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## DR GRAHAM CAMPBELL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT GALSTON MEDICAL CENTRE

In the heart of the semi-rural community of Galston, Dr Graham Campbell has been the local General Practitioner for 4 decades now. Over the past 40 years he has worked tirelessly caring for the local community and is now the trusted Doctor of generations of patients.



From its humble beginnings, in a tiny cottage on Arcadia Road, Galston Medical Centre has adapted through the years to become the high-quality Medical Centre that it is today. Under the dedicated leadership of Dr Graham Campbell, Galston Medical Centre provides co-ordinated, holistic care to the community of Galston and to many areas beyond.

From the outset, Dr Campbell has fostered patient relationships and practices healthcare with the understanding that its not always just about treating illnesses and symptoms. He considers the patient in the context of their lives and cares for them by not only treating the illness but also the more far-reaching impacts on the patient. This approach has made him the trusted Doctor that he is today not only with his patients but with families and

the wider community including the residents of many Aged-Care Facilities.

Dr Campbell has also seen many changes over the years. He has adapted and responded to his patients' needs by using evolving technologies and digitising the practice. An example of this is the transition from paper records to fully electronic records 25 years ago. He also performs skin checks using computerised technology and he has

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diagnosed countless skin cancers before they have become a major issue.

Galston Medical Centre was also one of the first practices in NSW to not only achieve accreditation but also to become involved in quality improvement in line with the Medicare Incentive Scheme.

Dr Campbell has mentored many healthcare professionals. The year 2000 saw the first Practice Nurse employed at Galston Medical Centre. At this time this was a relatively new area in Nursing. Graham has encouraged us all to further our knowledge and scope of practice so that we can all provide the best quality care. Most of the staff have been at Galston Medical Centre for more than 10 years, some are approaching 20 which is testament to how the place operates. As Graham says, "people just stay." Dr Campbell has mentored many medical students generously sharing his knowledge and experiences with the next generation of doctors who may one day enter General Practice.

As a local of Galston, Dr Campbell is in the unique position of really knowing the challenges that the community face. He advocates for his patients. He collaborates with services so that he can provide comprehensive and team-based care.

Dr Campbell is the embodiment of a caring and experienced General Practitioner. He is compassionate, dedicated, dependable and loved by patients, staff and his peers.

#### FUN FACTS ABOUT DR GRAHAM CAMPBELL

- He has a Degree in Agricultural Science.
- He loves chocolate preferably "Cadbury's Dairy Milk Family Block".
- He learnt to play tennis from a very young age and has competed in many events, and is still going strong.
- He has an unlimited supply of jokes - some are better than others. Some say that his Dad jokes are amongst the best!
- He sings in the Hills Harmony Barbershop Choir and is very good at entertaining patients when they need it. He often breaks into song and invites others to join in.
- He loves tinkering with things that are broken and sometimes even fixes them!
- He has a very unusual collection of preserved creatures in specimen jars that have caused patients' harm over the years.

**Nicole Brown - Practice Manager and Registered Nurse Galston Medical Centre**

## Community Notice for Galston CWA

While the winter sun tries to warm us and the chilly winds send us indoors to find scarves and warm cosy corners, the ladies of the Galston CWA are busy knitting and sewing winter warmers. Mainly to donate to our local charities and also to sell on our fund raising stalls. They have discovered some tasty and amazing recipes for jams and relishes and produce some delicious provender to enjoy. Galston CWA is a branch of The Country Women's Association of New South Wales, or CWA, whose main aim is to support and provide for those in need and indeed the amazing ladies from Galston take great pleasure in doing so.

We welcome new members and those interested in our efforts. Should any local gardeners find they have suitable fruits or vegetables surplus to their needs, we would appreciate any donations.

We meet at the Galston Health and Community Centre, at the corner of Arcadia Road and the Glade on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

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

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## Momento Hospitality sells The Duke in Dural

The Duke in Dural has been sold for a reported \$25M to the Good Beer Company. The local pub was developed by the Colosimo family's Momento Hospitality and originally opened in late 2020. By 2022 it was named Overall Hotel of the Year – Metropolitan at the AHA NSW Awards for Excellence. Momento Hospitality grew the business to over \$150,000 in weekly sales across food, beverage, and gaming (including 30 gaming machines). A recent DA approval for a first floor bar with alfresco dining will see the hotel expand further under the new owners.

The sale was managed by JLL Hotels & Hospitality Group.

The new owner, Good Beer Company, lead by private hotelier John Azar, has a number of pubs in his stable including Hotel Coronation, Edinburgh Castle Hotel and the Keg & Brew Hotel all which are located in and around Sydney's CBD.

## How low will they go?

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

After many weeks of petrol prices in our area hovering over the two dollars a litre mark, it was good to see that the 'big four' in Dural were sitting at a much more reasonable cost of around \$1.579 today (E10). This is almost on par with the usually much cheaper Independent Petrol Station at Annangrove - whose prices generally sit between 20 to 40 cents a litre lower. Fill up while you can, who knows how long they will remain at this price!



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# Fashion Show Brings Hope

BY BEV JORDAN

**A transitional housing project which started in Kenthurst has now provided homes for 31 people facing homelessness in the past 18 months and is looking for more homes to add to its rental portfolio.**



Co Founders Transitional Housing Dennis van Someren and Jim Visione with Bev Bakers from the Older Women's Network (OWN)

The movement by local volunteers Dennis van Someren and Jim Visione to find a solution to a growing homelessness problem was set in motion nine years ago with the establishment of the Kenthurst Project and Hills Community Housing.

Now called Transitional Community Housing it has secured five properties and has provided support to secure housing for 12 older women and 18 dependants.

One of those is Sue\* (not her real name) who said: "As a single mother working full-time and facing the overwhelming financial strain of raising three children, I found myself struggling to make ends meet. It often felt like I was running on empty, just trying to keep the wheels from falling off.

"That's when I found Transitional Community Housing, and their support has been a true lifeline. Their assistance has brought much-needed relief to my family, not just financially, but emotionally as well. It's given me the peace of mind I needed to focus on my work and care for my children."

Dennis van Someren said: "We recognise that women over 55 are the fastest growing cohort of homeless and with them we are seeing 1 in 7 homeless people, children under the age of 7. Both these outcomes cannot be accepted.

"Over 300 women are turned away daily by homelessness services and the wait list for social housing gets longer."

He said the service, which partners with Wesley Community Housing, is looking for compassionate people willing to lease their home, apartment or granny flat to TCH at "mates rates". Transitional Community Housing Ltd subsidises the rental gap and provides property maintenance to assist homeless women.

A homeowner who is part of the program said their family home was vacant when they downsized so they worked with their Real Estate Agent to offer their property for rent through TCH.

"Transitional Community Housing fitted out the house to give the family a start and organised any necessary repairs. We are accepting a lower rent to assist the family get on their feet knowing that the property will be well cared for while we wait for a buyer ... it is now earning an income to help cover rates, insurance and maintenance costs. We've been assured by our agent that there will be no impediment to the sale of the house when the time comes. We also understand that Transitional Community Housing will assist the family find and set up in a new home when ours is no longer available."

To raise money for maintenance work and support, TCH is holding a Fashion show and dinner at Visy Dior at Norwest on August 29th. The evening will feature fashion from Leilani Boutique, entertainment and some surprise models.

To find out more about the Fashion show and book a ticket, or to find out how else you can help visit [www.transitionalcommunityhousing.org.au](http://www.transitionalcommunityhousing.org.au)

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# Enough to drive you quackers!

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**I have lost count of the number of times I have come close to wiping out an entire family of wood ducks over the past month or so. Luckily, so far this has not occurred, and I am now quite vigilant about really slowing down whenever I see a group on the side of the road. They tend to just 'bolt' across when you least predict it – so I have adopted the mantra of 'expect the unexpected'!**

## THE AUSTRALIAN WOOD DUCK:

The Australian Wood Duck, scientifically known as *Chenonetta jubata*, is one of the continent's most recognisable waterfowl, frequenting wetlands, parks, and open grasslands across most of Australia.

The Australian Wood Duck is distinct from other duck species. Adults are medium-sized, measuring about 45 to 51 centimetres in length. The male typically has a dark brown head with a slight crest at the back – leading to the alternative name of 'Maned Duck' – with a mottled grey body, while the female is slightly plainer, showing a lighter face with characteristic white stripes running above and below the eye. Both sexes have a pale grey underside, and their wings reveal a contrasting patch when in flight.

## Habitat and Distribution

Extremely adaptable, the Australian Wood Duck is found throughout much of the country, except for the driest deserts and deep tropical rainforests. Its preferred habitat includes grassy woodlands, wetlands, lakeshores, and even urban parks and golf courses.



Unlike many other ducks, the Australian Wood Duck is not strictly aquatic. While it frequents bodies of water, it spends a significant amount of time grazing on land. (Especially at the sides of roads!)

Australian Wood Ducks are primarily herbivorous feeding on grasses, clover, and other vegetation, and occasionally aquatic insects.

## Breeding and Nesting

Breeding season occurs mainly from September to November but may vary depending on rainfall and local conditions. These ducks are monogamous, often forming long-lasting pair bonds. Females lay their eggs in tree hollows, often some distance from water. After hatching, the ducklings make a daring leap from the nest to the ground, guided by the gentle calls of their parents, before making their way to water.

## Conservation and Human Interaction

Currently, the Australian Wood Duck is listed as a species of Least Concern, in part to its adaptability and widespread distribution. Its comfort in human-altered environments, such as farmland, parks, and golf courses, has allowed its population to remain stable, if not increasing in some areas. Nevertheless, as with all wildlife, habitat preservation remains crucial for its long-term well-being. So watch out - Ducks about!

# No Running, All Fun: Join Walking Netball!

**There's a new sound echoing through The Centre: joyous laughter, sneakers squeaking (softly), and the cheerful thud of a netball hitting the court. But something is different. The pace is slower, and the atmosphere is just as competitive as it is encouraging. Welcome to Walking Netball, a game that proves you don't need to sprint to win.**

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With no running or jumping allowed, the game reduces the strain on joints and lowers the risk of injury. But don't let the slower pace fool you, it's still a great workout, improving coordination, balance, and cardiovascular health while having a blast.



The sessions are structured but relaxed. You don't need a team, just bring your runners, your smile, and a willingness to try something new. It's sport without the strain, fitness without the pressure, and community without judgment.

So lace up, slow down, and join in. Because sometimes, taking a step back is the best way forward.

Walking Netball is held at 12 noon on Wednesdays during school terms at The Centre, 1 Pellitt Lane Dural. Book online at [thecentredural.org.au/walking-netball](http://thecentredural.org.au/walking-netball)



## Calista – Designing Around the Challenge

When working with a challenging block, it's easy to focus on its limitations. But in our experience, that's often where the best ideas come from. Calista is one of those projects, a recent knockdown rebuild shaped by a highly constrained site that ended up offering some of the most creative opportunities.

With a triangular block, a rear easement, existing pool and shed, and a significant tree to work around, this home demanded a design that was both clever and considered. The result is a warm, light-filled family home that feels effortless but was anything but.



## Making Constraints Work

The brief was to create a modern home that didn't compromise on natural light, privacy, or outdoor connection. The design was shaped entirely by the site and the rhythms of everyday family life.

We embraced the fixed elements, including the three-metre tree setback, as part of the design language rather than something to work around. The result is a home that feels settled, functional, and purposeful.

## Smart Moves on a Tricky Block

A standout feature is the side-access garage, made possible by the triangular shape, which allowed us to keep the main facade clean and uninterrupted. The block's slight slope opened the door to explore split-level forms and varying heights, adding depth and visual interest to the exterior.

