

## Close Call for Berowra

BY DIANA PATON

This election delivered a big surprise nationally, but also in Berowra. Berowra has always been considered a safe liberal seat, but with the results of this election showing a swing of -6% against the Liberal party, the difference between Liberal and Labour in Berowra (after preference count) was only 3,634 votes. This followed the 2022 election results which also showed a swing against the Liberal Party of -5.88%. But that result showed a difference between Liberal and Labour (after preferences) of 18,236 votes.

### FIRST PREFERENCE COUNT FOR THE DIVISION OF BEROWRA (NSW) 66 OF 66 POLLING PLACES RETURNED.

CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES	%	SWING (%)
LEESER, Julian	Liberal	46,657	41.86	-5.33
KOSCHINSKI, Benson	Labour	30,101	27.01	+3.19
COUSINS, Martin	The Greens	13,093	11.75	-3.14
BROWN, Tina	Independent	12,847	11.53	+11.53
MATTINSON, Gerald	Pauline Hanson's One Nation	4,472	4.01	+1.14
BASTIAN, Stephen	Trumpet of Patriots	2,100	1.88	+1.46
WOODWARD, Roger	Independent	1,167	1.05	+0.32
CLARKE, Brendan Michael	FUSION   Planet Rescue   Whistleblower Protection   Innovation	1,026	0.92	-0.47

Whilst first preference votes clearly showed Julian Leeser (Liberal) received the highest percentage of votes, once preferences were counted, the end result was quite a close call. So it was a combination of votes for Ben Koshinski (Labour), Martin Cousins (the Greens) and Tina Brown (Independent) which delivered such a close result. It's worth noting that the biggest swing towards any candidate was Tina Brown at 11.53%.

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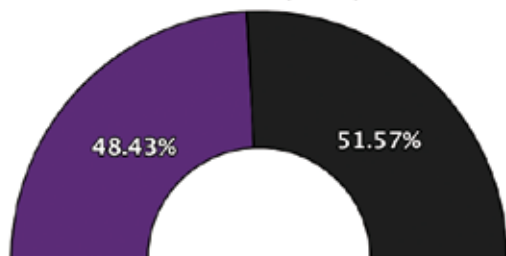
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Here are the results from our local polling stations, they are quite a mixed bag with Wisemans Ferry recording a swing of 9% against the Liberal party and Glenorie Hillside showing a swing towards the Liberals party of 0.07%.

### Two candidate preferred (TCP) for Berowra (NSW)



**KOSCHINSKI,  
Benson**

**LEESER,  
Julian**

Overall a few areas in the Berowra electorate are worth mentioning. Rogans Hill recorded a swing of 11.84% towards the Liberals, Glenorie Hillside showed 0.07% towards the Liberals whereas Castle Hill North, Epping Area (several polling stations), Hornsby East, Hornsby West, Macquarie Park, Marsfield North, Mt Kuring-gai, Rogans Hill North and Waitara showed swings against the Liberals of over 10%. The Highest swing against the Liberals was Macquarie Park at 18.22%

If you want to look at more in depth results, the above information was taken from the AEC Tallyroom, <https://tallyroom.aec.gov.au/> then go to the Berowra page.



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	Party	No of Votes	Percentage	After Preferences	Percentage	Swing
Arcadia	Liberal	382	51%	501	67%	-2.20%
	Labor	114	15%	247	33%	
	Greens	76	10%			
	Independent	73	10%			
	One Nation	53	7%			
	Trump of Patriots	37	5%			
Dural	Liberal	691	55%	825	66%	-5%
	Labor	189	15%	423	34%	
	Greens	145	12%			
	Independent	88	7%			
	One Nation	84	7%			
	Trump of Patriots	37	3%			
Galston	Liberal	726	50%	926	65%	-5%
	Labor	254	18%	506	35%	
	Greens	142	10%			
	Independent	139	10%			
	One Nation	118	8%			
	Trump of Patriots	36	3%			
Glenorie	Liberal	758	59%	929	72%	
	Labor	181	14%	368	28%	
	Greens	109	9%			
	Independent	90	7%			
	One Nation	90	7%			
	Trump of Patriots	47	4%			
Hillside (Glenorie West)	Liberal	327	59%	414	74%	-3%
	Labor	63	11%	143	26%	
	Greens	41	7%			
	Independent	36	7%			
	One Nation	56	10%			
	Trump of Patriots	28	5%			
Maroota	Liberal	174	61%	195	68%	-5%
	Labor	35	12%	90	32%	
	Greens	16	6%			
	Independent	8	3%			
	One Nation	33	12%			
	Trump of Patriots	13	5%			
South Maroota	Liberal	322	60%	412	76%	-5%
	Labor	81	15%	132	24%	
	Greens	24	5%			
	Independent	12	2%			
	One Nation	68	13%			
	Trump of Patriots	31	6%			
Middle Dural	Liberal	450	53%	592	70%	-6%
	Labor	125	15%	258	30%	
	Greens	81	10%			
	Independent	60	8%			
	One Nation	76	9%			
	Trump of Patriots	48	6%			
Wisemans Ferry	Liberal	72	56%	86	67%	-9%
	Labor	19	15%	43	33%	
	Greens	17	13%			
	Independent	3	2%			
	One Nation	12	9%			
	Trump of Patriots	3	2%			



# "Farvel Glenorie!"

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**Well-known local identities, Ulla Abdilgaard and Bjorn Hansen - Glenorie's most loved dynamic Danish duo - are leaving the area and moving North to picturesque Smith's Lake.**

Readers will know Ulla from the Glenorie District Medical Centre, where she worked as Receptionist and Practice Manager for some thirteen years.

Her partner, Bjorn, is a talented photographer who has hosted many a portrait shoot of local families at their home studio and gallery. He has worked across Sydney for over three decades as a professional wedding videographer and photographer.



The pair also ran the eclectic UB Art Shack in Cairnes Road showcasing their individual and collaborative 'fusion' works of art.

After both undergoing treatment for cancer over the last four years, Ulla says it is time to move on and enjoy retirement.

Their new home will also accommodate a studio and gallery as well as a workshop where Bjorn hopes to continue his successful framing business. With their shared love of nature and creativity, they look forward to being inspired by the beauty of the lake and surrounding area to pursue further artistic endeavours.

Ulla says, "the hardest thing about the move will be missing all the beautiful people we have met and formed friendships with over the years, and of course our family and grandchildren."

For last chance viewing of their art, or just to say goodbye, please give them a call to arrange a visit, or check out their website to stay updated.



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# Glenorie Vet's Seachange

BY KARLENE BRUMMER



Veterinarian Meg Uebel with Sven

Popular Glenorie Vet and local girl, Meg Uebel, is moving from her home in Arcadia to start a new chapter with her partner in the seaside suburb of Dee Why. She will remain working as a veterinarian at a neighbouring Northern Beaches clinic and will still be able to take her beloved dog, Sven, to work with her although she says that his R & R area will not be as large or luxurious as the one at GVC! Meg will be leaving in early June, so make sure to stop in and wish her well.

## Glenorie Bus Shelter Update

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

After the Bus Bingle of last month, a new snazzy shelter has been rebuilt at Glenorie. I noticed two sad things though, when I stopped to take this photo. The first was that the seat had already been graffitied and the second was the very minimal timetable.

It would be fabulous if one day we were able to access a bus route straight from Glenorie/Galston direct to the city without having to travel to Castle Hill first. I feel that a lot of people would use a service like this rather than the inconvenience of having to either drive to a Metro or Railway parking station (which are generally already full) or the alternative of bussing it to Castle Hill and then getting a connecting City Xpress bus or metro – making such a trip so much longer.



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Approaching the home, the gabled rooflines, natural stone features and solid timber accents offer a strong architectural presence that still feels warm and inviting. Inside, the palette softens, allowing light and landscape to take centre stage. Large windows frame long rural vistas while inviting warmth and openness into every corner of the home.

## The Heart of the Home

The main living space is at its centre, anchored by a striking cornerless fireplace. This floating stone feature, visible from all angles, creates a sculptural centrepiece without overwhelming the space. This is where the home gathers: equal parts comfort, conversation and connection.



## Refined and Practical Kitchen Design

The theme of refined balance continues in the kitchen. Refined stone, warm timber, and clean modern lines work together to deliver a space that's as beautiful as it is practical. Whether entertaining or enjoying quiet family meals, the kitchen is built to serve with understated style and ease.

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- Roaming entertainers add to the festival, including musicians and minstrels, and 'Feldergast the Fool' the wandering jester. Treat yourself with many delicious foods to choose from, including delicious slow-cooked BBQ, gluten-free Japanese style chicken, handmade pizza, and refreshing ginger beer.
- Have a go at archery, Celtic drumming workshops, and the chance to learn to use a rapier. Have your photo taken with a unicorn, and kids can join in at the Kids' Knight School.

Immerse yourself in the festival environment by wearing something a bit different from the usual. The free-to-enter Winterfest Costume and Cosplay competition is always popular. Join the competition parade for judging and fun. Come along in a medieval-inspired outfit or fantasy-style clothing; all medieval periods, cultures, and styles are welcome.

