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Mr Andrew Cameron joined the Elouera Brigade in 1980 and helped re-establish the Hornsby Brigade in 1989 as the senior deputy captain and captain for 12 years before his appointment as the group officer in 2002.

Mr Cameron has led strike teams across NSW and interstate, including the 2003 Canberra and 2019-20 Black Summer bush fires, where he demonstrated high-level leadership skills, directing strike teams in very dangerous and testing environments at the Gaspers Mountain, Green Wattle Creek and Currowan fires.

Mr Cameron is a member of the Greater Sydney Command Leadership Group and has been chair of the District Bush Fire Management Committee for a decade, leading this cross-agency group in the planning of hazard reduction and mitigation works for the whole of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai District. He has worked tirelessly over the past 15



years providing leadership, guidance and mentoring to brigades across the district in the preparation and conduct of hazard reduction and risk mitigation activities.

Mr Cameron is dedicated to training and developing crew leaders within the district, committing many years as part of the Crew Leader Training and Assessment Team. He is also engaged in developing future group leaders across the Greater Sydney area, where he provides training in ethics and accountability.

Assisting members who have suffered as the result of critical incidents has been an area in which Mr Cameron has demonstrated both compassion and skill. He has been instrumental in providing personal support as well as advocating for members impacted by critical incidents to receive appropriate ongoing support.

Andy Cameron, lives in Arcadia, with his wife Sonja. They own and run Camerons Nursery.

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Hawkesbury River Monster

There have been reports are far back as the ancient art of the Dharuk tribal Aborigines of New South Wales of a mysterious water monster. Legend calls them **Mirreeulla** ("giant water serpent"). The Hawkesbury River has produced reports of large reptilian or eel-like animals since at least as far back as 1924. There have also been sightings of this creature in the last decade. Sightings of the creatures have been reported from Wisemans Ferry at the western end of the river, eastward to the Broken Bay-Brisbane Waters expanse at the river's mouth.

SIGHTINGS

A popular story regarding this creature came to light in the 1980s. There was a report by a fisherman in a small aluminum boat that a sea creature surfaced below their boat, catapulting their vessel out of the water and through the air over 3 meters (9.8 feet). Other reports included boats found adrift with their occupants nowhere to be found and boats found smashed or overturned.



Tony Healy has among his files a 1912 story from the *Evening News, Sydney*, called "Was it the bunyip?" "That concerns an alligator-like creature seen in South Creek, a tributary of the Hawkesbury River in Windsor," he said. "[The creature] was seen by a boating party. A strange object swimming a short distance from them, about four-feet in length and resembled an alligator. There have been reports of them a hell of a lot bigger than that. I haven't been able to establish to my satisfaction that the reports of the bigger ones are genuine. But they may well be."

Another report that sparked Healy's interest was one published in the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* in 1924. "People were talking about seeing a 'titanic seahorse', and there's a specific eyewitness report by a WJ Riley, who along with his brother, saw this thing while walking along The Terrace [Windsor] at midday. They saw something in the river beneath in a deep hole," Healy said. "He said, 'We saw a big ugly thing, 2 foot 6 inches to 3 foot in depth, with a length of about 5 to 6 feet, and of a yellowish or sandy color. Whether its skin was scale-covered or not, we could not see. We watched for 15 minutes. It had a square-looking fish tail. It was not a pleasant looking animal. I should certainly not care to be in the water and have it after me.'"



DESCRIPTION

It is depicted in cave art as having a snake-like head, long neck, large body and two sets of flippers with an eel-like tail. There have been reports of strange slide marks, similar to that of a crocodile along the banks of the river.

EXPLANATIONS

Descriptions are very similar to the plesiosaur, a common theme among similar freshwater cryptids. There are reports of larger turtles, the occasional seal and dolphin, along with reports of sharks inhabiting the Hawkesbury River as well.

Information sourced from: Cryptid Wiki



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Exploring the World of Hypnotherapy

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

Hypnotherapy has long intrigued people seeking alternative paths to self-improvement, healing, and personal growth. Rooted in the profound ability of the human mind to influence behaviour, thoughts, and emotions, it is a practice that combines relaxation techniques with focused attention to achieve remarkable cognitive and emotional outcomes which are otherwise unable to be achieved by self-will or self-control alone.

I recently attended my first ever session with local Clinical Hypnotherapist, James Ryan, at his home practice in Dural, in the hope of relinquishing a long held unhealthy habit.

To say I was anxious is an understatement, but I put my fears aside and decided to just go with the process – for better or worse. The experience was comfortable, and James put me at ease with his gentle and calm demeanour as he explained step by step what I could expect. The 'going under' part was not why I had anticipated as I was cognisant the entire time and it felt more like that half-awake/half asleep dreamy feeling you can get first thing on rousing from a deep slumber.

After our session I asked James whether he would agree to being interviewed at a later date, as I found the whole experience quite fascinating and could see how helpful this modality could be to the wider community. Luckily, he obliged!

HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE FIELD OF HYPNOTHERAPY?

I have always been interested in how our minds work and some people seem to go through life relaxed and happy, while others seem to struggle and are always anxious. I learned that, 'what you think about you become', so in 2006 I enrolled in a course of Hypnotherapy, and began treating friends and family for quit smoking, weight-loss and anxiety before joining a super clinic in Sydney's western suburbs.

WHAT SORT OF SKILL SETS DOES A CLINICAL HYPNOTHERAPIST NEED?

To be an effective hypnotherapist you need to be able to listen to your client and understand the story that they tell themselves. In this way you can create awareness in them of the underlying issue that causes them to smoke, worry or over-eat. Building rapport and having empathy for the client is also very important.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES IN YOUR LINE OF WORK?

Fear. Past clients have told me they wish they had seen me sooner, but fear of what might happen kept them away. Once they have experienced the relaxed focused state of hypnosis called trance they usually book a second session to experience that same state again. The other challenge is that Medicare does not give rebates for hypnotherapy and not all private health funds recognise hypnotherapy, but that is slowly changing which is good news.

WHAT ARE THE BEST REWARDS?

The rewards of being a hypnotherapist are when a client walks into your clinic, stressed, upset and teary and leaving the session feeling relaxed, calm and uplifted, there is no greater feeling witnessing this kind of transformation, and it happens often. Also speaking to past clients that were smokers that have quit the habit and have reduced their medications because of their improved health. This is why I do what I do, I am inspired by the power of the mind to create lasting change.

ARE YOU FINDING THAT MAINSTREAM MEDICINE IS EMBRACING HYPNOTHERAPY AS AN ADDED OR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WHO NEED HELP IN OVERCOMING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND ADDICTIONS?

I currently work part-time at a clinic in the western suburbs of Sydney and the doctors of the clinic are very receptive to hypnotherapy for



treating mental health issues and addictions such as smoking / vaping, drugs and alcohol. Most addictions are due to some sort of trauma that has happened in the past and created an emotional hole that the addiction is trying to fill. I have a process that I use that is called the De Trauma technique that removes the trauma or reduces it, and this assists with helping the addict quit for good, as the reason to continue is removed. I have had many referrals from doctors, and I work in collaboration with them for the best outcomes for the client.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ADVICE TO ANYBODY OUT THERE WHO IS INTERESTED IN ENTERING THIS FIELD OF THERAPY?

Do your research, read about hypnotherapy and the amazing things that are happening right now. Join a training organisation and get qualifications. Join an association as this ensures you are properly supervised and receive regular training and are keeping up with current information. Watch YouTube clips as some are very educational. Book a session of hypnotherapy so you can experience it from the client's perspective and know what it feels like to go into a deep state of relaxed focus. Just go for it, the world needs more healers in mental health.

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So many locals helped with the organisation and Clare and Scott wanted to use as many local businesses as possible.

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Cathy Oliver (Clare's mum cooked also). Peter and Jenny Guest lit up the property with coloured lighting.



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The Friends of Fagan Park featured on Better Homes & Gardens

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

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Centre front: Graham Ross (clockwise l-r): Julie Graham, Ian Browning, Linda Pine, Karlene Brummer, Angela Morgan & Judy Van Middeloyk

Assistant Curator, Julie Graham, was interviewed by Mr Ross while some of the Friends busied themselves in the background. He was particularly taken by the Waratah Camellia in the garden, which is the subject of this month's News from Netherby's contribution written by Head Gardener, Angela Morgan. The programme went to air on the 27th June.

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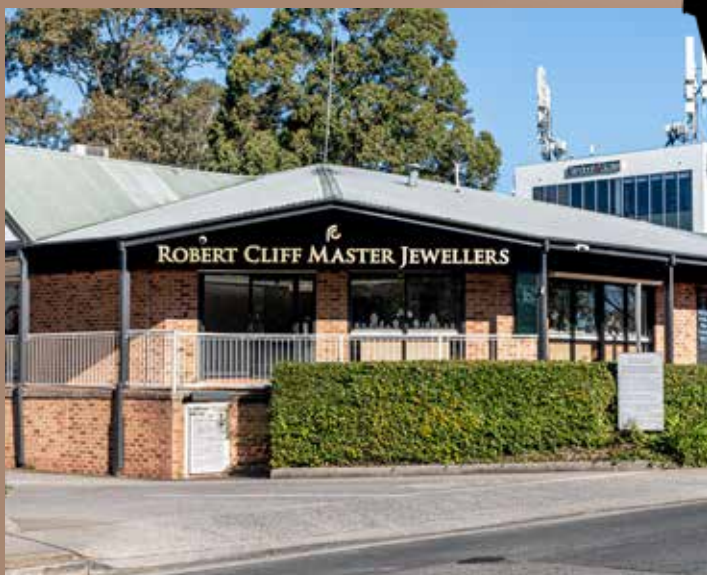


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Dural Cub-Scouts



Dural Cub Scouts have been busy doing several exciting activities these last two terms: Camping, Canoeing, Cycling, Bushcraft, and Bushwalking skills.

B R A V O to Dural Cubs for winning a fierce Hills District intra Cooking competition recently and qualifying for the GWS Regional Cook Out Competition, where they were winners once again!

In the coming Terms our Cubs will take part in several short and long-distance hikes challenging themselves over steep ascents and descents enjoying nature and hopefully finishing with a great sense of accomplishment.

Each week at Cub meetings there is lots of excitement and fun, learning and doing various activities at the same time building confidence and acquiring problem solving skills.

If these are the skills and opportunities you'd like to offer your child, then don't hesitate. Dural Scout Group welcomes visitors who would like to come and spend a couple of weeks trying out Scouting.

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NEWS FROM NETHERBY

Netherby's Winter Garden

The stars of the winter garden in Netherby are all the wonderful old camellias. As the roses close down in the cold, the buds on camellias open. From the beginning of autumn and throughout winter many different varieties of camellias have their season to flower.

