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# HILLS RELAY LAUNCH

The 2021 HILLS RELAY FOR LIFE launch took off in a sea of purple Relay shirts at Event Cinemas Castle Hill on Tuesday (February 23).

**G**UESTS at the launch included team captains and sponsors and supporters including Castle Hill MP Ray Williams and his wife Wendy.

Hills Relay Patron Hills Mayor Michelle Byrne had a council meeting so couldn't attend but sent a letter urging people to support the 20th anniversary of Hills Relay For Life.

The Hills Shire Council was one of the original sponsors when former Councillor Cathy Aird worked with the Cancer Council to set up the community event, one of the first Relay events in Australia.

Michelle Byrne said: "Relay For Life brings together people from all walks of life and unites us in our common goal and that is to reduce the impact of Cancer on our community."

"It's also an opportunity to support those facing cancer, to remember those who have lost their battle and to ultimately find a cure so that in the future no-one will have to hear those dreaded words 'you have cancer' ever again."

"I have lost friends and loved ones to this insidious disease but I have also been fortunate as Mayor and Patron to see the positive impact this event has had on the Hills Shire. It is one of our biggest calendar days, and it has changed lives and created hope for a better future for our residents."

Hills Relay For Life Chair Lisa Carruthers told attendees at the launch that this year's Hills Relay For Life would be held at Castle Hill Showground on May 15 in a five-hour COVID-safe format.



Relay volunteers Jan Mullan, Robin George and Lisa Carruthers with Castle Hill MP Ray Williams

Picnic-style event will feature socially distanced laps of the track as well as entertainment and the Candlelight Ceremony of HOPE.

To mark the 20th anniversary Dazzle FX and Karen D'Angola at Di Jones Real Estate have donated a firework finale.

For more up to details visit the Hills Relay For Life Facebook page or the website [www.cancercouncil.org.au/relayforlife/Events/IT0001330](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/relayforlife/Events/IT0001330) There are currently 22 Teams registered.



Relay volunteers Alison Harper and Lynne Pike

Lisa Carruthers and Hugh Olivier with James Butler and Karen D'Angola



CHRG Director Rick Cumming and his wife Pam.

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# MEMORIAL AVENUE UPGRADE

by BEV  
JORDAN

The \$224 million upgrade to ease congestion and improve safety along Memorial Avenue at Kellyville took another step forward last week (February 18) with the official sod turning ceremony on the site last week.

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance was joined by Baulkham Hills State Liberal MP David Elliott for the landmark moment.

State Government first announced the upgrade to the 2.2kms road, which joins Old Windsor Road with Windsor Road, in January 2020.

Mr Constance said: "This major upgrade will improve congestion, safety and travel times for the 30,000 drivers who use Memorial Avenue every day."

Memorial Avenue is being widened to a four-lane divided road, with shared pedestrian and cyclist paths.

The upgrade also includes additional dedicated left and right turn lanes at the Windsor Road and Memorial Avenue intersection, and bus users will benefit from new bus priority traffic lights.

David Elliott said the Memorial Avenue upgrade would assist the community meet the future transport needs of Sydney's growing North West.

"Residents are looking forward to the delivery of this much-needed upgrade to manage current and predicted increases in traffic and respond to residential and commercial development in the area," he said.

Work will be carried out on weekdays (excluding public holidays) between 7am and 6pm, weather permitting.

During this time, road users are urged to drive to conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

The Memorial Avenue upgrade is expected to open to road users in late 2023. Once completed, Memorial Avenue will have a consistent speed limit of 80km/h.

Transport NSW has listed the Memorial Avenue upgrades as below:

- From a 2-lane to a 4-lane road (with an option to expand to 6 lanes if needed in the future)
- Will include new bus stops as well as upgrading existing bus stops
- Building shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists along both sides of Memorial Avenue that will connect with paths to Kellyville and Bella Vista Metro stations, as well as connecting to other shared paths in The Hills Shire Council local area.

In May 2020 The Hills Shire Council officially opened the Greenway Bridge over Memorial Avenue, Kellyville.

The \$3.77 million project, links Pellizzer Boulevard to Thomas Boulton Circuit Reserve at Kellyville, and forms part of the bigger Greenway cyclelink between Bella Vista Farm and Rouse Hill Town Centre.

The 50-metre bridge is one of the largest pedestrian bridge projects Council has ever worked on.





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## LAWN MOWER ACCIDENT

A 78-year-old man was taken to hospital after he fell from his ride-on lawn mower at his Galston property on Thursday, February 18.

He sustained injuries to his head when he hit a guard rail. He lost consciousness from the impact and bystanders provided first aid for the man.

CareFlight's Rapid Response Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance at 11:15am and landed 15 minutes later in an adjacent property

where NSW Ambulance paramedics were providing initial treatment.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic performed a clinical assessment on the man and conducted an ultrasound to assess his injuries.

The man was taken by road in a stable condition with NSW Ambulance to Westmead Hospital under ongoing observation from CareFlight's clinical team.



Mower accident Galston  
Photo courtesy CareFlight

## HOUSE FIRE ESCAPE

A dozen Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) firefighters worked to extinguish a fire that broke out at a home on McKellar Crescent in South Windsor just after 6.30am on Thursday, February 18.

Crews arrived on scene following numerous Triple Zero (000) calls reporting large plumes of smoke issuing from the home. Firefighters managed to quickly extinguish the fire, which is believed to have started due to a fault inside a dishwasher.

A woman in a wheelchair was safely removed from the home by NSW Police. NSW Ambulance were also in attendance however no injuries were reported.

With Fire and Rescue NSW crews attending multiple house fires this week, Superintendent Scott Dodson said it was a timely reminder for residents to develop their fire escape plan.

"Now is the time for residents to check they have a working smoke alarm and that all members of the family have an awareness of calling Triple Zero (000) in an emergency" he said.



House Fire South Windsor  
Photo courtesy FRNSW

## CRASH APPEAL RENEWED

Police are still appealing for public assistance as inquiries continue into a serious crash at Baulkham Hills last month.

In particular, they would like to speak with the driver of a small white vehicle seen in the area at the time, who they believe may have witnessed the crash or anyone who may have dash cam footage of the incident.

Just before 8.30am on Saturday, January 30, emergency services were called to Seven Hills Road, after reports a Nissan Micra and a Kia Sportage had collided head-on.

The Nissan driver, a 31-year-old woman, was trapped in the vehicle before she was released and taken to Westmead Hospital with multiple fractures.

The Kia driver, a 36-year-old man, suffered minor injuries and was also taken to Westmead Hospital.

Officers from the Hills Police Area Command attended, with officers attached to the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit commencing an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

As inquiries continue, investigators are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident, or the events leading up to it, to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

## RAPTOR CHARGES

A Schofields man has been charged following an investigation by Strike Force Raptor into a criminal group involved in drug supply and public acts of violence.

Last year, Strike Force Raptor commenced an investigation into the criminal activities of a gang with links to Western Sydney and correctional facilities across NSW.

As part of ongoing inquiries, Strike Force Raptor executed a search warrant at a home at Deguara Street, Schofields about 9.15am on Wednesday, February 10.

Cash, jewellery, clothing, shoes and a white powder believed to be cocaine were located and seized for forensic examination.

About 8.25pm, detectives arrested a 19-year-old man at Riverstone Police Station and charged him with supply prohibited drug (commercial quantity), knowingly deal with the proceeds of crime, knowingly deal with the proceeds of crime intent to conceal and deal with property proceeds of crime.

Strike Force Raptor was established in 2009 and conducts proactive investigations and intelligence-based, high-impact policing operations to prevent and disrupt conflicts, and dismantle any network engaged in serious organised criminal activity.

Anyone with information, including relevant photos and videos, that may assist Strike Force Raptor can report it directly to investigators via the Strike Force Raptor online reporting page: [www1.police.nsw.gov.au/Default.aspx?id=49](http://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/Default.aspx?id=49) or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## STUDENT HIT BY CAR

A 16-year-old boy leaving his school in Carlingford was struck by a vehicle on Wednesday, February 17 as he was crossing the road.

The teenager sustained injuries to his legs and suffered a seizure from the incident. CareFlight's Rapid Response Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance at 3:10pm and landed less than ten minutes later in a nearby oval.

NSW Police escorted the clinical team to the scene of the incident where NSW Ambulance

paramedics were providing initial treatment. CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic performed a clinical assessment on the teenager and conducted an ultrasound to assess his injuries.

The boy was taken by road in a stable condition with NSW Ambulance to Westmead Hospital under ongoing observation from CareFlight's clinical team.



# MUM AND DAUGHTER TIME

by BEV JORDAN

There was a flurry of activity in Jan Sanders Baulkham Hills garage last week as she, her daughter Vicki Stack and three friends packed items for those in need.

