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Farewell to a Galston Pharmacy Favourite

by Karlene Brummer

After 47 years serving the Galston community through its local pharmacies, Cathie Gauci retired from the pharmacy industry on 3rd July, marking the end of a remarkable career.

Cathie's journey began when she left school in Year 10. Her grandfather, Cosimo Nati, asked his friend Warren Griffiths, who ran the local chemist in Galston, whether there might be work for the young school leaver. Cathie was offered a position — and from that day on, she never really left the village.

For the past 30 years, Cathie has worked alongside Kakada Tham at Galston Health Sense Pharmacy as Senior Pharmacy Coordinator. During that time, she helped train many young pharmacy assistants and became a familiar, trusted face to generations of customers. Kakada still remembers when a glamorous young Cathie first began working with her, spending entire shifts on her feet in stilettos.

Cathie and her husband of 43 years, Jim, are now preparing to leave the area and move to Harrington Waters. Their two sons, Nathan and Daniel, are part of the next chapter, with Nathan owning a pizza shop there, where Cathie plans to lend a hand. She is also looking forward to spending more time with her two granddaughters.

With nearly half a century spent working closely with the local community, Cathie has been a steady presence in many people's lives, watching families grow and change over the years. She has made many true friends among customers and workmates alike and will be sorely missed at the pharmacy. While she may be moving away, Cathie will still return to the area from time to time to visit family and friends.



Glenorie Probus Club



This month saw the Glenorie Probus Club visit Windsor to better understand this historic town which dates back to the early 1800s.

The Waterwheel in Windsor Mall and

the associated pondage date back to the early 1830s and are still operating.

The area was originally known as Green Hills however the name was changed to Windsor in 1810. After a good look at the area members had morning tea and then spent time looking at the shops.

Following this the members drove to Rouse Hill for a very enjoyable lunch.

The guest speaker at this month's regular meeting was a representative of Service NSW who informed the members of the requirements for a driver license when they turn 75 and the further requirements when they turn 85 and still wish to drive. This was very useful information for all.

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 email wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au

Probus Goes to War

Well not really, but The Probus Club of the Hills Club recently had a part mystery bus trip to Victoria Barracks in Paddington. Victoria Barracks was no mystery, because of the need to provide details to get each of us an advance security clearance.

The barracks was originally occupied by the British Army and was constructed mainly by convicts using locally quarried sandstone between 1841 and 1849. It is a significant heritage site, with many buildings and features from the 1800s which are still in excellent condition.

The Paddington site currently houses Defence Command and Health personnel, a museum, live-in accommodation and Cadet training, but the Commonwealth Government is considering was of selling the site, while retaining the many heritage aspects.

Among the many interesting features seen around the Barracks grounds was a canon from the first fleet ship Sirius and a huge underground grain silo that was converted to water storage after invasion by local mice.

The Barracks contains many examples of 1800s architecture designed by Lieutenant-Colonel George Barney,



who was also responsible for Fort Denison and the reconstruction of Circular Quay.

After the barracks tour in light rain, we spent time in the Army Museum, which is housed in the original 25-cell Military Prison constructed in 1847. The Museum features many army uniforms, medals awarded including Victoria Crosses, and various historical weapons. But we did not see the resident ghost, Charlie the Redcoat, who hanged himself while incarcerated for shooting his sergeant.

The mystery part of the trip was lunch in the Souths Juniors Club and an interesting bus tour of La Perouse.

The Probus Club of the Hills meets on the second Wednesday of most months at the Galston Club, and there are several other activities each month. Membership enquiries to Bob Heyward on 0427 360 389.



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Join us at Fagan Park on Sunday, October 4th, for a delightful day at Netherby Vintage and Collectibles Spring Fair! Whether you are a collector or someone who simply enjoys discovering unique treasures, this is the perfect event for you.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from sellers who would like to participate in our mini market. If you have vintage items, antique curiosities or other collectibles and would like to join the Friends with a table of wares to sell, we would love to hear from you. Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot as soon as possible. Sellers must have their own table and gazebo and Public Liability Insurance. There is a small cost per stall.

For further details, please contact the Friends of Fagan Park Curator on 0412 766 553.

Galston Community Bank Proudly Supports Galston Early Learning Centre

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Community Bank Galston has proudly sponsored the Galston Early Learning Centre with a \$27,000 grant!

The Galston Early Learning Centre does an amazing job supporting local families with their educational and childcare needs. Our sponsorship goes directly towards installing a brand new air conditioning system and solar panels for the centre.

This upgrade ensures that the children and dedicated staff have a comfortable, temperature-controlled environment year-round to learn and play. Furthermore, the addition of solar panels highlights a shared commitment to sustainability, helping the centre reduce its carbon footprint and lower ongoing energy costs, allowing them to focus more resources back into early childhood education.

We are thrilled to partner with the Galston Early Learning Centre and look forward to seeing the positive impact these new facilities will bring to the children and their families!

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CHILD ABUSER EMPLOYMENT LIST RELEASED

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) released the employment history of the Sydney childcare worker charged with hundreds of alleged child abuse offences after a court lifted a non-publication order on Monday, 13th July.

A multi-agency Local Contact Point has also been established to provide parents and carers with information about the investigation, including the man's employment history and available support services.

The AFP said it sought the non-publication order to protect the integrity of the extensive investigation while officers identified alleged victims and contacted affected families before details were made public.

On Thursday, 16th July, the AFP also released a series of images allegedly located on the electronic devices seized and are believed to have been taken at childcare centres in Sydney.

Operation Moonbi commenced in June 2025 after the National Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) reported an online user allegedly uploading child abuse material. Following the man's arrest, investigators seized electronic devices, with the AFP alleging forensic examination identified child abuse material.

He was initially charged with eight online child abuse material offences on 10th July 2025 before further charges were laid in April, June and

July 2026. Police also executed multiple search warrants at childcare facilities across Sydney's north-west during 2025 as part of the evidence-gathering process.

The man has remained in custody since his arrest in July 2025, and his Working With Children Check was suspended at that time.

Police allege the man worked at or attended nearly 60 early childhood education facilities between 2009 and 2025, predominantly across Sydney's north-west. They also allege offences were committed at five locations, four childcare centres and his own private business.

According to the AFP, the investigation currently involves 136 alleged victims, with police having contacted 121 families.

Parents and carers can access a dedicated AFP website (www.afp.gov.au) with information about the investigation, available support services and contact details if they believe they require further assistance.

AFP Acting Commander Luke Needham said alleged victims and their families had been contacted and provided with support tailored to their circumstances.

OIL SPILL

On 11th July 2026, Crews were called to an oil spill on Wisemans Ferry Road, starting at Jacks Lane, Maroota through to Obriens Road at Cattai.

