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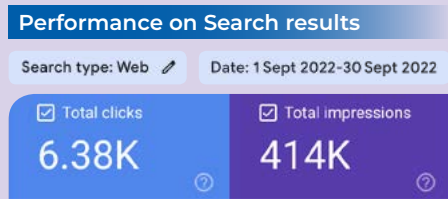
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# Hills Relay for Life Challenge

by BEV JORDAN

Trek Cycles manager Alex Vandenanker and Eamon O'Neill with the e-bike they have donated as a prize.



## SAVE THE DATE: Saturday May 20th and head on down to Castle Hill Showground for the huge purple-tinged community gathering that is Hills Relay For Life.

The annual 24-hour community event raises funds for cancer research and support programs. The event will be the 22nd organised by a volunteer community committee to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

The first lap of the track is for Cancer survivors and carers which will be followed by a special morning survivors and carers morning tea. The twilight candlelight ceremony of Remembrance starts at 6pm.

There are 60 teams already registered for the 2023 Hills Relay including local businesses, schools, service groups, churches, youth organisations and groups of families and friends. You don't have to run at the Hills Relay For Life, in fact most participants walk and talk around the 400m track at Castle Hill Showground, but this year will be the added value of pedal power. Trek Cycles is setting up a 24-hour cycle challenge for Hills Relay For Life participants as part of the activities around the track at Castle Hill Showground.

The aim is to register for the cycle challenge and be part of the push to keep a static exercise bike in motion for 24-hours during the Hills Relay For Life. The highest fundraising team in the challenge will win an Electra Townie Go eBike valued at \$2,400 donated by Trek Cycles at Rouse Hill.

Eamon O'Neill who will be running the challenge said getting involved with a personal journey as he lost someone close diagnosed with skin cancer. "This is an opportunity to help. I have a passion for cycling."

Chairperson Lisa Carruthers said the trackside activations would keep people moving and entertained during the day and also included a box car rally and a fancy hat parade with onstage entertainment appealing to all ages.

"There is such a carnival atmosphere at Relay," said Lisa. "As you walk around you see neighbours and friends catching up and there is so much to see and enjoy. You really can see four generations in action to make a difference in the cancer journey."

She thanked all the sponsors and supporters but in particular the Purple sponsors: Castle Towers, CHR9 (Castle Hill RSL Group) and Event Cinemas Castle Hill.

Everyone interested in having a team as well as registered team captains are urged to attend a Hills Relay For Life Information Session at Castle Hill RSL (Luxe Lounge) on Tuesday 4th April at 7pm.

Individual registration is \$30. There is a group family registration available for \$70. Under 8s are free to attend. Registration for 8-13 years is \$15 with student tickets \$20 with a student card.

The Hills Relay For Life website is: <https://www.relayforlife.org.au/register/hills-2023>.

Follow the Hills Relay For Life Facebook Page for updates and details or email Yvette Haines at [yvette.haines@nswcc.org.au](mailto:yvette.haines@nswcc.org.au)

To register for the cycle challenge email [denise.daynes@gmail.com](mailto:denise.daynes@gmail.com)

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# Resident Protest Grows by ANNETTE MADJARIAN

Hills Shire Council has continued to come under fire over its plans to redevelop Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill's last mass natural bushland, in exchange for an elite rugby sports precinct worth tens of millions of dollars.

More than 100 residents, environmentalists and politicians, including Hills Mayor Peter Gangemi, met at Castle Hill Bowling Club on Sunday 18th March to discuss the contentious issue.

One of the meeting's organisers, Castle Hill resident Andrew Tonkin, said residents made it very clear they did not support Council's Masterplan which makes room for a high-performance rugby facility for the Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club.

In November 2020, Hills Council adopted its Masterplan showing that 23,710 square metres of vegetation would be bulldozed to accommodate the rugby precinct.

But residents and environmentalists contend that the plan would see the loss of 52,821 square metres (13 acres) of bushland, including the removal of hundreds of trees.

Save Fred Caterson Reserve, a group of residents and environmentalists, said not only trees and habitat would be demolished, but that the integrity and character of the reserve and surroundings would be compromised. They say they are also concerned about the threat to local fauna and flora, with the Reserve home to several threatened species of animals and plants.

The rugby facility will be developed on the former Pony Club site and will include three playing fields (including synthetic fields) and

associated infrastructure, including lighting, drainage, irrigation, amenities building/s and a car park. There would also be upgrades to the existing sporting facilities - soccer, tennis, baseball, basketball and BMX bike riding.

Eastwood Rugby's General Manager Robert Frost said he hoped the relocation to Fred Caterson would occur as early as next year.

Residents claim they were not consulted adequately about Council's plans. A Friends of Caterson Reserve petition against the redevelopment had more than 12,700 signatures by Thursday, March 23rd.

Council has said its Masterplan will "cater for existing and future residents, with the reserve being in close proximity to the State Government's Showground Precinct, which will grow by another 11,000 people in the next 10-15 years and by more than 20,000 people once the precinct is fully developed".

Last month Council announced that the Castle Hill Showground Arena would be transformed into a "modern venue for large scale community and sporting events", thanks to \$11.475 million in WestInvest funding from the NSW Government.

Residents are now questioning why Castle Hill Showground was not being considered as a venue for Eastwood Rugby.



Residents involved in the Save Fred Caterson Reserve Group

A council spokeswoman responded to questions from this paper by referring to an updated Master Plan on the council website. **(See council story pages 16 and 17).**

The updated Plan said... "investigations and studies including ecological assessments and an arboricultural report which are currently being finalised, have informed the current Concept Plan with an emphasis on retaining the majority of the Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC)... and minimising the disturbance to the Sydney Hinterland Transition Woodland to the south-east of the site".

It also states that: "only a very small number of trees will require removal from the CEEC".

Council's Masterplan is at [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Initiatives/Fred-Caterson-Reserve-Master-Plan](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Initiatives/Fred-Caterson-Reserve-Master-Plan). To contact the meeting organisers visit [savefredcatersonreserve.org](http://savefredcatersonreserve.org)

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## WOMAN, 90, CHARGED

A 90-year-old driver has been charged with negligent driving (occasioning death) and negligent driving (no death or grievous bodily harm) following a crash in Carlingford last year which left a high school student dead and his friend injured.

Emergency services were called to Rembrandt Street, near Carlingford, Court at about 11.15am on Thursday, 1st December 2022 after reports a car had left the road and hit some high school students walking on the footpath.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command and NSW Ambulance paramedics attended and rendered assistance; however, a 17-year-old, Calvin Wijeweera, died at the scene.

A second Carlingford High school student, also aged 17, suffered a head injury and was taken to hospital in a stable condition.

The driver of the sedan, a 90-year-old woman from Epping, had to be cut from her car which crashed into the side of a van after hitting a tree. She suffered a leg injury and was taken to hospital, where she underwent mandatory testing. A crime scene was established, which was forensically examined by specialist police. Following inquiries, the 90-year-old woman was issued a Future Court Attendance Notice, charged about 7pm on Sunday 19th March and is due to face Burwood Local Court in May.

## CAR PARK DEATH

A 70-year-old woman on her way to Bible study died in the car park of Castle Hill Baptist Church after she was hit by a reversing car.

Emergency services were called to the car park on Showground Road, Castle Hill, at about 9.30am on Monday morning (March 20th) following reports a pedestrian had been hit by a car. NSW Ambulance paramedics treated an unconscious woman at the scene; however, she could not be revived.

Her husband, 70, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle was not injured, and was taken to hospital for mandatory testing.

Officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident. A report is being prepared for the information of the Coroner.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Windsor Police are seeking information in relation to a Motor Vehicle Accident which occurred between 4:30pm-5pm on Saturday 18th March on Comleroy Road, Kurrajong. Police believe the driver of a dark blue Holden Commodore may be able to assist with inquiries.

Anyone driving along Comleroy Road, Kurrajong at this time who has dashcam footage or information in relation to the accident are asked to contact Windsor Police or Crime Stoppers. E344776998 relates.

## SPEEDSTERS CAUGHT

The driver of a Ford Mustang has been fined \$2580 and his licence was suspended after Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol recorded the 29-year-old travelling at 158km/hr in Bella Vista.

Officers were conducting mobile speed enforcement along Old Windsor Road at Bella Vista when they detected a blue coloured Ford Mustang travelling at 78 km/hr over the sign posted speed limit of 80 km/hr at about 12.40am on Saturday, 18th of March 2023. Police stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver who returned negative results for alcohol and drugs.

The Marayong man was issued an infringement notice for Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 kph, his NSW driver's licence was suspended and confiscated on the spot for a period of 6 months. The vehicle was not owned by the driver and the number plates remained on the vehicle.

On Friday the 10th March, Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol suspended a 20-year-old P2 licence holder for travelling 41 km/hr over the sign posted speed limit. He will also face court for High Range drink driving and positive roadside drug test.

Officers were conducting mobile speed enforcement along Old Windsor Road at Bella Vista at about 2.08am on 10th March when they detected a green Holden Commodore utility travelling at 121km/hr in a sign posted 80km/hr zone.

As the vehicle approached the traffic light intersection of Old Windsor Road and Seven Hills Road, they allege the driver failed

to stop at the red arrow and continued into Seven Hills Road. Officers stopped the vehicle and subjected the driver to a roadside breath test returning a positive reading, the driver also returned a positive roadside drug test to Cocaine.

The driver was arrested and conveyed to Castle Hill Police Station returning a reading of 0.152 grammes of alcohol per 210 litres of breath and the secondary drug test returned positive to Cocaine.

He has been charged with exceeding the limit by over 30kph/hr, Not Stop at Stop Line at Red Arrow (Motor Vehicle) and Drive with High Range PCA. Officers are waiting for the drug analysis results in relation to proceeding with driving with an Illicit Drug. His licence was suspended and he is due before Parramatta Local Court in early April.

And on 8th March another P-Plater was fined for speeding. Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol suspend the licence of a 19-year-old P2 licence holder travelling 51 km/hr over the sign posted speed limit.

Officers were conducting stationary speed enforcement along Old Windsor Road at Bella Vista at . About 12.30am when they detected a black coloured Lexus travelling at 131km/hr in a sign posted 80km/hr zone. The driver was issued an infringement notice for P2 Driver Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 kph, his NSW driver's licence was confiscated and suspended on the spot for a period of 6 months. The vehicle was not owned by the driver and the number plates remained on the vehicle.