The camellia sasanquas, which enjoy sunshine as well as shade, are the first in bloom. These are the ones which cover the pavement below with fallen blossoms. However as winter begins, they are nearly finished, and shade loving camellia japonicas are taking over the display. The best way to see and enjoy their flowers is to take a walk across the lawn in front of the house, down to the woodland garden. Here a multitude of camellia japonicas grow, their blossoms glowing in deep pinks, reds and pristine white.

There are no camellias native to Australia, but they have been here for almost 200 years. In 1831 a shipment of camellias arrived in Sydney for William Macarthur. At Camden Park Macarthur began raising ornamental plants, fruit trees and vines, and established a nursery to distribute his plants throughout the colony. One of the camellias was particularly successful in providing seedlings – Camellia Anemoniflora. A specimen survives in Camden Park to this day.

At Netherby we are fortunate to have one of these very old types of camellias, known to us as the Waratah camellia, because the flowers look so similar to the native Waratah.

Our Waratah camellia is very easy to find. It grows on the eastern side of the house, a large well-established shrub, loving the morning sun, sheltered by the verandah.



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Local Author Launches Brand New Book



Floki The Story Of A Fluffy Little Rescue Chihuahua

By Di Hedges

After being adopted by his new family, Floki sets off into the Australian bush & meets a lively bunch of bush friends, each with their own special 'thing'. But what about Floki - does he have his very own special little 'thing'?

In his search for what makes him special, Floki discovers the magic of family & the warmth of love from his new home, complete with four lovable adopted siblings.

A story that reminds everyone that we all have our own special little something, we just have to find it.

Floki: The Story of a Fluffy Little Rescue Chihuahua is a heartwarming tale perfect for animal lovers of all ages filled with the most beautiful illustrations that will delight. A book that shows the power of love family & friendships & above all the joy that animals bring to our lives. Advocating for animal rescue. Adopt Don't Shop. Love for all creatures great & small. A lovely tale for little ones right through to Grandma & Grandpa.

There will be a local book launch at 2157 Fine Gifts & Homewares in Glenorie Village on Saturday 19th July. Come and meet the real Floki.

Glenorie Memorial Hall Committee

Community Access Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) – Do you know where the nearest one to you is? Do you know how to access it and how to use it?

The Hall Committee hosted a community information session, Sunday 25/05/2025, to answer these questions and give members of the community the opportunity to practice with training AEDs.

In a Cardiac Emergency every minute counts! Most of Glenorie is a minimum of 30mins from the nearest ambulance. Knowing where and how to access the nearest Community Access AED could save the life of a loved one.



If you missed the session - we will be hosting another **Sunday 14th September 2:30pm** in the hall – Save the date it might save your life!

Special thanks to the community groups and businesses who have supported the Community Access AED program making these units available to us all. Thanks to Michael Hutchence for providing the IT for the day, the Hills District RFS for the equipment used and Elizabeth Whiteman for presenting the session.



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We also have a second get together on the fourth Wednesday of the month for our social and craft activities. On Wednesday,

July 23rd we will be having a "CROCHET DAY" and invite anyone who would like to spend a morning learning to crochet, or perhaps just improve their skills, or even just to come along and share a morning tea with like minded ladies. We will have some teachers and some supplies available. Morning tea will be provided and bring some lunch if you would like to stay longer.

For more information, phone Anne on 0404 228 209 or Patricia on 0412 948 787.

Community Bush Dance Saturday 2nd August 6PM

The Glenorie Community will again host their annual Bush Dance at the Glenorie Memorial Hall.

The Hall was built in 1932 and provides the perfect setting with a classic country feel, for a bush dance. Every year the timber floor boards echo with the stomping of boots as young and old blast away the winter chill with some genuine hoe-down, heel and toe fun.

This long standing event has become a "must attend" for an decent Aussie or wannabe Aussie who wants to keep the tradition of bush dancing alive.

It doesn't matter if you have never danced before, all of the dances are called / instructed and you will be welcomed regardless of your experience... we're all novices.

The famous Strike A Light band provide traditional bush music and all the favourite dances are run: Heel and Toe, Strip the Willow, Waves of Bondi etc. What a great way to introduce your kids to a cultural tradition.

Bookings are essential <https://events.humanitix.com/glenorie-community-bush-dance> or call Mark Holt 0418 298 121.

COMMUNITY BUSH DANCE



STRIKE A LIGHT BUSH BAND

Glenorie Memorial Hall, Saturday 2nd August 6pm

Dinner and soft drinks provided

TICKETS: Adults \$25 • Under 15 \$15 • Under 5 free

Booking Essential please scan the QR code
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Galston500 - MS Fundraiser

The Galston500 is an exciting once a year event, that raises money for research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) at The Westmead Institute for Medical Research. It is hosted by the Hornsby Model Engineers Co- Op Ltd, a 100% volunteer Run Organisation, at their "Galston Valley Railway" site.

The Galston500 is an endurance event that sees a number of teams operating 5 inch gauge miniature trains over a combined total of 500 laps of the picturesque 1km track at the Galston Valley Railway. Starting at 7am, on **Saturday 30th August 2025**, with Public attendance from 10am till 3pm, The event will continue until all 500 laps are complete!

The public are invited to join us at the event, between 10am and 3pm with entertainment on the day planned to include Live Music, Merchandise, Craft and Food Stalls, RFS Fire Truck and, of course, rides on the miniature trains.

The event is once again fancy dress, with the theme this year being "Back to the Future".

All visitors and participants are invited to dress up as a character from the Back to the Future Trilogy!

Multiple Sclerosis is a cause that we are very passionate about and we are excited to be making a difference!

The Galston500 has raised over \$61,000 in past years for research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.



Galston Valley Railway
29 Mid Dural Rd
Galston, NSW



The **Galston500** challenges a collection of 5" Scale Model Locomotive teams to complete a combined total of 500 laps of the picturesque 1km track at the Galston Valley Railway, to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research.



With plenty of entertainment planned for the day, both on and off the track. Dress up as your favorite "Back to the Future" character and come along to join us as the challenge unfolds!

MONTH	DAY	YEAR	HOUR	MIN
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DESTINATION TIME

Open to the Public From 10AM Till 3PM!
Come along for a ride behind some of the participating locomotives.

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Raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis research at
The Westmead Institute for Medical Research



Marking Progress: The Fence Construction

Excitement is reaching a crescendo in the team. Hopefully when you read this story, the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence will be in the final stage of completion.

We had a "Turning of the Sod" ceremony on 29th May with representatives from both Councils, Warren Waddell HSC Mayor and Mitchell Blue Ctr THSC, on the golden (well, actually blue & black) shovels.



State Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston was an apology. Robyn secured funds from the State from the very commencement of this project in 2020 (Yes, it has being in the wings for that long!). Many of the great team responsible for this creation were there, significantly our brilliant sculptor, Karl Van Middeldyk of Aussie Stonemasons. A happy GPA President. Di Coxon-Ellis also there.



Savio Pereira from Bendigo Bank a major sponsor and Diana Paton, Publisher of our local News.



Reaching our final stage in building the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence is a moment worth celebrating—it signifies progress, determination, and teamwork. Whether it's completing a critical section, carving the final pier, or seeing the project come together as planned, each stage reflects skill, effort and perseverance.

Success in such an endeavour isn't just about the physical structure—it's about the collaboration, problem-solving, and careful planning that made it possible. From selecting materials - the stunning sandstone from Gosford Quarries, to overcoming challenges - raising the funds - volunteers helping (thanks Mark Holt), each decision contributes to a strong and lasting outcome.

Our dream, which is now becoming a reality, had many facets:

The fence marks a boundary around the Wal Buckingham Memorial Gardens. It is a dedication to Ray Whiteman for his significant contribution to Glenorie, through many associations including the GPA, and his scouting history.

It tells the story of our heritage from the First Nations peoples, through the Convict built road, agriculture, transport, sport,



local volunteers in fire & flood plus the flora and fauna of the area.

The southern entrance provides a focus on the cenotaph depicting the four services of the military personnel who served our country in various wars.

It enhances security of users particularly during services such as the Anzac Day Dawn Service, Remembrance Day. It is hoped that in future it will be a safe area for families to picnic and play.

In every way it adds to the landscape of Glenorie and will be a must-see attraction for locals and for visitors to Glenorie.

For our Association it stands as a tangible symbol of progress.

Now that this milestone is achieved, it's a chance to reflect on what worked well, appreciate the dedication behind it, and look forward to the next steps...

The pavers. HSC planning team has advised that the pavers will be laid in the precinct of the Memorial Hall - forecourt and path - September this year. Orders have closed on 30th June and those who have ordered will receive a proof of their order to confirm it's correctness. Read on the next page the final part of the Shore Family. If you have some history of your family for Paver Tales, please email president@glenorieprogress.org.au or call 0418 432 587.

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THE GLENORIE SHORE FAMILY STORY

1909-2025 PART 3

Brother, Colin opened the path for me (Stan) to Homebush Boys High School and then Bathurst Teachers College from where we both graduated as Primary School Teachers. Here I met my wife of 65 years, Judy Robins.

Colin's first appointment was Barmedman. He married, had two lovely daughters, Genieve and Rowena, both teachers themselves today. Colin furthered his education graduating with a BA degree. After spending his later years as a High School Principal, he retired to The Entrance. Colin still has fond memories of his many years growing up in Glenorie. He especially enjoyed exploring the gullies and finding waratahs, etc.

My first appointment was to Batar in 1958, a one-teacher school about 4 miles S W of Kendall. Some challenge! 13 students from Kindy to Y7. (A story for another day.) I married in 1959 and my wife, Judy and I were transferred to Kendal District Rural School on the mid-North Coast where we spent 6 years.

After starting a family and playing cricket, we moved back to Glenorie where we built a house in Post Office Rd (1966). I continued teaching, playing cricket and helping Judy to raise our family: Andrew, Stephen and Rachel. The three children completed their Primary School education at Glenorie. Andrew, our eldest, was included among the first intake of Galston H. S., which was billeted at Baulkham Hills H.S. until the buildings at Galston were completed. At last, a Local High School!

Judy returned to teaching at Middle Dural P.S. and loved every minute of it. While there she continued with her hobbies, breeding Arabian Horses, Pony Club (Foundation Member), Endurance riding and playing cards. This rubbed off on our daughter, Rachel and they both successfully completed several Tom Quilty and Shahzada Endurance Rides. The boys followed me with their hand-eye co-ordination sports and represented Glenorie at the highest level in Cricket and Hockey. I was honoured to have Life Membership bestowed on me by the Glenorie C.C., and my most treasured memory is Captaining the very first Glenorie A Grade Side to win the Shield in the 1971-72 Season.

In 1978 we moved from PO Rd to Schwebel Lane, where, while still teaching I turned back to my roots and started farming summer fruits and raising show ducks, while Judy's Horse Stud blossomed.

