

Biviano's Restaurant Celebrates 25 years of Dining Excellence



It was a 'who's who' of local industry leaders, politicians, businesspeople, family, friends and supporters attending the recent 25 year anniversary celebrations of Biviano's Restaurant at Dural.

Established in 2000, following the rebranding of Belmontes at Dural, Mr Rajeev Kumar who had originally trained as a pizza cook under Mr Belmonte, took over Bivianos just one year later.

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By 2010, challenges at the original location prompted a search for a new home which led to the current premises at 628 Old Northern Road – the previous home of the beloved Butterfly Café. The property was purchased, and with it, the dream of Biviano's as we know it today came to life.

During the past 25 years has:

- Worked with more than 1,000 staff, watching many grow into passionate hospitality professionals
- Crafted over 1,000,00 pizzas, each prepared with the same care and tradition first taught to Raj by Mr Belmonte
- Welcomed over 1,030,00 guests through its doors
- Provided more than 300,000 takeaway orders for guests to enjoy at home

- Hosted upwards of 1,200 special events, from milestone birthdays and weddings to countless other cherished gatherings
- Donated over \$500,000 to local charities, community groups, sporting organizations and schools

Though the goals of the restaurant have adapted with the times, its ethos has remained constant: to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere, outstanding food and service to create lifelong memories for guests near and far.



Biviano's is a venue that offers diners a stylish, graceful retreat for lunch, dinner, high tea, or private events and remains dedicated to serving high-quality cuisine made with the finest and freshest local and imported ingredients.

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Hillside Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ANDREW BAILDON	9652 2245
Middle Dural Rural Fire Service Fire Captain MORRIE MAAIT	0412 267 567

LOCAL JP's

Mary Ord, Glenorie - 0400 363 563
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Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area)

Cherrybrook Shopping Village, Shepherds Drive, every Saturday morning 10:00 AM to noon.

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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Scarecrow Competition Brings Creativity to 2159

The 2159 community is set to come alive with imagination, colour & plenty of fun this year as residents, schools, and businesses take part in AGRA's much-anticipated Scarecrow Competition. This delightful event invites everyone in postcode 2159 to showcase their creativity by designing & displaying Scarecrows on front lawns, balconies & shopfronts. From quirky characters to artistic masterpieces, the Scarecrows promise to bring smiles to faces of locals & visitors.

The initiative is more than just a creative challenge - it's a celebration of community spirit. By participating, households, schools & businesses join together to brighten the neighbourhood while sharing in a little friendly competition. Each Scarecrow is a reflection of it's creator's personality. Exploring the streets of 2159 will feel like a treasure hunt of quirky characters & surprising creations.

Exciting prizes are on offer for the best Scarecrows. In the Individual category, participants can win up to \$1000 in vouchers,

generously donated by the Arcadia Galston Resident's Association (AGRA), redeemable exclusively at local 2159 businesses. This not only rewards creativity but also directly supports shops & services in Arcadia, Berrilee, Fiddletown & Galston.

For educational institutions, the Scarecrow competition enters its second year with a prize of \$1000 cash, donated by Gavan Kohen of Manor Real Estate. Last year, this newest division ended in a draw, with Arcadia Public School & Galston Early Learning Centre each receiving \$500 for their outstanding efforts.



The Scarecrow Competition is a chance to showcase community pride, young & not-so young imaginations & creativity whilst supporting local businesses. Whether you're a resident ready to bring your ideas to life, a business wanting to brighten your shopfront, or a school looking for a fun, creative project, now is the time to get involved. Start planning your Scarecrow today: the 2159 community can't wait to see what you create! Register your interest by 26th October 2025. Judging occurs 2nd November 2025.

2025 FESTIVAL OF THE SCARECROW

ENTRIES TO BE DISPLAYED by Sun 26th OCT 2025



Judging on Sun 2nd NOV 2025

Join this delightful community event where creativity & fun come together! Residents, businesses & schools within the 2159 postcode are invited to design & display their unique Scarecrows on front lawns, balconies or shopfronts for a chance to win!

<p>CATEGORIES</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL: Win up to \$1000 in vouchers redeemable at postcode 2159 businesses.</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: Schools & childcare groups can participate with a chance to win \$1000 cash.</p>	<p>HOW TO PARTICIPATE</p> <p>Register your interest by 26th October to ensure your Scarecrow is featured on the event map. Create and display your Scarecrow by 26th Oct 2025.</p> <p>FOR MORE INFO: www.agra2159.com.au</p>
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Group Tours at Netherby



Are you looking for a new and interesting day out for your community group? Netherby Homestead is available for tours of the house, garden and outbuildings with the optional addition of a pleasant morning tea on the verandah. Recent tour groups have included Galston CWA and Kellyville Probus Club, who all enjoyed learning about the story of this precious slice of history in our own backyard.

Don't forget our next big Open Day is **October 5th** starting from 10am. It is sure to be a fabulous day out for the whole family!

Bookings are essential and for further information including fees, terms & conditions please contact Hornsby Council on 9847 6853.

Snake Season Has Sprung!

BY KARLENE BRUMMER



I have had a resident Diamond Python living at my home for over a decade and I am always in awe whenever I come across it in the garden. I was not so thrilled to see a new visitor slither by my chair whilst I was reading a book in the courtyard last week. After realising it was a 1m Red Belly Black Snake just centimeters from my legs, I pretty much froze in my spot until one of my inquisitive cats decided it wanted to take a closer look at this funny interloper and I knew I had to intervene.

Getting up very slowly, with heart pounding, I retreated to the house and called the cats - not the most obedient pets in the world - and FINALLY with the lure of some food managed to get them safely inside and shut the door. Creeping outside once more, the snake had gone, most likely under the decking. Crisis averted for now.

The next day I saw it again. This time I just spotted the tail disappearing into a bunch of clivias down where I park my car. A couple of calls to Snake catchers resulted in one coming out to try and remove/relocate it, but the wily reptile outsmarted us and was not to be found. Day three and there it was again. Taunting me, lying curled up in a very obvious position near the back stairs. Another call to the Snake Catcher. Another miss. I swear this Red Belly has ESP (Extra Snakey Perception).

So here I am living in a state of heightened anxiety - not knowing where or when it will pop up again. Suffice to say all gardening at my place has been put on pause for the near future!



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Celebrating every Individual: The Inala Fair Returns this October

The much-loved Inala Fair is back this October, bringing a full day of fun, food, and family entertainment! With market stalls, live performances, one-of-a-kind arts and crafts, pony rides, and delicious food, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

A highlight of the local calendar for over four decades, the Inala Fair is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our extended community. Visitors can enjoy a glimpse into the incredible work and artistry being nurtured at Inala, a charity founded in 1958 that provides high-quality support for individuals with disability through accommodation, day services, and community programs.

One of the highlights of the Fair is the display of one-of-a-kind arts and crafts created by the people we support in Inala's vibrant creative day programs. These programs not only give participants an outlet for expression but also allow them to showcase and sell their work.

"The Inala Fair is a chance for us to open our gates and share the extraordinary talents of the people we support," said CEO Alexandra Davis. "It is always a joy to see the pride on participants' faces as they present their creations. The Fair also provides vital support for Inala. The NDIS does not cover the cost of all the services needed, so fundraisers like the Fair help us bridge the gap and ensure each individual receives the supports and services they deserve."

This year's Fair will host an array of market stalls selling jewellery, plants, gifts, books, and sweet treats. Families can enjoy pony rides and

children's activities, while bargain hunters will find treasures at the White Elephant, upcycled clothing boutique and second-hand book stalls. A wide selection of food stalls, including a homemade cake stall, will ensure no one goes hungry.

Also keep an eye out on the main stage for a glimpse of Inala Patron and Entertainment Guru Richard Wilkins.

For the past two years, Inala has been grateful for the support of Hornsby Council through its Community Event Grant Program, which helps reduce the costs of running this large-scale community event.

"The Hornsby Council is proud to support Inala to present the much-loved Inala fair through our Community Events Grants Program. Inala is a well-known local community organisation, and the Fair is a wonderful event that brings the Hornsby community together in support of a worthy cause." - Hornsby Mayor Warren Waddell

Parking at Inala is limited, so visitors are encouraged to use public transport where possible. Conveniently, Inala is located directly opposite Cherrybrook Metro Station, making it easy to attend and enjoy the day.

**Event Details: Sunday 26th October, 9am – 3pm
99 Franklin Road, Cherrybrook**

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Set against rolling paddocks and bushland vistas, the Arcadian Artists Trail boasts five beautiful rural properties that will throw open their studio doors to more than 37 artisans working across a huge diversity of artistic disciplines including painting, printmaking, glass and textiles, jewellery, sculpture and photography.

Food trucks and local cafes are sprinkled throughout the route, or you might want to pack up a picnic basket with some bubbly and find a place to enjoy the beautiful outskirts of Sydney.

Don't miss it. Entry is free.

**Dates: 8th and 9th November 2025,
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One of the great artists Andrew encountered was *Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri*, arguably the most internationally famous of all male Aboriginal artists who has worked in traditional 'dot painting' style. With Clifford's Alice Springs art dealer, Andrew arranged for him to spend time on the Sunshine Coast where he created more than 20 paintings for an exhibition at Noosa (see photo of Andrew opening Clifford's exhibition in 2000).



The artist who most impressed Andrew was *Naata Nungurrayi*, a Pintupi elder from Kintore, 660km west of Alice Springs (see image of her painting a masterpiece which will be on display in the exhibition). Naata developed a unique style of innovating beyond traditional guidelines to depict secret and sacred 'desert dreamings' using exquisitely fine dots in rich desert colours. Andrew shared he felt privileged to be able to watch her painting on most of his many visits to Australia's centre.

ART EXHIBITON: ABORIGINAL DESERT ART



Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, 2000



Emily Kngwarreye, 1992 (not to scale)

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Progress comes to fruition...

The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence has been brought to life at last!



Time to say a huge thank you to all those who have contributed to date to this amazing project.

To our incredible sculptor, stonemason, artist, *Karl Van Middeldyk*—your time, talent, and wholehearted commitment breathed life into this project. We started together on this journey over five years ago. Here is the

final carving – the fantastic Rising Sun Army emblem which Karl has donated to this project.

To all our remarkable GPA volunteers—the Fence Sub-Committee of the GPA, Hall Committees and the Glenorie RSL Subbranch - you know who you are... thank you for being the driving force behind our shared vision. Your time and energy has transformed our ideas into action.

Significant sponsors:

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- ✓ *A&E Nicholson*;
- ✓ *Mrs Holt*; and
- ✓ *Rotary Club of Greater Hills*.

Plus

- ✓ *Diana Paton of the Galston Glenorie Community News*; and
- ✓ *Mark Holt for in-kind work*.



Hornsby Shire Council has contributed enormously in the planning process, paths & park upgrade, the infill fencing, mower strip and the pavers, yet to come.

A special mention for Warren Waddell who has been on board and working tirelessly with us, planning and fund raising for the fence.

Then there are a lot of people who gave smaller amounts and every little bit of donated time, money and effort, no matter how big or small, was a thread in the fabric of our success.

To each and every one of you who gave your time, energy, and heart—**thank you**.

Your dedication, compassion, and willingness to step up have made a lasting impact. Whether you were behind the scenes or front and centre, your contributions didn't go unnoticed.

You've helped build something meaningful, and your generosity has inspired us all. We're deeply grateful for your support and proud to have you as part of our Glenorie community.

The difference you've made is real—and it matters.

Our heritage fence will stand for many generations to come, demonstrating the unwavering belief in the value of our Glenorie community.

