. The children had to walk 5 miles each way to Glenorie School. Grandfather, along with the Halcrows and other local parents, partitioned the Dept. of Educ. to open a new Primary School at Hillside. This was successful in 1926 much to the children's delight. Now the walk to school was only half a mile.

Our father James Lenard Shore, the eldest in his family married our mother Eileen Stanlie Mobbs in 1930. Her proud ancestry dates to 1797 when a convict William Mobbs of Mobbs Hill fame, Carlingford, arrived on the HMS Barwell.

Their first home was the small cottage which still stands opposite the entrance to Garemys Lane. After starting a family, they moved to Baulkham Hills where Dad worked as a truck driver for Herb Mobbs. The children attended Castle Hill Public School.

In 1933 James Cullen Shore bought the stone from the demolished Glenorie School of Arts (where the present-day Memorial Hall stands.) With this stone he built the Shore family home (now Bells residence) at 56 Cattai Ridge Rd.

In 1941, Grandfather took ill which resulted in our family returning to live with him in the Stone House at Glenorie and taking over the running of the Farm.

After Grandfather, J. C. Shore passed away in 1942, Dad and Mum, over time, purchased the property from Dad's siblings Gladys and Margaret who married Christies from the Shetland Islands and settled in Glenorie. His brother Sid spent time



fighting in WW1 and remained as part of the Occupation forces in Japan and married June, a Japanese girl. He returned to Glenorie to raise his family. Jean the youngest member of the family married Frank Smith and spent much time living in Glenorie before moving away to Ettalong and later Granville.

Meanwhile back at the Stone House in Glenorie, Dad (Jim Shore) started a carrying business in Glenorie, picking up produce from local growers to drop off at the Hay Market, Sydney and brought back requested items such as boxes, fertilizer and stock feed. This further encouraged development of farming in the district.



At the same time, he started diversifying the farm from only citrus. He planted Granny Smith Apples and Summer Fruits, mainly Peach Varieties and introduced intensive crops such as cabbages, watermelons, pumpkin, peas, beans, turnips and tomatoes.

What fun we had picking & packing produce after working

the ground, planting, fertilizing, watering and spraying the crops as they grew!

Schooling posed some problems. The older children Les, Esme, Col and Beryl attended Glenorie Public School until a drop in enrolment at Hillside Public threatened its closure. The Headmaster, Mr Bridge, approached Dad and the Shores transferred from Glenorie to Hillside saving the school which continues to thrive today. Harold and I completed all our Primary School Education at Hillside.

Part 2 to follow next month...

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Delivering Essential Healthcare Services to Berowra

Tina VOTE 1
BROWN
INDEPENDENT

I am fighting to ensure Berowra is a priority in the National Healthcare Conversation.

Neighbours on all sides have been allocated Urgent Care Clinics and Youth Mental Health Hubs, yet Berowra remains overlooked. This community needs a leader in Canberra who will advocate for its needs.

We've seen the ability of Independent MPs to provide services to their communities, and it is time to deliver that quality for Berowra.

I will advocate and negotiate for the integral services that this community deserves.



Authorised by Tina Brown, 1/149 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby NSW 2077

New Line Road: The Outcome of a "Safe" Seat

New Line Road is a major junction for many living in the electorate. What was once a road that navigated orchards and fewer homes is now a major arterial road, creating chaos getting to and from home, work and school.

Nine years ago, our local member, Julian Leeser, knew what he had to do to alleviate the pain his constituents were experiencing. Despite this, in those nine years, nothing has been done.

Funding is required to deliver the upgrades that New Line Road desperately needs, but it is clear that the liberal government cannot deliver.

Meanwhile, within her first term Independent MP for Mackellar, Dr Sophie Scamps, was able to secure \$250 million to address similar issues on Mona Vale Road.

Independents are uniquely poised to deliver for their community in ways the major parties cannot.

Party agenda has no place in Berowra. It's time for an Independent to shake things up. When elected, I will make funding to fix New Line Road a priority.

VOTE **1**

MARTIN COUSINS

FOR BEROWRA

DR MEHREEN FARUQI

FOR THE SENATE

Make housing
affordable

Free uni & TAFE,
wipe student debt

Add dental & mental
health into Medicare

Renewables, not
coal, gas or nuclear



Martin's
Profile



Mehreen's
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HOW DUTTON'S LIBERALS REALLY CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY...



Julian Leeser voted consistently for decreasing
availability of welfare payments



Julian Leeser voted consistently against increasing
access to subsidised childcare



Julian Leeser voted consistently against reducing
tax on lowest income bracket

Berowra needs someone who cares.

Tina VOTE 1
BROWN
INDEPENDENT



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Julian Leaser

FEDERAL MEMBER
FOR BEROWRA



As this is my final editorial before the Federal Election on Saturday, 3rd May, I want to sincerely thank every reader for your support and the trust you've placed in me to represent our community.

Together, we've achieved real change—from delivering NorthConnex, to improving telecommunications and protecting the Hawkesbury River. It is a privilege advocate on your behalf every day, and to work alongside the hundreds of local organisations that make our community so special.

In the lead-up to the election, you'll hear big announcements from all parties. But what's often overlooked are the local commitments that are also just

as important – the support that will be provided to our local clubs, charities, and community groups.

It is why I have worked closely with several of them and have been proud to announce that after months of advocacy, an elected Coalition Government will fund the replacement of the communication tower at Hillside RFS, assist Warrah in the progression of their livestock management initiative, and fund the construction of a new two-level community centre at Christ the Redeemer Parish in Dural.

If I have the honour to continue as your Federal Member for Berowra, I will always stand up for you, your family, and the future of our community.

Authorised by Julian Leaser,
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The First letter of John has 5 chapters

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every Tuesday, I read 1 John 2
every Wednesday, I read 1 John 3
every Thursday, I read 1 John 4
every Friday, I read 1 John 5

2 and 3 John has 1 chapter each

every Saturday, I read 2 John
every Sunday, I read 3 John

Every Monday, I'm back at 1 John 1

**If I want to know more, John's gospel has
21 chapters**

on the 1st day of the month, I read John 1
on the 2nd day of the month, I read John 2.. etc

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JULIAN LEESER

and the Liberals have a plan to get Berowra Back on Track.



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We will let first home buyers access up to \$50,000 of their super for a deposit and unlock up to 500,000 new homes by investing \$5 billion to fund essential infrastructure.

