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Johnson Road 'Park' saved from Industrialisation

by Katrina Emmett

The unanimous decision by Hornsby Shire Council on 11th March to halt the planning proposal to rezone 1-3 Johnson Road from rural to general industrial use is a tremendous positive outcome for the Galston community.

For over two years, local residents, families and community groups have worked tirelessly to raise concerns about the proposal. Community members attended every Council meeting, wrote submissions, organised petitions, spoke to councillors and supported one another in standing up for the character and future of our area.

The result shows the power of a community that refuses to give up. When people consistently show up, make their voices heard and remain respectful but determined, they can help shape the decisions that affect the places they live.

The decision is also a reminder that community spaces matter deeply to the people who live around them. Galston is proud of its village character, green spaces and strong sense of community connection. Protecting those qualities is something residents care about passionately.

While this outcome is worth celebrating, it should also mark the beginning of the next important step. Now is the time for Council to formally rezone 3 Johnson Road site as RE1 Public Recreation, in perpetuity. Doing so would



provide certainty that this space will remain protected for future generations and avoid similar proposals resurfacing in years to come.

Many residents would welcome the opportunity to see the land preserved as a lasting community asset, something that reflects the values and priorities of the people who live here.

Finally, while the outcome is positive, some residents remain concerned about the differences between what was resolved in the Mayoral Minute of December last year - which called for independent evaluation of financial assessments - and the approach that ultimately led to the recommendation for the proposal being withdrawn in March.

Transparency and clarity around such processes are important for maintaining public trust.

For now, though, the community can take pride in what has been achieved. Galston residents stood together, stayed engaged and never backed down - and that collective effort has made a real difference.

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Community First: Lessons from the Johnson Road Rezoning Proposal

by Independent Councillor, Nathan Tilbury

At the March Council meeting, a last-minute *Mayoral Minute* was put up to cease consideration of the proposed rezoning of 1–3 Johnson Road, Galston. I am pleased to say, it passed unanimously through Council. This brings a long and exhausting chapter to a close.

First and foremost, I want to recognize and thank the Galston community. For years, residents, families, businesses and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure their voices were heard. However, the community should never have had to fight this battle in the first place.

At its core, this is an issue of governance. Planning proposals must be supported by clear evidence before progressing. This includes feasibility studies, environmental assessments, infrastructure analysis and financial modelling. These are essential for responsible decision-making.

In this case, it is clear the Johnson Road proposal lacked that foundation. There was little evidence of economic viability or practical delivery. Yet it still progressed through council processes, forcing the community to mobilise in response. That should concern every resident. This process has fallen short, failing councillors, staff and, most importantly, the community. Council has a responsibility to ensure proposals are rigorously assessed before reaching this stage. When that doesn't happen, it damages trust and trust is the most important asset any Council has.

This episode is a reminder of what local government should be: a partnership built on trust. That trust must be earned through strong governance, accountability and a genuine commitment to putting the community first.

At the next council meeting, I will be seeking a full accounting of these costs. Transparency matters, particularly when public funds are involved.

Congratulations to the residents of Galston who have shown what a united community can achieve. I sincerely hope that we as a council learn lessons from this whole unfortunate episode.

Glenorie Village Plan

by Glenorie Probus Club

Alex Healey, Principal Strategic Planner; Louise Higginson & Richard Pamplin, Strategic Planners – Hornsby Shire Council.



The meeting in February, was most enlightening as the club listened to their guest speakers from Hornsby Shire Council. Alex Healey, Louise Higginson, and Richard Pamplin. They gave a very clear insight into future development, summed up in the 'Glenorie Village Place Plan'.

The 'Glenorie Village Place Plan' was compiled from a myriad of varying interests, stakeholders and individuals, who want to see Glenorie progress as a Municipal Rural Area. The difficulties the Council Planners faced were evident as the likes of Sydney Water's sewage issues, land size allotments, bush fire zones, traffic and pedestrian considerations, and commercial usage, were all explained.

It appears that the Council has come up with a Plan that would satisfy the needs of most residents and land users, although it is clear nothing is perfect and not everyone will benefit. The Plan incorporates areas close to the centre of the Village that are designated as 'small rural lots' (5,000m², 4,000m²), townhouses, new road, roundabout, commercial area, open space and entry statement.

Most of our Glenorie Probus Club members would celebrate this new plan and look forward to its establishment. As many of our members live in Galston, we were also encouraged to hear that it will be the next Place Plan on Hornsby Council.





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Vale: Colin Robert Schwebel

(30th July 1944 – 26th February 2026)



Colin Robert Schwebel, known to many as Col or “Butch”, was a lifelong Glenorie local and a deeply respected member of the community.

A fourth-generation Schwebel in the district and third-generation Hughes, Col’s roots in Glenorie ran deep, with up to six generations of his family connected to the area he proudly called home.

Raised in Harrison Lane, Glenorie, Col grew up helping on his family’s mixed farm alongside his siblings Les, Helen and Phillip. From an early age, he developed a strong work ethic, learning responsibility through farm life, school, and community involvement. He attended Glenorie Public School and Carlingford Rural High, cycling long distances and sharing experiences common to rural life at the time.

Col left school at 15 and began an apprenticeship as a butcher in Dural, eventually managing and then purchasing the Glenorie butcher shop in around 1969. For more than four decades, Col’s Butchery was a cornerstone of the community. Known for quality produce, friendly service and genuine conversation, the shop was a place where locals felt welcome and connected. Col treated customers as friends, always greeting them with warmth, humour and a smile.

His award-winning sausages became legendary, including a special gluten-free recipe that followed him through his career. Col took great pride in traditional butchery, once personally selecting carcasses at the Homebush abattoirs in the early hours of the morning. Long days and late nights were common, supported by his family,

who worked alongside him in the shop and catering business he later expanded into.

Col met his wife Chris on a blind date in Galston, and they were married within six months, sharing 46 years together. They raised five children — Jenine, Robert, Michelle, Stacie and Brett — and were blessed with 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, most of whom still live locally.

Beyond work and family, Col was known for his love of Holden vehicles, cattle, and community connection. He was widely described as a true gentleman — kind, loyal, hardworking and quietly generous.

Colin Schwebel gave his heart to Glenorie and its people. He will be remembered with affection and gratitude by all who knew him.

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Robbery & Serious Crime Squad detectives investigating the kidnapping and murder of Chris Baghsarian released CCTV as they appeal for public assistance.