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DURAL BRIGADE MARKS 80 YEARS



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On 6th September, Dural Rural Fire Brigade celebrated 80 years of service to the community, marking its formation in 1945 when local residents banded together to protect homes from bushfires.

Since then, the brigade has been a constant presence in the Hornsby Shire, responding to local emergencies and supporting operations across New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria and Queensland.

Acting Area Commander for Greater Sydney, Superintendent Glen McCartney, said the brigade is recognised for both its operational efforts and its role in community life.

"During the 2019/20 bushfires, 34 members of the brigade completed more than 3,500 hours of service, which is an incredible display of commitment, particularly given they are volunteers," he said.

"Beyond emergency response, the brigade is deeply woven into the fabric of the community, through school visits, fundraisers, community assistance and the annual Santa run. Brigades such as Dural truly represent the spirit of the Rural Fire Service."

Today's anniversary also saw recognition for long-serving member Peter Bray, who was awarded Life Membership.

"Peter has given significant dedication to the brigade, serving as Treasurer, President, Equipment Officer, Station Officer and Fundraising Officer," Superintendent McCartney said.

A member since 2002, Mr Bray has also received the National Emergency Medal for the 2019/20 bushfires, the RFS Long Service Medal and the Premier's Bush Fire Citation.

"Congratulations to Peter, and to all members of the Dural Brigade, led by Captain Jarryd Barton, on reaching this milestone," Superintendent McCartney said.

HILLS EMERGENCY EXPO

Emergency Expo 2025, held on 14th September at Castle Hill Showground, offered residents a hands-on look at how emergency services operate.

The free event featured sirens, high-clearance vehicles, rescue helicopters, and live demonstrations, including road crash and large animal rescues. Visitors explored equipment, toured vehicles, and spoke with NSW Police, Fire and Rescue, SES, Rural Fire Service, and other agencies.

Event organiser Daniel McGovern said the expo strengthened community awareness, gave children confidence to engage with emergency personnel, and encouraged interest in volunteering or careers in the sector.

BREAK-INS

A 39-year-old man is under police guard in hospital after being arrested on Tuesday, 9th September, in connection with a string of alleged property offences across the Hills and Norwest areas.

He is expected to face multiple charges relating to incidents including:

- Attempted break-ins at two homes on Blue Bell Circuit, Kellyville, on 18th August
- Theft from several vehicles in underground car parks at Spurway Drive, Norwest, on 4th September, where designer goods and personal documents were taken
- Break and enters at two businesses on Ridgescrop Drive, Castle Hill, in the early hours of 4th September, with cash and a register stolen from one premises
- A break-in at a pet store on Commercial Road, Rouse Hill, later that same morning
- A stolen vehicle incident in Roseville on 30th August

Police said extensive CCTV footage and follow-up inquiries led to the man's identification and arrest. He will appear in court once released from hospital.

Anyone with information that could assist investigators is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the website. Reports can be made anonymously.

FATHER'S DAY ARREST

On Sunday, 7th September, Hills Police pulled over a 37-year-old man on Glenhaven Road at around 11 am.

The driver returned a high-range reading of 0.184 during a roadside breath test. His nine-year-old son was a passenger in the vehicle at the time.

The man was taken into custody and charged with high-range drink driving. His licence was immediately suspended.

Police confirmed that the child was unharmed during the incident.

VEHICLE CRASH

Hills Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on Boundary Road, Cherrybrook, at about 1 am on Saturday 24th August.

The 23-year-old male driver, the sole occupant, self-extracted from the vehicle and was transported to hospital for assessment and blood and urine testing.

Police believe impairment may have been a contributing factor in the crash.

The incident is part of Operation RAID (Remove All Impaired Drivers), a statewide campaign targeting alcohol, drug, and fatigue-related driving.

DRINK DRIVING

On late August, Hills Police conducting Stationary Random Breath Testing along Windsor Road, Castle Hill, attempted to stop a white Mercedes.

Despite clear signage, cones, and officer directions, the vehicle initially failed to stop, continuing westbound before pulling over on Fairway Drive.

The driver, a 38-year-old man, showed signs of intoxication.

A roadside breath test returned a positive result, and a subsequent analysis at Castle Hill Police Station recorded a reading of 0.157 grams of alcohol per 210 litres of breath.

The man was issued a Court Attendance Notice for high-range drink driving, had his licence suspended, and his keys were confiscated.

The Power of a Second Opinion: Navigating Hearing Aid Choices

The process of hearing loss treatment can sometimes feel like a maze. Each twist and turn presents new decisions, choices and things to consider. In your journey one such decision might be the choice to seek a second opinion in hearing care.

A recent case highlighted the importance of this step. Ron, a retired high school teacher who lived alone, sought advice about his hearing loss at a retail hearing aid store in his local shopping centre. His main goal was to hear his favourite TV shows better, especially game shows like *The Chase on Channel 7* and be able to understand his daughter better when she visits him once a week without asking for repeats. However, a clinician at the store advised him to purchase a pair of high-end hearing aids priced at over \$10,000. The clinician also used fear-mongering practices, warning Ron that without these expensive hearing aids, he might even face the risk of developing dementia.

As an aged pension card holder, Ron was eligible for fully subsidised hearing aids through the Australian Government's Hearing Services Program. Despite this, the clinician dismissed these government-subsidised hearing aids as inadequate for his needs. Unable to afford the costly alternatives, Ron's friend suggested he seek a second opinion with us at Hear Clear Australia.

When we met with Ron, it was very clear to us that the fully-subsidised hearing aids were perfectly suitable to his hearing goals. He does not lead a socially active lifestyle and is often in the comfort of his own home. As such, we recommended the fully-subsidised hearing aids to Ron and at his follow-up appointment, he reported that he was very happy with his new hearing aids. He reported that he could hear the TV much better and actually understood everything happening on *The Chase!* He also noticed that his daughter was not getting frustrated with him anymore as he asked for fewer repeats.

Ron's story is not unique. In my opinion, the fully subsidised hearing aids meet his needs and lifestyle and his was a classic case of taking advantage of someone. A second opinion can offer valuable insight and a fresh perspective ensuring that the chosen course of action is indeed the best one for your unique situation.

Hearing aids come in various types and price ranges, and not all features may be necessary for everyone. At Hear Clear Australia, we are dedicated to providing ethical, independent advice, always prioritising our clients' best interests. We believe a clinical decision regarding hearing aids must always be made by considering the client's goals, lifestyle and budget.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As we head into spring, it's great to see This October, Hornsby Shire Council is proud to shine a light on connection, care, and community through our Hello Hornsby initiative and a range of programs supporting Mental Health Month.

Originally launched in 2022 to bring together residents aged 60 and over, Hello Hornsby has grown into a vibrant, inclusive platform for everyone in our Shire. Thanks to funding from the Special Rate Variation, we've expanded the program to include youth, families, carers, and people living with disability – ensuring no one is left behind.

This month, we're hosting a series of uplifting events designed to support and celebrate the diverse people who make our community strong.

Students preparing for the HSC are welcome to join us for a relaxing afternoon tea at Hornsby Library on Wednesday 22 October. Extended library hours will also be available to help students focus during this busy time.

We'll also be celebrating Carers Week with a morning tea to honour those who care for others – offering a moment of respite and connection. And on Sunday 26 October, grandparents and grandchildren can enjoy a special day out at Koala Park, with free tickets available online.

October is also Mental Health Month, and we're proud to continue our partnership with Lifeline to offer free mental health support every Thursday at Hornsby Library. As a former Lifeline counsellor, I know firsthand the vital role they play in supporting our residents. My sincere thanks to Lifeline and their volunteers for their ongoing contribution.

These events reflect our commitment to fostering social cohesion and supporting the wellbeing of all residents. I encourage everyone to get involved, meet new people, and enjoy the richness of life in Hornsby Shire.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

Join your local community this October at a range of events:

Carers Week Morning tea

Tuesday 14 October
10am-11.30am
The Brook Eatery
Cherrybrook

HSC Afternoon tea

Wednesday 22 October
2.30pm
Hornsby Library

Grandparents Day at Koala Park

Sunday 26 October
entry from 9am-11am
bookings essential

For these events and more visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby



EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS FOR HSC STUDENTS

Tuesday 7 October – Friday 7 November, student entry 9am-9.15am

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Glenorie Probus Club Activities

Glenorie Probus Club had very interesting guest speakers this month. Georgia Cameron from Sydney Wildlife Rescue and Michael Byles gave a talk on the Powerful Owls. They are locals to Byles Creek Valley and have studied the Owls for more than a decade. Michael is a musician who has written several songs about them and Georgia is an author who has written about them. They also bought their special guest "Budawa" the preserved Powerful Owl specimen.



They are the largest Owl native to Australia with a wingspan up to 140 cm and body length up to 65 cm. It is listed as a Threatened Species with a Vulnerable conservation status in NSW. Unlike in a vast majority of owl species, the male is slightly larger than the female on average. An apex predator in its narrow distribution, powerful owls are often opportunists, but generally are dedicated to hunting arboreal mammals, in particular small to medium-sized marsupials such as ring-tailed possums, which can comprise about three-quarters of their diet. Generally, this species lives in primary forests with tall, native trees, but can show some habitat flexibility when not nesting.

Georgina went on to relate the tale of Mickey the Powerful Owlet and the saving of Byles Creek Valley in Beecroft and Pennant Hills, an area of approximately 350 hectares. Georgina and Michael had given names to all the powerful owls in this area, and it was clear they had become quite attached to this particular parliament. She spoke of Bethany's rescue, and of little Iggy, born earlier this year.



It was an interesting and informative talk about Powerful Owls and a night visitor in our area.

Once again the Club visited Galston High School for our monthly morning tea and relaxing meeting.

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

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Join Round Corner Dural Probus Club and discover new opportunities – meet new people, hear from engaging guest speakers, and explore and enjoy outings to places of interest. With so much on offer, there's something for everyone! Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am at The Galston Club.

Despite the weather putting a stop to our barefoot bowls activity this month, the spirit of friendship remained high as we gathered for an enjoyable lunch at the Dural Club or a High Tea at The Centre.

September also saw many of our members pack their bags for a Life of Riley holiday to Jindabyne and the surrounding area.

Our guest speaker for the month, Dale Anne Clark, delivered an entertaining presentation on the *Magic of the Mind: Memory Mastery*. We were not only entertained but also put to the test, with fun memory exercises and valuable tips on how to enhance our memory skills.

Visitors are always welcome to come along to a meeting.

For further information please contact: Phone: Lei on 0412 585 741 or Email: rcdprobus@gmail.com



Galston CWA

We would like to introduce Anne Chartorisky, the President of the Galston branch of the CWA of New South Wales.

Anne is the head of our happy band of ladies who meet every second and fourth Wednesday at the Galston Health and Community Centre. We gather to further our efforts in raising funds and creating handmade and knitted goods, plus delicious relishes and jams. We sell some at our stalls and donate to our special charities, both local and national.

With Anne to lead our meetings we are motivated and inspired to do what we can to help our community.

So please come along on Saturday, **November 8th**, to our stall outside the Bendigo Bank. We will be there from 9am till 1pm with our goods to sell and we look forward to meeting everyone.

For any enquiries phone Anne on 0404 228 209 or Patricia on 0412 948 787.



Dural Scouts Fathers' Day Camp



Over the Fathers' Day weekend, families from Dural Scout Group came together under sunny skies for a fun weekend of activities in Maroota, on one of our leader's magnificent and picturesque property to give everyone a taste of a well organised and fun Scout camp.



