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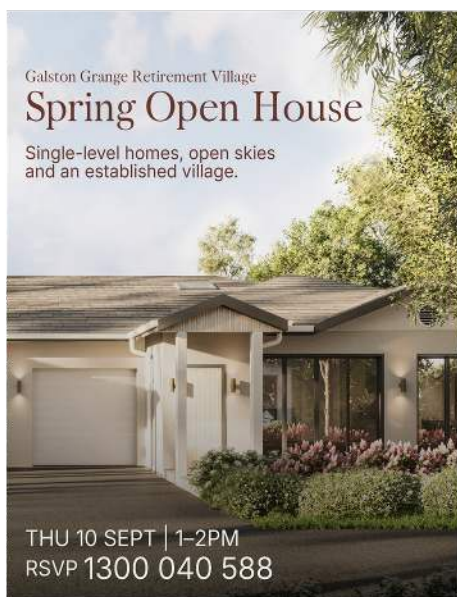
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Friday, 18th September 2026
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Contact The Hills Shire Council 02 9843 0555
At Bella Vista Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Drive,
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Orange Blossom Festival Street Parade

Saturday, 19th September 2026
11:00 AM to 04:00 PM
At Rouse Hill Town Centre, Main Street,
Rouse Hill, 2155

Jazz at The Pines

Sunday, 20th September 2026
12:30 PM to 03:30 PM
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At The Pines Roughley House, 656A Old
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Taste of Wisemans

Sunday, 27th September 2026
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Thank you to Bendigo Bank Sponsors of Arcadian Artists Trail 2026

2026 Arcadian Artists Trail has been generously sponsored again this year by Galston & District Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank. The Sponsorship funds will significantly assist in achieving our goal of supporting the arts amongst the local community and beyond to those in the wider Sydney region.

The Arcadian Artists committee members were invited to receive our cheque at the bank's ceremony celebrating the auspicious occasion of its contribution of over \$4,000 000.00 to our local community.



The Bendigo Bank in Galston is known for its community minded assistance in a variety of activities and events, and this year's sponsorship will greatly enhance the preparation and running of the Arcadian Artists Trail once again. It is an important community event that brings the gift of fun and creativity to our stunning area. People from all parts of Sydney are drawn to our rural surrounds to enjoy a delightful weekend exploring the five private studios whose doors are open to guests. Visitors can view and purchase beautiful handmade items and speak directly to the talented artists. The Artists have been working diligently to ensure that this year's trail has more unique artworks than ever before!

Further information about the Trail will come later in the year, but for now, place the dates in your diary and prioritise this special event. We will be supporting Arcadia Primary School through a fund raising barbeque at one of our venues and the local CWA will be serving tea and scones in support of charity at another.

The Arcadian Artists website www.arcadianartists.net.au has further information about the weekend and closer to the event a brochure with a map will be distributed. Look out for the signs too! They will lead you to each studio.

This year the Arcadian Artists Trail weekend will be on Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th November. Entry is free.

**- Merilyn Chappel on behalf of the
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Standing proudly on Old Northern Road, just south of the school, the Glenorie Memorial Hall has been at the heart of community life for more than 90 years. More than just a building, it is a place where generations have gathered, celebrated, remembered, and supported one another.

The Hall was built as a memorial to local men and women who served in World War I. Its foundation stone was laid in 1932, and the building officially opened in 1933. Constructed from full brick with a metal roof, the Hall features distinctive decals representing the three military services, a map of Australia, and the RSL emblem. Costing more than £1,000, the project was funded entirely by local residents, demonstrating the strong community spirit defining Glenorie.

Over the decades, the Hall became much more than a memorial. It hosted bush dances, film nights, fundraising events, celebrations, and countless gatherings. For many residents, it was the social hub where lifelong friendships were formed.



During the devastating 2002 bushfires, the Hall became a vital focal point, providing a place for people to gather, donate, share information, and maintain connection during uncertain times.

Inside, visitors can view framed historical photographs of local families, homes, and landmarks, curated by historian Ray Whiteman. Adjacent is the Glenorie Roll of Honour in the Wal Buckingham Memorial Garden.

The Hall continues to evolve while retaining heritage significance. Ownership transferred to Hornsby Council in 1976. Recent improvements include new Rolls of Honour (2024), revitalised gardens, and the Ray Whiteman Heritage

Fence (2025), featuring sandstone carvings celebrating First Australians, agriculture, transport, sport, volunteers, and defence services.

Further accessibility upgrades completed in 2026, along with engraved community pavers, ensure the Hall remains both a treasured landmark and welcoming gathering place.

The Glenorie Memorial Hall stands as a tribute to those who served, the families who built this district, and volunteers continuing to strengthen it today. By preserving our history, we ensure the spirit of Glenorie lives on for future generations.

To join the Glenorie Progress Association at only \$20, \$40 for 2 years or \$80 for 5 years. Go to <https://www.glenorieprogress.org/membership> Or preferably join by Direct credit (no fees):

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Police are investigating whether drugs may have contributed to a crash on New Line Road, Dural, on 9th August.

The Hills Police is investigating the circumstances of the crash, which involved a 46-year-old male driver.

The man was taken to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition.

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or through the Crime Stoppers website. Information provided to Crime Stoppers is treated confidentially.

DRINK DRIVING

An 18-year-old was charged with high-range drink driving after a single-vehicle crash in Glenhaven on Wednesday night, 12th August.

Police were called to Glenhaven Road about 11 PM after a vehicle left the roadway, struck a traffic sign and sustained significant damage.

A member of the public stopped to assist and contacted emergency services after speaking with the driver.

The driver underwent a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result, before being

arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station for further testing. A breath analysis allegedly returned a reading of 0.187, placing the driver in the high-range PCA category.

The 18-year-old was issued a Court Attendance Notice for driving with high-range PCA and had his licence immediately suspended. No one was injured in the crash.

NSW Police reminded motorists that drink driving significantly increases the risk of serious crashes and fatalities, and urged those drinking to arrange a safe way home.

WITNESS

Police are appealing for witnesses after a pedestrian's foot was allegedly run over by a vehicle outside Samuel Gilbert Public School, Castle Hill.

The incident occurred about 3:05 PM on Tuesday, 11th August, near the intersection of Ridgecrop Road and Gilbert Road.