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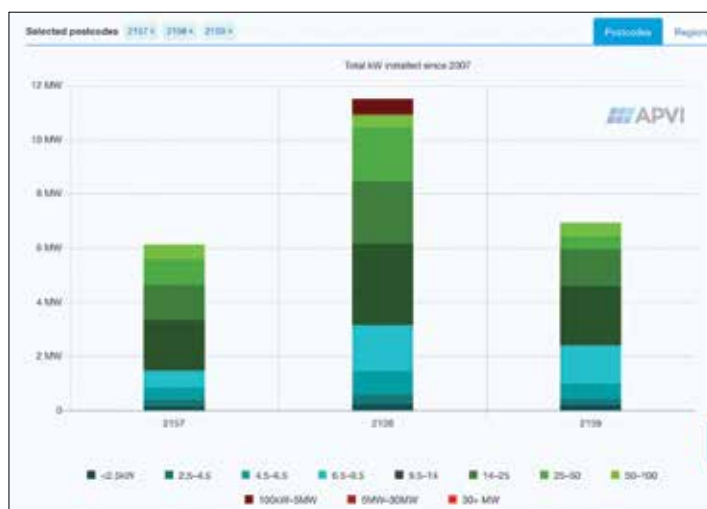
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# Solar Battery Rebates - Virtual Power Plants

BY DIANA PATON

Data provided by the Australian PV Institute shows that NSW was producing 790,718 Mwh of solar power output each month. The attached graph shows the solar installations in postcodes 2157, 2158 and 2159 since 2007. Glenorie has installed 6MW, Dural just over 11MW and Galston/Arcadia around 7MW. If you compare our low residential dwelling numbers to the densely populated new release areas of 2765, they have installed over 110MW.



From the 1st July the Government has introduced a new Solar Battery Rebate Scheme, which will provide up to 30% rebate. These are the details which are known to date (source: <https://www.solarquotes.com.au/battery-storage/federal-rebate>)

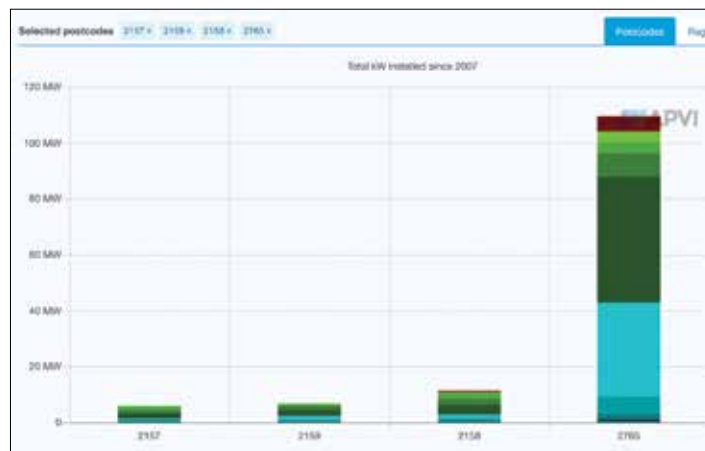
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- Solar batteries must be capable of connecting to a Virtual Power Plant (VPP), but there's not expected to be any requirement to join a VPP.

## SO WHAT IS A VPP?

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# Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala Project (HHRKP)

**Hills-Hornsby Rural Koala Project (HHRKP) is a volunteer run group working with community to monitor and investigate koala presence in our area, particularly in the Glenorie, Maroota and Wisemans areas.**

HHRKP was established in 2018, and is a sub group of Cattai Hills Environment Network. The group came together after some sightings indicated that koalas may be returning to the area after the 2002 fires. At the time it was not known whether koalas still existed in the Hills and Hornsby areas as they had done historically. HHRKP wanted to establish whether we have a breeding population as we did prior to the 2002 fires and to investigate population density and distribution.

Since 2018 HHRKP has worked with community, building a map of koala sightings, reported by community members. Today the map includes 32 verified sightings and calls heard from recent years, which includes at least 3 females - 2 by call recording in different areas and times and 1 with testing of scat which showed her to be disease free!! There are also more than 53 anecdotal (non verified) sighting reports

The group was lucky enough to have the opportunity to collaborate with Wildseek in 2024, to conduct some thermal drone work, searching for thermal heat signatures. Wildseek is a Wires, Landcare Australia and Queensland University of Technology partnership. Koalas were detected in 4 out of 5 sites flown over by Wildseek.

At this stage all evidence points towards a low density permanent population of koalas in the Hills-Hornsby rural areas, with more work being done to better understand distribution and population density of the population.

HHRKP believes that understanding more about distribution and population density can be used to help protect koalas from accidents, dog attacks, habitat loss and bush fire.

The group also hopes that the koala can be used as a flagship species to advocate for conservation of the bushland, which will protect all the other critically important flora and fauna in the region.

HHRKP wants to get our local koala population recognised by NSW Koala Strategy, which currently does not list Hills Hornsby or Hawkesbury as koala regions at all.

Koalas use various local trees for feeding including Grey gum (*E.punctata*) Swamp mahogany (*E.robusta*), Red ironbark (*E.fibrosa*), Blackbutt (*E.pilularis*), Mountain blue gum (*E.deanei*) and Yellow bloodwood (*C.eximia*) to name a few. They have also been known to use some types of Angophora & Melaleuca

In addition to koala work, HHRKP is collecting data on local wildlife using song meters, cameras and observations in the bush in order to upload this information onto Bionet. We are in such an ecologically important and biodiverse bushland which endangered and threatened species depend on, and that seems to be under recognised. Getting the data onto Bionet is an important step toward having this recognised.

Some examples of the incredible biodiversity of our area, particularly Maroota Forest, include greater gliders, yellow bellied gliders, healthy wombats, pygmy possums, gang gang cockatoos, powerful owls, extensive wetland bird life and much more.

HHRKP is always looking to make contact with community members and to hear whether people have heard or seen koalas in recent years. If you have heard or seen a koala in recent years please reach out to HHRKP by mobile 0424 844 740 or on facebook messenger <https://www.facebook.com/hhrkp/>





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Scouts are in many ways very different to those of yesteryear... and in many ways still the same. We still go camping and bushwalking, we still love getting involved in pioneering and survival skills, but the New Youth Program now has a fabulous approach whereby youth members learn how to be leaders in their communities. They participate, assist and then lead a whole host of adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive activities and set themselves goals and challenges – all the way supported by some amazing Scout Leaders.

This 'Youth Leading – Adults Supporting' method starts with simple things at Joey level (5 – 8 year olds) and broadens out to helping run weeknight activities in Cub Scouts (8 – 11 year olds), then leading weeknight or weekend activities at Scouts (11 – 14 year olds), through to perhaps running camps and other big events by the time they reach Venturers (15 – 17 year olds) or Rovers (18 – 26 year olds).



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## NEWS FROM NETHERBY

# A Volunteering Vision

**Volunteers at Fagan Park come from all walks of life but they one thing in common... they are all passionate about our local heritage.**

Over the past few months, the Friends of Fagan Park welcomed five new volunteers to their team. Pictured are two of our newest volunteers, Linda and Allan who have interests in gardening and general maintenance. They are always on hand to help around Netherby, the museums and extending a warm welcome to visitors.

Being a volunteer at Fagan Park provides a great opportunity to connect with people with shared ideas and donating one's time, energy and resources is very rewarding.

It is certain that Samuel and Emma Fagan had a vision when they moved to Galston in 1900 to develop a successful citrus growing empire. Now, it is the vision of our volunteers to engage the community by telling stories in ways that awaken a sense of place and belonging and to bring the heritage of Fagan Park to life for future generations.

If you have ever thought of volunteering, you are welcome to visit Fagan Park on a Tuesday... we would love to show you around.



Netherby Homestead, the agricultural, mechanical and dairy museums are open every Tuesday between 9am and 4pm and every second Sunday of the month from 1pm -4pm.

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# WHAT'S ON AT *The Galston Club*



## *Bingo is BACK*

Bingo is BACK at The GC starting June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Bingo will be run every Tuesday from 7pm and every Friday from 11am

June  
**10**  
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## ROAD RAGE

A road rage incident occurred in Cherrybrook involving a dark grey BMW X5 and a white Volkswagen Golf. Both vehicles were going southward on County Drive, approaching the right turn lane onto Woodgrove Avenue.

A female driver claims that the 42-year-old male driver began yelling and displaying road rage. In response, she started recording him as he got out of his vehicle.

As she started to drive off, the man followed on foot, leaned into her car through the front passenger window, and asked for her phone. It is claimed that he then took her car keys, which the woman recorded.

The male driver got back to his car with the keys, and the female driver tried to take them, resulting in a fight. A witness saw what happened, filmed the incident, and called for emergency help.

The male driver drove to Castle Hill Police Station, where he handed over the woman's car keys, and was subsequently arrested and charged with assault and stealing.

The matter is now before Parramatta Local Court on the 18th June 2025.

## WALK SAFELY

On Friday, May 16th, Kuring Gai Highway Patrol officers visited Asquith, Galston, and Brooklyn Public Schools for Walk Safely to School Day.

The officers chatted with students and parents on their way to school and held talks to answer questions from some lucky kids.

The event was a key part of National Road Safety Week, which focuses on raising awareness about road safety across the country.



## DRINK DRIVING

A driver, a 52-year-old male, allegedly returned a positive roadside test during a random breath test by the Hills PAC on the early morning of 12th May.

The test was conducted at the intersection of Old Northern Road and Garemyn Road, Middle Dural. The driver of a white Maserati was arrested and transferred to Castle Hill Police Station. He returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.095.

The driver was supposed to have an alcohol interlock device fitted to the vehicle, but did not.

Thus, he was issued a Court Attendance Notice for mid-range PCA and no interlock to appear in Parramatta Local Court next month, and his licence was also suspended on the spot.

## BREAK & ENTER

Police charged two men after an aggravated break and enter at a self-storage facility at Carrington Road, Castle Hill, on 16th May.

At around 2:24 am, the two men allegedly gained unauthorised access to the facility. They entered the area through a fire door and forced entry into a storage unit. The site manager saw suspicious activity on the CCTV and alerted the police, who then found and arrested the men nearby after several boxes were taken away.

Two men, aged 24 and 26, were caught with a broken padlock and face masks that matched the CCTV images. One was released under strict bail conditions, while the other is still in custody after being denied bail.

Police are still looking into the seized items, which include a significant number of vapes and tobacco products.

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

Please do not report information via NSW Police Force social media pages or speculate on the circumstances of this incident.