Last year their group sent over 1500 gift packages to Anglicare Family Support at Mt Druitt.

Jan and Vicki have been running the group since Vera Abell, whose mother (Beatrice) originally established the BEA Group, decided to step down.

For Jan, it was a continuation of the volunteer work she had been doing for decades for Anglicare knitting children's jumpers.

"I have been doing Aqua Aerobics at ARV in Castle Hill for 26 years, and heard of the BEA group with Vera at the helm," said Jan, "And I joined."

"About 8 years ago, Vera had to move to Brian King Gardens (at Anglicare Castle Hill) and she asked Vicki, my daughter, and I, if we would take over and continue her legacy. Which we did."

The groups meets every month to sort and pack donated items, many made or bought by group members. Jan and Vicki regularly shop together to build up supplies and Jan knits and sews items, such as baby wraps and fleece throws for children.

Toiletries and school essentials are packed into age appropriate hand-made material bags which are created by volunteers who sew and knit, some in their 80s and 90s.



**WORKING BEE:** Vicki Stack, Jan Sanders, Yvonne Kelly, Kay Hancock and Pat Woods.



**Girls and boys pack**

There are also special gifts for Mothers' day and Fathers' day and also Christmas.

"We do up special gift packs so the families and children can choose gifts for each other," said Jan.

"We have lots of helpers who give their time by making bags, over 300 last year, children's clothes, and beautiful dolls clothes for the dolls (we buy) at Christmas.

"There are also knitted and crocheted adult and children's jumpers and cardigans

and crocheted and knitted rugs. We also give children's and adult clothes. As everything we give is a gift, we don't give second-hand articles."

Last week mum and daughter were being helped by regulars Yvonne Kelly, Kay Hancock and Pat Woods. They all met Jan at aqua aerobics.

Jan was named Hills Senior Citizen of 2021 because of her work but said it was the whole group involved. "I am just the figurehead."

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The first people to receive the COVID 19 Vaccine in Australia pictured at Castle Hill Medical Centre.

by BEV JORDAN

# COVID VACCINE ROLL-OUT

Instant celebrity status was bestowed on 84-year-old Jane Malysiak who became the first Australian to be vaccinated against the coronavirus.

The aged care resident had Prime Minister Scott Morrison by her side when she received the Pfizer vaccine at Castle Hill Medical Centre on Sunday (February 21).

Frontline workers, Mr Morrison, Chief Health officer Paul Kelly and Chief Nursing officer Prof Alison McMillon, were amongst the 20 people to be vaccinated at Castle Hill that day.

Mrs Malysiak told ABC radio: "I wasn't nervous. I have had no side effects, everyone should just go and get a jab." The 84-year-old is a patient at MyHealth Kable Street in Windsor.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said: "This is an historic day for Australia. What we're demonstrating today is our confidence. I am supremely confident in the expert process that has been led to get us to this day. So, from tomorrow, tens of thousands of Australians over the course of the next week will confidently come forward from those key priority groups that have been defined to ensure that we move into this next phase of how we've been preparing and dealing with COVID-19."

The first stage of the roll-out will see nurses delivering vaccines to aged care residents. Frontline health workers, border and quarantine staff are being administered in hospital hubs.

The first phase is expected to take about six weeks and reach 600,000 people.

The next phase due to start in late March will focus of those over 80 and then those between 70 and 79, other healthcare workers and people who are immune-suppressed.

Phase 2a will start in the middle of next year and include other critical and high-risk workers plus adults over the age of 50.

The goal is to immunise 20 million people by October.



Jane Malysiak, 84, receives her vaccine with Prime Minister Scott Morrison by her side.

Castle Hill Medical centre at Castle Mall will be part of the wider roll-out. It has a dedicated Respiratory Clinic for the COVID-19 testing and in the last year has tested over 6,500 individuals.

Castle Hill Medical Centre GP Dr Nigel Grebert, who was vaccinated said: "I believe it's the medical centres and general practitioners across the continent that will play a very important role in this stage of the pandemic."

"We've all done our bit over the last 12 months in providing ongoing support as front-line medical teams in our communities, but we're not done yet."

"Clinimetrix (a complete analytics tool available for medical practices across Australia) allowed management to think on its feet when the pandemic first hit last year and patients stayed home."

"Not only has it delivered the insight and understanding around our database – we have 10,400 patients over 70 and 8,000 of our patients have chronic disease – it has also allowed us to report back accurately and seamlessly on managing the COVID-19 pandemic as a team."

When medical centres become part of the roll-out Castle Hill Medical Centre has nurses to deliver 800 vaccines a day.

Alex Hawke MP, said: "Our message is simple - the vaccines are safe and effective. Get vaccinated and help Australia out of this pandemic."

As Minister for Immigrations, citizenship, migrant services and multicultural Affairs, Mr Hawke said: "I think multicultural communities are also embracing the concept of vaccination as the wider community is, and from the government's perspective, we have a series of consultations, roundtables with community leaders, faith leaders, some of which have been mentioned today."

"There's so much diversity in the Australian community. We thought about translations in about 60 languages, there's communications would be in every single one of those languages. There's video communications. We're working with the Multicultural Council of Australia as well to ensure that every part of the vaccination message is delivered to every community in Australia."

by BEV JORDAN

# ARTISTIC JOURNEY AT NORWEST PRIVATE

Four stunning artworks by emerging aboriginal artist Karen Lee are now gracing the entrance lobby of the Norwest Private Hospital.

The major works were commissioned by Suzanne Hall, General Manager of Norwest Private Hospital, at the start of last year. The aim was to recognise and celebrate the traditional owners of the land on which the hospital sits.

Karen Lee, a Wiradjuri woman from NSW who has lived and worked in Darug country for over 40 years, met with the Norwest Private Hospital Team over a number of weeks to develop the concept for a series of art works titled "The Journey", representing the past, present and future journey of Healthscope's Norwest Private Hospital.

Together the series showcases how all these elements work in harmony to come together for the common purpose of caring for the people of The Hills and surrounding communities.

Elder Graham Davis King sang a welcome to the land and conducted a smoking ceremony outside the hospital's entrance before Karen Lee and Suzanne Hall unveiled the four paintings.

## Gabin-Gidyal (Gubbin-giyal) A Beginning

The first artwork features hill symbols to represent the land on which the Bella Vista Homestead and the suburb of Norwest sit. To this day ancient bunya pines line the entrance to the homestead. Bunya are of profound cultural significance to indigenous culture as a staple food source.



Aboriginal elder Graham Davis King and artist Karen Lee pictured with Deborah Fogarty (State manager Healthscope), Suzanne Hall (GM Norwest Private), Tui Dowsett-Moeahu (Norwest Private) and Anita Hodge (Healthscope).

## Murun (muron) Life

The second piece celebrates the journey of life, from birth to life's end and the role of Norwest Private Hospital in providing care to our community through every part of life's journey. Every person who passes through Norwest Private Hospital has a role to play in the celebration of life, whether they are staff, doctors, patients or visitors.

symbols meeting together at the meeting point in the middle of the piece represent the diversity of cultures coming together and working together in harmony.

## Dhagun (Daagon) Land

The fourth piece holds many symbols representing the native flora and fauna of the environment, such as animal tracks, flowers, and waterholes. The land of this country is both significant to Indigenous culture and where people gather and meet.

Together we respectfully acknowledge the Traditional people of the land on which we work and learn, and pay respect to the First Nations Peoples and their elders, past, present and emerging.

## Mayiny (Mi-in) People

The third piece tells the story of the diversity of cultures in the Norwest area, which may signify a birth place, workplace or a community of practice at Norwest Private Hospital. The four long journey

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Pre-School Storytime takes place at Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor every Tuesday and Thursday at 11am during the school term. Bookings are not required; you can just turn up.

Other children's activities are planned to return soon, depending on COVID restrictions. Keep an eye on our Facebook page or contact the Library for more details.

If you are unable to make it to the Library try some of our online resources. Story Box Library [www.storyboxlibrary.com.au](http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au) is a must



see for anyone who loves children's literature. Have your Hawkesbury Library membership handy to access hundreds of favourite stories read by Australian celebrities. There's something for everyone to enjoy including craft and activities related to most of the stories.

Hawkesbury Library Service has a COVID-Safe plan in place. Participant numbers will be restricted, and social

distancing requirements will be observed. Hand sanitiser and hand washing facilities will also be available. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend.

Storytime is held at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor.

Visit [www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com) to book or phone 4560 4460 for more information or visit the library website [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library)

## POLICE NEWS

# CHERRYBROOK MAN ARRESTED OVER MAGIC MUSHROOMS

A Cherrybrook man has been charged after a large-scale seizure of \$700,000 worth of magic mushrooms in Greystanes earlier this month.