Police were told the pedestrian was standing beside their black vehicle and was about to enter the driver's door when the collision occurred. The vehicle was parked about 30 metres south-west of the roundabout, outside 63 Gilbert Road.

Police are seeking witnesses, as well as anyone with dashcam or CCTV footage of

the incident. Anyone who can assist is asked to contact Castle Hill Police on 9680 5399, quoting reference E88210727.

GOAT STOLEN

Police are appealing for information after a 10-week-old female Nigerian Dwarf goat was allegedly stolen from a property on Arcadia Road, Arcadia.

The goat was reported stolen between 11 AM and 12 PM on Tuesday, 11th August.

Police are seeking witnesses who may have seen suspicious activity in the area, as well as anyone who has seen the goat since the theft.

Anyone with CCTV, dashcam footage or other information that could assist is urged to contact Hornsby Police Station on 9476 9799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. reference E89044671. Crime information cannot be reported through NSW Police social media pages.



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Discover unique collectable treasures, homemade jams, local produce, local history, kids clothing, handmade gifts along with baked goodies and sweet treats.

Enjoy a delicious BBQ sausage sizzle, cakes and refreshments.

Wander through Netherby Homestead and immerse yourself in our newly refurbished history room display. Explore the rural museums, making sure you take a look at all the stationary engines and heritage vehicles on display including a car club and Puff "The Gorge" the 1942 Chev Blitz bushfire tanker.

Horse and wagon rides will be there for the all the family to enjoy.

Market stalls and ride will require individual payments so cash sales are preferred.

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Phil Vaticano

So sad to report the news of the recent passing of well known Glenorian, and ex Wisemans Ferry resident, **Phil Vaticano**.

Phil was one of our popular local Uber drivers and a good friend to many in the community. He will be sorely missed.



CWA Galston is excited to announce a special **Crochet & Knitting Day** on **Wednesday, 23rd September**, from **10am to 2pm**. Come along for a relaxed and friendly morning of crochet, knitting, conversation and creativity. Everyone is welcome whether you are a beginner or an experienced crafter.

All that you need, Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided for just \$10. Come along enjoy some good company and share your love of handmade crafts with the wonderful ladies of CWA Galston.

We look forward to welcoming you.

RSVP 16th September Anne 0404 228 209

Dural Bocce Club

While June was quiet for members of Dural Bocce Club July was jam packed with action.

Throughout the month all members concentrated on their skills as this was another total point score month. In this format each player's individual score each week for the entire month is accumulated; with first, second and third place prizes awarded at the end of the month. Prize winners for Tuesday morning games were Peter in first place, followed by Mary in second and Leonie third. Friday night winners were Rose in first, followed by Nick and Tony. It's exciting to have that winning feeling spread among so many members.

Finally, to close out an action packed month, several members represented the club at Bocce New South Wales Open Doubles Championship at Club Marconi on Sunday July 26th. All club members did our club proud with Oreste and Peter gaining third place.

Anyone is welcome to check out bocce. Visit us on the courts under The Dural Club any Tuesday morning or Friday evening. Or, for more information, contact us on duralbocceclub@gmail.com



Proposed Dural Cemetery Update:

The Hills Council has recently refused the DA for a proposed cemetery at 790 Old Northern Road, Middle Dural.

Dural Bowling Club

AGM

Two long-serving members, **Margaret Yeend** and **Robert Whiddon**, were recognised with Life Membership for their outstanding contributions at the AGM on Saturday 8th August 2026.

60th Anniversary

The Dural Bowling Club's 60th anniversary was celebrated immediately following the Annual General Meeting, marking a significant milestone in the Club's long and proud history. Current and former members gathered in the auditorium to honour six decades of bowling, community spirit, and enduring friendships.

The auditorium was elegantly presented in white and gold, complemented by the blue and yellow colours of Parramatta Leagues Club, the Club's current owner.

This thoughtful presentation created a warm and festive atmosphere befitting the occasion.

Members enjoyed a hot lunch prepared by Club staff, providing an opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and share stories spanning generations of bowlers. The celebration continued with the cutting of a magnificent blue and yellow anniversary cake by long-standing members Leone Lesslie and Judith Harris, joined by President John Lennon and Past President Robyn Scoble — a symbolic moment linking past leadership with the present.

The day concluded with bowling on the green, followed by a chocolate bar for all, offering a light-hearted and enjoyable finale to a memorable celebration. It was a fitting tribute to the Club's heritage and the strong community that continues to sustain it.

Major Men Single Finals

The Club extends its congratulations to **Graeme Giles**, who claimed victory in a tightly contested Men's Singles Final on Saturday 25th July. Graeme secured the win after a close and skilful match against **Glen Davey**, with both players demonstrating excellent form throughout the competition.

This event concludes another successful Singles Championship, marked by strong participation and high-quality bowling from all entrants.

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

For 59 years Castle Hill Art Society has been running its Annual Arts Awards and Exhibition as part of The Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival.

These amazing paintings will be on show from **11th – 13th September** at Castle Glen Community Centre, Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill (behind Knightsbridge shops) 9.00am – 4.00pm. Free entry.

The Children's exhibition is on display **19th September**.



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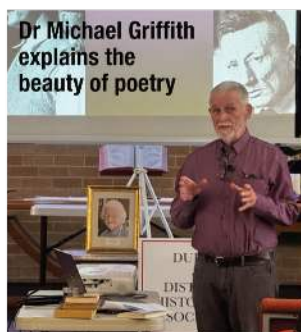
DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

News from History Cottage

It was a pleasure to hear familiar aspects of our community described by a master poet. At our August, June Roughley Memorial Lecture, Dr Michael Griffith read and discussed the poetry of Francis Webb, who lived for a time with his sister, Claudia Snell, in Thomas Rd. Galston. Webb was highly regarded by fellow poets and members in Saturday's audience spoke of the unexpected pleasure they found in hearing his verses. The arrival of the black cockatoos, "the crested ones", or the spring harrows between the orange trees and Mavis Black in the coach; all made lasting impressions.

Mrs Roughley would have been most gratified to see how the Society she founded forty two years ago has prospered.

The guest speaker for the **12th September** meeting will be DDHS member and archaeologist, Elyssa Freame. Her subject is the Convict Trail Project. Our Society has been involved in research for the history of



Dr Michael Griffith
explains the
beauty of poetry

the Great North Road and Elyssa will tell of the project to record and preserve this road of history that runs through our community. Maybe readers have a relative who was involved in the work gangs; the research is there to see.