BUILD STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

We will invest in local infrastructure, improving safety and security at the Brickpit, upgrading Berowra Oval & Normanhurst Oval Clubhouses, and securing funding for organisations like the Hawkesbury River Dragons and Asquith Scouts.

KEEP AUSTRALIA SAFE

We will work with state and territories to develop national uniform knife laws and toughen bail laws for new commonwealth domestic violence offences.

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From the desk of
James Wallace
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



Hornsby Woman of the Year Myf Webster

Myf Webster has been recognised for her long and exceptional record of philanthropic community work.

During her decade-long tenure as a centre leader at Fusion in Hornsby, Myf developed a food rescue program that salvaged surplus food from local supermarkets to provide community dinners twice a week for up to 70 people. The program also distributed food hampers to over 100 people weekly, powered by a dedicated team of adult and student volunteers.

More recently, Myf has founded The Social Local Collective, a charity dedicated to enhancing community wellbeing by creating opportunities for intentional connection and enjoyment. The charity started as a result of Myf's research into the profound health impacts of social isolation and loneliness.

Myf's guiding philosophy is simple: Be the change you want to see in the world. This is a philosophy that each of us in the Parliament should live by. Myf's work in our area has consistently driven positive change and strengthened our local community. I can't imagine anyone who is more deserving of being recognised as the Hornsby Woman of the Year.

Warrah Society in Dural

I recently visited the Warrah Society on Harris Road Dural nestled into the bushland of Dural Nature Reserve.

Warrah Society has been operating for more than 50 years and provides a vital and comprehensive range of services for people with profound intellectual disabilities. This includes the Warrah Specialist School which cares for local kids, as well as independent living homes for adults living with complex disabilities. The unique location provides a beautiful and enriching place for the community that Warrah supports.

The campus is also home to Sydney's only certified Biodynamic farm.

Warrah is a special place and beloved within the greater community. It cares for our most vulnerable and enriches the lives of people living with a disability.

I urge the wider rural community to visit and support this society. You can do so by:

- visiting the Waaia Café every Friday morning from 10am – 12pm. Waaia Café takes pride in offering a unique and inclusive experience. Its passionate team comprises people with disabilities and their dedicated support staff.
- shopping for fruit and vegetables at the Warrah Farm Shop which is open each day except Sunday.



Rural Roundup
Jane Seaglove
HORNSBY COUNCILLOR



Hello Residents,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the preview screening of The Last Anniversary series at Event Cinemas, Hornsby Westfield. It was wonderful to see so many of you there for the first episode, which beautifully showcases the stunning scenery of Brooklyn and the Hawkesbury area. I look forward to watching the rest of the series on Foxtel and hope you enjoy it too!

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE 1-3 JOHNSON ROAD PROPOSAL

Hornsby Shire Council is currently undertaking a voluntary exhibition of a draft planning proposal for 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston. We are seeking community feedback on the proposal via our website. Your input is invaluable in shaping this project, and all feedback will be carefully reviewed as part of the decision-making process. To share your thoughts, visit the link: *Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston | Yoursay Hornsby.*

HELP SHAPE OUR NEW WEBSITE

Hornsby Council is designing a new website, and we'd love your feedback! If you've found it challenging to locate information in the past, this is your chance to let us know how we can make improvements. Share your suggestions by completing the survey here: *New Website 2025 | Yoursay Hornsby.*

NEW TO HORNSBY SHIRE? JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

If you're new to the area and looking to connect with others, Hornsby Shire is home to a wide range of community groups and organizations catering to various interests. Here are a few to consider:

Service Clubs

- **Rotary Clubs:** Participate in community service projects and support local initiatives. ROTARY.ORG
- **Lions Clubs:** Engage in community improvement and fundraising for charitable causes. LIONSCLUBS.ORG.AU
- **Country Women's Association (CWA):** Support initiatives improving conditions for women and children. CWAOFNSW.ORG.AU
- **Soroptimist International:** Empower and enable opportunities for women and girls worldwide. SOROPTIMISTINTERNATIONAL.ORG

Performing Arts

- **Berowra Musical Society:** Join a community-based group producing musical theatre. BMSI.ORG.AU

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Hornsby to Come Alive with Westside Vibe

Hornsby's much-loved local festival, Westside Vibe returns on Friday 9th May, with a lineup of entertainment and international cuisine that promise an evening overflowing with rhythm, colour and the sensory delights.

This year's Westside Vibe will transform the area around Hornsby's Dural Lane with striking Mexican-themed decorations, food trucks, a licensed bar, face painting and kids' activities, along with five hours of free live music.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell is looking forward to the festival, saying that it is a great opportunity for the community to come together again to support local arts and culture.

"I am thrilled that Hornsby Shire Council can once again present its much-loved street festival, Westside Vibe, giving people the chance to enjoy food and drink and celebrate local artists. It is a wonderful opportunity to come out and have fun, and I look forward to seeing everyone there," Mayor Waddell said.

Westside Vibe will come alive with music from a range of lively performers to get you dancing including Gang of Brothers, Venus Music, The Funky Monkeys, Phat Brass and the Red Rebel Rock Band.

Alongside the entertainment and activities, taste buds will be set alight by international food from over 15 of Sydney's best food trucks including Japanese and Vietnamese Street Foods, Master Gozleme, Fritz's Wieners German sausages, Piggy & Moo gourmet burgers and loaded fries, dumplings, mochi and much more. There will be snowcones and fairy floss for the kids, and Kubarz pop-up bar will serve delicious drinks, from beers to cocktails.

Westside Vibe will take place on Friday 9th May at Hornsby's Dural Lane, from 4pm to 9pm.

For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/westsidevibe

ADVERTORIAL

Off to Africa

Local pump manufacturer, Australian Pump Industries, have just shipped another four of their big 6" heavy duty trash pumps with a view to making every effort to save the city of Juba from the equatorial monsoon floods. The United Nations already have 25 of these big Aussie 6" pumps working to divert the Nile River around Juba.

This shipment, going by urgent air freight directly to Africa, will give them the extra capacity to move 24,000 litres per minute to keep the city safe.

"Working with the United Nations is a great privilege. We're proud of being able to help people in trouble, undergoing very tough climate conditions, with the threat of a civil war breaking out any time", said Mel Jansen, Aussie Pumps Export Manager.