As the investigation continues, police released CCTV of an additional three men who may be able to assist with inquiries (to view the footage go to our facebook page and/or website).

The men are captured on CCTV walking towards the kidnapper's stronghold on Wildthorn Avenue in Dural on the night of the kidnapping, Friday 13th February 2026.

The next day, Saturday 14th February, a blue Hyundai Sedan is seen arriving and then leaving the same location just after 12 pm.

Of note, the blue Hyundai is missing a hubcap on its left side.

Anyone with information about the identity of the men captured in the CCTV or the driver of the blue car is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is managed on a confidential basis.

The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.



victim, assaulted him, and forced him into a Hyundai hatchback.

On February 26th, police recovered the man from a property in Dural and arrested a teenager, who remains before the courts.

On March 12th, a 20-year-old man was arrested in Penrith and charged with taking/detaining in company with intent to ransom, occasioning actual bodily harm, among other offences. He was refused bail to appear in Bankstown Local Court".

SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH

Emergency services responded to a single-vehicle crash on Annangrove Road in Kenthurst at around 8:00 am on Wednesday, 18th March 2026.

A vehicle left the roadway and crashed into trees. There was one occupant, and no other vehicles were involved. Police are investigating the incident, with fatigue believed to be a possible factor.

The crash occurred as severe wet weather continued across the Hills, creating slippery roads and reduced visibility. Motorists were urged to slow down and drive to the conditions.

NSW Fire Brigade crews were on scene working to remove the vehicle.

Police said drivers experienced heavy traffic in both directions and were advised to allow extra travel time.

SECOND MAN ARRESTED

As reported by Channel 10 News "A second man has been charged following the alleged kidnapping of a 53-year-old man from Mt Pritchard last month. At around 6:15am on February 24th, police received a report that a man had been taken from outside a tobacconist on Meadows Road. It is alleged that four unknown men wearing balaclavas approached the

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Hills police conducted roadside operations across the area during St Patrick's Day.

About 10:50 am on Tuesday, 17th March 2026, officers stopped a motorcycle at a random breath testing site on Old Northern Road in Castle Hill. The rider, a 46-year-old man, returned a positive roadside breath test and was arrested.





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He was taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a subsequent breath analysis returned a reading of 0.055. Drivers are urged to plan ahead, arrange a lift or book a ride service, and make safe choices on the road.

BREAK & ENTER

Police charged a woman following an alleged break and enter at a residential property in Cherrybrook. At about 4:00 am on Wednesday, 11th March 2026, police were called to a home after the occupant confronted an intruder inside the premises. Officers attended and located a 38-year-old woman inside the home. She was arrested at the scene and taken to a local police station.

Police will allege the woman unlawfully entered the home and searched rooms before being confronted by the occupant.

She was charged with break and enter dwelling with intent to steal and was refused bail to appear before court the same day.

Police said investigations remain ongoing. Anyone with information about suspicious activity in the area at the time is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

DRINK DRIVING TRUCKIE

At about 6:01pm on Friday, 6th March 2026, police stopped a Kenworth prime mover on Old Northern Road in Castle Hill for random breath testing.

The driver returned a positive result. As heavy vehicle drivers in NSW are subject to a lower legal alcohol limit, he was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a subsequent breath analysis returned a reading within the special range of 0.02 to 0.05.

The driver's licence was suspended, and he is due to appear before Parramatta Local Court in April.

OFF-ROAD CRASH

Emergency services responded to a bushland incident in Glenorie after a man in his 20s was injured while riding an off-road motorcycle.

At around 5:00pm on Sunday, 1st March, the Mounties Care CareFlight Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance to the remote location.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance paramedics treated the patient at the scene for head, neck and back injuries.

Fire and Rescue NSW and the NSW Rural Fire Service also attended to assist.

A Toll Ambulance Rescue Helicopter was deployed to winch additional medical crew into the scene.

The patient was later airlifted by NSW Ambulance to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

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



CWA Galston

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Warren Waddell to our recent branch meeting.

Warren joined us for morning tea where we had the opportunity to chat about local matters and share a little about what our branch does within the community. It was a wonderful chance to connect and talk about the things that matter to our members and the wider Galston area.

Thank you, Warren for taking the time to visit and spend the morning with us. We truly appreciated your interest and support. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

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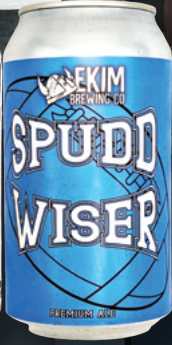
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News from History Cottage

How often do we hear a refrain: “Oh, there was nothing special with our life as kids, we were all just getting on with living”. Common threads there were but in fact each had unique events. In many cases, both common and unique, they are beyond the understanding of those hearing the stories that come forward. This is oral history. It may be considered mundane but it makes us all unique and valued.

At the Society’s March meeting members heard the story of the White family of Annangrove, told by two of the children. Their parents had moved to the property in 1943 and became part of the mixed farming industry established in the Hills District. They were like hundreds of similar families who had benefited from changes to laws, covering land ownership, that enabled working class citizens to acquire land. The result was a surge in population and production that made our district, for a time, the leader in citrus growing. The picture shows the four White children in the 1950s.

Each family has a story to tell and it must be recorded. The White’s made for a most enjoyable and interesting afternoon; as members smiled in recognition and discussed details, of times passed; over afternoon tea.

The 11th April meeting will have Jan-Maree Ball as Guest Speaker; her talk will be about the establishment of the “Aussie Hero Quilts” programme. This is the story of practical help to those who serve, or have served, in the Australian forces. Jan-Maree will tell how she saw a need and the volunteer help she received to achieve her goal.



Open Day is on Sunday 26th April. History Cottage, beside the Galston Cenotaph, will be open for research between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. Find out more of our local history and your family. All are welcome.

Society meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston; starting at 2.00pm. All are welcome. Entry is free. Afternoon tea is available for a gold coin donation. Enquiries to Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.

Did you help create the Community artwork at Taste of Wisemans event 2025?

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Community artwork presentation to Hills Mayor

The Ferry Artists are looking forward to welcoming The Hills Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne to the presentation of the community artwork created at the Taste of Wisemans 2025 event in Wisemans Ferry last September.