## MARCH FOR CHANGE

Traffic and Highway Patrol Command and the Hills Police Area Command marched alongside community members at this year's Hills March for Change.

The march highlights the community's commitment towards ending domestic violence. Police and residents marched on the morning of May, starting at Castle Place, Castle Hill, and ending at the Castle Hill RSL Club.

Founder and Co-coordinator Bryan Mullans said the March for Change lets the victims of domestic or gender-based violence be aware the community is behind their backs.

"It encourages them to act in their own interests to break the cycle of violence knowing that they are not alone and that there are people who care and want to help." He said that according to the Hills Police Area Command, it can take up to 26 incidents before a victim makes a report.

Detective Inspector Chris Laird said the Hills PAC have received 379 reported cases of domestic violence in the past 12 months (an increase of 11.5% from last year). Still, The Hills has the lowest rate of repeat Domestic Violence victims.



## FALLEN TREE

NSW SES responded to two calls in Castle Hill wherein tree limbs had fallen.

The first limb fell, blocking the road access, which was eventually restored. About two hours later, a second one fell in the direction of the house, which barely missed it, but blocked the driveway and access to the house.

As the first two limbs affected the tree structure, the remainder of the tree was declared dangerous and required an arborist on the scene. The road was cordoned off in case the tree fell before the arborist's arrival.

A bat was also found hanging in the fallen branches, and WIRES came to collect and care for the animal.



## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Four SES The Hills Unit crews received Long Service Awards:

- Phil Hickman – 45 Years (Police & SES)
- Graham Cleary – 35 Years
- Tim Randall – 25 Years
- Ray Robinson – 25 Years

The SES Hills Unit is grateful for their commitment and service:

"We are incredibly fortunate to have so many long-serving volunteers who consistently go above and beyond serving the community for so many years, and more to come."



## SERIOUS CRASH

Emergency services attended a serious crash at Old Northern Rd and Brisbane Rd, Castle Hill. The accident involved a vehicle and a pedestrian at 5.25pm, Monday, 25th of May.

The pedestrian was transported to the hospital, and police are investigating the incident. Motorists were advised to expect delays and to avoid the area.

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



# Glenorie Probus Club Activities

The Club continues its busy program of activities for the forthcoming period with morning teas, lunches with interesting guest speakers and tours.



**Zig-Zag Railway (May activity)**

The May outing was a coach trip to the Blue mountains. Following morning tea the group then had a ride on the restored Zig-Zag railway and appreciated the restoration work to service. The line climbs the western flank of the Blue Mountains, using railway zig zags to gain height. The ride from Clarence to Bottom Points and back in 90 minutes of pure scenic magic – crossing the stunning Clarence viaducts and diving through the historic Zig Zag Tunnel. This historic railway now restored after damaging bushfires proved to be well worth the visit. Following this the group had a very nice lunch to prepare the for the trip home. Following lunch the group rejoined the coach for the relaxing trip home. A rewarding and enjoyable day for all.

The club intends to keep its members active with ongoing events. In June the club will travel the Parramatta River by Ferry between

Parramatta and Circular Quay to see Sydney from a different perspective to looking out a car window on a busy road. The Club meets on the at 11.00am on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Glenorie RSL and new members are welcome.

Contact Wendy Black on 9653 1022 or email [wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au)

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## NEARLY THERE!!!

### We are finally there – on the brink of building the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence.

Many of you will have seen the display pier in the Wal Buckingham Memorial Park on Anzac Day and since. Well, this is the sample of things to come. Our plan is to start the build on **Monday June 2nd**. Lots of work has gone into the stunning carvings and plans made with Hornsby Shire Council. The set up is finalised, services checks done, trees removed to make way for the fence.

So the barriers have gone up and the fun will start!

Just wait until you see the carvings ... accolades will pour in for the great artistic work of Karl Van Mideldyk of Aussie Stonemasons in these 14 beautiful carvings, the fruition of over 5 years of planning.

That same period of time has seen countless hours put into the fundraising effort by many resulting in the contribution of almost \$170,000 from our community.

Many thanks have to go to our major sponsors Bendigo Bank, Hornsby Shire Council, State Government, Whiteman Trust, and supporters The Hills Shire Council, PF Formations, Dixon Rock and Sand, Rotary Club of Greater Hills, HCM Building, Shores, Nicholsons, Holts plus lots of local residents from Glenorie District.

A big thanks to the Dearman family descendants and the Shore Family for their sponsorship of a pier each with their family name on



it. George & Phyllis Dearman who founded the Glenorie Bus Company will have their name carved on the transport pier. We all are hearing about the Shore Family whose name will be carved on the cricket pier.

Of course you are all involved in the fundraising if you have purchased a paver with your family name(s), a memorial paver or a paver honouring a veteran. Huge thanks to the Beard, Whiteman, Hughes, Nicholsons family's descendants and to all those who have more recently made Glenorie your home,

to be recorded for ever in pavers laid in the precinct of the Glenorie memorial Hall.

We continue our Paver Tales on the Shore Family below...

## THE GLENORIE SHORE FAMILY STORY 1909-2025 PART 2

High School Education was another story. No Local High Schools. Brother Les appeared destined to take over the Carrying Business except for the intervention by the Principal of Westmead who convinced our parents Les's results (Dux of the School) entitled him to a higher education. Dad chose Sydney Tech High which made Les the first from this area to journey of some 3 hours each way to a full High School, depending on bus and train connections.

The rest of the family, chasing an education, rode bikes or walked two miles along a gravel road (Cattai Rd) in all weathers, with our suitcases strapped on our backs to the bus stop. Caught the bus to the train station, boarded, then changed trains as necessary and finally walked to the High School.

Sport was another high priority of the Shore Family. Dad put a concrete cricket pitch in the middle of our horse paddock. We played



whenever there was some spare time. He also built a Tennis Court, and we entered in the local Tennis Competition as "Coronation" (1953).

After WW 2 Dad rallied the locals to a meeting which reignited the Glenorie Cricket Club. As President and brother, Les, Assistant Secretary, many letters went to the BHSC requesting land for a Cricket/Sports Ground at Glenorie in their Shire. Eventually a block of land was allocated for a sports field.

Dad, with the Blacks, the Beards and other notable locals, using their trucks,

tractors, farm machinery, shovels, hoes and rakes, completed the heavy work. Council finished it. Glenorie Oval was born. (Now named the "Les Shore Oval" in honour of his years of commitment to its development.) The ground was officially opened in 1958 by Neil Marks.

After High School Les entered Wagga Teachers College. After graduating he excelled in his profession and was appointed as the youngest 1st Class Primary School Principal in our state. After our father passed away in 1961, Les returned to Glenorie to care for Mum, turn his hand at farming and ran successfully for The Hills Shire Council where he spent much of his life committed to public service. Forty years on Local Council (3 of those years as Mayor) Les achieved many successes too numerous to mention here like tarring the sometimes dusty, sometimes muddy, but always rough, remaining kilometres of Cattai Ridge Road leading to Maraylya. He also was instrumental in having land at the end of Dilkeria Av. set aside for the Glenorie Pony Club. Les was also involved in a myriad of committees throughout the area.

As a Public Servant, he retired as Principal of Castle Hill Primary School (coincidentally the school he enrolled at as a kindy kid). In his honour the road to the school was named Les Shore Place.

Part 3 to follow next month...







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## from the Mayor's Desk

As a council, we are passionate about supporting and promoting arts and culture. We are fortunate to be the home of not one but two national art competitions which provide opportunities for established and emerging artists to showcase exceptional, unique art for the community to enjoy.

The annual Rethink Art Prize challenges artists to create works in response to the crisis we are facing with waste and over-consumption. Over 60 original artworks will be on display at the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in Hornsby from 13 – 29 June. I encourage you all to visit this inspiring exhibition.

The Hornsby Art Prize promotes and celebrates outstanding original works of art. For Hornsby Shire residents, there's also the opportunity to nominate their works for the Hornsby Shire Local Artist Award. Entries close on 7 August and the exhibition will be held in September.

As we move into the cooler months, there are many more wonderful experiences on offer in the Shire. Discover our natural environment by heading out on a bushwalk or find out how to protect it by joining a Bushcare group.

Take the family to play at one of our many parks, playgrounds or ovals, explore the Fagan Park Children's Forest, or head to one of our libraries to read and learn. Despite the chill in the air, there are plenty of reasons to get out and about in the community.

**Warren Waddell**  
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

## What's on



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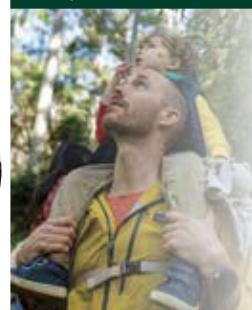
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# Vale Rewi Pakinga

*They say it takes a village to help raise a child, but from our own personal experience, we can say it takes a whole community filled with love and kindness to help raise a family from the depths of heartbreak and sadness. And that's what you've all done for us. It would be impossible for me to name each person that has helped us get here today – but from the bottom of Maui, Tama, Kai and my heart we are sending thanks to each and every person that has loved and helped us in some way – whether it be through meals, cards, flowers or donations. There are no words to express how much love and gratitude we have for each and every one of you – and I know that Rewi would be so grateful to you for looking after us.*

*The boys and I want to give special thanks to Mum and Dad (Nanny & Pa) plus friends who we now call family, Vaughan and Cheryl, for wrapping us in love these past couple of weeks (and always) to help us get through each day and then wake up the next. The boys have even commented on how lucky we are to have our own guardian angels through this difficult time.*

*Thank you and we love you very much.*

*~ Jackie Pakinga*



**When the boys asked me to talk today on behalf of us, I just didn't know where to start. How do you fit a lifetime of memories into a few short words? It seems like an impossible task.**

**So let me just share a few memories from the beginning.**

Rewi and I first laid eyes on each other at the Marble Bar at the Sydney Hilton almost 25 years ago. Rewi was in his element singing on stage. Rewi said he noticed me from the stage, but I left to go to another bar with another group of people. I remember Rewi saying he just thought "if it's meant to be it will be". He was walking past another bar about an hour later and happened to see me sitting in there. After a while he plucked up the courage to come and talk. We talked for ages. I asked where he was from, and he said "Wangarei". I then said, "Is that the same as "Whangarei". He said that was the moment he knew he was going to marry me.