Around 50 adults and children attended the camp on the weekend with tents spread around the ground. Fortunately, the weather was good, and all the planned activities could be held.

The yummy and thoughtfully prepared family dinner was a great success and enjoyed by all. There were various challenging activities set up by our wonderful leaders like the Gyroscope,

Climbing Wall, Strength tester and many more. A huge campfire was lit at night and enjoyed by all. There were also some wide games that were played, and everyone had a fantastic time.

The weekend was an overall positive experience of bonding as a Scouting Community between individual families, while introducing parents and siblings to the Methods of Scouting. A big thank you to our wonderful leaders, parents and of course our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

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

Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phiroozab@gmail.com or Simon: simon.edwards@nsw.scouts.com.au

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The results can be truly transformative. When people reconnect with their sense of worthiness and safety, the grip of addiction often loosens. Rather than managing symptoms, hypnotherapy helps resolve the cause.

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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

News from History Cottage

Our Gorge! Yes there is a sense of ownership when we think about the Galston Gorge. Anyone who has travelled through this heritage listed masterpiece of engineering and beauty, has a story to tell. They are the intimate recollections that make a community. Like all history they vary, mostly true but it depends of the view and knowledge of the teller. Like the ammunition found at the bridge! Evidence of a planned or committed murder? Or a returned soldier disposing of a wartime souvenir.

The archaeology evidence of the Gorge tells so much about the history of our community. The growth of the citrus fruit industry; the method of bridge construction; the bicycle races; the happy picnics; the requirements of horse drawn vehicles and the evidence of the original inhabitants. At the Historical Society's September meeting, President Michael Bell, gave his talk on that evidence. Making use of photos taken over many years, the Society archives; the memories of residents past and present; plus his personal musings, Michael led the audience, of over one hundred, down Murphy's, past water troughs and over the bridges and on to the top of the other side.

The 12th October meeting will be the Society's AGM. This is always an enjoyable afternoon because the major part of the meeting is a Show and Tell. After a brief formal period the gathering is handed over to members and friends to tell about their special object and why it is significant for them. It is a satisfying and interesting to hear these personal stories.



The Society's open afternoon will be the fourth Sunday of the month: October's will be the 26th. Visitors are welcome to come to History Cottage, beside the Cenotaph in Hayes Park, between 1.00 and 4.00pm to research and peruse what is available.

Next meeting 12th October in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. Starting at 2.00pm. Free entry.

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The rise of Low-Stimulation homes: why calmer spaces are becoming the new luxury

How simplicity and calm are redefining modern luxury living

In a world that feels noisier and busier than ever, many Australians are rethinking what “home” should truly offer. No longer just a place to live, it is increasingly becoming a refuge from the pace and pressures of modern life.

This growing awareness has given rise to the low-stimulation home - a design and lifestyle movement that prioritises calm, clarity, and well-being over clutter, chaos, and constant visual distraction. By creating spaces that restore rather than overwhelm, the low-stimulation home reflects a collective desire for balance, focus, and peace in the way we live.

Low-stimulation homes go beyond minimalist aesthetics. They are about creating environments that soothe the senses, reduce sensory overload and actively support mental health. In a world of over-scheduling, endless screen time, and 24/7 connectivity, this approach resonates deeply.

The need for such spaces is real. According to the Black Dog Institute, almost half of Australians (45%) will experience a mental illness in their lifetime. Burnout, stress, and anxiety are increasingly common, making it more important than ever to come home to a space that offers calm, comfort, and a sense of escape from the outside world.

WHAT IS A LOW-STIMULATION HOME?

A low-stimulation home is intentionally designed to reduce sensory overload. It's about creating spaces that feel balanced, uncluttered, and easy to live in.

Think muted colour palettes, natural textures, considered lighting and clever storage that tucks away the daily mess. Furniture and décor are chosen with restraint, allowing each piece to have purpose and meaning rather than competing for attention.

The result? A home that feels restorative, not overwhelming.

WHY IS THIS TREND EMERGING?

- The mental health connection
- Work-from-home lifestyles
- A shift from statement to sanctuary

KEY ELEMENTS OF A LOW-STIMULATION HOME

- Neutral tones: soft whites, muted greys, and earthy shades form the backdrop, creating a sense of calm.
- Natural materials: Linen, wool, stone, and timber bring warmth without overwhelming the senses.
- Thoughtful lighting: Warm, layered lighting replaces harsh overheads, setting a gentle rhythm throughout the day.
- Decluttered spaces: Hidden storage keeps surfaces clear, allowing the mind to rest.
- Personal touches: A favourite artwork, a textured rug, or a vase of fresh greenery – chosen with care, not excess.

For many, true luxury is no longer about size or extravagance – it's about how a home feels. A low-stimulation home delivers a sense of sanctuary from the fast pace of the outside world. Buyers are increasingly drawn to properties that showcase this aesthetic: homes where balance, calm and well-being are at the heart of the design.

The low-stimulation home is more than a trend; it's a reflection of a cultural shift towards valuing mental health, simplicity, and living with intention. In today's world, calm really has become the ultimate luxury.

If you are curious to discover more about finding your dream home, contact Belle Property Dural's Principal, Carolyn Wheatley today – 0407 120 483.





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Galston Library

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ADULT FICTION

GUNPOWDER CREEK BY ALEX DOOK

Friday, 1.30pm. Emily Barnes is finishing work for the week when she receives a panicked voicemail from her son Zach who has been shot. By 4pm, she's driving a stolen car out of Perth, with explicit instructions to deliver the car to Gunpowder Creek in three days. Miss the deadline and Zach dies. And don't open the boot. The job should be simple but there's someone dangerous roaming the highways. Someone who doesn't want the car to make it to Gunpowder Creek.

For fans of Adrian McKinty and Will Dean, this cat-and-mouse thriller ignites like the fuse on a stick of dynamite.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

BLACK RIVER BY RUBY JEAN COTTLE

All 17-year-old Dusty wants is to escape into books and the wilderness that surrounds her home. What she doesn't know is there's something waiting for her in the forest. One morning, Dusty wakes up with dirt on her feet. Then she realises that her body and senses are changing. And Dusty isn't the only person experiencing strange events in Black River. Darker forces are at play, and Dusty must uncover the mystery, or risk losing everything and everyone she loves.

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For the final 2025 Galston Concert on Sunday 2nd November @ 2pm - you will have the opportunity of hearing beautiful music on both instruments plus violin performances.

Two exceptional young tertiary prodigies: Tim Li, a Conservatorium tertiary student and multi-instrumentalist and Sean Weatherly (a violinist with an L.Mus.A. and also an excellent organist) will dazzle the audience with their performances. Both musicians have performed on the Sydney Town Hall Organ for past 'Young Organists Day' Concerts.

OPTIONAL: For lovers of classical music, these concerts are proof that you don't need to travel to the city for world-class performances, the Hills are alive with music right here at home.

Continue to "Watch this space" re information on showcasing more remarkable talent planned for the 2026 Galston Concerts Series.



Galston Concerts



Sunday 2nd November @ 2pm

Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston



Tim Li is an enthusiastic young violinist, organist and pianist who began his musical journey before his third birthday and is now completing a Bachelor of Music Performance in violin at the Sydney Conservatorium (under the tutelage of Prof. Ole Bohn).

Tim has performed his own composition at The Young Organists Day at Sydney Town Hall. Currently he is the Senior Organ Scholar at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

Sean Weatherley is a violinist and pipe organist who began learning violin at 5 and piano at 6. He has played frequently in ensembles and Eisteddfods around Sydney and attended Sydney Grammar School on a full music scholarship. He has completed his L.Mus.A on violin and was a finalist of the KPO Secondary Schools Concerto Competition under the guidance of his teacher, Dr Evgeny Sorkin.



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Silke Raetze Wins 2025 Hornsby Art Prize

The winner of the 2025 Hornsby Art Prize has been announced, with Sydney artist Silke Raetze taking home the top award for her painting *Green Tea with Alex*, a portrait of her friend and fellow artist.

Judges praised Raetze's innovative use of materials, saying the work "embodies many elements of art making." She described her process as layering various papers—packaging paper for the hair, cardboard for the cup, black card, and handmade papers—then stitching, painting, and sanding the surface repeatedly. "In this way I feel a dialogue with the work emerges," Raetze said.

Her artwork was selected from 71 finalists, chosen from 415 entries submitted from across Australia. Artists competed in categories including painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, and sculpture for a total prize pool of \$23,000, with the major prize valued at \$10,000. This year's judges were Tim Braham, Director of Gosford Regional Gallery, and artist Stephen Hall.

The Hornsby Art Prize, hosted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, is a national competition celebrating outstanding Australian contemporary art. Winners were announced at a ceremony at the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, with presentations by Councillor Janelle McIntosh.

Mayor Philip Ruddock congratulated all entrants and finalists, noting the Council's commitment to supporting the arts and celebrating local and national talent.

Other 2025 Award Recipients Include:

- **Local Artist Award:** Roslyn Kean (*Trapped Beneath the Surface* – hand-printed woodblock on paper)
- **Photography Award:** Tamara Dean (*Realms*)
- **Sculpture Award:** Rachel Lucas (*The Survivor*)
- **Drawing Award:** Claire Tozer (*Flow*)
- **Printmaking Award:** Anne Starling (*Home Comforts*)
- **Painting Award:** Katherine Edney (*I Want to Lie in the Clouds With You*)

The main exhibition is on show at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre until 28th September 2025, open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 4pm. Entry is free.

In addition, David Collins, winner of the 2024 Local Artist Award, will exhibit new work in Sightlines alongside Sally Stokes, from 17th October to 2nd November 2025, also at Wallarobba.

More details at:

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/sightlines-exhibition

Castle Hill Art Society Inc.

Art Demonstration

5th November, 2025 7.00pm

Desiree Martin – "Nature Inspired Mixed Media"



Desiree uses fabrics, leaves and other notions to create rich textures that intrigue the viewer. She embellishes the surface with lively patterns, adds an image of more realistic bird or koi fish and then sometimes seals it all in with resin. Come and see how to achieve this great effect.

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

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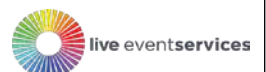
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Dural Bowling Club

The final for the Open Gender Pairs took place on Saturday 13th of September 2025. The pair of Doug Farlow and Marion O'Connell are the new champions and defeated the pair of Mark Tremain and Kate Liu. Congratulations to the winners and wishing the runners up go one better next year. Doug Farlow and Marion O'Connell also hold the title for the Open Gender Drawn Pairs final which they won on Saturday 21st June 2025. The pair of Doug Farlow and Marion O'Connell have the honor of holding both titles.



Dural Bowling Club will be running an Annual Graded 2 Bowls triple carnival on Monday 29th September. This carnival is sponsored by the parent club Parramatta Leagues Club, and 32 teams will be competing for some great prizes.

Dural Bowling Club will also be running another triple carnival on Monday 20th October. This carnival

is sponsored by Living Choice and Dural Bowling Club expresses its gratitude to its sponsors and volunteers.

Dural BOCCE Club

August was a busy month for Dural Bocce Club. Club competitions continued on a weekly basis with members hitting the courts every Tuesday morning and Friday evening. The beginning of the month saw our men members compete for the 2025 Men's Pairs Championship. In most club competitions the make up of each team is determined by names drawn out of the hat, however for this event players were able to nominate their own team members. After three hard fought rounds the decision came down to a final head-to-head competition between two excellent teams. Congratulations to our eventual winners, Mario and Tony, and our runners up, Guido and Ferdinando.