This project initiated and organised by The Ferry Artists was a highlight of the Taste of Wisemans event. Our artists worked closely with the community to create a collaborative artwork representative of Wisemans Ferry and the Orange Blossom Festival. The Ferry Artists were joined by many enthusiastic community members of all artistic levels and we had a wonderful time guiding and working with our community.

With huge thanks to The Hills Council for facilitating this project, Ferry Artists Mellissa Read-Devine, Mim Allan and Carol Gill for the final finessing and Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club for hosting us, we look forward to presenting this colourful and joyous artwork to Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne 2pm Thursday 30th April at Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club, Old Northern Road Wisemans Ferry.

Please rsvp your attendance to ferryartistsgallery@gmail.com



NEWS FROM NETHERBY

Saddle Up...Spirit of the War Horses

Horses have long defined farming life in Australia. Not only were they used as working animals on the land, they were used in cities to haul goods between shops, factories and docks. In times of war, these noble animals played a crucial role in many military campaigns where they became legendary for their endurance and loyalty.



The Friends of Fagan Park warmly invite our community to come along to our ANZAC Day Open Day on 25th April and discover the involvement of horses in war and farm life through our display, *Saddle Up... Spirit of the War Horses*.

Our volunteers have been meticulously restoring some

long forgotten equine-related items such as leatherwork, stock saddles, riding saddles, working horse bridles, collars, hames, lines and traces, which will also be on display. Beautifully restored sulkies, horse carts and farming equipment will give visitors a

glimpse of the past and the importance of the horse in the life of our early settlers.

The Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia will have a display of their beautiful cars from days gone by. There will be a sausage sizzle BBQ, coffee and tea available and delicious ANZAC biscuits, along with a variety of homemade marmalades, horse shoe art and bric- a-brac for sale.

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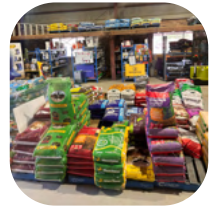
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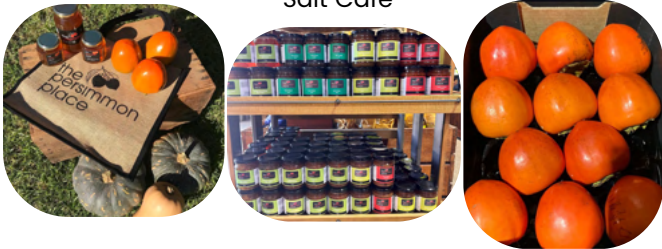
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Waddell Orchard has existed since 1889 when it was established as a citrus growing orchard.

In time Ron Waddell predicted the downturn in citrus and took steps with his son, Ken (4th generation and still working the farm every day), that resulted in Waddell's being widely known for their quality stone fruit.

Again, in the 1990s market conditions and pest concerns brought about another change - Persimmons. A trial block was planted and research done into the most suitable varieties.

As the business grew so did the premises. They are now in their 3rd packing shed and 4th roadside produce stall.

The Persimmon Place grows both soft and hard eating varieties typically available throughout the autumn months. Also grown is a variety of other produce throughout the year including original Navel oranges which they were once well known for.

They source and stock local and regionally specific produce ensuring quality, freshness and support for other farmers.

There is now a large range of jams, chutneys and dried fruit made from their own produce. Pure raw honey, eggs, nuts in shells as well and a variety of other products contribute to the visitor experience.

Salt cafe was welcomed in March 2025 and is now well established with many "regulars" and catering to the seasonal visitors.

Now 5 generations on, and only for the foresight of these pioneering families, sustainable agriculture has continued in such close proximity to the city.

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Set across 2.43 acres, the six-bedroom, 843-square-metre Georgian-inspired residence stands as a testament to thoughtful restoration. Since acquiring the property in 2002, the Sandilands have overseen a transformation that respects the elegance of traditional design while incorporating contemporary finishes. The result is a home that feels both

timeless and current—an increasingly sought-after combination in today's high-end property market.

Yet, it was the atmosphere of the evening that elevated the launch beyond a standard real estate showcase. Guests were encouraged to wander freely through the estate, experiencing the home as it was intended to be lived in. Live acoustic music drifted through the grounds, while canapés and refreshments added a layer of relaxed sophistication. This approach subtly shifted the focus from transaction to lifestyle, reinforcing the emotional appeal that often underpins premium property sales.

The event was held by marketing agent Carolyn Wheatley, Principal of Belle Property Dural. Events like this underscore a broader trend in her real estate marketing—where storytelling and sensory engagement are just as important as the property dimensions. The team at Belle Property Dural's execution demonstrated an understanding that today's



buyers are not simply purchasing homes but investing in experiences.

In the end, the Sandilands' launch was not just about unveiling a renovation. It was about showcasing a vision of living—one that resonates long after the final guest departs.

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2026 ANZAC SERVICES IN GALSTON

19TH April, 2:30 PM

ANZAC Sunday Commemoration Service
at The Galston Club

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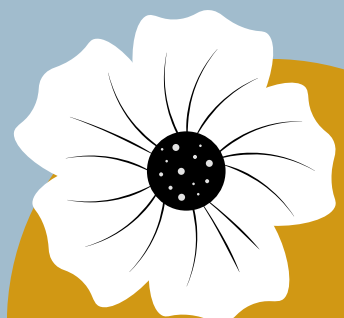
25TH April, 6:00 AM

Dawn Service at The Galston Cenotaph

A limited number of sheltered seats will be available. The Galston Club will be open after the Dawn Service for Bacon & Egg Rolls. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

Contact Person: Bec Smith or Renee Smith
Galston Club Ph: 02 9653 2017

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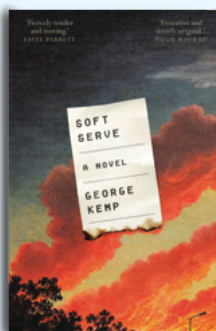
The school holidays are here, and we have a variety of activities to keep the kids entertained. Award-winning children's author Belinda Murrell is joining us at Hornsby Library on Tuesday 14th April and Toonworld animation workshops will be held at Hornsby and Pennant Hills Libraries on Wednesday 8th April. We are also running a Junk Journaling workshop to celebrate Youth Week at Hornsby Library on Thursday 16th April. Visit our events page at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library for more details and to book tickets.

ADULT FICTION

SOFT SERVE BY GEORGE KEMP

Stuck in a regional McDonald's, as bushfires close in, three 20-somethings and their dead friend's mum all face a reckoning. Fern longs for Ethan, Ethan longs for Jacob, and Jacob struggles to long for anything. Meanwhile, Pat just wants her grief to ease up.