When we were planning our wedding, we decided we wanted a non-denominational ceremony so we started interviewing celebrants so we could find the "perfect" one. (Anyone that knew Rewi would understand that finding the perfect anything was really important to him).

When we went to sign the paperwork, I said "I think this is the wrong paperwork. This paperwork says that we're going to be married in the Reorganised Church of Latter-Day Saints". The celebrant said, "That's correct – did I not mention that I'm actually a Mormon minister?"

So... yes - our wedding certificate does say that we were married in the Reorganised Church of Latter Day Saints.

Anyway... that prompted Rewi and I to go into action and write our whole wedding service – from beginning to end - for the celebrant to just read on the day. We asked that he not deviate from any words we had written!

I thought I'd share some of the words that we wrote together for our wedding service as I think it will speak for both Rewi and I on some of the sentiments we feel today.

"Love unites, love lets us forgive, it eliminates our differences, our prejudices, our worries and our sorrow.

We all stand here united for Rewi and Jackie. We stand tall like the trees that surround us.

These two people from different worlds, different families, different cultures, have found the most important common interest in their complicated worlds... each other."

Looking out at the sea of faces here today, I can imagine that many of you may not know each other. But our love for Rewi unites us. Rewi has been a huge part of the community doing everything from plumbing to helping people in need, a friend to chat to and of course most of us know him for his beautiful voice and ability to perform.

Rewi and I have had so many adventures together since we met – we've seen countless number of bands together and have had

so many musical adventures, we've travelled, successfully led a fight against a huge development, made so many friends across so many communities and walks of life, we've had lots of hilarious "this only happens in movies" kind of things happen (like when he lost my keys down an elevator shaft at 4am then we had a stealth mission to retrieve them, he picked me up in a lift and jumped in the air as we were going up resulting in us getting stuck in a lift between floors for 3 hours and a whole fire brigade having to rescue us). Like most marriages, we also faced some hard times – but through it all we have always loved each other; and we will always love each other from earth and beyond.

By far the greatest experience we've shared together has been raising our 3 beautiful boys – Maui, Tama and Kai. Sometimes it's crazy and loud – imagine a house where you have someone on an electric guitar, one or two on saxophones, another on drums, maybe someone singing – and they're all singing and playing different songs! Never a dull moment – and certainly never a quiet one in our home! But we've certainly shared lots of laughter and we wouldn't trade a second of our time together as a family for anything! Rewi was a wonderful Dad to the boys and would always show up for them in everything they would do. Maui was lucky enough to have had the opportunity to perform with Rewi over the last couple of years and I could see how very proud Rewi was of all of his sons. Rewi also shared his Maori culture with the boys and I – something he was very proud to do. The boys and I will continue to honour this connection and ensure this lives on through them.

There is no doubt that the lives of the boys and I have been changed for ever. He's left a big hole in our hearts but we will love him forever and ensure his memory lives on through us.

As this is Rewi's day, we're going to give Rewi the final word on behalf of our family. In January, we were writing notes about what we are grateful for so that we could look back on them at the end of the year. I'm going to share one of Rewi's notes with you:

*"I am grateful that I was gifted a voice that allows me to sing. If it wasn't for this I wouldn't have met the most special woman in the world to me – my wife and the mother to our three beautiful boys Maui, Tama and Kai. I am grateful to be able to enjoy going to the beach with my family. I am grateful that we get to spend time together at the beach house at Elizabeth Beach and to create lifelong memories of happiness as a family. I am grateful for my health and my ability to be able to share this happy time with my family. I am grateful most of all that Jackie came into my life at The Marble Bar so many years ago and we have built a life and family together".*

**We may be saying goodbye to Rewi today, but we will never say goodbye to his memory.**





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# The pros and cons of buying a fixer-upper home

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**Before you take on a renovation project, it's worth understanding the different types of value-add properties. Each type comes with its own level of commitment, cost and risk, so identifying the category upfront can help set realistic expectations.**

## THE UPSIDE OF BUYING A FIXER UPPER

### Lower price

Properties in need of repair or modernisation often sit at the lower end of the market, giving buyers the chance to enter more sought-after suburbs that may otherwise be unaffordable, especially in areas with rising property values.

### A blank canvas

Unlike brand-new homes or renovated properties, a fixer-upper offers the opportunity to truly make the space your own.

### Growth potential

If you buy well and renovate wisely, your efforts can pay off significantly. Strategic improvements can boost a property's value, offering strong capital growth. For those looking to build wealth through real estate, it can be a smart long-term play.

## THE CHALLENGES YOU MIGHT FACE

### Unforeseen costs

The initial price may be appealing, but home renovations often come with a long list

of hidden costs. Consulting with a builder or architect early on can help you avoid expensive surprises.

### Time, energy and stress

Fixer-uppers often require a significant time commitment and come with a fair amount of stress. Sourcing trades, managing timelines or dealing with unexpected delays are realistic factors.

### Financing can be complicated

Some lenders are cautious about funding homes that require major work, especially if the property isn't liveable in its current state. You might need to explore construction loans or have a detailed renovation plan ready to secure finance. Speak to a mortgage broker early on to see where you stand.

## IS A FIXER-UPPER RIGHT FOR YOU?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself before committing:

### What's your renovation experience?

If you're handy or have connections in the building trade, you'll have a head start.

### Do you understand council requirements?

Always check with your local council before planning structural changes or additions. Zoning, heritage restrictions or bushfire overlays can all impact what's allowed.

### How much time can you realistically commit?

Renovations often take longer than expected, especially if you're juggling a job or family.

### What's your budget?

Be honest and allow a buffer for unexpected issues, time delays or hidden costs.

### Are you buying for lifestyle or investment?

Knowing your goal will shape your approach to budget and design decisions.

Buying a fixer-upper can be incredibly rewarding. It's a chance to breathe new life into a tired space, add value and express your personal style. For some, it's a foothold into otherwise unaffordable suburbs. For others, it's a passion project with long-term financial gain. Do your due diligence, talk to the right professionals and plan ahead, because the right fixer-upper, can deliver lasting value well beyond the initial cost.

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# Hills Shire Council Gears Up for Bike Drop Off & Check and Tune

**The Hills Shire Council has partnered with Revolve Recycling to host a Bike Drop Off & Check and Tune event at Castle Hill Showground.**

The event on **Saturday, 21st June** includes a quick tyre, gears, and brakes check service, or the opportunity to drop off any bike, scooter, e-bike, or tricycle to be recycled free of charge.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne is encouraging Hills residents to make the most of this important initiative.

"I am proud that Council is partnering with Revolve Recycling to reduce our environmental footprint, give back to the community, and redistribute refurbished bikes to those in need," Mayor Byrne said.

"The Revolve Recycling Foundation is working towards the ambitious goal of delivering 1,000 bikes to disadvantaged children every year.

You can help them reach this goal by simply cleaning out your garage and donating your old bike.

"Or, if your bike is not ready to be donated yet, you can book in to get it checked and tuned by a mechanic during a free 15-minute session."

The event, which runs from 9am to 1pm, is an initiative by NSW Environment Protection Authority Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy, funded from the waste levy.

Whilst bookings are required for a check and tune service, no bookings are needed to drop off old bikes.

For more information or to book your bike for a check and tune service, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search 'Bike Drop Off & Check and Tune'.

# Win and Have Your Photos Seen By Thousands in Council's Photo Competition

**Aspiring and professional photographers alike are invited to showcase their skills in The Hills Shire Council's 2026 Waste and Recycling Calendar Photo Competition.**

The competition seeks original photographs that capture the unique beauty and spirit of The Hills.

Winning entries will be featured in 2026 Waste and Recycling Calendar, which is distributed to homes across the region.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Bryne encouraged residents to get involved and share their special places with the rest of the community.

"I believe the Hills is the best place in the world, and this photo competition is a wonderful opportunity to draw attention to the area's natural beauty and some of its incredible scenery," Mayor Bryne said.

"A group of judges will evaluate and choose 13 images to feature in the annual calendar—one for each month and another will be showcased on the front cover.

"The judges are looking for captivating photos which reflect the character and essence of The Hills."



A \$100 Coles/Myer gift card will be awarded to the front cover winner, and 12 x \$50 Coles/Myer gift cards will be awarded to the monthly feature photograph winners — one for each month.

Applicants must reside within The Hills LGA and can only submit images taken in the Shire within the last two years. The images can feature natural or built environments but must not include people or faces.

**The competition closes 11:59pm on Monday, 30th June.**

To view the full criteria and to submit your photo, visit: <https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Upcoming-Events-Activities/Waste-Calendar-Photo-Competition>



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Galston, if only we had a council

I am writing just to let the council know that it just isn't good enough. I have written to Council in the past re footpaths, roads and servicing the area of Galston, however I think they believe that Galston is just Fagan Park and the Gorge. Taking nothing away from the beautiful Fagan Park, which many from ALL suburbs swarm to visit on the weekend etc, but where we live in Mansfield Road, there is also a public space called the Galston Equestrian Club. This club is frequented by many horse riding enthusiasts and those who just wish to go for a walk to take in the nature. The gates to the club are opened and closed "daily" by Council workers, who sadly just seem to turn a blind eye to the surroundings.