Inside, the layout is designed with a focus on flow and flexibility. The front of the home features a guest suite, study, and media room, while an open-stringer staircase with a large glazed void serves as a central, light-filled feature.

## Everyday Spaces, Thoughtfully Planned

The rear of the home opens up to a generous kitchen, dining, and living area, which connects directly to the alfresco and pool zone. Supporting rooms, such as the pantry, laundry, mudroom, and powder room, are strategically placed within the layout to keep day-to-day life running smoothly.

Upstairs, three children's bedrooms share a central sitting area and a three-way bathroom. The main bedroom is positioned at the rear, offering backyard views and a peaceful retreat, complete with a walk-in robe and an ensuite.

Everything has its place. The home flows with purpose, simplicity, and a quiet confidence that comes from well-resolved design.

## Built on Trust and Vision

What makes Calista so special isn't just the end result. It's the process that got us there. Great clients, a clear vision, and a strong team made this home a pleasure to bring to life. It's a perfect example of how tailored design and collaboration can turn complexity into something simple, elegant, and truly personal.



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## NEWS FROM NETHERBY

### Meet the Men of the FOFP

The volunteer group known as the Friends of Fagan Park collectively care for the Heritage area of the park, namely the Agricultural and mechanical museums, the original dairy and blacksmiths shop. Along with our lady volunteers they maintain equipment and displays, clean, service, restore items and provide tours to keep alive the history of the Fagan family.

All the volunteers bring skills and abilities from a wide range of life's work and experiences and passions. This is a brief snapshot of the 'boys':

Don grew up on a farm in the US and went on to have a military career, so he has knowledge of older style tractors and likes attention to detail. Ian also grew up on a farm and had a career in the electronics industry after moving to the big smoke. If something has an engine and a crank handle, he won't be far from it. Vern worked in the automotive industry and as a retailer and is quite happy to have a spanner in his hand. Tim has a passion for all things military or with two wheels. Mark has an engineering background and great attention to detail. He also cares for the welfare of other members. Roly grew up on a dairy in NZ and is a qualified mechanic having done his time with Fordson in NZ. Pete is a qualified black smith, an instructor in smithing, and does heritage work on several early buildings around Sydney as well as Fagan Park. Steve is a master spray painter, panel beater and coach builder. When you see a beautiful paint job on the



**Left to Right: Don Long 25yrs, Ian Browning 22yrs (Curator), Vern Sotter 19yrs (Assistant Curator), Tim Parry 4yrs, Mark Gibbs 15yrs, Roly Broady 7yrs, Peter Panich 15yrs, Steve Pallett 17yrs, Chris Stevens 10yrs, Bob Evans 3yrs**

vehicles in the museum, it was Steve. Chris is a diesel fitter; he likes the challenge of a troublesome engine or old piece of machinery that can be brought back to life. And finally, there is Bob the truckie. He likes things to be neat and clean and is always ready to jump in and give a hand where needed.

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# Elite Football Venue Will be A Major Boost for The Hills

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

**Football, one of the fastest growing sports in Australia following the success of the Socceroos and Matildas, has received a major boost in The Hills.**

A new partnership between The Hills Shire Council, Hills Football Inc and Hills United FC will see Caddies Creek Reserve in Beaumont Hills developed into an elite-level facility.

The council said it is signing a MOU with Hills Football and Hills United after calling for expressions of interest for a long-term premier football partner for the site as part of Stage 2 works.

This will add four full-sized football fields, multiple mini and small-sided fields. This aligns perfectly with Hills Football's vision of developing a Centre of Excellence at Caddies Creek.

The mayor said that "Caddies Creek Reserve will become the home of football in The Hills," while Hills Football GM Charlotte Ercil added that the new venue will "only increase our offerings to our clubs, players, volunteers, referees, coaches, and spectators."

"We thank The Hills Shire Council for their support, and we're really excited to see this project fulfilled. This venue is set to leave a lasting impact on our community for generations to come," Ercil said.

"We have long dreamed of being able to represent the Hills Football community within the Hills LGA and soon this dream will be realised," said Hills United president Tristan Rimmer. "I can't wait to see the positive impact it will have for footballers in the Hills community."

Mayor Byrne said she is very excited about the project and the opportunities it provides for residents.

"Premier sporting facilities are established to provide our residents with access to elite level pathways in the sport they love," she said. "We currently have premier facilities for basketball, tennis, AFL, cricket, athletics, baseball, BMX, hockey, netball and rugby league."

"Once Stage 2 is complete, Caddies Creek Reserve will feature four additional full-sized football fields, mini small-sided football fields, amenities building, car park and access to the site from Windsor Road and Sanctuary Drive."



Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne, Hills Football GM Charlotte Ercil and President of Hills United Tristan Rimmer at Caddies Creek Reserve

Hills Football oversees around 10 percent growth each year with female participation rising by a massive 24 per cent from 2023 to 2024.

Ercil said The Hills Home of Football will provide them access to premier football facilities and a place to call 'home.' However, she admitted, they need more grounds to cope with the rising demand and increase in population.

Hills Football is a big supporter of the Hills Shire Council's 'Fight for a Fairer Hills Future,' which wants the NSW Government to provide urgent funding for critical infrastructure for the booming population.

"We're still down 40 fields in terms of demand," Ercil said. "We're looking forward to seeing more venues come online in areas such as Box Hill, North Kellyville and Gables."

The football facility will join the Parramatta Eels Centre of Excellence at Kellyville, and the planned Eastwood Rugby centre at Castle Hill as major sporting hubs in The Hills.

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# SALT Galston is a new and welcome addition to the local Café scene

**Tahki, Leo, and the SALT Dural team have extended their presence in the Hills by establishing a new venue at the picturesque Galston Persimmon Orchard.**

With 35 years of experience operating cafes in the Hills region, this marks their latest addition. They continue to roast their own coffee in collaboration with partners at Legend.

The menu is designed to complement the surroundings, including some of their signature dishes from Dural now offered at Galston. Menu items highlight high-quality, simple ingredients prepared with attention and care. Emphasising health and wellbeing, all sauces and pickles are made in-house, fermented foods are featured, and all desserts are homemade without preservatives.

A wide selection of gluten-free options is also available.

Guests can enjoy comfortable seating equipped with blankets and heaters throughout, providing an inviting setting to watch the sunrise and enjoy the winter sun in Galston.

Facilities include spacious toilets, baby changing tables, and a dedicated play area for children.

The site is accessible, featuring a private car park and ample space for prams and strollers. They are pet friendly.



**SALT Café, Galston are open seven days a week from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

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# Closure of Ferry Artists Gallery after 25 years

BY KARLENE BRUMMER

**The eclectic Ferry Artists Gallery located in picturesque Wisemans Ferry will close its doors in August after more than 20 years in its current location within the main street shopping centre.**

Started in 2000, the gallery was the vision of a small group of determined local women including doyenne and former local identity, Heather Winch (now living in Armidale), who had the foresight to create a safe and inviting hub for the many and varied artists living in the Forgotten Valley. Space in the Shopping Centre became available around 2005 and so they moved premises and have been ensconced in the bright and airy shopfront ever since.

New owners of the centre have plans that do not include the gallery and instead will use the space for a Real Estate Agency.

The Gallery has hosted many successful art exhibitions over the past two decades and is a popular spot for tourists and locals alike with its array of beautiful art works and gift wares all handcrafted by the talented artisans of the Valley and surrounding areas.

It has been a welcoming space for artists to showcase their works of all types of mediums from paintings, sculptures, metal work art, pottery, ceramics, jewellery, glass art, fibre art, textiles, photography and more and is entirely run by volunteers who have kept the doors open 7 days a week, rain hail and shine (flood times notwithstanding!)

It has been a great stepping stone for many emerging artists, from tentatively showcasing their work in the gallery to becoming part of the broader art community and some have gone on to international recognition.

The last exhibition 'Spectrum' will end in early August and then after this they will need to vacate the space. The committee has been in talks with local and federal politicians to try and secure alternative premises within the Valley – however with limited options currently available to them, it does not look like an easy task.



Tony Simpson, Hornsby Council Mayor Warren Waddell and Ferry Artists President Carol Gill at the gallery's final Exhibition, 'Spectrum'.



Ferry Artists President, Carol Gill says, "I am very grateful to all the artists and members of the Ferry Artists who have over the many years dedicated themselves to maintaining the cultural fabric of our region, and especially to our founding members who had such a wonderful vision many years ago. Our community has consistently shown their support for the creative arts in Wisemans Ferry and is expressing their strong support for us to remain. The Ferry Artists committee is working hard to ensure a stable future for us in the years to come. We may be down, but we are not out..."

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Ian, who has become an international expert on spices, and his wife Liz will share tales of their life, their travels and their fascination with herbs and spice-flavoured cuisine.



Free entry, gold coin donation for afternoon tea.

All welcome.

Information: Michael Bell 02 9653 1365

# A LEGACY OF OVER 100 YEARS

## THE TRETHOWAN FAMILY ESTATE

**Few families can claim such deep roots in the Hills District as the Trethowans, whose story stretches back to 19th-century England and the days of wooden sailing ships. Now, after more than 100 years of farming, building, and contributing to the local community, the family is farewelling their cherished 5-acre property at 2 McAlister Road, Galston.**

The Trethowan journey began in 1855, when Alfred Trethowan was born in Falmouth, Cornwall, where his family had operated a shipbuilding yard for over two centuries. But as the age of sail declined, Alf sought a new life. In 1877, he and his sister Augusta, newly married, boarded a ship bound for Sydney. By 1885, Alf and his wife, Anna Maria, had saved enough to purchase 40 fertile acres at the corner of Smalls and Blacks Roads, Arcadia, where they grew citrus and poultry and raised a young family.

Their legacy of hard work and innovation continued through the generations. Alf and his sons even helped design and build St Columba's Church in Arcadia, which opened its doors in 1907. In the 1950s, Alf's grandson Dick Trethowan and his wife Dorothy moved to Radnor Road, Galston — the property that is now 2 McAlister Road — drawn to its rich, arable soil perfect for fruit farming. For decades, the family cultivated Naval and Valencia oranges, plums, peaches, and stone fruit, with a wind protective row of towering pines planted some 70 years ago, still standing as a proud natural landmark today.

Set on 5 fertile, park-like acres, this unique property boasts over 300 metres of road frontage, a private cul-de-sac, a tranquil gully, and Still Creek meandering along its base, offering both privacy and timeless rural charm.

Through changing times — from orchards and egg production, the Trethowans have remained a pillar of the local community. Their story is not just one of farming but of resilience, vision, and connection to the land.

Marketing agent Kate Lumby of Lumby Real estate said "As 2 McAlister Road enters a new chapter, it carries with it the rich history of a family whose legacy has shaped the Hills District for over a century."



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## HOT PURSUIT

An 18-year-old man has been charged following a police pursuit through Kenthurst and Glenorie.

Officers from the Police Dog Unit spotted a Toyota Hilux speeding on Kenthurst Road. When they attempted to stop the vehicle for a random test, the driver allegedly accelerated and fled.

A pursuit was initiated, with the Hilux reportedly reaching speeds of up to 120 km/h in a 70km/h zone. The vehicle travelled through Old Northern Road, Cranstons Road, Garmyn Road, and eventually turned into Sermelfi Drive, Glenorie, disappearing behind a property.

Police visited the home linked to the vehicle and spoke with the driver's father. Shortly after, the 18-year-old presented himself to police and was arrested.

He was taken to The Hills Police Station, issued a licence suspension notice, and charged with police pursuit. The matter is scheduled to appear in court this July.

