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John Meredith with RFS Deputy Commissioner Peter McKechnie. Photos by Peter Haddock

Captain John Meredith receiving his award from RFS Supt Matt Smith

# RFS BRIGADE'S AMAZING 75 YEARS

Volunteers with North Rocks Rural Fire Brigade are celebrating 75 years of community service.

NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services, David Elliott MP joined with NSW RFS Deputy Commissioner, Peter McKechnie to congratulate members past and present for building up the brigade into the community focal point it is today.

"This Brigade has a proud history and has put in a lot of effort developing its members over the years and strengthening its relationship with the community," Mr Elliott said.

Current North Rocks Brigade Captain John Meredith received his Lifetime Membership award during the evening.

The Brigade was formed in 1945 as the North Rocks-West Pennant Hills Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade serving what was then orchards and chicken farms.

Members initially used their own vehicles, with a trailer acquired in 1958. The first dedicated vehicle was acquired eight years later. The Brigade has been based in Carlingford since 1979.

The North Rocks Brigade has 85 members, the longest serving is Group Captain Hills District, Bruce Walton who has been with the NSW RFS for over 40 years.

Deputy Commissioner McKechnie said: "During the Black Summer bush fires, North Rocks Brigade responded to fires as far afield as Glen Innes and Queanbeyan and spent significant time in the Hawkesbury on the Gaspers Mountain fire on dedicated strike teams," he said.

"After that devastating bush fire season the brigade received over 200 enquiries from community members wishing to join and 12 have now completed basic training to be welcomed as new members."

Deputy Commissioner McKechnie said the event was an opportunity to congratulate the brigade on this significant milestone and to thank members for their ongoing commitment and service.

"The hard work and professionalism of all NSW RFS members does not go unnoticed and while they do not ask for praise, we should take this milestone to acknowledge their contribution and commitment to their community."

He said the Hills District is afforded a world-class level of fire protection due to the experience and dedication of its 17 Rural Fire Brigades. There are just over 1000 volunteers across the 17 brigades.

"We must also thank the family, friends, employers and colleagues of these and all volunteers. We know it takes their support to help our members do what they do to save lives and property," Deputy Commissioner McKechnie said.

Over the past 12 months since the Black Summer bushfires, the District fielded 500 inquiries for membership. 100 new members have been trained up across the District.

Readers can go to the RFS website for more information on volunteering: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/volunteering-with-the-rfs](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/volunteering-with-the-rfs)

## TREE PLANTING GRANTS

Hawkesbury City Council has welcomed new tree planting grants that are now available from the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW) to restore bushfire affected regions.

Hawkesbury Mayor Patrick Conolly said: "The FNPW bushfire restoration grants aim to support individuals, community groups and organisations that are working to bring communities together to restore the bush that was left scarred by the 2019-2020 bushfires."

The bushfire restoration grants are open for online applications at [fnpw.org.au/grants](http://fnpw.org.au/grants) until June 30, 2021. Individuals, community groups, organisations or government departments working in these areas are eligible to apply for support for projects commencing in 2021.

In 2020, FNPW supported the upgrade of the Hawkesbury Community Nursery to become a bushfire recovery nursery to assist in restoration activities.

Clr Conolly said: "I'm proud that Council's Hawkesbury Community Nursery in Mulgrave is supplying the trees for the 2021 planting season under this grant program."

"Our local area has experienced first-hand the effects of the bushfires but fortunately, we have a well-developed community nursery volunteer program that helps support the regeneration of our local flora and fauna. The tree planting grants will make a big difference to regenerating the native habitat for Australian wildlife."

If you are working to restore large areas of habitat by tree planting in areas that were impacted by the 2019-2020 bushfires, apply for a Bushfire Restoration Grant from the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW) before going to the Nursery for the trees.

For further information about the grants, visit [fnpw.org.au/grants](http://fnpw.org.au/grants) or contact the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife on [trudiann@fnpw.org.au](mailto:trudiann@fnpw.org.au) or 1800 898 626.

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## CEREMONY MARKS START OF BOND BUILDING AT NORWEST

A tree planting ceremony on Wednesday (May 19) marked the start of construction on The Bond in Norwest, which will include a major cancer treatment centre run by GenesisCare.