Wisemans Ferry Road was closed at Obriens Road, as police assisted with traffic control. About an hour later, the road reopened.

COLLISION

A 32-year-old man was charged following a motor vehicle collision in Kenthurst on Friday, 29th May.

Police alleged the man was driving a white hatchback along Annangrove Road about 5pm when his vehicle crossed onto the opposite side of the road and collided with a stationary vehicle.

The occupant of the stationary vehicle and a passenger were not injured.

Police attended the scene and conducted a roadside breath test, which allegedly returned a positive result. The driver was taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a subsequent breath analysis allegedly recorded a reading of 0.273.

Checks also allegedly revealed the man was prohibited from holding a driver's licence at the time of the incident. The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for high-range PCA and driving while his licence was refused. The matter was listed before Parramatta Local Court on 8th July 2026.

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Maroota and Glenorie Residents Call for Safer Roads, Less Trucks and Stronger Environmental Protection

The recent approval of the Maroota Friable Sandstone Project has sparked concern across the local community, highlighting the need to balance development with the protection of our environment, rural character and public safety.

Did you know the proposed quarry will extract up to 500,000 tonnes of friable sandstone each year from a resource estimated at 30 million tonnes over a 30-year period? The development includes vegetation clearing, haul roads, processing facilities and the transport of quarry products by road. While quarrying plays a role in supplying materials for construction and infrastructure projects, residents are questioning the long-term impacts on the unique landscape and lifestyle that make Maroota and Glenorie special places to live.

A key concern is the increase in truck movements on local roads. Project assessments estimate a rise of 14 to 17 per cent in heavy vehicle traffic. Residents already share these roads with school buses, young drivers, cyclists, horse riders and commuters. Many local roads are narrow rural routes not originally designed for significant increases in heavy vehicle volumes. As our communities continue to grow, road safety must remain a priority for government, industry and the community alike.



Environmental impacts are also significant. The project will result in the clearing of 43.6 hectares of native vegetation, including areas of Critically Endangered Shale Sandstone Transition Forest. The surrounding bushland is likely to support a rich diversity of wildlife, including threatened species such as the Regent Honeyeater, Swift Parrot, Koala, Spotted-tailed Quoll and Grey-headed Flying Fox. Beyond these listed species, the area is home to wombats, wallabies, kangaroos, gliders, possums, owls and eagles, all contributing to the biodiversity that defines our region.

Maroota's natural environment is a precious asset that deserves careful stewardship. While conditions have been placed on the development, ongoing community engagement and oversight will be essential to ensure

environmental protections, rehabilitation commitments and road safety measures are delivered.

Community Action

Residents are encouraged to review the assessment report, development conditions and endorsed plans available on the NSW Planning Portal:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/maroota-friable-sandstone-extraction-project

If you have concerns about traffic, road safety, environmental impacts or the future character of our region, contact your local State and Federal Members of Parliament ASAP.

Community voices matter and can help ensure that future decisions protect both our environment and the safety and wellbeing of local families for generations to come.

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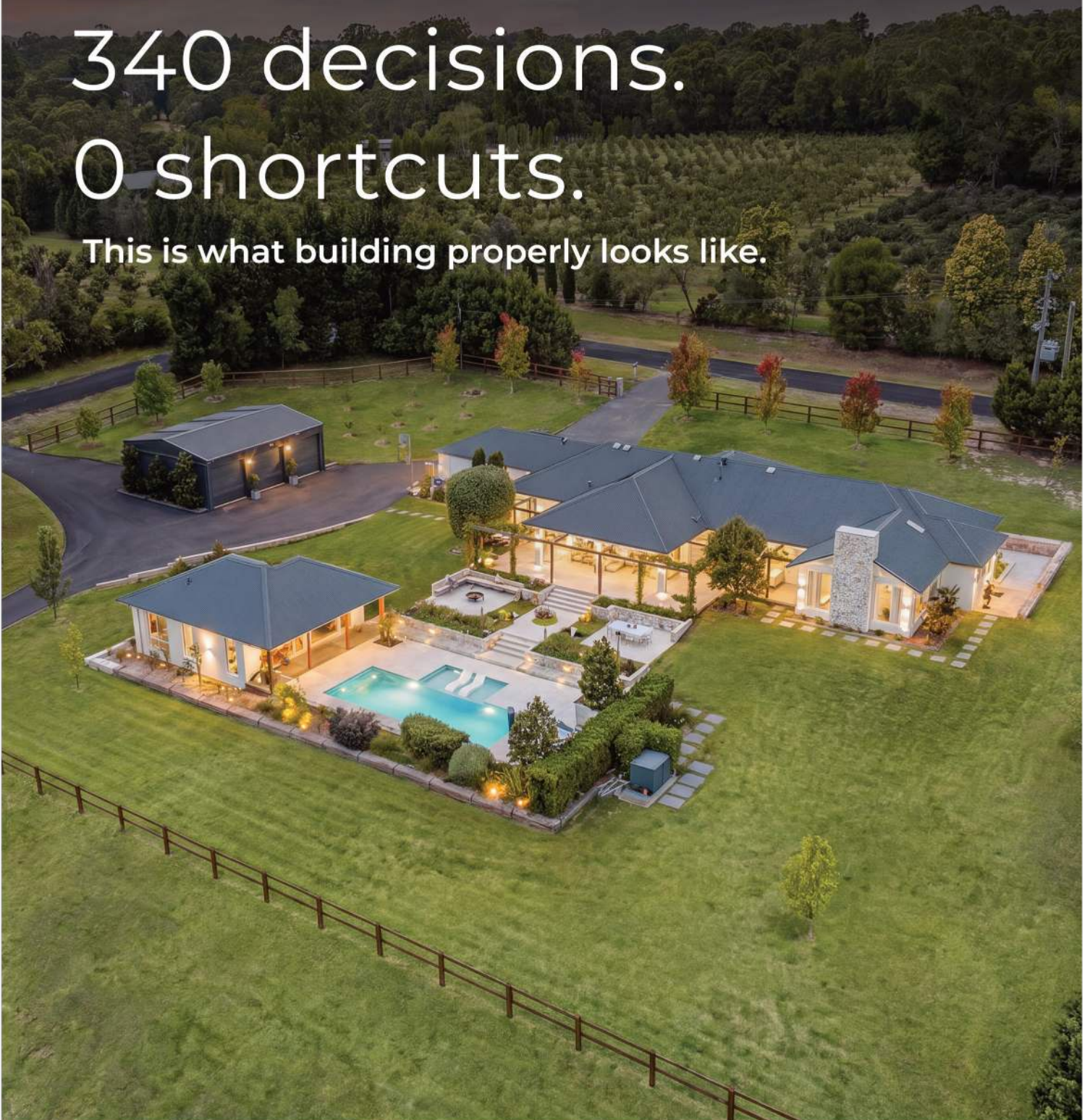
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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

News from History Cottage

Mal Johnston has made it his life's work to record the history of Kenthurst and surrounds; while collecting stories and artefacts to record a way of life that is fast disappearing. At our July meeting 130+ members and friends enjoyed Mal's easy style and enormous knowledge during a most rewarding afternoon with the Round Corner as his topic. Picture shows Mal being presented with a thank you gift of a 'bucket' made from a kerosene tin.