## FISH SWALLOWED

Police are investigating a case of animal cruelty after a man allegedly consumed a live fish inside a Castle Hill pet store.

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command were called to the store on Victoria Ave just after 12.15pm on Sunday, 6th July, following reports that a man had removed a fish from a display tank and eaten it in front of staff. It's believed the act was filmed for potential online sharing.

Following public tip-offs, the 20-year-old has since handed himself in and is now assisting police with their inquiries. Digital evidence is being examined as part of the ongoing investigation.

Authorities thanked the community for their assistance and urged anyone with further information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Police also advised the public not to post information or allegations online to avoid disrupting the investigation.

## TEEN WITH KNIFE

A teenager was arrested after being spotted on CCTV carrying a kitchen knife while travelling on a Sydney Metro train between Cherrybrook and Rouse Hill on Wednesday, 16th July, at around 2pm. The individual was seen with the knife tucked in their waistband. After exiting at Rouse Hill Station, they walked through Rouse Hill Town Centre, where police, including officers from the Police Transport Command, located and arrested them.

The teen was taken to Castle Hill Police Station and allegedly claimed the knife was for protection.

Police are reminding the public that carrying a knife is illegal and dangerous. Knife scanning operations will be carried out at Rouse Hill Metro Station, Rouse Hill Town Centre, and other high-traffic areas to ensure public safety.

## CITIZEN RESCUE

The Hills Police have commended two Cherrybrook residents for assisting in the rescue of an 81-year-old woman and her two grandchildren lost in dense bushland.

Police used the BluLink system powered by GoodSAM to locate the group, but the terrain made access difficult. Local residents Ruth and Clare were nearby and, when approached, offered to guide officers through the bush.

The group trekked for 75 minutes before locating the family and leading them to safety.

"This was a brilliant example of community spirit and teamwork," said Commander Naomi Moore of The Hills Police Area Command.

"Ruth and Clare's selfless actions and local knowledge were instrumental in ensuring a safe outcome. Without their help, this could have easily escalated into a full-scale rescue operation."

Police thanked the pair for their quick thinking and support, and highlighted the role of technology and community partnerships in successful emergency responses.

## DRINK DRIVING

A 45-year-old man has been charged with mid-range drink driving following a late-night traffic stop in Castle Hill.

At around 11:20pm, police observed a silver Audi A4 travel straight through a right-turn-only lane at the intersection of Old Northern Road and Castle Hill Road. The vehicle was stopped shortly after and the driver underwent a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result.

He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a subsequent breath analysis recorded a reading of 0.140.

The man was issued a Court Attendance Notice and had his licence immediately suspended. The matter is now before the court.

## BREAK & ENTERS

Hills Police are investigating two separate overnight break and enters in Kenthurst and Glenhaven and are appealing for public assistance.

In the first incident, three individuals in dark clothing were seen on Sandpiper Place, Kenthurst, between 2:30am and 2:35am on Tuesday, 1st July. A resident noticed a light in the backyard and confronted the group as they peered through a glass door.

One of the intruders was tackled by the resident but was released after another threatened him with a 40-centimetre pole. All three fled the scene, possibly in a vehicle. A police canvass of the area is underway.

Earlier that night, a separate break-in occurred on Evans Road, Glenhaven, between 8:00 PM on 30th June and 2:00 AM on 1st July. Entry was gained via a rear screen door. The resident woke to find three people fleeing through the front door. Police attended and cleared the premises.

Investigators are urging anyone with information about either incident to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via their website.

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

## WINTER TRAINING

Volunteer firefighters from five local brigades gathered on 13th July for a full day of winter skills training, reinforcing the NSW Rural Fire Service's commitment to year-round preparedness.

Held at Associazione San Giorgio Martire di Sydney, the session brought together



members from Kenthurst, Round Corner, Glenhaven, Kellyville, and Box Hill Nelson brigades. The focus was on relay pumping using portable pumps, a critical technique for moving water efficiently during emergency operations.

Although bushfire risks are lower during winter, the RFS continues to maintain operational readiness by training regularly. Participants honed key skills in pump handling, water movement, communication, and coordination—essential for ensuring effective responses during fire and rescue incidents.

The day was marked by strong teamwork and collaboration, reinforcing the community spirit that underpins the RFS.

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## Community Remains Overwhelmingly Opposed to Johnson Road Rezoning

**Hornsby Shire Council's latest engagement report reaffirms strong community opposition to the proposed rezoning of 1-3 Johnson Road to E4 General Industrial.**

Despite overwhelming sentiment against this plan, Council appears intent on proceeding with their controversial proposal. Many residents argue the process has been one-sided, lacking transparency and disregard of community input.

A prime example is the "Draft Planning Report", which appears more focused on justifying industrial rezoning than weighing its merits objectively. The report highlights infrastructure to the south and west of the site - such as a sewerage facility and storage yard - while largely ignoring that the majority of Johnson Road is lined with R2-zoned low-density residential homes.

It also places significant emphasis on the site's limited historic use as a Council storage area, while downplaying its far more substantial role as a recreational space. For decades, 3 Johnson Road has served as a public green space - used for walking, jogging, children's play, dog-walking, ball games, and formerly as home to the local pony club. Its community value is being quietly ignored.

### Strong Community Rejection in First Engagement

The first community consultation (September–October 2023) received:

- 237 online submissions
- 40 pre-engagement emails
- A petition with 832+ names opposing the rezoning
- ~10 in-person attendees

Despite its significance, Council categorised the 832-name petition as a single submission. The petition, tabled by Councillor Salitra on 12th July 2023, clearly called for 3 Johnson Road to remain a public park and for the protection of local trees and wildlife, yet this was effectively sidelined & collapsed into a footnote.

### Second Engagement Confirms Community Rejection

In the second consultation round, Council's "Your Say" platform recorded 415 total contributions.

According to Council's own thematic analysis:

- 739 themes (92%) opposed the rezoning
- Only 63 themes (8%) supported it

A breakdown of concerns shows:

- 223 comments wanting the land kept for recreation
- 193 concerns about traffic, noise, pollution, and infrastructure strain

- 140 calling for protection of trees and wildlife
- 126 questioning the need for rezoning
- 29 criticising lack of transparency
- 28 citing negative impacts on property values

Those few in favour of the proposal (63 comments) cited potential employment and entrepreneurial benefits. However, many may not be aware that industrial supply is over saturated in immediately surrounding suburbs - where hundreds of commercial and industrial units remain available for lease.

### The central question remains: *Who benefits from this rezoning?*

Not Galston residents, who have overwhelmingly voiced their objections across both consultation rounds. Not the environment, which stands to lose valuable green space. And not the broader community, who rely on open areas for health, recreation, and connection.

With Council documents, planning reports, and community consultations skewing in favour of industrialisation, residents are left wondering whether community consultation is merely a box-ticking exercise.

The community is not anti-development - but it insists on planning that is transparent, fair, and reflective of local needs. The numbers speak for themselves. It's time Council listened.

**- ED HARRISON, GALSTON**



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### Arcadia & Galston Residents Association AGM Meeting and General Meeting Notice

The AGRA AGM will be held at 7pm on 25th August at The Galston Club. Following the AGM, we will have a General meeting.

Nominations are now open for all positions - for those wanting to stand, please submit your nomination by 6th August.

**For further information please contact  
Sonja Cameron – [president@agra2159.com.au](mailto:president@agra2159.com.au)**

# Stop the Gridlock: MP Launches Petition to Fix New Line, Kenthurst and Annangrove Roads

**Thousands of families, tradespeople, and commuters across The Hills are calling for urgent action as traffic congestion on New Line Road, Kenthurst Road and Annangrove Road reaches crises point. In response, local MP Mark Hodges has launched a petition urging the NSW Government to prioritise funding and upgrades for these key transport corridors.**

With booming population growth in surrounding suburbs — including Kellyville, Box Hill, The Gables, Rouse Hill, Stanhope Gardens, Riverstone, and The Ponds — the existing infrastructure is failing to keep up. Peak-hour gridlock is stretching travel times, creating safety concerns, and impacting resident's quality of life.

"The Hills is growing faster than our roads can handle. Families and workers are stuck in traffic every day because the infrastructure simply hasn't kept pace. This community deserves more than delays and excuses — we need the NSW Government to step up and deliver the investment we urgently need," said Mr Hodges.

The petition calls for a clear commitment from the NSW Government to invest in the planning and construction of road upgrades that reflect the population explosion in Sydney's northwest.

Residents who use these roads are encouraged to sign and share the petition. Every signature strengthens the case for urgent action.



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# GLENORIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence has progressed!



We can see the carvings completed and the whole fence taking shape thanks to our talented artist/sculptor Karl Van Middeloyk of Aussie Stonemasons.

In March 2020 the GPA set up the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence Fund to raise almost \$200,000 to build a sandstone fence to protect out park patrons

during ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day or other ceremonies plus park users at all times. The plan was devised with Hornsby Shire Council (HSC) to beautify the park for use as a safe spot to eat lunch or picnic.

Then it evolved into an ambitious concept of 14 carved piers to reflect the heritage of Glenorie District.

We reached out to sponsors - NSW Government came to the party immediately with the input from Robyn Preston. Ideas turned into HSC plans with the support of Warren Waddell (current Mayor) from the outset. Now we can all see the product of our vision coming together. Now most of the piers are carved and in place.

To our wonderful community donors, we're deeply grateful for your commitment and proud to have you by our side. This journey wouldn't have been the same without your hands and hearts and your monetary contribution behind it. Thank you for sharing so generously—you've made an impact that will echo far beyond the finish line.

Check out our goal thermometer that demonstrated the fundraising journey...

But it's not over yet... We have reached our fence goal of \$175,000 but still need some finishing touches i.e. interpretive signage.

**You can contribute by Direct credit donation to "The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence Fund": BSB 633 000 Account #: 172 608 085**

## It is not too late to sponsor a pier.

Our brilliant sculptor, Karl, is still able to carve your name on a pier while they are now in situ so choose your pier and contact us for details on how to have your name carved into the heritage fence. So far we have three piers dedicated: one to the Van Middeloyk family, one the Shore Family and George & Phyllis Deaman. We have told you the Shore Family story and are planning a story on the Glenorie Bus Company founded by George Deaman - a teaser below.

The HSC team has now committed to adding the infill fencing and of course, laying the pavers. We have almost 450 pavers to lay thanks to all the wonderful people who want to be a 'concrete' part of the history of Glenorie District. As previously advised, the pavers will be laid in the precinct of the Memorial Hall - forecourt and path - September this year.

## Look at what else is happening in Glenorie's future!

There is more happening in Glenorie than the Heritage Fence... to have input into the future of Glenorie check out the HSC **Public exhibition - Glenorie Village Investigation Report and draft Glenorie Village Place Plan on Your Say**: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/glenorie-village>

These documents bring together insights from supporting studies, community feedback and collaboration with State Agencies to recommend changes for Glenorie.

NOTE: Key recommendations for Glenorie Village include the introduction of opportunities for smaller lots ranging in size from 4,000-5,000m<sup>2</sup> adjoining the Village to the southeast, townhouses along Old Northern Road within the existing low-density area (*subject to sewer servicing constraints*) and a mix of commercial and residential development on the southern corner of Cairnes Road and Old Northern Road.

Council will be hosting community drop-in sessions at **Glenorie Memorial Hall** to provide an opportunity for the community to view hard copy documents & ask questions of staff. No need to book these sessions, just drop in between the following times:

**Friday 8th August 2025**

**12:00pm – 4:00pm and 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

**Glenorie Memorial Hall, 1729 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie**

**Saturday 9th August 2025**

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Glenorie Memorial Hall, 1729 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie**



If you would like to provide feedback on the Glenorie Village Investigation Report and draft Glenorie Village Place Plan, you can do so online (link above) or via email to [strategic@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:strategic@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) (use Glenorie Village Investigations as your subject line). Submissions close 11:59pm **Sunday 31st August 2025**.

