

# Hear Clear Celebrates 10 Years

A decade ago, Katie Rahman started her business from a small office in Galston, driven by a simple vision: to provide compassionate, personalised hearing care to her local community. From those humble beginnings, the practice soon outgrew the original space and moved to Dural, which remains the heart of the business today. Fast forward to 10 years later, her services expanded to the North Shore and Greater Western Sydney – reaching more people while staying true to the values that built the business.

Katie's path into audiology began as a young mum concerned about her daughter's hearing. After noticing signs that something wasn't quite right, she spent much of her daughter's early years attending ENT and audiology appointments. Her daughter underwent two sets of grommets, and Katie witnessed just how vital early intervention was in shaping her daughter's development, speech, and confidence. "If it weren't for timely support, she wouldn't be where she is today," Katie says. In a beautiful full-circle moment, her daughter later followed in her footsteps and also became an Audiologist.

Katie's passion for audiology also has personal roots with her father, a proud Army veteran who lived for years with



occupational noise-induced hearing loss – completely unaided. It wasn't until Katie entered the field that he received his first pair of hearing aids, fitted by Katie herself.

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"Seeing him fully engage in conversations around the dinner table and laugh at my mum's jokes again was unforgettable."

Katie and her compassionate team are now proudly celebrating their 10 year anniversary.

### 10 Things Katie Loves About Audiology:

1. Being a part of people's most life-changing moments as they reconnect with loved ones.
2. The combination of art and science – audiology is as much creative problem-solving as it is technical.
3. Educating others about hearing health and reducing stigma.
4. Building trust and long-term relationships with our clients. Running an independent practice – our clients are at the heart of everything we do, not KPIs.
5. Working with cutting-edge hearing technology and seeing it make a difference
6. Giving back to the community in a meaningful way.
7. As an independent practitioner, I can offer a range of hearing aid manufacturers and spend more time in appointments to truly understand each client's needs and goals.
8. Our caring team – they're the backbone of everything we do and genuinely care for every client who walks through the door.
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# Getting to know the locals

**BY KARLENE BRUMMER**

Constancy and stability contribute significantly to fostering a cohesive community. Getting to know Business owners, local shopkeepers and staff helps build community ties, which is hard when there's frequent turnover. Fortunately, our area has a high rate of employees staying long-term in their positions meaning we can get to know many of them by name, thus building firm relationships and friendships.

One such person is the lovely Heather Williams, whom many of you already know. Heather has been working for Woolworths Glenorie since it opened in the mid 2000's. This is her story.

## HEATHER WILLIAMS

I was born in 1948 and grew up in Eastwood. There was a bus run from Eastwood to Glenorie. Mrs Deaman owned the bus company and Roy Bevan was the bus driver. The bus depot was on the site where Woolworths is now. My Aunt and Uncle, Dolly and Ralph Johnston owned a poultry farm and Orchard (35 acres) called Carinyah at Middle Dural where Geranium Cottage was and is now an Indian restaurant. As they had no children, during the school holidays my cousins and I all came to work on the farm, collecting and



packing the eggs in wooden cases and picking the fruit, apples, oranges, mandarins, nectarines and plums. Being the only girl, on Fridays I was kept at the house to help with the weekly baking which started my love of cooking. We earned 10 shillings for our work efforts.

At Easter, as a treat, Aunt Dolly and Uncle Ralph took us to the Easter Show and we would go to David Jones in the city for a meal which was very special. Everything was delivered in those days, the milk in a pail on a hook at the front gate straight from the cow with at least two inches of cream on the top.

If something was forgotten in the delivery, I would have to walk from the property to the grocery store at Glenorie which was where Woolworths is now. There also used to be a butcher, Post Office and Stock feed place and then later an Antique store.

During my school time I did classical ballet for 11 years and when I left school I went into hairdressing and did my apprenticeship in the city then had my own business in North Ryde and Castle Hill until I got married and had children. I have a boy and a girl. My daughter now lives in Vancouver, Canada, which is a beautiful country.

Now I have come full circle and work for Woolworths. In September I will have been here for 16 years. Woolworths have been very good to me caring for my welfare during Covid and I enjoy working with a great team of lovely and caring people including my Manager, Sadie and Store Manager, Richard. We have a wonderful customer base, and the locals are lovely friendly people. After being here for so long I know so many on a first name basis and I have met some wonderful and interesting people during this time.

In my spare time I enjoy crocheting and knitting. I may retire one day, but for now I continue to enjoy being at Glenorie.

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We want to amplify your voice, explore issues that matter to you, and celebrate the people around us.

If you are interested, please email your details to [diana@adelphi.net.au](mailto:diana@adelphi.net.au). Please provide details of why this project appeals to you and a rough idea of what stories you would like to cover remembering that the overall campaign is about Know Your Neighbour. This could also include your family or some amazing things one of your neighbours or friends have done.

# Galston CWA

Just a sample of sweet treats from the ladies of Galston CWA. Our branch is delighted to announce that we will have a stall at Fagan Park, 38-48 Arcadia Road, Galston, on Sunday morning, 5th October.



We will have our pickles and chutneys, our delicious baked goods and a range of crafted items. Please come along and enjoy the festivities. We would also like to thank the kind folk in our community for their donations of fruit and vegetables and welcome any future contributions to assist in the production of our relishes.

Galston CWA meets in the Galston Health and Community Centre on the 2nd and fourth Wednesdays at 10.30am.

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# Spanish Moss: From Ornamental Plant to Out-of-Control Weed in Sydney

## The Unintended Consequences of an Air Plant's Popularity

**Spanish Moss, known scientifically as *Tillandsia usneoides*, is a fascinating plant with an ethereal beauty that drapes from tree limbs like silvery veils. Originating in the southeastern United States, Central and South America, this epiphytic bromeliad is neither moss nor Spanish, but it has long been prized for its distinctive appearance. Although Spanish Moss is admired by gardeners, floral designers, and fans of exotic flora, its introduction into new environments has sometimes led to unintended consequences. In recent years, certain parts of Sydney have experienced a growing problem: Spanish Moss behaving as an invasive weed.**

### WHAT IS SPANISH MOSS?

Despite its common name, Spanish Moss is a member of the bromeliad family and is closely related to pineapples. It grows by absorbing water and nutrients from the air and rainfall through its scales, not by rooting in the soil. Its wiry, grey-green stems can grow to impressive lengths, forming dense, trailing curtains in humid environments. Spanish Moss is mostly harmless in its native habitats, where a balance is maintained with local fauna and flora.

### SPANISH MOSS IN SYDNEY: AN UNLIKELY INVADER

In Sydney, Spanish Moss was introduced as a decorative plant, popular in gardens and as a living ornament for patios and shade trees. However, Sydney's relatively mild winters, humid microclimates, and enthusiastic

gardeners have created ideal conditions for Spanish Moss to flourish. In some suburbs—particularly those with established gardens, abundant rainfall, and mature trees—Spanish Moss has spread far beyond its intended boundaries.

While the plant does not directly parasitise its host, its sheer density can block sunlight, impede air circulation, and increase humidity around the host tree's foliage. Over time, stressed trees may experience reduced leaf transpiration, making them more susceptible to pests and disease. In some cases, the weight of accumulated Spanish Moss may even cause branches to break.

### THE OUT-OF-CONTROL WEED STATUS

Although not officially declared a noxious weed in New South Wales, Spanish Moss is now considered a problematic invasive in parts of Sydney. Residents and horticulturalists in affected areas report that the plant is extremely difficult to control once established. It can spread rapidly via wind-borne seeds and vegetative fragments, colonising powerlines, fences, and any structure or plant that offers support. Birds can also contribute to its dispersal, as they find it particularly attractive as nesting material. Its ability to thrive on almost any surface complicates eradication efforts.

Local councils and Bush Care groups have issued warnings about the risks of Spanish Moss, urging homeowners to regularly inspect and manage their gardens. Manual removal is often the only reliable control, as chemical treatments are largely ineffective and may damage host plants.

Spanish Moss, with its ghostly allure and unique biology, has proven to be a challenging



invader in some parts of Sydney. Its transition from a sought-after ornamental to an out-of-control weed serves as a reminder of the unpredictable impacts of introducing exotic species into new environments. Responsible gardening practices and community awareness are essential to preserve Sydney's green spaces and prevent further spread.

## Warrah Spring Picnic

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# Ferry Artists Farewell

BY KARLENE BRUMMER



Saturday 2nd August saw the Ferry Artists farewell their home and gallery of more than 20 years with a final exhibition and sale, as well as drinks and canapes for members, artists and guests.

In her farewell speech, President Carol Gill said, "We are not saying goodbye to the Ferry Artists as a group.

We are committed to the community and will still be around promoting our artists - whether this be via

Pop Up Exhibitions at the Community Centre or St Albans Markets.

Our vision of creating an arts and cultural centre at Wiseman's Ferry is still alive. As they say, 'One door closes and another one opens'.



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Our hearts go out to the community of picturesque St Albans following the recent and tragic drowning of a father and son in the Macdonald River. Their vehicle reportedly veered off the road and into the water during heavy weather.

A third passenger, who is the son and brother of the deceased, managed to escape the submerged vehicle and swim to the riverbank to call for help. Nearby homeowners heard his cries and promptly contacted emergency services. While emergency personnel arrived swiftly, they were initially unable to locate the vehicle or the missing individuals.

Around 11:20 AM on Thursday, August 21st, Police Divers located the vehicle. After a further search, two bodies were recovered from the water. Formal identification is pending.

**-THE EDITORIAL TEAM-**

# The Rare Appeal of Small Acreage Living



**In today's property market, there's a growing allure to the rare "small acreage" lifestyle – and it's not hard to see why. For downsizers ready to leave behind the upkeep of large estates, or families moving from suburban blocks craving more space, these properties provide the perfect balance.**

Kate Lumby of Lumby Real Estate said "There is not a week that goes by that I hear, 'I just want an acre.' Rare to find but highly sort after, nestled among expansive acreage estates, small acreage holdings provide the same sense of privacy, green outlooks and prestige without the burden of maintaining vast grounds. Enjoying borrowed views of rolling paddocks and leafy tree lines with manageable gardens and lawn. It's rural atmosphere without rural workload.

For families, small acreage properties open up room to grow – space for kids to play, for pets to roam, and for outdoor entertaining to become part of daily life.

Downsizers, meanwhile, find comfort in knowing they can retain a sense of scale and lifestyle without sacrificing weekends of maintenance.

What makes these properties truly desirable is their scarcity. With limited supply in sought-after pockets across the Hills and surrounding districts, they offer not only a lifestyle upgrade but a solid long-term investment.