The big pumps were wrapped up like mummies and skidded for air freight and then "Off to Africa".



Aussie's Export Manager, Mel Jansen does the final checks with the freight forwarder before the big pumps are air freighted to save South Sudan.

For further information on Aussie Pumps humanitarian work in export, contact Australia's leading pump manufacturer, Aussie Pumps. Great jobs are also available. aussiepumps.com.au 8865 3500.

DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

News from History Cottage

The attendance at our April meeting again showed the community's interest in the rare places within our district. Vern Sotter, with some of the volunteers from Friends of Fagan Park, gave us an insight into farming of the mid-to-late nineteenth century by reading reports and correspondence about the Fagan family and their properties. Fagan Park has become a paradise for the people of Sydney and lives up to the expectations of Mr Bruce Fagan and his sisters when they donated the property for the enjoyment and education of the people of New South Wales. With ANZAC day so close the story of the life and death of Leslie Fagan, killed in World War1, was a poignant inclusion.

Following the success of the March open day at History Cottage, beside the Cenotaph and Hayes Park, it has been decided to

open monthly. This will be on the 4th Sunday of each month, 1-4 pm, with the first opening being Sunday the 29th April. The open door in March was certainly an attraction to Sunday afternoon tourists and the Society looks forward to playing its part in introducing others to the special nature of our district.

Because Ausgrid must disconnect its service to the Uniting Church on our usual meeting day in May we have postponed our meeting. Carolyn Broadhead will now give her planned talk on her French connection on **Saturday 12th July**. This story looks at Australian history on several levels: a local soldier and his love of a French girl, French refugees with special skills coming to the colony and a surprising outcome.

For our **14th June** meeting, Rod Best will return to speak about another of his areas of interest.

Our free and open meetings are held in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston starting at 2 pm. A gold coin donation for afternoon tea.



Speakers Julie Graham & Vern Sotter.

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ADULT FICTION

THE MONTEGIALLO SCHOOL OF SWEARING BY ANDREW H.C. McDONALD

Accidentally buying a Sicilian villa for just one euro is not the great Eat, Pray, Love game changer that Brian Chapman hopes it would be. Instead, tumbledown buildings, a shortage of plumbers, and resentful locals make Brian's drunken whim look like the biggest mistake of his chequered career so far. Who could believe that an outbreak of swearing would lead not only to cultural reconciliation but to this Australian fish out of water finding true love in Italy?

This laugh-out-loud debut, set in the fictional Italian town of Montegiallo, explores language and culture with hilarious results.



JUNIOR FICTION

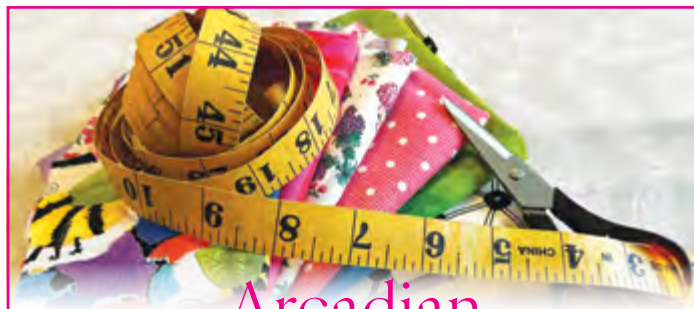
SPIRIT OF THE CROCODILE BY AARON FA'AOSO AND MICHELLE SCOTT TUCKER WITH LYN WHITE

Twelve-year-old Ezra lives on Saibai, an Australian island. He loves a laugh, his family, and he loves a dare. But when one of his dares goes wrong, Ezra learns that there's more than one way to look at things. As ever-increasing climate disasters threaten Saibai, Ezra and his best mate Mason must draw on their courage to help the community survive a massive storm.

An inspiring story of hope and the resilience of the Torres Strait Islander community as climate change threatens culture, tradition and connection to place.



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Arcadian Quilting News

With Autumn upon us it's certainly time to think of "quilts for warmth" as well as just the joy of owning a quilt.

APRIL has presented Arcadian Quilters with the opportunity of giving 34 quilts to two of our Charities, and in so doing we have shared the joy and the warmth that a bright cheery quilt can bring to a home or to 'new' accommodation !!

The two Charities in this case are - Assistance Dogs Australia and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

Photo left is showing 'typically' the possible type of accommodation in shared living situations.

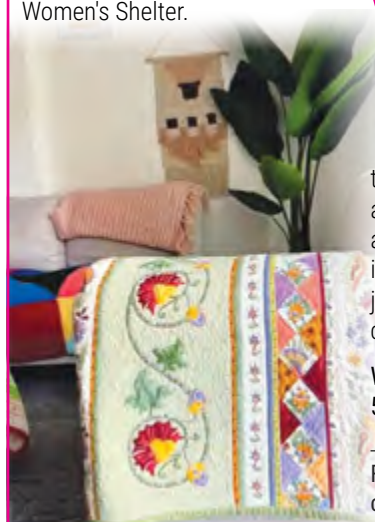
In this other photo (below) BELLA, the 'Ambassador Dog' from Assist Dogs Aust whom we have met many times at our quilting meetings is showing how she 'helps' display the latest quilts given to this group.



In our experience we note that Charity Work connects amazing people; people who all work with a common goal in mind and that is to share the joy that Community connection can create !!!

We meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month.

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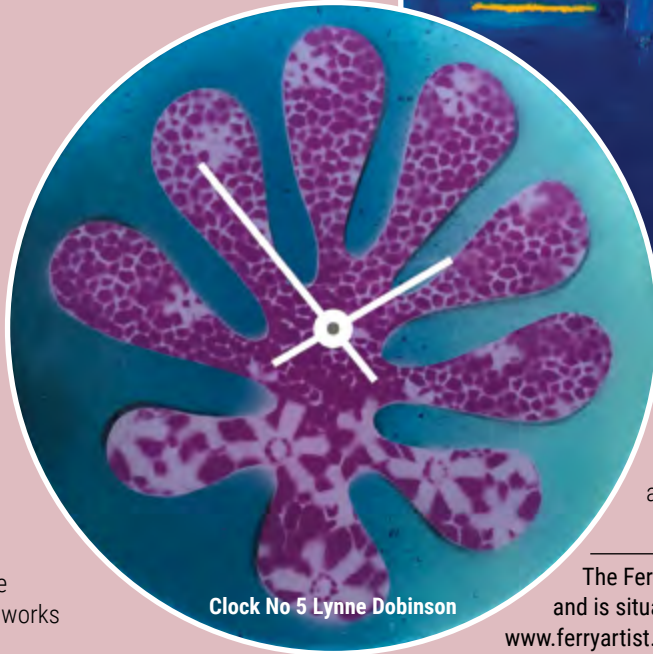
The Ferry Artists are delighted to be welcoming Sydney based artists Phil Stallard and Lynne Dobinson to our community for our first two week Guest Pop Up exhibition opening on 14th June in the Gallery in Wisemans Ferry.