Police investigators arrested the 26-year-old man at Kellyville around 10am on Wednesday, February 24.

He was taken to Castle Hill Police Station and charged with manufacture prohibited drug, (large commercial quantity), supply prohibited drug (large commercial quantity), organises/conducts/assists drug premises, and possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit.

In January 2021, detectives attached to Cumberland Police Area Command established Strike Force Bagster to investigate the suspected manufacture of illicit drugs



A Cherrybrook man was arrested at Kellyville.  
Picture: NSW Police Force

in the Greystanes area. As part of inquiries, Strike Force investigators executed a search warrant at a home in Merrylands Road, Greystanes, on Wednesday, February 3.

At the premises, officers located an active clandestine laboratory used to manufacture psilocybin. With the assistance of the State Crime Command's Chemical Operations Unit, a total of 46.3kg of psilocybin, with an estimated street value of nearly \$700,000, was seized. A 26-year-old man has been charged and remains before the courts. Psilocybin is considered one of the most well-known psychedelics.

## HOMEWORK HELP

Hills Community Aid is offering free homework help on Mondays after school.

Volunteer tutors will be on hand to help students during the school term starting on Monday, March 1.

Sessions for Years 4 to Years 6 will be on Mondays between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Homework sessions for students in Year 7 to Year 12 will be between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on Mondays.

The Free Homework Help service will be conducted at Hills Community Aid at the Balcombe Heights Estate, in the Turner Buildings, 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills (opposite Jasper Road Public School). To register interest email Belinda at [belindam@hca.org.au](mailto:belindam@hca.org.au) or call 0423 213 199.

## 1 MARCH- ART DEMO

On Monday 1 March at 7pm, Baulkham Hills Art Society will be holding their monthly demonstration at the Crestwood Community Centre (UBD 170 F3), corner of Chapel Lane and Crestwood Drive.

JEANETTE PROUT is the featured artist and will give a demonstration on collage artwork using acrylic paints to create a textured floral painting. Jeanette has been an art teacher in the Hills District for many years and her work is featured in many Sydney Galleries.

Current members and visitors are welcome to attend. Further details from Lorraine on 9674 1240

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# HILLS LIBRARY EVENTS

- Learn the benefits of cloth nappies at the Reusable Nappies virtual webinar on Thursday, March 4 at 6.30pm. Cost: Free. For Hills residents only.
- Explore the mood-boosting benefits pets can have on mental health during the virtual webinar, Pawsitive Mental Health on Wednesday, March 17 at 6.30pm. Cost: Free.
- Join author Anne Hutchison as she takes you along her adoption journey and how she overcame remarkable odds to build a united family from different parts of the world during the virtual webinar, A Journey to Parenthood on Thursday, March 18 at 6.30pm. Cost: Free.  
All bookings are essential and can be made online at: [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library).
- Castle Hill Library, along with the Pioneer Theatre and Community Centre at Pennant Street in Castle Hill is now closed for a period of two months to make way for upgrades. Online library services will continue as usual, and other Hills Shire library branches remain open. The library, community centre and theatre will re-open on Tuesday, April 20.



Year One student Bodhi pictured  
at Vinegar Hill Memorial Library at  
Rouse Hill Town Centre

## DID YOU KNOW?

Year One students can join the popular and **FREE Year One Reading Club** from March 1. This Club aims to start children on their journey into habitual reading, with rewards being issued after children reach certain milestones. Club members will also receive a logbook when they sign-up and a sticker each time they borrow from a Hills Shire Library. For more information, visit The Hills Shire Council website, [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au), and search for "library" in the search tab.

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## AUSSIE NEEDS MORE FITTERS

Local company, Australian Pump Industries, is seeking to strengthen its production team of fitters and assemblers. The huge increase in demand for their industrial drain cleaning jetters has the company pushing ahead with ambitious plans to double production for the coming year.

"Sales of our drain cleaning jetters are out-stripping our ability to build these units at the moment so we're looking to expand the production team fast," said Aussie's Mal Patel. "It's rewarding to know that the plumbers across the county acknowledge our innovation and passion for quality," he said.

Australian Pump leads the field in drain jetter development with innovative, class leading designs and improvements in safety. The production team play a key role in driving efficiency in assembly with a constant push to improve the way in which machines are built.

The company has always had a strong belief in employing staff from the local community. Qualified fitters and assemblers with a strong mechanical aptitude are urged to apply directly to Mal Patel at Australian Pump Industries. Email [operations2@aussiepumps.com.au](mailto:operations2@aussiepumps.com.au) or call 02 8865 3500



Aussie's Mal Patel, Production Manager looking for additional fitters to further increase production.



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# CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

The Hills Shire Youth Ambassadors, Hayley Irving and Anthony Radic, along with their fellow Youth Army colleagues are getting behind this year's Clean Up Australia Day event.

The budding environmentalists will join Hills Shire Mayor, Dr Michelle Byrne at Bella Vista Farm on Sunday, March 7 to clean up the site.

Hayley, who studies biology and environmental science at university, said Clean Up Australia Day reminds everyone that they are all part of a bigger picture.

"The world will keep spinning long after we're gone, so it's our job to take care of it for future generations," Hayley said. "I want young people in 80 years to experience the natural beauty of our country, and enjoy it as much as I do now. If we don't help to clean up Australia, there'll be nothing of worth left to see. I want to keep seeing our breathtaking Australian landscapes for the rest of my life," she added.

Anthony, who is in Year 12, shared similar sentiments.

"Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way for all of us to take pride in our beautiful Shire," he said. "We are so lucky to live in the picturesque country that is Australia. Taking a few moments to look after our parks, schools and bushland is no hassle at all. I think Clean Up Australia Day is a reminder for all of us to do our best for the community, year round.

"Ultimately, by taking care of our community we are fostering a lasting respect for generations to come," Anthony added.

Mayor Byrne congratulated Hayley and Anthony on their enthusiasm, and encouraged local schools, community groups, businesses and friends and families to sign-up a team and join one of Australia's biggest clean-up initiatives.



"It's fantastic to see how much our young people care about our local community," Mayor Byrne said. "Hayley and Anthony are great role models and I congratulate them for taking on this wonderful initiative.

"I encourage others in our community to sign-up a team, because, together, we can all make a difference," she added.

The first Clean Up Australia Day was held in 1990 and it has since become one of the largest community events held in Australia. Over the years, volunteers, businesses and schools have donated more than 36 million hours at various locations across the country. Together, they have removed the equivalent of 380,000 ute loads of rubbish.

To register your Clean Up event or make a donation, go to [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)

## The Hills Shire Council News

### Proposed Licence Agreement with Parramatta National Rugby League

In 2019, Council called for Expressions of Interest for the development of Kellyville Park as a Premier Rugby League facility and the establishment of pathways that will support community members who aspire to reach a representative and/ or elite level in their chosen sport.

Council resolved to accept the Expression of Interest from Parramatta National Rugby League. A draft licence agreement has been prepared. In accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act, Council is notifying its intention to enter into a licence agreement with Parramatta National Rugby League (PNRL) for 21 years in keeping with Council's Masterplan and Plan of Management for Sportsgrounds.

The Licence Agreement at Kellyville Park relates to land classified as "Community" that includes Lot 1 DP 167535, Lot 60 DP 10702, Lot 123 DP 1113073 and Lot 1002 DP 113811.

The intended licence agreement is for the exclusive use of two playing fields and the current temporary Centre of Excellence (COE) facility. Upon completion of the playing field expansion and future permanent COE, the exclusive area will consist of the two fields, future COE and associated amenities.

The remaining areas of Kellyville Park consisting of five additional playing fields (existing and those under construction), and future facilities including associated amenities, playground, pathway network and the existing car park will remain accessible to the public and community groups.

The partnership between Council and PNRL will provide an elite facility for our community at this location consistent with Council's recently updated Master Plan in an economically responsible way consistent with Council's current funding levels.