Andrew qualified as an engineer. Worked for Hills SC. Left and started a Carrying Business like his grandfather but later requalified as a computer programmer, moved to Queensland where he lives and works today. Stephen started in the bank. Then tried the building game. Married Margot. Bought a property at S Maroota, built his own house and started farming. He later changed to Fencing and set up his own Property Maintenance Business.



Shore service station 1960

Challenges came thick and fast and so with TOTALS help he opened a Service Station, Tractor Agency and major fuel outlet, delivering petrol, diesel and oils to local farmers. This encouraged the local fruit, vegetable and flower growers. With the petrol shortage and the rationing that followed, demand increased and as such the business grew with outlets at Windsor (Esso), St Marys (Golden Fleece) Waitara and Avalon. With this growth Harold required more office space, so he purchased Beard's place next door to accommodate his office staff.

During this period Harold and Lesley took their family to acreage in Halcrows Rd, where, while raising their family of four; Christine,



Petrol tanker

James, Sandra and Bryan, they took a fancy to raising cattle, starting with a few Herefords. In 1995 the business had slowed so Harold and Lesley decided to leave it in the hands of Ampol and move from Glenorie to a property known as "The Elms" at West Gilmore just south of Tumut. Bryan went along with

them while the two girls, Christine and Sandra had married and James who married Charlene stayed behind in Cattai Ridge Road to build his family with Charlene and his company J. A. SHORE EARTHWORKS.

Finally, our surviving sister, Esme, among other things, loved dancing and still does. As a youngster she performed on stage much to the family's delight. She was also an A Grade tennis player winning several trophies. Es, as we call her, attended Business College and honed her skills at home before working out. In 1959 she married Richard Vale a wonderful gentleman and cricketer. They had two boys, Peter, a professor in heart analysis, based at the Mater Hospital Nth Sydney, and Paul a very successful Landscaper, based at Annangrove.

Esme lost her husband, Richard to cancer too early but has battled, raising the boys and growing stone fruit on a five acre block she inherited when the Shore Estate was sub-divided in the late seventies. The road to the subdivision is named after Mum's initials "ESS" and "GLEN" ORIE. Yes, GLENESS PLACE. Esme remarried recently to Robert (Bob) Saunders but still lives at Gleness Place, Glenorie.

Yes, the SHORES have witnessed Glenorie grow from a one General Store, with horse drawn vehicles on dirt tracks or gravel roads, no Doctor or Dentist, to today's thriving village, It still has an easy-going country atmosphere but for The Old Northern Rd traffic thundering through! Reminds one of Pitt St, Sydney!

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Eco-travel reimaged:

Into The Wild Escapes launches Australia's only off-grid tiny homes set within a native wildlife rescue and conservation sanctuary.

Escape into the wild like never before. Into The Wild Escapes is setting a new standard for eco-conscious travel with the launch of two stunning off-grid tiny homes located within the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, just 45 minutes north-west of Sydney's CBD in Dural. These unique, family-friendly/group retreats are the only off-grid tiny homes situated in an Australian native wildlife rescue and conservation sanctuary, offering an unparalleled opportunity to connect with nature while directly supporting vital conservation efforts.

Nestled amidst the lush beauty of a protected wildlife haven, Tiny Wombat and Tiny Wallaby are designed for families and groups who crave relaxation amongst nature and a deeper connection with Australia's native wildlife. Each home accommodates up to six guests, making them perfect for families, groups of friends, or a multi-family getaway. And for those seeking even more space, both homes can be booked together, hosting up to 12 guests, creating a private wildlife escape like no other.

In addition to their stay, guests can dive even deeper into the sanctuary's world through an exclusive, behind-the-scenes wildlife tour. This rare experience available as an 'Add-On' offers a chance to walk alongside dingoes, feed wombats and interact with birds and reptiles. You'll also learn firsthand from the sanctuary's passionate volunteers about the critical conservation efforts that are helping protect Australia's endangered species.

"This partnership with Into The Wild Escapes allows us to create an extraordinary experience for guests, while directly supporting the vital work we do here at the sanctuary to protect Australia's unique wildlife. It's a win-win for conservation," says Ben Dessen, renowned conservationist and CEO of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary.

These tiny homes are more than just a place to stay, they're an experience that immerses you in nature. Designed with a minimalist aesthetic these tiny homes feature eco-premium touches that connect you to the natural world. Guests can wake up to the aroma



of freshly brewed ST. ALi coffee roasted in Melbourne, unwind with Leif's botanical body care products, relax on Wandering Folk picnic rugs and enjoy the soothing native scents of Koala Eco cleaning products. Every detail has been thoughtfully curated to offer comfort without compromising sustainability.

Following the roaring success of Tiny Astrid's outdoor hot tub, both Tiny Wombat and Tiny Wallaby feature their own Ember outdoor hot tubs, perfect for soaking under the stars while listening to the sounds of the wild. There's no better way to end a day spent in nature than by unwinding in a bubbling, natural hot tub beneath the vast Australian sky.



"We're thrilled to partner with the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary to create this one-of-a-kind nature retreat," said Celeste Giannas, CEO and Co-founder of Into The Wild Escapes. "This project allows guests to not only escape into nature but also directly contribute to the ongoing conservation work that's so crucial to preserving Australia's wildlife. It's a meaningful, immersive experience that will stay with you long after your stay ends."

The names of the tiny homes—Tiny Wombat and Tiny Wallaby—are inspired by Dreamtime stories, celebrating Australia's rich cultural heritage. 'Wombat, Mudlark and Other Stories' by Helen Milroy brings the adventures of a resilient wombat to life, while 'The Two Wallabies' by Henry Cook Jakamarra weaves a traditional Warlpiri Dreaming narrative of kinship, survival and spiritual connection to the land.

With the addition of these two homes, Into The Wild Escapes now offers over 60 tiny homes across Australia, each offering its own unique way to connect with the natural world.

Tiny Wombat and Tiny Wallaby are now open for bookings. Don't miss your chance to experience this extraordinary wildlife sanctuary stay. Every booking supports the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary's conservation efforts, so you can rest easy knowing that your adventure is making a meaningful impact.



For bookings and more information, visit www.intothewildescapes.com

Adventure Awaits

The Greater Sydney Caravan & Outdoor Leisure Roadshow is A Must Visit Event for Adventure Enthusiasts

If you're passionate about caravanning, camping, and outdoor leisure, the Greater Sydney Caravan & Outdoor Leisure Roadshow is the event you don't want to miss!

Taking place at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Racecourse Road, Clarendon this roadshow brings together some of the biggest names in the industry. This event is the perfect opportunity to explore a vast



range of caravans, camper trailers, motor homes, motoring and 4x4 accessories, and camping gear. Whether you're looking to upgrade your current setup or just browsing for inspiration, you'll find plenty of options to compare, touch, and buy. Beyond the exhibits, visitors can enjoy live entertainment, demonstrations, and free activities for kids, making it a fun-filled experience for the whole family.

There over 70 major brands on display including Jayco Caravans, Motorhomes & Campervans, A Van, Crusader Caravans, Design RV, Newage, Millard Supreme, Nova, EasyTrail, Mars, Snowy River, and lots of Accessories. Look, compare and buy at show only prices.

Whether you're in the market for a new caravan or simply want to explore the latest innovations, these exhibitors will provide expert advice and top-quality products. Mark your calendar and get ready for an exciting weekend of outdoor adventure and exploration!

Dates: July 25th – 27th

Location: Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Racecourse Road, Clarendon NSW

Time: 9am – 4pm each day

Admission: Adults \$18, Concession \$15, Accompanied Children

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SPEEDING

A man with a suspended licence is expected to appear in court after he was caught speeding in Glenorie on Thursday morning.

At approximately 9:20 am on 19th June, Hills Highway Patrol officers were conducting speed enforcement duties along Cattai Ridge Road when they detected a white Toyota Land Cruiser travelling at 83 in a 60 km/h zone.

The vehicle was stopped on Smith Lane, where police spoke to the 31-year-old male driver. During the interaction, the man reportedly told officers, "I am suspended."

Inquiries confirmed his NSW licence had been suspended following a separate offence on 19th April, in which he was allegedly clocked at more than 45 km/h over the limit on Old Northern Road in Dural.

Despite the suspension, the driver was again found behind the wheel and allegedly exceeding the speed limit. A roadside breath test returned a negative reading.

He will face court for driving while suspended and for speeding. Police said the incident highlighted a disregard for road safety and licence conditions.

OFFICER AWARDED



The Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, visited Warrah Specialist School in Dural on Wednesday, 20th June, to tour the facility and meet with staff and students.

During the visit, the Governor-General presented Senior Constable Mick Barnes, the local Vulnerable Persons Officer, with a challenge coin in recognition of the efforts of Hills Police in supporting people with disabilities in the community.

The presentation acknowledged the ongoing work by local police to assist and protect vulnerable individuals through dedicated engagement and support initiatives.

ERRATIC DRIVING

An 18-year-old male has been charged with mid-range drink driving after being stopped for erratic driving in Kellyville during the early hours of 19th June.

At around 3:30am, Hills Police observed a vehicle swerving across lanes on Samantha Riley Drive. The driver turned onto Glenhaven Road and then Bannerman Road, where police activated their lights and stopped the vehicle.

The driver underwent a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result. He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a breath analysis recorded a mid-range reading of 0.083.

Further checks revealed that the vehicle had previously been issued with a Major Defect Notice (Red Label) and was not permitted to be driven after 5:35pm on 18th June.

The driver's licence was immediately suspended. He has been issued a Court Attendance Notice and the matter is now before the court.

APPLE PAY PRANK

People are being warned about an "ApplePay pranks" following a violent confrontation in Castle Hill on Thursday, 5th June.

Police were called after a 17-year-old male approached an older man pretending to receive money via Apple Pay by holding his phone near the older man and playing a beeping sound. The teenager was detained by the older man and escorted to Castle Hill Police Station.

The trend misleadingly implies that money is being transferred between phones by playing a sound similar to a digital transaction.

Police say while the videos may seem like harmless fun, these pranks may escalate into dangerous situations as they can cause confusion and may even create fear and aggression among people, especially those who are unaware of what's happening.

"We remind everyone that filming strangers without consent and engaging in conduct that causes alarm or distress can have legal consequences," The Hills Police said.

If you witness or experience similar behaviour, please report it to your local police station or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

ROAD RAGE

The Hills Police is appealing for information about an alleged road rage incident involving a grey 2012 Toyota Camry in the Norwest and Castle Hill areas, that happened between 8 pm to 10.20 pm on Monday, 2nd June.

At around 8.05 pm, the Camry driver allegedly flashed a knife and threw a vape at another driver. The victim followed the vehicle and notified police.

The situation escalated when the victim and the Camry driver arrived at Spurway Drive, Norwest, where several persons armed with knives and machetes approached the victim.

After the incident, police engaged in two pursuits on Showground Road, Castle Hill.

Both attempts were stopped due to the Camry's manner of driving. Police say despite patrols, the vehicle was not located.