Many in Mansfield Road and surrounding streets like to take their daily stroll early in the morning or later in the afternoon, however due to the neglect and lack of maintenance of the so called "Council Strip" and Roadside adjacent to the Equestrian Club (remembering we don't have footpaths out here), it unfortunately has become customary to have to walk on the road, which is very hazardous. The Council only about a month ago, came and mowed along Bayfield Road, and they have been working on Bayfield Road for several months now, however each time, the Mansfield Road corner never gets any attention. The grass has grown so long outside the Equestrian Club that it is a hotspot for snakes, litter and who knows what else is in there. I'd had just about enough of this and knowing that the cooler weather means hibernating snakes, I grabbed the old domestic ride on and set out to do something about it, as I knew Council wasn't going to. From the photos you will see the before and after shots and now you can even see the Give Way sign in the distance.

Shame on you Hornsby Council!



- LOCAL RESIDENT, GALSTON



**As your Federal Member, I am here to:**

- Assist with accessing Federal Government services
- Attend your local community event
- Arrange congratulatory messages

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

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



### Thank You

**I want to thank the Berowra community for placing your trust in me to represent you in Canberra.**

In a world of growing uncertainty, our community remains a place of strength, belonging and hope. It's more than just where we live – it's where we raise our families, support one another, and shape the values we pass on to the next generation.

These are the foundations I have fought and will continue to fight to protect over the next three years.

Our community has sent me and the Liberal Party a message. We need to devise policies that ease pressure on working families and help young people achieve their dreams.

Over the next few months I will take the time to listen closely to our community and hear your feedback about what we need to do to be ready for government. If you would like to help me with the rebuild, please get in touch.

I pledge to stay close to the community and ensure that your voices are reflected in our policies. Your conversations, ideas, frustrations and hopes help to shape my work in Parliament.

I will always stand up for you, your family and our community. Representing you is an honour I never take for granted.

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From the desk of  
*James Wallace*  
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



## Standing against vaping and illegal tobacco

Like the rest of the country, we are seeing the rapid growth of vaping and unregulated tobacco products across our area.

Vapes pose a real threat to the health and safety of our community, especially for young people. We are seeing more and more that vaping among young people is having serious health consequences. This issue is made all the more serious because of the involvement of organised crime gangs, fuelled by the growth of unregulated tobacco products. This needs to change.

I am proud to be part of a Liberal team which pushed for an inquiry into illegal tobacco in NSW. We need to look into the links between unregulated tobacco products and organised crime, and ensure NSW tobacco laws are being enforced.

## Helping students learn about our democracy

I recently visited Pacific Hills High School to speak with Year 6 about how NSW Parliament works and what a State MP does. The students had been learning about Australia's government and democracy has worked since before Federation to today, and how Australians have expressed their opinions and beliefs in free and democratic elections.

I was impressed by the excellent questions that the students asked me and their interest in Australia's democracy. It is so important for young Australians to learn about Australia's democratic values and processes. That's why I've invited every primary school in the electorate to bring their Year 6 students to visit State Parliament, to take part in the world-class educational programs which are run by the NSW Parliament.

## Helping Hearts Survive



Earlier this month, I visited the Helping Hearts Survive Op-Shop on the Cnr of Galston Road and Old Northern Road with Mayor Warren Waddell.

Helping Hearts Survive was started in 2024, with the goal of creating a local community where no one goes hungry, fostering dignity and hope by providing nutritious food hampers to those in need, and promoting sustainable solutions to food struggles.

The team provide food hampers filled with fresh food for families in need, for a small donation. This is made possible by proceeds from the Op-Shop as well as support from Galston ALDI, Harris Farm, Dural Kiosk and Cordina Chicken.

I encourage you to visit Helping Hearts Survive to shop and donate clothes, toys, football boots and kitchenware. Thank you Diana, Mel and the team on your commitment to serving and uniting our community.



Rural Roundup  
*Jane Seagrove*  
HORNSBY COUNCILLOR



## Hello Residents,

**ANZAC Day** is a significant occasion at Glenorie RSL, bringing the community together to honour and remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans. The day typically begins with a march, followed by a Commemorative Service where wreaths are laid, and heartfelt speeches reflect on the bravery and sacrifices of those who served.



Families, veterans, and locals are all welcome to participate in the day's events. Glenorie RSL provides a meaningful space for everyone to pay their respects, ensuring the ANZAC spirit and legacy continue to thrive.

**Galston Public School** invited Council to attend their special **ANZAC Day ceremony** on May 1st, following the students' return from holidays.

The students hosted a heartfelt event, reading poems they had written to honour the fallen diggers. Recently, three new flagpoles were installed at the school, and during the ceremony, the students respectfully raised the flags to half-mast.



While visiting, I took the opportunity to explore the school grounds and was impressed by the gardens and fruit trees the children had planted. Teaching children how food is grown is important, especially in a community with such a rich agricultural history.

**Special Entertainment Precinct** is a designated area where sound conditions and trading hours are regulated through a council-managed precinct plan. This framework aims to support and enhance Hornsby's nighttime economy breathing some much-needed life into their after-dark economy.

After a resolution by Council in December, officers successfully secured a Special Entertainment Precinct Kickstart Grant from the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner. This funding will be used to establish a trial Special Entertainment Precinct in Hornsby for a period of 12–18 months, marking an exciting step forward for the local community.

**Helping Hearts Op Shop** is a not-for-profit charity dedicated to supporting families in need. Established in 2024, the organisation works in providing nutritious food hampers and promoting sustainable solutions to food insecurity.

The team offers food hampers filled with fresh, wholesome food to families in need for a small donation. These efforts are made possible through the proceeds from Op Shop sales and generous support from local partners, including Aldi at Galston, Harris Farm in Dural, Dural Kiosk, and Cordina Chicken.

We invite you to visit Helping Hearts Survive to shop and contribute by donating quality clothing for men, women, and children, as well as toys and kitchenware.



## Galston Library

Join us at Hornsby Library on Wednesday 18th June at 6.30pm for an engaging evening about saving the planet and your money. Sustainability expert and *Banish* founder, Lottie Dalziel, will provide the knowledge and encouragement to make a positive impact, from cutting power bills and embracing slow fashion to shopping wisely and choosing trusted brands. Visit the What's On page at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) for more information and to book your free ticket.

### ADULT FICTION

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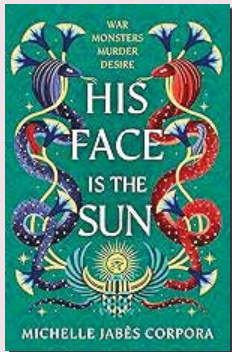


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Magic, adventure, and horror collide in the first of this epic Ancient Egyptian inspired trilogy, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo and Tahereh Mafi.



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The machines in the picture are on their way to Whitton Shire Council in central Queensland.

"New South Wales Emergency Services should take note of this new development," said Hales.

The pumps are driven by 80 horsepower Deutz diesel engine and each produce 6,000 litres a minute flow.

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## DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

# News from History Cottage

With no power, because of area electrical upgrading, the normal May meeting was cancelled. Not to be deterred a group of members took the opportunity to visit one of the special places within our community; "Banana Cabana". This wonderful facility, for the rehabilitation and care of rescued primates, is interesting, most educational and a credit to Sue the owner and Natasha and Nicole, her dedicated helpers. The group included three long term life members, one of whom had just celebrated her one hundredth birthday. We finished the day with a most generous afternoon tea, prepared by members, overlooking the gardens and shelters of the fortunate animals.

History Cottage, beside the Cenotaph in Hayes Park, is now open on the fourth Sunday of each month, between 1.00 and 4.00pm. Members are on duty to assist with enquiries from those wishing to study any historical matter, especially local and family history. The regular opening has also given time to archive the extensive amount of material generously donated over recent years; treasures have been found. If readers have photographs and papers of a local nature, or have knowledge that may assist in identification of what is being archived, the Society suggests they make contact.

On the 14th June the guest speaker will be Rod Best, retired lawyer and a descendant George Best. He will outline the significance of the Bigge Commission and of George Best's evidence; touching on this



fascinating aspect of our area's early European settlement during the administration of Gov. Macquarie.

At our 12th July meeting the long anticipated guest speaker will be Carolyn Broadhead. She will tell the fascinating story of her French connection, First War romance against The Australian Government, to a lost connection with a group of French immigrants to Australia.

Meetings are in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston, starting at 2.00pm. Entry is free with afternoon tea for a gold coin.

Enquiries to Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.

## SPORT NEWS

# Dural Bowling Club



### CONSISTENCY COMPETITION – FINAL 6TH MAY 2025

Congratulations to Greg Smith the new club champion on his win in a very close game against Terri Hezlett, and commiserations to Terri. Our thanks to Cheryle Hobart the marker for the game.

### PENNANT COMPETITION

This competition concluded on Saturday 3rd May with a victory against Wentworthville Bowling Club. This win enabled Dural Bowling club to finish 3rd on the competition ladder.

### LAWN BOWLS CARNIVAL

On Monday 12th May 2025, Dural Bowling Club held their annual Hills Club's Living Choice Retirement Villages. This was Dural's first carnival of the year. The day started under a blanket of fog, but the cloud cover quickly went away, and the day turned into perfect condition for bowling. There were 30 teams of men, women, and mixed competing. The teams came from Dural, Pennant Hills, West Pennant Hills, The Hills club, Beecroft, North Epping, Castle Hill, Burwood Diggers, St Marys Diggers, Asquith,



Pittwater, Wentworthville and Merrylands. The games consisted of 2 games of 12 ends of 3 bowl triples and they were played in a very friendly manner. Carlie Gowenlock, from Living choice (Major Sponsor) presented the prizes to the winning teams after lunch in the LUSSO restaurant at the Dural Club.

We must thank Living Choice for sponsoring these carnivals as without sponsorship carnivals wouldn't happen and The Dural Club for donating the bottles of wine for the raffle.

Anyone interested in playing bowls please contact Robert on 0411 375 580.