Soft Serve proves that small-town lives are huge, and that anyone can get stuck in limbo between their past and their hoped-for future. From celebrated Australian playwright and actor George Kemp comes this charming, poignant and full of heart novel.

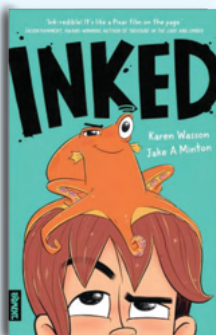


JUNIOR FICTION

INKED BY KAREN WASSON AND JAKE A. MINTON (ILLUSTRATOR)

When 12-year-old Sid discovers a talking octopus in his family's fish shop, he is shocked. Otto is cheeky, demanding, and won't leave Sid alone until he can help Otto get to the ocean. But Sid has bigger fish to fry. He must figure out how to get into his dream art school next year, or else high school will be a nightmare. Can these frenemies find a way to work together, or will it all end in disaster?

Brimming with hilarity and hijinks, *Inked* sparkles with slapstick humour and fish-out-of-water misunderstandings.



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Rural Roundup

Jane Seaglove

Hornsby Councillor



Hello Residents,

Hornsby Shire Council is pleased to announce the return of the Second Hand Hornsby Markets on Sunday 12th April, inviting the community to come together to celebrate reuse, sustainability and the joy of finding a great local bargain. Taking place at Coronation Street, the April market is the first of four planned for the year, with additional markets scheduled for 12th July, 13th September and 8th November.

The markets were recently recognised at the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities Awards 2025, receiving a Highly Commended award in the Waste Avoidance category, highlighting the success of Council's Second Hand Hornsby initiative and its positive impact on reducing waste in the community.

Another welcome development is the reopening of Galston Gorge, restoring an important transport link for residents and visitors travelling through the area. In Galston, construction work is almost completed on the street-front entrance at the entrance of Living Choice retirement village. At the same time, planning for the broader Galston Village improvements is progressing. There will be a slight delay to the start of construction linked to the village plan following discussions with Transport for NSW. The intention is to avoid multiple projects occurring at once, which could create unnecessary congestion through the village and further disrupt local businesses and residents.

As part of the longer-term vision for the area, Council's Parks team has also indicated support for a tree-lined boulevard along Galston Road leading into Galston Village. This concept would help enhance the streetscape and create a welcoming village entrance and add to the character and amenity of the local area for residents and visitors.

Community input is also being sought for a proposed footpath along Galston Road, extending from Carters Road to Old Northern Road in Dural. This proposed pathway would create a safer and more accessible walking route for families and residents, forming a connection between Dural and Galston and encouraging a more active lifestyle for locals. Please make contact on jseaglove@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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Honouring Our Local Anzacs this 25th April

On 25th April, our community will gather to mark the 111th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

Anzac Day is a day that asks us to pause. In 1915, young Australians and New Zealanders landed on the Gallipoli peninsula. Many had never left home before. More than 8,000 Australians would not return.



Australia was a young nation then, only 13 years into Federation. When Britain declared war, we went too. Gallipoli did not succeed in its military aim, but it left a deep mark on our national life. The qualities we associate with the Anzacs - courage, endurance, loyalty to one another - have become part of how we understand ourselves as a nation.

Each year, I think particularly of the young men from our own community who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Men like Private Ormond Fathers, a Hornsby apprentice, who enlisted in September 1914 and was among those sent to Gallipoli for the landing on 25 April 1915. Just weeks later, in June 1915, he was killed in action. His battalion would go on to fight at Lone Pine in August that year.

He was one of many local sons who never came home.

Each year I am struck by the sight of people gathering before dawn - young families, veterans, school students - standing quietly together as the sun rises. The dawn service speaks to something enduring in the Australian character.

I encourage you to attend one of our local services this Anzac Day:

- Annangrove: Annangrove Park - 11:00am
- Beecroft: Beecroft Cenotaph - 3:00pm
- Berowra: Berowra RFS car park, March and Service - 7:30am
- Berowra Waters: Western Shoreline Forecourt - 5:00am
- Brooklyn: Brooklyn Oval on 27th - 10:45am
- Cherrybrook: Anzac Jawan Cenotaph on 20th - 3:00pm
- Galston: Galston Cenotaph - 6:00am
- Glenorie: Glenorie Memorial - 6:00am
- Glenorie: Woolworths car park, March and Service - 3:15pm
- Hornsby: Hornsby Cenotaph - 5:00am
- Kenthurst: John Benyon Park, March and Service - 8.30am
- West Pennant Hills: WPH Sports Club - 5:00pm
- Wisemans Ferry: Anzac Memorial - 6:00am
- Wisemans Ferry: Primary School, March and Service - 10:00am

Thank you to Karen Richardson for her work on the biography of Private Fathers.

As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

JULIAN LEESER MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

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From the desk of *James Wallace*

MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



Our Community Loves Sport, But We're Running Out of Fields

On any given weekend in Hornsby Shire, it's clear how much sport matters.

Sport is where our kids learn to be part of a team and lifelong skills like resilience and hard work. From cricket and rugby to soccer and netball, our sporting clubs bring community together and help us find connection.

The importance of local sport is why I am working with local clubs and councils to invest in local sporting fields.

Many existing ovals cannot cope with wet conditions due to limited drainage and infrastructure. Games get cancelled because of a combination of wet weather and overuse of fields. One girls football team has told me 8 of 11 games last season had to be cancelled.

The recent draft Cherrybrook rezoning identified five new sporting fields were needed to support population growth, highlighting a broader issue. When thousands of families move in, supporting infrastructure, including sporting fields, must grow as well.

Without additional ovals, the pressure on existing fields will increase. A new synthetic field at Westleigh would provide a training facility to preserve other grounds for use on game day. I strongly support this proposal.

The recent opening of the new pavilion at Mark Taylor Oval in Waitara shows the impact of investment. The entire precinct has transformed over the past decade. It received strong investment from Government and is a model of what we need to do elsewhere.

With the winter sports season approaching, the pressure on our fields will only increase. I will be making this a key focus and want to hear from you and your club.

Galston Equestrian Club - Your Local Club!



Several of our local equestrian enthusiasts are members of our very own Galston Equestrian Club - the adult riding club based at the fantastic Rural Sports Facility right here in Galston.