## A SAFE PLACE

The Hills Police Area Command, in partnership with the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS), are continuing an initiative to support vulnerable women who are subjected to domestic violence.

The safe place initiative is for women that require additional support and are not able to attend a Police Station. If in immediate danger

you can always call 000, however if you are not able to come to the station, or have Police come to your home, there is a safe space setting within the Hills, that Police and specialist DV Support Workers will meet with you. Call or SMS 0421670020 or email [oloa.savaiinaea@wscls.org.au](mailto:oloa.savaiinaea@wscls.org.au) (WDVCAS).

## LIFE SAVING ALARM

Firefighters from Fire and Rescue NSW were joined by RFS volunteers from Kellyville Rural Fire Brigade, Glenhaven, Rouse Hill and Round Corner after alarms were raised over a house fire in North Kellyville at 3am on Tuesday, 21st March.

Smoke alarms alerted the family to the blaze at the home Roland Garros Crescent and they escaped the smoke-filled building. Investigators are still examining the cause but it is believed a fan in a child's bedroom may have been at fault.

Fire and Rescue crew and NSW RFS crew performed initial knock down of the fire and overhaul was completed by NSW RFS crews.



Photo courtesy Kellyville RFS

Emergency services said that the fact that the family evacuated at 3am because of the smoke alarm being activated showed that smoke alarms saved lives.



# Rescue agencies in joint training exercise

16 Marine Rescue NSW volunteers from the Hawkesbury and Cottage Point units have taken part in a joint Search and Rescue training exercise with multiple NSW Rural Fire Service brigades around Milson Island on the Hawkesbury River.



The exercise saw MRNSW crews conduct search pattern training and rescue methods for a simulated person missing in the water.

The MRNSW crews onboard HW 30, HW 22, CP 30 and CP 31 also took part in a simulated ferry fire involving multiple casualties requiring first aid and transporting.

Marine Rescue NSW Hawkesbury Unit Commander Peter Moore said joint operations are held regularly so agencies are familiar with processes during emergency responses.

"The exercise was a great success. Marine Rescue showed the RFS ways to conduct search patterns while our crews got a better understanding of their vessels and how to transfer patients if required during an emergency situation," Mr Moore said.

The Hawkesbury Unit Commander said cross-agency training exercises are invaluable. "Because there are several hundred homes in the area that don't have road access, we share a numbering system among multiple agencies which enables us to act quickly in the event of an emergency.

"We look forward to more joint training exercises and value our relationship with the RFS," Mr Moore said.

For more information, please call Travis Winks MRNSW Media and Publications Manager on 0419 126 891.



## Thank you NSW SES

Hawkesbury City Council has joined many organisations in sending messages, handwritten notes and drawings of thanks to the NSW SES, Hawkesbury SES and all units for everything they do for our community day in and day out.

"The SES were helping when torrential rain was happening in parts of the Hawkesbury, with Bowen Mountain and other areas experiencing flash flooding, some homes being inundated," the Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Sarah McMahan said.

"The NSW SES and Hawkesbury SES work all year round to protect us at our most vulnerable, especially over the last couple of years during a multitude of flood events across the state, and we thank you so much for everything you do."

Peppercorn Services Inc. is encouraging the Hawkesbury community to say thanks to the NSW SES volunteers by writing a small heartfelt thank you note that will be sent to the local SES Units and

volunteers. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

"This is a great idea by Peppercorn Services to ask us to show our gratitude and kindness by sending them our thanks."

Messages can be sent to the Peppercorn Services Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PeppercornServices](http://www.facebook.com/PeppercornServices) or via email to [rss@peppercorn.org.au](mailto:rss@peppercorn.org.au)

Handwritten cards, notes and drawings can also be dropped off at the following locations:

- 114 March St, Richmond - Hawkesbury Leisure and Learning Centre
- 320 George St, Windsor - Peppercorn Place
- 6 Greenhills Way South, South Windsor - South Windsor Family Centre.

Please ensure all cards, notes and drawings are in by Tuesday, 9 May.



# Women of the Year

Every year Local MPs nominate who they think is worthy of recognition as their electorate's woman of the year and this year's local winners include Jenny Walker, Principal of Kellyville Public School and Bella Vista businesswoman and founder of the Powerful Empowered Women's Network Pratibha Bhanushali.

State MP for Castle Hill Ray Williams who named Jenny Walker as Castle Hill electorate Woman of the Year said she is the very definition of a 'Woman of Excellence'.

The citation read: "Jenny became Principal of Kellyville Public School in 2007 and has transformed the school into one of the most

well respected and high performing schools not just within The Hills district, but across Greater Sydney.

"Jenny's outstanding calibre of leadership and excellence in her field has ensured that she is a respected and admired member of the local community.

"She is a role model to other principals as well as the roughly 30 full time equivalent classroom teachers she manages, alongside deputy principals and assistant principals. Her attitude and dedication has ensured she will have a lasting impact on Kellyville Public School and the surrounding area."

An educator for over 40 years, Jenny also mentors, inducts, trains and supports other principals as they progress in their careers.

Pratibha Bhanushali was named Baulkham Hills Woman of the Year by Baulkham Hills MP David Elliott for her extensive contribution to the Hills community.

She set up her Bella Vista based accountancy business 16 years ago but wanted to connect other women in local businesses so they could support each other.

Pratibha founded the Facebook group Powerful Empowered Women in 2019. Two years later, after Covid restrictions eased, she and her team of volunteers started fundraising for charities and causes as well as setting up business events where members could connect.

To date the Powerful Empowered Women's group has raised thousands of dollars for charity including \$11,000 to the I4Give Foundation, \$5,500 for the Hills Winter Sleepout to support people at risk of homelessness, \$1,400 to the Cancer Council through the Hills Relay For Life, Pratibha has also organised two Pink Ribbon breakfasts at her office.



Pratibha Bhanushali with David Elliott

PEW has supported The Sanctuary – The Hills Women's Shelter with \$1000 in vouchers and with two Back to School Drives for stationary items.

PEW also secured 10,000 bottles of water to donate to the StreetMed organisation which helps with the homeless in Parramatta and the Hills area. Other areas of help have included donations to bushfire ravaged communities and support for Beyond Blue and The Women's Shed - Hills Shire.

Pratibha said she wanted to thank the community "from the bottom of my heart" for their incredible support for the various fundraising projects.

She also received an Australia Day Special Mayoral Recognition Award 2023.



Jenny Walker with Ray Williams

# Fashion Show

The Positive Vibes Foundation gave itself a stylish funding boost with a recent fashion show held at Castle Hill RSL.

The money raised at the event will help Positive Vibes Foundation (PVF) renovate its meeting place at the Balcombe Heights Estate at Baulkham Hills to cater for bigger groups including the very popular Hills Women's Shed. The show featured fashion from Leilani Boutique with shops at Cherrybrook and Baulkham Hills with volunteer models.

The Hills Woman's Shed is an initiative of the Positive Vibes Foundation (PVF) and is a place where women can interact, share their stories and undertake activities/programs and workshops in a safe environment.

PVF runs programs to promote positive mental health in communities and runs a youth forum, a dog visitation program at aged care centres and regular mental health workshops.

To find out more visit [www.positivevibes.org.au](http://www.positivevibes.org.au) or visit the Hills Women's Shed Facebook page.



Sharon Maxwell from Leilani Boutique, Nalika Padmasena, Leila El-khoury, Michelle Katz, Terese Wilson and Brooke Collins MC



# Older Women's Housing

By BEV JORDAN

**Accommodation in Kenthurst for older women at risk of homelessness is a step closer to becoming a reality thanks to years of planning, collaboration and determination by a small group of local residents.**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is set to be signed off by Uniting, kickstarting a partnership with Wesley Community Housing (part of Wesley Mission) and a local community steering committee to provide a safe haven for older women without a roof over their heads.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics there were more than 6,400 homeless people aged 55 and over in NSW on census night in 2016. Of those, 2,186 were women – a rise of 48 per cent. When it came to women aged 65 to 74, the increase was 78 per cent.

The Housing for the Aged Action Group (HAAG) says the figures are just the tip of the iceberg.

The move to establish interim housing started nearly five years ago when members of Kenthurst Uniting Church started investigating how to provide transitional accommodation for the homeless spearheaded by two members of the congregations, James Visione and Dennis van Someren.

In 2020 the discussion focussed on the feasibility of converting the unused Sunday school rooms at the Jones Rd church into transitional short-term accommodation for homeless women over the age of 55 to provide women with housing security and provide them with time to recover and get back on track.

For many older women, losing a partner, losing a job and the financial implications of living as a solo person places them in a vulnerable position.

After months of talks with supportive members of the Parramatta/Nepean Presbytery of the Uniting Church, housing support networks, including Women's Community Shelters, a public forum was organised by the Kenthurst Uniting church to discuss the issue with local residents, especially those living in the adjacent Kentgrove Retirement Village.

Dennis said that as converting part of the church building was considered too costly at this stage Uniting offered a local property they owned for use as transitional housing for at least four older women.



President of Soroptimist International – The Hills Cathy Tracey, James Visione, Dennis van Someren and SI Past President Jacqui McLachlan.

"Wesley Mission Housing came on board with the blessing of the Parramatta/Nepean Presbytery to manage the property and provide older women in danger of homelessness with appropriate accommodation," said Dennis.

"Our project group has already gained wide community support and offers of donations."

Dennis, a member of the Rotary Club of Kenthurst, said the project had the support of service groups such as local Rotary clubs, Men's Shed and the women's service group Soroptimist International - The Hills which organised a well-attended forum at Norwest on older women and homelessness in March 2020.

At the forum Bev Baker from The Older Women's Network said the face of homelessness had been changing in Australia.

"As the Older women's network, we know that older women over the age of 55 are one paycheck away from not being able to pay their rent. "These are women who have worked all their lives, they retire with less super ..., priority housing is not given to women until they are over the age of 80 but the grim reality is there is not enough housing stock."

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Fundraising evening**  
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Special guest **NSW Police Commissioner Karen Webb APM.**  
 The first female to hold the position in almost 160 years. Her focuses include victims of crime – especially those affected by child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence as well as on community engagement.