Any queries regarding this project or the drop-in sessions, contact Alex Healey, Strategic Planner, on 9847 6785.

If you want to be part of the great Glenorie Progress Association, don't hesitate to contact us at [president@glenorieprogress.org.au](mailto:president@glenorieprogress.org.au) or call 0418 432 587.

## Here is our starter about the Glenorie Bus Company story:

In terms of the history, the company was started in the 1920's by George Deaman.

It started with him taking on the mail run from Galston to Castle Hill by horse and sulky. A short time after that and following requests from people to be transported to Castle Hill, he purchased his first motorised bus and started the Glenorie to Castle Hill bus run.

This expanded to other local runs and a run to Eastwood station (commencing in 1952) with a fleet of 5 buses. George passed away suddenly in 1960 leading to the sale of the business to Roy Baxter in 1962.



**The Glenorie Bus Company owned 5 buses when the Deaman family sold and they were:**

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- Federal - forward control (3)
- White - forward control (1)

This is a prelude of more to come next month...

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# Glenorie Probus Club Activities

**Glenorie Probus Club had a day on the river in June. It was a sunny day with no wind. They gathered at Hornsby station and had a train trip to Circular Quay where they had morning tea in a Café with Italian music playing. Following this they boarded the Parramatta Rivercat for the trip to Parramatta on a smooth river and no wind they had a very enjoyable trip. This permitted excellent viewing of the river and associated sights from a different perspective. Following the arrival at Parramatta there was the opportunity to look around Parramatta and then it was time for the all important lunch. Following this it was time for rewarding and interesting trip on the Rivercat back to Circular Quay. Many were surprised at the number of walking tracks along the river. Finally a relaxing Train back to Hornsby completed a great day.**

The speakers at the June meeting were John Cardy and Harry Black who spoke about the History of the Black Family who

were one of the early pioneer families in the district. Harry Black asked John Cardy read an article published in the Galston and District News May 2004 containing recollections of his cousin Bob Black. John and Jessie Black came out from Ireland as Bounty immigrants in 1838.



Bounty immigrants were needed to grow crops for the Colony. As well as growing produce the Black Family were very involved in early transport of people, mail and produce to markets. Together with Coach Building and maintenance they had a significant impact on the development of the district. They were among the instigators who had the name of North Dural changed to Glenorie. Some members became orchardists and grew a range of fruits including quinces, pears and persimmons. Overall they had a big influence in the development of the area which is shown by the naming of Blacks Road.

The Clubs monthly coffee group met this month at Green Vibes Café for a relaxing and enjoyable meeting continuing the monthly practice.

The club intends to keep its members active with ongoing activities. In July the club will travel to Morpeth and Maitland to view some of the historic buildings in the area.

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

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

## Round Corner Dural Probus Club *Friendship and Fun in Retirement*



**The Round Corner Dural Probus Club offers members the opportunity to come together monthly for a morning. Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am at The Galston Club.**

Each meeting includes reports from our active special interest groups, including the Movie Club, Tennis Club, Scrabble Club, Theatre Group, and updates on upcoming events and outings and luncheons. These smaller groups are a great way to meet members and enjoy shared interests. This month we also enjoyed a very entertaining and informative talk from our Guest Speaker, Historian Judith Dunn OAM.

A particular highlight is the monthly update from our Book Club, where members share their latest reading adventures. The Book Club report also features a "Word of the Month", chosen from the current book, along with its meaning and usage in context—an entertaining way to expand your vocabulary.

Round Corner Dural Probus Club is always eager to welcome new members and visitors who are looking to stay active, meet new friends, and enjoy a variety of social and interest-based activities.

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## from the Mayor's Desk

Engaging with our community and working in partnership with you is at the heart of everything we do at Hornsby Shire Council. We want to ensure that every voice is heard and valued – and right now, we have two important opportunities for residents to get involved.

If you're passionate about preserving our Shire's rich heritage, we invite you to nominate for the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC). We're seeking four technical specialists in architecture, planning, or related fields, and two community representatives with a strong interest in heritage. The committee meets four times a year.

We're also calling for nominations to the Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC). If you're a Traditional Owner from the Dharug or GuriNgai peoples, an Aboriginal person with strong ties to Hornsby, or someone committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, we'd love to hear from you. This committee meets five times a year and plays a vital role in community empowerment and cultural recognition.

Both committees offer meaningful ways to contribute to the future of our Shire. For more information, please visit [yoursay.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.nsw.gov.au). Together, we can continue building a community that's inclusive, respectful, and proud of its heritage.

This month, across New South Wales, we mark Local Government Week from 4-10 August. I would like to take the opportunity to recognise the many committed Council staff, volunteers and my Councillor colleagues who serve the community, helping make Hornsby Shire the unique and wonderful place it is. Thank you all for your significant contribution to our community..

**Warren Waddell**  
Mayor of Hornsby Shire



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Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

### Stitch and Fix: Clothes Mending Workshop

Saturday 16 August, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

### Repair Café: Electronics/Furniture

Saturday 16 August, 11am-1pm  
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

### Chipping for Mulch

Sunday 17 August, 7.30am-12.30pm  
Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

### Clothing Swap

Saturday 23 August, 9.30am-11.45am  
Thornleigh Community Centre

### Balcony and Small Spaces Gardening Workshop

Tuesday 26 August, 10am-12pm  
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### AMOR STREET PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Submissions close: Tuesday 5 August

### DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Submissions close: Sunday 31 August

### GLENORIE VILLAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND DRAFT PLACE PLAN

Submissions close: Sunday 31 August

### NOMINATIONS INVITED BY 1 SEPTEMBER

Become a volunteer member of the:

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## ADVERTORIAL

# Does the end of the financial year impact the real estate market?

**For buyers, sellers and investors, the end of financial year (EOFY) can bring subtle shifts to the market. While it isn't a major game-changer, EOFY does influence timing and decision-making, creating opportunities for those who are ready to act.**

## HOW THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR SHAPES MARKET BEHAVIOUR

The new financial year brings more than just fresh budgets and tax resets; it can also influence activity across the real estate industry. While not as dramatic as interest rate movements or market booms, the start of a new financial year can create subtle shifts in buyer behaviour, investor confidence, and overall market momentum.

## RENEWED ACTIVITY AMONG BUYERS AND SELLERS

"The start of the financial year often acts as a reset button, a time when many people take stock and get their finances in order. After meeting with accountants or financial planners, buyers typically emerge in July, August, and September with renewed confidence, updated budgets, and pre-approvals in hand. For those who've been waiting on tax returns or clarity around borrowing power, this period can mark the beginning of serious house hunting," says Carolyn Wheatley, Principal of Belle Property Dural.

This fresh wave of motivated buyers can increase competition in the early months of the new financial year, making it a more active period for those entering the market.

## PROPERTY INVESTMENT PLANNING

For property investors, the new financial year is also a key planning period. After lodging returns and reviewing their previous year's performance, many reassess their strategies. Those who've seen strong rental yields or capital growth may consider expanding their portfolio, while others may decide to sell underperforming assets.

New tax rules, depreciation schedules, or updates to lending policies that came into effect from July 1 can also prompt a spike in investor activity, especially in areas with strong rental demand or in property types like townhouses, units, and dual-income homes.

## CHANGES TO GRANTS, GOVERNMENT POLICY AND SUPERANNUATION RULES

The beginning of the new financial year is often the date when governments roll out updates to housing policies or first home buyer incentives. Changes to stamp duty thresholds, grants, or tax benefits can have a direct impact on affordability, prompting some buyers to act once changes come into effect.

One notable change this year is the new tax rule for super balances over \$3 million. From July 1, earnings on the portion above that amount will be taxed at 30%, instead of the previous 15%. While this mainly affects high-net-worth individuals, it could lead to changes in investment strategies, especially for those holding property in super.

That's because even if a property increases in value but isn't sold, the gain (on paper) will now attract tax, without any guaranteed income to cover the bill.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

While the new financial year may not dramatically swing property prices, it does influence the mindset and decisions of buyers, sellers, and investors. Whether you are looking to buy with a clearer financial picture, prepare your home for a spring sale, or explore new investment opportunities, understanding the trends around EOFY can give you a strategic edge.

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## DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## News from History Cottage

**It is truly amazing what stories can be told by members of our community.**

Once again the Historical Society called upon a member, Carolyn Broadhead, to tell the 12th July meeting of members about Galston's French connections. Carolyn suggested all should have a look at the Galston Cenotaph where they will see the name of D.S. Small. He was a local young soldier who fought in France in WW1, married a girl from Armentieres after much difficulty obtaining Australian Government permission, was interned by the Nazis during WW11 and, after his release at the end of the war, raised a family. The second half of Carolyn's talk covered the fascinating story of how English lace makers came to Australia via Calais, France. It was a story of changes in technology, trade tariffs, poverty, unwelcome refugees and the poor treatment and loss of skills of new arrivals. A past situation from which little has been learnt.

The accompanying photograph shows some of the Society's management committee happily receiving a big cheque from Bendigo Bank Chairman, Ralph Steele and Manager, Mr Salvio Pereira. The Society was able to buy a new computer and upgrade the microfiche reader. The new equipment, already in use, has greatly improved the recording and accessibility of research material. The public is encouraged to make use of this excellent community asset, especially on the 4th Sunday of each month between 1.00 and 4.00pm.

The 9th August meeting will be the June Roughley Memorial Lecture. This is the Society's way of celebrating its founder, a much respected and long time resident of Kenthurst. The guest speaker will be Mr IAN HEMPHILL. Many readers will remember Somerset Cottage in Dural and the herbs it sold. Mr Hemphill is an international authority on herbs and spices



and the story of how herbs and spices changed world history is a fascinating one. All are welcome to this free afternoon. Coffee and tea are served during chat time at the conclusion.

The meeting is in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston starting at 2.00pm. Enquiries, Michael Bell 20 9653 1365.

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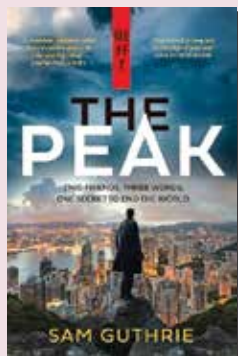
Hornsby Shire Family History Group and Hornsby Shire Libraries would like to invite you to our annual Geneagala Day on Saturday 9th August at Hornsby Library. Learn about researching convicts who were transported to Australia and how to create a family album using digital newspapers. Tickets are \$10 per person and include a session with a family history volunteer. Visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) for more information and to book.

### ADULT FICTION

#### THE PEAK BY SAM GUTHRIE

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### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

#### THE EDGE OF EVERYTHING BY MIRANDA LUBY

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*The Edge of Everything* is a heartfelt portrayal of grief, a tender romance, and a tribute to a very special Australian bird.



Reserve your copy at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library), via the Hornsby Shire Libraries app or call Galston Library on 02 9847 6160.

## Castle Hill Art Society Inc.

### Art Demonstration

3rd September, 2025 7.00pm

#### Dario Falzon "Country Landscape" in oils

Dario will show how he captures impressions of the landscape and the challenges of the light shifting when painting outdoors as well as showing the materials he uses. He is inspired by finding the beauty in scenes all around him. Dario is a traditional realist painter, primarily working en plein air with oil paints, and using brushes and knives in multiple ways to create an impression of the surrounding landscape.



Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.00pm at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill.

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# Bendigo Bank Sponsors Arcadian Artists Trail and Exhibition 2025



**Galston & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank has very generously offered to support The Arcadian Artists & Artisans Inc. in their 2025 Artists Trail. For this we are incredibly grateful and thank the Bank enormously. The Sponsorship funds will significantly assist in achieving its goal of fostering an appreciation of the arts amongst the local community and beyond.**



For years visitors from our district and beyond have enjoyed the second weekend in November for fun and creativity as they explore private studios to view and purchase beautiful handmade items. Five unique studios and over 35 artists will participate in this exhibition. The Arcadian Artists Trail is highly regarded in Sydney and is a wonderful opportunity for many local artists to showcase their amazing talent.

It is a special time when friends and families spend the day travelling through our beautiful neighbourhood and enjoy this unparalleled part of Sydney's outskirts. Bendigo Bank's generous support has made it



possible for our artisans to provide lovely and enticing items that will enhance any home, show off a beautiful face, or offer that special and one-off gift to someone they love.

This year the Arcadian Artists Trail weekend will be Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th November.

Entry is free.

Further information about the Trail will come later in the year, but for now, place the dates in your diary and organise this special time with your family and friends. It is a great time to meet the Artists behind the Artworks and possibly see a demonstration of how work is produced.

The Arcadian Artists website [www.arcadianartists.net.au](http://www.arcadianartists.net.au) and a brochure will be available closer to the event date.

Once again, gratitude is extended to our remarkable local Bank, the Galston & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank whose support helps to make this much anticipated event.

**Julia Elsey on behalf of the Arcadian Artists & Artisans Inc.**



## Galston Concerts 2 Concerts in August



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

**Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm**



Highly talented young pianist and organist **Sebastian Lau**, will present a program including piano works of Chopin, Liszt and Mendelssohn and will also showcase our pipe organ.

Sebastian is in his final year at Tonbridge School, Kent, England and was introduced to us by Sydney Organs. His extraordinary talent was exemplified in the recordings that he made at Galston Uniting Church earlier this year. These can be found at:

[youtube.com/playlist?list=PL14QI7nPbKLHtBEIfikNXYdGinIq2DI9S](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL14QI7nPbKLHtBEIfikNXYdGinIq2DI9S)

**Sunday 31 August 2025 at 2pm**



**Kooskõlas (Sydney Estonian Choir)** under the direction of Dr Naomi Cooper will delight us with choral works from Estonia and other parts of Eastern Europe. The choir recently participated in Laulupidu, the Estonian Song Festival in Tallinn. This involved over 30,000 voices.



The associate artist on this occasion will be well-known Sydney composer and organist **Fiona Loader**, who presents regular recitals in Sydney, including at St Andrews Cathedral and Christ Church St Laurence.

Fiona is also a vocalist and an accomplished composer.

Her compositions have been recorded by ABC Classics and published by the Australian Music Centre and Orpheus Music.

**\$40 adults; \$30 concession & children free  
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**Bookings: Trybooking.com**



# Arcadian Quilting News

With this particularly cold winter weather upon us these warm, colourful quilts and knitted blankets



(photo left) were a welcome sight for the Illawarra Refugee Program recipients who recently received our gifts through the Illawarra Red Cross.

The wonderfully bright, warm knitted blankets (within the photo left) were made by one of our longtime members who tirelessly works towards sharing her knitting talents with 'those in need' and we are proud to have such generosity within our group.

Our 'member interviews' are proving to be very successful. Last meeting a 'new member' shared her quilting journey with us. From quiet beginnings her hobby stitching has grown into beautiful quilts for family members and her very detailed, careful work was a joy to see (photo right). We as a group benefit from new ideas and from someone with a love of traditional quilting.



For further information about our group please contact Carole on 9894 7749.

## ADVERTORIAL

# Retirees Want to Work

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# Orange Blossom Festival Lineup Announced

**The Hills Shire's signature Orange Blossom Festival is back – bigger and better than ever with the return of old favourites and the addition of a new one.**



Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne said the OBF Parade at Rouse Hill Town Centre was back, alongside food and wine event Taste of Wisemans and a month-long light show to kick off celebrations with Echoes at Bella Vista Farm.

"Each year, Orange Blossom Festival pays homage to our region's roots while celebrating who we are as a community today," Mayor Byrne said.

"OBF began as a garden competition and later grew to include a much-loved parade down Old Northern Road, Castle Hill. This year's rendition includes a parade at Rouse Hill Town Centre that will feature community groups and floats as well as the Cocomelon Dance-Along and a meet and greet with everyone's favourite yellow mischief makers – the Minions.

"I'm very excited to see a Taste of Wisemans return to OBF after last year's extremely successful inaugural event, which saw over 2,000 attendees. Join us on the banks of the Hawkesbury River to support local businesses, including wineries, distilleries, orchards, bakeries and more, while enjoying live music and free family friendly activities.

"We're blessed to have some fantastic community groups here in The Hills who will be running associated OBF events, such as

the Garden Competition, Kenthurst Fair, and more.

"We also recently announced the new Echoes – Luna Light Journeys event, which is a month-long activation that will see Bella Vista Farm reimagined through light and sound for the first time in partnership with Laservision.

It's shaping up to be the best Orange Blossom Festival yet."

Orange Blossom Festival acknowledges The Hills Shire's origins as a major citrus producing region in the 1800s and the first commercial provider of oranges.

For more information about OBF events, visit: [www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au](http://www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au)



## ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL 2025

### ECHOES – LUNA LIGHT JOURNEY

**WHAT:** Explore the history of The Hills through light and sound at Echoes Bella Vista Farm.

**WHEN:** Nightly, Friday 5th September – Monday 6th October

**SESSIONS:** Entry times are every 15 minutes from 6:15pm | We recommend allowing 45 minutes to 1.25 hours to explore the show.

**WHERE:** Bella Vista Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista

**TICKET PRICES:** Adults: \$17.50 |

Children (3 – 17 years): \$12.50 |

Family (2 adults and 2 kids or 1 adult and 3 kids): \$49 | Infants (aged 2 and under): FREE

To purchase tickets, visit: [www.echoesbellavista.com.au](http://www.echoesbellavista.com.au)

### OBF PARADE

**WHAT:** Parade down Main Street featuring local performance groups, community groups and floats.

Activities will include FREE face painting, gardening workshops and a photobooth.

The Secret Garden will be available for neurodivergent attendees who need a quiet place to retreat to during the event.

**WHEN:** 11am – 4pm Saturday 13th September

**WHERE:** Rouse Hill Town Centre

### A TASTE OF WISEMANS

**WHAT:** Sample delicacies from local producers and businesses and enjoy live entertainment and free family-friendly activities.

**WHEN:** 10am – 3pm Sunday 28th September

**WHERE:** Wisemans Ferry Park



# Support Hornsby Shire's bushland with free native plants for your backyard this August

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

Taking place at Council's Warada Ngurang Community Nursery in Pennant Hills on **Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August**, residents can select plants from a great variety of grasses, groundcovers, shrubs, climbers and various-sized trees – all cultivated by dedicated volunteers and staff at the nursery.

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

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

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

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

"It's always a delight to see our community's enthusiasm for our native



bushland and to know that these carefully grown native plants will find many homes around the Bushland Shire."

Hornsby Shire Council's Native Plant Giveaways take place at Warada Ngurang Community Nursery, located at 28 Britannia Street, Pennant Hills. Each residence in Hornsby Shire is entitled to collect four free native plants per calendar year. Bookings are essential and will open at 9am on Monday 21st July. For additional information about the Native Plant Giveaways program and to book your plant collection appointment, please visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/npng>

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# Get on board to mark Dementia Action Week 2025

**Hornsby Shire Council invites people living with dementia, along with their families and dedicated carers, to a complimentary lunch cruise on the Hawkesbury River, as part of a series of events planned to mark Dementia Action Week. The much-anticipated cruise on 16th September, set aboard the iconic Riverboat Postman, will be a highlight of the week.**

Dementia touches the lives of close to half a million Australians, with 1.7 million individuals involved in the care of someone living with dementia. The theme for this year's Dementia Action Week, which runs from **15th to 21st September**, is 'Nobody can do it alone'.

Research demonstrates that communities embracing a dementia-friendly approach experience reduced fear and a greater understanding of dementia, less stigma and discrimination, and improved support systems for people living with dementia to live well in their community for longer.

Aligned with Council's 'Hello Hornsby' initiative, which fosters social inclusion for seniors within the Shire, this Riverboat Postman cruise is specifically tailored to cater for the accessibility needs of people with dementia, a group that can be under catered for.

"Embracing the spirit of Dementia Action Week, we are dedicated to brightening the lives of those living with dementia. It provides a helping

hand to assist them to get out and about to enjoy the beauty of the Bushland Shire," said Hornsby Shire Mayor, Warren Waddell.

"This cruise also offers a valuable support system for caregivers, giving them a chance to unwind and connect with others who understand their journey."

The Dementia Action Week 2025 Riverboat Postman cruise will run from 10am to 1pm on **Tuesday, 16th September**. Tickets are free and strictly limited to Hornsby Shire residents with dementia and their carers. The cruise will depart from and return to the marina, close to Hawkesbury River train station. A three-course lunch is included.

A Dementia Awareness Seminar will also be held at Hornsby Library on **Friday 12th September** to mark the start of Dementia Action Week. This free event will feature a presentation and Q&A with a dementia specialist.

There will also be a screening of the award-winning documentary *Everybody's Oma* on **Thursday 18th September** at Hornsby Library. *Everybody's Oma* is a beautiful dementia care story about filmmaker, Jason van Genderen's ageing mother, Oma.

The events during Dementia Action Week are part of Hornsby Shire Council's ongoing work in supporting people living with dementia and their carers, as Council actively works towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community. There are also ongoing weekly 'DCaf' café catch ups in Galston, Hornsby and Waitara, providing a safe, welcoming and enjoyable space for those experiencing dementia and their carers who may be feeling isolated. More information can be found here: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/dcaf-cafe>.

Hornsby Shire Deputy Mayor Janelle McIntosh, said: "Creating a Dementia Friendly Community has been an important goal for me. It's about ensuring that everyone – regardless of age or ability – feels seen, supported and included. These inclusive activities help reduce isolation, foster understanding, and strengthen a sense of community."

Meanwhile, the Hello Hornsby initiative has an array of other exciting events coming up, including two Coffee & Chat mornings, a morning tea for Carers Week, and a celebration of Grandparents Day in October. These events will be listed on the website nearer the time.

Tickets for the Dementia Action Week events will be available from 1st August. To secure a ticket for Dementia Action Week events and find out about other Hello Hornsby events, visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby>.



## Public exhibition - Glenorie Village Investigation Report and draft Glenorie Village Place Plan

**The Glenorie Village Investigation Report and draft Glenorie Village Place Plan have now been placed on public exhibition. These documents bring together insights from supporting studies, community feedback and collaboration with State Agencies to recommend changes for Glenorie.**

Key recommendations for Glenorie Village include the introduction of opportunities for smaller lots ranging in size from 4,000-5,000m<sup>2</sup> adjoining the Village to the southeast, townhouses along Old Northern Road within the existing low-density area (subject to sewer servicing constraints) and a mix of commercial and residential development on the southern corner of Cairnes Road and Old Northern Road.