Later in the month our club was proud to send a representative team; comprised of Mary, Aldo, Luciano and Nick, to compete in the Marconi Cup.

This is a very prestigious competition

held annually at the Marconi Club at Bossley Park that attracts top club teams from all over Australia.

The competition is two full days of top flight bocce. It involves teams in a round robin format playing several 65 minutes games over the first day and a half, followed by semifinals and finals. Our team fought hard and, while not in the final top three, they represented our club with great skill and sportsmanship and were well rewarded for their efforts.

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! Contact Trisha Sundin on 0408 630 548.



From the desk of
James Wallace
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

Congratulations to Middle Dural Rural Fire Brigade for achieving the outstanding milestone of its 80th Anniversary.

The Brigade was officially established in 1945. Today, the Brigade responds to various incidents around the local area, including bushfires, car accidents, storm cleanup, and assisting SES with search and rescue. Brigade members have also played an important role in supporting major emergency operations across NSW, Victoria, Queensland, and the ACT.

The Brigade has around 64 active members, with a strong combination of new and experienced members. I was particularly impressed to learn that the former long-serving Captain of the Brigade, Leonard Best, has contributed 67 years of service to the RFS and the Middle Dural Brigade. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed team protecting our local community.

Bushfire season is drawing close, so it's crucial that we get prepared. Brigades across the area recently held Get Ready days to raise awareness and community preparedness for the upcoming bushfire season. If you didn't get the chance to attend, there is still plenty of time to develop a Bushfire Survival Plan. There are four key steps to doing so – 1) discuss what to do if a bushfire threatens your home, 2) prepare your home, 3) know the bush fire alert levels, and 4) keep up to date with all bushfire information.



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

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Recognising the next generation of sporting champions

Having a talented young athlete in the family is a privilege, but sporting costs, especially in higher level competitions, can put a strain on the family budget. The Local Sporting Champions program provides grants of up to \$750 for young people competing at national or international events. It recognises talent and eases costs for families. I recently hosted ceremonies to celebrate recipients of both the Local Sporting Champions and Local Para Champions programs, joined by Paralympian Ellie Cole and Olympian Ellen Roberts, both Berowra locals.

First, our para champions. In swimming, Abbey Gibbons, Elodie Sebire and Michael Williams have competed at national championships. In athletics, Cooper Robb-Jackson earned selection for the 2025 Australian Open and Under 20 Athletics Championships. In wheelchair sport, Evander Conroy and Hamish Muir represented our community. And Zara Perry wore the green and gold at the Goalball Clubs World Cup in Finland and Malmö Lady Intercup in Sweden.



Alongside them, our sporting champions are shining. Athletics: Issac Portelli, Mathias Hutchens, Sophia Cottrell, Aniela Knight, Zachary Leung, Cameron Leung, Jack Proudford, Ivy Yang, Amy Campbell, Thomas Scodellaro, Alexander Braendle, Justin Billingsley and Blake Billingsley. Swimming: Emma Cherry, Lily Sumner and Alannah Sumner. Hockey: Georgie Davidson. Rowing: Curtis Pepper. Team sports: Eva Zhang and Zak Morson (water polo); Ryan Chou Kobi McPherson, Christian Morrison, Kai Ueki and Kimi Soong (basketball). Logan Bubb and Ava Jones represented Australia at the Asia Pacific Youth Touch Football Cup.

Talent opens the door; discipline and courage do the rest. Our community stands behind these young people, and we'll keep backing their ambitions on and off the field.



Rural Roundup

Jane Seaglove

HORNSBY COUNCILLOR



Hello Residents,

At last week's Council Meeting Councillor for B Ward, Sallianne McClelland was elected as our new Deputy Mayor to the period to September 2026. Congratulations to Deputy Mayor, McClelland.

Over the past few weeks, I've had the pleasure of attending two very different but equally special local events – the **Berowra Woodchop Festival** and the **Hornsby Art Prize** held at Wallarobba Arts and Culture Centre in Hornsby.

Woodchop is always a highlight on our community calendar, celebrating skill, strength, and tradition. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the atmosphere and cheering on the competitors. One of the competitors was Peter Brown, a Galston resident. Various sponsors were out in force, Apex, Rotary, Berowra Village Tavern, Scouts NSW and Bendigo Bank, who is a regular sponsor of local events and not-for-profit programs within our community.

In contrast, the **Hornsby Art Prize** showcased the creativity and talent of local and regional artists. The variety of works on display - from painting and drawing to sculpture and photography was truly inspiring and a reminder of the depth of artistic talent we are fortunate to have in our area.

One of the entrants, **Lesley Richman**, covered a subject close to my heart, rescue dogs. "**Cloth Hounds: tails from the street** was a small installation of rescue dogs made from various upcycled fabric, thread and wire, honouring the resilience of rescue dogs. Each sculpture reflects their grit, spirit and longing for kindness". Using discarded materials to echo the dogs' journey from abandonment to usefulness".



Both events reflect what makes our community so vibrant: a mix of tradition, creativity, and shared celebration.

On **Wednesday, October 15th at 2:00pm**, Hornsby Library will host **Sue Williams**, author of *The Governor, His Wife and His Mistress*. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the author, purchase a copy of her book, and have it signed. Following the talk, those attendees who are interested in tracing their ancestors in the area are warmly invited to stay for the **Hornsby Shire Family History Group meeting** which meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

Free Activities for Kids, Teens and Families in The Hills

Kids, teenagers, and families in The Hills can enjoy a bonanza of free activities during the spring school holidays.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne encouraged Hills families to take advantage of the exciting array of free programs.

"We've got technology and environment workshops, board games with Headspace, netball skills, art therapy, a nature walk and more," Mayor Byrne said.

"We're teaming up with the NRL during Grand Final week for our first-ever school holiday program at the new Kellyville Memorial Park, home of the Parramatta Eels Centre of Excellence.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for kids who have never played rugby league before to give it a go, supported by professional coaches in non-contact sessions focused on skill development. We're also running a session designed specifically for children and young adults with disability.

"The whole family can join in on several of the holiday activities – whether you're into sports, the arts, tech skills, wildlife or the environment, there's something for everyone in The Hills Shire these school holidays."

THE SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Technology Workshop

What: Unleash your imagination in our hands-on 3D Printing Camp. Design your own model and bring it to life with a 3D printer. No experience is needed, and you'll get to take your unique creation home.

When: 9am – 12pm, Monday 29th September

Where: Skills Samurai, Level 2/10-14 Market Lane, Rouse Hill

Who: Young people aged 11 – 14

Games Afternoon with Headspace

What: Beat the holiday boredom with an afternoon of board games, snacks, and friendly competition.

When: 1pm – 4pm, Tuesday 30th September

Where: Headspace, 253 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill

Who: Young people aged 12 – 24

Environment: Ravi the Wildlife Guy

What: Learn about snakes and other animals during this wild hands-on experience through activities, storytelling, and up-close encounters. Explore real habitats, learn each animal's role in nature and how we can help protect them.

When: 2pm – 4pm, Tuesday 30th September

Where: Community Environment Centre, Annangrove Road &, Currie Avenue, Annangrove

Who: Children and families

Play Well NRL Program

What: This program is designed for kids who have never played NRL before. Guided by professional NRL coaches, the focus is on developing fundamental skills. This program includes an All Abilities session which is specifically designed for children and young people living with disability. All sessions are completely non-contact. The Play Well NRL Program has been made possible thanks to the Australian Sports Commission's Play Well Participation Grant.

When: 9:30am – 12:15pm, Wednesday 1st October

Where: Kellyville Memorial Park, 6Z/8Z Memorial Avenue, Kellyville

Who: Beginners aged 5 – 14 and children and young people living with disability aged 5 – 14

Resource Recovery: Insect Hotels

What: Create and decorate an insect hotel using recycled materials, such as cans, bamboo and other items found in the garden of the Community Environment Centre.

When: 10am – 12pm, Thursday 2nd October

Where: Community Environment Centre, Annangrove Rd &, Currie Ave, Annangrove

Who: Children and families

Please note: A ticket must be booked for each person that attends. One ticket can't be used for multiple people e.g. a family.

Technology Workshop

What: Learn how to create your very own 2D and 3D games using Unity, one of the world's most popular game engines. The workshop will include designing characters and environments and coding gameplay mechanics. By the end of the session, you will have built and played your own game that you can share with friends and family.

When: 9am – 12pm, Friday 3rd October

Where: Skills Samurai, Level 2/10-14 Market Lane, Rouse Hill

Who: Young people aged 11 – 14

Netball Sports Day

What: Join us on the court for a fun, active session designed to build netball skills and confidence. These sessions will offer game-based netball activities where participants will learn, play, and grow under the guidance of Netball NSW coaches.

This program supports physical fitness, teamwork and skill development in an exciting and engaging environment.

When: 9am – 4pm, Tuesday 7th October

Where: Coolong Reserve, Coolong Street, Castle Hill

Who: Young people aged 5 – 14

Art Therapy

What: Guided by trained art therapists, these hands-on sessions encourage creativity, emotional awareness, and social connection – all while having fun with colours and textures.

When: 9am – 4pm, Wednesday 8th October

Where: Activity Room 2, Wrights Road Community Centre, Kellyville

Who: Young people aged 11 – 18

Ocean Warriors – Protecting our Oceans

What: Meet Diver Dave and learn about ocean conservation. In this workshop, you'll see sea creatures up close, learn about their role in the ocean, participate in a treasure hunt and learn how to protect beaches, waterways and rock pools.

When: 10am – 11am, Thursday 9th October

Where: Community Environment Centre, Annangrove Road &, Currie Avenue, Annangrove

Who: Children and families

Environment: Nature Walk and Art

What: Join us on a relaxing, sensory-rich nature wander through Gables. After the walk, participants will gather materials to make nature art and create seed bombs to encourage the growth of native tree species in the area. The guided nature walk is approximately 1km long and on even paved paths that are pram and wheelchair friendly.

When: 10am – 12pm Friday 10th October

Where: Bunyarra Parade Reserve, 2Z Bunyarra Parade, Gables

Who: Children and families

To book these activities, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for 'School Holiday Activities.'

Celebrate community this October with Hello Hornsby

Hornsby Shire Council is proud to present a series of inclusive and uplifting community events this October, designed to support youth, carers, and grandparents across the Shire.

The events are part of the Hello Hornsby initiative – once a program for residents aged 60 years and over, now a vibrant platform for everyone in the community to connect. This October, whether you're preparing for exams, a carer in need of connection, or looking for a way to spend quality time with the grandchildren, Hello Hornsby has support and activities tailored for you.

PIZZA POP UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH MONTH – WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER AND WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

As part of Mental Health Month, Pizza Pop Up events will be held on Wednesday 1st October at Galston Skate Park from 12pm to 1pm, and on Wednesday 8th October at Berowra Skate Park from 12pm to 1pm. All are welcome to drop in, enjoy a slice of pizza and a cold drink, connect with the community, and take away information about community events, activities, and resources to support health and wellbeing. No bookings are needed.

CARERS WEEK MORNING TEAS – TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

In recognition of the invaluable role carers play in our community, Hornsby Shire Council will host a special morning tea from 10am to 11.30am on Tuesday 14th October at The Brook Eatery, Cherrybrook Shopping Village to celebrate and support those who care for others. There will also be another morning tea for people with dementia and their carers on Friday 17th October from 10am to 11am at Hornsby Library. These events will offer a chance to connect, share experiences, and enjoy a moment of respite. Bookings are not required.