Miss June Simeon's first appointment was to Kenthurst's one teacher school. Thus began a long connection with the Hills District. She married "Bert" Roughley and progressed through the Education Department to become principal of nearby larger schools. She developed a great understanding of the unique history of our community and used her ability, as a supreme researcher, to write books on local and family history. Realising much of this history was in danger of being lost, June Roughley, together with like-minded residents, formed the Dural and District

Historical Society. As a way of acknowledging June Roughley's foresight and financial support, the Society holds an annual lecture in her name presented by a recognised academic.

This year, on the 8th August, Dr Michael Griffith will present the June Roughley Memorial Lecture. The subject will be the *Life and Poetry of Francis Webb*. Les Murray once said he thought Francis Webb was one of Australia's greatest poets. For a time Webb lived in Galston and wrote a quartet of poems set in Galston.

Another date for the diary is the 12th September. Member and archaeologist, Elyssa Freame, will talk about the Convict Trail Project. Along its length, from Abbotsford to the Hunter Valley, the Great North Road had enormous influence. It is of national significance and sections are World Heritage listed. Recording and preserving what remains is undertaken by the Project. An interesting talk and one that has connections to some families still living along its way.

The open afternoons are proving worthwhile with good research by visitors.



The next of these will be on Sunday the 23rd August 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Maps are always of interest, as are the actual land title deeds that have kindly been lent for copying. These provide more detailed comments for the history of the holding. If any readers do hold their deeds, the Society would welcome the opportunity to make copies to add to its archives.

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month in the Galston Uniting Church, School Rd Galston starting at 2.00pm. Entry is free with afternoon tea for a gold coin.

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What should a seller do before putting their home on the market?

Preparation plays a defining role in shaping buyer perception and ultimately the final result. The most important thing a seller should do before putting their home on the market is ensure they are well researched and understand the value of their property, while also making sure presentation is spot on, as these are areas buyers can be highly critical of if not right from the outset.



How long will it take to sell my home?

There are several factors that consistently influence how quickly a sale occurs. Pricing, presentation and marketing strategy all play a role, as do broader market conditions. Homes that are well presented and priced

appropriately from day one often attract stronger early interest, which can lead to faster results and increased competition among buyers.

What is the difference between selling by auction or private treaty?

Auctions are designed to create competition, bringing multiple buyers together within a set timeframe and often resulting in a quicker, unconditional sale.

Private treaty campaigns usually involve negotiating with one or more buyers over a longer period, with a listed asking price helping buyers understand what the property is expected to sell for.

What makes a strong offer when buying a property?

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from the Mayor's Desk

On becoming Mayor, I made a pledge to ensure our towns and village centres remain safe, functional and attractive. That they remain welcoming places that support both our community and local businesses. I am delighted to see that construction has begun on the Galston Village Public Domain project, marking an exciting new chapter for this much enjoyed rural hub. I thank the community for their patience as these improvements come together.

I am looking forward to seeing the advancement of additional town centre planning in Pennant Hills and Asquith. Like most of our rail corridor, not much has changed in these locations for many decades.

More broadly, we will soon begin to see the final roll out of our gateway signage completed. This, along with targeted graffiti removal in identified hot spots, contributes to ensuring all corners of our Shire are places to be proud of.

Our environmental work continues with the remediation of the Wiseman's Ferry boat ramp precinct getting attention. The disruption to local ecology as a result of the boat ramp installation and flood events has been recognised and addressed. The environment team, complete with volunteers, has successfully stabilised and restored mangrove plantings. In addition, the original boat ramp has now been integrated back into the landscape.

As Local Government Week 2026 begins on Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th August, I will take this opportunity to recognise the invaluable role local government plays in our daily lives and the many services and facilities that support our community.

I would also like to acknowledge the many dedicated Council staff who serve our Shire. Their commitment, professionalism and hard work help improve our lives every day and make Hornsby Shire the special place it is. Thank you for everything you do for our community.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

HORNSBY ART PRIZE 2026

HORNSBY ART PRIZE 2026 ENTRIES CLOSE 20 AUGUST

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Waste-Wise Corner

Thursday 6 August, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Hornsby Library

Kimbriki EcoHouse and Garden Tour

Thursday 13 August, 9am-2pm
Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre
(departing Hornsby Park bus stop)

Waste-Wise: Organic Gardening in Spring

Saturday 15 August, 9am-11am
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

Edgeworth David Community Garden Tour

Thursday 20 August, 10.30am-12pm
Edgeworth David Community Garden,
Hornsby

Common Threads: Make & Mend

Tuesday 25 August, 10.30am-12.30pm
Hornsby Library

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DISABILITY CONFIDENCE PROGRAM

Building Disability Confidence in Boundaries
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Galston Medical Centre takes on the Mother's Day Classic – Together We Raised \$3,500!

What a fantastic morning it was on May 10th at this year's Mother's Day Classic in Sydney!

Our Galston Medical Centre team proudly laced up our running shoes and joined thousands of participants to support an incredible cause, raising awareness and vital funds for breast and ovarian cancer research. This was our second year participating in the fundraiser.

This charity is especially close to our hearts. Many of our team have been touched by breast or ovarian cancer through personal experiences with family members and friends, making this event even more meaningful. Being able to run together to support those affected, while helping to fund life-saving research, was a privilege.

We're proud to share that, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful patients, local sponsors, family, and friends, we raised an amazing **\$3,500**. Every donation made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

The day couldn't have been more perfect, with beautiful sunshine and ideal running conditions. Our team completed the **10 km event** running through the Sydney CBD and Domain area. We're especially excited to report that every one of us achieved a **personal best (PB)** in the event. It was a rewarding and memorable experience, made even more special by the encouragement we received along the way.

After crossing the finish line, we celebrated with a delicious Mother's Day breakfast together—a well-earned



Joyce, Nicole, Mike, Andrew, Aimee and Kat

treat and the perfect way to reflect on the morning's achievements.

From everyone at Galston Medical Centre, thank you to our amazing patients and generous sponsors for your kindness and support. Your generosity helped us reach our fundraising goal and contribute to a cause that means so much to us. We are proud to be part of such a caring and supportive community, and we look forward to taking part in the Mother's Day Classic again next year.