Phil describes the show titled **Time and Tide.**

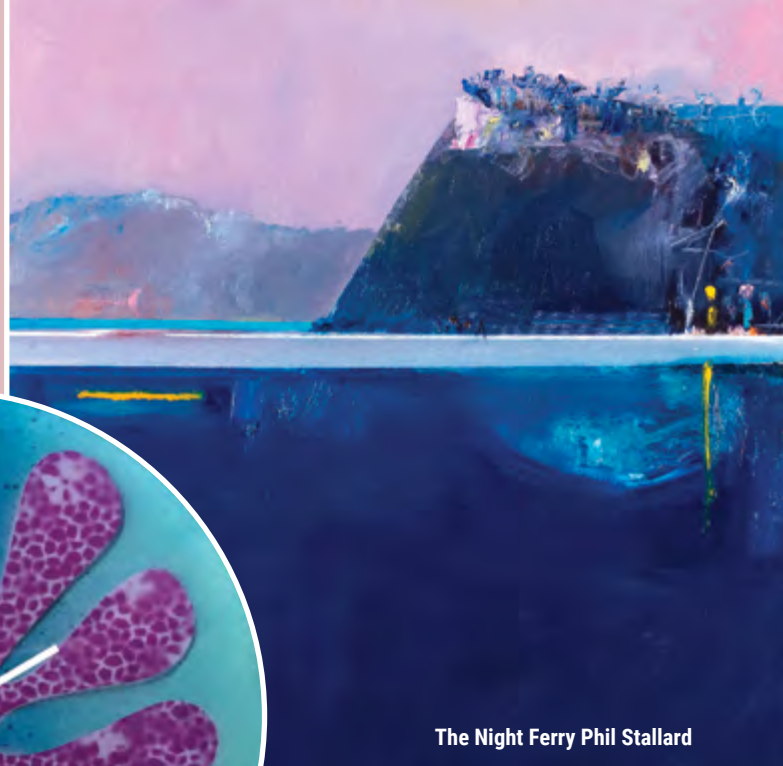
Time and Tide is a multimedia exhibition featuring the works of Phil Stallard and Lynne Dobinson. The show explores themes of time and the Hawkesbury.

Phil Stallard will be showing recent large scale oil paintings completed in his MacDonald River studio - exploring themes of Hawkesbury River.

Lynne Dobinson works small, exploring a variety of mediums, materials and methods. She will be showing a selection of clocks and works on paper.



Clock No 5 Lynne Dobinson



The Night Ferry Phil Stallard

Please join our art community for the opening and meet Phil and Lynne and hear about their work and inspiration.

The Ferry Artists gallery is open daily 10am to 4pm and is situated in the beautiful historic Wisemans Ferry. www.ferryartist.org.au Ph: 4566 4385

SPORT NEWS

Dural Bowling Club News



Consistency Competition

Judith Harris in action with Margaret Yeend another long standing member looking on.

PENNANT AND CONSISTENCY COMPETITIONS

The wet weather on the 29th March saw the postponement of the Pennant competition match against Greenlees at the Dural Bowling Club which was rescheduled for Sunday 6th April 2025. Dural bowlers were thus compelled to play a double header the following weekend.

The Consistency Competition started on Tuesday 8th April on a beautiful autumn day. The first round of the competition was played in great spirit and enjoyed by all.

A FERVENT AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF DURAL BOWLING CLUB - JUDITH HARRIS

Judith Harris has been a member of Dural Bowling Club for over 25 years. She has dedicated her time in welcoming and coaching

new members. Judith is now in her eighties and is still coaching the new female members and is not ready to pass the baton yet. She is still very zealous in her coaching.


A very competent bowler, Judith won many events at Dural and away, including pennant wins and the Dural local tournaments.

She is admired by many at the Dural Bowling Club with her encouragement to all bowlers to improve their games.

VALE JOHN GONZO

John Gonzo passed away on the 2nd April. He wasn't a member of Dural Bowling Club for very long. He is remembered for reminiscing his football playing time with Parramatta and his hobby for racing pigeons.

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Embracing a Sustainable Future: The Sydney Tiny Home Expo

As urban living continues to grapple with soaring housing prices and environmental concerns, the Sydney Tiny Home Expo at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds emerges as a beacon of innovation and hope. This event is not just about cute houses; it symbolizes a transformation in our understanding of what



home truly means. The expo showcases a diverse array of tiny homes, from beautifully crafted models featuring cutting-edge sustainable technologies to creative designs that maximize minimal space. Visitors can expect not only to witness stunning designs but this is a wholly informative event with a community and industry that combines a thorough knowledge of what a Tiny Home could mean for you.

In a world where material excess often leads to stress, the notion of living in smaller, more intentional spaces promotes a lifestyle centered around mindfulness and purpose. This event, which is in its 4th year at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds, can help us reimagine our living spaces, foster community, sustainability, and a deeper appreciation for the world around us.

Open on Friday 6th June (10am-3pm), Saturday 7th June and Sunday 8th June (9am - 5pm), the event fosters a staggered entry to avoid over-crowding. Visit the website for information on tickets and entry. www.tinyhomesexpo.com.au

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Tax incentives for property owners: How to maximise your savings.

Owning property can be a big financial responsibility, however, there are tax benefits that can help homeowners, investors, and landlords. Understanding these incentives can help property owners make informed financial decisions and maximise their savings.

NEGATIVE GEARING

One of the most significant tax advantages for property investors in Australia is negative gearing. This occurs when the expenses associated with owning and managing an investment property (such as mortgage interest, maintenance, and depreciation) exceed the rental income. Property owners can deduct this loss from their taxable income, effectively reducing the amount of tax they owe.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX (CGT) DISCOUNT

When selling an investment property in Australia, owners may be liable for Capital Gains Tax (CGT). However, individuals who hold a property for more than 12 months before selling are eligible for a 50% CGT discount. This means that only half of the capital gain is added to their taxable income. This incentive encourages long-term property investment and provides significant tax savings for investors.