The next open afternoon at History Cottage is on the

27th September between 1.00 pm and 4.00pm. All are welcome and members on duty are ready to show what is available and to help with research.

The Annual General Meeting for the Society will be on the **10th October**. This is always a happy and rewarding afternoon because it is a chance to bring an item special to them and tell its story.

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

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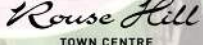


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If you've been considering upgrading your home, you may be wondering if now is the right time to make a move.

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despite the headlines, today's market can still present opportunities.

Every market presents different opportunities

Property markets are rarely as simple as "good" or "bad". In a softer market, buyers often have more room to negotiate, while stronger markets typically benefit sellers. If you're selling and buying in the same market, especially when upgrading to a higher-value home, the savings on your purchase may outweigh any reduction in your sale price.

Lifestyle doesn't always wait

For many people, the decision to upgrade is driven by life, not market conditions. Waiting for the "perfect" market can mean delaying years in a home that's better suited to your lifestyle.

More informed buyers

There's no denying today's buyers are more cautious, taking longer to make decisions and carefully considering affordability. But that also means they're well informed and genuinely motivated when they find the right property.

Have a strategy

With quality homes in short supply, having a clear plan is more important than ever. Understanding your budget, knowing the value of your current home and being ready to act can put you in a much stronger position.

Focus on what you can control

While no one can predict interest rates or future government policy, you can understand your borrowing capacity, know your home's value and plan your next move. Making decisions based on your personal circumstances, rather than market speculation, will always put you in the best position.

The bottom line

The current market has its challenges, but uncertainty doesn't mean you should stand still. If your home no longer meets your needs, understanding your options today could put you in a stronger position than waiting for conditions to feel "perfect".

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from the Mayor's Desk

As Mayor, I remain committed to ensuring our village and town Centres are a place where people want to spend time, where local businesses are supported and our communities come together. That is why I am pleased that Council has secured NSW Government funding to investigate Purple Flag accreditation for Hornsby Town Centre. Purple Flag is an internationally recognised program that promotes safe, functional and attractive destinations.

This initiative builds on our Special Entertainment Precinct projects, as well as the popular Hornsby After Dark, helping create greater opportunities for businesses, events and entertainment while maintaining a strong focus on safety, accessibility and visitor experience.

Spring will also bring a new highlight onto our community calendar, with Taste of Harmony on Saturday 19 September. This free cultural festival celebrates the many cultures that make Hornsby Shire such a wonderful place to live. With international food, music, performances and activities for all ages, it is a fantastic opportunity to come together, learn from one another and celebrate the diversity that enriches our community.

I would also like to acknowledge Dementia Action Week, which runs from 21 to 27 September. The Council team are committed to acknowledging the challenges around dementia and to acknowledge the role of family and carers meeting those challenges.

As I move around the Shire, I am delighted to see the impact that our park upgrades are having in every location. I'm overwhelmed by the level of community turn-out at the most recently completed work at Glenorie, Asquith, Hornsby Heights and Edward Bennett park in Cherrybrook. These initiatives reflect our commitment to building a connected, inclusive and welcoming Hornsby Shire for everyone to enjoy.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby
- Stitch and fix: clothes mending workshop**
Saturday 19 September, 10.30am-12.30pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby
- No dig gardening workshop: Grow More, Waste Less**
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Registrations must be received by 1st October. To book your place or find out more, please call Steph on 8678 6046 or email info@firstaideveryday.com.au — we'd love to hear from you.

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Retirement today is increasingly viewed as an opportunity to embrace new experiences, pursue personal interests and enjoy greater freedom. At Living Choice Galston, a new collection of luxury apartments reflects this modern approach to living, combining contemporary design with a strong sense of community and connection.



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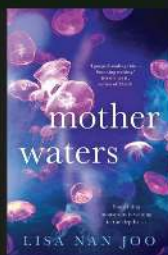
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ADULT FICTION

MOTHER WATERS BY LISA NAN JOO

After walking out of her marriage, Charlie is free for the first time in years, so she returns to her love of bioacoustics, listening to the private orchestras of the ocean. The sound she yearns to hear the most, though, is the voice of her father who died at sea. When billionaire Dexter uses his father's fortune to fund the exploration of one of the world's deepest ocean trenches, Charlie seizes the chance to immerse herself in the ocean and discover what happened to her father.

Crackling with the tension of a thriller, this is a stunning debut about ambition, grief, love and the myths we weave.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

THIS BOY I HARDLY KNOW BY LISA HEATHFIELD

16-year-old Dusty is smart, talented and fiercely protective of her younger sister, Poppy. They've moved from foster carer to foster carer, until the unthinkable happens: Dusty and Poppy are separated. Devastated but determined, Dusty must find a way to reach Poppy. Everything seems stacked against her until she meets beautiful, fearless Cooper at her children's home, and together they decide to run.

Lisa Heathfield shines a light on a failing care system and explores the bond of sisters and found families in this beautiful and tense drama.



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From the desk of
James Wallace
MEMBER FOR HORNSBY



Cherrybrook rezoning: We need infrastructure to match growth

In August the NSW Labor Government announced the rezoning of the Cherrybrook Metro Precinct. The rezoning allows for buildings ranging between 27 storeys opposite the Cherrybrook Metro station, and between four and seven storeys backing onto existing suburban homes. The total long-term projection is for 10,000 new homes.

It is significant enough to have ramifications beyond Cherrybrook and will impact the wider rural community.

Unfortunately, the Labor Government has failed to address the concerns raised by our community in the public consultation. Our community will be deeply disappointed with this result. The decision is short-sighted, poorly informed and overlooks real and significant community concerns about local schools, roads, sports fields and commuter parking.

There are significant issues identified by the community consultation which have not been resolved, including:

- No new school site has been identified or reserved, and there is no upgrade plan for Cherrybrook Technology High School, which is already over capacity.
- No funding for the New Line Road upgrade we've been promised for years. This is despite the NSW Government receiving massive windfall revenues from the sale of the rezoned Cherrybrook land.
- While recognising the need for new sports fields, no new sports field has been identified or funded.
- No space has been reserved in the precinct for commuter car parking. This is despite widespread community concern and problems with residents accessing the Metro.
- Poor design principles with seven-storey apartment blocks backing onto single-storey family homes, with no buffer between them.