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GALSTON LIBRARY

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ADULT FICTION

THE SISTERS OF SERENDIB BY AYESHA INOON

In 1990, a boat of asylum seekers leaves war-torn Sri Lanka, and three young sisters are separated and scattered across Australia. Janu builds a life for herself in a coastal town, running a shop called Serendib. In Melbourne, Samar dances to speak the words she cannot say, while in Sydney, Maryam finds magic in language. Janu discovers clues to her sisters' identities and begins the quest to bring them together.

Beautiful and heartbreaking, this is the story of women who rise from loss to reclaim their stories and rebuild their lives.



JUNIOR FICTION

SHAKESPEARE IN THE ORCHARD BY DANIELLE BINKS

14-year-old Jack Thorning's father has died and his brother, Matt, has joined the war effort so it's up to Jack to help his mother run the family orchard. When a group of 'enemy aliens' are sent to Langwarrin to be held prisoner, tensions in the town run high. But as the war progresses, the inmates at the camp are put to work doing manual labour on Jack's family orchard, and Jack begins to see that the prisoners are people, too.

This is a coming-of-age story inspired by true events, exploring the things that separate us and those that bring us together.



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



From the desk of
James Wallace
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



Like so many people across our community, I have been deeply shocked and distressed by the reports of child sexual abuse in childcare centres across Sydney, including at centres in our local area.

My thoughts are with the children, families and communities who have been affected. The pain and trauma caused by these crimes is unimaginable, and every victim deserves our support.

This has also shaken the confidence of parents. I know many families rely on childcare. We have all had to question whether our kids are safe when we drop them off in the morning. It's not just because we love our kids. But because our young children are dependent on those entrusted with their care, and the abuse of children is an unimaginably evil act.

The safety of children must always come first. While no law can eliminate every risk, it is clear that we need stronger safeguards and better systems to protect children in early learning and childcare settings.

I am concerned that there are structural weaknesses in the current regulatory framework that require urgent attention. Governments of all persuasions should be willing to examine whether existing arrangements are working as intended and whether reforms are needed to better identify risks before harm occurs.

In particular, I do not believe the current Working With Children Check system is sufficient on its own. A truly effective system should do more than identify previous criminal convictions. It should help ensure that people working with children are fit and proper persons by drawing on a broader range of information, including prohibition notices, suspensions, substantiated regulatory breaches, and relevant intelligence held by regulators and law enforcement agencies. Better information sharing between childcare providers, regulators and police should be part of that discussion.

We should also carefully examine a system that allows workers to move rapidly between large numbers of childcare centres. This poses an unacceptable risk.

I have also heard from childcare operators who believe the assessment and ratings process has become too focused on compliance paperwork rather than genuine child safety and quality outcomes. These assessments are also infrequent. Effective regulation should support a strong partnership between providers and regulators, with issues identified and addressed early before they become serious problems.

There is important work ahead for government, regulators and the sector. We cannot legislate away every act of evil, but we can build stronger systems that earn and deserve the trust that families place in them.

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Julian Leeser
**FEDERAL MEMBER
FOR BEROWRA**


Listening to Berowra's Small Businesses

One of the best parts of my job is advocating for the people who keep our local economy going. More than 150 local business owners joined me for a Small Business and Tax Forum to share their experiences and discuss the challenges they face every day.

Whether they were running a family café, a trade business, or professional service, the message was remarkably consistent. Tax changes and increasing red tape are making it harder to plan, invest and grow with confidence.

I was pleased to welcome Angus Taylor, Jane Hume and economist Warren Hogan, who shared their expertise and answered questions from local businesses about the economic outlook.

Small businesses are the backbone of our community. They create local jobs, support apprentices, sponsor sporting clubs, donate to local charities and often give our suburbs their unique character.

Angus and I outlined the Liberal Party's plan to cut taxes, including repealing the recent changes to CGT and negative gearing, reducing unnecessary red tape and making it easier for small businesses to invest. Our plan includes making the \$50,000 instant asset write-off permanent for eligible businesses, and reducing compliance burdens so owners can spend more time growing their businesses and creating local jobs.

Thank you to everyone who attended the forum and shared their ideas. Hearing directly from local businesses helps ensure their voices remain at the centre of the conversation about our community's future.

The **Galston CWA** continues to provide a warm and welcoming space for women of all ages to connect, learn new skills, support the local community, and enjoy friendship.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Galston Community Health Centre at 10:00am visitors and new members are always welcome to come along and see what we're all about.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday 29th August, when Galston CWA will be holding a stall at Bunnings Dural as part of their Spring Launch event. Keep an eye on our facebook page for more details about the event.

As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.


JULIAN LEESER MP
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Rural Roundup
Jane Seagrove
Hornsby Councillor


Hello Residents,

Work has now moved into the next stage of the **Galston drainage upgrade**. While these projects can sometimes be disruptive in the short term, they are an important investment in the future of our village. Improved drainage will help better manage stormwater, reduce the impact of heavy rain and support the long-term sustainability of the village centre.

I'm pleased to share a practical outcome that will help preserve the vision for Galston's new community space. Following discussions with the owners of the Aldi shopping centre, an agreement has been reached to make the centre's public toilet facilities available for community use. This practical solution preserves more open space for the new community gathering area in the heart of Galston Village.

While works are underway in the village, **Galston Library remains open** during its usual hours. The only change is reduced parking directly outside the library. For more information, contact Galston Library on (02) 9847 6160 or email library@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

The **Arcadia Galston Residents Association (AGRA)** has organised a community meeting where updates will be provided on a number of local projects. These meetings are always worthwhile and give residents the opportunity to hear about what's happening in the district, ask questions and share their views. I encourage everyone with an interest, to come along and be part of the conversation. The next meeting is on **25th August – 7:00pm** at the Galston Club.

Is your property affected by the Draft Heritage Study?

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend one of the Council's information drop-in sessions at Galston, Hornsby or Beecroft, there's still plenty of time to find out more. Visit the Draft Heritage Study page on Council's **Your Say Hornsby** website, where you can search for your property using the **Interactive Map**, view the relevant **Inventory Sheet**, or explore the **Summary of Proposed Changes**. These resources have been designed to help residents understand whether their property is affected and what the proposed changes may mean. To access the information, visit: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/draft-hornsby-heritage-studies>

The **Galston500 Challenge**, is a local family event held on **Saturday 29th August** from 10:00am at Galston Valley Railway, 29 Mid Dural Road, Galston which challenges a collection of 5" scale Model Locomotive teams to complete a combined total of 500 laps of the picturesque 1km track at the Galston Valley Railway which raises money for MS Research.