HSC AFTERNOON TEA – WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER



To support local students during the HSC period, a relaxing afternoon tea will be held from 2.30pm to 4.00pm on Wednesday 22nd October in Hornsby Library. Students are invited to take a well-earned break, connect with peers, and enjoy free refreshments in a calm and welcoming environment. Additional opening hours of Hornsby Library and Pennant Hills Library will also be available from 7th October to assist students with study, with students permitted to arrive between 9am and 9.15am on weekdays.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT KOALA PARK – SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Grandparents in Hornsby Shire are invited to bring their grandchildren along to Koala Park for a special day out in celebration of Grandparents Day on Sunday 26th October. Free tickets are available and must be

booked online. Tickets grant entry to Koala Park between 9am and 11am on the day. Spaces are limited, so early booking is encouraged.

The Hello Hornsby program launched in 2022 with a grant from the NSW Government, initially aimed to help bring residents aged over 60 together to connect and try new activities. Thanks to funding from the Special Rate Variation, the program has been able to continue and now also includes youth, families, and individuals living with a disability.

"These events reflect our commitment to fostering community connection and supporting residents with a variety of needs," said Hornsby Shire Mayor, Warren Waddell.

"Hello Hornsby is about creating opportunities for people to come together, meet new friends, and enjoy the richness of life in our Shire. We are excited to see the community come alive with these diverse and engaging activities."

For more information or to book tickets, visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby>



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Fire Alert, Get Ready Now

Firefighting authorities are warning that we could be in for an early season. Similar situations to the Californians Palisades catastrophe could happen, long before anyone imagines it's possible. Many hills homes are situated near bushland "among the gum trees".

Local company, Aussie Pumps in Norwest are doing their part to help get people prepared. The company started with the clear mission of producing products that were better than those currently available. The result was a range of self priming centrifugal fire pumps that are unique to Australia and offer significantly better performance and features.

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A Fresh New Look for Hillside Public School



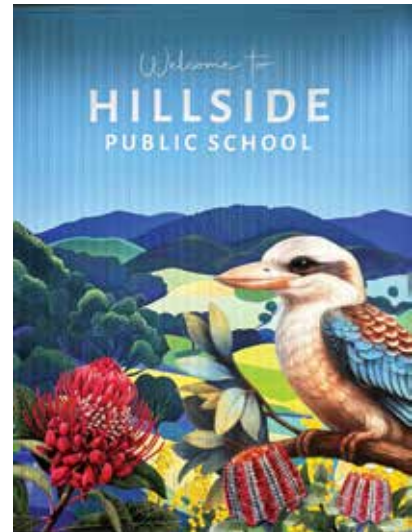
Hillside Public School is enjoying an exciting upgrade thanks to the support of the Galston Community Branch of Bendigo Bank. With funding from the 2025 Community Grants Program, delivered through the Community Enterprise Foundation, the school has been able to install brand new signage and improve community facilities.

The Hillside Public School P&C Association worked closely with Principal Koula Neorcsik, and together they proudly secured the grant, bringing an exciting upgrade that will benefit

students, staff, and the wider community for years to come.

With new signage at the school entrances and fresh blinds inside, the school grounds now offer a warm, vibrant, and welcoming atmosphere for students, staff, families, and visitors. It not only enhances visibility but also reflects the energy and pride of our school community. We are so grateful to Bendigo Bank for helping make this possible and for its ongoing support to our Local Schools.

Hillside Public School is located on Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie, set in a picturesque bushland setting and hosts a variety of community events throughout



the year. As a welcoming and inspiring school, Hillside combines strong academics, leadership, STEM, arts and sports with a supportive environment - proving that small schools can deliver BIG opportunities and help every child reach their full potential.



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Galston High Students Shine in Statewide NAIDOC Week Competition



Each year, NAIDOC Week is celebrated across Australia to honour the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In 2025, students across New South Wales were invited to participate in the NAIDOC Week School Initiatives Creative Art Competition, which asked young people to design an original poster reflecting Indigenous culture and the theme of road safety.

The competition encouraged students to take responsibility and speak up, reminding peers to challenge unsafe driver behaviour such as speeding, drink and drug use, and to always prioritise safety and respect on the road.

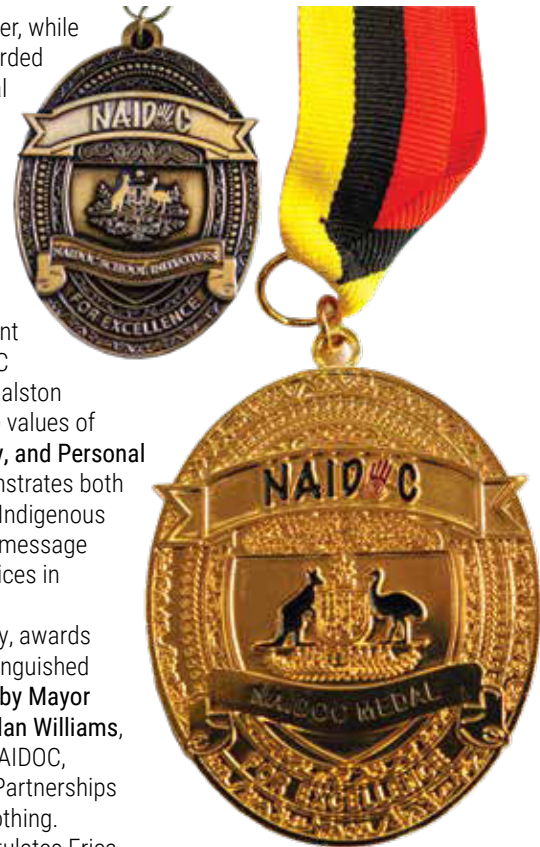
Galston High School is proud to announce that two of our students achieved outstanding success in this prestigious competition. Erica Hwang received a Minister's Medal of Excellence and a \$250

Geedup Clothing voucher, while Sienna Logan was awarded a Commendation Medal as one of the top 25 recipients statewide.

These achievements highlight the creativity, cultural understanding, and leadership of our students, who have shown their commitment to the values of NAIDOC Week while reflecting Galston High School's own core values of **Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best**. Their work demonstrates both a deep appreciation of Indigenous culture and a powerful message about making safe choices in everyday life.

At a special assembly, awards were presented by distinguished guests including **Hornsby Mayor Warren Waddell**, **Mr Dylan Williams**, Executive Director of NAIDOC, and **Mr Sam Morrocu**, Partnerships Manager at Geedup Clothing.

Galston High congratulates Erica and Sienna, proving once again that a small school can create **BIG opportunities** for its students.



Talent Turns up the Volume: PAX Factor Arrives at Pacific Hills



As the lights dimmed and the curtains rose, the school's auditorium transformed into a stage where confidence met creativity! Just recently it was that time of year again for our annual inter-house talent competition, the PAX Factor, to take center stage at Pacific Hills Christian School!

One of the largest, and highly anticipated, events in our school calendar, Year's 9 to 12 students and staff made this year's PAX event truly a day to remember with amazing performances that even the audience couldn't help but jump out of their seats for.

Thanks to our own 'celebrity' judges, there was no need for the likes of Simon Cowell or Mel B to be present since there was more than enough star quality (and humor) to go around!

Stars were born that day and the PAX Factor delivered big! Of course, it's not all about the limelight. This event is about fun, creativity, good sportsmanship and community! Thanks to all our students and staff for making this year's PAX Factor an event to remember!



Galston Public school excellent NAPLAN results



As mainstream primary school we have leapt into the top rankings of local schools ahead of similar schools' groups and private institutions.

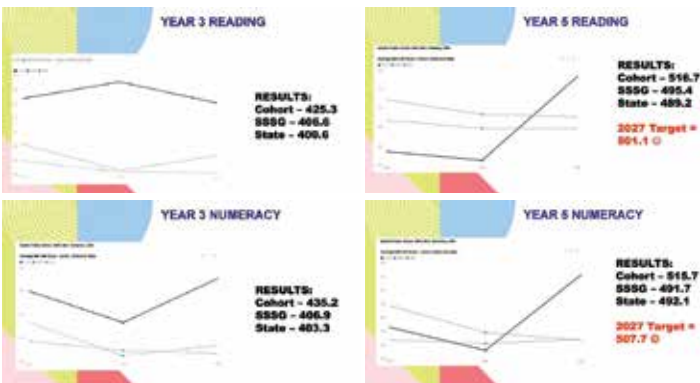
Our Years 3 and 5 students have once again excelled in NAPLAN, performing well above State and national averages.

These exceptional results in NAPLAN 2025 are the product of outstanding professionalism, commitment, and care that our Administration team, teaching, and school support staff have demonstrated in working with our students and families this year.

This student data adds to the suite of information our teachers collect to plan effective and targeted learning programs. With small classes, this attention to individual needs can impact significantly

on learning outcomes. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our teachers, who have continually gone above and beyond to ensure our students receive the best education possible. Their passion for teaching and willingness to support every student has been truly inspiring.

We are delighted to see the significant improvement in English and Mathematics scores, which reflects the collaborative effort of our teachers and students working together to achieve their best. At Galston, we do not teach programs designed to improve NAPLAN results. Our programs provide rich, deep learning across a broad curriculum. They encourage collaboration and teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, imagination and creativity. Obviously engaged, switched on children who enjoy school perform well!



See website for details

KINDERGARTEN 2026

If you or anyone you know has children who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2026, we are now accepting enrolment enquiries, applications and completed enrolment forms!

As Galston Public School is currently beneath our enrolment cap, priority will be given to students from our local drawing area.

At this stage, we are also able to accept siblings of students who currently attend our school and live out of area as well as consider out of area applications on a case-by-case basis and depending on current enrolment numbers.

Please also find below a link to our recently updated enrolment procedures and guidelines 2025:

<https://galston-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Galston Public School

Kindergarten Orientation 1
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Kindergarten Orientation 2
Wednesday November 12th
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Hillside Happenings



HOODWINKED 2025: A SHOW TO REMEMBER

What a show! *Hoodwinked 2025* was nothing short of spectacular, leaving the audience laughing and cheering for our talented Hillside students. The feedback has been incredible, and we'd love to share a heartfelt message from one of our community members:

Dear Hillside Students, WOW! What an *incredible* performance of *Hoodwinked*! I've been lucky enough to watch many Hillside pantomimes over the years, but 2025 takes the crown – it was the BEST one yet! From the moment the show began, you had the audience hooked. Your singing was fantastic (every single one of you sounded amazing), your jokes had us laughing out loud, and your smiles lit up the stage brighter than the lights.

But the best part? You could see how much fun you were having together. That joy, teamwork, and energy made the whole show sparkle. You should all be *so proud of yourselves* – you gave us a night to remember. Honestly, if Robin Hood ever needed help, I think he'd call Hillside Public School first! Congratulations, stars of the stage. Take a bow - you earned it!

To our wonderful friends, families, and local community - thank you for being part of this journey and cheering on our students every step of

the way. After weeks of dedication, energy, and passion, they delivered a performance bursting with heart, humour, and Hillside pride. We are so proud of every student and the incredible effort they put into making it a night to remember.

KINDERGARTEN 2026 ORIENTATION

Preparations are underway to welcome our Kindergarten Class of 2026 to Hillside Public School! Our **Kindergarten Orientation sessions will be held on Friday 17th and 24th October**. We are so excited about this important transition to school and warmly invite any families considering Kindy 2026 for their child to get in touch with us ASAP to be part of our readiness program. We can't wait to meet you!

Enrolling Now: Kindy to Year 6. Out-of-Area Applications Welcome!