**Submissions close: 4:00pm Tuesday 30 March 2021**

**Enquiries:** Open Space and Recreation Team on 9843 0235

**Submissions:**

Submissions can be made to either:

- [council@thehills.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@thehills.nsw.gov.au)
- The Hills Shire Council  
3 Columbia Court  
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# The Hills Shire Council News

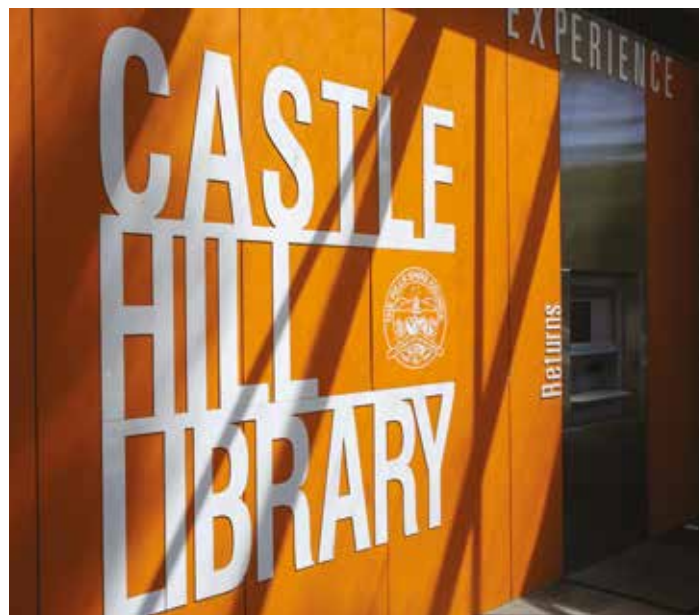
## Castle Hill Library is temporarily closed – Love your Library online

Castle Hill Library is temporarily closed for refurbishment until Tuesday, 20 April 2021. Refurbishments will include a new lift, recarpeting, sanding and resealing the hard floors inside Castle Hill Library, as well as painting and refurbishing the customer service area.

Reservations and return facilities will not be available for collection from Castle Hill during the closure; however an alternative pick up location can be nominated. Baulkham Hills and Dural Libraries' operating hours have been extended throughout the closure. Vinegar Hill Memorial Library at Rouse Hill will also remain open.

Online library services will continue as usual, including the Stay Home and Read Delivery Service for members over the age of 65, Tailored Reads requests and a wide range of resources including the Hobbies and Craft Reference Centre, Mango Languages as well as access to a wide variety of eBooks, online magazines and audio books.

To access online Library services or to become a member, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Library](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Library).



## Worm farming EOI update

In October 2020, Council conducted an Expression of Interest in order to select an apartment building in The Hills to receive a free worm farming trial.

An apartment building in North Kellyville has been chosen as the site for the worm farming trial. In February, residents will receive educational materials and support on how to use the worm farm and what food scraps they can add. The three month trial will run from March until May.

Recent kerbside bin audits show that over 40% of red lidded garbage bin waste in The Hills is made up of food scraps. As part of Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement, Council is prioritising the trial of organic waste separation for high density developments. This trial will help inform Council on food scrap separation behaviours and allows for further discussions to take place on the potential of collecting food waste separately from apartment complexes in the future.

Food waste in The Hills Shire is currently sent to landfill and breaks down in a way that can create emissions which impacts upon air quality and public health. One such gas is methane, which is more potent and detrimental to the environment than the carbon dioxide emissions that come out of your car.

Food scraps can also be composted to enrich soils and grow more food instead of disposing of them in landfill, where disposal costs are currently on the rise.

For more information about the trial, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for 'EOI – Worm Farming Trial.'



## Save the date

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## Shovel ready projects across The Hills Shire proposed for LRCI Funding

The Hills Shire Council is proposing 34 projects to be funded under the Federal Government's Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 2 Extension Program.

Council has already received approval for almost \$1.2 million under the economy-boosting program, and will now seek to secure a further \$5.4 million from the Federal Government to fund these projects.

Some of the projects include:

- \$150,000 war memorial upgrade at Balcombe Heights Estate in Baulkham Hills;
- \$250,000 reconstruction of netball courts at Ted Horwood Reserve in Baulkham Hills;

- \$215,000 for resurfacing four courts and a remote access control system at Les Shore Reserve in Glenorie;
- \$660,000 renewal of pathways, border edging, stairs, irrigation and park furniture at Roxborough Park Rose Garden in Baulkham Hills;
- \$105,000 playground replacement at Glenhaven Reserve in Glenhaven; and
- \$470,000 pavement rehabilitation at Old Glenhaven Road in Glenhaven.

These projects were selected to create employment and business opportunities, while fast-tracking community infrastructure, including parks and playgrounds. The LRCI enables Council to deliver priority projects, with a focus on local road and community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. All projects need to be completed by 31st December 2021.

## Call for Youth Ambassador Applications

Applications to become a 2021-2022 Hills Shire Council Youth Ambassador are now open.

The role of the youth ambassadors is to represent youth interests at Council functions, events and forums over a period of 12 months. Young people passionate about meeting new people and getting involved in their community are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be between 15 to 24 years of age and live within The Hills Shire local government area.

To apply to become a Hills Shire Youth Ambassador or for more information about the program, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for 'Sydney Hills Youth Ambassador Program.' Applications close on Monday, 22 March 2021.

## Council Meetings

**Ordinary Meeting:** Tuesday, 9 March 2021 – 7pm, Council Chambers. Due to the latest Public Health Order, limited seating is available at Council meetings.

## 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.'

# BAGPIPES AND DRUMS

by ANNINA CHRYSTAL

The Hills District Pipe Band has been performing at local community events for 51 years and is well-known for their excellent uniform; proudly wearing the McDonald of Clan Ranald tartan (bagpipers) and the Argyll of Sutherland tartan (drummers).

While 2020 had its challenges for the live music industry, the Hills District Pipe Band is looking forward to reconnecting with the Hills community throughout 2021. As a social band the engagements connected to the community hold great value.

In a traditional pipe band there are four different instruments – the bagpipes, bass drum, tenor drum and snare drum. Multiple bagpipers play tunes together, and with harmonies, under direction from the Pipe Major.

The bass drum is the largest drum in the drum corps, which is held vertically with a harness, hit on either side, and provides the band with a low-tone beat. The tenor drum is held horizontally on a harness and hit with two tenor beaters, to produce a mid-high tone beat to compliment the bass drum.

The tenor beaters also flourish in the air in-between beats for dramatic presentation. The snare drum is popular for its military

“rat-a-tat-tat” sound; played with drumsticks to produce accents and rhythmic patterns to accompany the bagpipe tunes.

With a sense for music and rhythm, any of these instruments can be learnt. Members of the Hills District Pipe Band are experienced tutors and welcome any new or experienced players to the band.

The Hills District Pipe Band practices in the Stamford Hall at Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills every Wednesday night from 7pm-9pm. The band warmly welcomes you to come along to practice if you're interested in learning a new instrument and skill. Bring a friend.

The Hills District Pipe Band plays at community events, fairs and markets, weddings, funerals, community services, birthdays, and any other social events that would like a touch of Scottish Flair. Bookings can range from a full military band, a mini band, or just a lone piper for a modest donation to the band.

To find out more information, or to book the Hills District Pipe Band for an event email: [pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com) or visit the website <http://www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com>



  
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# MEET THE KINDERGYM KIDS

by **LAWRENCE MACHADO**

Children learn a variety of skills at kindergym

Castle Hill RSL Group's gymnasts are a source of pride not only for the Hills Shire but also for NSW and Australia, having produced several national and world champions over the years.

The remarkable roll out of champions over the years has catapulted CHRg gymnasts and their well-drilled teams to the national limelight time and again.

The club has a swagful of awards from Gymnastics NSW, including Club of the Year, Trampoline Club of the Year for more than six years on the trot and Junior Development Coaching team of the Year.

The club's ability to get their basics right is one of their key strengths with their kindergym the ideal foundation for their award-winning gymnastics squads.

Targeted at toddlers to the five-year-olds, kindergym classes have a new theme each week, giving the children the opportunity to enjoy different learning experiences, including circus, back to the farm, space and Disney.

The children can make the most of the opportunity to experience a new and stimulating environment that encourages interaction and participation.

Castle Hill Fitness & Aquatic Centre gymnastics manager Vanessa Whelan said these classes give the children the

opportunity to reach their potential, practise skills and actively solve problems.

She said the structured program is run by qualified and fully accredited coaches in a professional environment.

"Kindergym is the perfect opportunity for preschoolers to develop physical and cognitive skills in a fun and playful way at their own rate through guided exploration," Whelan said.

"Whether you want to participate and share the experience with your child, or have a four-year-old that would like to attend independently, we have a class for you.

"It is exciting to have the opportunity to watch your child grow in confidence and skill as they explore an environment that is safe, stimulating and fun."

Whelan said there are a variety of musical activities included in each session, which leads into an interactive circuit for the participants to experience along with their carers.

"Once children reach four years of age, they have the opportunity to join the independent classes with a more structured approach to the skills of gymnastics," Whelan said.

Classes are held every week day in the CHRg's state-of-the-art centre, with no bookings required.

For details, contact 9846 1270.



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Photo of the Rawstron family at Bella Vista Farm by Gisela Horner

# THE RAWSTRONS FIND A PLACE OF PEACE

by GISELA HORNER  
Bella Vista Farm Volunteer

Volunteering has always been part of Rawstron family life. It's their passion. When the children were young, Sharon helped with primary and high school bands. Graham was involved with the P&C and scouts.