The documents can be viewed on our Your Say page: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/glenorie-village>

During the exhibition period, Council will be hosting community drop-in sessions at Glenorie Memorial Hall. These sessions will provide an opportunity for the community to view hard copy documents and ask questions of staff. There is no need to book these sessions, just drop in between the following times:

**Friday 8th August 2025**

12:00pm – 4:00pm and 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Glenorie Memorial Hall, 1729 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie

**Saturday 9th August 2025**

9:00am – 2:00pm

Glenorie Memorial Hall, 1729 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie

If you would like to provide feedback on the Glenorie Village Investigation Report and draft Glenorie Village Place Plan, you can do so online (link above) or via email to [strategic@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:strategic@hornsby.nsw.gov.au) (use Glenorie Village Investigations as your subject line). Submissions close 11:59pm Sunday 31st August 2025.

Should you have any queries regarding this project or the drop-in sessions, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Healey, Strategic Planner, on 9847 6785.



## We need to back the next generation of creatives



**As Australia's new Shadow Minister for the Arts, I'm committed to supporting local artists, fostering creativity, and recognising emerging and established talent alike.**

Berowra has a proud and longstanding tradition of grassroots creativity, from community theatre and music groups to school bands and local exhibitions.

The Normanhurst Uniting Church Musical Society, Berowra Musical Society, Dural Musical Society, Hornsby Musical Society, Oakhill College's Jesus Christ Superstar and the Asquith Boys High MAD Night are some exemplars of the strength and diversity of our local arts scene that I've recently had the pleasure of attending.

Each year, our community is privileged see this creativity firsthand through school productions, community performances, and local shows, and I continue to be inspired by the passion and talent on display.

This is why, over the past nine years, I've been proud to support these efforts through local grants and recognition in Parliament.

What we still need however, a stronger, more deliberate pathway for artists of all ages to develop their skills, connect with mentors, and share their work beyond the school hall or community stage.

We owe it to our creative community to ensure those opportunities exist. Supporting the arts means backing our community and giving local talent the chance to thrive.

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**Everyone in our area knows there are serious problems with accessing the Cherrybrook Metro Station. There simply aren't enough buses or parking spots to support the 4,000 people who tap on at the Station each day.**



That's why I launched a petition calling for improved parking and buses at the Cherrybrook Metro. We have just reached 1,000 signatures, which shows both the scale of the problem and the community's passion about getting it fixed. Thank you to everyone who signed.

That petition will help me fight for improved access to the metro, through advocating for more direct and frequent bus services and more parking in the short and long term. Following a meeting with Department of Transport and Minister's office, I am in the process of preparing a written submission to advocate for additional buses to be allocated between the Station and surrounding areas. I hope this submission will prompt our community to be prioritised.

I'll also be advocating for more parking in the short and long term. I have written to large landowners (including Landcom) asking they open land close by the station for parking. I have also had preliminary discussions with Mayor Waddell on Hornsby Shire Council, who is open to council managing such a car park. I will also begin discussions with Department of Planning and Hornsby Shire Council to ensure planning on future developments includes additional parking. This must include all-day commuter parking, as well as 4 hour and half day parking.

I'll keep the community updated with our progress.



Rural Roundup  
**Jane Seaglove**  
HORNSBY COUNCILOR



### Hello Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the colder weather of the winter months. While it's a good time for gardening and planting Hornsby Shire Council is running a **Native Plant Giveaway** at the Warada Ngurang Community Nursery in Pennant Hills. Each household can book a slot and take home up to **four free native plants per household** – ranging from grasses and shrubs to tube-stock trees—twice yearly efforts aim to enhance local biodiversity and support wildlife habitats. Staff and volunteers are available to offer planting advice tailored to your garden's conditions Native Plant Giveaways – August 2025 | Hornsby Shire Council Be sure to book in advance and bring proof of residency.

Hornsby Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the **Draft Destination Management Plan 2025–2030, now on public exhibition following its endorsement in July.** Hornsby Shire Destination Management Plan 2025-2030 | Yoursay Hornsby

The Destination Management Plan sets a strategic vision to grow the Shire's visitor economy over the next five years, with initiatives to improve visitor experiences, increase stay duration, boost local spending, and raise the area's profile. Focusing on four key pillars – river, rural, parks and bushland, and towns and villages – it outlines a collaborative framework for Council, businesses, and agencies to deliver tangible results.

Hornsby Council's **Draft Glenorie Village Investigation Report and Place Plan is now on exhibition**, outlining key planning recommendations based on the 2022 Rural Lands Study.

The draft aims to maintain Glenorie's rural character while supporting housing diversity and better amenities. Glenorie Village Investigations - Investigation Report | Glenorie Village Investigations | Yoursay Hornsby

Documents and details are available online. Submissions close 11:59pm, 31st August 2025.

### Drop-in sessions at Glenorie Memorial Hall:

- Friday 8th August: 12–4pm & 5:30–7:30pm
- Saturday 9th August: 9am–2pm

1-3 Johnson Road, Galston – The Community Engagement Summary Report follows the recent exhibition on Your Say Hornsby and provides an overview of the submissions we received. Community Engagement Summary Report The Report was also emailed to all contributors and followers of the page and placed on the Your Say page on 7th July.



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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

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# Dural Bowling Club News

The Open Gender Drawn pairs took place on Saturday 21st June 2025. The pair of Doug Farlow (Club Veteran) and Marion O'Connell with the score of 23 defeated Steve Barratt and Elizabeth Goode with the score of 10. Congratulations to Doug and Marion on their win.



The competition for the Men and Ladies Minor Singles is currently in progress, and the Bowling Club thanks all participants for entering the tournament.

The Bowling Club is always looking for new bowlers. The recruitment has been through the introduction of acquaintances or friends of current bowlers. The monthly article in the local publications that includes an invitation for any interested person to join has also been another recruitment path. We thank the local publications in their continued support of the Dural Bowling Club.

The latest recruits (Raylene, Ruth, Joy and Anne) to join the Ladies group have been a great boost in maintaining the attrition level at the Club.

## Dural BOCCE Club

**Did you know that one of the very first sporting clubs at Dural Country Club was the Dural Bocce Club? Yes, and we're still going strong! Since joining up with Parramatta Leagues Club, our bocce community has quietly grown, with many of our original members still showing off their skills on the court each week.**

If you've never played bocce before, it's a European ball game that's a bit like lawn bowls or pétanque. The aim is simple; roll your bocce balls as close as you can to a smaller target ball called the Pallino. It's easy to learn, fun to play, and a great way to meet new people.

And here's the best bit; we play indoors! So come rain, hail, or shine, we're rolling our bocce balls on our smooth sand and marble-

based court every Tuesday morning and Friday night. No worrying about the weather!

Whether you're a total beginner or a seasoned player, everyone is welcome. Come along, have a go, and see what all the fuss is about. You might just find your new favourite pastime.



Want to learn more or give it a try? We'd love to hear from you! Get in touch and join the fun at Dural Bocce Club!

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# Achieving Excellence - Waddell Café: 10 Years of 'Brewed' Success at Galston High School



**Nestled in the heart of Galston High School, the Waddell Café is more than just a coffee counter—it's a vibrant, student-run enterprise that has transformed learning and lives for the past decade.**

Established in 2015, the café was designed to support students who thrive in hands-on environments, offering real-world learning through hospitality. Operated by Year 9 and 10 students including students from The Hub (GHS's support unit), the café builds confidence, communication, leadership, and essential life skills. From barista training to catering school events, students take on meaningful roles and responsibilities—striving for their **personal best** every day.

Named after the historic Waddell Cottage, the café carries forward a tradition of



immersive, purposeful learning. Students learn to respect customers, colleagues, and the workplace, and they take pride in their growing independence and accountability. Many students describe the café as a place of belonging, purpose, and personal growth.

At the heart of the program is Mrs. Annette Fraietta, whose leadership has made the Waddell Café a model of **inclusive, values-driven education**. Over the past ten years,



it has served thousands of coffees—but more importantly, it has empowered hundreds of students to grow, connect, and shine.

As the Waddell Café celebrates its 10th anniversary, it remains a proud symbol of Galston High School's commitment to **Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best**.

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## Pacific Hills Christian School History Week



**Each year, Pacific Hills Christian School proudly celebrates History Week, an action-packed week dedicated to bringing the past to life. This much-loved tradition is filled with creativity, hands-on learning, and immersive experiences that make history both meaningful and memorable for our students.**

This year in July, our campus was transformed as several year groups stepped into different eras through themed dress-ups, engaging activities, and interactive games. Students became time travellers, journeying through the grandeur of Ancient Egypt, the drama of the Medieval period, the excitement of the Roaring Twenties, and the grit of the Eureka discoveries. Every day was a new historical adventure!

At Pacific Hills, we believe that learning should inspire curiosity. History Week not only deepens students' understanding of the past, but also fosters teamwork, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning.

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# Kidsafe Australia Congratulates the following National Leaders in Playspace Design

Kidsafe Australia is excited to announce the return of the **National Playspace Design Awards in 2025**. Since our last celebration of great places to play in 2020, many more playgrounds and playspaces have been created across Australia and Kidsafe wants to publicly recognise excellence, innovation, inclusivity and most importantly community involvement.

These inspirational playspaces encourage healthy participation in recreational activities for children across the nation.

This year Kidsafe Australia wants to acknowledge the importance of community engagement and their innovative approaches to embracing risky and challenging play whilst integrating the use of sustainable resources.

## Congratulations to the following award recipients:

**Category 1a: Preschool/Long Day Care**

**Winner:** Fit Kidz Learning Centre, Box Hill, NSW

**Designer:** Urban Landscape Projects



**Category 2a: Infants and Primary Schools**

**Winner:** Galston Public School Quiet Playground, NSW

**Designer:** Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

**Highly Commended:** Hurstville Grove Public School, NSW

**Designer:** Outhouse Design

**3a: Public Playspaces - up to \$500K**

**Winner:** Fagan Park Children's Forest - Hornsby Shire Council, NSW

**Designer:** Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

**3b: Public Playspaces - \$500K - \$1M**

**Winner:** Karlkula Bush Park, Hannans, WA

**Designer:** Nature Based Play

**Leyster Meares Award goes to:**

East Cottesloe Nature Trail – Town of Cottesloe, WA

**Designer:** Nature Based Play

On Wednesday 30th July 2025, an online presentation will showcase these inspiring playspaces – check [www.kidsafensw.org](http://www.kidsafensw.org) for up-to-date information.

For more information about the Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards contact Kidsafe NSW by email at [schn-kidsafe@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:schn-kidsafe@health.nsw.gov.au) or 02 9845 0899.

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# Hillside Happenings



## TERM 2 AT HILLSIDE WAS PACKED WITH SMILES, GREAT STORIES, AND LOADS OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

It's amazing how fast Term 2 flew by! It was full of exciting events that brought our school community together - from parent-teacher interviews and Mother's Day to Zone Cross Country and National Simultaneous Storytime. We were also proud to take part in NAIDOC Week, giving students meaningful opportunities to learn about and reflect on the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

## EXCITING ADVENTURES AWAIT IN TERM 3 AT HILLSIDE

Term 3 is already shaping up to be another exciting and engaging term. We're looking forward to events such as the Spelling Bee, Athletics Carnival, Education Week, Grandparents Day, and Interschool Sport for Years 3 to 6. A standout will no doubt be the student performance of Hoodwinked - a production we know has been eagerly anticipated and carefully prepared for.

## CALLING ALL FORMER HILLSIDE STUDENTS!

Were you part of the Hillside Public School community in years gone by? We'd love to hear your stories! Whether it's a favourite teacher, a memorable school event, or a class photo tucked away in an old album, we're collecting memories to celebrate the rich history of our school. Please email us at Hillside Public School ([hillside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hillside-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) with your photos and reflections - we can't wait to take a walk down memory lane with you!