We are a friendly, welcoming and supportive club that meets monthly, on the second and fourth Sunday (with some bonus Saturday events!). A variety of activities are on offer for riders of all abilities including,

- dressage
- show jumping
- working equitation
- official Equestrian Australia events with sponsors, prizes, professional judges and stewards
- general riding and clinics
- training and protocol days
- social events

This April alone we have a Show Jumping Clinic and Pilates for Riders (both offered monthly), plus a Dressage Clinic, Protocol Day and Official Competition. Plenty to excite and challenge both horse and rider.

Trot on over to our www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au website and check out our Club and events in detail. Thank you to all our existing members for your ongoing support of our club and events. We welcome new members and volunteers - there is so much fun to be had at your local equestrian club!

Watch this space and our website for updates on what is happening at GEC.

We'd love to see you at our Club!



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from the Mayor's Desk

I am delighted to share an exciting milestone in the transformation of Hornsby Park, with the opening of the Southern Lookout and Crusher Plant Precinct, the first stage of the park's progressive opening to our community. Steeped in history, the Crusher Plant Precinct takes its name from the former industrial plant that once crushed volcanic rock from the quarry for use across Sydney. Today, this area has been thoughtfully reimaged as a tranquil space featuring lawns, barbecue and picnic shelters. It's a place where people can relax, connect with nature, and reflect on the site's remarkable past.

The newly completed Southern Lookout offers sweeping views over the ancient volcanic landscape and former quarry. It also provides a glimpse into the park's ongoing transformation as construction continues across this vast and unique site.

This "first look" opening is an important step in the long term vision to create a major bushland destination for our region. We are thrilled to welcome the community in to see what has been achieved so far. Hornsby Park is opening in stages, and this first precinct provides a sense of the scale, beauty and potential of what's still to come.

Other areas - including the quarry loop cycling and walking track, additional lookouts, and the Old Mans Valley Field of Play with a bike pump track - will open progressively as works are completed.

You can access the Crusher Plant Precinct via Quarry Road off Dural Street, or by the newly restored Heritage Steps which start behind the Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre. I hope you enjoy the new space and look forward to sharing more milestones with you as Hornsby Park continues to take shape.

This April, Council is also proud to support NSW Youth Week 2026, celebrating this year's theme *Dream. Dare. Do.* We have an exciting program of free events and encourage our young residents to get involved, try something new and enjoy the many activities on offer. For more information and to book visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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- **Chipping for Mulch – Mt Kuring-gai**
Sunday 12 April, 7.30am-12.30pm
Council Depot, 5 Beaumont Rd, Mt Kuring-gai
- **Clothes Swap**
Saturday 18 April, 9.30am-11.45am
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First Look

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Small Schools Team Up to Boost Learning Opportunities for Gifted Students



Middle Dural PS has joined forces with Arcadia PS and Hillside PS to host a special enrichment day for their high potential and gifted students on Friday 20th March, 2026. This collaborative approach is designed to give students challenging, engaging learning experiences that help them reach their full potential.

Our schools worked together to design the day based on student interests and needs, ensuring that all students have access to exciting and inclusive activities. The program reflects the NSW Department of Education's commitment to maintaining high expectations for every student and supporting the development of talents across academic, creative, sporting, and social-emotional areas.



Throughout the day, students will participate in a variety of sessions including Aboriginal art, dance, science investigations, and STEM workshops featuring robotics and coding. Community partnerships played a key role, with special guests from our local Environmental Educations Centres- Longneck Lagoon and Brewongle. Support from Galston High School, Richmond Agricultural Centre, and the Department of Education's Digital Support Team brings expertise and exciting challenges to

the students. This year we have also invited Macdonald Valley PS, Maroota PS and Wisemans Ferry PS to expand the availability to other small schools within our network.

Physical development and leadership skills will be nurtured through sports coaching delivered by professional athletes connected with the Western Sydney Wanderers soccer club and the National Rugby League. These sessions will also support students' social-emotional wellbeing by encouraging teamwork, confidence, and resilience — key priorities reflected in the HPGE policy.

Teachers will play a vital role in observing and documenting students' strengths during the day, ensuring that identification of giftedness is based on careful assessment and data collection. This information helps our schools tailor future programs and learning opportunities to continue nurturing students' talents.

The success of this day has led to continuous enrichment opportunities throughout the school year, including extra-curricular clubs and access to advanced learning resources like 3D printers and film making equipment. At Middle Dural PS we have established a timetable of lunch time activities to allow our students to engage in opportunities across all four domains. We fund School Learning Support Officers to be on duty at lunch to set up and supervise a range of activities that are driven by student voice. Over the past year we have offered chess club, lego club, book club, chicken and garden care, dance, singing, bingo, soccer, table tennis, handball, film making, gunya building (cubby houses).

If you would like to join our lovely school community, contact us on 9651 1761 or email us at middledura-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or visit our website to see our latest newsletter and other amazing activities. We are happy to offer school tours and we consider all enrolment applications.



UnitingCare Galston Early Learning Centre Achieves Exceeding Rating



UnitingCare Galston Early Learning Centre has started 2026 with exciting news for our community. Following our recent

Assessment and Rating visit from the NSW Department of Education, we are proud to share that our service has once again achieved an Exceeding National Quality Standard rating.

The beginning of the year has been filled with energy and purpose, with our educators demonstrating a strong commitment to continuous improvement and best practice in early childhood education. Throughout the assessment process, the team worked

collaboratively to reflect on our practices, share our learning journey, and highlight the meaningful experiences provided for children and families every day.

Achieving and maintaining an Exceeding rating recognises the dedication, professionalism and passion of our educators, as well as the strong partnerships we have built with our families and community. It reflects our shared commitment to creating a nurturing, inclusive and high-quality learning environment where children can thrive.

We would like to thank our wonderful educators, families and management committee for their ongoing support. This achievement truly belongs to our whole community, and we look forward to

another year of learning, growth and connection together at UnitingCare Galston Early Learning Centre.

If you would like to learn more about our centre, we warmly invite you to get in touch.

For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact Centre Director, Daniela Palmer, via email at galstondaycare@bigpond.com or by phone on (02) 9653 1475.