DEPRECIATION DEDUCTIONS

Property investors can also benefit from depreciation deductions, which allow them to claim the loss of value of certain assets over time. Depreciation is divided into two categories:

- **Capital Works Deductions:** Covers the cost of construction and renovations on properties built after 16th September 1987. Owners can claim 2.5% of the construction cost per year for up to 40 years.
- **Plant and Equipment Depreciation:** Includes assets such as appliances, carpets, and air-conditioning units, which lose value over time.

Investors can claim these deductions by obtaining a tax depreciation schedule from a qualified quantity surveyor, helping to reduce taxable income.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE (PPR) EXEMPTION

Homeowners who live in their property as their primary residence can benefit from the Principal Place of Residence (PPR) exemption, which eliminates CGT when selling their home. This means that any profit made from the sale of the property is not subject to tax, making it a significant incentive for owner-occupiers.

FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT (FHOG) AND STAMP DUTY CONCESSIONS

First-time buyers may be eligible for the First Home Owner Grant (FHOG), which provides financial assistance for purchasing or building a new home. The amount and eligibility criteria vary by state and territory.

Tax benefits for energy-efficient upgrades. Property owners making energy-efficient upgrades, such as installing solar panels, energy-efficient heating systems, or insulation, may be eligible for rebates and tax incentives.

WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR YOU?

Tax incentives for property owners in Australia provide substantial savings, whether you're an investor using negative gearing and depreciation deductions or a homeowner benefiting from the Principal Place of Residence exemption. Understanding these benefits and consulting a tax professional can help you make the most of available deductions, reduce your tax burden, and improve your financial position.

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Hillside Happenings

Wow – what a term it's been at Hillside Public School!



We've kicked off the year with a bang, welcoming our newest Kindergarten students and families, as well as celebrating our 2025 school leaders, SRC representatives and Hillside Captains. Term 1 has been full of exciting learning and memorable experiences.



From our small schools swimming carnival and the interactive Jollybops Science Show, to NAPLAN, water safety workshops, and Harmony Day celebrations – there's never a dull moment at Hillside! Our Years 5 & 6 students enjoyed a Leadership Day at Longneck Lagoon, while all students got active in a fantastic NRL clinic with the Parramatta Eels. We wrapped up the term with a fun-filled Easter learning day and our annual cross-country event – the perfect way to enjoy our beautiful school grounds. A big well done to all our runners, especially those heading to Zone!

A standout event this term was the High Potential and Gifted Education Day. Students from across our small schools network gathered for an incredible day of learning and discovery, engaging in different workshops including STEM challenges, escape rooms, drumming, Aboriginal art, Gunya building, soccer, dancing and even filmmaking. It was a true celebration of creativity, talent, and collaboration.

THINKING OF ENROLLING?

Hillside Public School is a nurturing small school where every child is known, valued, and supported. Our close-knit community fosters strong connections between students, families, and staff, and our small class sizes mean more personalised learning experiences. We pride ourselves on delivering quality education with

big opportunities – from leadership development and creative arts, robotics and coding, French lessons, to sporting and academic programs that extend and inspire. OOSH is also available mornings and afternoons.

If you're looking for a welcoming and inclusive environment where your child will thrive, we'd love to meet you. Enrolments are now open, and we invite you to come and experience the Hillside difference! Out of area applications considered.

COMING UP NEXT TERM...

The Hillside P&C warmly invites our community to our Election Day BBQ Fundraiser on **Saturday 3rd May from 8am to 3pm**. We'll be serving up democracy sausage sandwiches, bacon and egg rolls, homemade treats, and cold drinks. **Avoid the crowds at Hillside Public School - come and support your local small school while you vote!**

We can't wait to see what Term 2 brings!

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On March 27th, 2025, students from Arcadia, Annangrove, Hillside, Macdonald Valley and Middle Dural Public Schools gathered at Middle Dural for a day filled with discovery, fun and friendship. This exciting event had been in the planning for nine months, led by a dedicated team of principals eager to help students explore their potential across intellectual, physical, creative and social-emotional domains.



To ensure the activities resonated with the students, they were given the opportunity to vote on their preferred options in Term 4. Based on this feedback, the team organised 18 engaging activities, collaborating with Longneck Lagoon and Brewongle Environmental Education Centres, Galston High School, and community groups such as the Hills Hornets Basketball Association and the NRL, who contributed Basketball and OzTag clinics.

As the big day approached, students ranked their top activity choices, allowing them to select options that matched their interests and strengths.

The much-anticipated High Potential Gifted Education (HPGE) Day welcomed 270 excited students, all ready to explore their undiscovered potential. After an official welcome and Acknowledgement of Country, the activities commenced. Students participated in a variety of sessions, including building nest boxes, using GPS trackers in Mission Codebreak, creating shelters with natural materials, and engaging in traditional Indigenous games. Creative pursuits included drumming, visual arts, film-making and dance, while physical activities featured OzTag, basketball, soccer and more. Intellectual challenges involved Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) projects and Escape Room activities.

The Middle Dural Public School Parents and Citizens Association ran a canteen and organised a popular sausage sizzle, which many students declared one of their favourite parts of the day.

The atmosphere was vibrant as students from all school mingled, forming new friendships while engaging in shared interests. This camaraderie was especially evident

among the Kindergarten students, who remained in one group. Throughout the day, students displayed remarkable behaviour, enthusiastically trying new activities, and collaborating with peers. Many reported enjoying the thrill of using power tools, playing sports and being creative.

The inaugural HPGE Day proved to be a fantastic success, highlighting students' potential and fostering an environment where they could explore new interests. As we reflect on this wonderful day, it's clear that opportunities for growth and connection were abundant.

Vacancies are currently available in our local community schools. If you're interested in learning more about the advantages of enrolling your child, please reach out to your local public school principal for further information.

Belinda Reedman - Arcadia Principal
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Sarah Allen - Macdonald Valley Principal
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Pacific Hills Christian School



Lion's Club Youth of the Year Award – Cassie Ptolemy

Pacific Hills Christian School student Cassie Ptolemy has achieved an amazing result in this year's Lion's Club Youth of the Year Award. Competing at the State Level held in Tamworth in April, Cassie performed brilliantly across the varied components being judged holding high marks for each section and was awarded winner of the public speaking portion of the competition!