Anyone who witnessed or may have dashcam footage about the incident is urged to report the information to The Hills Police Area Command on 02 9680 5399 or Crime Stoppers.

DRINK DRIVING P-PLATER

An 18-year-old P1 driver will face court after allegedly crashing into two parked vehicles while over the legal alcohol limit in Castle Hill.

At approximately 1:09 am on Saturday, 21 June, Hills Police responded to a collision on Warwick Parade. The driver's silver Mitsubishi ASX had struck a parked Hyundai i30 before continuing forward and crashing into the rear of a Holden Colorado, causing significant damage.

The impact pushed the Holden several metres and onto the kerb. The Mitsubishi sustained major front-end damage and came to rest against the eastern kerb.

Nearby residents, woken by the crash, assisted the driver and contacted police. The driver told officers he had reached down to pick up his mobile phone moments before the collision.

He was subjected to a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result. A subsequent breath analysis at Castle Hill Police Station returned a mid-range reading of 0.117.

The driver allegedly admitted to consuming four alcoholic ciders earlier that evening. His licence was immediately suspended, and he was issued a Court Attendance Notice for mid-range drink driving.

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

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from the Mayor's Desk

As Mayor, I am passionate that our towns and centres are vibrant and lively places for our community and local businesses. I'm delighted to share that we have recently secured a grant to support the creation of a Special Entertainment Precinct in Hornsby Town Centre, enlivening it for the whole community to enjoy in the evening.

We are engaging with the community around potential changes to planning controls to elevate the night-time social, cultural and economic activity in the precinct. As we prepare to deliver the Hornsby Town Centre of the future, now closer on the horizon thanks to the NSW Government's designation of Hornsby as a Transport Oriented Development, the grant for our entertainment precinct will help it become a place of choice for families to gather and enjoy themselves in the evenings after work and on weekends. There's still a chance to have your say until 4 July at yoursayhornsby.nsw.gov.au

This month is Plastic Free July, when we focus on taking action to reduce plastic waste. The people of Hornsby Shire are passionate about preserving our precious environment, and Council is committed to supporting this. We're hosting events to inspire you to reduce your use of plastic and live more sustainably. From online webinars to in-person workshops, there's something for everyone. If you're passionate about making a difference, why not sign up to become a Waste Warrior as part of our new volunteer program?

Also this month, we mark NAIDOC Week from 6 – 13 July, when we celebrate and learn about the first custodians of our land. On this significant week, I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn more about the Traditional Owners of Hornsby Shire, the Dharug and GuriNgai Peoples.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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Online

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6-13 July



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- **Hastings Park Tennis Court Complex, Castle Hill**
Submissions close: Thursday 10 July

For more information visit: yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Glenorie Probus Club Activities

Glenorie Probus Club maintained its busy program in May with the trip to the Zig Zag Railway which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended despite the wet weather conditions. The railway closed in 2012 for maintenance purposes and only resumed in 2023 after much damage from bushfires and floods during the shutdown period had been repaired. The opportunity to look around the area was very rewarding and resulted in great day.

The guest speaker for the May meeting was Arthur Pearce from the Maritime Museum who gave the Club a talk on William Bligh and the Mutiny



Captain William Bligh



Bligh boat post mutiny

on the Bounty. He started with a brief History of Bligh's life from when he was a Navy Cadet at 7 years old. The Mutiny took place in the South Pacific when the British Naval vessel the Bounty was under Bligh's command. The ship was in the area to collect Breadfruit plants for transfer from Tahiti to the West Indies. However after spending several months in Tahiti the crew developed a liking for island and its lifestyle. This resulted in discontent with the strict leadership style of Captain Bligh. On April 28, 1789 Fletcher Christian and a group of discontented crew seized control of the ship. Bligh and 18 sailors who did not support the

actions were released on a small boat. The separate sailing by both groups was very interesting and is part of maritime history. Arthur looked at the question of whether Bligh was a hero or a villain which was a very thoughtful review of Bligh's life including the period as Governor of NSW and the rum rebellion.

The Clubs monthly coffee group changed their venue this month to the Galston High School Waddell Café. The café is staffed by students and used to give them experience working in that environment. The students bake the cakes and biscuits and prepare



the coffee. Not only is the experience dealing with customers valuable but their self confidence grows. A great initiative by the school.

The club intends to keep its members active with ongoing activities. 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 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



Arcadian Quilting News

This WINTER the Arcadian Group is enjoying a "fresh look" at what we consider to be something that is ... comforting, reassuring and reliable.



YES, 'the members' of the quilting group. We are looking and listening to each other.

President Carole decided to encourage members to share their background stories in a QUILTING HISTORY CHAT during our meetings.

Where did their quilting story start; what was the 'first quilt' project attempted, was it ever finished and where is that 'first quilt' now?

Our members have come from a very wide variety of backgrounds, commerce, teaching, nursing, banking, librarianship ... for examples.

This amazingly colourful quilt (picture left) titled "Gypsy Wife" was made by our resident Librarian Chris.

This kaleidoscope of medallions (picture right) also made by Chris is a hand-pieces la Passacaglia quilt by Dutch designer Willyne Hammerstein.

This intricate design is also known as a Millefiore quilt, an interpretation of Venetian Millefiori Glass, meaning "a thousand flowers".



This is proving to be such an interesting way to enjoy our days together and leads to quite different conversations at the 'sewing table'.

We meet at the Community Health Centre, Galston, 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month.

Further information can be obtained from Carole on 9894 7749.

One Tree Reach Wetland

BY CLLR NATHAN TILBURY

Just a 15-minute drive from Wisemans Ferry, along Singleton Road, is the beautiful but little-known location of One Tree Reach Wetland.



This freshwater wetland on the banks of the Hawkesbury River is a popular destination for bird watching and features a nature trail, boardwalk and interpretative signs.

The boardwalk starts from near the small carpark area and meanders through swamp mahogany forest and floodplain

paperbark scrub. A viewing platform overlooks the main body of water that supports a diversity of bird species including White-faced Herons, Sacred Kingfishers and Purple Swamphens. Black Swans are also often spotted in the wetland sometimes together with their cygnets.

One Tree Reach has another track from the carpark that leads to a quiet picnic area making this secret spot well worth a visit.



Vale Allan Beard

23rd February 1938 – 9th March 2025

Allan Beard was a storyteller, a farmer, a sportsman, a gardener, and above all, a devoted family man. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the stories he shared, and the warmth he brought to those around him.

Born in Windsor and raised in Glossodia and Glenorie, Allan's childhood was filled with adventure, mischief, and a deep love of sport. He played cricket for Glenorie and West Pennant Hills clubs and competed in tennis across various courts in the Hills District, at one stage maintaining the Glenorie courts and contributing to the local committee.

Following in his father's footsteps, Allan left school at 14 to pursue farming. After his father's passing when he was 17, he took on the responsibility of the family's mortgage at Maroota, ensuring their stability while growing a diverse range of fruit and vegetables. In 1979, he returned to Glenorie, where his exceptional stone fruit became highly sought after, drawing customers from across Sydney. Later, his love for gardening led him to bromeliads, earning him life membership in the Bromeliad Society of Australia and deep involvement in local gardening communities. His garden became more than a passion - it was his sanctuary, a place of creativity, solace, and pride.



Throughout his life, Allan's generosity shone - whether supporting his wife Dorothy through illness, lending a hand to friends, or sharing knowledge with fellow gardeners and sports enthusiasts. His companionship with Trish and her family became an important source of joy, comfort, and connection in his later years.

A beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Allan cherished family gatherings, especially Christmas, filled with laughter and storytelling.

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SCULPTURAL MINIMALISM

This season, design is turning towards clean, minimalist forms, a style that balances boldness with restraint. Delivering architectural simplicity. foundation pieces to make a statement without overpowering a space. Think of bold seating, modular shapes, and gracefully proportioned lighting that enhance the room's flow and ambiance.

LAYERED NEUTRALS AND EARTH-INFUSED TONES

Colour takes a more muted, grounding direction this winter, with nature-inspired tones playing a leading role. These hues can be seen in materials such as hand-finished timbers, brushed linen, natural stone and textured ceramics. The result is a tonal palette that's warm and layered, sophisticated without being sterile.

MATERIALS THAT ARE TACTILE AND LONG-LASTING

This winter, materials do more than just serve a function, they evoke feelings. Think solid European oak, crisp linen set

against organic timber, brown and green marble elevated with subtle, sculptural curves. These are materials chosen not just for their beauty, but for their ability to endure daily life and evolve over time.

COMFORT THAT FEELS MODERN AND STYLISH

The furniture trends for winter are clear: comfort is king, but excess is out. Furniture is moving toward form-driven minimalism – pieces with weight, presence, and intent.

LIGHTING AS SCULPTURE

Ambient light plays a transformative role this winter. Sculptural lighting pieces introduce shape and texture in subtle, emotive ways. Whether in brushed ceramic or metal, these lighting designs bring depth and softness, casting an inviting glow that complements the season's slower rhythms.

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH RESTYLING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

Start with foundational pieces: Seating, tables, lighting – think about how those items can anchor the space and provide balance. From there, layer in texture and tone. Even small updates such as a wool throw, a sculptural lamp, or a natural stone accent can bring fresh dimension and warmth to your interiors.



This winter, let your home be more than just a place to shelter. Let it be a space of connection, considered beauty, and tactile comfort. Because when design supports how we want to feel, grounded, calm, inspired, it becomes more than aesthetics, it becomes part of how we live.



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Shared Pedestrian/ Cycling Pathway Proposed for Old Northern Road

Hornsby Shire Council is progressing with a proposal from Councillor Nathan Tilbury for the delivery of an off-road Active Transport corridor adjacent to Old Northern Road, between Glenorie and Dural.

At their June meeting Council unanimously supported Councillor Tilbury's motion to work directly with The Hills Shire Council and seek the support of the relevant NSW government Ministers, local State and Federal MPs, as well as Transport for NSW, to develop a feasibility study to the proposal.

As a clear sign of support, it is understood The Hills Shire Council will consider a similar motion via Councillor Mitchell Blue at an upcoming meeting.

Councillor Tilbury explained, *"At present there is no safe pedestrian or cycling pathway along Old Northern Road between Glenorie and Dural, which spans approximately 11.5 km. Tragically, pedestrians have been killed walking along Old Northern Road, with the most recent death in November 2024. For some time, Mid Dural Public School has also raised serious concerns about pedestrian safety along Old Northern Road due to lack of paths and road crossing facilities around the school.*

In addition, I have been regularly contacted by many local residents about the lack of a footpath along Old Northern Road, including residents living with disabilities that affect their mobility."

Local community groups have already enthusiastically rallied behind the proposal including the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) and Arcadia Galston Residents Association (AGRA).