All funds raised on the night will go to support transitional housing for older women as well as DV support programs in the Hills.

Rydges Norwest, Columbia Court, Norwest.

Tickets: \$60 (includes canapés and drinks).  
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# Locals Win World Best Vodka

by JOSH KERWICK

The 2023 World Vodka awards recently presented the honour of World's Best Infused/Botanical Vodka to Karu Distillery, an independent distillery located in Grose Vale that overlooks the Devils Wilderness, for their highly acclaimed Morita Chipotle Vodka.

This award certainly isn't the first accolade that Karu Distillery has won. Married couple Ally and Nick Ayres started independently distilling spirits under the Karu banner in 2018. Since then, the two have received over 70 accolades globally for their gins and Morita; the vodka alone has earned multiple awards in the last two years, including Double Gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

Ally, head distiller at Karu and a lifetime Hawkesbury local, says that Morita Chipotle began as a personal project for her and Nick to use in their own cocktails. However, they soon realised that Morita could fill a gap in the bartending market after monitoring forums and reading that many people were no longer after tequila in their cocktails like margaritas, but vodka.

The pair got back to work on Morita, Ally being the one to fully develop the recipe into the award-winning concoction it is today. The spirit was an instant hit with bartenders, she says; "They love it, because it can be so versatile!"

Inspired by the couple's love of Mexican food, Morita is infused with two types of chillis. It isn't a spicy spirit, though, thanks to the rigorous deseeding of the chillis before distillation. Add in an eclectic mix of ingredients including agave syrup and green capsicum and the result is a vodka that's equal parts smooth, smokey and flexible.

The Karu Distillery operates on the beautiful acreage of Ally's aunt and uncle, and was always intended to be in the Hawkesbury region from inception. "It was important for us to be in the Hawkesbury because I've been a local here for so long. When you live in the Hawkesbury, the whole Hawkesbury is your home," Ally says.

The landscape surrounding Karu Distillery plays a huge role in its operation. Many

botanicals required for the spirits are grown in a garden on-site, and the UV-treated rainwater used to cut down the drinks makes a huge difference in the quality of the final product. Run-ins with wildlife are common, as are visits to the on-site lookout into the expanse of the gorgeous Devils Wilderness.

Despite their success, Karu has been directly affected by many of the challenges created by the pandemic and natural disasters in recent years. During the 2019 fires, their first ever batch of rum barrels had to be evacuated from the property while they were being aged to market standard. Morita Chipotle was released during the second wave of NSW lockdowns in 2021, making it difficult to fully communicate to spirit enthusiasts the vodka's details even while it was winning innovation awards - all this while continuing to expand their team and company.

Yet, regardless of those challenges, Ally is very positive about the hard lessons they've had to learn as both a business and as individual people. All of those tribulations have taught her and Nick a lot. "I'm grateful for learning the lessons. Hopefully by the time we're 50 years old, we'll be genius problem solvers," she adds with a laugh. "We've got something very important, and we've come too far now to let that stuff take us out."

Though the journey has been an intense one, Karu Distillery have countless achievements under their belt. From the moment Ally and Nick won their first award three months after releasing their debut gin, the Karu name has been one associated with prestige and innovation.

Reflecting on the path up to the most recent World Vodka Awards title, Ally says: "Everything that's happened is really unexpected, and ridiculous and fun and wonderful and terrifying,

and to think that it's all happened to the people who were sitting in this seat right now is mental." But the reality speaks for itself, both in Karu's tasty spirits and their spotless international reputation.

Karu Distillery is hosting Autumn Long Lunch on the 2nd of April, an event where you'll be able to try all their spirits in an afternoon of good food and drinks. Be on the lookout for Karu in the community, too, as they plan to hold plenty of tastings all around the area and beyond - more information can be found on their website.

If you're interested in trying the world-class Morita Chipotle Vodka at home, you can order it on Karu's website or from retailers like Dan Murphy's and Cellarbrations. Ally recommends the Camino, a cocktail with lime juice and tamarind syrup. Shake it until it's got a bit of foam on the top, add ice and cracked pepper to finish it off and enjoy. "You can definitely overdo those ones," Ally warns, "So drink responsibly!"



Ally and Nick Ayres



Team at Karu Distillery

## CWA GALSTON

The Country Women's Association is the largest women's organisation in Australia. Funds raised support the welfare of women, children and communities.

On Wednesday 15th March Ann Waters, a Friend of Bella Vista Farm brought her CWA group to the Farm. It was a very successful occasion, enjoying the Devonshire teas provided, a guided tour of the Farm and House conducted by Sharon Rawstron and a walk through the garden, which looked wonderful thanks to the Friends' gardening group. The photo shows Members and Friends enjoying morning tea at Bella Vista Farm.

A Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Saturday morning 29th April outside Bendigo Bank. A vast range of interesting items will be

for sale including cakes, jams, aprons, bags, plants, beanies, and a raffle. All proceeds will be donated to worthy causes.

The Club is always happy to receive yarn and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting. Some Members make delicious jams and pickles for fund-raising and any garden fruit that is surplus to one's needs would always be gratefully received. Visitors are welcome at our meetings and craft days.

More details from Jann - 0439 222 217 or Patricia - 0412 948 787



Morning Tea at Bella Vista Farm



out and about  
with MICHELLE BYRNE

# Governor Phillip Park

Set on the banks of the beautiful Hawkesbury River sits Governor Phillip Park – an “awesome” park for kids and families according to my 7-year-old twins, Maddie and Alexis.



Windsor or “the little town on the river” as Maddie refers to it as, has fast become a favourite destination for us. We have visited several times and explored the township, the Australiana Village, and the Windsor Regional Museum. We have walked along the river and through the town centre looking at the boutique shops and enjoying visits to the ice cream shops as well as Lollies n Stuff, Sydney’s largest lolly shop.

Being a warm autumn day, we decided to visit Governor Phillip Park after our usual visit to Windsor for ice-cream. Named after Governor Phillip, the first Governor of the Colony of NSW South Wales, this park is no ordinary park and it is easy to see the history of the Hawkesbury reflected in the design of the playground.

The blue soft fall surface that winds through the fully fenced playground represents the Hawkesbury River. The sandstone fort with a slide, a tunnel underneath and a climbing mound up the side along with the large sandstone bricks around the playground pay homage to Windsor and the early colonial days. The net tunnel represents fishing by local Aboriginal people in the river and creeks in the region.

The playground also focuses on nature play with logs and sandstone stepping stones as well a focus on animals including 3 large metal cicadas to climb on and a large lizard that wraps around in-ground trampolines. Smaller metal animals such as frogs, crabs and bats are hidden around the playground for children to find. A bird nest swing is also provided.

The park was also designed in consultation with the Touched by Olivia foundation and as a result is an inclusive playground that children of all abilities and ages can enjoy together. Sensory play is provided with musical chimes, merry-go-round, chalk boards (BYO chalk), mirrors as well as an easily accessible water play area with a water fountain in the middle with several more spouts coming up from the ground.

Outside of the fenced playground are two flying foxes as well as large, sheltered picnic table areas with electric BBQs. There are plenty of large grassy areas along with toilets as well as walking/cycle paths. It is a fantastic place for family and friends to enjoy a catch up or celebration particularly with the sparkling Hawkesbury River as a backdrop.

Governor Phillip Park is now one of our favourite parks in the region. For me it is about the history reflected in the park and for Maddie and Alexis it is just an “awesome park” with lots of water and close to the best ice-cream and lolly shops in Sydney.





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# Modern Slavery By BEV JORDAN

For many people, slavery is something that used to happen long ago and yet figures from 2022 released by the International Labour Organisation state that 50 million people are trapped in modern slavery and that includes thousands of people in Australia.

Hills resident Anna Ruth was shocked when she first heard about modern slavery 15 years ago. "I was living in a bubble...I had no idea," she said.

Modern slavery includes forced labour, debt bondage, human trafficking, deceptive recruitment, forced marriage, slavery, worst forms of child labour and servitude by Anti-Slavery Australia.

According to the Global Estimates of Modern Slavery, in 2022 20 million women were living in forced marriages, two out of five under the age of 18.

The Global Slavery Index also estimated that in 2018 there were 15,000 people in modern slavery in Australia with forced marriages and dowry abuse seen as a growing problem.

After years of wondering how she could help, Anna left her job in the corporate world and has made it her mission to end human trafficking and modern slavery with the foundation of the not-for-profit organisation: Freedom For Humanity. The aim is to end slavery through education by funding educational scholarships for people escaping slavery.

Anna herself has three degrees and says: I see education as the key to freedom ... it empowers you to become resourceful and stand on your own two feet.

"It's about creating a pathway and opportunities that otherwise they may never have had. By helping one person you are empowering a whole family and a whole community," she said.

The scholarships are a way of supporting rescued victims to regain their independence and dignity through education and gainful employment.

Anna said the shocking figures about modern slavery reveal that estimated numbers have increased by 10 million people in just six years.

"One in four victims are children," she said.

Figures show that modern slavery is a 150 billion dollars business. High levels of slavery globally, are seen in the technology, fashion and construction industries.



Sahera Sumar, Anna Ruth and Patricia Garcia at the Freedom for Humanity breakfast in Castle Hill earlier this month.

Freedom For Humanity is committed to working with companies to ensure that their supply chains are not using child labour or slaves.

Anna says the organisation is always looking for volunteers and donations are always welcome towards scholarships.

Her most recent awareness event was held at The Hills Lodge to celebrate International Women's Day. The keynote speaker was human rights activist Patricia Garcia who has spent more than 20 years working in some of the world's most dangerous conflict zones including Afghanistan, Sudan and Burma.

The next event is - The Freedom for Humanity Gala Ball which will be held in Sydney on Thursday, June 22nd.

For more information about Freedom for Humanity visit [freedomforhumanity.org.au](http://freedomforhumanity.org.au)



Members of SI – The Hills embracing equity.



Rosanna Barbero, Aarya Sambyal and Mia Fogolin

## Young Voices

Embrace equity was the theme of this Year's International Women's Day and from breakfast to dinner, organisers did just that. Students from Castle Hill High and Our Lady of Mercy at Parramatta joined a capacity crowd at the IWD breakfast organised by Soroptimist International – The Hills at Rydges Norwest.