There are only under 180 properties between the size of 2000sqm to 6000sqm within the area. Dural Under 100, Middle Dural 15, Galston 50, Arcadia 15

Small acreage living is about breathing room, beauty and balance – a unique opportunity to enjoy space, community and convenience, all wrapped into one enviable lifestyle. With the Spring market showing buyers doubling in numbers, Spring is nature's way of saying "It's time to move'.

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# NEWS FROM NETHERBY

## Women of the Homestead... the Unsung Heroines

Fagan Park, Galston. Sunday 5th October 10-4pm

**The Friends of Fagan Park are preparing for an exciting event and invite the community to join them in the heritage precinct on Sunday, 5th October.**

- \* We are featuring a very special exhibition, "Women of the Homestead...the Unsung Heroines" highlighting the day to day work of women, raising a family and keeping the home in order during the early 1900's. The exhibition around Netherby Homestead will feature laundry displays, sewing, embroidery, christening gowns, dresses and stories.
- \* There will be local community groups with market style tables: Hornsby Historical Society and Dural and District Historical

- Society will have displays reflecting the local area. Galston CWA with an array of goods for sale, The Persimmon Place with fresh fruit, veg and honey and the Friends will have jams, plants, bric-a-brac for sale.
- \* The Friends' fleet of heritage trucks, tractors and small machinery will proudly be on display and keep an eye out for "Puff", the 1942 Gorge Firetruck.
  - \* FE and FC Holden Car Club are displaying their wonderful cars.
  - \* Refreshments will be available: coffee, tea and a sausage sizzle.
  - \* Market table purchases will require individual payments, so bring along some cash.
  - \* Come along and support your local community and have a wonderful day out

For further information contact Assistant Curator, Julie 0412 766 553

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## The Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence is getting closer to completion!

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## Humble beginnings... George Deaman's Glenorie Bus Company

The Glenorie Bus Company story began in the early 1920's with George Deaman taking over the mail run from his brother Ray Deaman, when Ray started working for the council. George would deliver mail from Glenorie to Castle Hill on his horse and sulky. It was during this time that George met Phyllis Holland who would later become his wife. Carrying the mail bag from her mother's post office, Phyllis would walk from Evans Road in Glenhaven up to Old Northern Road to meet George en route to Castle Hill.

With requests increasing to transport people to Castle Hill along with the mail, George saw an opportunity, prompting him to apply for a bus license, purchase his first motorised bus and establish the first bus route from Glenorie to Castle Hill – Route No. 60.

George's buses ran on petrol, and to fuel them he had his own petrol tank and bowser installed on site with a manual pump to fuel the buses with Golden Fleece fuel, or benzine, as it was known in the day. Cold, frosty winter mornings required creative engine-starting techniques, using cotton wool and methylated spirits.

In the late 1920s to 1950s, George and Phyllis grew the business which was located next to the original Glenorie Post Office on Old Northern Road, the site now occupied by Glenorie Woolworths. In the early days George did all the driving himself. As the business grew, he was joined by drivers including Vic Bevan, Bill Roughley, Phillip Black, Mervyn Hughes, Alan Hitchcock (Harland), Mervyn Marsh and Dennis Webb and routes expanded to Eastwood and other locations in the district.



The buses became vital for connecting the Glenorie community to schools and other services outside their immediate area. They enabled local school children to access high schools in Hornsby, Carlingford, Northmead, and Parramatta. Some people may remember catching the 6.50am bus to Dural and connecting with another bus to take them across Galston Gorge's hairpin bends to Hornsby or catching a bus to Castle Hill to join a connecting bus to Parramatta.

Always looking for opportunities to deliver services to his local community, George would often have to travel to the Transport Department to discuss his ideas and seek approvals. This would involve a day long trip, with his wife, Phyllis in tow, travelling by car, train and tram to reach Roseberry in southwest Sydney. Not the easiest trip from Glenorie in those days.

In 1952, after one of those visits, he fulfilled a long-held vision of helping commuters by starting daily busloads to Eastwood Station, with no pickups or set downs between Rogan's Hill and Eastwood to avoid overlapping other routes.

George was deeply religious and very generous—often supplying buses and drivers for community trips to raise money for St Jude's Dural Parish. Destinations took patrons to explore greater Sydney destinations such as Bobbin Head, Kiama, 'Gilbulla' conference centre,



precinct of the Memorial Hall – forecourt and path – hopefully soon. Design phase has commenced in keeping with the heritage of the Memorial Hall. Once the fence is completed, all the piers are in place, the infill fencing installed, we can celebrate the installation of the 331 orders of paver from Glenorie District families, and friends. Who have chosen to have their name etched in stone forever.

Families have sponsored piers on the Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence and one is the Deaman Family, founder of the Glenorie Bus Company.

## Here is more on their story:

the 'Rotalactor', the first rotating milking parlour, at Camden Park, and Katoomba, often stopping for morning tea at the Blue Mountains Church of England Grammar School, where previous rector of St Jude's, Rev Pitt Owen was headmaster.

Buses were hired by the Methodist and Church of England churches for Sunday school picnics travelling to Bungool, now the location of Riverside Oaks Golf Club, and the Northern Beaches. He even added a service on Saturday evenings to Castle Hill theatre and later to the Eastwood Odeon theatre.



The first patron of the Glenorie RSL and Cricket Club, he was also a man of many talents, delivering newspapers to homes along his route with remarkable accuracy—tossing them from the bus. He and Phyllis also regularly drove their black Chrysler cars for local district weddings.

George was known for his sayings. Aline Muscio remembers George often saying on alighting "Quick's the word and sharp's the motion." His daughter, Elizabeth remembers him saying, "Great day for the race." When asked "What race?" he'd reply, "The human race."

Not to be overlooked, Phyllis was also incredibly generous and kind. A fully qualified nurse, she trained from 1925–1929 at Marrickville District Hospital and was the only healthcare professional in the local district for some time, providing nursing services to locals at no cost, all whilst raising her children and supporting her husband. One of her daughter Elizabeth's early memories is of her mum preparing and serving fresh scones with jam and cream to her dad and his team of drivers every Monday morning when bus maintenance was scheduled.

George and Phyllis had three daughters, their eldest two daughters both pursued careers in education as primary school teachers. Helen attended Sydney Teachers College and Elizabeth Balmain Teachers College. Their youngest daughter Margaret studied at Business College. Whilst none of the family remains in Glenorie, it is a place close to their hearts. It holds fond memories and much pride for the humble beginnings and success of the Glenorie Bus Company and their father's vision and commitment to the community.

Sadly, George died suddenly in 1960 from acute leukemia, diagnosed just before his passing. The bus company was subsequently sold in 1962.

**If you want to Have Your Say directly to both Councils and Government or discuss your thoughts with us at the Glenorie Progress Association meetings, come to the Glenorie RSL Club at 7:15pm on the second Thursday of each month. Join the Association at only \$20, \$40 for 2 years or \$80 for 5 years. Go to <https://www.glenorieprogress.org/membership>**

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You can contact us at [president@glenorieprogress.org.au](mailto:president@glenorieprogress.org.au) or call 0418 432 587.



## CAR PLUNGES INTO RIVER

Emergency services located two bodies during a search after a car crashed into the Macdonald River.

About 11.20 am, Thursday, 21st August 2025, NSW Police Divers located a vehicle in the waters nearby.

A further search led police divers to find two bodies in the water. According to police, they are yet to be formally identified.

Police were called to Settlers Road, St Albans, about 20 kilometres north of Wisemans Ferry, just before midnight on Wednesday, 20th August. Officers attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command arrived to find a car had entered the river.

One passenger, 24, managed to exit the car and reach the riverbank. He was assessed by NSW Ambulance paramedics but did not require hospital treatment.

Police were told two other men were inside the vehicle.

The State Emergency Service and NSW Rural Fire Service assisted police in the search of the river and the surrounding area.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Hawkesbury Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information is treated in confidence, and police remind the public not to report details through social media.

## FRAUDULENT SLIPS

Highway Patrol officers have charged three men following an investigation into fraudulent safety inspection reports issued at a Castle Hill car dealership.

On 13th May, officers from North-West Traffic and Highway Patrol, with assistance from Transport for NSW, began investigating reports that fraudulent "pink slips" were being supplied in northwest Sydney.

The investigation was sparked after two heavily modified cars, a Nissan 200SX and a Nissan 180SX, were found in Seven Hills during an unrelated matter.

Police allege both vehicles had been granted inspection certificates in April despite serious defects, including missing airbags, removed anti-lock braking systems, non-compliant suspension and dangerous frontal protrusions.

Following further inquiries, three men aged 39, 40 and 42 were charged with knowingly producing a false or misleading document and breaching the conditions of an examiner's authority.

The two older men were also charged with issuing false or misleading inspection reports.

Police will allege the men, all employees of the Castle Hill dealership, issued 22 fraudulent safety inspection reports between January and May this year.

All three were set to appear at Parramatta Local Court on 30th July.

## RETIRED POLICE DAY

Retired NSW Police officers from Castle Hill, Parramatta, and Riverstone are invited to attend the special Retired Police Day event this September, recognising their contribution, sacrifice and legacy.

The gathering will be held at Castle Hill RSL from 10:30 am to 12 pm on Thursday, 4th September. Registration is essential by emailing Detective Chief Inspector Phillip Brooks at 24625@police.nsw.gov.au

Police say the events will offer an opportunity for former officers to be recognised for their service and to reconnect with the policing community.

## BURGLAR ARRESTED

Hills Police are investigating a series of break and enter incidents that occurred in 1st July.

At around 2 am, a resident on Evans Road, Glenhaven, awoke to find three intruders inside the home. The offenders fled when confronted.

About 30 minutes later, another resident on Sandpiper Place, Kenthurst, reported seeing three individuals in their pool area, one allegedly raised a pole in a threatening manner before fleeing. No injuries were reported.

A white hatchback was seen near both locations and later identified at a service station in Dural.

Following inquiries, police arrested an 18-year-old male on 31st July. A search warrant was executed at his Glenorie home, where officers located clothing believed to have been worn during the incidents.

The teen was charged with aggravated break and enter dwelling with intent to steal and attempted aggravated break and enter dwelling with intent to steal.

He was refused bail and appeared in Parramatta Local Court the same day. Investigations continue to locate the other two individuals involved.

## DOG BREEDER CHARGED

A man linked to a notorious dog breeding group has been charged following an alleged assault at a Castle Hill dog show.

Police allege that on Saturday 3 May, a banned dog breeder and his associates attempted to gain access to an American Bull Terrier event. The man reportedly pushed an employee in an effort to enter the show ring, where he displayed a dog breeding banner on the floor.