## Spectrum coming up in July for Ferry Artists

Following our Guest Pop Up exhibition the Ferry Artists Gallery will be full of members' works again. Please join us for the opening of Spectrum where we will not only be celebrating our talented artists but also the launch of "Speaking of Bees" a book of poetry by poet Amy Devine.

Amy Devine is based in Greater Sydney, Australia on Dharug land and considers herself an artist from a lineage of artists. Her poems have been featured in several online and physical publications including Orange Peel, flash glass, Beyond the Veil Press and Gems. She is a Best of the Net 2024 nominee. Her debut book, *Speaking of Bees*, was published with Harvard Square Press in 2025. Amy is inspired by history, both on the micro and macro scale, and the everyday narrative of humanity that surrounds her. She enjoys running and singing and writes from the comfy chair in her daughter's room with two cats by her side.

We look forward to seeing you **July 5th 3-5pm** in the gallery in Wisemans Ferry.



## The Galston Concerts



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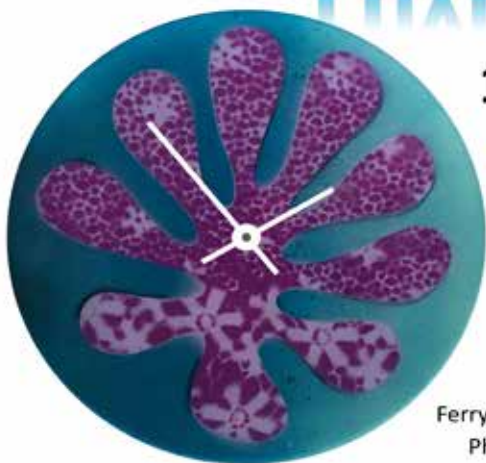
**Time and Tide** is a multimedia exhibition featuring the works of **Phil Stallard** and **Lynne Dobinson**. The show explores themes of time and the Hawkesbury.

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.

**The Ferry Artists look forward to seeing you.**

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# Call for entries: 2025 Hornsby Art Prize now open to artists

**Hornsby Shire Council is excited to announce that entries are set to open for its popular national art prize, the Hornsby Art Prize, on Monday 2nd June.**

The well-recognised art prize promotes and celebrates Australian contemporary art. Artists are invited to submit works in the categories of painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and sculpture. This year, the total prize money is \$23,000, with the major prize worth \$10,000.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell highlighted the significant role the art prize plays in enriching both Hornsby Shire's cultural landscape and the wider arts and cultural scene.

"The Hornsby Art Prize provides our residents with a fantastic opportunity to experience contemporary art of the highest calibre in our own local area," Mayor Waddell said. "It also offers our own local artists the chance to have their work thrust into the national spotlight. I encourage any artist who is considering entering to submit their artworks and be a part of this fantastic event."

Western Sydney's Dave Snook took out top honours at last year's Hornsby Art Prize, with his winning painting, *Labour Plein Air*, with local resident David Collins from Dangar Island taking home the Hornsby Shire Local Artist Award.

Entries to this year's Hornsby Art Prize are open until **Thursday 7th August** and are to be made online. Entry costs \$40. All artworks must have been produced in the past two years, and not exhibited before in an art prize.

The non-acquisitive prize, organised and sponsored by Hornsby Shire Council and delivered in partnership with Hornsby Art Society, is open to all Australian residents aged 18 years and over.



**Hornsby Art Prize Local Artist Award winner - David Collins, *Barrier Range*, oil on canvas, 2024.**

While artists from across the nation can submit their works for the main prize, Hornsby Shire residents are also able to nominate their work for the Hornsby Shire Local Artist Award.

The Hornsby Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition will be held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre from 12th September until 28th September 2025, Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 4pm. Entry is free. The exhibition is selected and adjudicated by an appointed panel of two judges.

For more information about the Hornsby Art Prize, or to enter, visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize>

## Visit the 2025 Retime Art Prize exhibition to *RE:THINK TO RE:PURPOSE*

**Over 60 unique artworks focusing on waste, sustainability and the environment have been shortlisted in Hornsby Shire Council's 2025 Retime Art Prize. The finalist works of Digital Stills, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Ceramics, Painting, Drawing, Photography and Printmaking will be on exhibition at the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Hornsby from 13th June to 29th June.**

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

"I would like to congratulate all the finalists for their inspiring and thought-provoking works that encourage us to rethink waste through their art," said Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell. "The artists have captured the importance of reuse and repurposing materials beautifully through their outstanding expressions."

"Hornsby Shire Council is committed to preserving our beautiful natural environment for future generations and the Retime Art Prize emphasises how we can find creative ways to repurpose old items, whether in art or life, to build a more sustainable community."

This year's esteemed judges are curator Rhonda Davis and artist Marina DeBris. A total of \$11,000 in prize money is on offer. Winners will be announced at an award ceremony on Friday 13th June.



**Full image credit for the artwork: Winner Retime 2024, Phoebe Stone, *Serene Sea*, 2024, oil and pastel**

The Retime Art Prize 2025 finalist exhibition will be on show at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby, from 13th June to 29th June 2025, Tuesday–Sunday, 10am–4pm.

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Pacific Hills ELC is committed to laying strong foundations for lifelong learning through a combination of Christian values, quality care, and play-based educational experiences – from Nursery through to our school-readiness Prep Program, ensuring that every child is known, valued and supported in a safe and inclusive setting.

Our Early Learning Programs will commence from September 2025, offering Nursery, Toddler and Preschool classes, while our Prep Program will commence at Pacific Hills Early Learning Centre from Term 1, 2026.

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# Hillside Happenings



## LEST WE FORGET.

A huge thank you to all our incredible Hillside students and families who attended the ANZAC Service at Glenorie RSL. Our students made us proud - polite, respectful, and absolutely shining in their school uniforms. It was such a powerful moment to see them represent Hillside.

A special thank you to our amazing school captains for delivering the ANZAC poem with confidence and grace. Your leadership truly made us proud. And of course, a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Hoogesteger for being there as always - your support never goes unnoticed.

## ON ELECTION DAY, THE BBQ WAS SIZZLING, AND THE VIBES WERE HIGH!

We can't thank our local community enough for turning out to support the P&C BBQ fundraiser. The sun was shining, the sausage sandwiches were a hit, and let's just say those bacon and egg rolls didn't last long! Huge thanks to all the families who baked, donated, and helped on the day - it made a big difference. Days like these really show the strength of our Hillside family. Community spirit? We've got it in spades.



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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** - come and experience the Hillside difference! Out-of-area applications will be considered. OOSH is also available mornings and afternoons.

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# Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 11th June, 2025 at 7.30pm

Guest speaker will be Jill Dyball

Talks about "Tips for Competing at the Easter Show"

The Galston Garden club will be meeting on the 11th June at 7.30pm, Galston Community Hall 37 Arcadia Road Galston and our guest speaker is Jill Dyball, the topic "Tips for Competing at the Easter Show". Visitors are welcome to join us and enjoy the comradery of enthusiastic gardeners.

## MUSHROOMS IN THE LAWN — A GARDENER'S PERSPECTIVE

For many gardeners, the sudden appearance of mushrooms in the lawn can be puzzling or even frustrating. However, mushrooms are actually a sign that your soil is alive and functioning well. These fungi emerge from underground networks called mycelium, which feed on organic material such as old tree roots, decomposing mulch, or lawn thatch. Their presence often indicates rich, well-aerated soil with good microbial activity.

Mushrooms tend to appear after periods of rain or heavy watering, especially in shaded or damp areas. While they don't harm the grass directly, they may signal issues like poor drainage or excessive thatch. Understanding the conditions that favor mushroom growth can help



gardeners take a proactive approach. Compacted soil, dense shade, and overwatering are common contributors. Aeration helps loosen compacted soil, allowing air and water to reach grass roots more effectively. Trimming low-hanging branches to allow more sunlight onto the lawn can also discourage fungal growth.

It's important to note that while lawn mushrooms are mostly harmless, some species can be toxic if ingested by pets or children. Gardeners should remove unfamiliar mushrooms promptly and teach children not to touch or eat them. If you're curious about the types of fungi appearing in your garden, consider consulting a local extension service or fungal identification group for safe identification.

Ultimately, mushrooms are a natural part of the lawn ecosystem. They break down organic material and return nutrients to the soil, which benefits your lawn in the long term. Rather than treating them as a problem, think of mushrooms as indicators of underlying soil health and an opportunity to refine your lawn care practices.

For information regarding the Club please visit our website [www.galstongardenclub.com.au](http://www.galstongardenclub.com.au) or email: [galstongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:galstongardenclub@gmail.com)


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# Bromeliads in a Tropical Garden - Edwina Wain

**The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 14th June with plant sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12noon.**

Our guest speaker is Edwina Wain, who will be talking about "Growing Bromeliads in her Tropical style garden".

Edwina will discuss the different types of bromeliads she and her husband Steve, have been growing in their tropical style garden for 19 years.

Edwina is an internationally accredited Bromeliad Judge and has recently been appointed as the NSW Judges Registrar. She has also won several major bromeliad competition awards.

Edwina's true passion for bromeliads was sparked when she visited her mother in-law's impressive bromeliad garden

Edwina & Steve are members of Bromeliad Society of Australia, Bromeliad Society of NSW and Illawarra Bromeliad Society.

Their hunger for bromeliads led them to various plant shows and plant buying holidays in Queensland and making many friendships along the way.

Their collection amassed quickly and then multiplied. Edwina and Steve also have an interest in tropical plants and they found that bromeliads are a great fit in a tropical style garden. Edwina and Steve are active committee members of the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney.

Edwina and Steve's bromeliads were featured in a segments on Gardening Australia in Oct 2023 and more recently 16th May 2025.

Their hobby and passion with bromeliads and tropical plants has now extended to selling at monthly markets.