Mrs Baldry, one of the English teachers at Pacific Hills, writes "Cassie was able to speak about her fundraising initiative for foster kids, learning sign language and her busy role as school captain, amongst other things. Her heart to serve others and her strong ability in public speaking (and plain hard work) have helped her achieve so well with this award."

The School is immensely proud of all that Cassie has achieved and the use of her talents and giftings to aid and assist others in both her local and School communities.

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Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 14th May 2025

The Garden Club is more than just coming to listen to speakers and purchasing a bargain plant. You will be rewarded by making new friends and sharing plant tips and ideas.

The Galston District Garden Club meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston at 7.30 pm. We welcome new members and visitors. We are an informal and friendly group, and no matter what your gardening ability or gardening knowledge, you can be sure that you can look forward to pleasant company. Your botanical knowledge will be entirely adequate. Members range from beginners to very experienced. We use our interest in gardening as a great excuse for social

gatherings and garden rambles. There will be interesting talks and displays at each meeting. We have a large and extensive library of gardening books and DVD's that members can borrow.

Each year we hold the **GALSTON DISTRICT OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND** in October to fundraise for local community projects and charities. This year will be from the **17th to 19th October**. Approximately eight gardens will be opened to visitors with plant and produce stalls. We are always looking for new gardens to open for this event and if you would like to generously open your garden or know of a garden owner who could be approached, please contact the Secretary at the Club.

AUTUMN is a great time for garden chores. This is the time to clean up before winter.

Protect vulnerable plants, and wind down the growing season. Raking up fallen leaves is probably the most common autumn garden chore. Leaving a layer of dead leaves on grass can harm turf grass by blocking sunlight and trapping moisture. On the other hand, leaves can benefit garden beds and the compost bin. Instead of bagging and disposing of leaves, mulch them with the mower and let them decompose.

Plant your spring bulbs so you can enjoy flowers next spring: daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, crocuses and more these are the hardy bulbs that need a cold period to bloom.

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Bromeliad Society of Australia

Guest Speaker Robyn Bible, Australian Geranium Society

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

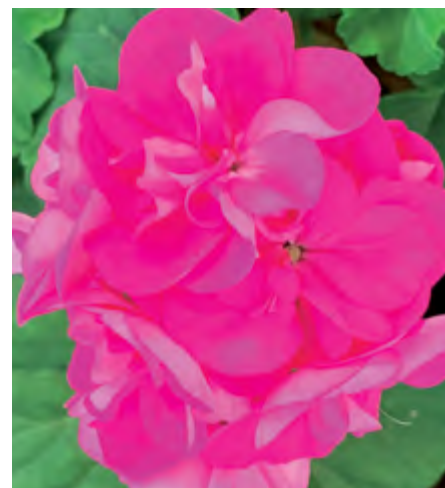
Guest speaker will be Robyn Bible, from the Australian Geranium Society and she will speak about the different varieties of geraniums and pelargoniums, she will also bring along a large selection of examples.

Robyn will explain about their growing conditions, where best to use the various types including a demonstration on how to prune and propagate. Robyn will also have several plants available for purchase.

She has specialised in the growing of geraniums and pelargoniums for more than 50 years and will happily share her immense knowledge with the BSA members and guests.

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, mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com website: www.bromeliad.org.au



We could be better than this...



In rural areas Australia wide, Landcare is held in high regard. That's why being a member of our local group Still Creek Landcare makes me feel good. For a small group, we have achieved lots, like running training courses for residents, articles in the local paper to help landowners, given free native plants to landowners who have removed weeds, tested local creeks for water quality, planted many trees, made and distributed nest boxes

for wildlife, planted a wildlife corridor and much other stuff.

We also hold working bees on member's properties, followed by morning coffee and a gossip. We seem to get more done more quickly when we work together as a group.

At present, we are all hung down and thoroughly depressed because our President has just died of cancer. There has even been talk of closing the group down. This would be a great shame because there is so much left to do.

We need some new members to inject enthusiasm and rev us all up – people who love living in this area, who like the bush and want the best for the birds and animals that live there.

- Perhaps you want to help preserve our local environment?
- Perhaps you don't know much about nature yet but want to learn more?
- Perhaps you have some good social media skills and could help?
- Perhaps you are a recently retired expert and could share your knowledge with us?

If any of this sounds good, please talk to us. Lift our spirits and help keep the good work going. Save us from closing down!

To get in touch, please ring me Barry Lees on 9653 3691.



BY LACHLAN TURNER

Hidden in the Hills

NATIVE CURRANT

Growing in the more open sections of dry sclerophyll forest the Native Currant (*Leptomeria acida*) has an unusual characteristic in that it can be parasitic off the roots of other shrubs and trees. It has no leaves as such, but rather there are short to lengthy green protrusions that extend from somewhat thicker branchlets. These protrusions are where the fruit is attached.

The fruit is known to possess a reasonably high level of vitamin C, and as such is edible, preferably when ripe and turning towards a reddish colour. These berries may be consumed earlier in spite of the somewhat bitter, acid taste. Indigenous people ate the fruit as a thirst quencher when it was in season. The flower is a yellowish-green colour and being very small it is often overlooked by the casual bushwalker.

Being an adaptable plant, largely because it relies on a host plant, it can tolerate a considerable range of temperatures, soil types and habitat conditions. Distribution is widespread, but not prolific, along the eastern Australian Coastal strip, extending up into the slopes of the Great Dividing Range where suitable habitats exist.

Propagation for both home gardens and for commercial use is possible but careful preparations are necessary. In these situations



it can survive relying on its own root system to gain nutrients from the soil. In ideal conditions the plant may reach up to 2m in height.

It may be that the bushwalker could possibly confuse the berries of the *Persoonia* (Geebung) species as being the Native Currant, as some

Geebung fruiting periods overlap.

Geebung berries have a distinctive small spike at the base and should not be consumed until they turn a purple colour.



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Love on the Cross

Have you ever wanted to show someone that you really love them? Maybe you treated them to a special evening or gave them a memorable gift. There are many ways love can be expressed, and I'm sure we would all agree that if everyone was more loving, our world would be a better place.

John, the youngest disciple of Jesus, witnessed love in action. Through his close association with Jesus he came to realise that "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:8). One of the greatest tragedies in our world is that far too many people don't know that God really does love them.