When a female staff member tried to remove the banner, a physical altercation allegedly took place. The group then left the venue.

Following investigations, officers from the State Crime Command's Raptor Squad arrested a 33-year-old man in Greenfield Park around midday on Thursday, 24th July.

He was taken to Fairfield Police Station and charged with affray, common assault, and unlawfully entering enclosed lands.

The man was granted strict conditional bail and was set to appear at Fairfield Local Court on Wednesday, 20th August.

## COPPER WIRE THEFT

NSW Police is appealing for community assistance following a series of copper thefts from power poles in Kurrajong, Kurrajong Heights, surrounding areas along Bells Line of Road, St Albans, Wiseman's Ferry, Lower Macdonald, Sackville, Gunderman, Leetsvale, Wilberforce, Sackville North and nearby localities.

Police say most incidents have occurred at night and are urging residents to report suspicious activity. This includes vehicles stopped on the roadside, particularly those that appear out of place, and light trucks, utes or cars with large trailers that are not marked with Telstra signage.

Members of the public are encouraged to note vehicle registration numbers, makes, models and locations, and to be aware that authorised Telstra workers should display appropriate signage when working.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Hawkesbury Police on (02) 4587 4099. Police have made several arrests in relation to incidents in July and say ongoing community reports will assist in protecting vital infrastructure.

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

# Orange Blossom Festival



## Echoes at Bella Vista Farm

Friday, 5th September 2025 | 06:15 PM to 09:00 PM  
At Bella Vista Farm, Elizabeth MacArthur Drive, Bella Vista, 2153  
Cost - Adults: \$17.50 | Children: \$12.50 | Family (2 adults, 2 kids or 1 adult, 3 kids): \$49 | Infants aged 2 and under: FREE



## Come and Try BMX Day

Saturday, 6th September 2025 | 01:00 PM to 04:00 PM  
At Castle Hill BMX Track, Fred Caterson Reserve, Caterson Dr, Castle Hill, 2154  
Cost - Free



## Run for The Hills

Sunday, 7th September 2025 | 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM  
At Bella Vista Farm Park, Norwest Blvd & Elizabeth MacArthur Drive, Bella Vista, 2153  
Cost - Entry Fee: \$50 Adult, \$20 Child under 17, \$30 Senior over 60, Children under 5 Free

## Orange Blossom Festival Street Parade



Saturday, 13th September 2025 | 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM  
At Rouse Hill Town Centre, Main Street, Rouse Hill, 2155  
Cost - Free



## Kenthurst Fair

Sunday, 14th September 2025 | 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM  
At John Benyon Rotary Park, 135 Kenthurst Rd, Kenthurst, 2156  
Cost - Free



## Emergency Expo with NSW SES

Sunday, 14th September 2025 | 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM  
At Castle Hill Showground, Showground Road, Castle Hill, 2154  
Cost - Free



## Sydney Hills Garden Competition

Monday, 15th September 2025 | 12:00 AM to Friday, 26th September 2025 | 11:59 PM  
Across The Hills  
Cost - Free to enter



## Jazz at The Pines

Sunday, 21st September 2025 | 12:30 PM to 03:30 PM  
At The Pines Roughley House, 656A Old Northern Road, Dural, 2158  
Cost - From \$25



## Taste of Wisemans

Sunday, 28th September 2025 | 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM  
At Wisemans Ferry Park, 5602 Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry, 2775  
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## from the Mayor's Desk

As we head into spring, it's great to see some warmer weather. While spring is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beauty of our Shire in bloom, it's also a good opportunity for us to start preparing for bush fires and other emergencies.

Start getting prepared by completing an emergency plan on the Red Cross Get Prepared app. It's a free, easy-to-use tool to help you prepare for any type of emergency. You can use it to establish a quick and easy network of support with three key contacts, review the risks relevant to where you live and create checklists. Watch a video and discover more at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies).

This month, we are proud to support Dementia Action Week (15–21 September) with a series of inclusive events aimed at raising awareness and reducing stigma. A highlight will be a complimentary Riverboat Postman lunch cruise on the Hawkesbury River on 16 September, for residents living with dementia and their carers. This special outing offers a chance to relax, connect, and enjoy the beauty of our Bushland Shire, while recognising the vital role carers play in our community. Our river cruises are always incredibly popular, and tickets are sure to be in high demand!

Council is committed to becoming a Dementia Friendly Community through initiatives that foster understanding and social inclusion. Alongside the cruise, there will be a Dementia Awareness Seminar at Hornsby Library on 12 September and a screening of the award-winning documentary *Everybody's Oma* on 18 September. Weekly DCaf catch-ups in Galston, Hornsby and Waitara also provide ongoing support for those living with dementia and their carers. Find out more at [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby) I encourage everyone to get involved, learn more, and help us build a community where every person feels supported and included.

**Warren Waddell**  
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

## HORNSBY ART PRIZE 2025

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## Dementia Action Week

**Ageing successfully with (and without) dementia**

Friday 12 September  
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Hornsby Library

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS SPACES ARE LIMITED FOR BOTH EVENTS

Thursday 18 September  
10am-12.30pm  
Hornsby Library

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## Second Hand Market

**Sunday 14 September, 2025**  
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## Safety Concerns at the Heart of Johnson Road Rezoning

**Safety should be one of, if not the first priority in any local planning. Yet Hornsby Council's proposal to rezone 1-3 Johnson Road in Galston to E4 General Industrial does the opposite.**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has already ruled out access via Middle Dural Road due to safety concerns. In a letter dated 2nd May 2024, obtained under the Government Information (Public Access) Act, the Department made it clear they would not permit industrial traffic to enter or exit there. Their reasons were stark: Middle Dural Road carries a high volume of traffic, has an 80 km/h speed limit that only drops to 60 just before Johnson Road, and slowing or turning heavy vehicles would present unacceptable risks.

That should have been the end of the matter. Instead, Council has shifted the problem onto Johnson Road itself, a quiet and narrow residential street, where residents and their children walk, cycle and play. An 8-metre industrial driveway is proposed directly opposite their family homes, with no commitment to meaningful traffic controls. If an arterial road was deemed unsafe, how can a local street possibly be considered safer?



Figure 1: Site Plan

The Local Planning Panel (LPP), in its April 2025 advice, also flagged serious concerns. Chief among them was the absence of a site-specific Development Control Plan (DCP). Without one, developers would have near total freedom to pursue whatever uses are permitted under E4 zoning. And those uses go far beyond the "light industrial workshops" Council often refers to. Freight depots, hardware warehouses, distribution centres, sawmills and even used car lots would all be possible. TfNSW itself noted the site could accommodate up to 35 E4 units, not the 28 promoted by Council.

For residents, this is not just a planning technicality, it is about safety, amenity and the character of our community. Galston's semi-rural streets were never designed to handle heavy industrial traffic. To dismiss those risks, while brushing aside both TfNSW's advice and the LPP's recommendations, is reckless in the extreme.

Council owes its residents more than rhetoric. It owes us a safe, transparent and responsible planning process. On every measure, their proposal fails that test.

**- KATRINA EMMETT, GALSTON**

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# Glenorie Probus Club Activities

**Glenorie Probus Club had a bus tour to Morpeth in July. This historic area was originally known as Illalaung, meaning 'green hills' by the Wannarua Aboriginal people.**



The town of Morpeth, established in the 1830s, takes its name from Morpeth in Northumberland, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England. It was established by Edward Charles Close, a former British Army Officer, developing the river port and

laying out the town plan on the southern banks of the Hunter River.

It became a vital trade and agricultural hub following European settlement and was the second largest port in Australia, after Sydney, during its peak, facilitating trade and transport for the region. Arnott Biscuits and Soul Pattinson Pharmaceuticals originated there. (There is a magnificent display of Arnott biscuit tins and memorabilia in the Morpeth Museum.)

The Morpeth Bridge over the Hunter River is a timber truss structure 250 metres long. It is heritage listed and assessed as being Nationally Significant. It was built from 1896 to 1898 by Samuel McGill, to the design of engineer Percy Allan. The arrival of the railway and the rise of Newcastle as a regional port led to Morpeth's



commercial decline in the late 1800s and early 1900s. It is popular today as a tourist destination with its well preserved buildings, a mixture of sandstone grandeur and weatherboard and slab houses.

Our speaker, Nathan Tilbury, local historian and



Hornsby Shire Councillor, presented a very interesting topic about 'The History of Fagan Park' located at Galston NSW.

Fagan Park has a rich history of 55 hectares as a citrus and dairy farming property first settled by the Fagan Family in the 1850s after emigrating from Ireland. In 1980 the last surviving of the family, Bruce Fagan and sister Ida in their later years, generously donated their property to the State government, Department of Lands for the use and recreation by the general public.

The park was then developed and financed by Hornsby Shire Council as their Bicentennial Project, officially opening in that year, 1988.

This delightful park includes many attractions, such as picnic facilities, bushwalking trails, children's playgrounds, eco and gardens of the world. Also, a Rural Museum is located at Netherby Homestead the original Fagan Family home now run by volunteers, 'The Friends of Fagan Park.' We proudly read that the 55 hectares Fagan Park is now considered as a hidden gem of open public park spaces in Sydney.

The Clubs monthly coffee group met again this month at the Galston High School Café for a relaxing and enjoyable meeting continuing the monthly practice.

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 [wendyireblack@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wendyireblack@yahoo.com.au)

## Round Corner Dural Probus Club

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### THIS AUGUST MARKED A SPECIAL MILESTONE—OUR 14TH BIRTHDAY!

We celebrated this joyful occasion with a special morning tea during our regular meeting. It was interesting to note that we still have a large number of founding members. In place of a regular guest speaker, adding to the celebration, we enjoyed a fascinating "show and tell" presentation by one of our members, who shared his hobby and passion of working with wood researching and crafting a violin and bass guitar.

**Our monthly outing was equally enjoyable**, as members spent a delightful afternoon at The Hills Lodge being entertained by a series of radio plays performed by *Radio Active*. The performances were light-hearted, nostalgic, and thoroughly entertaining.

**Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am at The Galston Club.**

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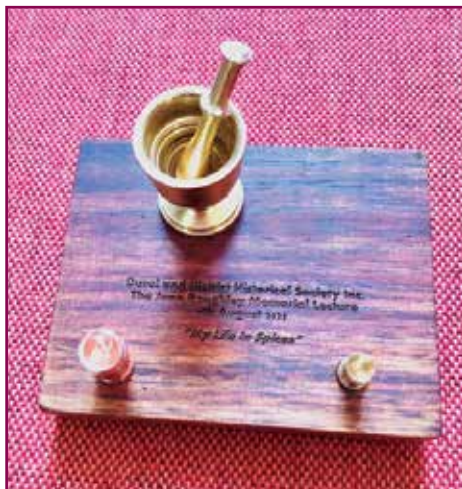


## DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## News from History Cottage

**The annual June Roughley Memorial Lecture, given by Ian "Herbie" Hemphill, "My Life In Spices", was a chance for old friendships to be renewed, to learn about the history of herbs and spices and to receive most welcome cooking suggestions.**

Somerset Cottage at Round Corner became an institution that led to a world wide operation; involving publishing and



**The beautiful Speaker's gift handcrafted by President Michael Bell and presented to Ian Hemphill at the June Roughley Memorial Lecture**

the education of the Australian diet. A most enjoyable afternoon for the audience of more than one hundred.

A landmark feature of our district is Galston Gorge. Depending on how it is viewed; it is either the barricade against the westward spread of suburbia or a hindrance to a trip to Hornsby. However it is looked at, it is among many things; a feat of engineering, an ever-changing oasis of natural beauty and a key to our community becoming the leading producer of citrus fruit.

The next Society meeting on the 13th September, will be given by the Society's President, Michael Bell; his subject, *The Archaeology of Galston Gorge*. The speed of traffic through the Gorge makes it almost impossible to really take note of features that tell its history but over the years Michael has been able to photograph and talk to old hands, about what remains. This will be another chance to learn about our local history and to add more personal recollections to that history.

History Cottage archiving is proceeding at a pace and the cottage is open for closer inspection on the last Sunday of the month, between 1.00 and 4.00pm. Visitors are most welcome and the research facilities cover early Colonial records as well as a large photograph collection.



**"Herbie" Hemphill receiving the June Roughley Memorial Lecture" memento. (Photo courtesy Karlene Brummer)**

Meetings are in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. Free entry. Enquiries to 02 9653 1365.

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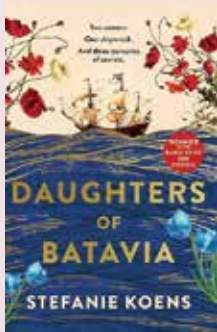
Join us for a fascinating insight into artificial intelligence on Wednesday 17th September, 6.30pm at Hornsby Library. Toby Walsh, the author of *The Shortest History of AI* will take us from Ada Lovelace's visionary work to the emergence of ChatGPT and beyond. Toby Walsh is a professor of artificial intelligence at the University of NSW and chief scientist at its new AI institute, UNSW.ai. Visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library) to book your ticket.

### ADULT FICTION

#### DAUGHTERS OF BATAVIA BY STEFANIE KOENS

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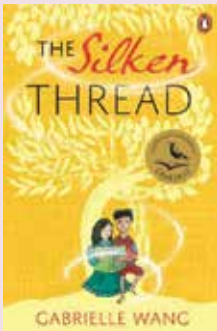


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## SPORT NEWS

# Dural Bowling Club News

The finals for the Ladies and Men Minor Singles took place on Tuesday 22nd and Saturday 26th of July respectively. Ann Wilson is the new Ladies Minor Single Champion and the runners up is Kate Liu. Greg Smith defeated Mike Keane to become the new Men Minor Singles champion. Congratulations to the winners and wishing the runners up go one better next year.



Registrations are currently in progress for the Open Gender Pairs with the competition starting 16th August 2025.

The Dural Bowling Club took place on the 9th of August and welcomed new and returning committee members.

Dural Bowling Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in August 2026. It is a great milestone considering the many challenges that the club faced through the years. It is a tribute to the previous members to have worked relentlessly to ensure its survival.



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# Hornsby Art Prize exhibition opens this September with a stunning showcase of contemporary art

**A vibrant showcase of contemporary Australian art will take centre stage at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre from 12th to 28th September, as Hornsby Shire Council presents the 2025 Hornsby Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition.**

The Hornsby Art Prize – delivered by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society – continues to attract national attention, with 415 entries received from across the country. This year, 73 outstanding artworks across painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, and printmaking have been shortlisted for exhibition.

The art prize has a total prize pool of \$23,000, including a \$10,000 major prize.

Hornsby Shire Deputy Mayor Janelle McIntosh said the exhibition is a highlight on the local cultural calendar.

"We're proud to host an event that brings such a high calibre of contemporary art to our community," she said.



Rita Attwood, Whaea, 2025 finalist

"The Hornsby Art Prize not only celebrates artistic excellence but also provides a platform for both emerging and established artists to share their work with a wider audience. Congratulations to all the finalists – your creativity and talent are truly inspiring."

This year's judging panel includes Tim Braham, Director of Gosford Regional Gallery, and artist Stephen Hall.

Chris Beard, President of Hornsby Art Society, added: "It's always a pleasure to partner with Council on this much-loved event. The standard of entries continues to rise, and this year's exhibition promises to be one of the best yet."

Winners of the Hornsby Art Prize, including the Hornsby Shire Local Artist Award, will be announced at an award ceremony on **Friday 12th September**.

The exhibition is open to the public from 12th to 28th September, Tuesday to Sunday, 10am–4pm. Entry is free.

For more information go to [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize](https://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize)



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# Castle Hill Art Society presents the Orange Blossom Festival Annual Art Awards 2025



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All artwork on display is for sale – you will find the perfect gift for Christmas, for a family member or someone special. The Children's exhibition is open on 20th September.

The Awards also provide the perfect time to join the Castle Hill Art Society. Classes and workshops in all media are held for adults, with after-school and Saturday classes for children. Art demonstration evenings by well-known artists are held on the first Wednesday of each month, with members and visitors welcome.

## Castle Hill Art Society

### Art Demonstration

1st October 7.00pm

Chris Vidal "Local Neighbourhood by Night"

In this demonstration Chris will show the basic process of how to paint a simple night scene of the local neighbourhood, discussing the colour palette he uses and his particular approach. As he uses the indirect method he will have a painting ready to go ahead with the second stage so that he can demonstrate both the first and second stages of the process.



Chris loves to paint the landscape as well as other subjects in oils and acrylics. His style of painting is contemporary realism influenced by classical painters and by recent impressionists.

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

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## Arcadian Quilting News

When our members create such colourful and utterly charming quilts it's a joy to share news articles within our local communities; what child could resist these cheeky Alpacas (photos below) or the colourful native birds.



Having the opportunity to donate such joy and caring to Women's Shelter Housing, including safe family homes where often children are front and centre gives us deep satisfaction, knowing our contributions are working for others in need !!!

Our recent weather patterns continue to be dull and wet but joy and warmth await the lucky recipients of these beauties.

There is always so much to show, to share and to admire as quilts are completed by the busy hands and clever minds of the members of A.C. quilters - they get my 'vote' every time.

Our 'members talk' time-slot continues and at the last meeting we learnt about sewing from another point-of-view. On this occasion dressmaking was the beginning of a long shared love of sewing and creating.

After a working life in dress salons, the joy of sewing still remained and the A.C. quilting group gained another happy member.

We continue to meet at the Community Health Centre, The Glade, Galston.



For further information please contact Carole on 9894 7749.

# Exciting upgrades for Middle Dural Public School

JAMES WALLACE MP

**Middle Dural Public School is set to have an exciting upgrade thanks to a co-investment by the NSW Government, Middle Dural Public P&C Association, and the wider school community. The \$15,000 Community Building Partnership 2025 grant will make it possible for the school to build shade solutions over the school sandpit and install seating to create an outdoor learning and recreation area.**



Principal Melissa Date worked closely with the P&C representative, Rita Gaits, and the school community to determine what the students could benefit from most.

Principal Date said "We were delighted to get the phone call from James Wallace to tell us that we were one of the lucky recipients of the Community Building Partnership 2025 Grant. Students and parents will be thrilled to see additional shade in our playground. The sandpit is always a popular option at lunch time especially when they discover gemstones hidden in the sand."

James Wallace MP, Member for Hornsby, said "It's fantastic to be able to commit this funding to Middle Dural Public. I know that school discretionary budgets have been hit hard recently, but I'm committed to helping our local schools deliver modern learning and play environments that match the world-class education our kids are getting in the classroom."

# Recycling Made Easier for The Hills Shire

**The Hills Shire Council has introduced Recycle Mate, a new online tool designed to simplify recycling for everyone.**

Now available on Council's website, Recycle Mate is an innovative platform that serves as an instant recycling guide. By clicking on the map, Hills residents can easily find recycling facilities nearby or search for specific items they want to recycle.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne, said the new addition is a game-changer for local households.

"Recycle Mate takes the second-guessing out of the equation for our residents who are wanting to do their part for the environment," Mayor Byrne said.



"While our community is already great at recycling everyday items, Recycle Mate is the perfect solution for those trickier items.

"Simply type in what you want to throw out and Recycle Mate will tell you if it can go in your red, yellow or green-lidded bin, or other places the item is accepted for recycling."

The platform boasts a comprehensive search engine with over 8,500 items.

The real-time updating also ensures residents always have access to the most current recycling information.

To learn more, visit The Hills Shire Council's website, [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au), and search "Recycle Mate"

# NSW Government Piles More Homes and Pressure on The Hills Shire

BY DR MICHELLE BRYNE, HILLS SHIRE MAYOR

**The Hills Shire Council has raised serious concerns with the State Government's secretive Housing Delivery Authority's (HDA) decisions to fast-track 5,936 additional homes in our major centres, which could reduce vital land for business and worsen the infrastructure crisis.**

The HDA has drastically increased housing density in Castle Hill, Norwest, Rouse Hill, and Baulkham Hills, with some high-rise developments doubling to almost 40-storeys in height - all without any commitment from the NSW Government to fund the roads, schools, and sports facilities needed to support the extra people that will live in them.

It comes as 20,000 NSW residents signed a petition to the NSW Legislative Assembly to demand stronger investment in roads, parks and schools across The Hills Shire.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne, said the NSW Government is blatantly disregarding the community's needs through the HDA which effectively sidelines the community, council and our planning controls.

"This fast-tracked approach will force another 12,000 residents into our already strained town centres, which are buckling under overburdened roads, schools and community facilities," Mayor Byrne said.

"We already have the highest housing targets in the state, and now the Government is using the housing crisis as a trojan horse to pile on thousands more dwellings without delivering the essential infrastructure to support them. These are largely unplanned and are on top of our already zoned supply."

Council highlighted one proposal at 34-46 Brookhollow Avenue, Norwest, as a stark example of the HDA's overreach.

The developer's original proposal to Council was for a commercial-focused development with 76 apartments. After applying through the HDA, this plan has ballooned into an 800-dwelling development, on top of the combined retail space.

The developer has since applied to withdraw their original application from Council, which sought a far more appropriate built form for the site, as the state-level process now supersedes local assessment.