Looking for a school that feels like family? At Hillside Public School, small classes mean your child gets BIG attention, loads of fun, and endless opportunities to shine. Join a community where every kid belongs, thrives and smiles every day. **Come see the Hillside difference!** Before and after school care is available.

Middle Dural Public School



WHY CHOOSE A SMALL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD?

Starting your child in primary school is one of the most important decisions for any parent. Small primary schools provide a nurturing environment where close connections between students, teachers, and families create unique benefits that enhance your child's school experience.

PERSONALISED ATTENTION

With smaller class sizes, teachers can focus more on each child's individual strengths and challenges. This allows lessons to be tailored to suit different learning styles, ensuring your child receives the support they need to thrive academically and socially.

A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Small schools foster a close-knit community where families, teachers, and students know each other well. This creates a safe and welcoming atmosphere, helping your child feel valued and supported. The strong sense of belonging encourages confidence, self-esteem, and meaningful friendships.

STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

Teachers in small schools build meaningful relationships with students, paying attention to their academic progress as well as social



and emotional wellbeing. This personalised care nurtures confidence, resilience, and a lifelong love of learning.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE

Small schools often provide more chances for children to take on leadership roles and participate in a variety of activities. Your child might lead a lunchtime group like gardening or caring for school animals, or be involved in extra-curricular programs such as drama, music, or dance. These experiences help develop important skills like responsibility, teamwork, and communication.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Small schools have the flexibility to be more adaptable in applying evidence-based teaching methods. They can respond quickly to the needs of individual students or



small groups, offering creative and innovative learning opportunities that cater to diverse interests and abilities.

AN INCLUSIVE PLACE WHERE EVERY CHILD BELONGS

The intimate environment encourages kindness, cooperation, and respect among students. Your child will learn empathy and inclusiveness, building a strong foundation for positive relationships inside and outside school.

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FAMILY

Every family's needs are different. If you value personalised learning, a caring community, and a supportive environment where your child can grow both academically and personally, a small primary school could be the perfect fit. It's a place where your child can truly feel seen, heard, and encouraged to be their best self.

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Bright Futures: How Glenorie Public School is Leading the Way



In the heart of our rural community, Glenorie Public School is making waves with an approach that's both refreshingly simple and powerfully effective: evidence-based teaching with a strong focus on the fundamentals. By placing 'back to basics' literacy and numeracy at the centre of learning, the school is ensuring that every child leaves with the foundational skills they need for life.

At Glenorie Public School our teachers use explicit teaching, where lessons are clear, structured, and step-by-step, so every child feels confident and supported as they learn. Nothing is left to guesswork, and families are noticing the results. At Glenorie PS, we know that children thrive when they have a strong grounding in literacy and numeracy. Our job is to give them the tools and confidence to succeed, and evidence shows that explicit teaching is the best way to do that.

With a strong focus on phonics in the early years and evidence-based spelling programs in the upper grades, Glenorie PS understands the key elements of language underpins learning. Writing lessons across the school are linked to other key areas of learning, such as geography, history and science to ensure high engagement and relevance.

Visitors to the school have stated, "It's clear to see the school is so passionate about the writing programs and that's fantastic". At home, students describe the block planners used to plan their writing. Families are blown away by their enthusiasm and interest.

Parents report their children love writing for the first time as they feel they can be successful. They go on to describe how the block planner and chant has been great for their children.

Mathematics lessons from Kindergarten to Year 6 are designed to build on previously learnt knowledge, with learners met at their point of need and moved forward, with a constant check for understanding along the way.

Explicit teaching, where teachers clearly model skills, provide guided practice, and gradually hand over responsibility to students, has become the cornerstone of every classroom. Rather than leaving students to 'discover' concepts on their own, teachers chunk learning into manageable steps, ensuring no one is left behind.

Parents have noticed the difference. At our recent Open Day, one parent said, "My child comes home proud of what they've learned. They're not only keeping up, they're actually enjoying the challenge."

Despite its small size, Glenorie Public School has built a reputation for excellence.

Visitors often remark on the warm atmosphere, and the calm, purposeful classrooms, where children know exactly what they're learning and why. Teachers regularly use assessment data to adjust lessons, making sure every student is supported and challenged.



But the school isn't just about academics. As a rural hub, Glenorie Public School remains a gathering place for families, with community events, such as Grandparents' Day and the Colour Run, as well as regular sporting events bringing passionate people together.

The strong relationships between teachers, students, and parents are at the heart of its success.

Mrs Rebecca Wallace, Principal, explains, "Explicit teaching, when combined with high expectations and a strong focus on wellbeing, creates a powerful learning environment where students clearly understand what is expected, feel supported and valued, and are motivated to achieve their best. This holistic approach not only builds knowledge and skills but also fosters resilience, confidence, and a positive mindset essential for lifelong success."

In a time when many schools are grappling with new initiatives and shifting policies, Glenorie Public School stands out for its commitment to what works best. By keeping things simple, structured, and evidence-based, this little rural school is proving that the basics are anything but basic, they're the foundation of bright futures.

If you have children who would benefit from a structured, explicit teaching approach to learning, Glenorie Public School is taking enrolments K-6 for 2026. Out of area applications will be considered. Please contact the office on 02 9652 1237.

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Sydney's History comes to life



In September, twenty students from Arcadia Public School embarked on a memorable three-day, two-night history camp in Sydney. Over the course of the trip, the students immersed themselves in a variety of historical experiences that brought the city's past to life.

Our first stop was the remarkable Hyde Park Barracks, located opposite Hyde Park. The students were captivated by the fascinating stories shared by our guide. A standout moment for many was the opportunity to climb into the hammocks—replicas of the beds used



by convicts who once lived there. The discovery that some artefacts had been found in rats' nests sparked lively curiosity among the group.

Next, the students visited the Police and Justice Museum, where they learned about the infamous bushrangers of New South Wales and even participated in a historical trial, deepening their understanding of law and order in colonial Australia. At the Botanic Gardens, they explored the site of NSW's first farm and gained insight into how Aboriginal people utilised the natural resources along the banks of what is now Sydney Harbour.

A photo stop at the iconic Sydney Opera House allowed everyone to capture a classic view of the city. The students then delved into archaeology at The Big Dig, uncovering foundations and artefacts from this significant site. A walking tour of The Rocks further enriched their knowledge of Sydney's early history, with its cobblestone streets steeped in stories from the past.

Crossing the Sydney Harbour Bridge offered a breathtaking new perspective of the stunning cityscape. The final highlight of the trip was a walking tour through Chinatown, including a visit to the Chinese Gardens



of Friendship. Here, the students learned about Chinese culture and experienced a vibrant side of Sydney often overlooked.

Both students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed playing the role of tourists in their own city, witnessing firsthand the rich tapestry of Aboriginal and British history that shapes Sydney today. The teachers were immensely proud of the students' engagement, curiosity, and the kindness they showed throughout the journey.

Looking ahead, the students are already excited about their next adventure—a trip to Canberra planned for 2026.

Arcadia Public School is currently accepting enrolments for Term 4 and 2026. Prospective families are warmly invited to contact the school for more information; phone 9653-1207.

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Spring is coming to Dural Community Garden and this year things are going to get a little wild!



Now in our second year of planting and harvesting an abundance of beautiful fruits and veggies, the team at Dural Community Garden are turning their attention to creating a beautiful wildflower garden, believing that our garden isn't complete without a pop of colour.

As each season rolls by, the garden beds continue to grow; raised beds, in ground beds and kids garden beds, something to suit every ability. After spring there will also be a garden bed bursting with colourful native wildflowers. A bed dedicated to the bees.



For those who'd love to join us, we are open weekly Friday and Saturday mornings. We'd love a hand to cultivate and enjoy the fruits of our labour.

For more information and to join visit thecentredural.org.au/community-garden

ANNUAL FISHING WEEKEND 7th - 9th November 2025
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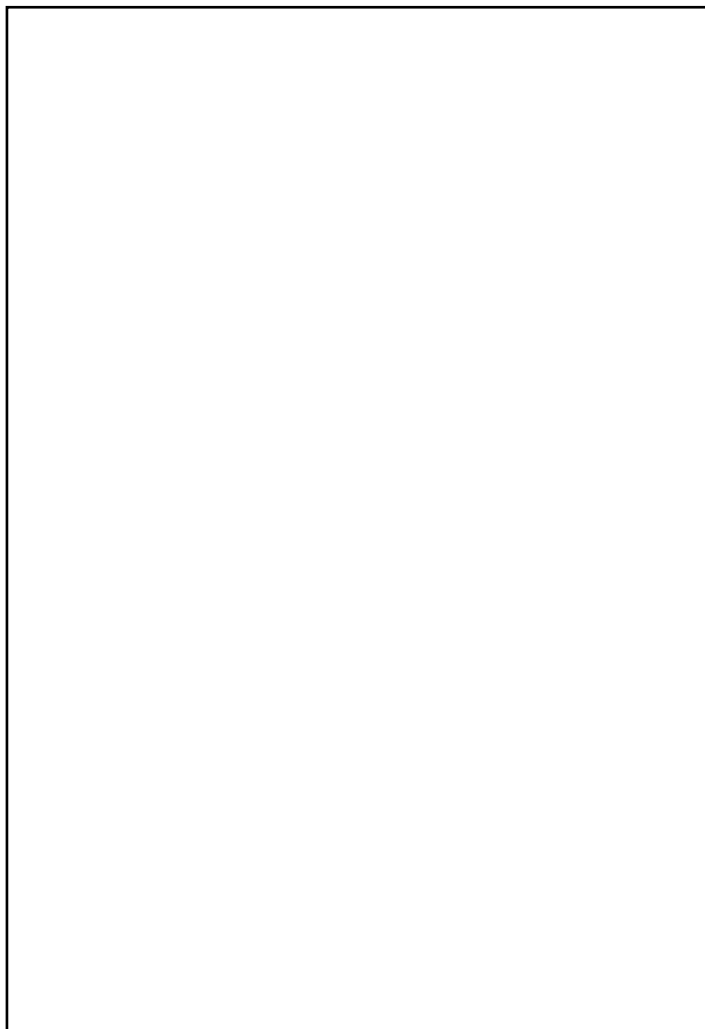
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Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 8th October, 2025
Guest speaker will be Dr. Caitlyn Foster, Sydney University,
will give a talk about "Insects in our Gardens"

The Galston District Garden Club meets in the Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Road, Galston at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, visitors are always welcome, just come in and join us. Our Guest speaker for September was Clinton Nessci "All about Bonsai" and in October Dr. Caitlyn Foster, Sydney University, will give a talk about "Insects in our Gardens".

Also join us this October 17th, 18th and 19th, 2025, for the Galston Open Gardens - a special weekend where local garden enthusiasts open their gates and share the beauty, creativity, and passion that blossom in their own backyards. Wander through a variety of unique gardens, meet the people who cultivate them, and find inspiration in the diverse landscapes and planting styles on display. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply enjoy nature, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate our community's love for green spaces.

Visit our website: www.galstongardenclub.com or Google Galston Open Gardens Weekend 2025 for full descriptions and a map of the eight gardens opening that weekend. Enjoy a cup of tea and cake at Garden 4. All the proceeds from this weekend go to a variety of charities chosen by the garden owners. Our gate keepers are community volunteers and are there to make you very welcome.



Dural and Hills District Garden Club

Our club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Middle Dural Fire Station, Mid Dural Road, Middle Dural.

Our motto is "Friendship through Gardening". We have a guest speaker each meeting who share their knowledge on different garden topics of interest to our members.