The cross of Christ is the greatest revelation of God's love the universe has ever seen.

God the Son, who created our world, chose to step down from His throne and become one of us in order to save us from our unloveliness. In order to understand and appreciate God's love personally, we need to experience it. The Psalmist says, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). My mum used to make the most amazing apple pies. I could try to describe to you the awesome delicious taste, but unless you taste for yourself, you only have my word for it. It's the same with God's amazing love. Until one is willing to reach out to God, a genuine experience may never happen. God says, "you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Through Jesus Christ God has given us the greatest gift heaven could bestow— His only Son. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

It is our desire at Galston Church that you might experience the love and truth of Jesus Christ, and be ready for His soon return. Please continue to pray for each other and for our community.

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Volatile Times



Our world today is a volatile place. The share market is in free fall. Interest rates are going up. House prices are falling. Food is becoming more expensive. The things we relied on yesterday are not so certain today. We once were confident in our prosperity and our future seemed assured. What has happened? Why are the pursuit of wealth and the love of money no longer delivering the promised rewards? Economies are crumbling and even families in the lucky country are feeling the pinch. Most of us are unsure of what lies ahead.

Have you begun to wonder what's it all about? Have you started to re-evaluate your priorities or are you just ploughing ahead, hoping things will improve? How long can you last? Perhaps it's time to stop and take a breath. Lift your eyes from your troubles and uncertainty towards the heavens. Think on the words of the Lord Jesus Christ,

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body,

what you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:19-21, 24-27.

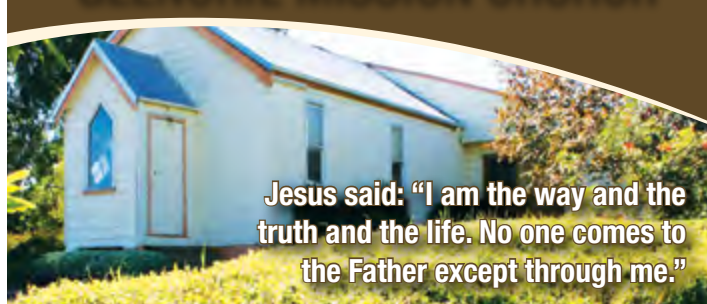
Are these words a comfort to you? Does their Divine authority cut through your concerns like a two edged sword? Turn back then towards the Lord Jesus Christ, accept the forgiveness that God offers through Him and lay hold of the promises in God's word.

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10 v 9

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A True Relationship.

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- * **Does God exist?** - with our Biblical answer being a resounding YES.
- * **Who is the Jesus Christ of Christmas and Easter?**
Our understanding and answer comes from God's Word to us in John 3:16-17.

This month's big question centres around the difference between religion and a Christian's personal faith relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Often in conversations with different people, the comment is made that "I'm not religious" and the reply is "I'm not religious either. I have a relationship with Jesus Christ."

Is there a difference? Let me briefly explain...

Religion is defined as "a system of beliefs and practices centred around the worship of a God or gods or a set of spiritual principles that guide moral conduct and community life. (Wikipedia)"

So, at its core, Christianity can be defined as a religion.

However, Christianity has one key difference that separates it from other belief systems. The difference is relationship.

Most religion is man-centred, where any connection with God is based on a person's works and through his or her own efforts.

Christianity is singularly different because it is a relationship that God seeks to establish with people; a relationship based on His love for mankind. It is not a works-based faith. It is centred around the goodness and grace of God - and His grace alone. Grace is defined as "unmerited favour." Those who have called out to God, repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to be their Saviour and Lord, receive 'unmerited favour' from God. They choose then, to live their lives in a loving relationship with the One who saved them. It is not simply following a set of rules in the Bible either - it is a desire to get to know the One who loves them and wrote the book!!

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Galston Uniting Church



A GREAT FETE!



When it was decided to hold our first fete in many years, we had high hopes of raising some money, meeting lots of people from the community and having some fun. We achieved this and much more!

There were stalls of all sorts; books by the hundreds, clothing, activities for children, cakes, plants, white elephant, and honey sold by Paul Udy who was resplendent in his bee-keeper gear! We would like to thank all the stallholders who came along to be a part of our event and the staff of the Early Learning Centre for their hard work. There was live music on the hour thanks to Ken Leeson, featuring choirs, the organ and Micah on the baritone horn. All were well lubricated with

Devonshire teas and coffee from the kitchen and well fed with a sausage sizzle.

Our thanks to all who made this happen and to you, the wider community who came and gave us your support. Funds raised will help defray the cost of our recent audio-visual upgrade.

WELCOME, REV AKOSITA TANGI.

Rev. Akosita commenced her ministry at Galston Uniting in March. She led her first worship service on 30th March, highlighting God's reconciliation with us through Christ in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Rev. Akosita has had a very warm welcome and a great start to her ministry with us. Please come and meet her and join us in worship at 10am each Sunday.



GALSTON CONCERTS.

This new concert series also commenced on 30th March with an amazing performance by Ross Maio on his piano accordions. However, a highlight was the impromptu jam session he held after afternoon tea with his former student Cathy and his son Lucas. What a treat!

Our Next concert in the series is on **Sunday 15th June**, featuring Flamenco guitarist Paco Lara and his associate, Flamenco dancer Deya Miranda Giner. If you remember Paco Lara from his visit in 2022, you'll know he's not to be missed, so save the date!

Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams at *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.
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Phone 9653 2039

News from St Benedict's May 2025

ST BENEDICT'S YOUNG ADULTS FEEDING THE HOMELESS

In late April a group of young St Benedict's parish members decided to do something truly Christian to mark the approaching Easter season. They arranged the preparation of some healthy and fulfilling meals and shared with the homeless in Sydney.

Young parishioner Sam John reported that the evening went **really well**: "We had more than 11 people or more volunteering to help on the night. Many of the volunteers brought family and friends along with them. We drove down and when we got there we helped set up tables and get to work. Since we had so many people there was lots of food to go around and it ended up being a big success. Hopefully it will be the first of many we will do with the group."

As well as the food prepared or organised by the group, Glenorie Bakery donated a large amount of bread and baked food which was all gone very quickly. These goodies were nice treats for all the people coming for food, so everyone was very grateful to the bakery for their donation.

"It was really good to see all the people in need getting a nice meal, and even better to see the people from my group working hard and also enjoying themselves," Sam said.