Now retired and living in the suburb of Bella Vista, both joined the Farm as they wanted to serve the local community.

Graham has been the hands-on President for 5 years, now in his sixth year, having recently been re-nominated.

He works very closely with the Council to ensure the Farm's viability. In 2019 he

was awarded The Hills Shire's Australia Day Senior Citizen of the Year.

Sharon has co-authored a Chronology of Bella Vista Farm with two other volunteers, Mark Pearce and Carolyn Gould, which has involved years of research.

Graham and Sharon spend hours every week at the Farm, tending the heritage garden, caring for the resident sheep and many other duties. It's become a home away from home.

High achievement runs in the Rawstron family. Sharon won a Commonwealth Scholarship and graduated with an Arts

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Degree at Sydney University in 1973. In 1991, Sharon decided to return to University and completed a DipEd.

Graham, having been awarded various scholarships from school, the Navy and a bank, graduated with an Economics Degree at Sydney University, taking up the full-time bank Scholarship.

In 1966, he began in the mail room and retired 41 years later as Head of Human Resources of the Reserve Bank. They married in 1973, have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Ellen, Grant and Evan take after their parents, all serving in high corporate positions.

Ellen often volunteers at Bella Vista Farm when she is not occupied in her other volunteering role at SES in storm recovery. Last year she worked in critical phone response during the devastating bush fires.

The Farm is privileged to have such dedicated people leading the team. They love living nearby and working at Bella Vista Farm. Sharon says "It is a place of peace, respite and in these times, solace". Graham adds "Volunteers make communities". Their dedicated service certainly adds to the Hills community.

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## AT A GLANCE

NAME: COCO  
BREED:  
English  
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AGE: 6 years old  
SEX: Female  
PRICE: \$99



**COCO** is a 6-year-old English Staffordshire. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, Coco is a spritely girl with loads of personality, she would be best suited to a family who are willing to take her out with them allowing her to be part of her new family. Staff say Coco will need daily exercise and a little further training just to help her adjust to her new home. If you are interested in adopting Coco, please bring your children and your family dog to meet so that staff can make sure they are all going to get on well

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Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation  
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**KIKI** is a 3-year-old female Domestic Short Hair cat. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say that Kiki is a calm gentle girl who just loves to find a soft comfy spot to curl up on. Kiki is always very affectionate and is just waiting to share some love with you. Kiki's adoption price has been reduced to \$30 as she is the featured cat. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

## AT A GLANCE

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BREED:  
Domestic cat  
AGE: 3 years old  
SEX: Female  
PRICE: \$30



## WHEN YOUR PET IS POORLY

Vomiting and diarrhoea are common reasons for pet owners to seek veterinary attention. The causes of vomiting and diarrhoea in pets are numerous and can be serious or relatively mild.

Because there can be a number of possible causes of vomiting and diarrhoea in pets tests are often needed to determine the cause and therefore the treatment required. Significant vomiting and diarrhoea quickly leads to dehydration which can be life threatening – regardless of the underlying cause.

Vomiting and diarrhoea can be related to a primary gastrointestinal problem. The most common reason is 'dietary indiscretion' which is when pets (especially dogs) eat or scavenge foods that they don't usually eat. This can cause inflammation of the digestive tract and subsequent vomiting and diarrhoea.

Any change in pet food needs to be done slowly to avoid a sudden change in the population of the microbiome of the gut (called dysbiosis) that can lead to vomiting and diarrhoea.

In severe cases, dysbiosis can lead to inflammation of the colon – called colitis, which often leads to bloody diarrhoea.

Parasites can also cause vomiting and diarrhoea. For adult dogs and cats we recommend

deworming medication be given every three months. Puppies and kittens need more frequent treatments as they are more at risk of carrying parasites. In addition to worms, protozoal infections, bacteria and viruses can also cause gastrointestinal disease in pets, similar to humans.

Vomiting and diarrhoea can also be secondary to other health problems. Liver and/or kidney disease can affect the digestive tract secondarily and cause vomiting and diarrhoea.

Pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) sometimes follows ingestion of a very fatty meal and can cause life threatening illness. Dogs and cats with pancreatitis often have abdominal pain and vomiting.

A thorough physical examination by one of our vets, blood tests and stool analysis are often used to determine the cause of vomiting and diarrhoea in pets and to determine the best treatment.

If your pet is a little 'green around the gills' make an appointment with one of our team.

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# COLOUR IN THE AUTUMN GARDEN

by **SUE MONTGOMERY** | Horticulturalist

With a bit of know-how it is quite easy and rewarding to add a bit of seasonal colour to any garden.

Go for a ramble through yours and check for areas that need some colour. Colour will also brighten bland courtyard areas. Add a visit to a local nursery on your list of things to do and consider some of the following suggestions.

## PERENNIALS AND SHRUBS

Cordylines provide colour and height to the garden, together with begonias with their colourful flowers and wonderful leaf patterns.

Tall foxgloves and groups of salvia, ornamental grasses all add variety to the garden bed.

The silver Artemisia provides a great contrast with tibouchina "Jules" which is a purple low-growing shrub. Scaevolas has long flowering fan shaped flowers.

Dahlias and camellia sasanqua are also attractive to birds for their nectar so provide a wonderful focal point.

Another shrub to consider is plectranthus argentatus, also known as Silver Shield. Grevilleas flower throughout the year and are attractive to birds and insects.

The beauty of small native shrubs is that they are water-wise and attract insects and birds to the garden.

Native violets provide groundcovers for partly shaded areas and the purple flowered Hardenbergia, Patersonia (*native iris*) and Anigozanthos (*kangaroo paws*) are delightful additions.

Everlasting daisies, Swan River daisy, (*brachyscome multifida* and *hibbertia*) are ideal rockery plants for seasonal colour.

## COLOURFUL TREES

The Ivory curl tree (*Buckinghamia celsissima*) is a beautiful native tree with long cream flowers.

The Firewheel Tree (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*) with its red flowers is spectacular and the nectar attracts birds.

Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) and Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) are also lovely.

Popular trees with autumn colour are: Crepe myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*); Golden Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Aurea and Claret Ash (*Fraxinus oxycarpus* "Raywoodii"), Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*) and Chinese tallow (*Sapium sebiferum*).

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## MAJOR WORK STARTS ON MEMORIAL AVENUE UPGRADE

Major work to ease congestion and improve safety along Memorial Avenue in Kellyville has begun, with the sod turned on the \$224 million upgrade last month.

Memorial Avenue is being widened to a four lane divided road, with shared pedestrian and cyclist paths to help people connect with Sydney Metro stations at Kellyville and Bella Vista, and will improve safety and travel times for the 30,000 drivers who use the road every day.

The upgrade also includes additional dedicated left and right turn lanes at the Windsor Road and Memorial Avenue intersection, and bus users will benefit from new bus priority traffic lights.

Work will be carried out on weekdays (excluding public holidays) between 7am and 6pm, weather permitting. The major upgrade is expected to open to road users in late 2023. Once completed, Memorial Avenue will have a consistent speed limit of 80km/h.

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## BIDJIGAL RESERVE SECURES \$500,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Funding of \$500,000 will be used for improvements at Bidjigal Reserve in Baulkham Hills through the Greater Sydney Crown Land Open Space Activation Program.

This investment allows for a range of upgrade works to be done at this beautiful local reserve, including bushland restoration and upgrades to walking trails, signage and stormwater infrastructure

The reserve contains an extensive network of walking tracks and can be accessed from various points including Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, West Pennant Hills and North Rocks.

Bidjigal Reserve is part of a 300-hectare corridor of bushland along Darling Mills Creek and is home to 370 native plant species, 140 native animal species and a diverse bird population.

## SIMPLY THE BEST

by **LAWRENCE MACHADO**

Parramatta Eels Chief Executive Officer Jim Sarantinos is so proud of the new training facilities coming up at Kellyville Memorial Park that he expects it to be "the best rugby league facility in the country".

Works already done by The Hills Shire



Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne with field extension contractors Western Earthmoving at Kellyville Memorial Park. Picture: Western Earthmoving

Council as part of the Master Plan for the park include the construction of a new playing field, refurbishment of two existing fields, construction of a new car park and access from Stone Mason Drive.

Apart from the works, the council recently resolved to enter into a licence agreement with the Parramatta NRL for the joint redevelopment and use of Kellyville Memorial Park as a premier rugby league facility.

"We are proud to say this will become the best rugby league facility in the country," Sarantinos said.

"The project is testament to the great relationship our club has with the council and we look forward to seeing the precinct develop further for the local community over the coming years."

A council spokesperson said that once the work is complete, there will be five rugby league grounds, along with the existing baseball field and facilities.