I will continue to advocate for our community and fight for the infrastructure we need to support growth.

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Honouring Levi, One Game at a Time

Some days stay with you. Meeting Luke and Natalie and hearing about their son Levi was one of those days.



Levi was just nine years old when he lost his courageous battle with DIPG, a rare, aggressive and incurable childhood brain tumour.

But Levi's story is about so much more than the illness that took him.

He was a much-loved son, brother and mate who loved sport. He played soccer with West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook, rugby league with the Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Stags, AFL with West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook, and cricket with West Pennant Hills and later Kenthurst. These were more than sporting clubs to Levi – they were places where he found friendship, belonging and community.

His parents told me that just weeks before his diagnosis, Levi was taking wickets in cricket. The speed at which his health deteriorated was something they could never have imagined.

Despite their unimaginable grief, Luke and Natalie are determined to make sure Levi is remembered and that his story can help other children.

That is at the heart of Livin 4 Levi.

Local clubs Levi proudly represented have come together to honour his memory and raise funds for childhood brain cancer research. The initiative encourages people to donate an amount matching their age, making it something families and children can be part of. Together, the community has already raised more than \$60,000.

Luke and Natalie have seen first-hand how important research is. Levi was unable to access a clinical trial, highlighting the need for greater research into DIPG and better treatment options for children.

This is what makes our community so special. From Levi's sporting clubs and teammates to his school, friends and neighbours, people have rallied around the family and turned their grief into an incredible show of support.

Luke and Natalie want to make Livin 4 Levi an annual event, bringing sporting clubs across our community together to remember Levi and raise funds for research.

I am incredibly honoured to stand alongside them as an ambassador.

Levi may no longer be on the sporting fields he loved, but through Livin 4 Levi, his name, spirit and love of sport can continue to make a difference.

If you would like to support Livin 4 Levi and help fund childhood cancer research, you can donate here:
<https://www.ccia.org.au/event/levi-roodenburg/donate>



Rural Roundup

Jane Seaglove

Hornsby Councillor



Hello Residents,

Hornsby Shire continues to invest in parks, open spaces and community facilities, with a number of projects recently completed or underway to create better spaces for recreation, connection and active living.

As part of Council's Active Transport Strategy, I am also seeking community feedback on a potential shared footpath connection in Dural between Carters Road and Old Northern Road. With many older residents and young families living in the area, a safe and connected pathway would provide valuable opportunities for walking and cycling while improving accessibility and strengthening this important connection between Galston and Dural. I welcome your views on this proposal. If you would like to provide feedback, please contact me directly at jseaglove@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Recent Park upgrades are also helping to create more welcoming and accessible spaces for residents to enjoy. At Ulo Community Park in Hornsby Heights, upgrades have delivered new pathways, playground equipment, safer soft-fall surfaces, shade planting, seating, furniture and landscaping.

Edward Bennett Oval in Cherrybrook has also undergone a major transformation, with new swings, a nature play area, monkey bars, a trampoline, rock-climbing pillar and soft-fall surfaces. Two shelters, BBQ facilities and new public toilets have also been added, creating a welcoming space for children from their early years through to the teenage years.

A new shared pathway connecting The Crescent with Beecroft Village Green has also been completed, providing a safer and more accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists. Together, these improvements are giving families and people of all ages and abilities more opportunities to enjoy outdoor recreation close to home.

Council has also recently resolved to commence work on the Westleigh Park Trail Network, which will connect Hornsby Park with Westleigh Oval. The dedicated walking and cycling network will link key recreational spaces and provide another opportunity for residents to get outdoors. Well-designed bike trails encourage active lifestyles, provide families and young people with safe places to ride, and strengthen connections between our parks and open spaces.

Looking ahead, Dementia Action Week, 14th–20th September 2026, provides an opportunity to help build a more inclusive and supportive community. The week encourages us to reconnect with friends, family and neighbours affected by dementia, while helping to reduce loneliness, stigma and isolation. Visit the Hornsby Shire Council website for information about events taking place throughout the week.



Inspiring Excellence at this year's Education Week Open Day



On **Monday 3rd August**, Galston Public School proudly celebrated Education Week with the theme "Inspiring Excellence". In keeping with our celebration of 140 years of Public Education in the Galston community, our staff and students did an amazing job of dressing up in the style

of 1886, while enjoying classroom activities and playground games from yesteryear. These included hoop games, writing with pen and ink, as well as string finger games and skipping. Our Sports House Leaders did an outstanding job of leading these activities, and our performance groups excelled before a crowd of extended family and friends.

We look forward to future celebrations on the 20th October, where we will be hosting activities for any interested community members, current and past students of our wonderful school to enjoy.

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Hillside Public School News



As Hillside Public School prepares to celebrate 100 years, we're collecting stories and memories from the people who have been part of our school community.

From one-room classrooms and school milk to sports carnivals, friendships and much-loved teachers, these stories give us a wonderful glimpse into Hillside through the years.

One of those stories comes from former student **Cindy**, who attended Hillside in the 1970s.

Cindy remembers a close-knit school where older students helped the younger children learn and everyone knew one another. Soccer was a daily favourite, and school life was filled with experiences that seem a world away from today.

Her memories include listening to ABC school lessons on the radio, mums playing tennis on the school courts, a student arriving by horse and cart, and a special tradition where students formed an arch for graduating students to walk beneath as they left the school gates.

Looking back, Cindy summed up her time at Hillside beautifully, "For a small school, we achieved a lot."

Do you have a Hillside story?

We'd love to hear your memories and see your old photos. Whether it's a favourite teacher, a funny classroom moment, a special friendship, a school tradition or simply a memory of everyday life at Hillside - every story helps bring our 100-year history to life.



Share your Hillside memories with us, and join us at Hillside Public School as we celebrate 100 years on **Friday, 30th October 2026**.

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Jason Mok, Year 7 Teacher, encouraged students to embrace the opportunity to serve others, reminding them to "Use your skills to bring joy."

For Year 7 student Elliott, the visits are deeply meaningful. "It's an act of service... the residents don't have as many choices as we have, and it's special to see them."

Through these visits, students and residents formed meaningful connections and friendships across generations. Students were enriched by the residents' wisdom, life experiences, and perspectives, while residents enjoyed the companionship, energy, and care the students brought.

There were smiles all around as everyone reflected on a wonderful day.