Speakers this year have included Elizabeth Swane, Helen Wallis (sharing about camellias at Eryldene), Judy Horton, Tony from Cut above tools, Mark Massey (talking about Australian Native Plants), and Anna Ernst (talking about Bromeliads).



We had visits to the Council nursery at Pennant Hills, Eryldene at Gordon, Camellias Rus at Glenorie and Cumberland State Forest nursery. We also have Rambles with morning tea in members gardens too.

Future meetings – October meeting will be at the Galston Seventh Day Adventist Hall where a light meal will be provided. David Furth will be speaking on African Violets and in November, Karen Czarneck will be sharing about how to make floral wreaths using bromeliads. We finish the year with a Christmas Party in early December at a members property.

You are welcome to come and join us and learn about different gardening ideas.

Please contact our Social Secretary, Gale Blakey
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BIRDWATCHING PHOTOGRAPHY

“Discovering” a new bird that you have not seen before can be a very satisfying experience. To snap a photo of that bird adds to the enjoyment of the “discovery”. You could take a memorable photo that nobody else has taken and your friends have not seen. In any event it will be a memory of your birdwatching adventures.

Walking along any unformed bush track can sometimes be a bit tricky. You will need to watch where you are walking, for not all bush tracks are nicely graded and smooth.

Wear bush coloured clothing - move slowly - talk very quietly to others with you and don't make sudden movements. The best advice is to take your time, look at everything around and above you,



Pacific or Crested Baza



Eastern Rosella

Wonga Pigeon

looking upwards, - looking to your left - looking to your right - and even looking downwards. You may be surprised at what you may see. Have your camera or binoculars ready.

It is sometimes an advantage to stop for a while, stand still, look around and listen. When you stop and be still, you see things that move, and there is always the potential for a photo. A measure of vigilance and even patience is essential if you are to capture birds with your camera. Standing in a concealed position for quite a few minutes until the birds forget that you are there is helpful when observing bird activity nearby.

Sometimes a little searching is required to spot where a tiny bird is perched. A perched bird may not immediately strike the eye as being significant due to the surrounding foliage. Smaller birds are not very co-operative. They do not stay in the one place for very long. The birdwatching photographer needs to have quick reflexes in order to capture the bird's sometimes ceaseless activity.

This year the Backyard Bird Count is being held during October 20th to October 26th. For more information enter this web address into your browser -- <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

CHURCH NEWS

The Guide Book

Having put our trust in the Bible as the inspired word of God the creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them including the first man and woman who ultimately led to you and me, we have a guide book as to the way we should live and the standards we should aspire to live by.

Through the line of history recorded in the 66 books of the Bible, written over a 1500-year span by about 40 different authors, we are shown the true character of our creator and His love for us, His creation. In wanting us to have a safe, fulfilling, joyful, and abundant life he has given us guidelines and a moral code to follow to keep us from harm or from harming others, as a perfect loving father would guide his own children.

He has also given us insight into the created world around us. Nature, the earth, planets and stars. This has inspired great scientists over the centuries to study, and try to understand the workings of His creation, such as Johann Kepler, Blaise Pascal, Galileo, Nicolas Copernicus, Isaac Newton, Carolus Linnaeus, Michael Faraday, James Joule, Louis Pasteur, Werner Von Braun, just to name a few who trusted in the truth of the bible.

If we care about our children, our family, our friends and indeed ourselves should we not investigate this Bible to educate and equip ourselves to help others and to understand the purpose of life?

Our society and the law we follow, has basically been developed along these biblical principles and when we see these standards changed by a society which is increasingly rejecting the belief in a creator, what do we see? Just watch the latest news broadcast!

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Is There Life After Death?

The mystery of life after death is a question that I think every person has often asked themselves and others throughout every generation. Testimonies have been given about 'what happened when I died and came back'. The well-known movie "Heaven is for Real" tells the story of Todd Burpo, the father whose very young son Colton claimed to have visited Heaven and met Jesus Christ during a near-death experience.

'Wait and see' is a fairly common conclusion, as is 'I'll live my life now and worry about that later.' Frank Sinatra sang "I did it my way."

Even Job, in the Bible, speaking out of his despair asked, "If a man dies shall he live again?" (Bible - Job 14:14)

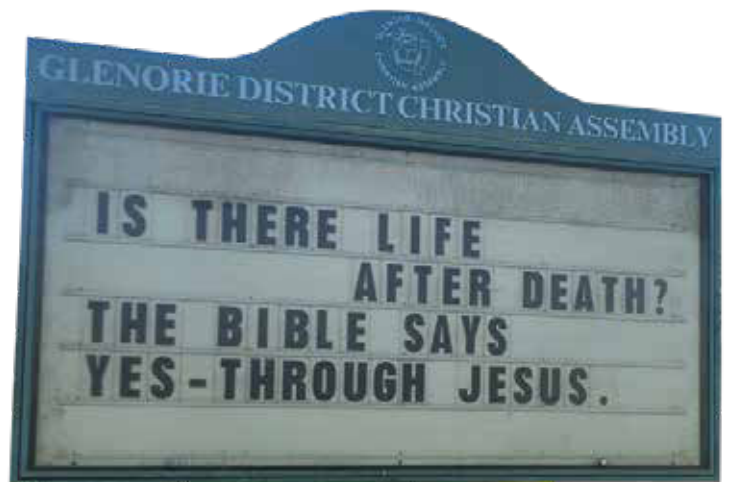
The problem for all of us is "No one truly knows" - only God knows - and that's where faith comes in!

The Bible tells us clearly that, YES, there IS life after death. This world is not all there is and we on earth have been created by God for something much more.

At our physical death, our bodies cease to function - but the spiritual part of each person lives on. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) and "God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son." (John 5:11). These verses serve as a reminder of our human mortality and the hope of resurrection. They highlight the belief for those who believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour, that, while our physical bodies decay, there is God's promise of eternal life beyond death.

The resurrection of Jesus is a well-documented event, not only in the Bible. The Apostle Paul invited people to question the over 500 eye witnesses who saw Jesus after His resurrection. All of them could bear testimony to the fact that Jesus is alive and that there is indeed life after death.

* 1 Peter 1:3-5 says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who, according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us



again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

The choice is ours!

Either: eternal absence from a relationship with God through disbelief in Jesus as well as absence from all His daily blessings - or: eternal love, health and peace in a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ - forever!

God bless

PR. ALEX AND DEE VALICH

Glenorie Community Church.

You're welcome to join with us at our Sunday service: 10am.

News from St Benedict's October 2025

BUSY MAKERS

The St Benedict's Maker's Table group has been gathering each month and creating something beautiful. In September, in keeping with the spring theme, the ladies made colourful paper flowers for long-lasting indoor decorations. They had such fun and, as the photo shows, produced some beautiful results.

COMING EVENTS

There's a lot coming up at St Benedict's over the coming months.

The Youth Group continues meeting on Friday afternoons, although taking a break for the school holidays, and the Quilting and Craft group meets at 10:30am every 4th Tuesday of the month. Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 23rd October** and for the 28th year St Benedict's parish will hold a special Feast Day to commemorate Our Lady of Fatima on **Sun 12th October**.

THE MORE THE MERRIER KIDS' MARKET

Join us for a fun filled day on **Saturday 1st November** from 10am to 3pm and help raise funds for our Youth Group! Jumping castle, games,



food and much more! This is something new – entrepreneurial under-18s who want to try running their own businesses can book a stall and sell or promote their own goods. Registration must be completed by **10th October**. For information call 0425 834 017.

AND THE BIG NEWS:

Is that we've set the date for next year's St Benedict's Country Fete: **Sunday 22nd March 2026**. Mark it in your calendar now!

PARISH NOTICES

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

Galston Uniting Church News



OUR SECRET GARDEN

It's a "Secret", only because it is a bit hidden. It is also known as our "Garden Chapel" and provides a lovely outdoor space for small groups to meet for worship or meditation, or for individuals to meditate and pray. As the garden was donated by the Dural Eisteddfod Committee when it wound up, it is also known as the Eisteddfod Garden. It has been used for



dawn services and for weddings and is a great resource for the Galston Early Learning Centre as an outdoor classroom.

Recently, a member of the community came to the church looking for a quiet place to reflect and pray. However, the church space was not available and it was suggested that he use the Garden chapel. He was more than happy with this solution! After all, what better place to commune with God than amongst His handiwork?

The Garden chapel is a community resource and is available to all in the community. Check with Elizabeth in the church office for details.

SAVE THE DATES

* Sunday afternoon Concert – **2nd November** @ 2pm featuring two young virtuosos, Tim Li (violin, organ and piano) and Sean Weatherley (violin and pipe organ). Bookings through trybookings.com or cash only at the door.

* Annual Craft Service – **30th November** @ 10am a worship service to acknowledge the work and creativity of our craft group, with displays of quilts and other handiwork

and an opportunity to make purchases after the service.

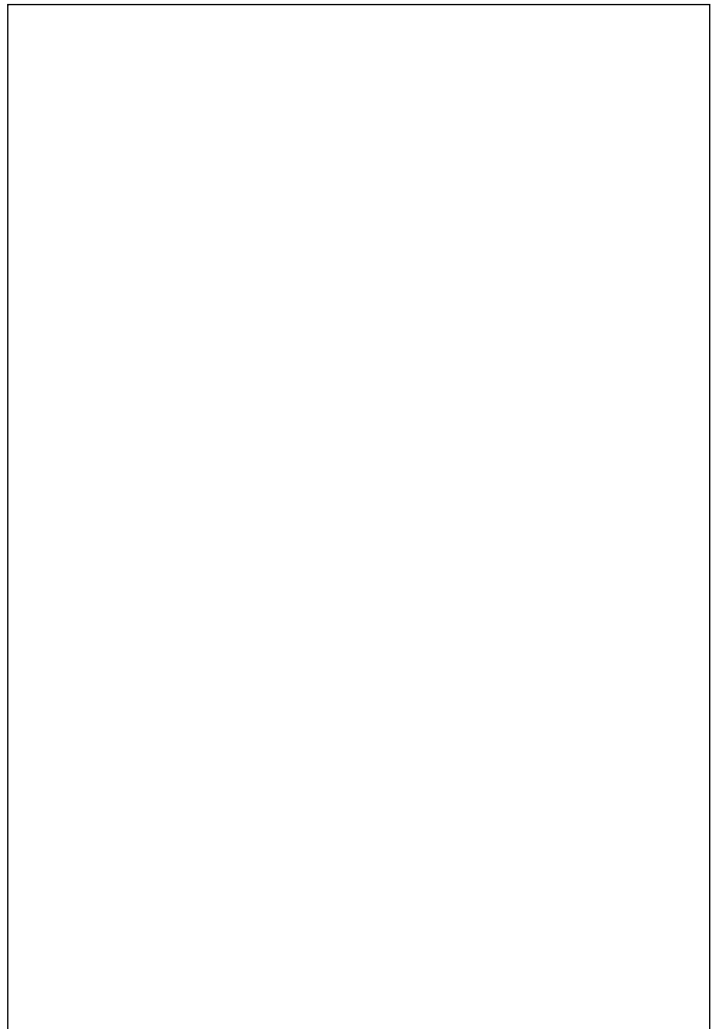
Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays, and you can also watch our live-streams at *Galston Uniting Church* on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" *Galston Uniting Church Facebook posts*.