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# Five Members of BSA Inc Graduate at Bromeliad International Judging School

**Much excitement and pride for the five participants and the Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc members at a recent meeting with the graduation and presentation of Certificates and pins for the completion and passing their BSI Accredited Judging School course.**

Two of the five are now Bromeliad Society International Accredited Master Judges, and three Bromeliad Society International Accredited Judges.

Following much discussion with its members the Bromeliad Society of Australia decided to make contact with the Bromeliad Society International regarding an opportunity for seven of its members to participate in a 3 year bromeliad judging school.

The trainer was Narelle Aizlewood a Bromeliad Society International Master Judge, Trainer and Registrar for Queensland. She has attended many conferences in the U.S.A. having completed her accreditation in the States.

There were a total of six BSI judging schools held over a period of 3 years - 2 per year a huge commitment by the seven nominees and sponsored by the Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.

They include revision test sheets, research material, reading material, discussions and interaction with presentations, passing a point scoring



**Back row L-R: Trainer Narelle Aizlewood, Warrick Varley, Amal Eid and Harold Kuan Front row L-R: Nina Woodcock and Edwina Wain**

exercise every school, meeting set requirements to be a judge and passing the final written exam.

First school was held at the home of President Ian Hook at Northmead on 12th June 2022.

Of the seven members who commenced the course two needed to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances.

Five continued and successfully completed and graduated with BSI Certificates and Pins being presented on 14th June.

## Members who graduated were:

Edwina Wain and Warrick Varley (both who had previously completed the Judges Schools under the direction of Eileen Killingley). Both these judges are now BSI Accredited Master Judges.

Nina Woodcock, Harold Kuan and Amal Eid are all now BSI Accredited Judges.

Well done to those all involved, especially the BSA Inc graduates who are now eligible to judge Internationally.

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# Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 13th August, 2025 at 7.30pm

Guest speaker will be Ian Hook  
Talks about "Beautiful Bromeliads"

**The Galston Garden Club's guest speaker in July was Elizabeth Whiteman gave a very interesting presentation with photographs of the most beautiful orchid varieties. Elizabeth explained how they grew the flowers, care and propagation methods. Her tips for growing orchids in your garden is to give them morning sunlight, dappled shade during the day, water two to three times a week in summer, once a week in winter. She talked about pests and diseases and fertilizer regimes.**

The Guest Speaker for August will be Ian Hook - Beautiful Bromeliads. Visitors and new members will be welcome to join us on the night. Our next meeting is the 13th August, 7.30pm, in the Galston Community Hall, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston.

Orchids are among the most beautiful and diverse flowering plants, making them a popular choice for home gardeners. With over 25,000 species and many hybrids, there is an orchid to suit nearly every indoor environment. Common types such as Phalaenopsis

(moth Orchid), Dendrobium, and Catleya are widely available and relatively easy to grow with the right care.

Orchids thrive in bright, indirect light and require good air circulation. They prefer a well-draining growing medium, typically bark or sphagnum moss, rather than soil. Watering should be done when the medium feels dry to the touch - overwatering is a common mistake. Feeding with a balanced, diluted orchid fertilizer every few weeks during active growth helps promote healthy blooms.

Temperature and humidity are also important. Most orchids prefer daytime temperatures of 20-25 degrees and slightly cooler nights, with moderate humidity (around 50-70%). Grouping orchids together or placing them on a humidity tray can help maintain moisture levels. With little attention to their specific needs, orchids can reward home gardeners with long lasting, elegant flowers and a touch of the exotic indoors.

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



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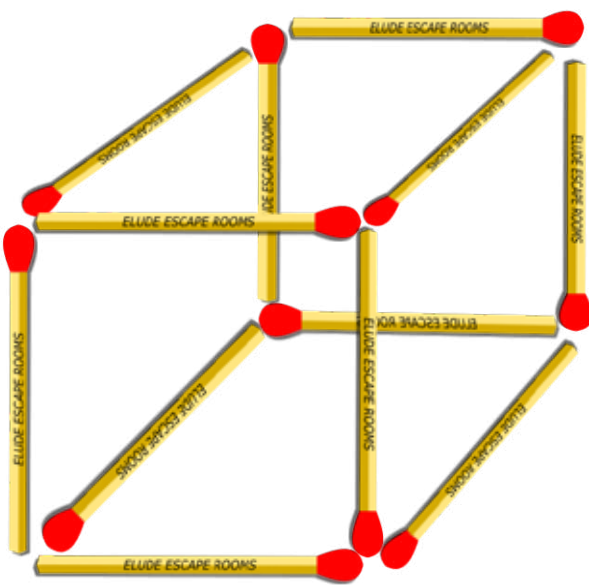
  
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## *Hidden in the Hills*

### SPECTACULAR WILDFLOWERS

**Apart from the many tones of green that can be characteristically seen throughout the bushland environment, there are other striking colours that can attract the attention of the bushwalker. Some of these colours are bright and showy, whilst others may be more subtle and less noticeable.**

To fully appreciate the extensive variety in the range of colours for our wildflowers, it is probably better to visit the same locality several times during the same year in order to observe

which flowers are in season at any given time. Some may have an extended flowering season, whilst others may only last for a shorter time.

Habitats differ. Some plants prefer a protected environment whilst others thrive while being out in full view. Frequently, it is the less visible wildflowers that reveal



some of the most intricate shapes. Many of the examples shown here are very small and can often be overlooked, particularly when they may be obscured by other more vigorously growing shrubs. (The relative sizes of the images shown opposite do not reflect the comparative size of the flower).

Many of these smaller plants, including orchids, may only produce one or two flowers on any given day. Some plants produce a cluster of small blooms that could be mistaken as a single but complex flower. Being able to photograph these flowers and then upload them to a computer enables their intricate beauty to be displayed dramatically. It is a bit like having a digital magnifying glass that helps to see what is actually concealed within the confines of each flower's structure.



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# The Blessing Of God in Our Community

**On the 27th of July this year, Glenorie Community Church celebrated 30 years of Christian life and witness for God in our community.**

The significance of this date actually goes back 99 years when the original church, Glenorie Methodist Church, held its first service on the 4th Sunday in July, 1926!!

Then in 1995, the church and surrounding land was purchased by Dural Christian Assembly. The name was changed soon after to Glenorie District Christian Assembly and later again, to Glenorie Community Church. This is our church now and yes, we've had three names, our current one being more in keeping with our mission statement - "to foster God's plans in our community."

We are deeply grateful to our Lord God Almighty for the privilege it has been to carry on the journey which former church members began in 1926! What an incredible testimony we have of God's promise for almost a century

from Jeremiah 29:11 in the Bible - "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope." God's constant faithfulness, through the challenges of life in each generation is a cause for our deep gratitude and trust. He has drawn many people in the community to know and understand His saving love through Jesus Christ.

We identify with the writer in Psalm 133 who declared, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity... for there the Lord commands the blessing, even life forevermore." In our society much is spoken about different Christian denominations but here, right in our church's history, we have an example of unity that continues today - even through the articles from various Christian churches in this magazine.

Church life is continuing in Glenorie because "Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6). This truth, alongside

God's Word to us in the Bible, unites Christians in our community.

As we continue to "seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness", He will lead us. We choose to "trust in the Lord with all our heart, lean not on our own understanding; in all our ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight our path." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10am: we are not exclusive because God "so loved each one in the world that He sent His only Son, so that ALL who believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

God bless.

**PR. ALEX & DEE VALICH**  
**Glenorie Community Church**

**Is the Bible relevant today? Isn't it just an old book about things irrelevant to a modern intellectual, science-based society? Can there be any truth in a book of religion? Isn't religion itself just made up by mankind to try and explain things they didn't understand or perhaps to make them feel good? After all, in this post-modern world we know so much more about nature and the universe around us to explain our existence.**

Do we really need to manufacture a supreme being or power and call it God to explain how we came to be and give our lives any purpose or meaning?

The Bible itself claims to be true and relevant to all of us now and into the future (2 Tim.3:16, Rev. 21:5, Mark 13:31, John 17:17) so if any part of the Bible can be refuted then how can we trust the rest of it to be true and who should decide which part is right and which part is irrelevant? To have any credibility it must be true and factual from beginning to end.

Thankfully we have a person historically verified by eyewitnesses, both hostile and friendly, to authenticate the authority of the Bible (Luke 24:27) showing us the character and personality of its primary author and giving us a reason for our existence, a purpose for our lives and a hope for our future: Jesus of Nazareth.

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The series will also illustrate the ways in which the stage is being set for his prophecies of coming events to be fulfilled in the near future.

**August 3rd: Daniel – Man of God and Prophet to the Gentiles.**  
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**August 17th: Daniel's Prophecies and Current World Events.**

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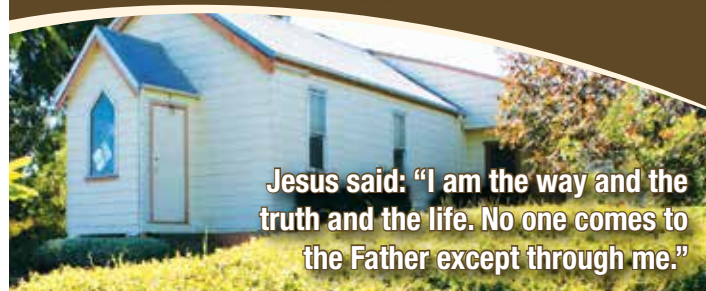


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# Galston Uniting Church



## *An Interview with Rev Akosita Tangi*

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*So, introducing Rev Akosita Tangi:*

### AKOSITA, PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.

My name is Reverend Akosita Tangi. My origin is Tongan and I am deeply blessed both in ministry and in family. I am the proud mother of seven wonderful children who have been a constant source of joy, inspiration, and strength in my life. As our family continues to grow, I am also grateful to be a grandmother to four beautiful grandchildren, each bringing their own light and laughter into our lives. Family is at the heart of everything I do, including church families, and I consider it a true gift from God to walk this journey surrounded by such love and support.

### WHAT LED YOU INTO MINISTRY?

My journey to ministry began years ago with a sense of calling that I couldn't ignore. Over time, through prayer, reflection, and service, that call only grew stronger and more defined. It became clear that God was leading me to serve in a greater capacity - to shepherd, to teach, and to walk alongside others in their spiritual journeys.

Now, after years of preparation and discernment, I am humbled and honoured to be stepping into ordained ministry in February 2025. This is a continuation of the work God has been doing in me for many years.

### WHAT STRUGGLES OR BLESSINGS HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED IN YOUR MINISTRY JOURNEY?

This is a good question! Well, there's always struggles and difficulties in your ministry journey. Ministry is demanding, and the line between work and personal life often blurs.

Many ministers and lay leaders wrestle with how to be present for their partners, children, or friends while tending to the needs of the congregation. But the blessings; there is Grace, despite all the struggles, those in Ministry always testify to God's sustaining Grace - the quiet presence of the Spirit when all seems dim.

### WHAT WAS IT THAT HAS LED YOU TO BECOME THE MINISTER AT GUC?

It was a combination of prayer, discernment, and the sense that something here aligned with what God had been shaping me for. It turns out God has been preparing me for a place that I always had in mind for my ministry.

### WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR MINISTRY SO FAR AT GUC?

I feel most alive in ministry when I'm building warm relationships - listening to stories, having a cuppa and being present with those who simply need someone to talk to, whether through a quiet conversation, a joyful choir rehearsal, or simply sitting together. I'm looking forward to the journey ahead - growing in faith, love, and community together.

Rev Akosita would love to meet you. Please contact the church office on 9653 2039 on Tuesdays and Fridays.