"Brookhollow Avenue already faces heavy peak-time traffic. A multi-storey development here will worsen congestion and overshadow nearby homes," Mayor Byrne said.

"This is a perfect example of the HDA's approach: ignoring local infrastructure needs and bypassing proper planning in the name of housing supply."

Since its establishment just seven months ago, the HDA has considered 21 expressions of interest in The Hills and fast-tracked 14 of them as State Significant Development.

"Significant local planning decisions are being made behind closed doors by a secret state panel, with no details provided to Council or the community until they choose to," Mayor Byrne said.

"The Minns Government has a track record of removing all strategic and town planning in the state. The community and Council have been sidelined, and developers are being allowed to bypass Council and local planning policies that were put in place for a reason. They're probably rubbing their hands with glee.

"While we acknowledge the need for more housing, this growth must be matched by infrastructure. Without a holistic approach, the result will be overdevelopment. Our community will suffer, and we are seeing our vital business land devoted to high-rise units."

The HDA is one of several reforms the NSW Government has introduced to increase housing across the state. To counter the NSW Government's one-size-fits-all approach to housing, Council launched the Fight for a Fairer Hills Future campaign. The campaign demands action on the region's significant infrastructure deficit and calls on the NSW and Australian Governments to commit to vital projects, including:

- Funding for 40 additional sports fields
- Upgrades to 45 key regional roads
- Delivery of 13 new public schools
- Addressing the \$207 million infrastructure deficit in Box Hill

The campaign's petition recently hit a significant milestone of 20,000 signatures, triggering a debate on the issue in NSW Parliament in the coming months.

Residents and stakeholders are still encouraged to sign the petition before it closes on Friday, 5th September. To sign and learn more, visit: [www.fairerhillsfuture.com.au](http://www.fairerhillsfuture.com.au)



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# Council endorses Planning Proposal to boost employment opportunities across Hornsby Shire

## COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

### Hornsby Shire Council has endorsed a Planning Proposal aimed at strengthening the local economy and increasing employment opportunities across the Shire, following last night's General Meeting.

The Planning Proposal is expected to unlock new opportunities for local businesses and workers by increasing the range and diversity of employment options and services available across the Shire.

By enabling a broader mix of commercial and industrial activities in strategic locations, the Proposal supports the creation of job types ranging from retail and hospitality to advanced manufacturing and logistics. It also aims to attract investment, support small business growth, and ensure the Shire's industrial precincts are better equipped to accommodate modern facilities and meet future workforce needs.

#### Key amendments include:

- **Active street frontages:** New developments in local centres will be required to include active street frontages, promoting pedestrian activity and enhancing the vibrancy of town centres.
- **Light industries in local centres:** Light industries – such as those that don't create noise and smells – will be permitted in most larger local centres, increasing flexibility and employment diversity without impacting neighbourhood amenity.
- **Serviced apartments floor space exclusion:** Serviced apartments will no longer count toward non-residential floor space calculations, helping preserve commercial space for employment-generating uses.
- **Food and drink premises size limit:** Food and drink premises in industrial zones

will be capped at 150sqm to ensure industrial land remains available for core employment uses.

- **Increased building heights:** Parts of selected industrial precincts (Mount Kuring-Gai, Asquith, Thornleigh, and Dural) will see building height limits raised to 20 metres, enabling modern industrial facilities.
- **Higher floor space ratio in Dural:** The Dural Industrial Precinct will have its floor space ratio increased from 0.7:1 to 1:1, unlocking greater development potential.

The Employment Lands Planning Proposal will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for review. If approved, it will be publicly exhibited alongside the draft Hornsby Development Control Plan 2024 amendments.

Hornsby Shire Deputy Mayor Janelle McIntosh welcomed the Proposal, stating: "This is a proactive step toward ensuring Hornsby Shire remains a competitive and attractive place for local business and employment. The changes will help us ensure the vibrancy and vitality of our local centres while giving more flexibility in our industrial precincts. This will enable us to meet future demand while protecting the character and function of our employment lands."

#### Also at last night's meeting, Council:

- On receiving a Mayoral Minute, raised by Deputy Mayor McIntosh, resolved to recognise the recent significant anniversaries of community organisations with a simple event at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in September 2025
- Acknowledged through an additional Mayoral Minute raised by the Deputy Mayor, the resignation and significant achievements of Mr James Farrington, Director of Planning and Compliance, who leaves Council after 30 years of service to Hornsby Shire

- Re-appointed local members on the Sydney North Planning Panel and extended the term of appointment of expert members and community representatives on the Hornsby Local Planning Panel
- Adopted the new Enforcement Policy and the reviewed Community, Environment, and Planning and Compliance Division current policies and codes
- Resolved to write to the NSW Minister for the Environment and local State Members outlining Council's previously expressed view concerning the conservation significance of 79-87 Malton Road, Beecroft and requesting consideration of submissions by residents requesting the State Government seek to purchase the land, following a Notice of Motion from Councillor Tilbury
- Responded to a Question with Notice from Councillor Tilbury about the financial spend on the rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry to Hornsby Park, noting large grants and some development contributions
- Received and noted the contents of the Director's Report on investments and borrowings for the period ending 30th June 2025
- Noted that Councillor expenses and facilities for the period 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025 have been tabled.

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

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## Explore pre-loved treasures at Hornsby Second Hand Market this spring

**Hornsby Shire Council is excited to announce the return of its popular Second Hand Hornsby Market on Sunday 14th September 2025 at Coronation StrEat, aimed at encouraging the local reuse economy.**

The Second Hand Hornsby Market provide residents with an opportunity to declutter some of their pre-loved items in an environmentally conscious manner, offering others the opportunity to discover thrifty treasures.

The market is part of Council's Second Hand Hornsby initiative, which also includes an innovative service on Council's website allowing residents to advertise their garage sales, with advice on making them a success.



Council is encouraging locals to reduce the number of items sent to landfill by instead opting to give their unwanted items a new lease on life. Some of the items that are expected to be on offer at the Second Hand Hornsby Market include

clothing, toys, books, sporting equipment and household items.

Residents were quick to book out the 30 stalls, and now Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell is looking forward to seeing the community come together to support sustainable living.

"The Second Hand Hornsby Market encourages us to rethink how we consume and value everyday items. It's a wonderful chance for the community to make mindful choices, support sustainability, and uncover some unique bargains along the way," said Mayor Waddell.

The Second Hand Hornsby Markets will run on the **second Sunday of September and November 2025 from 9am-1pm** in the car park on Coronation Street and in the Coronation StrEat space.

Second Hand Hornsby aligns with Council's *Waste Matters Strategy* and is part of several initiatives, including Bicycle Repair and Clothes Swap events, to assist Council to maximise resource recovery and stimulate the reuse economy. There will be a Bicycle Check and Tune running on the day of the market, where experienced mechanics will inspect tyres, gears and brakes and either fix any issues or provide advice on repairs. Booking is essential via this link: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bicycle-check>

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From the desk of  
*James Wallace*  
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



**Many who choose to live in our area do so because of the world-class schools in our community. Parents want a well-rounded education for their children with access to sport, the arts, and organisations like scouts and guides. Inside the classroom they want their children to excel and when they fall behind, help to catch up.**

The incredible teachers in our schools don't just come to school each day relying on their existing knowledge. They are also undertaking dedicated training outside of the classroom to build their expertise and experience, before bringing that back to their classroom and their colleagues. It's a powerful reminder that when we equip teachers with the right tools, our children benefit.

But we know there is more to do to make these improvements possible. I recently spoke in NSW Parliament about the importance of raising education standards across the board. While we are seeing exciting leaps in results for schools with access to those training programs, we need a systematic implementation plan for every school in the area and not just some, and a meaningful program to follow up and evaluate implementation.

Some of the schools in our community, because of their size, face additional challenges in doing this. That needs to change and it's the State government's job to make that happen, which is what I'll be fighting for on behalf of our community.

That is one of the many reasons why I was so pleased to commit \$15,000 to Middle Dural Public School for new outdoor shading and seating recently, so that we can provide schools in our area with the support they deserve regardless of their size.

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## Greater investment needed in our local mental health services

**Every day in Australia, nine people lose their lives to suicide. For every death, there are approximately 20 attempts. These are not just numbers; they represent someone's parent, someone's son or daughter, someone's partner or mate.**

Here in our own community, the need is real and growing. In 2021, 4,041 people presented at the North Shore public health network emergency departments with suicidal thoughts or other intentional self-harm. By 2023–24, that number had risen to 4,681. These numbers are devastating to see.

Over the past year, I've come to know a young man from our community who, based off his own experiences, has been a tireless advocate for improvements to our local mental health system, highlighting the enormous strain Hornsby Hospital and its mental health unit are under every single day. Doctors and nurses on the frontlines are doing their absolute best, but they are completely overwhelmed by the sheer volume of people needing urgent help. This situation not only affects those seeking support but also takes a heavy toll on the wellbeing of the very people providing care.

Adam's courage and openness are a reminder that we have much more to do to make our system work for everyone in our community. That is why I have called on both the New South Wales Government and the Federal Government to invest more in our local hospitals' mental health units and associated community programs. We need to ensure that mental health services in our community are properly resourced to meet the growing need.

It is also vital that we break the stigma around mental health and suicide. Adam's willingness to stand up is powerful because it encourages others to speak up too. We must make it normal to ask the hard questions – including directly asking a friend, "Are you contemplating suicide?" – and to walk with them towards the help they need.

Community deserves a system that works. And with the right investment, the right support, and the courage to keep speaking out, we can build it.

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### Hello Residents,

Serving in my first term as an elected councillor for Hornsby Shire has been an incredibly rewarding, challenging and eye-opening experience. I entered this role with a strong commitment to community service, and over the past term, I've had the opportunity to listen to residents, work collaboratively with council colleagues, and contribute to decisions that shape the future of our beautiful bushland shire.



One of the most fulfilling aspects of the role has been engaging with local residents - whether at community forums, on the street, or through correspondence. These conversations have grounded my work in the very real concerns and aspirations of those we represent. From advocating for better infrastructure, and improved public transport options to ensuring responsible development that respects our natural environment, I've worked hard to help to deliver outcomes that reflect community values.

During this term, I've also taken pride in contributing to initiatives that support sustainability, local business, and cultural inclusion. Highlights include involvement in park upgrades, improved waste management policies, and strengthening support for local community groups.



Finding a balance with competing interests and working within budget constraints can be complex, but through it all, council's focus has remained on accountability and making thoughtful, informed decisions for the long-term benefit of Hornsby Shire.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to being a strong, approachable voice for our community. I thank everyone who has supported me so far and look forward to continuing this important work in service of Hornsby Shire.