Keynote speaker was Rosanna Barbero from the Addison Road Community Centre who said food security was one of the biggest challenges facing people. A car full of pantry items was donated to Rosanna to take back with her. Students Aarya Sambyal (Castle Hill High) and Mia Fogolin (OLMC) gave inspiring addresses.

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# Ready, Steady Play

A brand new sporting complex at Stringer Road, North Kellyville is a step closer to construction following a decision at a recent Hills Shire Council meeting.

Councillors have awarded the tender to build the Stringer Road Reserve at North Kellyville. The suburb will see an additional 6,500 homes built by 2036, and many more people and families moving into the area.

The new complex is proposed to include four multipurpose natural turf fields, that could accommodate soccer and AFL during the winter and can be utilised as a cricket oval in summer.

There will be two full-size multipurpose basketball courts, cricket practice nets, a children's playground, as well as an amenities building, carpark, and specialist lighting, irrigation and drainage.

A perimeter pathway will complete the overall design, and provide access to the onsite facilities and connect to the greater Shire-wide footpath network - making it even easier to walk or cycle to and from the Reserve.

Hills Shire Mayor, Dr Peter Gangemi said: "The North Kellyville community are very excited about Stringer Road Reserve, so the awarding of the tender is wonderful news for local residents.



"North Kellyville is one of our fastest growing suburbs in the Shire.

"Having these plans moving forward will ensure that we will have the facilities in place to cater for this growth. More importantly, it will allow Council to build a dedicated space that supports healthy and active lifestyles, and encourages social connection and interaction for the entire community through sport and passive recreation."

Stringer Road Reserve is one of a number of parks and reserves that has been planned by Council to be built in North Kellyville, including Withers Road Reserve, which is proposed to include a nature themed playground, picnic areas, shared pathways and a dedicated kick-about space.

The new Samantha Riley Reserve is already under construction, as well as two new playgrounds, including one at Deepwater Circuit Reserve and the other located at Kumbatine Circuit Reserve.

The Samantha Riley Drive Reserve at North Kellyville is due to be completed by the second half of 2023, weather permitting. It will include four multi-purpose turf sports fields that can also be reconfigured into two ovals. The new family-themed facility will also include cricket practice nets, a basketball half court, and a children's playground with picnic settings. It will have a separate amenities building with accessible toilets, change rooms, kiosk, referee room and storage, as well as a 200 space carpark.

# Landen's Home & Land Packages in Marsden Park

Landen's home and land packages in Marsden Park are proving to be a popular choice among home buyers and investors thanks to its established transport links and amenities. With easy access to the M7 Motorway and Schofields Train Station, its convenient location close to Sydney Business Park, various education, lifestyle and shopping options, Marsden Park has emerged into a flourishing community.

## Why you should consider investing in Marsden Park

Marsden Park is growing from strength to strength because it offers families the best of both worlds. The opportunity to purchase an affordable yet quality home in a safe and vibrant neighbourhood, while also maintaining easy connections to the city and key employment hubs. Sydney's CBD is approximately 47 km away, central Parramatta is 26 km away and Norwest Business Park is just 13 km away by car.

With plenty of exciting infrastructure already in the pipeline for Marsden Park, in particular the completion of Sydney Business Park, interest in the area will undoubtedly increase local property values with more people seeking quality residences within an easy commute of the employment hub.

## About the packages

Landen is currently offering a \$100K super saving off a limited number of home and land packages in Marsden Park. All homes feature

4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and a single garage. Boasting premium inclusions and a selection of attractive facades, don't miss this opportunity to secure your new home at a discounted price.

With prices starting from \$975,385, if you are looking to secure your first home, this could be the perfect opportunity. You may be eligible to take advantage of the concessions available through the first home buyer scheme. You have potential to pay a discounted stamp duty or opt in for government's new annual land tax scheme.

Landen's Head of Property, Shane Harding says, "Our Marsden Park development provides buyers with a range of suitable home and land packages to suite all lifestyles, and when you purchase a home and land package from us, you get to select your preferred block, layout and design. This \$100K super savings won't last long and is a great opportunity for both homebuyers and investors."

If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer and purchasing a home and land package in Marsden, contact us today. Call 1300 303 652 or email [hello@landen.com.au](mailto:hello@landen.com.au).

See advertisement on back page.



# Caring for Your Older Pet

As our furry friends age, it is so important to make sure that we are providing them with the best care possible. It can be difficult to know how to do this when our beloved pets enter their senior years.

Though there are many things that you can do to make sure your pet is living a happy and comfortable life, here are some essential tips on caring for older pets.

**Regular Vet Check-Ups.** Just like humans, as our pets age they need more frequent check-ups with their vet. Many health problems can develop quickly and without any warning signs, so regular vet visits become even more important. Your vet will be able to assess your pet's overall health and recommend treatments or lifestyle changes if needed. They may also suggest supplements, medications or vaccinations that can give your pet extra protection and comfort as they grow older.

**Adjust Diet and Exercise Regimen.** As pets age, their dietary needs change as well. Older pets may require different levels of protein, carbohydrates, and fats than when they were younger. In addition, exercise should be adjusted based on your pet's age and activity level. Make sure you talk to your vet about what diet and exercise routine is best for your aging pet before making any changes on your own!

**Provide Comfort & Companionship.** An older pet's needs don't stop at physical health; mental health is just as important! Providing comfort and companionship will help keep them feeling

happy and loved as they age gracefully. This could mean anything from giving them extra cuddles each day to getting them a companion (if applicable). If you work all day or travel frequently, leaving an interactive toy or two in the home may provide some entertainment while you're away - just make sure it doesn't get too noisy!

Caring for an older pet requires a bit of extra effort but can be incredibly rewarding! Regular vet check-ups, an appropriate diet & exercise regimen (as recommended by a professional), and lots of love will go a long way in ensuring that your senior furry friend remains healthy & happy. Taking these simple steps will ensure that both you and your aging pet enjoy quality time together for years to come!

Senior Pets are the focus during March and April at Sydney Animal Hospitals with the opportunity for your pet to have a geriatric profile blood test, laser therapy, Arthritis Support Medication and Hill's Pet Nutrition senior food ranges all at a reduced price.

If you have a senior pet, contact your local Sydney Animal Hospitals at Kellyville 8883 0533 or Norwest 8883 0411 to discuss how we can help your pet.

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# 62 Animals Rescued In One Week

by JOSH KERWICK

If you're looking to bring a new furry friend into your home, consider adopting at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter before you shop.

The Shelter has seen a huge number of 62 animals - 40 cats and 22 dogs - adopted in the last week alone by kind-hearted members of our community.

According to the Companion Animal Network of Australia, adopting a rescue animal has a high number of benefits over buying from a normal pet shop. Many animals are already house-trained and ready to socialise, and you'll be helping to create a more humane culture around pets.

Hawkesbury Mayor Sarah McMahon is encouraging readers to provide forever homes

for these beautiful animals at the Shelter.

"Hawkesbury City Council receives cats and dogs from the five local government areas: Cumberland, Penrith, Hornsby, The Hills and Hawkesbury," she said. "Our Shelter staff are always happy to answer any questions you may have about caring for dogs and cats or what their personalities are like to find one that suits you."

At Hills to Hawkesbury Community News, we've run the Pets of the Week spotlight for four years. We do this in the belief that it is of benefit to both rescue animals and potential adopters. "We love supporting the Hawkesbury

Companion Animal Shelter and hope to give these lovely animals another chance at life," our Publisher Diana Paton said.

Pets of the Weeks can be taken home from the Shelter for as low as \$29. If you're interested in meeting any of the animals featured in this issue, the Shelter is open to visitors every day of the week at these times:

- Monday to Friday 9am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 4.30pm
- Saturday 9.30am - 11.30am
- Sunday 7am - 9.30am

All pets from the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter come fully desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and lifetime registered with the Council before they leave. The Council encourages potential adopters to remember that pet ownership is a lifelong commitment, and that current Pets of the Week are available for adoption at time of printing.



The Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter is at 10 Mulgrave Rd, Mulgrave. Call 4560 4644 or visit Hawkesbury Council's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/hawkesburycitycouncil](http://www.facebook.com/hawkesburycitycouncil)



**AT A GLANCE**

NAME: ROXY  
SEX: Female  
BREED: Rottweiler cross German Shepherd  
AGE: 9 years  
PRICE: \$49



**ROXY** is a lovely older girl with lots of love to give. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say that Roxy enjoys playing fetch with her toys and has been quite social towards the other dogs at the shelter. If you are interested in adopting Roxy please visit the animal shelter and come and meet her. As this week's featured dog her adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life-time council registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

**PONCHO** is an active friendly boy who is looking for an active family to have fun with. Poncho has been good with the other dogs while playing next to him in the exercise run. If you are interested in adopting Poncho, please come to the shelter with your family dog and the children to meet him just so we can be sure they are all going to get on well together.

**AT A GLANCE**

NAME: PONCHO  
SEX: Male  
BREED: Staffy  
AGE: 2 years  
PRICE: \$49



**AT A GLANCE**

NAME: JELLY  
SEX: Male  
BREED: English Bull Terrier Cross  
AGE: 3 yrs, 9 mos  
PRICE: \$49



**JELLY** is a happy loving girl, who just loves to be with you. In fact, her tail never stops wagging when she sees a human! She is responsive to commands, but still may need a little extra training to improve her skills. If you think that our little Jelly is the sweet dog you are looking for, then please come down to the shelter to meet her.

Jelly is been in the shelter for 112 days (22 March)

**ZORRO** is a 4-year-old domestic medium hair cat who is an outgoing and friendly boy, According to the staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, Zorro absolutely loves attention and loves running around your legs. He is always waiting at the gate for a visitor. If you have been looking for a super affectionate cat to join your family, definitely come and meet Zorro. As cat of the week Zorro's adoption price has been reduced to \$29. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping, desexing and life-time registration.

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**AT A GLANCE**

NAME: ZORRO  
SEX: Male  
BREED: Domestic Medium Hair  
AGE: 4 years  
PRICE: \$29



Discover the facts about

## Fred Caterson Reserve Master Plan

The Hills Shire Council is progressing a Master Plan to enhance Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill, to cater for existing and future residents including the more than 11,000 people predicted to move to the nearby Showground Station precinct within the next 10 to 15 years. The Draft Master Plan was reported to Council in July 2020 and placed on public exhibition from 12 August to 11 September 2020 for viewing and comment.