## News from St Benedict's August 2025

### FIRST COMMUNION

On Sunday 22nd June a group of children from St Benedict's parish celebrated their First Communion. It was a very happy day and the parish sent a heartfelt thank yous to all who contributed in any way. This included those who helped the children prepare for this important step in their faith journey and all the others who worked behind the scenes to make the occasion such a success. The children looked wonderful dressed in their First Communion finery. The picture shows first communicant sisters Zara and Siena Pereira from Glenorie. Congratulations to all.

### ST BENEDICT'S ACTIVITIES

On Sunday 13th July after the 9am Mass we celebrated the Feast of St Benedict with a sausage sizzle, morning tea and a

jumping castle for the children to enjoy. St Benedict is the patron of our parish community. Born in the year 480 AD, Benedict established the monastic "Rule of St. Benedict," which emphasised prayer, work, simplicity and hospitality. His ideas remain a source of inspiration and a way of life for monasteries and Christians to this day.

In mid-winter the local St Vincent de Paul group conducted their annual appeal for donations to support those in need in our community. The parish responded with generosity to the growing demands for assistance.

### PARISH NOTICES

Service times and parish information are found at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia). Click on the News and Events tab to find the weekly Parish Bulletin.

Or ring Paula 9653 2312 on Monday or Friday at the Parish Office, St Benedict's Catholic Church 2 Fagans Road Arcadia.



# Glenorie RFS Joins Hills Hawks for Gala Day Success



**Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade partnered with the Hills Hawks Football Club at Hayes Park Galston on 5th July, for a fundraising and recruitment day during the clubs annual Gala Day.**

RFS volunteer members from Glenorie and Middle Dural, plus our District Office were on hand throughout the day, engaging with the community and sharing important fire safety information. Topics included preparing homes for bushfire season, winter fire prevention tips, the dangers of lithium batteries, and the importance of regularly testing smoke alarms.

The day was a fantastic success. Our team was able to provide valuable education while the community showed incredible generosity with their donations. These funds will go directly toward purchasing essential equipment and maintaining our existing gear, ensuring we're always ready to support the community when needed most.

A big thank you to the Hills Hawks, their players, families, and supporters, and to you, our community for making the day such a great success.

We were also thrilled to receive interest from five community members keen to join the RFS. We look forward to welcoming these future firefighters to the brigade soon. If you are wanting to give back to your community, and keen to be a part of something meaningful, find out how to join Glenorie RFS by contacting us via



our Facebook page, or simply come in for a chat when we are open. The station is open Monday nights from 7:30pm and Saturday from 2:00pm.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church



It is our desire at Galston Church that all 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 when He returns, creates in our hearts the greatest hope and greatest peace.

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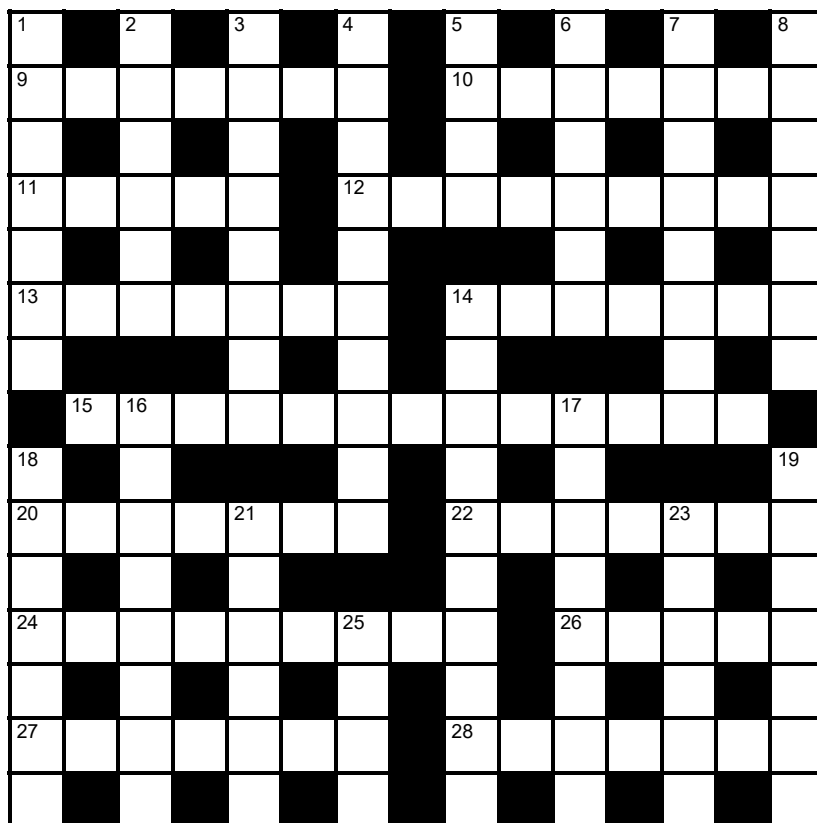
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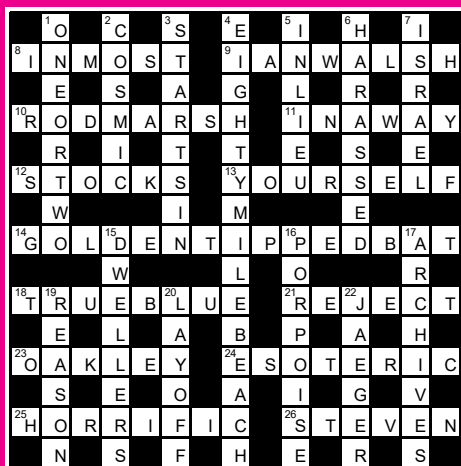
- 09 Fit (7)  
 10 Small long-tailed bird (3-4)  
 11 Claire Hooper, for example (5)  
 12 Misnamed fruit bat (6,3)  
 13 Utopian (7)  
 14 Some arts (7)  
 15 Sydney-born country singer (7,6)  
 20 At the start (5,2)  
 22 Flat-bottomed canal or harbour barge (7)  
 24 Coiner of "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" (9)  
 26 Register (5)  
 27 Mocked (7)  
 28 Developed over time (7)

### DOWN

- 01 Clairvoyant (7)  
 02 Consternation (6)  
 03 Powerful (8)  
 04 Enforce pit discipline to achieve improvement (10)  
 05 180-degree turn (4)  
 06 Disposable mobile phone (6)  
 07 Some wall art (8)  
 08 Banished (2,5)  
 14 Popular NSW National Park (5,5)  
 16 Bombastic monologue (8)  
 17 Enlisted (6,2)  
 18 Mass-to-volume ratio (7)  
 19 Musical introduction (7)  
 21 Like fresh bread (6)  
 23 Prosper (6)  
 25 Chucks in (4)



### ANSWERS FROM JULY 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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### **Hills District Pipe Band**

Bagpipe band based in Castle Hill. Join to learn the bagpipes, snare drum or tenor drum, or enquire for gigs.

☎ Pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com  
☎ www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

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

Is a family orientated club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm.

☎ Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Road, Hornsby Heights  
☎ www.hk4wd.com.au

### **Pennant Hills Photographic Club**

Meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays each month at 8pm.

☎ Uniting Church Hall cnr Boundary Rd and Bellamy St, Pennant Hills  
☎ www.phpc.org.au

### **Probus Club of the Hills**

Is a mixed club which meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except January) at 10am for 10.30am. New members welcome.

☎ The Galston Club  
☎ Bob 9624 8954 or Ken 9629 6459

### **Probus Club of Round Corner**

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

We look forward to you joining with us.  
☎ Galston Club 19 Arcadia Rd, Galston  
☎ All enquiries to The Secretary, PO Box 822, Round Corner. 2158 or come one month as a visitor.

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

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

through our local and international projects. Enjoy the fellowship of fellow Rotarians in our many and varied projects and social activities.

☎ The Galston Club  
☎ Annette 0437 148 126  
☎ membership@greathillshotary.org.au

### **Rowland Village Workshop Club**

Invites enquiries about the Club from members of the wider community who are 55 and over years of age.

☎ Michael Bell 9653 1365

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

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

### **Social Dance Workshops**

Old time contemporary, set and couple dances. Specialising in Australian, Irish and Scottish Folk Dance. Beginners and experienced dancers. \$7.

☎ Pennant Hills Community Centre, Yarrara Road.  
☎ Wilma 0413 673 339

### **Still Creek Landcare Group**

Have a say and help in the future of our catchments in Galston, Arcadia and Berrilee. We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

Womens Shed held on third Thursday of the month 10-12. Different creative projects each month.

☎ The Shed Studio on FB  
☎ Suzanne 0419 603 122

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

We have frequent bushwalks, city walks and social activities. Meetings on 2nd Tuesday each month at 8pm.

☎ Crestwood Community Centre, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills  
☎ John Harris 0423 167 467  
☎ www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

## CHURCHES

### **Christ Church**

Has a service at 9.30am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.

☎ 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst  
☎ Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

### **Dural Salvation Army**

1st Tuesday of the month at 10am for an informal worship service. Everyone welcome.

☎ 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road)  
☎ 0405 560 211

### **Galston Uniting Church**

Service times 10.00am. Children's programmes KUCA for children K-6, each Friday of the school term 5.00 to 6.30pm.

#ThePower (Youth Group) for those in high school. Fridays of the school term 7.00pm to 8.30pm. CRAFT group Thursdays of the school term from 12noon to 4.00pm.

OVER 55's for seniors 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to 12noon. Other groups of interest: Men's Choir, Ladies Choir.

☎ church office 9653 2039  
☎ 11 School Road Galston

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

Every Saturday 9.30am to 10.45am Bible Study, 11am to 12noon Church Service.

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

### **Glenorie Community Church**

Pentecostal and Evangelical - meets every Sunday at 10.00am. Ladies meeting at 10.30am last Tuesday of every month.

All welcome.  
☎ 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie  
☎ Pr Valich 0420 602 989  
☎ Church 9652 0577

### **Glenorie Mission Church**

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

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

1st Sunday of the month 9.30 am. All welcome.

☎ 9651 1119

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

Mass at Monastery 7am every morning.  
☎ 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

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

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

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

☎ Galston and Old Northern Rd, Dural  
☎ 9651 1119

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

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

## LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

### **Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls**

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

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

New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network.

☎ 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

### **Dural Country Club**

Fishing Club meet at Dural Country Club on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Activities include a monthly offshore charter, estuary and open fishing, organised short stay holidays and great social BBQ's. New members welcome.

☎ Murray 0407 950 939 or  
☎ Bruce 0428 970 439

### **Dural Rugby Club**

☎ ef86029@bigpond.net.au  
☎ 0412 230 328  
☎ http://dural.rugbynet.com.au

### **Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club**

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. The meeting has a raffle at 7pm with lots of prizes and every meeting has a guest speaker.

☎ The Galston Club  
☎ Lachlan 0438 801 170 or  
☎ Warren 0416 061 428

### **Glenorie District Cricket Club**

Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.

☎ Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499  
☎ Lachlan0438801170 or  
☎ Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd  
☎ Glenorie NSW 2157

## CALLING ALL Playgroups

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

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

### • GLENORIE

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

### • LEARNING BLOCKS

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

### • KENTHURST

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

### • GALSTON

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

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

Bring your own morning tea (nut-free). New members are very welcome to drop in; the first two visits are free.  
Email galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.

### • PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL

Thursday's 9.30-11.30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.

We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 9899 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.

### • MUSIC AND PLAY

Dural Salvation Army, 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road) Wednesdays during school term. 10am-11.30am. Qualified Music Therapist with a planned themed morning of music, craft and playtime. A great way to meet more local families. For more information please ph 9651 3456.



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