Wisemans Ferry Update

I'm pleased to share that the mangrove rehabilitation works around the board ramp at **Wisemans Ferry** have now been completed. Mangroves play a vital role in protecting our waterways by stabilising riverbanks, reducing erosion, improving water quality and providing important habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife. This rehabilitation project will help preserve the health of the Hawkesbury River while enhancing the natural beauty of the area for residents and visitors. Protecting these valuable ecosystems ensures they can continue to support biodiversity and be enjoyed by future generations.

Iconic Painting Donated to the Hornsby Shire Community

by Independent Councillor, Nathan Tilbury & Vice President of the Hornsby Shire Historical Society

In May this year, the Hornsby Shire Historical Society received a letter from a Mrs Gladys Stewart offering a very large oil painting that was painted by her late Father-in-law, Bruce Stewart, in 1987. The framed artwork is four metres in length, a metre high and took many months for Bruce to complete.

The painting depicts the second Hawkesbury River railway bridge being built in the early 1940s and shows one of the spans being floated across the river, where it would be prepared to be lowered into position with the falling tide.

Before becoming a talented artist, Bruce Stewart was a carpenter working on the construction of the bridge project. He lived on Dangar Island with his family and rowed a small boat across to his work every morning.

After the bridge's construction was completed the Stewart family continued to live on Dangar Island and Bruce was instrumental in the island's residential development.

He constructed many buildings, including the island's shop and also served as an early Dangar Island RFS Brigade Captain.

In 1988, Bruce Stewart donated his iconic painting to the State Rail Authority as a Bicentennial gift. It was initially hung in their boardroom, before being relocated to Central railway station and publicly displayed.

Around 2000, the painting went into storage during a refurbishment. It was rediscovered by a Sydney Trains Heritage team and underwent some conservation restoration, before being gifted back to the Stewart family in 2020.

Since then, the painting has hung in Stewart family home in Western Australian. They recently decided to once again offer this magnificent painting for display in a more public location.

While the Historical Society were keen to accept it, they had nowhere to display it.

The Stewart family generously paid for the painting to be professionally transported to Hornsby with a suitable location found in



the Hornsby Council chambers building and it is now displayed on the wall of the ground floor hallway.

If you visit the Hornsby Chambers building it is well worth taking the time to have a look at this impressive oil painting that depicts a significant time in our local history.

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SPORT NEWS

Dural Bowling Club



The club is currently navigating an incredibly busy third quarter of the 2026 calendar year season.

The various committees are managing a packed schedule of tournaments. Calendars are filled to capacity, and the energy across the club is electric.

Dural Bowling Club has experienced the finals of the Open Gender Drawn Pairs and Women's Minor Singles on the 27th June and 14th July 2026 respectively. The final of the Men Singles is scheduled for the 18th July.

The winners of the Open Gender Drawn Pairs were Reg Munusamy and Mark Tremain with Glen Davey and Ruth Cheshire being the runners up.

Elizabeth Goode won the Women Minor Single with Anne Hughes as the runners up. These games saw the ultimate culmination of a competition where the top two surviving contenders battle for the championship title. Our congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the runners up.

Entries are now open for the Nominated Pairs Competition and the midweek Pennants. These events are scheduled to start on the 15th August and 2nd September.

Anyone that is interested in playing Lawn Bowls, Free lessons by qualified coaches are available Phone: Rob Whiddon 0411 375 580.



SPORT NEWS

Dural Bocce Club



June was exceptionally quiet for members of Dural Bocce Club with weekly games continuing every Tuesday and Friday. Many members were also involved in assisting several new club members learn the finer points of our sport. It is exciting to see our newbies rapidly developing

and becoming real challengers in only a few short weeks.

Through the month players also concentrated on sharpening their own skills in preparation for the annual Doubles Championships to be held in August. These championships were originally scheduled for July but moved to August by popular demand to enable more members to participate.

The Doubles Championship each year is eagerly anticipated by club members as this is the one of only a few championships in the year where members can choose their team. In other competitions the composition of each team is determined by a random draw of names, so it is a rare treat to recruit your own partner for this event. This results in some very accomplished partnerships that pose significant opposition for other teams.

Anyone is always welcome to drop in to check out bocce. Visit us on the courts at the Dural Club any Tuesday morning or Friday evening to try for yourself or contact us on duralbocceclub@gmail.com

ADVERTORIAL

Fuel Build Up



The Aussie production 'fired up' producing Aussie Fire pumps ahead of what is predicted to be a massive fire season

Observing the past fire disasters in the region should compel Hills residents to be on high alert. Now is the time to prepare for the extreme fire danger we may see this upcoming summer. The last few months has generated a huge fuel load in bush, scrubland

and even grasslands. Now the pendulum is swinging back to a drier and hotter spring. The threat of serious bushfires is very real.

People living on what the RFS call the "Urban Interface" know that living amongst the gum trees has never been more dangerous!

One Australian company has boosted its fire pump production to make sure they have sufficient product available to protect homeowners from the ravages of what could be Australia's worst and most savage bushfire season for decades.

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Aussie Pumps supports Hills homeowners to set up their bushfire protection systems, offering guidance in pump selection and operation. Aussie's website has some excellent and informative videos to help you prepare for this bushfire season.

Further information and free copies of Aussie's "Bushfire Survival Guide" are available from your trusted Aussie Gold Distributor or download from our website aussiepumps.com.au

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On a High Note: OMA's Camp Concert



Pacific Hills Christian School

Students from Pacific Hills Christian School's OneMaker Academy (OMA) recently attended their annual Music Camp to prepare for the OMA Concert held in July.

Students worked hard at rehearsals and workshops, developing their musical skills and refining performances for the concert.

The camp was not only a time of focused practice but also a chance for students to build friendships and enjoy time together through music. From ensemble rehearsals, private lessons to shared activities, the experience was both rewarding and memorable.

At Pacific Hills, we seek to nurture the gifts and talents God has given each of us. Music Camp provided a wonderful opportunity for students to strengthen their musical abilities through excellence, creativity and teamwork. We are proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved and thankful for the opportunity to celebrate our amazing talents through music. The concert highlighted the hard work, perseverance, and musical development students achieved through the camp which was a great success.

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Hillside Happenings

Unforgettable Adventures at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre



Our Stage 3 students recently returned from an incredible camp at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre, nestled above the beautiful Hawkesbury River at Sackville North. The experience was not only full of fun and adventure but also provided exceptional educational value, inspiring students to connect deeply with nature, history and culture.

From the very first moments, Brewongle Camp impressed us with its scenic surroundings and welcoming atmosphere. After arriving, we gathered next to the "Wisdom Tree" and were divided into teams, focusing on teamwork and cooperation—skills essential for every activity ahead.