Easter is regarded by many as the most meaningful annual event on the Christian calendar and these young people showed that they were supporting the true meaning of Easter.

Picture shows some of the young St Benedict's parishioners working on the night.

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.

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade



Tasmanian Raft Deployment

One of our long-standing members of Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade, Deputy Captain, Craig Whiteman, ventured off to a deployment in March this year, to assist with fighting the fires in Northwest Tasmania.

After arriving safely, and getting set up, on day three of the deployment, the team were allocated crews and sent to the fires. Craig was selected as crew leader for two other RFS members and two NPWS. They flew by helicopter to the Mount Donaldson fire, in the north division where they had a buoy wall and pump with about



300m of hose to hit the hot spots along the fires edge. At the end of a long day, they had a 20 minute helicopter flight back to base in Tullah.

On day four, the crew completed blacking out a 1km section along a creek line, working the northern edge. The crew worked hard, dragging hoses and digging into the peat. This section held, which was great, however due to the drop in humidity and increasingly strong winds, other sections set on fire late in the afternoon.

Overall, this was a successful and rewarding deployment for Craig and we are so proud of your efforts. Craig Whiteman, your commitment to the RFS as a volunteer, is honourable, and we thank you for your service.



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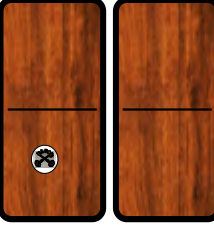

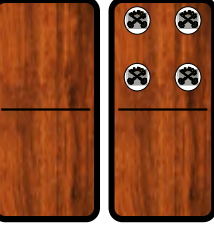
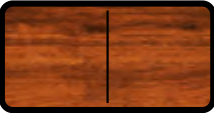



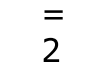

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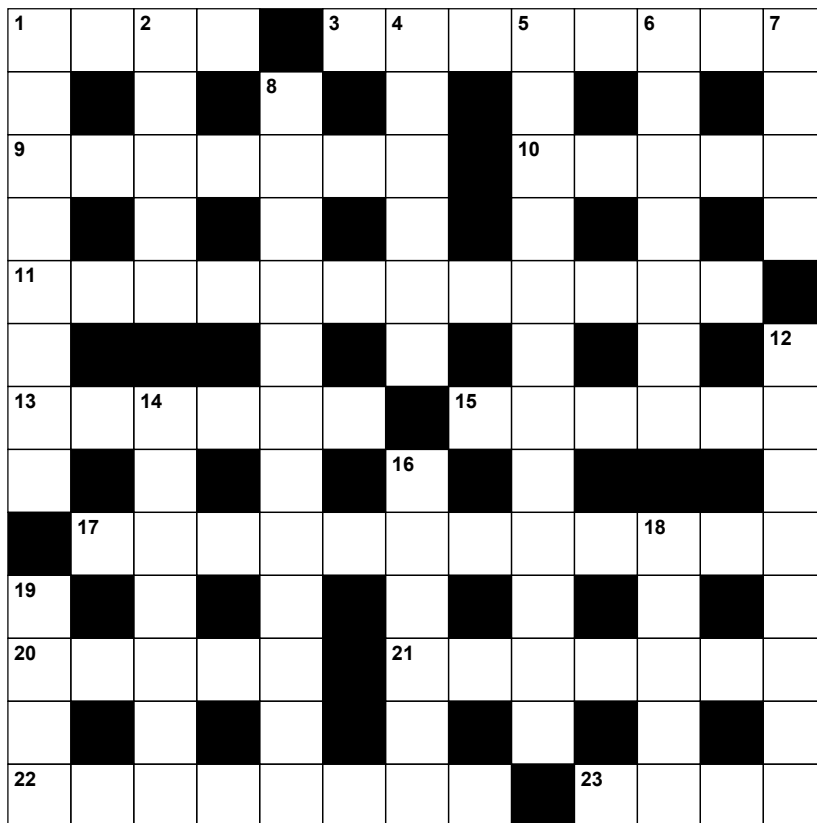
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ACROSS

- 01** Erase (4)
03 Sheath for a sword (8)
09 Refiles (anag) (7)
10 Momentary oversight (5)
11 From this time on (12)
13 Courteous (6)
15 From that place (6)
- 17** Animal lacking a backbone (12)
20 Moneys owed (5)
21 Hammers (7)
22 Recently married person (5-3)
23 Metal fastener (4)

DOWN

- 01** Pays homage to (8)
02 Large mast (5)
04 Universe (6)
05 Disregarding the rules (5,3,4)
06 Drug that relieves pain (7)
07 Hold as an opinion (4)
- 08** Incessantly (12)
12 Freed from captivity (8)
14 Archer's weapon (7)
16 Hinder the progress of (6)
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☎ Galston Community Health Centre
☎ 9264 9255

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Arcadia Galston Residents' Association

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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

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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 4th Sunday of every month
☎ 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

Dural Mens Shed

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

Friends of Fagan Park

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

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Galston Garden Club

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☎ Galston Community Centre
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☎ GalstonDM@girlguides-nswacnt.org.au

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum

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

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Glenorie Progress Association

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☎ 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.
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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

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☎ 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

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☎ The Galston Club
☎ Annette 0437 148 126
☎ membership@greaterhillsrotary.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.
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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

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☎ The Shed Studio on FB
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☎ Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills
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☎ 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road)
☎ 0405 560 211

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☎ church office 9653 2039
☎ 11 School Road Galston

Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church

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☎ 49 Arcadia Rd Galston
☎ Minister Steve Belson 0438 459 223

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☎ 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

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Mass at the Parish Church 7pm Saturday, 9am and 10.30am Sunday.
☎ Cnr Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd
☎ 9653 2312 or Parish Priest
☎ Fr Shansana 0437 884 233

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☎ 9651 1119

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☎ Murray 0407 950 939 or
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☎ 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

Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.
☎ Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499
☎ Lachlan0438801170@gmail.com
☎ Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd
☎ Glenorie NSW 2157

CALLING ALL Playgroups

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

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

GLENORIE

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

LEARNING BLOCKS

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

KENTHURST

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

GALSTON

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

Sessions span over a couple of hours and are unstructured, providing lots of time for kids to play while adults chat.

Bring your own morning tea (nut-free). New members are very welcome to drop in; the first two visits are free.

Email galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.

PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

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.

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