Glenorie Public School Welcomes A New Year of Learning and Growth



As we settle into 2026, Glenorie Public School is buzzing with excitement and readiness for a year full of learning and personal growth. We are delighted to see that all students have settled smoothly into their classes and are engaging positively with their learning experiences. Our dedicated staff uphold high expectations and deliver explicit teaching strategies to engage and inspire students in every aspect of school life. While our Year 1 and 2 students are building their knowledge about ancient Egypt to



create writing masterpieces, our senior students are creating a digital learning portfolio showcasing their understanding of how plant and animal adaptations support survival.

Reinforcing our strong connection to the local community, Mrs Rebecca Wallace, Principal, and school leaders were honoured to visit the Glenorie Memorial Hall Precinct to view the paver donated by the school, proudly displayed in front of the Glenorie Memorial Hall. During their visit, they also took time to appreciate the newly unveiled Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence, which beautifully honours the stories, people, and natural environment that have shaped the community.

The recent annual swimming carnival at Galston Aquatic Centre was a fantastic celebration of skill, friendly competition, and team spirit. Students showcased their enthusiasm and determination across a variety of races, achieving many exciting



personal bests. The 2026 House Captains and Vice Captains led their teams with enthusiastic war cries that energised the crowd and added to the excitement of the day. We extend our thanks to the parent volunteers and all spectators who came along to support and celebrate our students.

At Glenorie Public School, outstanding opportunities are available to every student. If you would like to join our friendly and inclusive school community, please contact the school office for enrolment information.

Pacific Hills Christian School Hearts in Action



In 2024, Pacific Hills Christian School launched a meaningful initiative linking Year 5 to Year 8 students with residents of the Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village – Yurana House. Students visit twice each term, offering companionship, conversation, and a warm presence to residents who may otherwise feel isolated.

The program is guided by Pacific Hills staff member, Jason Mok, whose vision is to reduce loneliness among the elderly. Mr Mok

explains that many residents receive few, if any, visitors.

“Ministry starts at home. I believe that there are many people we can show love and care to, in our community. My goal for students is to put theory into action – you can’t learn how to do ministry and kindness from a textbook... you need to see it in action”, he shared.

These visits have quickly become treasured moments for both students and residents. While students gain perspective and wisdom from older generations, residents experience joy and new friendships. We look forward to continuing this beautiful partnership.

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by Lachlan Turner

Hidden in the Hills

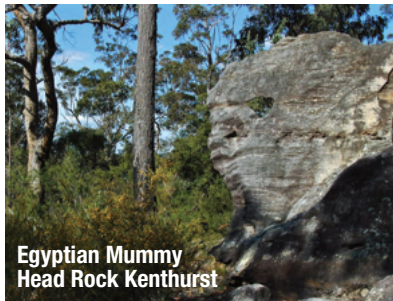
Rock Formations

As you descend into bushland valleys along the many walking tracks in the Hills region, the presence of large rock formations becomes quite obvious.

Grey weathered sandstone bluffs are interspersed with wind eroded hollows resembling small caves.

Water too has a defining influence on the sculpting of these rocky overhangs.

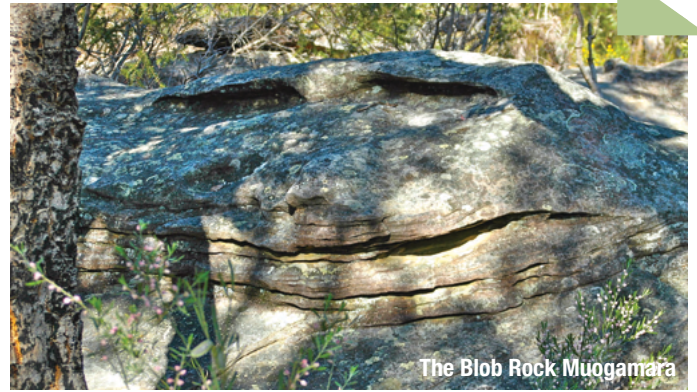
The continual breaking down of the sandstone provides much of the nutrients required by so many of the wildflowers and other plants growing in this special environment.



Egyptian Mummy Head Rock Kenthurst

Sandstone ridges and slopes retain rainwater and slowly release moisture through the surrounding soils which in turn helps to nourish vegetation in the vicinity.

There are many plants, such as orchids, ferns and mosses, whose roots can



The Blob Rock Muogamara

actually grow on the surface of the rocks, taking advantage of small cracks in which to secure a foothold. Other plants depend on the close proximity of these rocky habitats taking advantage of the rock's protection in which to flourish.

The ability of large rocky formations to create a protected and cool environment enables moisture loving plants such as fungi and ground covers the opportunity to flourish in leaf litter beyond the reaches of the sometimes hot sunshine.

On occasions when walking through such rocky places it is possible to be confronted with rock formations that can take on some form of recognisable shape, which could, without too much imagination, be likened to some living or imaginary creature. Several examples accompany this month's column.

Next time if you are out walking along tracks bordered by large rocky outcrops, test your skill and imagination by trying to identify one of these rocky features. If you are not sure, move to another position and view your find from a different direction.

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Rare and exquisite bromeliads from local and interstate growers will be on display and available for sale to the public including Jan & Jon Townsend from Bonville, BSA's competition winners Harold Kuan, Nina Woodcock, Elizabeth Mudriczki and Kerry McNicol together with Anna Ernst and her amazing artistic bromeliad wall hangings. Tillandsia

experts Harold Kuan, Chris & Lap Larsen, and Mark Belot with a variety of giant and colourful Alcantareas and Angela & Gary Flemming who always have an enormous variety of bromeliads available.

There will be 20 plant sale tables continuously restocked, books, pots, information and free advice available from experienced bromeliad growers.

There is plenty of parking on site, admission is free to the show and please bring a box for your purchases. Make sure you check out the lucky barrel with its amazing plants.



Harold Kuan with one of his prized tillandsia

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Fencing, Friendship and Community Spirit

by Amelia Jones



What started as a tough little fencing job turned into a great reminder of the power of mates helping each other when needed.

We recently set out to install a simple 100-metre star picket and wire fence to clarify the boundary of our bush block, after ongoing issues around its location. With sandstone bedrock, no power or water, and tricky access, contractors weren't keen to take on such a small but demanding job — so we decided to tackle it ourselves. A relatively small job we had been putting off for

some time as we knew it would be somewhat painful.

After days of jackhammering star pickets into rock, we reached the final stage and were rather over it. That's when our local Landcare group appeared on the horizon like a calvary undertaking a final charge.