# Small Schools, Strong Communities: Celebrating Learning and Growth

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Term 3 has started with great energy and enthusiasm at Arcadia Public School. Our book week celebrations featured a special visit from local author, Di Hedges, who shares her book *Floki: The Story of a Fluffy Little Rescue Chihuahua* and offered students a fascinating insight in her creative process. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about how Di developed her story, and the excitement continued with our vibrant Book Parade, where students dressed as a variety of beloved characters. Reading is highly valued at Arcadia, and our fabulous library is a hub where students are encouraged to explore and borrow regularly. One Kindergarten student summed it up perfectly, saying this event was "the best day at school ever!" It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of books and reading.

Our celebrations extended beyond Book Week as we proudly hosted our Open Day.



At Arcadia Public, we are committed to 'Igniting the Potential' of every student, and this was clearly on display throughout the day. Our talented School Band and Choir delighted the audience with their performances, showcasing the dedication that small schools foster in every student. Each class collaborated to present poetry ranging from classic works by Banjo Paterson to the playful verses of Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy. The students embraced the dramatic elements of their presentations with enthusiasm. Visitors then had the opportunity to explore classrooms and witness firsthand the breadth of learning taking place—from written work to digital projects and creative displays. The event concluded with a lovely morning tea enjoyed on our expansive and picturesque school grounds.

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival, held in partnership with neighbouring local schools, was another highlight. This event beautifully demonstrated the spirit of collaboration and creativity that small schools bring to supporting every student's participation and success. It was a fantastic celebration of community and sportsmanship shared by all.



Arcadian students have also been actively participating in a variety of competitions, including the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee, NSW Premier's Debating Challenge, online ICAS assessments, and the Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiad Maths Game competition. These opportunities help to extend learning and challenge our students in diverse ways.

We are now welcoming 2026 applications for Kindergarten enrolments. Families interested in learning more or arranging a private tour of our outstanding school are encouraged to contact our friendly office staff on 9653-1207.



## Rockstars to Space at Pacific Hills Christian School



Pacific Hills  
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Recently Pacific Hills Christian School held its annual '100 Days of Kindy' event.

As children entered the school dressed with sunnies, glam-rock hairdos and rock star attitudes, they were greeted to a day of celebration of their achievements and future stardom as young academics. Families soon joined in the festivities which only added to the excitement. With a range of activities focusing on the number '100', there were many games to be enjoyed like threading Fruit Loops and playing the classic *Snakes and Ladders*.

The excitement didn't stop there at Pacific Hills. This Year's 7 and 8 were gravitating towards their own exciting orbit - Science Week. These budding scientists were immersed in a world filled with complexities and curiosities, and all in the name of science. From liquid nitrogen ice-cream to racing propeller cars, this was truly an 'out of this world' day of learning and adventure.

Events like these are a good reminder of God's goodness and wonder in all aspects of our lives and the world around us.

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# Glenorie Public School Celebrating Education Week with Grandparents' Day!



The only thing brighter than the sun shining on Grandparents' Day was the beautiful smiles of our special visitors and students.



This year's Education Week theme, "Ignite Your Potential," celebrates the spark within every student; the curiosity, creativity, and drive that fuels lifelong learning. The theme resonated throughout the day as students showcased their unique talents and abilities. Glenorie Public School is committed to nurturing each child's unique strengths. These strengths were on full display in our classrooms, dance groups, choir and assembly items highlighting the powerful role education plays in unlocking potential and shaping the future.



The day also featured a special tribute to grandparents, who play an essential role in the lives of the students. Acknowledging their contributions, Mrs Rebecca Wallace, Principal, remarked "Grandparents are like living storybooks, rich with memories and wisdom. Your presence here today enriches our students' school journey, and we are truly thankful."



The Glenorie Public School Education Week Open Day was a resounding success, fostering a sense of community and celebration of learning that will resonate with students and families for years to come.

A big thank you to our special guests for joining us. We are so glad you could come!



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# Middle Dural Public School



**At Middle Dural Public School we strive to meet the individual talents and interests of all of our students. We are responsive to student voice and seek feedback from them about what they would like to learn about each term. Our staff then make plans for how we can offer a variety of options which are going to engage our children.**

We have just started another term of Interest Groups based on the strengths that have been observed by our teachers, the suggestions made by parents, and the ideas presented by our students. Term 3 will feature drama,



3D printing, sport and cooking which means that we will engage in all four domains of High Potential and Gifted Education. We are creative about the way we can tap in expertise and resources so that we can provide great variety. We have been able to garner quite a lot of enthusiasm from our parents for cooking which means that each fortnight a different parent will be providing new recipes for children to prepare and taste. We have a lovely selection of healthy snacks to look forward to including sushi, tzatziki, pancakes, muesli bars amongst other tasty treats. Most recently we made mango, lime and turmeric sorbet and it was delicious!

We welcome Dallas Reedman who will lead drama with his great enthusiasm and talent. Thank you to our P&C for funding his expert guidance. With a wealth of experience in drama we look forward to seeing what talents he will uncover.

We have accessed an 3D printing kit from the STEM Booking System provided by the Department of Education - we have already selected some other amazing resources using the pool of technology that is available for schools to borrow for a term. With the support of our School Learning



Support Officer, Mr Date, our students will be designing personalised keychains which will then become a tangible item to hang from their school bag!

In addition, we will be offering games to enhance social skills and sporting prowess with our wonderful teacher Miss O'Brien. Sport is always a hot favourite at Middle Dural PS so we will also be offering professional coaching in soccer and netball while participating in PSSA OzTag and Netball every Friday.

It's going to be another amazing term of immersing ourselves into enriching learning experiences!



If you would like to join our lovely school community, contact us on 9651 1761 or email us at [middledura-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:middledura-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or visit our website to see our latest newsletter and other amazing activities.

## Hillside Happenings

### Revved Up at Hillside: 120 Classic Motorcycles Roll Into Hillside



**Over 120 riders from 17 motorcycle clubs from around the State roared into Hillside Public School and enjoyed an epic lunch during day 1 of their annual 2-day Rally.**

The Macquarie Towns Motorcycle Restoration and Preservation Club was formed in 1981 by an enthusiastic group of motorcyclists from the Hawkesbury area.

The aim of the club is to promote and foster the restoration and preservation of motorcycles 10 years old or older.

The annual rally takes in the roads and sights of the Macquarie 5 Towns precincts and surrounding areas and features awards for the most popular bikes in listed categories judged by rally participants. The Saturday night award dinner is a highlight with trophies and a King and Queen being announced, concluding with a shorter Sunday ride, which allows for

interstate/country participants to arrange travel arrangements home.

On the first day of this year's Rally, riders embarked on a picturesque route that took them through Sackville, Ebenezer, Wilberforce, Windsor, Pitt Town, Kenthurst, Dural, and Glenorie, culminating in a delightful lunch at Hillside Public School. The parents and staff did an outstanding job of feeding the hungry horde, with non-stop praise rolling in thanks to their incredible efforts.



From the BBQ and homemade quiches to fresh salads and warm soups, every detail was on point. Behind the scenes, setup, cleanup, and everything in between ran smoothly thanks to Hillside's powerhouse community.

Events like this don't just happen - they're built on people who show up and give it their all. Hillside, you nailed it. Thanks to all who helped, it was a resounding success.

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# Discover the beauty of spring with Hornsby Shire Council's free guided bushwalks

**With spring fast approaching, Hornsby Shire Council has unveiled its upcoming schedule of free guided bushwalks, aimed at providing an educational, safe and enjoyable outdoor experience, exclusively for Hornsby Shire residents.**

The bushwalking program has something for everyone, with a wide range of events planned, some targeted at beginners looking to take an easy stroll, others to bushwalking enthusiasts looking for a challenging hike.

Bushwalkers will be sure to learn a lot on these outings, with knowledgeable guides and organisers providing fascinating insights into the natural and cultural history of the Bushland Shire. Upcoming guided bushwalks this spring include:

- Wildflower Walk, Berowra Heights on 18th September
- Wild Investigators Activity, Fagan Park, Galston (age 7-12) on 9th October
- Beecroft Reserve Bushwalk, Beecroft on 25th October
- Crosslands Reserve to Rockyfall Rapids Estuary Bushwalk, Hornsby Heights on 29th November

Hornsby Shire Deputy Mayor Janelle McIntosh has encouraged residents to embrace the season and explore the Shire's natural beauty.



"Spring is the perfect time to reconnect with nature and discover the vibrant landscapes that make our Bushland Shire so special. These guided walks offer a unique opportunity to learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends," said Deputy Mayor McIntosh.

The spring bushwalks are part of Hornsby Shire Council's rolling program of guided walks which showcase the Bushland Shire through the changing seasons. Programs are announced three times per year and are very popular – residents are advised to book early so they don't miss out. Bookings will open a month before each walk.

For dates and further details of the upcoming spring events, or to register, visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushwalks>



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# Galston Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on 10th September, 2025  
 Guest speaker will be Clinton Nesci  
 Talks about "Bonsai"

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 August was Ian Hook, talking about beautiful Bromeliads and in September Clinton Nesci, will present a talk on Bonsai.

OCTOBER 17-19TH is our GALSTON OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND and this year we are showcasing 8 acreage gardens from Kenthurst, Dural, Galston and Arcadia. Although they are acreage gardens they have many features which can be readily adapted to any garden environment, large and small.