GPA President, Di Coxon-Ellis said, *"It is far too dangerous to move around as a pedestrian and we have limited public transport options between Glenorie and Dural. We commend this proposal that aligns with our vision of connectivity and safety of our residents."*

It is important to note that Old Northern Road is State Road controlled making it the responsibility of Transport for NSW.

The Councils will be jointly requesting funding support, through opportunities such as NSW Government grants, to undertake the feasibility study for the project and for its eventual delivery that is likely to be split over several stages.

A major challenge that needs to be overcome is that Old Northern Road is the boundary between Hornsby Shire and The Hills Shire, as well as the local State and Federal electorates boundaries. It is crucial that the two councils and all local MPs work collaboratively, to give the proposal every chance of success.

It is expected that the feasibility study will highlight the issues and complexities of this project to inform its design and the best way to apply for grants.

Hornsby Council has previously delivered similar, albeit shorter, shared pathway projects, including between Hornsby and Mt Colah, along Peats Ferry Road and the Pacific Highway. More recently one was completed along Brooklyn Road, between Hawkesbury River railway station and Kangaroo Point, that was delivered in stages and funded by NSW Government grants.



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Hornsby Shire Council Supports Stronger Rules to Curb Illegal Tree Clearing

Hornsby Shire Council formally endorsed a submission to the NSW Government at its meeting on 11th June, supporting proposed reforms to strengthen rules around illegal tree and vegetation clearing in urban areas.

The submission responds to the NSW Government's Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE), which outlines changes designed to enhance environmental protections, improve enforcement, and promote urban resilience in the face of climate change.

Key elements of the proposed reforms include increased fines and penalties for illegal clearing; stronger enforcement of restrictions where illegal clearing has occurred; improving council's power to issue orders for vegetation clearing; closing loopholes around the removal of dead or dangerous vegetation; and mandatory replanting conditions for tree clearing permits.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell said the reforms are a welcome step forward in protecting Hornsby's valued urban forest.

"These proposed changes will give Hornsby Council stronger tools to investigate and act on these offences, helping us preserve the green character of our suburbs. Trees also play a critical role in keeping our Shire cool, healthy and liveable."

Council's submission highlights the need for a state-led public education campaign to raise awareness about the value of urban trees and vegetation and foster long-term change. The NSW Government has a target of 40% urban canopy cover for Greater Sydney by 2036.

The endorsed submission will now form part of Council's ongoing advocacy to ensure that environmental protections keep pace with urban development.

Also at last night's meeting, Council:

- Endorsed the Hornsby Shire 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Noted that as a consequence of the 2025 Report and Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, Council remains in the Metropolitan Medium Category of NSW councils
- Resolved to reestablish the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee and the Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee
- Adopted the 2025-2029 Delivery Program and 2025/26 Operational Plan, including the Budget and 2025/26 Fees and Charges
- Resolved to write off debts considered bad for the 2024/25 Financial Year
- Approved the Hornsby Development Control Plan 2024 amendments for dual occupancy development and the Heritage Development Control Plan amendments
- Following Notices of Motion from Councillor Tilbury, resolved to hold an informal Councillor Briefing and to write to state and federal MPs around improvements to local footbaths and shared paths.

The full agenda of the meeting, along with details of each item discussed, can be found at hornsby.nsw.gov.au. The video recording of the meeting will be available from Friday afternoon.



Berowra Recipients of the 2025 King's Birthday Honours

Each year, the King's Birthday Honours List recognises Australians who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service—be it to their community, the nation, or the world.

This year I was proud to be notified that nine members of our community were recognised.

In the General Division of the Order of Australia, Commodore Philip Stanford RAN was appointed a Member of the Order (AM) for his exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force, particularly in submarine capability development and military workforce planning.

Miss Winsome Collingridge and Miss Edith Collingridge were both awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for their service to the Hornsby community. Professor Gerald Fogarty was recognised with an OAM for his service to medical research. Mr Dennis Perry received an OAM for his contributions to the community of Papua New Guinea, while Mrs Bindi Shah was also honoured with an OAM for her service to the community through a range of roles.

In the Meritorious Awards Division, Mr Andrew Cameron received the Australian Fire Service Medal. Detective Chief Inspector Sotirios Courcoulos and Detective Superintendent Matthew Craft were both awarded the Australian Police Medal in recognition of their distinguished service.

Their work supports families, protects lives, and ensures those who need it most don't get left behind. They are the people who often go without recognition, their achievements are a source of pride for our community.

I know many locals join me in warmly congratulating them on this well-deserved national recognition.

If there is someone in our community that you know deserves to be recognised, you can submit a nomination by visiting <https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>



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From the desk of
James Wallace
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



I recently had the pleasure of bringing together student leaders from local high schools for the Hornsby Student Leadership Day at NSW Parliament House. The day was designed to help those young leaders develop their leadership skills and explore how they could demonstrate community service within and beyond their schools.



James Wallace MP with student leaders at NSW Parliament House

Students spent time in the Legislative Assembly and each spoke at the dispatch box, which gave them a unique opportunity to share their reflections on leadership on the floor of the NSW Parliament. The students also heard from me and other young State MPs about what drew them to public service, what leadership means to them, and how they approach leadership in their roles.

The students and I also had some fascinating conversations about the impact of social media, the quality of our education system and the positive impact of school and the wider community on their lives. We also discussed how they could get involved with serving the community as the next generation of local leaders.

Congratulations and thank you to each of the students who participated – Janine Lee and Morgan Stanbury (Pacific Hills Christian School); Caitlyn Loch, David Wu and Emily Woo (Cherrybrook Technology High School); Amelie Reeves and Morgan Glanville (Galston High School); Yvette Huang and Olivia Trinh (Hornsby Girls High School); and Jesse Lossel and Boston Cameron (Asquith Boys High School).

I hope the students left Parliament House with a renewed passion for leadership and public service. With these young people as the next generation of leaders, I'm confident that the future of Hornsby is in good hands.



Rural Roundup
Jane Seaglove
HORNSBY COUNCILOR



Hello Residents,

One of the many reasons we choose to live in the Hornsby Shire is the beauty and significance of our urban forest environment. Our tree canopy not only enhances the natural character of the area but also provides vital **environmental and community benefits**. Trees offer shade, reduce urban heat, filter air pollutants, and provide food and shelter for our wildlife. These qualities contribute to the unique landscape that our community cherishes.

Preserving this precious resource is a priority for Council. At the June meeting, Hornsby Shire Council endorsed **reforms to combat illegal tree clearing**. These include stricter penalties, increased enforcement measures, and mandatory replanting conditions for tree clearing permits. These actions reflect our commitment to safeguarding the tree canopy for future generations.

In addition to our environmental focus, we are excited to explore the creation of a **Special Entertainment Precinct** in Hornsby Town Centre. This initiative will establish tailored guidelines for noise levels, trading hours, and outdoor dining through a Precinct Management Plan. By fostering a vibrant night-time economy, this precinct will attract visitors to the area, support our local businesses, and encourage artistic and cultural expression.

As the winter chill sets in, it's also the time when some residents may consider **pile burns** to manage vegetation, reduce fire hazards, and dispose of organic material. Given the coexistence of bushland and residential areas in our shire, pile burning is strictly regulated. Please ensure you review and follow the **RFS requirements** before proceeding with any burns this season, keeping in mind where burn offs may affect the elderly or children with breathing difficulties.

For those looking to embrace the colder months, why not join one of our **free guided bushwalks**? These walks are a fantastic way to explore and connect with our stunning natural environment. Professional guides will share fascinating insights into the cultural history of the area. With options for all fitness levels—from easy strolls to challenging hikes, and even activities designed for children—there's something for everyone. Please note, these events are exclusively for Hornsby Shire residents.

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News from History Cottage

If we don't learn from history we are doomed to repeat it. An often heard phrase and one that returned as a theme in the talk given to members at the meeting on the 14th June. An additional question also asked: Who will come forward to point out the history?

Rod Best used the story of his ancestor, George Best, making his submission to the Bigge Commission investigating the administration of the New South Wales colony under Governor Macquarie in 1819. Best was brave enough to stand against those who considered themselves better than he. To achieve this he presented himself in a way that, while partly true, rather overstated his achievements. He was against others who were in authority; from a different social strata and not against using these to their advantage.

George Best, in 1819, represented those who could not come forward; those who were



marginalised through a lack of education; those who were former convicts struggling to build a life and were too afraid of losing what they had achieved if they challenged those in authority.

And here the speaker drew attention to our modern society. Who, in 2025, is coming forward to speak for those in similar situations and take the risk? For the refugees; the homeless; those struggling to build a life for their families; the laws that govern society

and the allocation of finance. The audience was given much to consider after this most interesting talk.

At our next Society meeting on the 12th July, local Galston resident Carolyn Broadhead will tell of her discovery of two French Connections. One is the story of a First World War soldier, a local boy, falling in love and wanting to stay in France after the war. The other is Carolyn's family connection with lacemakers who migrated here in early colonial time. This Society meeting starts at 2.00pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston.

The test opening of History Cottage, beside the Galston Cenotaph, was most successful. It will now be a regular feature on the 4th Sunday of each month between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. The next opening will be on the **Sunday 27th July**. All are welcome.

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Remagine Art Prize 2025 Winner Announced

The winner of the Remagine Art Prize 2025 has been announced, with Glenn Barley taking out the first prize of \$5,000 for his sculpture, *Digbabydig (2)*, made of reclaimed clay, ceramic, glass, lustre.

Glenn said the title is a reference to "to contemporary environmental politics and the source and nature of clay".

"This work is made from reclaimed clay originally part of an interactive public artwork. Embedded in the work are shards of pottery I find at Camperdown Oval the original waste dump for Fowlers Pottery located nearby. I have used a lustre that was given to me from a discarded workshop along with other materials that I will eventually bring into the cycle of making in the studio... It was made using tools I inherited from various makers including my mother-in-law and hold the magical resonance of those who have come before – in turn some of my equipment will become part of this cycle," said Glenn.

The annual Remagine Art Prize is hosted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with Hornsby Art Society. This art prize challenges artists to create works in response to the waste and overconsumption crises. The theme for this year was **RE:THINK TO RE:PURPOSE**, challenging artists to explore the impact of waste production and creatively reuse materials to help conserve our precious natural resources.

Chrystie Longworth was awarded Highly Commended, winning \$2,000 in prize money for her work, *Detritus Sentinels*.

"*Detritus Sentinels* reflects on our entanglement with the environment and the quiet transformations that occur over time. It asks us to look more closely, to rethink what we throw away, and to acknowledge the responsibility we share in shaping, and saving, the world around us," said Chrystie.



Glenn Barley with his winning artwork

Talented Hornsby artist Zac Fenn collected the Local Artist Award and a \$1,000 prize for his work, *Heavy vehicles, Hornsby (Four viewpoints)*, and Tania Babic won the Youth Award (18-25 years) and \$1,000 in prize money for her drawing, *Plastic Home*.