If you, or someone you know needs prayer support or just someone to chat to, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The church office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade News



FIRE PERMITS AND THE BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The statutory Bush Fire Danger Period for Rural Fire Districts runs from **1st October to 31st March**, however these dates may vary due to local conditions. If you are planning to light a fire in the open, you will need a Fire Permit. It is important to note, that if you live within a FRNSW Fire District, you are required to obtain a Fire Permit **all year round**.

You can apply for a permit online from the RFS. All permits have standard conditions that re listed on the permit form, such as:

1. The permit is to be carried by the permit holder, or another person at all times at the site of the fire.
2. The fire must be supervised at all times.
3. Notifications are given to RFS, FRNSW if required and adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours prior to the fire being lit.
4. The permit may be varied, cancelled or suspended, depending on weather conditions.

Bush fires are more likely to spread and cause damage on days when the weather is very hot, dry and windy. These are very high to extreme fire days. Total Fire Bans are declared on these days to reduce the risk of fires damaging or destroying life, property and environment. Even with a permit, on Total Fire Ban Days or when the Environment Protection Authority declares a NO BURN DAY, the lighting of fire is prohibited and the permit is automatically suspended.

GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE

Spring has sprung and it's a prime opportunity for us to start preparing for potential bush fires and constructing your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Bush fire is a part of life in NSW, so you need to live bush fire ready. That means knowing your risk and having a plan for what to do during a fire. If you do not have a Bush Fire Survival Plan, and would like some advice from Glenorie RFS, please reach out to us. Alternatively, you can visit the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

1. DISCUSS WHAT TO DO IF A BUSH FIRE THREATENS YOUR HOME

Many households find that having a discussion over dinner works best as everybody is together and focussed.

2. PREPARE YOUR HOME AND GET IT READY FOR BUSH FIRE SEASON

There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a bush fire, like keeping the grass low and having a cleared area around your home.

3. KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert on the NSW RFS website and in 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert so you know what you should do.



BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

4. KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL BUSH FIRE INFORMATION NUMBERS, WEBSITE AND APPS

In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN 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 RFS by contacting us via our Facebook page, or by phone 02 9652 2017 or visiting the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or simply come in for a chat at the station when on Monday nights from 7:30pm or Saturday from 2:00pm. The station is at 2654 Old Northern Road Glenorie NSW 2157.



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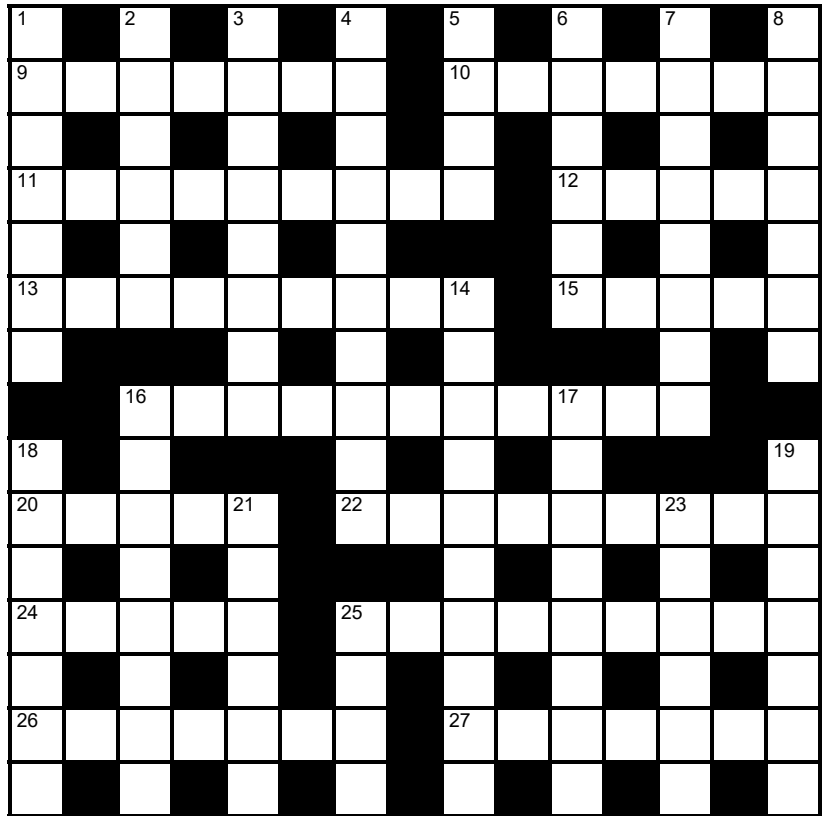
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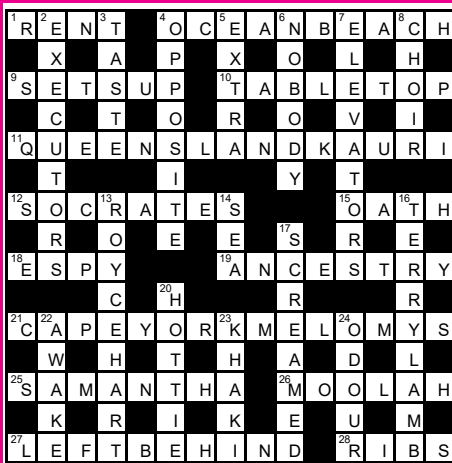
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ANSWERS FROM SEPTEMBER ISSUE



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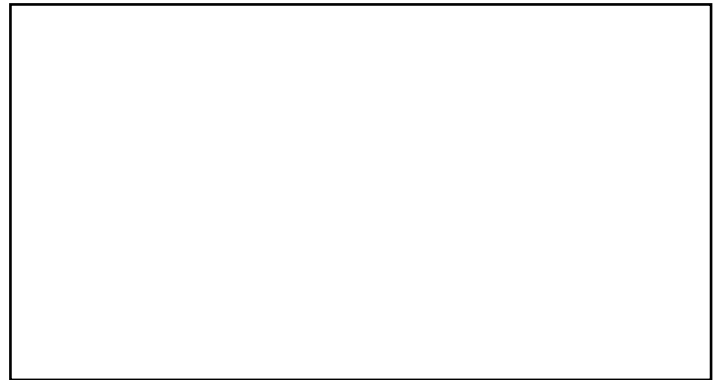
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 • Galston Community Health Centre
 • 9264 9255

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 • 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia
 • 9847 6504

Arcadia Galston Residents' Association

Membership is open to all adult residents/ratepayers of postcode 2159.
 • www.AGRA2159.com.au

Arcadian Quilters

Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9.30am.
 • Galston Community Health and Resource Centre
 • Carole on 9894 7749

Australian Independent Retirees

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 10am.
 • Molly's Pavilion, Cheltenham Recreation Club, 60/74 The Crescent, Cheltenham
 • Wayne Strandquist on 0412 434 467

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 • www.cphills.org.au

Coonara Cherrybrook Probus Club

Meets at the Castle Hill Bowling Club 79 Castle Street, Castle Hill on 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am. New members welcome.
 • Sue 0419 994 948
 • sueandjb@bigpond.com

Dural and District Historical Society Inc

Holds its lecture meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston.
 • History Cottage, 412 Galston Road, Galston is open for research 4th Sunday of every month
 • Michael Bell 9653 1365

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. 7.00pm for 7:15pm start.
 • Blue Gum Centre Glenhaven Green 607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven
 • Graham 8677 7896 or 0402 421 060

Dural and Hills District Garden Club

Meetings at 8pm on 1st Wednesday of each month.
 • Mid Dural Fire Station, 57 Mid Dural Road
 • Di Glasgow 0409 909 161
 • duralgardenclub@yahoo.com.au

Dural-Glenorie Scouts

Joeys (aged 6-7 years), Cubs (aged 8-10 years) and Scouts (aged 11-15 years) meet weekly at the Scout Hall in Galston Road, Galston. Learn new skills, challenge yourself, experience outdoor activities, make new friends, have fun!
 • Warren Payne 0419 280 967

Dural Mens Shed

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

Friends of Fagan Park

Volunteer group actively preserving the remarkable rural history of Hornsby Shire. The Friends meet every Tuesday from 9am-4pm maintaining historic Netherby Cottage and its garden and also restoring farm machinery and implements to working order. Members of the public and new friends are always welcome! Open days are the 2nd Sunday of each month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, and other special occasions.
 • Ian Browning 0419 435 475
 • friendsoffaganpark3@gmail.com

Ferry Artists Gallery

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

Galston Area Residents' Association Inc

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

Galston Branch CWA

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

• Galston Community Health Centre

• Patricia 0412 948 787 or
 • Jann 0439 222 217

Galston Community Hall

37 Arcadia Rd, Galston available for functions, air-conditioned, inspections welcome. Bookings call 9847 6050.
 • Galston Community Health Centre. This centre is an outreach of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Health Service and is situated at 17 Arcadia Road, Galston (cnr of The Glade).
 • 9485 7599

Galston Garden Club

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

Girls Guiding

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 • GalstonDM@girlguides-nswacnt.org.au

Glenorie Maroota Bioregional Forum

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

Glenorie Memorial Hall

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 • Pat Schwartz 0419 321 276

Glenorie Progress Association

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

Glenorie Probus Club

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

Glenorie RSL Club

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

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 • Barton Hall, David Rd, Castle Hill
 • 9624 5034

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 • Castle Hill Showground
 • www.hawkesburyharvest.com.au

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 • 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

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

Rotary Club of Greater Hills

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

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@greaterhillrotary.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

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

The Hills Trofoil Guild (Guides NSW)

The Trofoil Guild is the adult section of Guiding which links Members, former Members, female Members of the Scout Association, and women who have not been Guides but are prepared to make the Guide Promise. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month commencing at 10am, concluding approx 12.45pm.
 • Guide Hall, Bounty Ave, Castle Hill
 • Evelyn 02 9634 4987

The Shed Studio - Arcadia

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 • 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

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 • Rev. Chris Baxter 0423 119 13

Dural Salvation Army

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 • 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

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

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 • 1507 Old Northern Road, Glenorie
 • Pr Valich 0420 602 989
 • Church 9652 0577

Glenorie Mission Church

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

St. Columb's Anglican Church

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 • 9651 1119

St Benedict's Catholic Parish

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Mass at the Parish Church

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 • Cnr Fagans Rd and Arcadia Rd
 • 9653 2312 or Parish Priest Fr Shansana 0437 884 233

St Judes Anglican

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 • Galston and Old Northern Rd, Dural
 • 9651 1119

St Madeleine's Catholic Church

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 • 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

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 • 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

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 • Murray 0407 950 939 or Bruce 0428 970 439

Dural Rugby Club

• efb86029@bigpond.net.au
 • 0412 230 328
 • http://dural.rugbynet.com.au

Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club

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 • 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
 • Glenorieidcc@gmail.com
 • Les Shore Oval, Old Northern Rd
 • Glenorie NSW 2157

Glenorie Social Golf Club

Plays monthly.
 • www.glenoriesl.com.au
 • Stephen Osborne 0416 546 789

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New Members are always welcome. Training/Competition days held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.
 • Rural Sports Facility Centre off Mansfield Road
 • Liz 0409 992 920
 • www.galstonequestrianclub.org.au

Galston Netball Club

• secretary.galstonnetballclub@gmail.com
 • https://www.galstonnetball.com.au/

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Adults 18 years to 80+ are welcome to swim with us every Tuesday at 7pm. Whether you want to swim laps for competition, fitness, or simply fun and friendship.
 • Hornsby Aquatic Centre
 • Di 0418 432 587

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• Ian Robertson 0418 211 131
 • president.hillshawksfc@gmail.com

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 • Hayes Park, Galston
 • hillshawks.softball.org.au

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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.
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