Grandparents Inspire Excellence at Glenorie Public School



Hundreds of grandparents, families, and community members gathered to celebrate Education Week, Grandparents' Day, Book Week, and the annual Book Fair all in one brilliant day at Glenorie Public School.

Highlighting this year's NSW Education Week theme, "Inspiring Excellence," the community honoured the dedication and achievements of students. The day showcased student creativity, resilience, and determination, supported by educators committed to helping every child reach their potential.

A special focus was the valued role grandparents play in nurturing the next generation. Their wisdom, encouragement, and stories enrich students' education, embodying the school motto—"Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding."

The assembly featured student presentations from every year group, plus performances by the school band, dance groups, and choir. The new sound system ensured music reached the overflowing crowd beautifully.

Annual Grandparents' Day Awards were presented, recognising the oldest grandparents, the oldest ex-student, and grandparents celebrating their last Grandparents' Day. A new award, the "Grand Champion of the Canteen," celebrated Bruce Newey and Debbie Davis's exceptional contributions.

Following the assembly, visitors enjoyed a picnic lunch on the playground, supported by a sausage sizzle and P&C bake sale. Open classrooms allowed grandparents to witness explicit teaching and admire student work.



The Book Fair was popular, with many families purchasing books and donating to the library.

The finale was the colourful Book Parade, where preschool and Primary students brought characters to life in vibrant costumes.

One message resonated throughout: **many hearts make a school.** When schools, families, and communities work together, children are inspired to learn, grow, and achieve their best.

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ADVERTORIAL

Hills and Hornsby Shire Residents: Is Your Fire Pump Ready?

With the Hills to Hawkesbury region facing an ongoing bushfire risk, residents in fire-prone areas are taking a closer look at their property protection measures and firefighting equipment.

Clearing vegetation around homes and outbuildings, reducing potential fire hazards and ensuring reliable water supplies are fundamental steps in preparing for bushfire. But having access to water is only part of the equation. Firefighting equipment must also be fit for purpose and ready to perform when it matters most.

Australian Pump Industries is urging property owners to pay particular attention to the pump at the heart of their firefighting system.

"There's no point having a great sprinkler system or pre-plumbed firefighting points if the pump simply won't perform or won't start," said Aussie Pumps' Craig Bridgement.

The Aussie Fire Chief portable fire pump is designed to deliver both high pressure and high flow, with flow rates of up to 450 litres per minute and operation at up to 75 metres head, equivalent to around 100 psi.



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Aussie Pumps stresses that the engine driving the pump is equally important. The Fire Chief uses both Honda petrol and Yanmar diesel engine, selected for reliability and dependable starting.

"Having an engine that doesn't start when you've got a fire coming is no joke," said Craig.

Aussie Pumps recommends that property owners check the actual performance specifications before purchasing a fire pump, including flow at pressure, self-priming capability, testing and certification, manufacturing standards, and engine support.

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Bromeliad Spring Show



During Springtime bromeliads are exceptional for their unique flowering and multi colourful displays.

The Bromeliad Spring Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on **Saturday, 26th September 9am-4pm** and **Sunday, 27th 10am-3pm**.

Rare and exquisite bromeliads from local, regional and interstate growers will be on

display and available for sale to the public including BSA's competition winners Harold Kuan, Nina Woodcock, Elizabeth Mudriczki and Kerry McNicol together with Anna Ernst and her amazing artistic bromeliad wall hangings.

Tillandsia experts, Chris & Lap Larsen

from Victoria and Angela & Gary Flemming who always have an enormous variety of bromeliads available. Jan and Jon Townsend will also be making the trip down from Bonville with variety of giant and colourful Alcantareas and Neos.

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

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

For further information contact Ian Hook, President, Bromeliad Society of Australia on mobile 0408 202 269, email: hook1@bigpond.com, or check the website www.bromeliad.org.au



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Galston District Garden Club

The Galston District Garden Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Galston Community Hall, 34 Arcadia Road, Galston. Meetings start at 7.30pm with a guest speaker after formalities.

Last month, John Graham spoke on Bizarre Botany. If you weren't there, you missed a great presentation of strange plants. One particularly bizarre example was *Psychotria elata*—The Hot Lips Plant.

Few plants have an appearance as unusual or memorable as *Psychotria elata*, also known as Hooker's Lips or Kiss of the Jungle. Native to tropical rainforests of Central and South America (Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador), it belongs to the coffee family, Rubiaceae.

The feature making *Psychotria elata* extraordinary is the pair of brilliant red bracts. Before the flowers fully develop, these bracts form a shape remarkably similar to bright red human lips. Though often mistaken for the flower itself, the lips are actually modified leaves surrounding the plant's small flowers.

As the plant matures, small white to cream flowers emerge from between the red bracts. In its natural rainforest environment, these flowers attract pollinators including butterflies and hummingbirds. After flowering, the plant produces small fruits that become dark blue or black as they mature.

While many gardeners may never grow *Psychotria elata*, it remains a fascinating example of the plant world's extraordinary diversity.



Its almost perfectly formed red "lips" demonstrate that nature sometimes produces shapes more striking than anything we might design ourselves.

Our September speaker will talk about roses. Not so bizarre!

At the end of each meeting, members enjoy socialising over supper and a cuppa. Visitors are welcome to come and listen. For more information: www.galstongardenclub.com.au or email galstongardenclub@gmail.com

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by Lachlan Turner

Hidden in the Hills

Terrestrial Orchids

There are many ground hugging orchids that can commence flowering in early autumn, lasting through to late spring. One such plant is the Trim Greenhood Orchid (*Pterostylis concinna*).

When it flowers this orchid stands up about 250mm above the grassy environment in which it prefers to live. Its preferred habitat is the more open woodland that provides adequate shelter from strong sunlight. It is often found in quite large colonies within a local habitat growing amongst shorter sedges and grasses.



Hyacinth Orchid

A similar species is the Blunt Greenhood (*Pterostylis curta*) which does not have the horn-like sepals protruding upwards from either side of the flower.

An unrelated terrestrial orchid is the Red Beard Orchid (*Calochilus paludosus*). The flower stem being up to 400mm tall and carrying numerous flowers which are characterised by hair-like extensions resembling a man's long and untrimmed beard.



Greenhood Orchid



Red Beard Orchid

It can be found growing in scattered areas of suitable habitat along the coast of eastern New South Wales, west to the Blue Mountains.