Michelle Trewin secured the Recycled/Reused Materials Award and \$1,500 in prize money for her piece *Natural Lint* crafted from lint and thread on paper.

Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell praised the finalists for their inspiring artworks.

"Congratulations to these worthy winners of the Remagine Art Prize. These artists have expressed their passion for sustainability and the environment through each of these unique, thought-provoking works. Council remains committed to preserving our natural environment for future generations. This year's theme emphasised how we can all play a part in reducing waste and living more sustainably," Mayor Waddell said.

The esteemed panel of judges for 2025 were curator Rhonda Davis, and artist Marina DeBris.

Art lovers can visit the 2025 Remagine Art Prize finalist exhibition at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby until Sunday, 29th June 2025. Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. Entry to the exhibition is free.

For further details, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine

The Ferry Artists welcomed Phil Stallard and Lynne Dobinson to our gallery for our first two week Guest Pop Up show which opened on Sat 14th June.

The Ferry Artists are thrilled to have an artist as high profile as Phil exhibiting work in our gallery and we thank him and Lynne for being available to show with us. The exhibition titled **Time and Tide** explores the Hawkesbury River with Phil's large scale abstract oil paintings representing scenes that our valley residents and visitors know well. Lynne's work explores themes of time and her clocks are adorned with gorgeous surface designs. Lynne's small prints are a contrast to Phil's large works but sit joyously alongside with their designs and colours reminiscent of vintage materials.

The Ferry Artists open their next exhibition Spectrum on Sat 5th July 3-5pm with the launch of her first book of poetry by poet Amy Devine and we welcome Hills Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne as our opening guest. We look forward to seeing you in the gallery which is open daily 10am to 4pm.



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Dural Bowling Club

Dural Lawn Ladies bowlers had for their first social lunch of 2025 at the Green Vibe Café. The lunch was well attended and it was a great opportunity to connect with everyone in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The occasion was to celebrate the various birthdays that had occurred in the first half of the year and specially a milestone one (70) for Cheryle Hobart. Our good wishes to Cheryle.

Dural Bowling club welcomed three new bowlers at the luncheon and wishes them happy bowling for years to come.

The Open Gender Drawn pairs are currently in progress. The semi-finals took place on 14th June with 2025. Both teams that made it to the final won by the narrow margin of one shot. The final is scheduled for Saturday 21st June 2025.

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Galston Public School recognised as an outstanding school at the Australian Education Awards



In an exciting honour, Galston Public School has been shortlisted as a finalist for *Primary School of the Year (Government Sector)* at the 2025 Australian Education Awards.

The awards celebrates the top-performing schools in the country for their difference that they make in the lives of their students and their school community. It's the second

year in a row that Galston Public has been nominated for the top award, having also been shortlisted in 2024. It is one of just three schools in NSW who have been nominated for the award in 2025.

Galston Public Principal Mr Allan Ison has also been recognised as a finalist for *Primary Principal of the Year (Government Sector)*. The school's Assistant Principals Mrs Alison Taylor, Mr Dean Finch, and Mrs Belinda Hitchcock were also recently awarded the prestigious Regional North Operational Directorate Excellence Award by the NSW Department of Education.

Principal Ison reflected on what these awards mean to the school community. "These awards are a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our entire school learning community, providing excellence in education for the children of the Galston local area. Every success at Galston Public School is one which celebrates our team approach to education".



Celebrating Galston Public School's outstanding achievements

James Wallace MP, Member for Hornsby, also warmly congratulated Galston Public School on its achievements. "The teachers, staff and parents at Galston Public School do an excellent job delivering for its students every day. They don't do it for awards, but these nominations are a worthy recognition for the school."



Principal Allan Ison cutting the celebration cake

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Middle Dural Public School

Show glory for Avocado the free-range rooster



Middle Dural Public School students raised rooster Avocado and were overjoyed when he won first place at the Hawkesbury Show. Linda Doherty reports.

Avocado is the pride of the playground at Middle Dural Public School, especially now he has a blue ribbon to add to the Chicken Mansion.

The six-month-old rooster was hatched from a silky hen egg "so he is very much part of the Middle Dural family", principal Melissa Date said.

Middle Dural Public School, with 30 students, is in a semi-rural suburb in north-western Sydney surrounded by horse paddocks and orchards.

Nearby Galston High School lent agriculture teacher Eric Date to teach the Middle Dural students how to wash and dry Avocado in preparation for his show debut.

All the attention and care paid off when Avocado won first place in the category

'Primary School Chook – soft feather – male' at the Hawkesbury Show, the largest regional agricultural show in NSW dating back to 1845 when it was first held at Clarendon.

"Our students were thrilled with Avocado's success," Ms Date said.

"There was an enthusiastic cheer at our morning assembly and lots of positive feedback from parents via social media."

Ms Date said Middle Dural Public School's three silky hens and silky rooster Avocado free ranged on school grounds during the day.



Middle Dural students celebrate Avocado's show success



Student leaders with Avocado and the Chicken Mansion

"We have a leadership team who take responsibility for the care of our chickens," she said.

"This involves cleaning out their pen, providing fresh food and water each day, collecting eggs and letting them out to free-range each morning and locking them up again each afternoon.

"We believe our chickens are particularly healthy and beautiful because they free-range in our beautiful grounds."

The eggs are used by the school canteen for home-made treats. Boiled eggs are also available at the school's breakfast club.

This year Avocado and the silky hens moved into a new and larger 'Chicken Mansion'.

"We suspect that these salubrious digs have also contributed to the good health and beauty of our prize-winning rooster," Ms Date said.

Pacific Hills Christian School

Senior School Tutoring Initiative



At Pacific Hills Christian School, our community is grounded in Christ's love—and that love is made visible through the kindness our students show one another.

A shining example is the initiative that Pacific Hills Senior School students have taken up, where they voluntarily tutor younger or fellow students.

This special initiative reflects both humility and servant leadership. It's more than academic help; it's seeing others as God sees them—valuable, capable, and worthy of our time.

Each tutoring session becomes an opportunity to live out Philippians 2:4: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

In a culture that often prizes personal achievement, this initiative models something greater: cooperation, compassion, and community. Through it, students are building confidence on both sides of the learning relationship and strengthening bonds across year levels.

It's a powerful reminder that service, especially through kindness, is one of the most meaningful ways we can reflect Christ in our daily lives.

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Celebrating Community at Walk to School Safely Day at Arcadia Public School

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The vibrant spirit of the Arcadian community shone brightly on May 16th, 2025, as families gathered for our annual Walk to School Safely Day. Fortunately, the rain held off for our morning walk, although some four-legged friends opted to stay home due to the wet conditions. Many families and their dogs met at the Rural Fire Service (RFS) Brigade Headquarters in Arcadia to kick off this cherished event.



The RFS were on hand to ensure the safety of our students and their families as they walked along the path to Arcadia Public School. A heartfelt thank you to our Parents and Citizens (P & C) Committee for mowing the pathway the weekend before, ensuring a safe and pleasant journey. Special thanks to the dedicated Arcadian RFS, who opened their headquarters, provided trucks to alert passing traffic and walked alongside our families. Their incredible personnel ensured the children's safety as they crossed the road outside of our school, stopping traffic when needed.

One of the highlights of the day was the stirring sound of bagpipes, led by the talented



Jock McDonald, who inspired children to keep walking towards the school. "It was such a lovely sound!" remarked one parent, reflecting the joy in the air.

The walk concluded with a delicious breakfast of bacon

and egg rolls, cooked by the parents of our Year 5 and Year 6 students. This gathering provided an opportunity for friendships to form and deepen as community members enjoyed their meals and caught up with one another.

Overall, Walk to School Safely Day was a celebration of the strong community spirit that defines Arcadia. We are excitedly looking forward to our next Walk Safely to School event in May 2026, and we invite everyone to join us in fostering a safe and connected community.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact our friendly office staff on 9653-1207.

Proud principal of the amazing Arcadia Public School, BELINDA REEDMAN

Hillside Happenings



HILLSIDE'S GREAT EFFORT AT ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL



Hillside Public School recently took part in the Beecroft Zone Cross Country Carnival held at Fagan Park. Our students displayed outstanding effort,

determination, and sportsmanship as they navigated the challenging course alongside competitors from local schools. The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, cheer on their peers, and represent Hillside with pride. We are extremely proud of all participants for their commitment and enthusiasm.

CREATING TEXTURE AND COLOUR WITH HYDRANGEAS

This term, our students have been exploring texture and colour through hydrangeas in the Inclusive Visual Arts program. They mixed their own colours and experimented with techniques like dabbing and brush strokes to bring their artwork to life. These whole-school programs

encourage collaboration across stages, supporting differentiated learning and catering to our HPGE students. Enjoy this beautiful piece, *Hydrangeas* by Hamish, Year 1.



HILLSIDE HITS THE STAGE WITH 'HOODWINKED': A MUSICAL ADVENTURE FOR ALL

Hillside Public School is thrilled to present this year's school production, *Hoodwinked* - a fun and energetic pantomime with a playful twist on the classic tale of

Robin Hood. Last term, students eagerly auditioned, and rehearsals are now well underway.

With plenty of singing, dancing, and laughs, *Hoodwinked* offers every student the opportunity to shine. At Hillside, our small-school environment creates big opportunities, helping students build confidence, creativity, and teamwork in a supportive space. Congratulations to all our students for getting involved. It's going to be a show to remember!

THINKING OF ENROLLING?

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.

With Hillside Public School's vibrant community and the exceptional opportunities we offer, we invite your family to be a part of our school's bright future.

Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 9th July, 2025 at 7.30pm

Guest speaker will be Elizabeth Whiteman

Talks about "All about growing Orchids"

The Galston Garden Club will be meeting on the 9th July at 7.30pm, Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston and our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Whiteman - "All about growing Orchids". Visitors are welcome to join us and enjoy a cuppa after the presentation and the drawing of the raffle. Come along, you maybe "first time lucky"

Foliage plants are the unsung heroes of garden design, bringing texture, shape, and subtle colour to outdoor spaces all year round. Whether lush and tropical or structured and architectural, they provide the perfect backdrop for flowering plants and transform a garden into a dynamic, layered oasis.

Foliage plants add visual interest to a garden by providing structure, their leaves and growth habits define garden spaces. They provide year-round appeal unlike seasonal flowers; foliage plants remain

attractive throughout different seasons. Varying leaf shapes, sizes, and colour create contrast and depth. Many foliage plants require minimal upkeep compared to high maintenance flowering varieties.