One of our most memorable lessons was making ochre paints by mixing clay and water. We decorated ourselves with Aboriginal symbols such as echidnas, trees, and grass, learning about Indigenous art, culture, and storytelling. This connection to traditional practices fostered a greater appreciation for Australia's rich heritage.

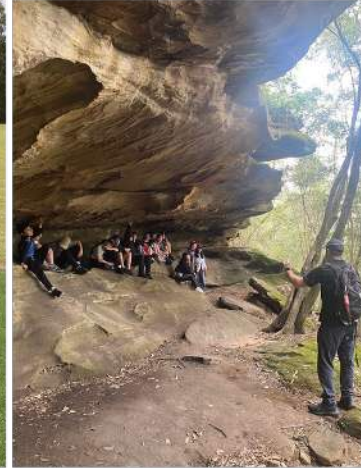
Nature journaling was a highlight, intended to be a calm time to observe and record our environment. Although things got lively, our enthusiasm showed just how much we enjoyed learning outdoors and paying closer attention to the world around us.

Fire-making challenged us in new ways as we tried to create fire using friction between a stick and a wooden base. Despite the cold day, we managed to make smoke and raise the temperature to 164°C. While we didn't reach 300°C to create a fire, we learned about science, persistence and problem-solving.

During dip-netting in the pond, one brave student had an unexpected dip but still succeeded in collecting fascinating samples of local aquatic life. This activity deepened our understanding of ecosystems and biodiversity through hands-on scientific investigation.

Day two introduced us to traditional bush skills: gunyah building, spear throwing, and boomerang throwing. Constructing gunyahs from natural materials tested our creativity and teamwork, and learning spear and boomerang techniques offered insights into Indigenous ingenuity and skill.

On the last day, we met Tom, our Brewongle teacher, under the "Wisdom Tree." He guided us as we stepped into the experience of a classroom from 1878. Using pen and ink, we quickly understood how different schooling was in the past—discipline was strict, and mistakes weren't easily overlooked! This immersive activity



brought history to life and helped us appreciate the changes in education over time.

Brewongle Camp offered countless opportunities to learn, grow and have fun. Our students left with unforgettable memories and valuable skills—from teamwork and resilience to environmental awareness and cultural understanding. We give Brewongle Camp a perfect ten out of ten—for adventure, learning, and lasting inspiration!

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by Lachlan Turner

Hidden in the Hills

Forest Grass Tree

Probably by now the Forest Grass Tree (*Xanthorrhoea media*) is probably towards the end of its August to March flowering period, and its long flower stalk is quite brown.

One day recently whilst walking along part of the Murri-Yanna Track beside Darling Mills Creek, in Bigjigal Reserve, a group of this unusual plant was growing on the nearby steep slope adjacent to the track. Its typical habitat is along exposed



sandstone ridges and hillsides and can be seen in many local bushland areas. Some still had the long stalk protruding from the centre of this tufted plant with many tiny flowers clustered along the uppermost section of this stalk. These stalks can grow up to a height of 2.5 m. The long stalk remains visible for many months.

We were fortunate enough to see a pair of Silvereyes feeding on the nectar from these tiny flowers.



Looking more closely it is possible to see tiny native bees somewhat concealed within the small flowers of the stalk.

The Grass Tree can be found in abundance in any of the more accessible bushland areas of the greater Hills District.

For those living in or near to Bigjigal Reserve and its surrounding bushland there are numerous tracks starting at its many entrances in the suburbs of Baulkham Hills, Carlingford, Castle Hill, Northmead, North Rocks and West Pennant Hills.

Several of the tricks that casual bush walkers aren't aware of when walking along bushland tracks, is firstly, not to hurry, take your time to look beyond the track itself; actually looking to the left and to the right as well as looking upwards into the canopy; for this is where some of the most interesting features can be found. Being fairly quiet is also an advantage. You never know what there is to be "discovered".

Nevertheless, it is still important to be aware of the track along which you are walking.

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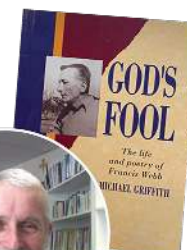
June Roughley Annual Memorial Lecture

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Galston Uniting Church,
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Speaker:

Dr Michael Griffith



The Life and Poetry of Francis Webb

Les Murray described Francis Webb as 'one of Australia's greatest poets'. Judith Wright also praised his work.

Francis Webb spent some time in the 1950s living with his sister in Galston and came to love our bushland and history. He wrote a quartet of poems set in the area that immortalise memories such as the Black's horse-drawn bus rushing through the Gorge, the horrors of bush fire and the beauty of Foster's Waterhole.

Dr Michael Griffith is a retired university lecturer in English, Australian and American literature. His PhD on Francis Webb was published in a book *God's Fool*.

Free entry, gold coin donation for afternoon tea.
All welcome. Information Michael Bell 96531365



Galston District Garden Club

The Galston District Garden Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Galston Community Hall, 34 Arcadia Road, Galston at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome to come and listen to our guest speaker which is John Graham subject Bizarre Botany. At the end of the meeting we shared a cup of tea and supper.



According to **Yates** cymbidiums are just about the easiest orchid to grow but their reluctance to flower can be frustrating for gardeners (you can say that again).

Apparently **Light** is the most important factor. Hot sun will burn the leaves but too little sun will reduce flowering. Dappled light is best. In frosty areas, cymbidiums can be grown indoors, but must be in a well-lit position.

Cymbidium leaves should be a light apple green. Deep green leaves may look lush but are usually an indication that the orchid is in too much shade. The ideal is to have your orchid in shade for the spring/summer period and move it into a bit more light for late summer and autumn. Keep it out of strong winds or very exposed positions.

Watering: Cymbidiums are naturally tree dwellers that have evolved thick, water-absorbing roots to help them survive arboreal life. Grow them in a coarse orchid mix and make sure the plants have plenty of drainage. Don't leave the pot base sitting in a saucer that collects water. One tip is to use an unpainted wooden pencil to test

moisture levels in the soil. Spike the end of the pencil down through the roots into the mix. If the pencil looks damp when it comes out of the soil, the plant doesn't need water. Reduce watering in winter-cymbidium roots hate being cold and wet.

Fertilising: Begin feeding cymbidiums as soon as their flowering period is over (or if yours haven't flowered, when those in your neighbourhood have finished). Dynamic Lifter pellets are ideal for the spring fertilising period - feed with a light sprinkling of pellets about every six weeks. After Christmas, switch to a flower-promoting liquid such as Thrive Orchid Food. Because this doesn't last as long it should be applied once a fortnight.