Eels players should be using the two new fields 1 and 3 for their

training at Kellyville Memorial Park by the end of the year.

The Eels are also building a \$40 million Centre of Excellence at the park, with the Federal Government committing \$15 million to the project, which will be the largest community rugby league facility in Australia, according to the club.

The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne said the extension of the fields "is just a small piece in the bigger picture to transform Kellyville Memorial Park into a premier rugby league facility. Our community is growing, and we need to provide further opportunities for play, as well as a pathway for our emerging talent to reach a representative level in their chosen sport."

"I'm so proud of the work we are doing at Kellyville Memorial Park and I'm looking forward to seeing our community using these new and improved fields very soon.

The new grounds will add to the existing fields onsite, and will be used by the Parramatta NRL their training facility.

The majority of the playing field expansion project is being carried out by Western Earthmoving.

The council spokesperson said the value of the field extension works is around \$1.4 million and the new fields will also be used by the community.





# MICK'S THE MAN FOR BULLS' CHARGE

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

Mick Withers is fine tuning the Hills Bulls before their season opener.  
Picture: Rob Gleeson

*For Mick Withers, last year's COVID-interrupted rugby league season had at least one silver lining.*

The Hills Bulls, who usually played in the Ron Massey Cup, were thrown into a tougher competition via the President's Cup, and very nearly entered the grand final.

"That was a stronger challenge for the players and they stood up well," Withers, 44, told *the Hills to Hawkesbury Community News*. "We lost by a mere two points in the semi-final at Maitland, which was tough to take. But by playing in the President's Cup, the team gained valuable experience which will hold them in good stead in this year's Ron Massey Cup."

"Because of COVID restrictions in the NRL, there were a lot of players from the Reserve Grades playing for us last season. There is always room for improvement, of course, and we are fortunate we have retained several players from last year because the club has recruited well. We also have a lot of youngsters coming through the junior ranks."

"Wentworthville Magpies are again the ones to beat in the Ron Massey Cup while St Mary's,

Mounties and Windsor Wolves always produce strong teams."

The Bulls have retained highly-rated ex-NRL players, Tim Robinson, Levai Li, Daniel Harrison and Josh Lewis while recruiting David Gower in the off season.

Withers himself was a classy player, having led Bradford Bulls to three Super League titles in Britain and three World Club Challenges, where his team saw off Newcastle Knights, Penrith and Balmain Tigers in style. Withers was a regular scorer for the Bradford Bulls, planting 108 tries in 170 games.

Former NRL coach Matthew Elliott, who first suggested to the centre and full back that he should move to Britain, is among his favourite coaches.

The Hills Bulls are gearing up for the start of the 2021 Ron Massey Cup on the weekend of March 13 and 14 where they will play Windsor Wolves.

The Bulls began their trials with a win over the Wolves on February 13 but more importantly blew away the cobwebs after the holiday break.

The Bulls then went down 22-28 to the reigning champions Wentworthville Magpies in their second trial.

"We are happy to be playing footy again and I gave many players a hit out against the Magpies," Withers said.

"We have one more trial game, against St Mary's this Saturday before the season opens."

"The main thing is to go through the trials without injuries, regardless of the results."

"However, we did have one injury when our front rower Dylan McKeown, dislocated his shoulder during the trial but he should be fit for the opening game."

Withers, who has three children, Zack, Tenieke and Keira, also helps in training the junior teams.

The Hills Bulls play their final trial game against hosts St Mary's. The Sydney Shield game is scheduled at 4pm, followed by the Ron Massey Cup game at 6pm.

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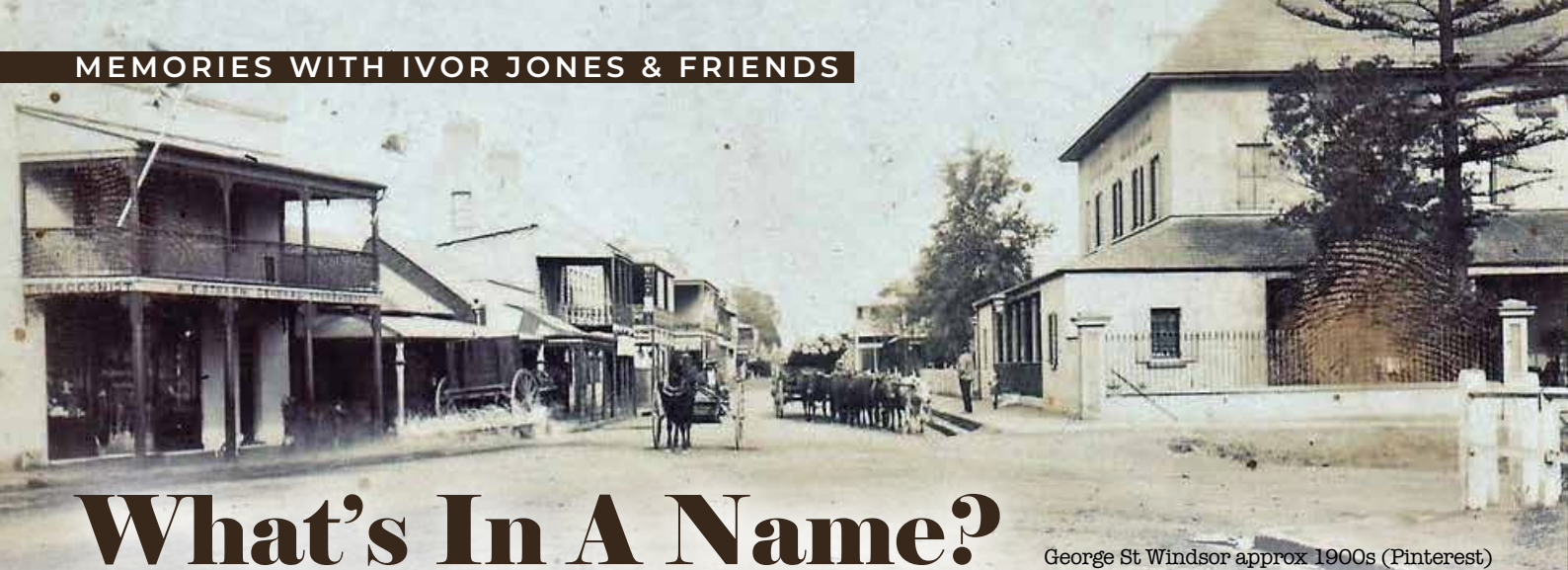
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George St Windsor approx 1900s (Pinterest)

## What's In A Name?

Have you ever wondered how your street, suburb or district got the name that it has? Some names are logical. Australian towns, villages and streets were often given names that were familiar to white settlers from the "old country". Around Windsor in the Hawkesbury district names such as The Terrace came about as it overlooked the river. Bridge St is self-explanatory as it ran down to the South Creek Bridge and Court St led to the Court House.

Green Hills was the original name given to present day Windsor by settlers due to the hills that surrounded the settlement. Lachlan Macquarie, when visiting Green Hills, said that it reminded him of Windsor in England and renamed the settlement to reflect that. Some of the early streets of Windsor owe their names to Lachlan Macquarie such as Campbell Street which was named after Lady Macquarie whose maiden name was Campbell. Argyle Street was named after Argyleshire, Scotland from where Governor Macquarie had originally come from. Quite a few streets were named after early settlers and prominent citizens in the area whereas George St was named after King George III who had many streets and towns named after him throughout the then British Empire. British politicians and noblemen also provided a source for the names of towns, villages and streets in the district. Politicians such as William Wilberforce, William Pitt, Evan Nepean, Viscount Castlereagh all provided a source for town names around the Hawkesbury, or in the case of Evan Nepean the name for a river.

Pioneer settlers and prominent residents are remembered by names such as Mileham St named for Dr Jas Mileham, Bell St for Lieutenant A Bell, Day St for Dr Day, Christie St for William Christie and so on. The Hawkesbury was so named after Baron Hawkesbury the Earl of Liverpool (1770-1828). There is some conjecture however over the name of Freemans Reach. Some say it got its name as it was the site of settlement for free men whilst others claimed that two brothers named Freeman settled there. Names such as Tizzana, of Italian origin, was given by Dr Fiaschi, a vitner and Vineyard was so named as it was in this area that early settlers grew grapes. Aboriginal names were also used for local settlements such as Kurrajong which has also appeared with alternative spellings such as Curryjong (1824), Korijong (1857) and has appeared in places as Kerri Jong and Kurry Jung. Cattai also had various alternative spellings over time including Caddie, Caddy, Catta and Catye. The settlement along the banks of the Hawkesbury named Cornwallis was named after the ship "Marquis Cornwallis" which arrived in the colony in 1796 carrying Capt. Brabyn, an early settler in the area who also has a street named after him.