Popular foliage plants like ferns are elegant and shade-loving. Ferns bring a soft, feathery texture to the garden. **Hostas**, known for their lush, broad leaves in shades of green, blue, and variegated patterns. **Japanese Maples** add stunning foliage that changes colour throughout the seasons. **Coleus** offer vibrant, multi-coloured leaves, perfect for brightening garden beds or containers. **Oriental Grasses**, varieties like fountain grass and blue fescues add movement and texture. **Caladiums** have heart-shaped leaves and come in striking colour combinations of pink, white and green. **Heucheras (Coral Bells)** are known for their ruffled leaves in shades of bronze purple and lime. **Succulents** are low maintenance options such as agave and echeveria bring



Foliage plants

sculptural beauty. **Boxwood** – a classic evergreen ideal for hedges and structured gardens. **Elephant Ears** with their large dramatic leaves will bring a tropical flair. Each of these foliage plants contributes to a visually appealing and diverse garden.

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Bromeliad Society of Australia Guest Speaker Mark Massey - Australian Natives

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

Our guest speaker is Mark Massey, Mother Earth Nurseries his presentation will focus on Australian natives and his addiction to preserve as many native plants that may be at of risk extinction.

His passion for plants has seen his collection outgrow his home.

Together with his obsession with collecting and propagating even more plants led to his first nursery.

Mark's discussion will include a whole range of Australian natives from the rare plants to

the most popular type we are familiar with and possibly grow in our own gardens.

Eucalyptus, Waratah, Banksia, Melaleuca, Paper Barks, Tea Trees, Myrtles, Spider Flowers, Flannel Flowers, and Golden Wattles.

He will also touch on soil preparation, the importance of good drainage, aspect for planting, watering and fertilisation specific to Australian Natives.

Mark will bring along many examples of Australian natives and there will be an opportunity to purchase plants following his presentation.



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

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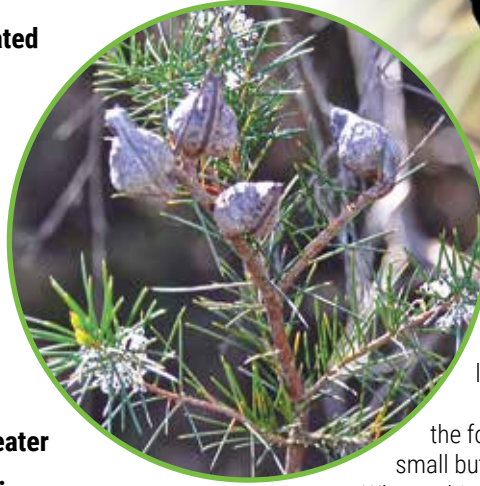
BY LACHLAN TURNER

Hidden in the Hills

HAKEA GIBBOSA

This rather scraggly shrub can be located in many forest locations bordering walking tracks in local bushland. It flowers from late June to early September. The plant appears to survive on somewhat depleted sandstone soils but as a consequence may not produce an abundance of loosely clustered flowers. However, where the conditions are more favourable the opposite can be the case with light creamy-white flowers extending in greater numbers along its younger branchlets.

Over many years the plant will have a large number of easily identifiable, somewhat grotesque, seed pods visible over much of the plant. The oldest ones may open when stimulated by extremely hot conditions to reveal the yellow and orange colour, as well as the shallow depression that held two seeds. These winged seeds will float on the wind settling on the ground,



possibly some distance from the parent plant to remain dormant in the leaf and bark litter until sufficient moisture stimulates germination. New growth is characterised by dense but loose white hairs.

Growing up to around 3m high and 1.5m wide the foliage of this plant is quite stiff and prickly with a small but sharp spur at the tip of each leaf.

When cultivated for home garden use, in more nutrient rich soils and given adequate attention the Hairy Needle Bush will flourish as a screening plant in addition to being a refuge for small birds wishing to avoid the attacks of larger birds. Due to its prickly nature it is advisable to not plant it near pathways where people may inadvertently brush up against it.

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Galston Uniting Church

Happy Birthday Uniting Church in Australia!



22nd June marked the 48th birthday of the Uniting Church in Australia. It was at that time that the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches joined together to form the Uniting Church in Australia.

This marked the end of a decades long process of recognizing that what we have in common in Jesus Christ, is far greater than those historical events which caused us to be separate entities. The process of union involved years of prayerful discussion and decision making on how to proceed and on the "Basis of Union" which remains the reference document defining who we are.

The Uniting Church logo (above) symbolizes this and was presented at the time of union. It shows the cross of Jesus Christ, in its light and love, standing over a darkened world. By that cross people are bound to Christ and each other. The Holy Spirit, is symbolised by the dove with the wings of flame, who empowers and guides us to be witnesses to Jesus Christ.

The wide U at the bottom points to the fact that we are uniting; as a semicircle it also reminds us that the renewing of both church and world are as yet incomplete.

The logo symbolises something of the vision we have glimpsed and the hopes we hold for the future. In particular it reminds us that the gospel message is central in all that we seek to do. (*UCA Assembly website*)

At Galston Uniting, we celebrated our birthday by coming together over a light lunch after our regular Sunday morning worship.

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.
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Sunset Melodies Comes to Galston

When we were children one of the songs we enjoyed at church was "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." Maybe you remember it too? We often found that it made us feel happy and joyful; which such songs were meant to do. We all enjoy music in some form or another, and as the saying goes, "music makes the world go round." We need music because it brings us together, lifts our spirits, and gives us joy and peace.

Many centuries ago when the Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian church he said, "speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20). The greatest praise is when we open our hearts in gratitude for all that the Lord has done for us. "It is opening our hearts, bending our knees, bowing our heads, or raising our hands when we acknowledge His greatness, graciousness, and goodness."*

King Solomon once said, "A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). "Praise is a powerful experience where we can feel the most incredible joy throbbing inside us and at the same time feel the most incredible ease."* When we open our hearts in praise to God we may have a deeper sense His presence.

On **July 26 @ 5pm**, Sunset Melodies comes again to Galston, hosted by the Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church. Come and enjoy a wonderful time together where you can relax and enjoy beautiful music.

It is our desire at Galston SDA Church that everyone in our community might experience the love and truth of Jesus Christ, and be ready for His soon return. To have Jesus Christ as a personal Friend and the assurance of everlasting life, creates in our hearts the greatest hope and greatest peace.

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. Everyone is welcome. Please continue to pray for each other and for our community.

**Extracts taken from an article called, "Cultivating a Heart of Celebration" by Mary Barrett.*

STEVE BELSON (PASTOR)

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News from St Benedict's July 2025

FAMILY DAY AT ST BENEDICT'S

The National Association of Catholic Families (nacf) held a celebratory Family Day in the hall at St Benedict's on Sunday 18th May. We were proud to host this gathering from all over Sydney and further afield and to show off our beautiful part of the world. It was a very happy get together with those attending enjoying fellowship, fun, a sausage sizzle and drinks and sweets at afternoon tea. Guest speaker Dr Gerard O'Shea, Professor of Religious Education and respected author, shared insights on faith and family life.

As organiser Mary Clare Meney said: "We loved St Benedict's and hope to be back again in October for another Family Day. We were overrun with children. It seems like about 50 not counting the masses of teenagers outside. Nevertheless, there was food in abundance (a miracle in itself) We really loved the venue. Thank you."

Picture shows many families gathering outside St Benedict's on the Family Day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

After weeks of learning, praying, and growing in faith, the children received First Communion on Sunday 22nd June. They and their families will remember this special day for the rest of their lives. Congratulations to all and thanks to their teachers and mentors.

ST BENEDICT'S ACTIVITIES

Those who attended the June Maker's Table workshop learnt – or refreshed – the beautiful craft of crocheting when they made small crocheted squares and Remembrance Day poppies. All enjoyed the activity, companionship and refreshments.

Others took part in the monthly quilting and craft group or the weekly youth group that's held for 8-12 year olds on Fridays during school terms. Then there's the children's masses, the Piety Shop and much more. There's a lot going on at St Benedict's. Check out the weekly bulletin that's posted on our website (below).

PARISH NOTICES

Service times and parish information are found at 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.

Walking and Praising God



Wouldn't it have been thrilling to see this man (read Acts 3, v 1-11) jumping around trying out the new strength in his feet and ankles and at the same time shouting hallelujah? No wonder a crowd gathered to see what it was all about (v.11). In Acts 4:22 we are told that the man who was healed was over forty years of age.

A miracle of healing like this is wonderful and would always attract attention. But the miracle of salvation which Peter went on to talk about (3:12-19) is even more wonderful.

Yet sometimes we do not realise that truth.

Supposing in one of our church services a man was healed of a serious illness and another man gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ and was saved. Which man would people talk about the most as they went home? They would talk more about the man who was healed rather than the man who was saved, don't you think?

Yet what did Jesus say to the disciples in John 14:12? He promised that they would do even greater works than those which he had done. How? Because their work would be to bring men and women to the place of salvation and that is even greater than just healing their bodies.

Salvation lasts for ever and ever. Physical healing only lasts as long as we are here on earth. Salvation carries us on into heaven and eternity with Christ.

God doesn't give healing to everyone but he does give salvation to anyone who asks for it in the name of Jesus. Have you asked Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life and save you from being

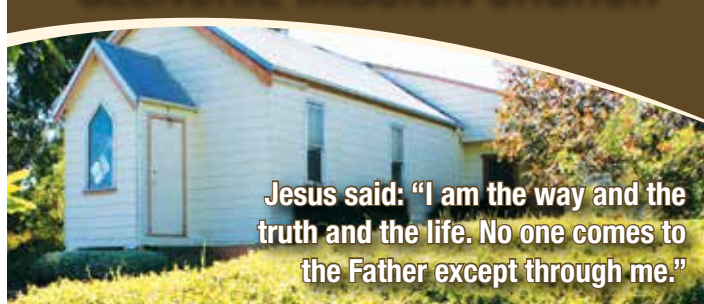
separated from God forever? Read Acts 4:12 and see for your self that there is no-one else who can save you, only Jesus Christ.

If you will do this just now, there will come happiness and peace into your life. It may not come immediately, but as you learn to trust God's word for yourself, that peace and joy will grow in your heart!

(A MESSAGE BY THE LATE REV. ED LONG)

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What is Sin & Am I A Sinner?

"SIN" - a very small word describing a very important concept!! It's a word we often avoid thinking about as we live our daily lives. It's a word that is often distasteful and even offensive to many people; a word that is even misunderstood.

At its root, the word 'sin' simply means "SEPARATION FROM GOD."

A true understanding of the concept of sin is found in the Bible which describes our "state of sin" before our "sinful actions". Both are connected but it is vitally important to understand that ALL humans are born into a state of sin.

Let me go back a step, to God's perfect agape love for each person in this world of ours. How often do I quote "For God so LOVED the world (you& me) that He GAVE His only Son (perfect Jesus); that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting LIFE." (John 3:16)

It is God's plan for us be in relationship with Him, our Creator, both now and forever.