Dividing and repotting: A crowded orchid can be divided in spring but don't break the clump up into too many small sections. The smaller the clump, the longer it takes to flower again.

For more information regarding our club visit our website:
www.galstongardenclub.com.au or
 email: galstongardenclub@gmail.com

Bromeliad Society of Australia Guest Speaker Robyn Bible - Geraniums

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 8th August with plant sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 11.30am.

Guest speaker will be Robyn Bible, Australian Geranium Society and she will speak about the

different varieties of geraniums and pelargoniums, she will also bring along a large selection of examples.

Robyn has specialised in the growing of geraniums and pelargoniums for more than 50 years and will happily share her immense knowledge with the BSA members and guests.

She will also explain about their growing conditions, where best to use the different types and demonstration on how to prune and propagate. Robyn will also have several plants available for sale.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle, Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called just "Show" for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.



There is also an opportunity to meet like minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook, mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com website: www.bromeliad.org.au

News from St Benedicts

At last – the St Benedict's (mini) fete

After all those postponements, we finally held a very successful mini fete on Sunday 12th July. This was propitiously timed to take place on the Feast of St Benedict, the 6th century Italian monk after whom our parish and church is named. St Benedict certainly seemed to be with us on this occasion because the weather was fine and we had a wonderful day.

There were boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables, a barbecue with sausages, onions, rolls and delicious bacon and egg sandwiches. The chocolate wheel kept spinning and dispensing prizes all morning. There were kids' activities, crafts, gifts, lollies, plants and goodwill everywhere. The picture shows the happy crowd enjoying the fete.

And after that long wait we were finally able to draw the raffles. Stall holders in turn drew out the winning tickets with the eager crowd looking on and supervising. Suspense was in the air as the 10 prize-winning numbers were pulled out, counting down from 10 to 1. Congratulations to Paul Camilleri who was the winner of the major prize, a top quality Dyson vacuum cleaner. Then came the draw that everyone was particularly waiting for. As in previous years, the monastery had donated a Limousin calf and this year's winner was the lucky Tony Gittany. When the monks make this offer they agree that, if the winner doesn't have the



facilities to keep the calf, the monastery will rear it until it reaches saleable size with the results of the sale going to the winner. Lucky Tony!

Parish Notices

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

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Our Galston Concerts



What a fabulous concert we had on Sunday 21st June where Kimberley Steele presented "The Elegy Project". It was a wonderful mix of classical, modern and jazz music displaying the talents of such wonderful musicians.

As one concert-goer remarked after the last concert, "they are all too good for Galston; they should be at the Opera House"! And yet our performers are more that pleased to come to us, an appreciative audience who they can meet and chat with over afternoon tea. Indeed, the "Elegy Project" performers at our June concert came up from Canberra!

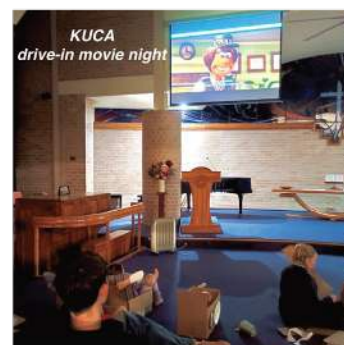
Our Galston Concerts this year have been truly amazing and there's more to come! Our next concert is on **Sunday 20th September**, and features Australian cellist Rachel Scott. Rachel is a music educator and founder of the "Bach in the Dark" concert series. Rachel will join forces with Sydney Symphony Orchestra harpist Genevieve Lang. Genevieve is well known for her ABC FM Radio Classics program, "Music Class". These two friends will present an afternoon of exquisite music by JS Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Elena Kats-Chernin, Gabriel Faure and others.

Then, save the date of **Sunday 18th October** when violist and Galston Concerts founder Robert Harris returns with pianist

Dr Robert Manley to play music by the best "Bs" in the business; viz. Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Bartok, Bernstein, Beetles?? Hope to see you there!

KUCAs Return

By the time you read this, KUCAs will be back after the mid-year break. KUCAs is for children K-6. They meet on Fridays during school term from 5pm to 6.30, and all children in the community are welcome to attend. KUCA stands for Kids in the Uniting Church of Australia. Activities include fun and games, craft a short devotional and an evening meal. Contact coordinator Mrs Susan Vriens, 0412 216 779 or the church office for a Term 3 program or for more details.



Save the Dates

RFS Dedication Service - **Sunday 23rd August**, 10am.

Galston Concert - **Sunday 20th September**, 2pm.

Church services continue in church at 10am on Sundays. You will also find us on Facebook where you can find live-streams of our service and other information about all our events (don't forget to like us).

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 Jayne Young, Office Manager.

11 School Road, Galston.

Phone 9653 2039

Joining Hands

July 4th was an exciting Sabbath for Galston Seventh-day Adventist Church. Wantok Church (previously from Asquith) have joined us. Wantok means "One Talk." Although representing several people groups from the Pacific Islands, Wantok have chosen English as their one language. Around 120 people came together to worship, praise, and give thanks to God for His infinite love and blessing through Jesus Christ. The Victorian Wantok Church also joined us via livestream. Our fellowship time together was amazing. It reminded me of the words of the apostle Paul, "... you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

As part of the body of Christ, we have one goal – to reach our community with the good news of Jesus and prepare a people for His soon return. Recently we held a week-long Media Bootcamp. It was an exciting, practical, learning experience, equipping us with valuable skills to use media as a powerful tool for sharing the gospel. We were privileged to have guest instructors from LoudVoice, Malaysia to provide hands-on training in a wide-range of media techniques; how to capture high-quality videos, music reels, and inspirational stories. Through media we can communicate the Gospel in creative and engaging ways.

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Christ with our local community and beyond. Jesus said that the "gospel" will go to all the world, then He will return (Matthew 24:12).

Each Saturday 9:30am, we have a group Bible study, followed by the Divine Service at 11am. On Wednesday evening 7pm, is Prayer Connect. Everyone is welcome!

Please continue to pray for one another and for our community.

Pastor Steve Belson

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Jesus is Waiting for You



I think we can all agree that life is full of seasons and changes: we experience highs and lows, joys & really good times alongside trials, hardships & challenges.

C.S. Lewis, the renowned author of "The Chronicles of Narnia," spent many years as a staunch atheist.

He struggled intellectually with the idea of a God who "became flesh and dwelt among us". (John 1:14) and who loves each of us beyond measure. He had many long discussions with his close friend, J.R.R Tolkien, author of "The Hobbit" & "The Lord of the Rings", who was a Christian.