Surviving in dry sandy, as well as swampy conditions, it is found in both heath and woodland environments, frequently growing under eucalypts.

As with many ground orchids there are similar related species which can overlap in similar habitat. The Copper Beard Orchid (*Calochilus campestris*), growing on 600mm stems, tends towards bluish purple coloured hairs. Whilst the Purplish Beard Orchid (*Calochilus robertsonii*), growing on 450mm stems, tends towards bronze purple coloured hairs.

Yet another orchid sometimes found growing from the fissures in large sandstone rock formations is the distinctive mauve coloured *Dipodium punctatum* Hyacinth Orchid. This orchid gains its nutrients from decaying vegetable matter found either in leaf litter or in rocky locations.

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Jesus Said: "I Am the Truth"

Then He followed this with: "If you abide in My Word, hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them, you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)



When Jesus spoke these words, He was offering "spiritual freedom" — a way of life where sins are forgiven and we can live with deep joy and peace, despite life's circumstances, having been released from habitual lawlessness.

Lawlessness surrounds us today as in Jesus' time. Then,

the Jews were under Roman rule. Despite some autonomy, they felt the strong Roman presence of soldiers, laws, governors, and kings. When Jesus spoke of true freedom, He wasn't talking about political freedom.

Here in Australia, we enjoy great political and cultural freedom as a democratic country, with people of many nations raising families, working, pursuing education, and seeking a peace-filled life.

The spiritual freedom Jesus referred to — then and now — is a relationship with Him as Saviour, bringing us into the "forever" family of God's love and eternal life.

Through believing in Jesus Christ as God's perfect Son, each of us can "live as free people, yet without employing our freedom as a pretext for wickedness but live at all times as children of God." (1 Peter 2:16)

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By knowing Jesus, our eyes are opened to a greater understanding of Truth. As John, an eyewitness, writes: "We have seen and know positively that the Son of God has come to this world and has given us understanding to perceive, recognise, and know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true — in His Son Jesus Christ the Messiah. This is the true God and life eternal." (1 John 5:20)

God bless.

Pr. Alex & Dee Valich

Glenorie Community Church

Sunday service at 10am. Come and join us.

Winter Food Drive Thank You!

The people from Dural Anglican church want to thank our extraordinary community. Your generosity in supporting our recent food drive is making a real difference in the lives of vulnerable people across our city.

Everyone is feeling cost of living pressure. From petrol to groceries, interest rates and more. As always, these costs fall hardest on those who are already vulnerable to hardship.

And your generosity is making a difference at the front line of this crisis. The non-perishable food and personal hygiene products you provided have been packaged for distribution through Anglicare's extensive network.

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Why does Dural Anglican do this? Motivated by the love of Jesus, the people of Dural Anglican are committed to doing what we can to share Jesus' love with others.

Why not find out more by joining us one Sunday — 8am, 10am and 6pm at St Jude's Dural and 9:30am at Christ Church Kenthurst.

Dural Anglican is an active local church in your community with a host of programs for all ages. Visit our website — duralanglican.org.au — or better, drop in and meet us! We'd love to welcome you.

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News from St Benedict's

Sad Losses

We lost two special parishioners in July. **Sister Fay Hancock**, who died on 22 July, joined the Good Samaritan Sisters' Congregation in 1962 and came to Arcadia to manage the guest house at St Benedict's Monastery in 1989. She later moved to Rowland Village where she became a valued, giving member of the community.

Bill Pierce, who died at the venerable age of 105, was also a long-term Rowland Village resident. A WW2 veteran, Bill's service was acknowledged at his Mass of Thanksgiving in the Monastery Chapel by Reverend Bill Rosier, who led the Ode of Remembrance, and Glenorie RSL Sub-Branch secretary Graham Bruce, who played the Last Post and Reveille.

We'll greatly miss Sister Fay and Bill. Bless them both.

Busy Times

August is busy with everyone back at school and parish activities in full swing. Enrolments for children in Year 3 or above for our next sacramental program are now open. Confirmation classes will be held in October 2026.

Please collect a form from the sacristy office or email the parish. The Italian Rosary Group meets weekly, the Craft Group monthly, and the Youth Group (8-12 year olds) every Friday afternoon in school terms.



The Maker's Table group met on 5th August for a Granny Squares workshop. New crocheters started with basic squares while experienced members produced decorated ones. Hopefully there'll be enough to join together for a blanket for the needy. In September they'll be making spring roses out of ribbons!

Parish Notices

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

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Is There Anything Behind the Curtain?

This morning I was listening to a radio host who was expressing comfort to a man whose brother had died, and the brother had been a fan of the show. The host made the cheerful comment: "Maybe he's up there somewhere having a beer with his mates." In a news report I read of a young woman with aggressive cancer, who only had a very short time to live, but was looking forward to meeting up with her cat that had died.

A while ago I attended a funeral where the whole focus of the Service was looking back and celebrating the life that had ended. There was no message of hope for the future, for the family simply believed that there was nothing beyond death. And this led me to ask "Is there anything after death, is there anything behind the curtain?"

From the earliest days of human history, there has been a glimmer of hope that there is something more, beyond death. The dead were often buried with food and weapons to use in the after-life. The Pyramids of Egypt bear testimony to the amount of goods and treasure that were interred with the Pharaoh. All the world's great religions that developed over time have some sort of view of the netherworld, the supernatural realm where souls travel to after death. Often this was under the earth, but in a few cases, it was somewhere above the earth. Several religions have a continuous cycle of death and resurrection (into different creatures.) One form of the most recent religion has a "Paradise" where the "righteous" have 72 virgins waiting for them.

The surest hope of life after death must come from one who has actually, been through that path. I read recently of a researcher in the US who had interviewed over 1,000 people who had been declared dead, and had an out-of-body experience, and then came back to life. I have personally met two men, in different countries, who testified to such an experience that changed their lives.

However, our greatest certainty comes from a man named Jesus, who not only raised people from the dead, but after he

was brutally executed, came back to life with a body that could pass through locked doors. He then appeared not only to his disciples, but later to over five hundred witnesses. This all happened almost 2,000 years ago, and its historicity has been examined and examined many times over that period, but has always been found to be true.