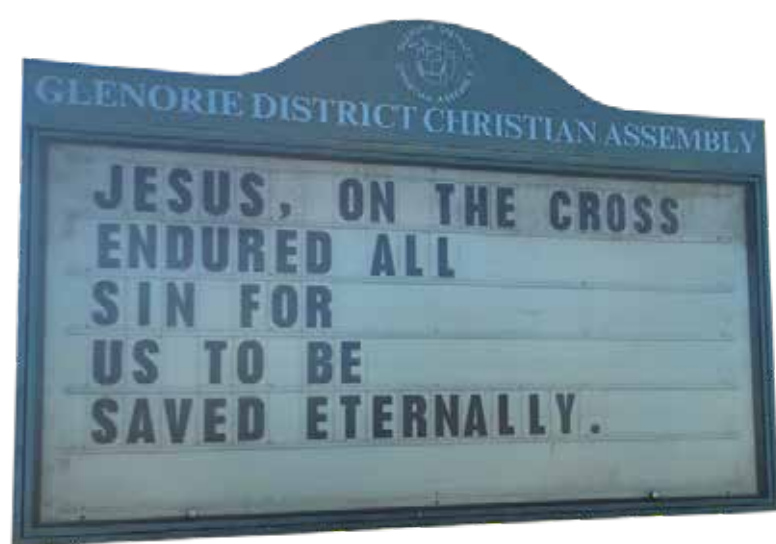
So, how can each of us have this relationship with God when, as human beings, nothing we could ever do can restore us or connect us to the God who first loved us?

Romans 3:23 confirms that "ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We can strive to do many "good things", to be a "good person" but when we understand that the state of sin (separation and absence from God) is a part of our very existence and that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), we understandably will quickly look for a solution!!!

And - there IS a solution, explained in the last part of the same verse above - Romans 6:23 - "the gift of God is eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ."

Jesus is God's answer to our problem!!

What we couldn't do - God did, by sending Jesus, true God and true man, to die on a Cross for all mankind. Jesus gave up His life to become the "bridge" between God and mankind. Then God proved that



the "bridge" fulfilled all that was required, by raising Jesus from the dead.

Therefore, what is the response each of us can choose?

There are two main steps: repentance and faith.

* Acts 3:19 - "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." Humbly admit you are a sinner.

* John 1:12 - "To all who receive Him, to those who believe in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God."

Choose to believe that Jesus Christ died on the Cross to save YOU.

God then will welcome you into His family. He says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1John 1:9).

A final step: realising and accepting that you are in God's family, means a new life's journey has begun for you: a life where God is your Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ is your Saviour and Lord.

The Bible then becomes your manual, your love letter from your Father God to you so that you can grow in the grace & knowledge of who He is and walk in the good plans He has prepared for you.

God bless.

PR. ALEX AND DEE VALICH

Glenorie Community Church.
See you on Sundays at 10am.

NSW RFS REPORT

Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GLENORIE BUSH FIREFIGHTER CLASS OF 2025

We would like to congratulate Sam, Michael, Tiana, Sofia, Frans, Bridgette and Josh for successfully completing their BF assessment earlier this year. They are now qualified and able to attend fire calls. Well done to you all, and welcome to the team.

This year, we did something a tad different and teamed up with Middle Dural Rural Fire Brigade for a combined BF course. This turned out to be a valuable training exercise and joining forces with one of our fellow Hills District brigades was a winner. Thank you to everyone involved, and to The Hills District assessors.

CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY

Chimneys need to be cleaned regularly to avoid a build-up of flammable soot particles, and winter is the perfect time to do this. Soot build-up in chimneys can lead to chimney fires and mean that your fireplace will provide less heat for your home. Remember, clean, swept chimneys are safe chimneys so please make sure you get your flue or chimney cleaned by a professional.



CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

NSW law requires at least one working smoke alarm on every level of your home, including rentals, relocatable homes, caravans and campervans. It is also recommended installing smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways, living areas, stairways and even your garage. Hard wired and interconnected alarms are best, however, if not possible, use smoke alarms with in-built 10 year lithium batteries, but avoid older models that require annual battery replacement. Stay safe and check your smoke alarms today.

Arcadia RFB

It's winter! Whilst we've been busy collecting firewood to stay warm at home, have you thought about your winter home fire safety plan? Have you discussed it with every member of your household, including the kids? Sadly, last winter saw 1,036 residential fires in NSW. Like a bushfire safety plan, you need to discuss your escape routes with every household member, what to do if there is a fire, and where to go. You need to check your smoke alarms and replace any that are not working. Smoke is the greatest cause of

injuries and fatalities. You also need to ensure that you keep looking while cooking, that everything is kept 1 metre from the heater, regularly check electric blankets for damage, ensure safe charging of batteries, and have your fireplace and flue cleaned annually. You can download your winter safety checklist from Fire + Rescue NSW www.fire.gov.nsw.au


In local news, Arcadia RFB recently held their AGM. Congratulations to all position holders. We are looking forward to the year ahead. Thank you to those members who have stepped down from their roles, for the effort and enthusiasm they have given over the past year. We would also like to welcome PJ back, one of our former captains, into the ranks of Deputy Captain.


Some members attended the award ceremony for long service in the Hornsby/Ku-Ring-Gai District. Years of service within the district ranged from 10 years to 50 years of service. That's a lot of experience right there! Congratulations to our Arcadian members: Craig 32 years, Mike 32 years, Ian 20 years, Sally 20 years, Michele 16 years, Mel 14 years, Grant 13 years, Mike 11 years, Nick 10 years, Lachlan 10 years.


Have you thought about joining Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade? Arcadia has been serving the community since 1941, after the community rallied together during the 1939 bushfires that ravaged Sydney and the local area. Since then, Arcadia RFB has been supported by members of the neighbourhood to consistently help others in a variety of circumstances. Volunteering offers you the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills and experiences that will not only assist you in your volunteer roles, but even in day-to-day life and your workplace. It is also an opportunity to make some lifelong friendships.


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



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





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


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




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


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




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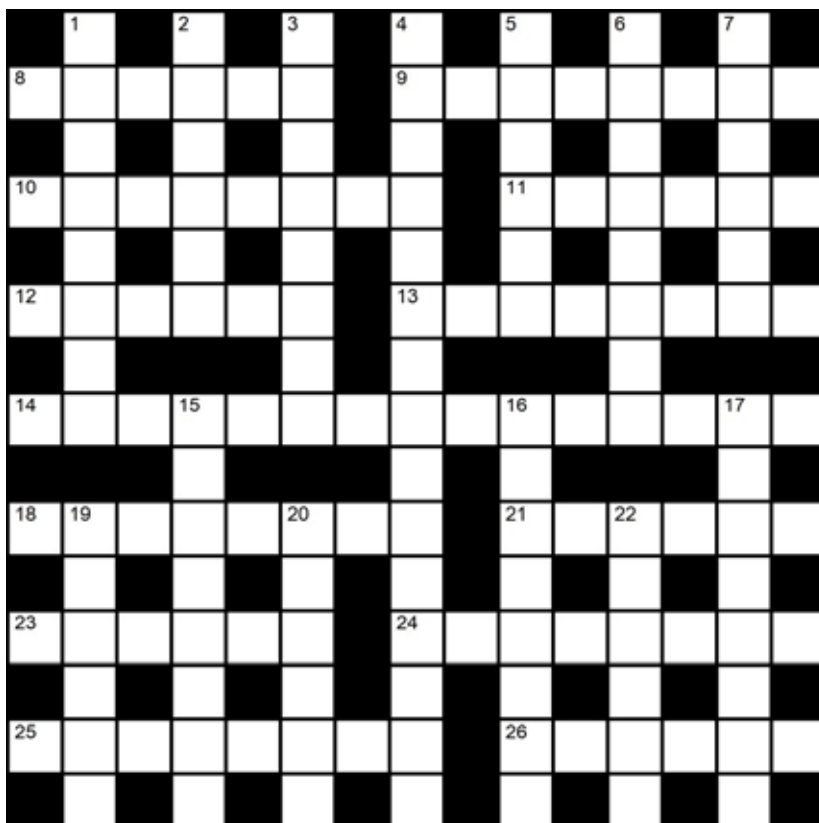
PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 08 Most intimate (6)
 09 Former St. George Dragons pro rugby hooker and national captain (3,5)
 10 "Iron Gloves", Test wicketkeeper (3,5)
 11 Sort of (2,1,3)
 12 Gun butts (6)
 13 What you usually see in a mirror (8)
 14 Rare Queensland spider-eating flying mammal (6-6,3)
 18 Patriotic (4,4)
 21 Refuse to accept (6)
 23 Deadeye Annie (6)
 24 For the few (8)
 25 Ghastly (8)
 26 SA leader --- Marshall (6)

DOWN

- 01 Not too many (3,2,3)
 02 Vast (6)
 03 Gets cracking (6,2)
 04 Long NW Australian coastal strip (6,4,5)
 05 Instead (2,4)
 06 Worried (8)
 07 Poorly fed (12)
 East Mediterranean democracy (6)
 15 Inhabitants (8)
 16 Playful dolphin relative (8)
 17 Place for old documents (8)
 19 Grounds (6)
 20 Give the pink slip (3,3)
 22 Bullying seabird (6)



ANSWERS FROM JUNE 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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☎ duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

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

☎ Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed

Meets Thursday and Saturday 9am.

Woodwork & Metalwork/Welding facilities.

☎ Dural Sport and Leisure Centre corner

Pellitt Lane and Kenthurst Rd

☎ Chris Thomas 0402 478 498

☎ www.duralmensshed.org

Friends of Fagan Park

Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome!

Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.

☎ Ian Browning 0419 435 475

☎ friendsoffaganpark3@gmail.com

Ferry Artists Gallery

For info on workshops & membership see

☎ www.ferryartists.org

☎ Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry 2775

☎ 02 4566 4385

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm (during school terms).

New members always welcome.

☎ Galston Primary School Library,

School Road, Galston

☎ 0403 076 175

Galston Branch CWA

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

☎ Galston Community Health Centre

☎ Patricia 0412 948 787 or

Jann 0439 222 217

Galston Community Hall

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

and 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@iinet.net.au

☎ Nick 9653 2056

The Hills Trefoil Guild (Guides NSW)

The Trefoil Guild is the adult section of

Guiding which links Members, former

Members, female Members of the Scout

Association, and women who have not

been Guides but are prepared to make the

Guide Promise. Our meetings are held on

the 3rd Friday of the month commencing

at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm.

☎ Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill

☎ Evelyn 02 9634 4987

The Shed Studio - Arcadia

Womens Shed held on third Thursday

of the month 10-12. Different creative

projects each month.

☎ The Shed Studio on FB

☎ Suzanne 0419 603 122

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoors Club

We have frequent bushwalks, city walks

and social activities. Meetings on 2nd

Tuesday each month at 8pm.

☎ Crestwood Community Centre,

Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills

☎ John Harris 0423 167 467

☎ www.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

The market is still moving. Are you?



16/5 Arcadia Road, Galston



317 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst



312a Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst



22 Hansen Avenue, Galston



102 Sermelfi Drive, Glenorie



41 Carters Road, Dural



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