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](mailto:ianhook1@bigpond.com) website: [www.bromeliad.org.au](http://www.bromeliad.org.au)

## Amazing Greys

**When we think of our bush, we imagine expanses of green, lots of different greens.**

However some Australian native plants have grey leaves. Flannel flowers, quite commonly seen in the bush in our area, have soft grey leaves. As you travel into the dry interior of Australia grey foliage becomes more common. It is an advantage as it reflects the sunlight better. Quite often the flowers are bright yellow.

The local group of the **Australian Plants Society** will be hearing a talk "Amazing Greys" by Brian Roach, who is familiar with grey native plants and successfully grows a variety of them in Sydney.

This talk will be at our meeting at 2pm on **Saturday 28th June**. Our meetings are in Gumnut Hall, to be found

right at the end of Gumnut Place, Cherrybrook. After the talk afternoon tea will be available. Visitors are very welcome.





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BY LACHLAN TURNER

## Hidden in the Hills

### BUSHLAND PHOTOGRAPHY

Whilst reading this magazine, it is almost certain that the reader has realised that there exists an extensive range of opportunities to capture memorable images of the local region's bushland environment using their camera. Whether a professional or part time photographer, there is often disappointment when something unusual is missed because of leaving the camera at home.

The type and style of camera is up to each individual. It can range from a simple "point and shoot" compact camera, through the many models of smart phones, all the way to the more complex DSLR (Digital Single Lens Reflex) cameras often associated with the more serious photographer.

Being aware of the capabilities of your camera can often govern the success of the result. With subjects such as tiny insects and small flowers, it is better not to get too close due to the focal length of the camera's lens. An out of focus image can be the result. It is better to stand back a little then zoom in until the subject fills the viewfinder window. Confidence in using the macro function to show the finer detail when in a close-up situation will be most rewarding.



There are a myriad of subjects that can be "discovered", simply by looking carefully in all directions (up, down, left, right) when walking through bushland habitats. Flowers, trees, rocks, watercourses, fungi, birds, reptiles, animals, and insects can all present the photographer with a noteworthy, even unusual opportunity to record something which is unique to that occasion.

Transferring images from the camera to a computer allows for an almost inexhaustible set of processing tools that permit many enhancements to be applied to the original image.

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# Galston Uniting Church

## Pope Francis and The Galston Connection



**REV TARA CURLEWIS is a Galston resident when she's not living in Rome, and is a member of Galston Uniting Church. It was our privilege to sponsor her into ministry.**

**On April 26th, Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli shared this message concerning Tara:**

"Later today in Rome, the world will gather in St Peter's Square to honour the life and witness of Pope Francis. I give thanks that the Uniting Church in Australia will be present in this sacred moment through the ministry of Rev Tara Curlewis.

Rev Tara Curlewis will be attending the funeral as part of the World Communion of Reformed Churches delegation, alongside its President. As the Church of Scotland minister in Rome, she also represents the Moderator of the Church of Scotland – and as an ordained minister of the Uniting Church in Australia, she carries our prayers, our presence, and our commitment to the unity of Christ's church.

We are proud of Tara and the remarkable ministry to which God has called her. May her presence in Rome be a sign of the love, peace and hope we hold in Christ.

Please join me in praying for all who mourn the passing of Pope Francis, and for the global church as we give thanks for his life and legacy."

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

I am grateful for the chance of getting to know more people and to listen to the unique stories that shape our town. I also want to

... speak gently to those among us who are not well - physically, mentally or emotionally. Please know that you are not alone. The church is not just a place for Sunday worship, but a community that walks with you everyday. If you or someone you love needs prayer, a listening ear, or support of any kind, please reach out. We are here for one another. (Rev Akosita Tangi)

### SAVE THE DATE!

**NEXT GALSTON CONCERT – Paco Lara Flamenco guitar**  
Sunday June 15th @ 1.30pm.

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

The church office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Contact Elizabeth Garlick, Office Manager.  
11 School Road, Galston.  
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## News from St Benedict's June 2025

### OUR NEW POPE

After the sadness of losing Pope Francis, the parishioners at St Benedict's were delighted on 8th May to welcome our new Pope LEO XIV. We all join in praying that he will guide us with wisdom, strength and humility.

### MORE CELEBRATIONS

In early May we joined in marking three very special milestones at the St Benedict's Monastery: Father Bernard's 50th Anniversary of Ordination, Father Michael's 60th Anniversary of Profession, and Father Shansana's 25th Anniversary of Profession. Parishioners were invited to join in a celebratory lunch at the Arcadia monastery, an event that was filled with joy and meaningful reflections on their dedicated service. A big thank you to all who contributed time, effort and love to make this event so memorable. Your support and participation made this

occasion unforgettable, and we are grateful to each person who joined in honouring these incredible milestones. A big thank you to all who made donations to the St Benedict's projects, especially in Sri Lanka and Congo.

On 10th May Father Bernard's Golden Jubilee was again celebrated with a party after 9am Mass and the cutting and sharing of another huge cake (pictured).

### OTHER NOTICES

Enrolment information for the next sacramental program leading to Confirmation and First Holy Communion is being distributed in the local schools. Information can also be found by contacting the parish office (see below).

And congratulations to Tyrone El Chaar, Gebran Azzi and others who have been recognised for their volunteer service in recent weeks.



### DID YOU KNOW...

The palms from Palm Sunday are burned to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.

### ST BENEDICT'S PARISH SERVICES

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



# Spreading the Word of God



**The stoning and death of Stephen (Acts 8:1-8) was only the beginning of persecution for the very early church. Many more members were thrown into jail (v.3). We are not told what happened to these Christians. Some of them may have died for Christ too.**

Most of the church members were driven out of Jerusalem BUT everywhere they went, they preached about Jesus Christ. God used this 'scattering' to bring about his plan for men and women everywhere to hear his word. Sometimes we don't like what God allows to happen but he can use it for his glory if we will let him.

Verse 5 tells us where another of the deacons went. Phillip went down to Samaria and preached Christ to the Samaritans. Wasn't that wonderful? John 4:9 says that the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans, but Phillip was more than just a Jew. He was a Christian Jew and that made the difference.

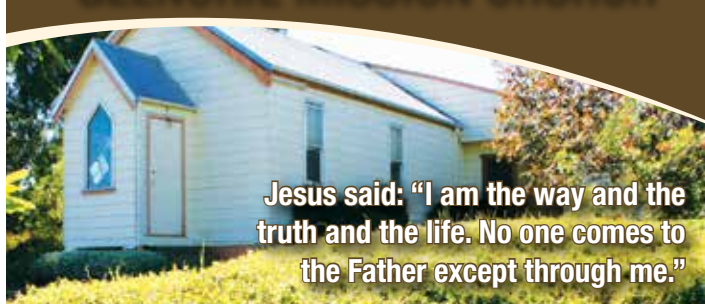
God could see that Philip had a heart of love for lost men and women and so he sent him down to the Samaritans. Philip may not have been the personality that Stephen was, but he simply presented Christ to them as the one who could meet their need and the people warmly responded.

Are there people around you who have special needs? Are there people for whom nobody else cares? Can you look at those people through the eyes of Jesus Christ and see them as souls who need a Saviour? Could you go to them with love and help them? Could you tell them of Jesus Christ and his power to save? God is waiting to use you just where you are or he may lead you to another place of service. But he will always want you to do the same thing Philip did. Go to people in need and tell them of Christ. Could you ask him to lead you to some soul today?

**( FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE  
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## Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church



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Every Saturday morning at 9:30am we have a group Bible study, followed by the Divine Service at 11am. Each Wednesday evening at 7pm is Prayer Connect. Please continue to pray for each other and for our community.

Steve Belson (Pastor) 0438 459 223  
Galston Adventist Church, 49 Arcadia Road, Galston



## AUSSIE PUMPS...Not Just Fire Pumps

- Hills District local success, Aussie Pumps, specializes in solving the consistent problems of drought, floods and bushfires. "Everything we do helps somebody, and that's a really positive thing," said Chief Engineer, John Hales.
  - The Chief Engineer has a sign in his office that says, "We design and build machines as if we're going to use them ourselves." What a relief from the policies of big corporations who only think about dividends!
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# This month's big question...

## What Does "God Loves You" Really Mean?

### What do WE mean when we use the word 'love'?

What does GOD really mean when He declares 'I love you', in John 3:16. "For I (God) so loved you (the world) that I gave My only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

Our English language doesn't really help because we have one word for love and use it in so many different contexts. We apply the word to our friends, our favourite restaurant or singer or writer, our dog and our family!!! We inherently know that each of these isn't the same kind of love and that each of them has different levels of importance but how can we clarify the word 'love' when it is expressed by God??

I'm very relieved that God isn't a god of confusion and thankfully, the Bible takes advantage of the Greek language with its four words for 'love.' Agape, Phileo, Storge, Eros!

\*\* Let's start with the highest, greatest and most pure form of love which describes God's love for you and me = AGAPE. This love represents immeasurable, unconditional, selfless and sacrificial love, which is the very word God used to describe how much He loves you and me in John 3:16, my opening verse. He also explains in the same verse, the reason why we need His love - "that whoever BELIEVES IN HIM (Jesus Christ) will not perish but have eternal life."

\*\* PHILEO love describes friendship or brotherly love, when we share common interests, experiences and values with others.

\*\* STORGE love describes natural affection and loyalty in family relationships.

\*\* EROS love describes romantic, passionate love.

\*\*\* It's worth noting that these four types of love aren't necessarily mutually exclusive. For example, Jesus expressed Phileo love when He walked with His disciples and Storge love with His earthly family.



In this world people fall in and out of love and change their minds like the wind changes direction, but God's agape love is not like that; it's not wavering or dependent upon our actions or circumstances.

God made the first move and He doesn't change His mind about us. His love never fails. His agape love for you and me and all humanity is unmerited, steadfast and enduring!

We don't deserve God's love but He gave it willingly for you and me.