Together with the exhibition of the Master Plan, Council invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) in August 2020 for the establishment, management and maintenance of a premier rugby union facility and resolved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club. The MOU is non-binding and Council plans to provide the facility for the community even if the ultimate user of the site does not end up being the club.

The Fred Caterson Reserve Master Plan was adopted by Council on 24 November 2020, with the aim of providing premier sport and recreation infrastructure while maintaining ecological communities within and around the reserve.

The Master Plan identifies future upgrades including:

- Development of the former pony club site into a premier rugby union facility consisting of up to three fields with the main field for high competition level rugby in accordance with Council's Recreation Strategy
- Expansion of the Tennis Centre from 10 to 14 courts
- Expansion of Field 6 to a full-size football (soccer) field, incorporating the relocation of the car park
- Improved pathway network and spectator facility upgrades to the radio control car track.

- Improved facilities for the BMX track
- Upgraded facilities for Fields 1, 2, 3 and 5 (baseball)
- A range of other possible features across the site, and
- Conservation of the reserve's ecological communities through revegetation and restoration activities.

The Master Plan represents Council's vision for the site on behalf of the community and is subject to further detailed investigation, design, funding and planning processes before becoming a reality.

### A Premier Rugby Union Facility

One of the upgrades planned for Fred Caterson Reserve is the construction of a premier rugby union facility. It is proposed that this will be home to Eastwood District Rugby Union Football Club, which provides a pathway to elite rugby for much of North and North-Western Sydney, including The Hills, through affiliated junior clubs and senior representation.

As well as this partnership, Council is committed to ensuring high levels of community access. Partnering will allow embellishment of the complex to a higher standard for the community than what would otherwise be possible.

The site occupies approximately 6.8ha of the total 58ha Fred Caterson Reserve. It is estimated that approximately 4.2ha of the site is currently cleared, with an anticipated 10 per cent (approx. 0.7ha) to be further cleared to deliver the three playing fields and associated amenities.

Ecological assessments and an arboricultural report aim to retain the majority of the critically endangered ecological community in the north-east of the site and







*Indicative vegetation footprint of the site. Vegetation to be retained is shown in green, whilst vegetation to be removed is shown in red.*

minimize the disturbance to the Sydney Hinterland Transition Woodland to the south-east.

It is estimated only a very small number trees will require removal.

The majority of tree removal is from the western end of the site, which are species not identified with any endangered or threatened community.

Planning and design is currently in progress with the final design to be informed by further studies including site survey, geotechnical assessment, ecology, traffic, noise and heritage assessments. This will ensure that the facility will be designed in accordance with environmental standards.

Works, if constructed by Council, will be carried out under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport

and Infrastructure) 2021 and accompanied by Review of Environmental Factors once all preliminary studies and designs are completed. Depending on approval pathways and the final version of the works, further opportunities will be available for comment.

These base-level works will be funded by Council through developer contributions from the neighbouring Showground Precinct. Should the Rugby Club propose further works to bring the site to a premier level facility, these will be funded by the club and may be subject to a future Development Application (DA). The community would be notified and provided opportunities to make submissions in response to any proposed DA.

The Hills Shire Council and Fred Caterson Reserve user groups are currently pursuing funding for other Master Plan items.

For detailed information, visit Council's website [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for Fred Caterson reserve Master Plan.

### Making a Submission to Council?

Any person may make a submission to Council. Submissions which obtain objections must be specific in their content. Council's preferred method of receiving submissions is via Council's website through each exhibition's online submission form. To view current exhibitions, search for 'Have Your Say.'

### Council Meetings

Tuesday, 11 April 2023 – 7pm

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# National parkrun road trip heads to The Ponds

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

Hundreds are expected to descend at The Ponds Community Hub on Saturday, April 1, to participate in the first ever national parkrun event. The Ponds community have been involved with their weekly parkrun event for years but this is the first time they are a part of Australia's inaugural national trip, which was launched in Melbourne in February. The 5km event, which is open to everyone, is scheduled to start at 8am.

The Ponds is being given pride of place as one of just 12 locations across the country as the Medibank-backed parkrun traverses the country before ending up in beautiful Cairns, Queensland, on July 1.

There will be a lounge pop-up at The Ponds Community Hub, offering healthy breakfast snacks, massages, tee-shirt and singlet giveaways and more. Medibank Live Better Ambassadors Tim Robards and Emily Toner are scheduled to attend the event.

The parkrun is a free 5km community event with children and families joining the weekly events at various venues across NSW, including The Ponds. From a humble start in Australia, parkrun (which originally began in London with just 13 runners in 2004), now has more than 850,000 participants across the nation. It is held every Saturday morning at more than 450

locations. Parkrun is now held in 22 countries

Medibank Group Executive, Customer and Brands, Rob Deeming, said the parkrun "creates an opportunity for regular exercise and social connection, which are so important for our overall wellbeing".

According to research, 13 per cent of those taking part in the parkrun are walkers. The national tour aims to encourage more people to get active and connected with their local communities through physical activity, including volunteering. Tim Robards said he is a huge fan of parkrun and wants others to give it a try.

"You can get your friends together and make it a healthy catchup rather than a beer at the pub and you're able to participate at any fitness level," Robards said.

"Whether you're just starting out, or a regular participant, parkrun is designed to help make exercise and community engagement accessible, affordable, and fun for Aussies of all ages and abilities."

Details: To know more about the local parkruns, visit here for more information and to find your nearest parkrun.



Families are very much a part of the parkruns.



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Do you love writing? Do you have a story to tell? Living Stories is your opportunity to share your story!

Both Hills Shire Library Service and Hawkesbury Library Service are now accepting entries in the form of poems, personal essays and stories on this year's theme 'the other city'. In conjunction with WestWords and WestLit Libraries, Living Stories 2023 presents a writing competition for Western Sydney residents with a prize pool of over \$10,000.

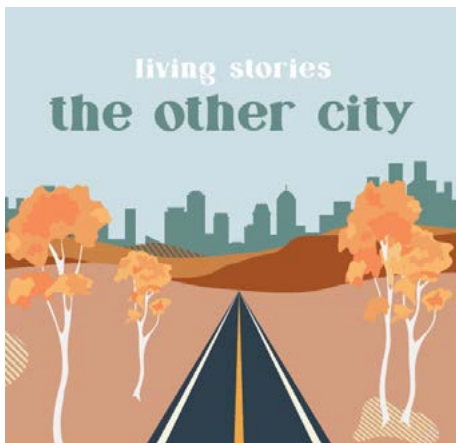
This is an opportunity to express yourself by submitting a short story, poem or essay responding to the theme 'the other city'. Entries will be judged locally, with regional winners going on to vie for the overall prize in each category. Categories for entry are 10-12 years, 13-15 years, 16-18 years and adults (18+).

All regional winners and highly commended entries will, in addition to a cash prize, have their work published in an anthology entitled *Living Stories*.

Entries opened last Friday 17 March and will close midnight, Sunday 30 April 2023, and must be submitted online.

### Living stories: The Workshops

As part of the 2023 Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize, WestWords and WestLit are offering free creative writing workshops



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at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor. The Hawkesbury workshops are customised to each specific age and are intended to help writers gain confidence and skills in their creative writing. Numbers for these free workshops are limited and priority will be given to participants from within the Hawkesbury region.

- 10-12 years – Fri, 14 April, 10.30am - midday
- 13-15 years – Fri, 14 April, 12.30pm - 2pm
- 16-18 years – Sat, 15 April, 10.30am-midday
- Adults – Sat, 15 April, 12.30pm- 2pm

Bookings are essential via [www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com) or contact Library staff on 4560 4460 for more information or visit [www.westwords.com.au/living-stories](http://www.westwords.com.au/living-stories).



The Hills Shire Library Service will be running creative writing workshops during the month of April to help local entrants craft their pieces. The Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi said he was proud Hills Shire Council was getting behind this wonderful initiative.

"Council wants to give our up-and-coming writers every opportunity to showcase their work to a wider audience. We also want to help them develop and grow their writing abilities. I highly encourage our residents to put their writing caps on, sign-up to a creative writing workshop and send their entries in. I wish our entrants the very best of luck," Mayor Gangemi added.

The four age categories that people can enter are: 10-12 years; 13-15 years; 16-18 years; and adults (18+).

Entries will be judged by local judging panels. The winners from these panels will then vie for the top prize against winners from other local government areas in Western Sydney. Local winners and highly commended entries in each category will be announced in June, with the overall winners of the Western Sydney competition then being announced in July 2023.

Entries close midnight, Sunday, April 30 and can be submitted online via the WestWords website, [www.westwords.com.au](http://www.westwords.com.au)

## DURAL SCOUT'S BOAT HIKE

Scout Emily Symons is working her way towards achieving the Australian Scout Award (formerly Medallion). This is the highest level badge a member of the Scout Section can earn. To receive the Australian Scout Award a scout must complete a number of milestones and projects, a Leadership course and lead other scouts in a 3-day, 2-night Adventurous Journey.

To achieve the requirements for her Adventurous Journey Emily recently led three fellow scouts on a 3-day boat hike. In Emily's own words:

"We set out on the first morning at 6:30am from Berowra Waters in a tinny propelled by an outboard motor. By 7:30 we arrived at Twin Beaches and set up camp on the shore. We built a campfire where we later cooked our dinner before retiring for the night. The next morning after breakfast we went for a swim and built a rope swing for fun. At 10:30 we left Twin Beaches and headed up the river to Marramarra, where we spent some time exploring and found a nice little creek and constructed another rope swing. In the morning we left Marramarra and headed back to Berowra Waters, stopping at Twin Beaches for lunch. Next time I would double check the tide charts before setting out, as there is no phone reception at Marramarra."

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

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# Easter Fun at Bella Vista Farm

Bella Vista Farm Open Day is on Sunday 2nd April, 9am-2pm. The Friends of Bella Vista Farm welcome visitors to join in Easter celebrations, along with the Mayor of Hills Shire Council, Dr Peter Gangemi.