Finally, he called out to Jesus and had an experience that showed him the truth of the Bible, that Jesus IS "the Way, the Truth & the Life" for each person. He too became a Christian and wrote many more books reflecting his relationship with Jesus through every season of life. "The Problem of Pain" & "The Screwtape Letters" are two examples.

God says to us in the Bible, "Call to Me & I will answer you & tell you and even show you great & mighty things..." (Jeremiah 33:3) - and- "Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord Jesus will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Here's the "how to". Prayer! Prayer is simply talking to God & listening to Him; mainly through reading the Bible and reflecting on what it is saying to you, as well as talking to other Christians with your questions. Praying isn't complicated - it can be as simple as - "I'm curious." "Are You there Jesus?" "Please help me to know You and believe in You." "Give me understanding as I read Your Word in the bible." - and He will!

** Jesus KNOWS: "Are not 5 sparrows sold for 2 copper coins? Yet not one of them has been forgotten in the Presence of God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows."

** Jesus LISTENS: "The Lord is near to all who call on Him; to all who call on Him in truth." (Psalm 145:18).

** Jesus CARES: "Cast all your cares upon Him because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7).

** Jesus SOLVES: "He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20)

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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

(a message by the late
Rev Ed Long)

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You have likely seen us at local community events, training on weekends, or responding to emergencies. If you have ever considered volunteering, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Many people think volunteering with the RFS means fighting fires, but there is so much more to being part of a brigade. We rely on a



diverse team of volunteers with a wide range of skills and interests. There are opportunities in communications and radio operations, logistics and catering, community education, training, administration, and operational firefighting.

Whatever your background, experience, or fitness level, there is a role where you can make a genuine difference. Every contribution helps strengthen our brigade and supports the wider Galston community.

One of the greatest rewards of volunteering is the people you meet. The friendships and camaraderie built through training, community events, and emergency responses often last a lifetime. You'll become part of a supportive team united by a shared commitment to helping others.

The NSW RFS provides comprehensive, nationally recognised training at no cost, equipping volunteers with valuable skills that extend well beyond emergency response. You'll also receive all the protective clothing and equipment you need, along with ongoing support to help you develop confidence in your role.

For many volunteers, joining the RFS is about giving back and helping protect their families, friends and neighbours. For others, it's the opportunity to learn new skills, challenge themselves, and be part of a close-knit team that makes a real difference when it matters most.

No matter your motivation, volunteering is a chance to contribute to something bigger than yourself while serving your local community.

If you're ready to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information, contact the Galston Rural Fire Brigade:

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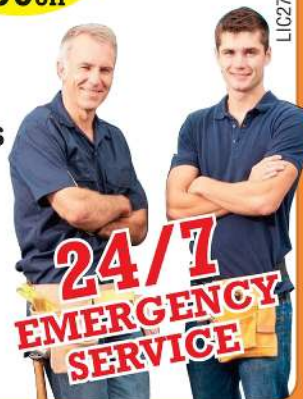
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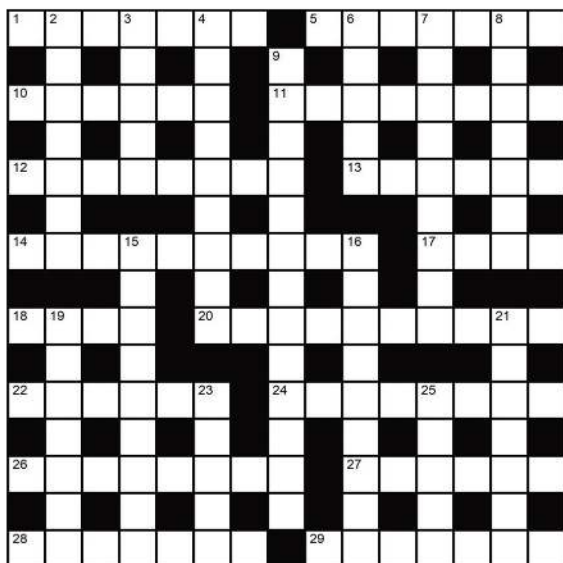
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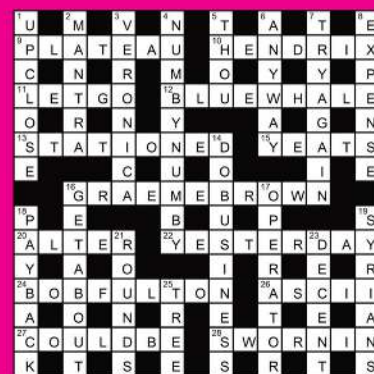
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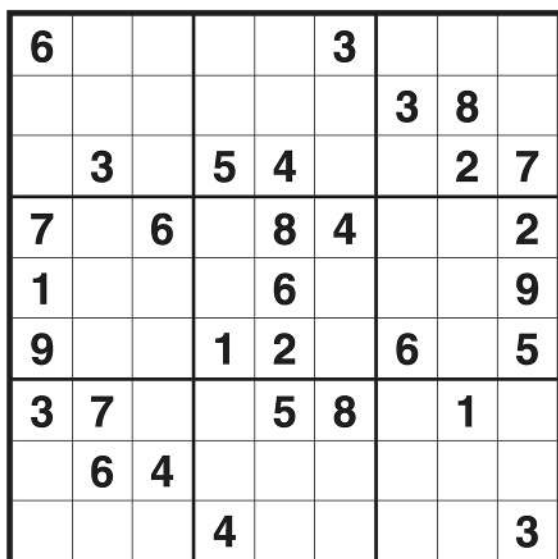
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Energy Australia Energy	13 13 88	Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
Hornsby Hospital	9477 9123	Police - Hornsby	9476 9799
Hills Shire Council	9843 0555	Police - Castle Hill	9680 5399
Hornsby Shire Council	9847 6666	Sydney Water	13 20 90
Endeavour Energy (Outages)	13 10 03		

LOCAL RURAL FIRE SERVICES

(Station phones are unmanned and will operate answer phone services only. Call 000 for Emergencies)

Hills Rural Fire Service District Office	9658 9000
Hornsby Rural Fire Service District Office	9883 2000
Arcadia Rural Fire Service Fire Captain SALLY ELVIDGE	0424 428 178
Galston Rural Fire Service Fire Captain MATT WHITE	0407 390 955
Glenorie Rural Fire Service Fire Captain DANE JOHANSEN	0457 596 283
Hillside Rural Fire Service Fire Captain ANDREW BAILDON	9652 2245
Middle Dural Rural Fire Service Fire Captain MORRIE MAAIT	0412 267 567

LOCAL JP's

Mary Ord, Glenorie - 0400 363 563

Julia Billyard and Darren Bonaccordo, Elude Games, Galston - 8005 0077

Vicki Brownless - 0423 727 826 (South Maroota area)

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

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

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