There we have it. The origins of some of the street, suburb and town names. Of course there are a few names that I haven't mentioned which I am sure some of our readers would know. Space in this publication prevents me from mentioning them at the moment but they may become part of a future "Memories" article.

## EVERLASTING LOVE

by BEV JORDAN

Valentine's Day was a very special day for Frank and Margaret Nanninga who were married at Windsor on February 14, 1970.

The couple met at a dance at Parramatta Town Hall organised by a Dutch Social group.

Frank was 20 when he migrated from Holland after spending 4 years in the Dutch Navy following school.

He said his father urged him to travel when he left the service.

"When I was about 4 years old my dad and his cousin decided to go to New Zealand. We were on the boat waiting to go when my father changed his mind. I had a choice of Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa and I picked Australia, six weeks later I was off."

He flew over in 1965.

"I couldn't even speak English when I arrived here," he said. After working in Melbourne for several years he arrived in Sydney and met Margaret in May 1968.

"When I saw her walking on the dance floor I thought 'that's it'. We were engaged on Christmas Eve."

Margret's family migrated to Australia when she was 10. The couple discovered they grew up in the region of Groningen Province not far from each other. Both are amazed they ended up at the same dance.

"My parents lived in Pitt Town and we were married at St Matthew's, Windsor," said Margaret.

The couple have three children, Marcel Troy and Kylie, and four grandchildren, Tayah, Liam, Rhys and Natalie. The couple worked at the Royal Hotel in Richmond in the 80s and lived at Agnes Banks for 36 years.

They moved to Riverside Gardens at North Richmond towards the end of last year.

When you ask what the key to a successful partnership 76-year-old Frank says: "Being honest with each other."

Both believe that good communication and lots of laughs are very important.

"We love one another heaps," said Margaret, 75.





# AS WE WERE

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

COLLECTION COMPILED BY  
IVOR JONES SHOWING LIFE IN  
THE HILLS AND HAWKESBURY  
AREA DURING PAST DECADES.

George St., Windsor approx 1900s  
(Google)



Convent, Windsor 1920  
(Pinterest)



Presbyterian Church, Windsor  
(Presbyterian Church)



Sydney Rd., Windsor (Pinterest)

## SHARE YOUR OLD PHOTOS AND MEMORIES

WE LOVE HEARING PEOPLE'S MEMORIES OF LIFE IN THE HILLS AND HAWKESBURY AREAS AND WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR OLD PHOTOS. IF YOU HAVE SOME WONDERFUL FAMILY PHOTOS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, OR IF YOU ARE A LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP THAT WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR HISTORY PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US. EITHER EMAIL IVOR JONES AT [IVOR.JONES47@OPTUSNET.COM.AU](mailto:IVOR.JONES47@OPTUSNET.COM.AU) OR WRITE 17 ROSE ST BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153. ANYTHING THAT SHOWS HOW LIFE USED TO BE IS ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE. PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED.



George St Shops 1899,  
Windsor (Google)



# COMMUNITY groups

## 2nd Castle Hill Rovers

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 Wednesday mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mondays. New members welcome  
Carole | 9894 7749

## Australian Sikh Association

0433 580 539  
www.asainc.org.au

## Bushrangers Hash House Harriers

04 0828 9562

## Castle Hill Art Society

Castle Hill Art Society offers a place of art practice for artists of all ages, either in groups of various art media or classes for adults and children. Demonstrations and workshops by well-known artists are held monthly and members can participate in several exhibitions during the year. New members always welcome.  
www.castlehillartsociety.org.au  
9899 3179 (ans. machine)

## Castle Hill Senior Citizens Club Inc.,

Club members invite anyone over 55 to come and meet a very active and friendly group of Seniors who play Carpet Bowls, Cards and Rummikub. Our Club building is on the corner of McMullen Ave. and Old Northern Rd., Castle Hill (opposite the new Metro station) with parking at the rear.  
9680 3958  
castlehillseniors@gmail.com

## Christ Church

An Anglican church located at 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst, has a service at 9.30 am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.  
New Minister, Rev. Chris Baxter  
0423 119 131

## Cumberland Bird Observers Club

The Club conducts three outings a month to observe birds in their natural environment. General meetings are held at Castle Hill on the 3rd Tuesday 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

Our next meeting is Wednesday from 10am. Please join us for morning tea and/or a yummy lunch prepared by the CWA ladies  
9653 1056

## CWA of NSW – Castle Hill Branch

Holds its monthly meeting every second 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 Tuesday's of the month from 10 to 12. Bring along your lunch if you wish to stay longer.  
Maureen | 0411 724 925

## Dural Country Club Bowls

04 2131 5074

## Dural Galston Probus Club

We are a mixed club for retired and semi-retired people who enjoy friendship, interesting speakers, outings and holidays. Visitors are very welcome.  
Tiina Kase | 0428 888 411

## Dural Men's Shed

04 0247 8498  
www.duralmensshed.org

## East Kurrajong School of Arts

First Tuesday 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

## Galston VIEW Club

The Club always welcomes new members and holds monthly meetings. The Club raises money to support The Smith Family Learning For Life Program.  
Helen | 9614 1512

## Girl Guides Australia

There are great programs for girls aged from 6 to 18. They meet once a week in groups relevant to their age groups which are run by trained Leaders and Unit helpers.  
There are Girl Guide groups established at Castle Hill, Kellyville, North Rocks, Baulkham Hills, Crestwood and Galston. To find out more about the best day, time and group for your daughter call:  
Margo | 0417 657 433

## Glenhaven Probus 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

James | 04 0333 8450

## Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail

02 4567 7400  
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## Hills District Women's Bowling Club

Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills  
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## 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

## Learning in the Hills

9639 7918  
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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

Jill | 4575 3858  
www.macquarietownsgardenclub.wordpress.com/

## North Rocks Evening VIEW Club

Muirfield Golf Club, 58 Barclay Rd, North Rocks.  
Toni | 9871 1926 or 0411 693 076, or Margaret on 9872 1405  
view.org.au

## North Richmond Probus Club

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am at Panthers, North Richmond, Beaumont Rd, N. Richmond. Meetings will recommence on 12th August 2020.  
Joan Fewings | 0401813152  
northrichmondprobus@gmail.com

## Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club

We are a breakfast club and meet every Thursday morning at 7.20am. At the moment it is online but there are COVID-Safe Face to Face Meetings once a month. The Rotary Motto is Service Above Self. If you want to meet like-minded people please join us.  
norwestrotary.org.au

## Pennant Hills Mens Probus Club

John | 9487 1385

## Pennant Hills Combined Probus Club

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

## Pitt Town Probus Club

Meets at 10:00am on the 2nd Tuesday 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

## Probus Club Of Round Corner (Dural)

Secretary, Julie  
PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

## Probus Club of the Hills Inc

Ken | 02 96296459

## Probus Combined Kellyville Club

Meets at 10am on 2nd Monday of the month at Moran Aged Care Kellyville, 35 Goodison Street, North Kellyville. New members welcome.  
Glenys | 0419 616 431;  
Joy | 0416 239 696

## Probus Club – Winston Hills Northmead Combined

Meets at 10am at Toongabbie Sports Club, 12 Station St., Toongabbie, 2nd Thursday of the month. New members welcome.  
secretary@winstonhillsnorthmeadprobusclub.com.au  
Membership Officer | 0421 410 305

## Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch

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## Scouts Australia - Greater Western Sydney Region

9639 2488  
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02 9990 3514  
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S.I. of The Hills.  
Cathy Tracey | 0435 837 11?