While places are now sold out for the Easter Egg Hunt, adults and children do not need to register for the remainder of the day's fantastic activities. The Friends of Bella Vista Farm will be conducting homestead tours (a gold coin donation), giving spinning demonstrations using wool from the Farm's sheep. Visitors can relax in the delightful garden setting listening to music played by members of the Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra whilst indulging in a Devonshire Tea, a 'hot' cross bun or a BBQ sausage with onions and Kathryn's delicious homemade chilli jam. For the kids, there is Easter story time, Easter craft, face painting and a very special visit from the Easter Bunny who will be taking time out of his day to see all the kids.

On Sunday, 2nd April from 0900 – 1400. Come and visit the Farm and experience an enjoyable and historic day out. Corner Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and Norwest Boulevard, Bella Vista. Public transport is nearby with Buses – 664, 665, 730; Metro or Train.



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# Going to the TIVOLI

One memory I have of the past is, as a teenager, going with my parents to the Tivoli Theatre in Sydney.

Tivoli Theatre

My parents were ten-pound Poms, as they were called in the 50's, and as such they enjoyed the British humour of visiting artists to this country. The occasion that I recall mostly was the appearance of Max Bygraves on the stage at the Tivoli in 1965. He called to the audience "Anyone from Manchester?" (we came from Bristol) and a number of hands shot up to which he then said to those who raised their hands "It's still raining". Which got the audience laughing as we were all in sunny Sydney.

The Tivoli Circuit was an Australian live theatre which started life in 1893, founded by English comedian Harry Rickards. The theatre was mostly known for its Vaudeville, Black & White Minstral shows and Pantomines. Max Bygraves (who later moved to Australia and lived on the Gold Coast, dying in 2012) was continuing the type of programming that had made the Tivoli a household name here. The theatres in both Sydney and Melbourne were affectionately known as "The Tiv".

Harry Rickards was born Harry Benjamin Leete in London in 1841, His niece, Katie Lawrence described him as "as bit showy" saying that he "had diamonds instead of buttons down his shirt".

The "House Full" signs went up for the final show on the 26th March 1966. In that final

audience were many notable performers who had appeared on stage over the many years that the Tivoli was operating and, in some cases, the spouses of those who had passed on to show their appreciation of the Tivoli. Amongst the 1,800 patrons were such notables as Queenie Paul (who also served in management in 1932), Evie Hayes and Sadie Gale (widow of Roy Rene aka "Mo"), whilst Gwen Plumb went on stage to make a speech. English comedian Jimmy Edwards, in his closing speech, said "I don't relish the distinction of being known as the man who closed the Tiv. Music hall's dead in Britain. Now this one's dead there's nowhere to go. I'll either become a character comedian or a pauper" Jimmy Edwards passed away in 1988.

The end of an era had come and gone and Channel 9 telecast the second half of the final show to the wider national audience on the Nine Network.

Along with my memories of going to "The Tiv" back in those days of what was to become the swinging sixties, is the fact of family connections with the "Tiv". My wife's Great Aunt, Winnie Gill, held the very responsible and highly regarded role of wardrobe mistress. In the book "Tivoli" by Frank Van Straten he tells of her as starting as an assistant in the wardrobe at the Sydney Tivoli in the Connor & Paul days of the 1930's. In August 1949, on

the departure of long-serving Barbara Mackay she was promoted to head the wardrobe in Melbourne. Frank Van Straten goes on to say in his book, "Loved by several generations of chorus and ballet girls, Winnie supervised the Tivoli's costumes until the (Tivoli) Circuit closed." Winnie had to be much more than a dressmaker. Her duties included millinery, wig-making and was a first-class buyer (buying materials by the hundreds of yards) and was required to improvise, often transforming costumes from one play to another. Probably one of the most well-known stars dressed by Winnie was Sabrina. Winnie moved to the London Tivoli (a separate entity) in the mid 50's until her retirement in the late 70's when she retired to Sydney. Upon leaving London, and unable to bring her aging pet dog home with her, she left it in the care of her close friend and neighbour, Danny La Rue.

Auntie Win had worked and dressed many famous performers or actors during her time at the Tiv. Win was also much loved by my wife and was one of her favourite relatives. I first met her when we visited her at home in Monterey NSW and found her very charming and likeable. Her name appeared on the programmes of the Tivoli for many of the shows, including the final show that appeared on the stage of theatre "One Dam' Thing After Another".

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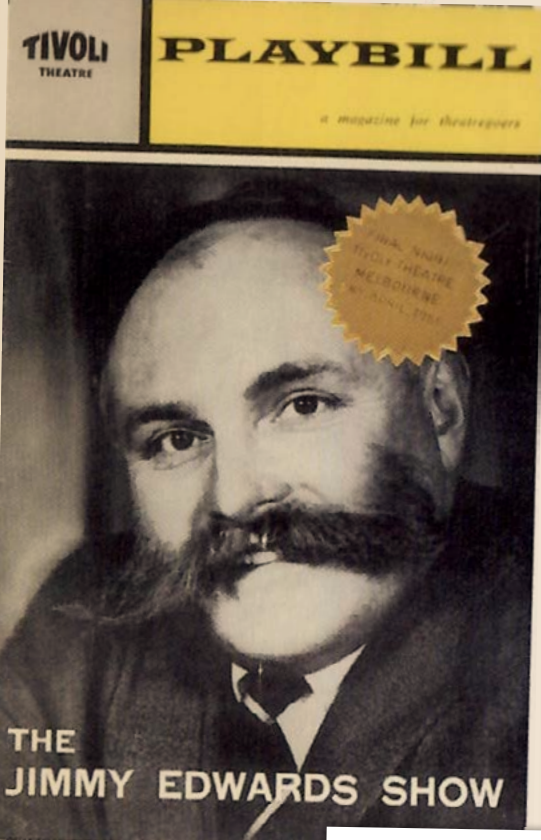
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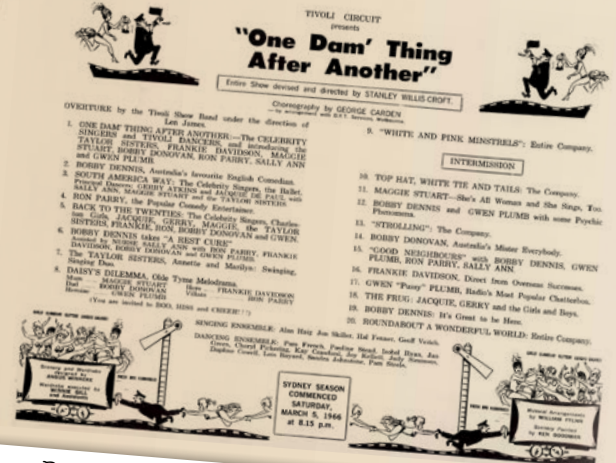
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# Daniel rides the Waves at Australia titles

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

**Daniel Carter lit up the 2023 Australian Open Water Championships with two barnstorming gold medals to power himself and the new Waves Fitness And Aquatic Centre into national recognition.**

Daniel won the boys 16 years titles in the 7.5km and 5km Open categories at Busselton, WA, last month while braving stingers and a very strong field. He was third and fourth overall in the 7.5km and 5km races, which featured 17-year-olds.

Thanks to his exceptional results, Daniel made the Swimming Australia Open Water Flippers Squad. His delighted Waves coach Josh Stapley said National Flippers Squad members are recognised by Swimming Australia as being capable of transitioning into the senior national team and achieving podium performances within four to six years. "It is a huge achievement for Daniel to make an Australian team," Stapley said.

It sealed Daniel's form at the previous Australian Open Water Championships - he claimed silver in the 15 years 5km in 2022, and gold in the 14 years 5km in 2021. Daniel also won two titles at the NSW Open Water Championships.

His team-mate Charlotte Brown captured bronze in the girls 18 years 5km event, having taken silver at the gruelling 10km at the NSW Open Water event. In the 2021 Championships, Charlotte took silver in the 16 years 5km.

Stapley said this was a fantastic effort from his Gold Squad, which is the top tier team at Waves. "With Waves only opening in September 2022, this is a completely new squad, with athletes coming from right across The Hills to train out our new state-of-the-art facility," Stapley said.

"All my (nine) swimmers did a great job and that's put down to their love and dedication to their sport. They are in the pool at 6am every morning and training hard, and they are achieving everything that they have dreamed of," Stapley added.

The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi said: "Hills residents are so proud of our Gold Squad for their amazing results. This is a testament to our squad swimmers ... as well as our hard-working head swim coach Josh Stapley and the world class facilities at our revitalised Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre in Baulkham Hills."

At the NSW Senior Age Championships, Waves won one gold, three silvers, and two bronze medals. The highly-regarded Callum Thomas won gold in the boys 18 years 50m backstroke and bronze in the 100m backstroke.



Daniel Carter with his Waves head coach Josh Stapley.

Caleb Yago grabbed silver in the 50m and 100 butterfly events (boys 16 years), while Daniel Carter grabbed silver in the 1500m freestyle (boys 15yrs). Ruben Langley won bronze in the 1500m freestyle (boys 15yrs).

"The major event my squad is training for is the Swimming Australia National Age and National Open Championships in April," Stapley said. "Daniel, Callum, and Caleb will go into the event ranked very highly and will be chasing medals, while others be looking at qualifying for finals."

Stapley said some will then focus on the Australian Trials in June to select the team for the World Championships: "Callum Thomas is shaping as a major up-and-comer in the 20m backstroke and will look to make himself known to the Australian Team at the Trials."

# Hills United teams in goal-hungry moods

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

**Hills United men's and women's teams are setting impressive standards in their respective NSW football competitions.**

The Hills United Men's League One side, coached by Luke Casserly, is enjoying a strong start to their season with five wins, one draw and one loss after seven rounds. Last Saturday, they defeated Northern Tigers 1-0 on Saturday, thanks to a 13th-minute goal by Cameron Philp in their seventh round clash.

Their only loss has come at the hands of Inter Lions FC on February 28, when they went down 2-1. Hills United's strikers have been on song with scores of 4-1 against Central Coast United, 3-2 over SD Raiders, 3-0 past Rydalmere Lions, and 3-2 against Dunbar Rovers. They lie second in the standings behind St George on goal difference with both clubs having 16 points apiece.

Their under-20 team has also had an impressive run in their seven matches, which is a positive sign for the club's youth division. They have won out of seven and are third off the pace.

The Hills women's League One team are continuing where they left off last season when they narrowly lost the grand final by a solitary goal. In their opening match, Hills United, coached by Allan Tasses, hammered seven goals past hapless South Coast Flame who scored just one in reply.