With extra hands, practical know-how, and plenty of laughs, they helped us run and strain the wire, turning a draining task into a genuinely enjoyable morning. The shared effort — and the

well-earned morning tea afterwards made the project feel far less daunting and motivated us to get cracking in the run to the finish line.

The experience showed us how Landcare is about more than land management. It's about community, connection, and working together to make caring for our properties easier and more rewarding. New local landholders are always welcome to join in and be part of that spirit- just take a moment before you hand over the jack hammer!

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CABA (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) is a form of respiratory protection that supplies clean, breathable air from a cylinder to the wearer in dangerous atmospheres. CABA is used by RFS members in toxic atmospheres, oxygen deficiency places, elevated temperatures and smokey environments. These include structural fires and vehicle fires, often working alongside agencies like Fire and Rescue NSW and the SES.

Only brigades with specialised training become equipped with CABA to manage these complex incidents, and Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade is one. CABA qualified volunteers receive specific training to support brigade operations. Regular ongoing training is required to maintain this certification and to ensure members maintain fitness and competency.

A BAO (Breathing Apparatus Operator) is a trained member of the RFS who has completed the specific training program to safely use CABA equipment externally at an incident. Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade currently has a solid team of thirteen qualified CABA

operators and, on average, attend incidents once a month.

A SFF (Structural Fire Fighter) is the next level up from a BAO and these firefighters can use the CABA to internally battle structure fires. This type of firefighting increases the risk that the firefighter faces. Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade currently has eight members qualified at the SFF level.

Incidents requiring CABA can go from minor to complex cases where firefighters rely on their training, and the trust and support of their team. CABA operators face risks including roadside/vehicle access hazards, respiratory hazards, structural collapse, heat stress and dehydration and physical strain due to the heavy weight of the equipment.

SFF is one of the most intensive, high-risk qualifications that you can attain as a volunteer firefighter, and we would like to say a massive thank you to all our BAO and SFF team at Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade. Your sense of comradery is remarkable; your skill set is top notch and your



willingness, eagerness, and commitment to showing up to call outs where CABA is required, is commendable. Because of you, the local community is a safer place, and we thank you for your service.

Would You like to Become a NSW RFS Volunteer?

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 RFB by contacting us via our Facebook page, visiting the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or simply come in for a chat at the station on Monday nights from 7:30pm or Saturday afternoons from 2:00pm. The station is at 2654 Old Northern Road Glenorie NSW 2157.

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News from St Benedicts April 2026

St Benedict's Country Fete: Sunday 22nd March

By the time you read this the fete will be over but we'll have a report and some of the fete news in next month's issue.

Easter

Easter, the most important happening in the church calendar, falls in April this year. It's a commemoration filled with both sadness, with the solemnity of Good Friday on **3rd April**, then the joy of Easter Sunday on **5th April**. Again, through Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter, parishioners have been supporting Project Compassion and Caritas Australia by collecting donations to help those in need around the world. Project Compassion this year has focused on the stories of four people: Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza. The slogan for this year's appeal has been Unite Against Poverty a message that's more important than ever with the many challenges our world faces.



Children's Sacramental Program

A number of children in the parish have begun their journey to the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. In mid-March these children were blessed by Father Michael at the 9am Mass. After the prayer and blessing the children handed out prayer cards they had made to parishioners and asked for support through their spiritual journey. Picture shows Zachary Wilkinson of Glenorie ready to share his prayer card.

Parish Notices

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

Easter reflection on the life of Jesus Christ

Glenorie Mission Church welcomes guests to our Sunday services at 10 am.

Our guest Pastors this April are:

- Martin Watkins conducting the Easter Service on **Sunday April 5th**.
- John Saddington preaching on the Disciples and the Assertion on **Sunday April 12th**.

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- Tim and Linda who are missionaries with Africa Inland Mission on **Sunday April 19th**.
- Russ James from Bible League on **Sunday April 26th**.

There will be a dawn service at the church commencing at 5.45am on Easter Sunday to reflect and pray on the resurrection of Jesus as the sun rises.

We pray we will see you soon at Glenorie Mission Church.

Sunset Melodies Reflection

On the 14th March over 80 people attended the popular Sunset Melodies music program held at the Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church. This joyful community event captured the hearts of everyone. This special event, organised by Sandra

Weslake, brought together a wonderful mixture of singers and musicians from around New South Wales.

From special items to group singing, a spirit of praise and gratitude for the blessings of God and His goodness was the theme of this memorable occasion. Songs such as Farther Along, Sheltered in the Arms of God, and Come Jesus Come, brought church members and visitors together at a time when many recognise that our world is in a terrible mess.

As part of our evening, special prayer was offered for those caught up in the Middle East conflict. Our world needs peace! May each and every one of us continue to pray that soon the gospel will go to all the world, and Jesus will come.



Our evening finished with a beautiful supper hosted by Galston SDA Church. Thank you to all who help make this special occasion a great success.

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Galston Uniting Church



Rev Akosita's First Anniversary

Rev Akosita Tangi has now been our minister at Galston Uniting for 12 months, so we asked her to reflect on that time with us:

My first twelve months as Minister of Galston Uniting have been a journey of grace, growth, and gratitude. From my very first Sunday standing at the pulpit of Galston Uniting, I felt both humbled and hopeful. The congregation welcomed me warmly, and together we began building not just services, but a stronger sense of community.

Through baptisms, funerals and weekly worship, I have witnessed faith in its many beautiful expressions. We strengthened our outreach to the local community and introduced family-focused services that have brought new life to our gathering.

One of my greatest blessings has been having my family alongside me. They are happy to come along each Sunday, sharing church life. My grandchildren especially love

taking part in the services. With bright smiles, they help collect the offering, greet members at the door, and occasionally assist with preaching.

This year has deepened my faith and strengthened my calling. I look forward to the years ahead at Galston Uniting, trusting that God will continue to guide us as we worship, serve, and grow together.



Palm Sunday and Messy Church

Galston Uniting Church recently hosted a lively Palm Sunday Messy Church, where people of all ages gathered to explore the Easter story together. A highlight for many was meeting a real donkey, alongside a range of creative crafts inspired by the Palm Sunday story. The morning concluded with everyone enjoying lunch together, continuing the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 31st May 2pm

Galston Concert

Abbotsleigh Senior School Musicians

(proceeds to Parramatta Mission)

Easter Services

Please come and join us for Easter worship

* Thursday 2nd April 7pm - Tenebrae Service

* Good Friday 3rd April 9am - Worship

* Easter Sunday 5th April 10am - Worship



Everyone likes to hear good news and that's been true for young and old in every generation!