Shortly before his own death, Jesus comforted the sisters of his friend Lazarus, who had died, with the assurance "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" and then he raised Lazarus from the dead. On the night before his death, Jesus assured his disciples that his Father in heaven had many rooms, and he was going to prepare a place for them. So that is the positive view for those who have put their faith in Jesus. But Jesus made the challenging point shortly after, that he is the ONLY WAY to heaven! "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Behind the curtain there is Jesus and the Father's rooms. Are you prepared?

- John Davies

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The Great Commission

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Jesus cradled His command between two powerful statements: His supreme authority and His personal presence. Before Jesus



asks anything of us, He assures us of His absolute capability to sustain us. "Go" is not a passive suggestion from Christ; it's an authoritative order. He is the risen Saviour, who possesses "all authority" in heaven and earth. We don't wait passively for the world to come to us; He commands us to take the initiative.

To carry out Christ's mission effectively, believers must:

- Anchor their lives in an unwavering trust in His word

Trusting Christ means relying entirely on His character, His promises, and His presence. "He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

- Receive the power of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit to "abide with you forever" (John 14:16). He will empower you to share

the good news (Acts 1:8). Christ is the "everlasting gospel" to be given to the world (Revelation 14:6). It's the unfailing message His love (John 3:16).

• Bear Good Fruit

True disciples' bear good fruit by abiding in Christ (John 15:4-5), adopting the principles of His word (Matthew 7:24).

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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Galston Uniting Church News



The Annual RFS Service



Each year, Galston Uniting Church is privileged to host a very special service for the RFS brigades in our district. It is an occasion that we look forward to as we ask for the Lord's special blessing for them as they place themselves in harm's way on our behalf. It's always an exciting occasion as the church

driveway fills with gleaming red fire engines and the church itself is filled with "firies" in their bright yellow uniforms.

The service was again 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 with us again. The RFS were represented in the service by Len Best, who spoke on "Why I'm involved with the RFS", and also Mel Langdon who brought the bible reading and Alan Barnwell who brought prayers.

After the service the RFS fleet and personnel were "blessed" in traditional style by the Rev Nich with a backpack spray and of course, this was followed by a delicious lunch together.

Vale Ray Cunningham

Ray was 102 years old and a member of GUC. He was born in Sydney and had active service during WW2 in PNG, Morotai and Labuan. After the war, Ray entered Bible College to train as a missionary, before going to Sarawak with the

Borneo Evangelical Mission. Evelyn followed four years later and they were married at the mission base in 1953.

Their service was to the tribal people in their own language and culture. Transport was by river, often over rapids. Their animistic religion was full of prohibitions, fears of omens and the spirit world with its associated customs. Many of the tribal people gladly replaced these destructive customs with a meaningful trust in Jesus Christ who was now alive and more powerful than the evil spirits they feared. As Ray and Evelyn say, *"the good in their culture was in this way enriched and not destroyed"*.

Ray's has been a lifetime of service to God and to people.



Ray Cunningham

Galston Uniting Church Concert - Save the Date

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Is Your Property Prepared?

Meet Arcadia RFS This Get Ready Weekend

Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade is urging local residents to start their bushfire preparations early ahead of the upcoming fire season. As part of the annual NSW RFS Get Ready Weekend on 19th–20th September 2026, the brigade will be stepping out of the station and hitting the streets to host two local street meetings.



Living in the picturesque, heavily forested Hornsby District means bushfire safety must always be a top priority. High fuel loads across the region mean that it only takes a few consecutive days of hot, dry, and windy weather for dangerous fire conditions to return.

To help our community prepare, Arcadia volunteers will be on hand at two separate locations over the weekend to share expert advice, answer your property-specific questions, and help you create or update your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Street Meeting Details

- Meeting 1 Saturday 19th September: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the corner of Cobar Road and Bloodwood Road.
- Meeting 2 Saturday 19th September: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the corner of Bay Road and Calabash Road.

Whether you are a long-term resident with livestock, a hobby farmer, or completely new to the rural area, these meetings are the perfect informal setting to chat with your local firefighters. You can learn how to establish a defensible space around your home, understand modern Fire Danger Ratings, and find out what to do if a fire threatens our area.

You can even bring your portable fire pump to let us help show you how to use it properly.

In addition to this, if you have ever considered volunteering, you can also come and chat with us about joining the NSW Rural Fire Service and becoming part of your local Brigade.

Preparation makes all the difference when it counts. Grab a neighbour, bring your questions, and come down to say hello to the crew.

For more updates, follow the official Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade Facebook Page or visit the main NSW RFS Website.

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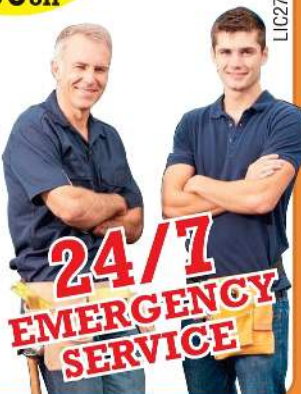


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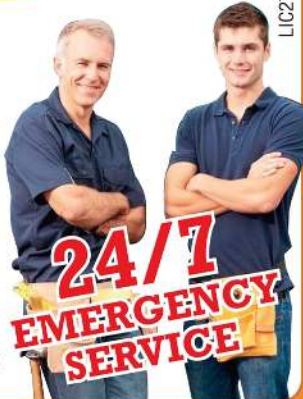
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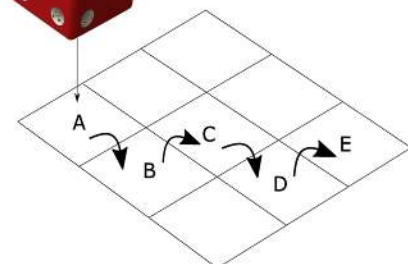
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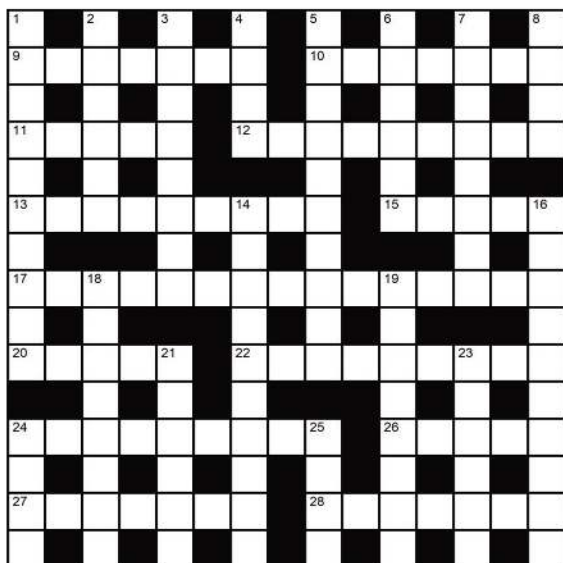