Imogen Lane led the way with a hat-trick after the flood gates were opened by Stefanie Trovato just before half-time. Isabella Sciberras, Bella Donaldson and Bianca Galayini were others who found the net for Hills.

In their second game last Sunday at their Bella Vista Public School ground, Hills were held to a 2-2 draw by UNSW FC. Isabella Sciberras fired in a brace within five minutes to give Hills United a 2-1 lead until the 86th minute when UNSW equalised.

Hills United (4) are second on the ladder after two rounds, behind Central Coast Mariners (6).



## BOOST FOR GLENHAVEN FC

Meanwhile, Glenhaven FC, which belongs to the Hills Football Association, will be able to upgrade their home ground thanks to a \$90,000 grant from the NSW Government's Football Legacy Fund. The Hills Shire Council is to add \$200,000 towards the project at Glenhaven Oval to upgrade its lighting.

Glenhaven FC president Bill Kafkis said that planning for growth and demand is key to their club's strategy. "The upgrading of our venue is crucial for the unprecedented growth that will come out of the FIFA Women's World Cup (to be hosted by Australia in July)," he said.



# COMMUNITY groups

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www.gwsrovers.com.au

## Annangrove Environment Centre

02 9654 3571 (Thurs) | 02 9843 0533 (Wed-Fri)  
gnolan@thehills.nsw.gov.au

## Arcadian Quilters

Meet in Galston Community Health Centre 1st and 3rd Wed mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mon. New members welcome  
Carole | 9894 7749

## Bonsai Society of Australia

Club meetings 1st Tues of the month 7.30pm; West Pennant Hills Community Centre, 42 Hill rd West Pennant Hills.  
Ingrid | 0409 963 438

## Castle Hill Art Society

Art practice for artists of all ages, either in groups or classes for adults and children. Monthly demonstrations and workshops by well-known artists. Members can participate in exhibitions during the year.  
9899 3179 (ans. machine)  
www.castlehillartsociety.org.au

## Castle Hill Senior Citizens Club Inc.,

Anyone over 55 welcome to come and play carpet bowls, cards and rummikub. Cnr of McMullen Ave. and Old Northern Road, Castle Hill (opp. new Metro station) with parking at the rear.  
9680 3958  
castlehillseniors@gmail.com

## Combined Probuc Club of Cherrybrook

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Ross | 0411 104 863  
rossfitzpatrick@icloud.com  
www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/cherrybrook/Welcome

## Cumberland Bird Observers Club

The Club conducts 3 outings a month to observe birds in their natural environment. General meetings are held at Castle Hill on the 3rd Tues of the month. New members are always welcome.  
Peter | 0412 770 757 or Cathy 9809 5668  
www.cboc.org.au

## CWA of NSW – Galston Branch

Wed 8th Feb at the Galston Community and Health Centre, cnr The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. 10am followed by our business meeting, and BYO lunch Visitors are very welcome to attend.  
Jann | 0439 222 217 or Patricia | 0412 948 787

## CWA of NSW – Castle Hill Branch

Holds its monthly meeting every 2nd Tuesday at the CWA Hall, 2 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst (off Angus Road) from 10am. We also hold our Craft mornings for members on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10 to 12.  
Maureen | 0411 724 925

## CWA of NSW – Toongabbie Branch.

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at Brigade House, 3 Junia Street, Toongabbie from 10:30am. We also have a social or craft day on the third Tuesday of the month.  
ToongabbieCWA@gmail.com

## Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

Next meeting 21st March 7:00 p.m. for 7:15 p.m at the Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven.  
Denis | 9629 2645 or Graham | 8677 7896

## Dural Country Club Bowls

04 2131 5074

## Dural Men's Shed

04 0247 8498  
www.duralmensshed.org

## East Kurrajong School of Arts

1st Tues each month 10am to 1pm. Bring along any sort of craft activity you're interested in, bring pencil/s or brushes to practice your drawing or painting with Ruth, browse the library for a book to read or simply just relax, have a cuppa and enjoy a chat from 10am to 1pm. Gold coin donation for morning tea.  
Ann | 02 4576 5031

## Embroiderers' Guild NSW Inc

Hawkesbury Group  
Feb 21 meetings Tues 10am-2pm, Tues 28 6-10pm. Stan Stevens Studio at Windsor Library. We have a workshop in Feb – An

Introduction to canvas work (needlepoint tapestry). Experiment with threads and learning stitches. \$5. All welcome. Booking essential as numbers are limited.  
Catherine Delaney | 0413 340 049  
cdelaney1@town.com.au

## Galston VIEW Club

The Galston VIEW Club who raises money for The Smith Family "Learning for Life program" holds its monthly lunch meeting on the 4th Wednesday at The Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston. 11am.  
President Lesley | 0413 996 783

## Girl Guides Australia

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Margo | 0417 657 433.

## Glenhaven Probuc Club Inc

Meets 10 am on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Castle Hill Bowling Club.  
secretary.glenhaven.probus@gmail.com

## Glenwood Men's Shed

Jim | 0438 701 275

## Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail

02 4567 7400  
Leanne@mellowcrest.com  
www.haat.com.au

## Hawkesbury District Agricultural Assn

4577 3591 (BH)  
www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

## Hawkesbury Nepean Chapter of the First Fleeters

Meets on 2nd Saturday of each month.  
Pamela Hempel | 0407 660 579  
www.fffhnc.com

## Hawkesbury West Probuc Club

Meets at 10:15am on the first Monday of each month at Panthers North Richmond. New Members Welcome  
Membership Officer Fay | 0414 341 253  
hawkeswest.probus@gmail.com

## Hawkesbury Woodcraft Cooperative Ltd

9.30am to 2pm Wed. & Sat.  
www.hawkesburywoodcraft.org.au  
Graham | 02 4576 1517

## Hills District Women's Bowling Club

Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills  
9639 2733  
www.thehillswomensbowls.com.au

## Hills Older Men's Network INC

Meets fortnightly on the first and 3rd Mondays of the month, 10am to 12.30pm at Castle Hill. The group is aimed at retired men over the age of 55 and provides an opportunity to chat in a non-judgemental, safe and supportive environment.  
Ron | 0424 462 153  
HillsOMI1@gmail.com

## Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra

Welcomes new players and gig enquiries. Rehearsals Wednesday evenings.  
Chris | 0405 994 605  
info@hillsshiresymphonyorchestra.org.au  
www.hillsshiresymphonyorchestra.org.au

## Hills Toastmasters

Meets every second Tuesday, 7pm. Restore Church: 47 Britannia Rd, Castle Hill. New members welcomed  
Terry | 0488 089 951

## Hills/Toongabbie Music Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays 7.30pm Northmead Scouts Hall 17 Whitehaven Northmead. Beginners to professionals all welcome.  
Allen | 0439 831 531  
allendavisguitar@gmail.com

## Kurrajong Hand Spun Craft

Come and learn a beautiful old craft at North Richmond Community Centre. Friendly group just bring yourself. Thursdays at noon.  
Margaret | 0403 819 165

## Ladies Probuc Club of Baulkham Hills

Meetings 10am, 2nd Wednesday of the month. At The Fiddler, Windsor Road and Commercial Road, Rouse Hill. New Members welcome  
Suzanne Dennis | 0412 424 593  
ladiesprobushh@gmail.com.

## Learning in the Hills

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## Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

Geoff | 0412 969 651

## Lions Club of Windsor Inc

Pam | 0413 395 145

## Macquarie Towns Garden Club

The Club meets at 2 pm on the 1st Thurs of the month, in the Tebbutt Room of Hawkesbury Central Library at Windsor.  
macquarietownsgardenclub.wordpress.com

## National Seniors Australia (Hills Branch)

Meets on the 1st Thurs of every month at Baulkham Hills Sports Club Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills at 9.30am for 10am. New members welcomed.  
May | 0414 634 572  
maybruce@bigpond.com

## North Rocks View Club

Meetings 2nd Thurs each month at 10.30 am. The Vikings Club, 35 Quarry Rd, Dundas Valley.  
Pam | 047 420 4080 or Margaret | 9872 1405

## Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club

We are a breakfast Club and meet every Friday morning at 7.15am. The Rotary Motto is Service Above Self. If you want to meet like-minded people pls join us.  
norwestrotary.org.au

## Pennant Hills Mens Probuc Club

John | 9487 1385

## Pennant Hills Combined Probuc Club

Meets at Hotel Pennant Hills every third Monday of the month at 10am. New members and visitors welcome.  
Lorene | 0429 396594

## Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Club meets for lunch on the 2nd Tues of each month at 11am at Otlands Golf Club. Each meeting consists of a short meeting, a two course meal & an interesting guest speaker. The first meeting for 2023 will be on 14th Feb & will be the AGM & election of officers for the coming year. On the 4th Tues of the month a social outing is organised.  
Margaret | 9873 2402

## Pitt Town Probuc Club

Meets at 10:00am on the 2nd Tues of the month at the Pitt Town and District Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Rd Pitt Town. New members welcome.  
Denise Fairfax | 0435 447 414

## Probuc Club of Round Corner (Dural)

Julie; PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

## Probuc Club of the Hills Inc

Is a mixed club and meets at the Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston on the 2nd Wed of each month commencing at 10.30 am. New members welcome.  
Ken | 02 96296459

## Probuc Club – Glenorie

This Club meets every 4th Wed at 11.00am at Glenorie RSL Club. New members are welcome.  
Wendy | 9653 1022  
wendyireblack@yahoo.com.au

## Probuc Club - Kellyville Castle Hill Mixed

Meets at 10am on 2nd Thurs of each month at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, 11 Renown Road, Baulkham Hills 2153. New members welcome.  
Ian Sandercock | 0419 567 608  
patiansandercock@bigpond.com

## Probuc Combined Castle Hill Club

General meetings 3rd Tues of the month at 10am at Cherrybrook Community Centre.  
Glenys | 0408 160743  
donpye@live.com.au

## Probuc Combined Kellyville Club

Meet 2nd Mon of the month at 10am. At The Glenhaven Community Centre: 76 Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven. New members welcome.  
Veronica | 0408 025 577  
Susan | 0400 039 308  
ken\_n\_sue@hotmail.com

## Probuc Club of Winston Hills – Northmead Combined

Meets at 10am at Toongabbie Sports Club, 12 Station St, Toongabbie, 2nd Thursday of the month. New members welcome.  
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www.rdanswtalltimbers.org.au

## Red Cross – Castle Hill Branch

Meetings 2nd Friday of the month 10.15am to 11.45am at Wesley Uniting Church, 32-34

Showground Rd, Castle Hill. New members always welcome.  
0419 431 084.

## Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club

Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club Which Supports The Smith Family Learning for Life meet on 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 11.30 at The Richmond Club  
Christine Walshaw | 0416073483

## Scouts Australia – Greater Western Sydney Region

9639 2488  
www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

## Sleep Disorders Australia – NSW

02 9990 3514 | www.sleepoz.org.au

## Soroptimist International The Hills

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills 6.30pm for a 7pm start.  
Cathy | 0435 837 118  
sithehills@siwp.org

## The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

## The Hills Learning Centre

02 8850 0555  
RSVP | info@thehillslc.com.au.  
facebook.com/thehillsllearningcentre

## The Hills Shire Garden Club

Meets on 3rd Monday of the month at Barton Hall at 178 David Rd castle Hill at 1 pm. We have guest speakers, raffles, plant sales and bus trips to various gardens New members are always welcome.  
9624 5034

## The Hills District Pipe Band

Practices at Stamford Hill, Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills every Wednesday night from 7pm-9pm. The band warmly welcomes new members and gig enquiries. Instagram: @hillsdistrictpipeband  
Suzie Whitaker  
pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com  
www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

## The Hills Trefoil Guild

Elaine | 0417 330 196

## The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills

Meets at St. Joseph's Conference Centre on the 4th Monday of each month at 6.00pm (dinner optional) for meeting at 7.00pm.  
Robyn | 9639 2742

## The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees

Meets at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St Beecroft at 10.30 for a 10.45 start.  
Mal Steel | airsdydneyhills@gmail.com

## Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiestennis.org

## Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoor Club

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 pm at Crestwood Community Centre, Cnr Crestwood Drive and Conway St, Baulkham Hills.  
Ted | 0429 790 091  
www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

## Windsor RSL Fishing Club

Meets on the last Tues of the month at Windsor RSL club at 6:30pm. The club has been established for over 40 years and welcomes new members. It holds regular fishing outings including in land water and deep sea fishing.  
Les Mison | 0421 821 1990.

## Windsor Probuc Club

Meets at 10am on the 1st Wed of each month at Windsor Golf Club, McQuade Ave, South Windsor.  
Membership Officer Alan | 0407721461 or Secretary Ann | 0414298945

## Winston Hills Joy Scouts

9862 8482 | hsara@optusnet.com.au

## Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc

Meeting Tues and Sat 9am - 5pm  
Alan Hunt | 4566 4626 or 0428 784 425  
Adrian Acheson | 0448 833 781

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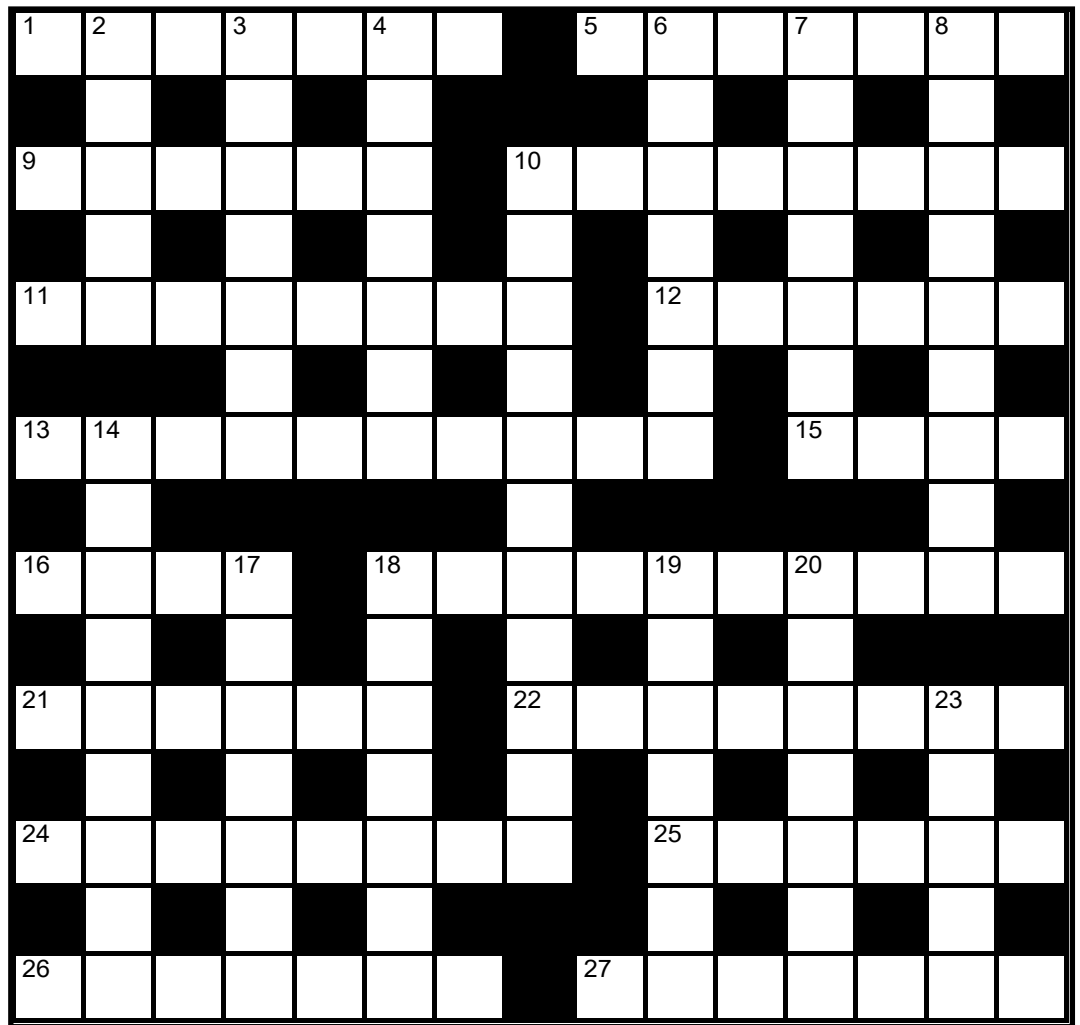


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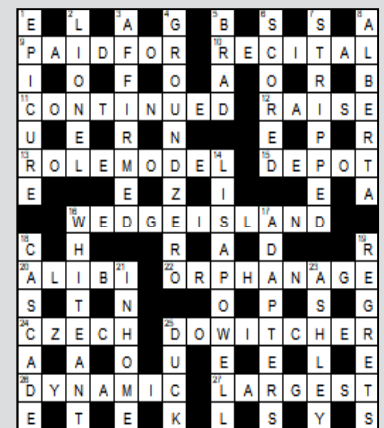
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13. Victorian surf pioneer and board designer (5, 5)
15. Sometimes syphoned in bars
16. Sour
18. Study of pictures and painters (3, 7)
21. Work schedules
22. Not normal
24. Widespread type of fern
25. In recent times (2, 4)
26. Educates
27. Wheeled status symbol

**Down**

2. Covered with water
3. Vagabond
4. Overall (2, 5)
6. Iberian tongue
7. Prolongs
8. Bundaberg hockey striker who won Olympic Gold in 2004 (4, 5)
10. Important tropical crop tree (7, 4)
14. Boozy
17. In reality (2, 5)
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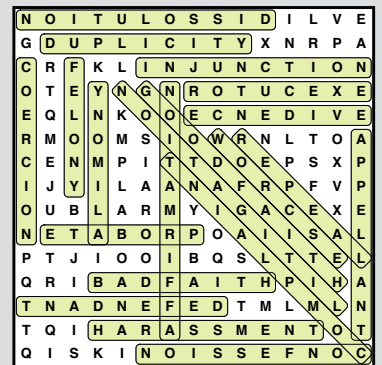
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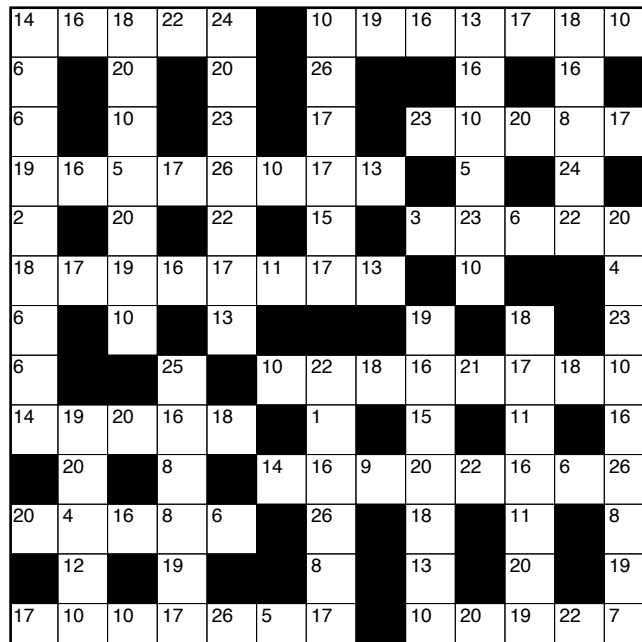


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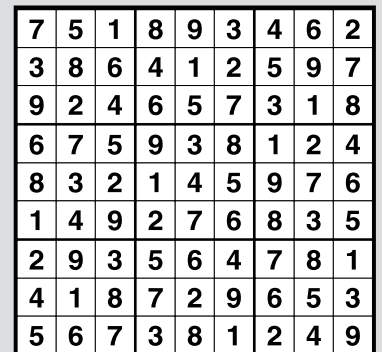
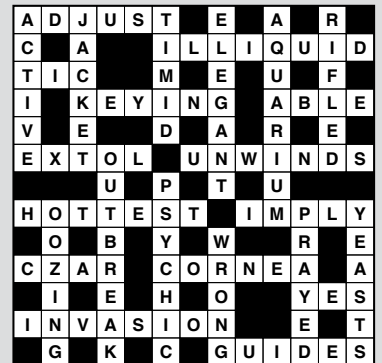
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