Proverbs 15:30 tells us that "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart and good news (a good report) gives health to the bones."

Most of us have a great interest in finding out the latest news - and it's so much easier these days with access to social media as well as radio, newspapers and magazines. In fact,

the earliest way of getting the news was by word of mouth. By the time Jesus Christ was living on the earth the Romans had published primitive newspapers called the 'Acta Publica.' These papers would periodically be posted in public places recording the latest local news and items of interest.

With Roman domination at that time being so exacting and harsh, how refreshing and exciting it would have been to hear the message of John the Baptist - 'Repent and hear the good news!!' Wow- not just the latest news, but good news proclaiming that the Kingdom of God was near.

Soon after that, Jesus Christ was telling the people, 'Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.' (Matthew 4:17).

For the next three years the good news about what Jesus was doing and saying spread.

Then after the historically reported death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, there was more good news - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved; you and your household." (Acts 16:31).

God has now made it possible to be saved: in other words, for each person to have a relationship with Him through His Son Jesus Christ, by believing in Him- and this will last for the rest of our lives here on earth and then for all eternity.

THAT'S GOOD NEWS.

God bless.

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Glenorie Community Church.

1507 Old Northern Rd, Glenorie.

Easter services:

**Good Friday: 9-10am *Easter Sunday: 10am*

SPORT NEWS

Dural Bocce Club News

2026 has started with lots of enthusiasm for members of Dural Bocce Club.

Our weekly games on Tuesday morning and Friday evening restarted mid-January after our Christmas break. Members were welcomed back to the courts and jumped straight into the weekly competitions.

Competition during February consisted of the total pointscore format. In this format each

player's scores every week are totaled over the four week period and awards are made to the players placed first, second and third. For February our winner was Guido, followed by Tony and then Ellis in third place. The next pointscore month will be April.

Also in February the club held its AGM. President Nick welcomed members and with the support of his executive outlined the club's achievements in 2025. Elections were held for this years committee and congratulations to the previous executive committee members who returned to office, with the addition of Mary and Martin who were elected as ordinary committee members.



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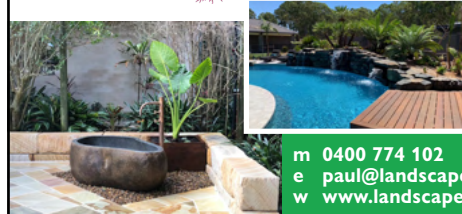
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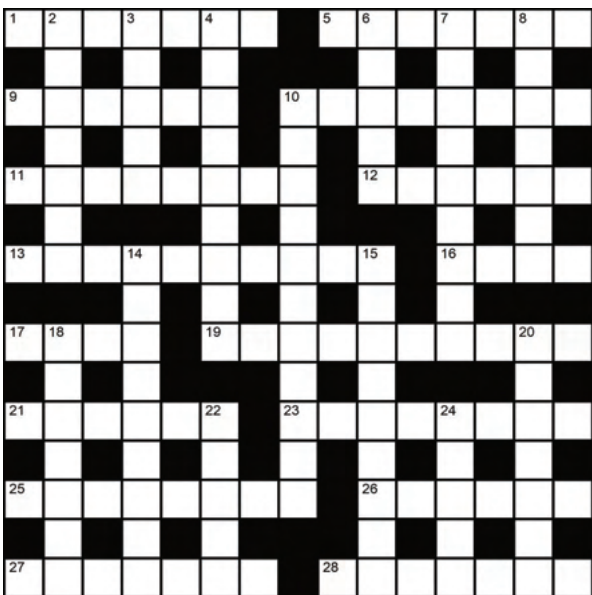
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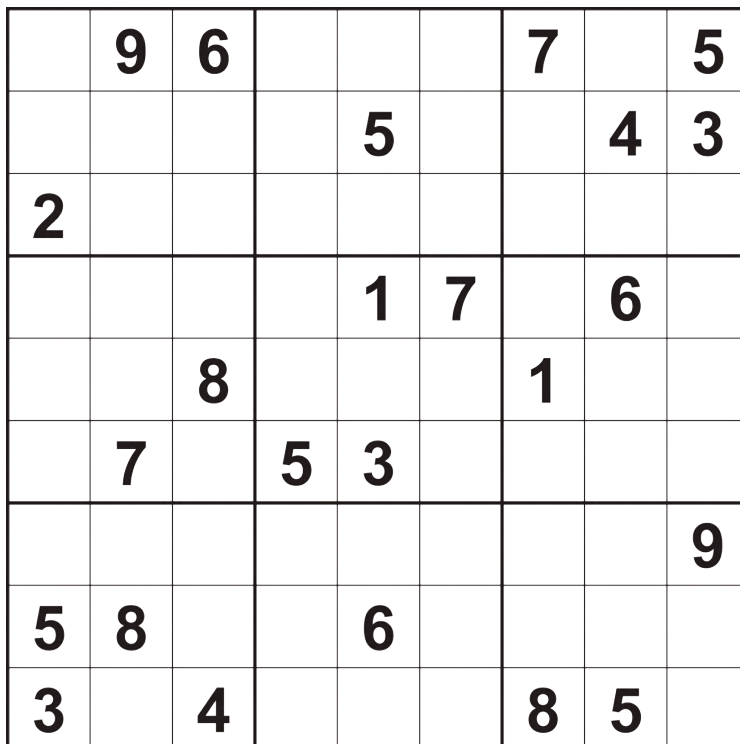
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- 12 Small wave (6)
- 13 Field hockey player with Olympic gold and bronze medals (5,5)
- 16 Land of ayatollahs (4)
- 17 It may be half-baked (4)
- 19 Corresponding (10)
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- 23 It goes, according to Cole Porter (8)
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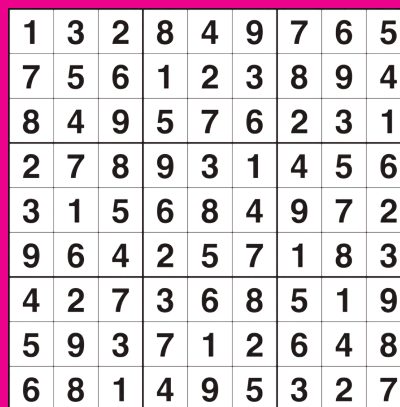
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Sudoku

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