**I hope you can take some time to reflect on this and on the following three quotes:**

\*\* "Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." C.S. Lewis

\*\* "No matter what storm you face, you need to know that God loves you. He has not abandoned you." Franklin Graham.

\*\* "God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung and bled and died, it was God saying I LOVE YOU." Billy Graham.

The Bible continues: After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw Him was Mary Magdalene... afterward He appeared in a different form to two of His followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country... still later He appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating... When the Lord had finished talking with them, He was taken up into heaven and sat down at the place of honour at God's Right Hand." (Mark 16: 9-20).

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# Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade

## President: James Wicking - 2019 - 2025

On behalf of all of us at Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to James Wicking for his 6 year tenure as President at GRFB, as he has decided to step down from this role, however, will remain a valuable member at the brigade.

James Wicking grew up in Glenorie; was a student at Glenorie Public School; is now married with two children and operates a family-owned business. He joined GRFB 12 years ago and on his 21st birthday, completed his Bush Fire assessment, which was his first qualification. James' roles at the brigade prospered, and he performed a broad range of roles including Community Engagement Co-Ordinator, Recruitment Co-Ordinator, Social Co-Ordinator, Deputy Captain, Vice President and President. Outstandingly, James was involved in welcoming approximately 75% of all current members to the brigade throughout the recruitment and interview process.

James Wicking's term as President from 2019 to 2025, was remarkable. The brigade President is responsible for an array of duties including the brigade's overall administration, and must have sufficient knowledge of the NSW RFS, the brigade structure and relevant service standards to correctly address or direct enquiries. The President is responsible for facilitating and chairing executive meetings, general meetings and annual general meetings, which when you are a part of a large brigade, can be a considerably challenging task, and James absolutely excelled at this. We thank you James for your commitment and dedication to GRFB, and for being such a phenomenal President.



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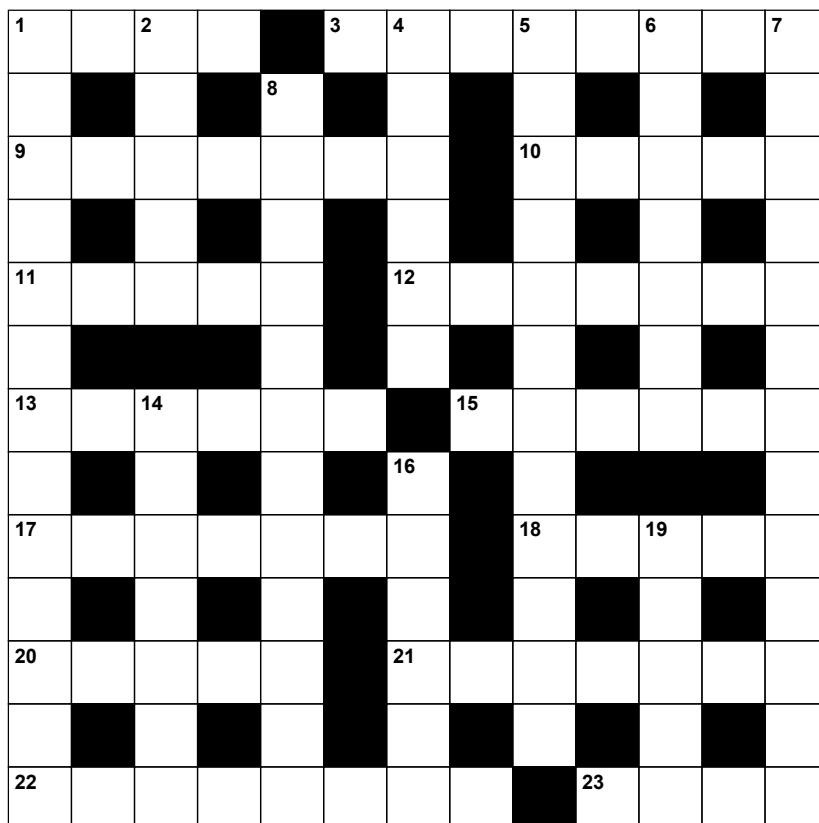
## PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 01** Platform (4)      **15** Capital of Massachusetts (6)  
**03** Frailty (8)      **17** Soften the effect of (7)  
**09** Road or roofing material (7)      **18** Stringed instrument (5)  
**10** In a slow tempo (of music) (5)      **20** Permeate gradually; drain away from soil (5)  
**11** Consumed (of food) (5)      **21** Weigh down (7)  
**12** Three-pronged weapon (7)      **22** Giving way under pressure (8)  
**13** Element discovered by Marie and Pierre Curie (6)      **23** Catch sight of (4)

### DOWN

- 01** Completely (opposed) (13)      **07** Impulsively (13)  
**02** Data entered into a system (5)      **08** Poorly fed (12)  
**04** Distinct being (6)      **14** Illness (7)  
**05** Children's toy (12)      **16** Urge to do something (6)  
**06** Sincere (7)      **19** Vegetables related to onions (5)



### ANSWERS FROM MAY ISSUE

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# Sudoku

FILL THE GRID SO THAT EVERY COLUMN, EVERY ROW AND EVERY 3X3 BOX CONTAINS THE NUMBERS 1 TO 9.

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1			4		6	3		
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		4	5					
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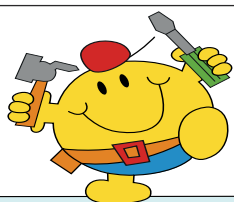
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Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.

☎ Ian Browning 0419 435 475  
☎ friendsoffaganpark3@gmail.com

### **Ferry Artists Gallery**

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

### **Galston Area Residents' Association Inc**

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

### **Galston Branch CWA**

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

☎ Galston Community Health Centre

☎ Patricia 0412 948 787 or  
☎ Jann 0439 222 217

### **Galston Community Hall**

37 Arcadia Rd, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call 9847 6050.

☎ Galston Community Health Centre.

This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade).  
☎ 9485 7599

### **Galston Garden Club**

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

### **Girl Guides**

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

☎ GalstonDM@girlguides-nswacnt.org.au

### **Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum**

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

### **Glenorie Memorial Hall**

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

### **Glenorie Progress Association**

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

### **Glenorie Probus Club**

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

### **Glenorie RSL Club**

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

### **Gregoriana Arcadia**

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

☎ Benedictine Monastery, Arcadia  
☎ Andrew: ajhede@gmail.com

### **Hills Community Aid No Interest Loans up to \$1,000**

For whitegoods, furniture, computers, essential repairs etc.  
☎ Hills Community Aid 9639 8620  
☎ enq@hca.org.au  
☎ www.hca.org.au

### **Hills Shire Garden Club**

Meetings held on 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm.  
☎ Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill  
☎ 9624 5034

### **Hills Farmers' and Gourmet Food Mkt**

2nd Saturday of the month, 8am-12pm.  
☎ Castle Hill Showground  
☎ www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

### **Hills District Pipe Band**

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

### **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Four Wheel Drive Club**

Is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm.  
☎ Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights  
☎ www.hk4wd.com.au

### **Pennant Hills Photographic Club**

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

### **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**

Now has vacancies for new members. Join our club and enjoy new friendships, interesting meetings and a large variety of activities e.g. Walking Group; Mah-Jong Group; Theatre Group; Tennis Group; plus overseas and extended local tours and local day trips. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10am. We look forward to you joining with us.

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

### **Rotary Club of Greater Hills**

New members welcome. Meets every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Join us and help make a difference

through our local and international projects. Enjoy the fellowship of fellow Rotarians in our many and varied projects and social activities.  
☎ The Galston Club  
☎ Annette 0437 148 126  
☎ membership@greaterhillsrotary.org.au

### **Rowland Village Workshop Club**

Invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age.  
☎ Michael Bell 9653 1365

### **Soroptimist International of The Hills District Inc**

Meets at 6.30 on the 3rd Wed of the month.  
☎ Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills  
☎ 04 3583 7118

### **Social Dance Workshops**

Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers. \$7.  
☎ Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road.  
☎ Wilma 0413 673 339

### **Still Creek Landcare Group**

Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrilee. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.  
☎ www.StillCreekLandcare.com.au  
☎ StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au  
☎ Nick 9653 2056

### **The Hills Trofoil Guild (Guides NSW)**

The Trofoil Guild is the adult section of Guiding which links Members, former Members, female Members of the Scout Association, and women who have not been Guides but are prepared to make the Guide Promise. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month commencing at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm.

☎ Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill  
☎ Evelyn 02 9634 4987

### **The Shed Studio - Arcadia**

Womens Shed held on third Thursday of the month 10-12. Different creative projects each month.  
☎ The Shed Studio on FB  
☎ Suzanne 0419 603 122

### **Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club**

We have frequent bushwalks, city walks and social activities. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday each month at 8pm.  
☎ Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills  
☎ John Harris 0423 167 467  
☎ www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

## CHURCHES

### **Christ Church**

Has a service at 9.30am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.  
☎ 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst  
☎ Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

### **Dural Salvation Army**

1st Tuesday of the month at 10am for an informal worship service. Everyone welcome.  
☎ 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road)  
☎ 0405 560 211

### **Galston Uniting Church**

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

☎ church office 9653 2039  
☎ 11 School Road Galston

### **Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church**

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

### **Glenorie Community Church**

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

### **Glenorie Mission Church**

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

### **St. Columba's Anglican Church**

1st Sunday of the month 9.30 am. All welcome.  
☎ 9651 1119

### **St Benedict's Catholic Parish**

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

### **St Jude's Anglican**

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

### **St Madeleine's Catholic Church**

Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm.  
☎ 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

## LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

### **Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls**

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

### **Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs**

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

### **Dural Country Club**

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

### **Dural Rugby Club**

☎ 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 or  
☎ 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.

### **MUSIC AND PLAY**

Dural Salvation Army, 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road) Wednesdays during school term. 10am-11.30am.

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