Visitors will find a host of plants of all shapes and sizes, spectacular flowering shrubs, wonderful specimen trees, water features, garden architecture and lots of ideas. It is always fascinating to see how different owners have developed their gardens



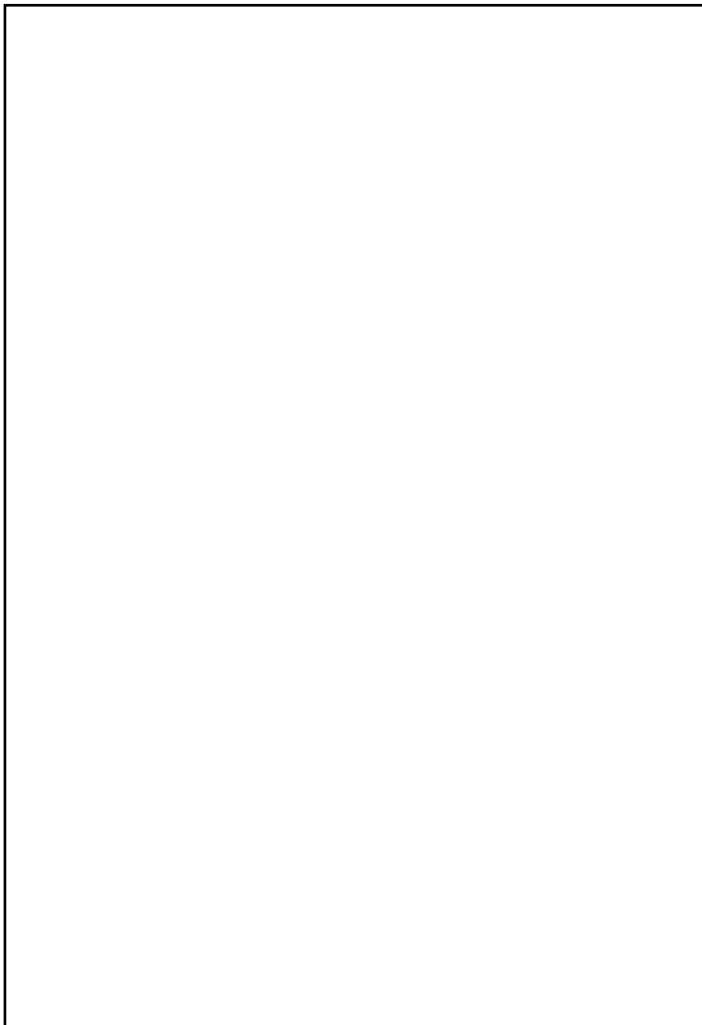
to suit the topography of the land and their own tastes and interests.

Tickets will be available on the open days at the Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Road, or at any of the gardens. An inclusive ticket for \$25 per person gives entrance to all the gardens (ticket is valid for three days), OR entrance to a single garden is \$5 per person. Please Bring CASH to pay for garden entry. EFPTOS will be available at the Galston Club and at garden 4 where the plant stalls, morning and afternoon teas will be available. Children under 18 will be admitted free.

This is a charity event organized by the club and all proceeds are distributed to charities nominated by the garden owners and various local community groups. Let all your friends know so we can make

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# Bromeliad Society of Australia

## Mark Belot Alcantarea Passion

**The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held in the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday, 13th September.**

Sales to the public are from 10am with the meeting commencing at 12 noon.

The guest speaker is a member of the BSA Mark Belot who specialises in the larger bromeliads such as the Alcantarea and the Vriesea.

Mark grew up on a quarter acre block with an old garden, filled with camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons a passion of his late Father's.

However, Mark developed an interest in Bonsai and at one stage had a huge collection. His interest and passion for bromeliads increased when a neighbour shared some of her plants with him and he was hooked.

Currently, Mark doesn't have a shade house, so most of his bromeliads are out in the full sun. The more delicate and precious species are located on his deck. The sunny end is for the Neoregelias and the other shaded end is for Vrieseas.

Mark has a bit of everything in his garden including beautiful Neos, with the large hybrid variegated Alcantarea being his favourites.

Mark will bring along a variety coloured flowered and about to flower Alcantarea bromeliads.

He will demonstrate the removal of pups and grass pup from the mother Alcantarea bromeliads and how to assist with the survival of accidentally neglected bromeliads.

Mark will also have some of his crossed genus of Alcantarea and Vriesea that he has bred from seed.



For further information please contact Ian Hook, President of BSA on mobile 0408 202 269, email: [ianhook1@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhook1@bigpond.com) or refer to [www.bromeliad.org.au](http://www.bromeliad.org.au) for the latest updates.



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BY LACHLAN TURNER

# Hidden in the Hills

## CYMBIDIUM SUAVE

**This plant is not a rare orchid. It is just a bit hard to find out it there in the bush as it does not usually occur next to established walking tracks. To find specimens of this sometimes spectacular orchid it may be necessary to venture into the understorey, searching for old decaying logs and trees that have been subject to some uncharacteristic decay, either near the base or even up higher where a branch has broken away from the trunk.**

These are situations in which Cymbidium Suave will flourish. As it is an epiphyte which gains its nourishment from rotting vegetable material, the locations suggested are the most likely sites to observe this rather unusual orchid. The roots of this plant are very aggressive and penetrate deeply into the decaying woody material on which it survives, usually old eucalypt trees.

Found also in a variety of coastal and rainforest environments through Queensland and NSW, this plant has the unrelated name



of "Snake Orchid", for which there does not appear to be any reliable reason for that name.

How the plant arrives in a space high up in an old tree is open to speculation. It is likely that a seed may have been consumed by a bird or animal and later deposited in droppings at that upper level, successfully germinating and subsequently flourishing to grow into a mature plant.

To read more about this intriguing plant enter the following web address into your computer's browser.  
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# What's the Bible All About?

**You've probably noticed that church news each month includes references to what the Bible says!! That's because it is the inspired and infallible Word of God.**

So when the Bible says that "God so loved the world (you and me), that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, that all who believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16), it is the truth! Why? Because God said it.

And when God says "I have loved you with an everlasting love," (Jeremiah 31:3), it is also the Truth because God said it.

"ALL scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting & training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)

## In a nutshell, what is the Bible all about?

"It is a collection of sixty-six books, divided into the Old Testament (before Jesus Christ lived on earth) and the New Testament (when Jesus lived on earth). It encompasses various genres such as history, poetry and prophecy and tells the true account of God's love relationship with humanity, focusing on the themes of Creation, sin, salvation through Jesus Christ and moral guidance through His life and teachings." (faith gateway.com)

In other words it is the story of God's pure love for you-and therefore vitally important to read!

I have heard people say that the Bible can be interpreted many different ways. That might sound reasonable until you read 2 Peter 1:20-21 - "But know this first of all that no prophecy of Scripture becomes a matter of one's own interpretation for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."



It has also been said that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as it is sincere. But what if you're sincerely wrong??

Finally, people say that we should say nothing rather than offend someone. Of course we must be sensitive and "be quick to listen, slow to speak" (James 1:19) but the Bible clearly says that is vital to "know the truth and the Truth shall set you free." (John 8:32).

\*\* Ref: Vision Christian media

Can I encourage you to open your Bible and ask God to help you understand Him through its pages as you read it. He says to you in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know."

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**Why do Christians have to try to convert people who are not interested in religion? Why do they persist in sharing their faith with those who really do not want to know? Surely there are better things to talk about; sport, the weather, hobbies, anything at all.**

It might surprise you to know that most Christians find it difficult to share their faith. It is difficult to overcome those social taboos about discussing something so personal and private. Many of us are reserved and struggle with shyness. Sharing our faith can be the opposite of what we inwardly want to do. So why do we do it, why do we present our beliefs, our innermost convictions, often only to be ridiculed and mocked?

Because Jesus Christ, God's only Son suffered and died in our place, taking the punishment for our sin, so that we might be reconciled to God. How can we deny Him?

Instead of glory and honor, He was counted as nothing. He was forsaken, scorned by men and despised by the people. He was mocked and insulted. His hands and feet were pierced. How can we, how can I be silent?

Jesus Christ overcame death so that through Him I might have everlasting life. He is seated at the right hand of God the Father.

He will soon return for those who have believed in Him. How can I keep this to myself? I am compelled to tell those around me of God's incredible love for mankind. I have to tell of the Lord Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. I have to shout from the rooftops that God now offers forgiveness for sin for those who believe in His Son. How can I be silent when there are those who have not yet accepted so great a Salvation?

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10: 13-16

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# Galston Uniting Church News



## THE ANNUAL RFS SERVICE

Imagine the church driveway full of gleaming red fire engines and the church itself filled with "fries" in their bright yellow uniforms. This is what we have come to expect at this time each year at Galston Uniting as we come together in worship to ask a special blessing and protection for our dedicated firefighters and their tireless supporters as they enter the potential dangers of the upcoming bushfire season.

For the RFS, even winter is not a down time, but is a time of preparation, accreditation and training for the summer that is to come.

At Galston Uniting Church (GUC) we recognize



their dedication and the sacrifices they make in order to keep our community safe.

This year, the service was led by our minister, Rev Akosita Tangi, and Rev Nich Cole, who is an RFS Associate State Chaplain and minister at Mt Colah Uniting Church. Nich was also a former member of the Arcadia RFS brigade as well as a member of Galston Uniting Church. It was great to have Nich and his wife Sam with us again. The RFS were represented in the service by Ian Canacot, who spoke on "Why I'm involved with the RFS", and also Riley Hart who brought the bible reading.

After the service the RFS fleet and personnel were "blessed" in traditional style by the

Rev Nich with a backpack spray and of course, the kids enjoyed a first hand experience of the fire trucks with an up close inspection.

## TWO GALSTON CONCERTS IN ONE MONTH! WHAT A TREAT!

On **Sunday 24th August** we heard pianist and organist Sebastian Lau present the magnificent music of Chopin, Liszt and Mendelssohn utilizing the church's organ and grand piano.

And... on **Sunday 31st August** we heard the Sydney Estonian Choir "Kooskolas", fresh from taking part in the Estonian Song Festival in Tallinn, Estonia, along with 30,000 or so other singers! (For context, check out the movie "the Singing Revolution" on You Tube).

Also featuring in this concert was Sydney organist Fiona Loader.

You can watch this on our recorded live-stream of this service at Galston Uniting Church on Facebook (don't forget to 'like' us) or "Google" Galston Uniting Church Facebook posts. Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays.

**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.**

## CONTACT ELIZABETH GARLICK, OFFICE MANAGER

11 School Road, Galston. Phone 9653 2039

# Caught in a Storm

**Have you ever been on a small boat and got caught in a storm? I can't say I have, but years ago I had the opportunity to sail a catamaran on the ocean. Even though it was windy, it looked easy, so I thought. I sailed about half a kilometre off shore and turned around. As I did so, the wind caught the sail and flipped me upside down. What a dilemma! Somehow I knew I had to create some sort of counterweight, so I grabbed the rope and lent out overboard. It worked. The sail came up, and for a brief moment, my fear subsided. Suddenly, the wind caught the sail again and the catamaran did a complete somersault, and I was underneath. After repeating the process, I made it back to shore.**

God's word tells a story where Jesus and His disciples were in a small boat on the Sea of Galilee when suddenly, a windstorm arose and the waves started filling the boat. While the disciples feared for their lives, Jesus lay calmly asleep. In their fear they cried out, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

To this Jesus responded, "Peace be still!" Everything became calm (Mark 4:35-41).

Sometimes in life storms arise that seem to try our faith. In our desperation we often seek to sort it out ourselves, momentarily forgetting that Jesus is always with us. He's not sleep! Jesus promised, "I am with you always, even to end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Some of the greatest blessings we have as Christians is believing and claiming the promises of God. All God's promises are "yes" to those who believe (2 Corinthians 1:20). For example:

- "Fear not, I am with you. Be not dismayed for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10)
- "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)
- "Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7)

These precious promises are like stars in the night sky. The darker the night, the brighter they shine. If you ever find yourself in a dark place, God's word can help. Whatever problems you face Jesus can give you hope and peace. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11-13).