## STaR Association

8850 1269 | www.star.org.au

## The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

## The Hills Learning Centre

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RSVP | info@thehillslc.com.au  
facebook.com/thehillslarningcentre

## The Hills Shire Garden Club

9624 5034

## The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills

You are invited to meet each month with a group of friendly ladies who are involved in fundraising for charity and enjoy social activities. Due to Covid, our meeting dates and venue are varied.  
Robyn | 9639 2742

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

Meeting on Friday, at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. Meeting commences at 10.45am. The future topics will be Health, Centrelink, Retirement, Technology Safety and others.  
Lauris Rennie | 9634 1186  
Pam | 0412 737 234  
airsydneyhills@gmail.com

## The National Seniors Australia Are you over 50?

9639 1814  
www.hillnsa.com

## The Hills District Pipe Band

Practices in the Harvey Lowe Pavilion at Castle Hill Showground every Tuesday night from 7.30pm-9pm. The band warmly welcomes new members and gig enquiries. Facebook and Instagram: @hillsdistrictpipeband  
Suzie Whitaker  
suz801@live.com.au  
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## The Hills Trefoil Guild

Elaine | 0417 330 196

## Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiestennis.org

## Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoor Club

Meet every second Tuesday in the month at Crestwood Community Centre, Drive, Baulkham Hills at 8 pm  
0452 465 906  
www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

## Windsor Probus Club

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

## Winston Hills Joey 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

## YMCA NSW Community Visitors Scheme

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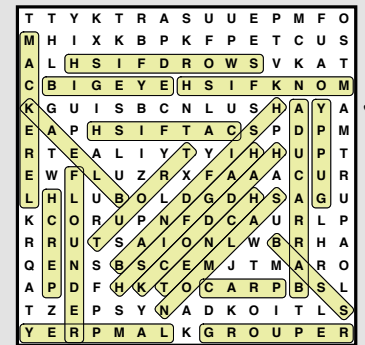
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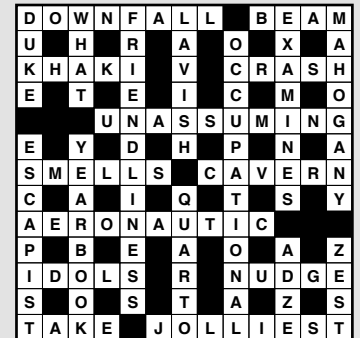


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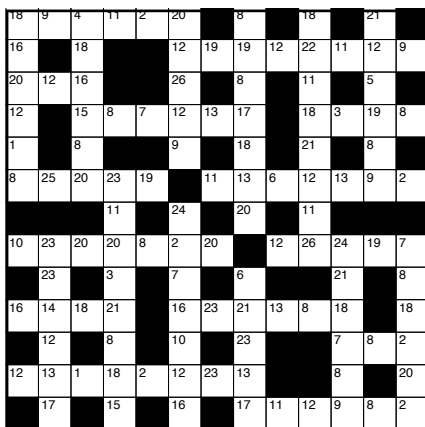
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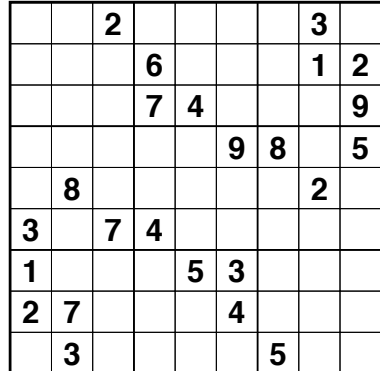
Numbers in the grid (1-26) correspond to each of the letters of the alphabet from A-Z in some order. Solve the puzzle and fill in the letters in the key provided as you find them. Three letters are provided to give you a start.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			J			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
E		H				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26		

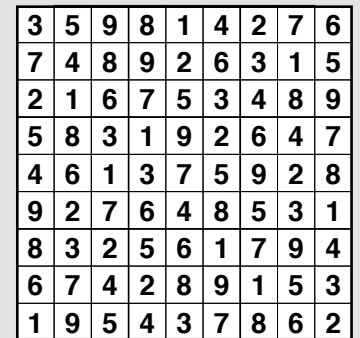


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Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.



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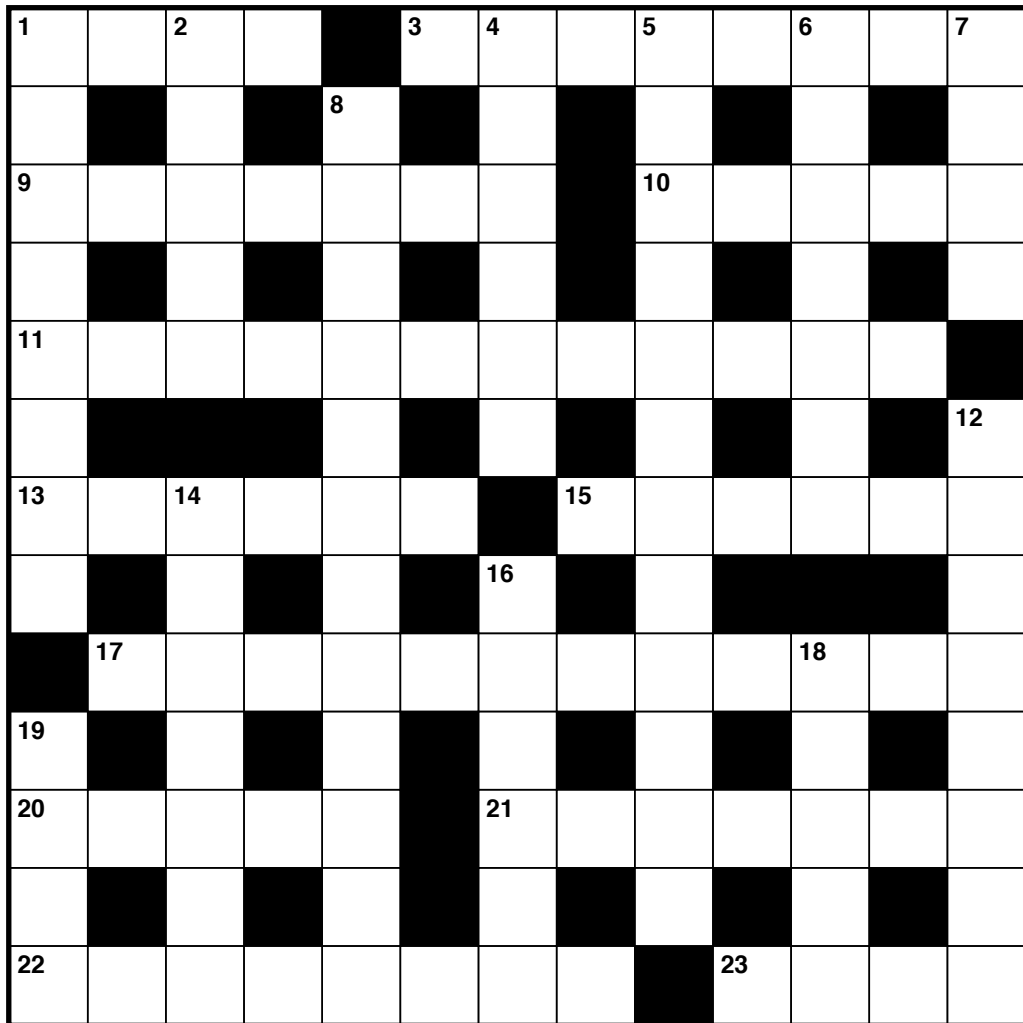


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## ACROSS

- Erase
- Sheath for a sword
- Reflex (anag)
- Momentary oversight
- From this time on
- Courteous
- From that place
- Animal lacking a backbone
- Moneys owed
- Hammers
- Recently married person (5-3)
- Metal fastener

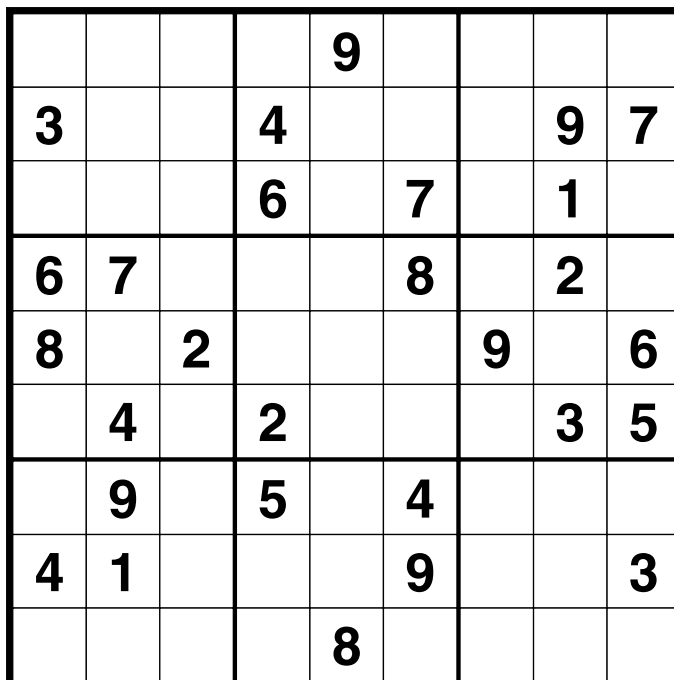
## DOWN

- Pays homage to
- Large mast
- Universe
- Disregarding the rules (5,3,4)
- Drug that relieves pain
- Hold as an opinion
- Incessantly
- Freed from captivity
- Archer's weapon
- Hinder the progress of
- Active cause
- Biblical garden

## SUDOKU

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

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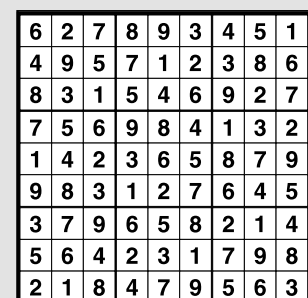


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