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- 01 The kiore, an unwelcome visitor (7,3)
 02 Transmit (6)
 03 Living-room item (8)
 04 Cheese chunk (4)
 05 Crazy, eats at bars on the Persian Gulf (4,6)
 06 Textile souvenir (1-5)
 07 Regular swinger (8)
 08 Fight (4)
 14 Walked vigorously (7,3)
 16 Summer-visiting coastal wading bird (10)
 18 Rob ---, Virgin Blue co-founder (8)
 19 Spatially adjusted (8)
 21 Beer bottle (6)
 23 Call forth (6)
 24 Ice breaker (4)
 25 Culinary creation (4)

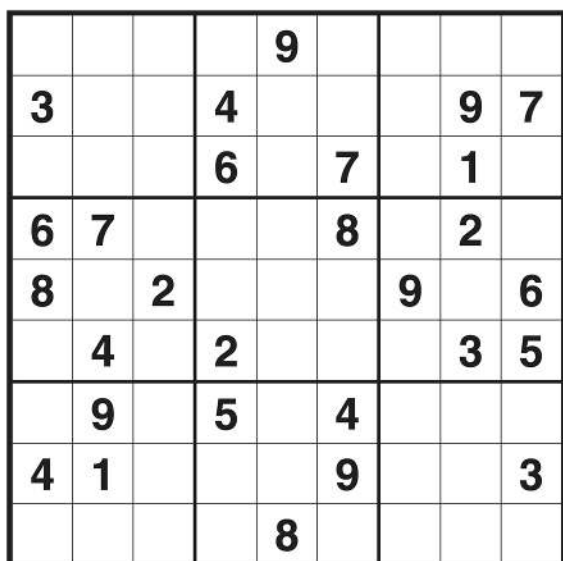
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Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.



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Energy Australia Energy	13 13 88	Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
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Hills Shire Council	9843 0555	Police - Castle Hill	9680 5399
Hornsby Shire Council	9847 6666	Sydney Water	13 20 90
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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
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Middle Dural Rural Fire Service Fire Captain MORRIE MAIT	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)

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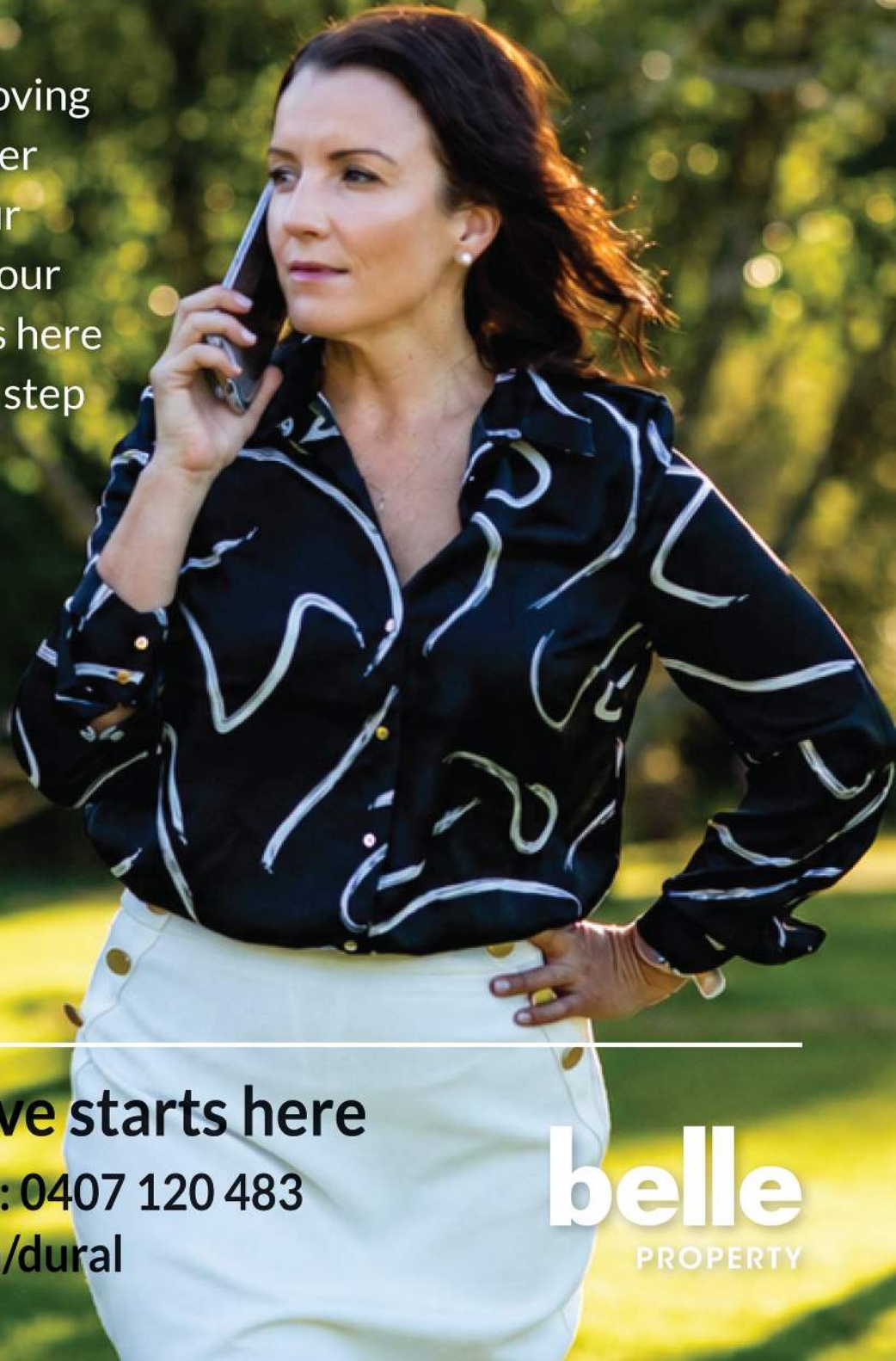
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