It is our prayer that everyone in our community might experience the love and truth of Jesus, and be ready for His soon return. In Jesus we have the greatest hope and greatest peace, and also the assurance of everlasting life.

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

## STEVE BELSON (PASTOR)

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# Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade

## Moores Road Training Event



**RFS crews from Glenorie, Middle Dural, and Galston Brigades recently took part in a village firefighting training exercise at the Bio Properties Pty Ltd site at Moores Road Glenorie.**

The training exercise gave members valuable hands-on experience dealing with a complex industrial site, which has unique hazards including chemical storage, intricate building layouts, and various fuel supplies, all of which demand careful planning and precise teamwork. The training exercise focused on a coordinated response strategy, including arrival and set up drills, with hose deployment. Then crews had to deal with hazard management challenges that all industrial facilities present firefighters with. This type of training ensures our crews are ready for incidents in this or any other industrial setting in our community.

Exercises like this are vital for our brigades, as facilities like this are high risk, low frequency type of incident that our volunteer members would encounter, and present unusual risks. To be able to train in environments like this allows our firefighters to hone skills as well as work side by side with other brigades, to strengthen operational capability.

We extend our sincere thanks to David Beech from Bio Properties Pty Ltd for his invaluable help in making the event possible. His support


and detailed knowledge of the site greatly enhanced the realism and effectiveness of the training.

This exercise highlights the strong collaboration between local brigades, local industry, and the wider community, and reinforces the importance of ongoing training to keep our community safe.

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, visiting the RFS website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://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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# Galston Rural Fire Brigade News

## GET READY WEEKEND



With the bush fire season fast approaching, NSW residents and landowners are urged to assess their risk and take action to safeguard their homes and properties. We've seen the devastating impact that bush fires can have – on people, properties, and communities. It's important to take the time now to prepare.

We're hosting the annual Get Ready Weekend on the 20th of September in front of Aldi at the

Galston Shopping Village Complex from 10:00am to 2:30pm, offering practical advice, resources, and demonstrations to help communities plan ahead. Now's the time to create a Bush Fire Survival Plan, maintain a defensible space, and understand Fire Danger Ratings, provided by our Galston brigade members.

It can take as little as five minutes to make your plan. Discuss it with your family so you know what you will do in the event of a fire. Take this opportunity to connect, prepare, and protect your community this fire season.

## COLIN MANTON - LONG SERVICE MEDAL

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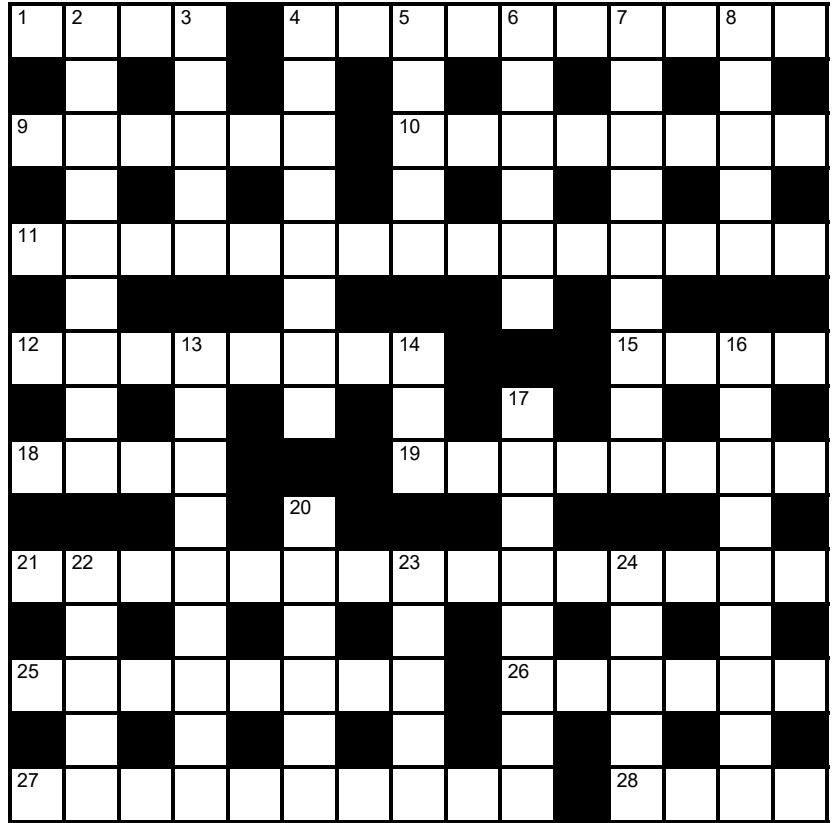
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### ACROSS

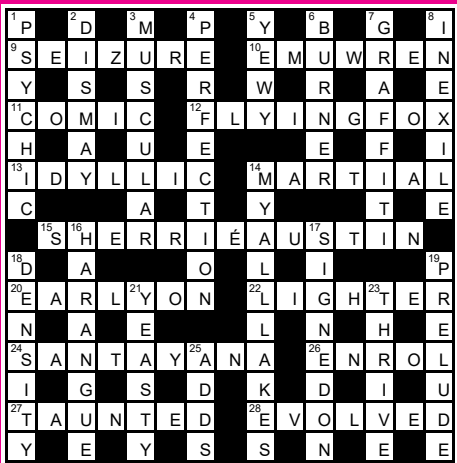
- 01 Hire (4)
- 04 Tourist spot south of Denmark (5,5)
- 09 Establishes (4,2)
- 10 Dinner site (8)
- 11 Atherton Tableland pine (10,5)
- 12 "Know thyself" philosopher (8)
- 15 Profane expression (4)
- 18 Spot (4)
- 19 Lineage (8)
- 21 Rat only found way up North (4,4,7)
- 25 Desert runner --- Gash (8)
- 26 Bread (6)
- 27 Abandoned (4,6)
- 28 Barbie staples (4)

### DOWN

- 02 They obey one's will (9)
- 03 Preference (5)
- 04 Pope is to upset another performer (8)
- 05 Beyond what is usual (5)
- 06 Unimportant person (6)
- 07 They're uplifting (9)
- 08 Church singers (5)
- 13 Former Richmond centre half-forward (5,4)
- 14 Vast amount (3)
- 16 Rugby's "The Back-up man" (5,4)
- 17 Yelled (8)
- 20 Footwarmer (6)
- 22 Up (5)
- 23 Dull yellowish brown (5)
- 24 Scent (5)



## ANSWERS FROM AUGUST ISSUE



3	5	9	8	1	4	2	7	6
7	4	8	9	2	6	3	1	5
2	1	6	7	5	3	4	8	9
5	8	3	1	9	2	6	4	7
4	6	1	3	7	5	9	2	8
9	2	7	6	4	8	5	3	1
8	3	2	5	6	1	7	9	4
6	7	4	2	8	9	1	5	3
1	9	5	4	3	7	8	6	2

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

		2					3	
			6				1	2
			7	4				9
					9	8		5
	8						2	
3		7	4					
1				5	3			
2	7			4				
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 Sunday Service 10.00am.  
 ● 1409 Old Northern Road (Cnr Muscios Rd), Glenorie  
 ● 0414 584 303 or 0411 422 236

**St. Columb's Anglican Church**  
 1st Sunday of the month 9.30 am. All welcome.  
 ● 9651 1119

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

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

**St Madeleine's Catholic Church**  
 Mass times Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat 5.30pm Sun 8am, 10am and 5.30pm.  
 ● 28 Annangrove Rd Kenthurst

LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

**Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls**  
 Meets every Tuesday at 9.30-12.30pm.  
 ● Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Mt Colah  
 ● Jenny 9477 1855

**Dural Country Club Bowling Clubs**  
 New members are welcome. Free lessons are available to men and women wishing to learn lawn bowls and meet a new social network.  
 ● 0421 315 074 or 0411 375 580

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

**Dural Rugby Club**  
 ● efb86029@bigpond.net.au  
 ● 0412 230 328  
 ● http://dural.rugbynet.com.au

**Galston Glenorie Amateur Fishing Club**  
 Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. The meeting has a raffle at 7pm with lots of prizes and every meeting has a guest speaker.  
 ● The Galston Club  
 ● Lachlan 0438 801 170 or Warren 0416 061 428

**Glenorie District Cricket Club**  
 Cricket Season runs from Mid September until March each year.  
 ● Amanda Fraser 0411 293 499  
 ● 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

**Galston Equestrian Club**  
 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  
 ● www.galstonnc.nsw.netball.com.au

**Hills AUSSI Masters Swimming Club**  
 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

**Hills Hawks Football Club**  
 ● Ian Robertson 0418 211 131  
 ● president.hillshawksfc@gmail.com

**Hills Hawks Softball Club**  
 Our competition is held during the summer season (September to March, excluding school holidays). We welcome new members!  
 ● Hayes Park, Galston  
 ● hillshawks.softball.org.au

**Hills Pumas Football Club**  
 ● Sarah Sumskas 0430 883 385  
 ● registrar@hillspumasfc.com.au

**Tennis/Squash Social Group**  
 Looking for new players.  
 ● 9847 6050  
 ● tennisandsquash@live.com.au

**Tennis Court for Hire Galston**  
 Available Day or Night.  
 ● Rear of Galston Community Hall  
 ● Ian 9847 6050


**Tennis Court for Hire Glenorie**  
 Available Day or Night.  
 ● Les Shore Reserve  
 ● 0404 600 460

# CALLING ALL Playgroups

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

Please send your Playgroup location and meeting days/hours to: [editorial@galstoncommunity.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:galstonkidsplaygroup@gmail.com) for info about current session times, or ask at the Galston Community Health Centre office.
- PLAYTIME AT THE CENTRE DURAL**  
 Thursday's 9:30-11:30am during school terms. Playtime is a welcoming group for children aged between 0-5 and their parents.  
 We have lots of playtime, craft and singing. You are welcome to just turn up on the day. Contact us on 9899 0000 for more information. Located at 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.
- MUSIC AND PLAY**  
 Dural Salvation Army, 277 New Line Road Dural (entry from Old Northern Road) Wednesdays during school term. 10am-11.30am.  
 Qualified Music Therapist with a planned themed morning of music, craft and playtime. A great way to meet more local families. For more information please phone 9651 3456.



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 140 ARCADIA ROAD  
 ARCADIA  
 Ph 9653 1367



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