The multi-million dollar building being constructed close to Norwest Private Hospital is due for completion in the third quarter of 2022.

Norwest master developer Mulpha has already secured tenants for over 50 per cent for the landmark timber building on the corners of Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and Norbrik Drive.

Genesis Oncology's \$10 million radiation therapy facility will have the capacity to deliver more than 14,000 treatments to 800 patients a year.

Dr Antony Lighten has taken 735m<sup>2</sup> of space for his IVF Clinic and reproductive surgery. Space has also been taken up by orthodontic, obstetrics and gynaecology practices, as well as a 110-space Kinda-Mindi childcare centre.

The building has been designed using state-of-the-art cross-laminated timber technology for the 1600m<sup>2</sup> floorplates, walls, and stairs, as well as traditional laminated timber columns and beams for the frame. It will be just the third commercial building in Sydney to be built this way, and a first for the Hills.

Mulpha Developments Executive General Manager, Tim Spencer said: "We are thrilled to commence construction on this cutting-edge building which will set the standard for

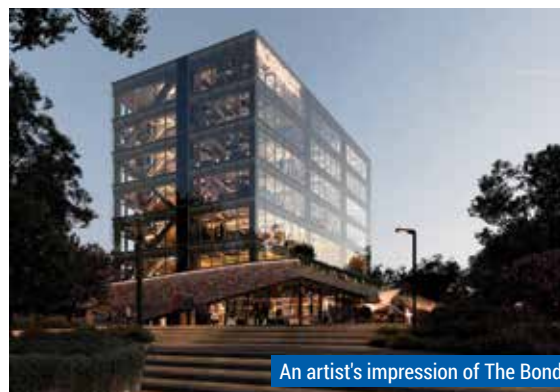
quality and innovation as Norwest transforms into a major residential, commercial, and retail hub in Sydney's economic growth corridor along the Metro Norwest.

"The Bond's location and focus on wellness and sustainability is appealing to high quality knowledge companies who want to attract and inspire the best staff and offer an appealing environment for clients.

"In addition to offering design flexibility and unique aesthetics, these new-age timber technologies have incredible strength and efficiency, and the potential to be carbon-neutral over their lifecycle, something increasingly attractive to blue-chip clients."

The Bond will comprise a ground floor retail environment, a gym, six floors of commercial office building, a childcare facility, end-of-trip facilities (showers, changerooms and bicycle storage), basement car parking, short-term visitor parking and service vehicle and loading facilities.

"Our vision for Norwest is to drive real cultural change in how people live and work, and to enable people to be more connected to their environment, not only technically but physically and emotionally," Tim Spencer said.



An artist's impression of The Bond.

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## DRIVER CHARGED AFTER PEDESTRIAN HIT

A driver has been charged with a series of offences including dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm following an incident involving a pedestrian at Kellyville Ridge on Wednesday morning (May 19).

Emergency services were called to the intersection of Windsor Road and Merriville Road, Kellyville Ridge just before 9am following reports that a 27-year-old woman had been hit by a Toyota Camry while crossing the road.

Officers from Quakers Hill Police Area Command attended and found the woman with serious head injuries.

She was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics and a Careflight doctor before being taken to Westmead Hospital where she remains in a serious, but stable condition.

The driver of the Toyota, a 36-year-old woman, was tested at the scene and returned a negative result.

Officers from the Crash Investigation Unit examined the scene and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

The Lalor Park woman was arrested and taken to Riverstone Police Station

where she was charged with dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm - drive manner dangerous, negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm, proceed through red traffic light, not stop at stop line at red light, cause bodily harm by misconduct (in charge of motor vehicle) and negligent driving (no death or grievous bodily harm). Her licence was also suspended.

She was granted conditional bail to appear at Blacktown Local Court on Monday June 7, 2021.



## \$700,000 CASH UNCOVERED

A man faced court on Friday May 14 after police seized more than \$700,000 cash as a result of a vehicle stop for a seatbelt offence in Bella Vista.

Just before 8.30pm (Thursday May 13), officers from The Hills Traffic and Highway Patrol were conducting patrols of the Bella Vista area, when they detected a driver not wearing a seatbelt.

Police stopped the Toyota Camry on Circa Boulevard and spoke to the unrestrained driver.

During a subsequent search of the vehicle, officers allegedly located \$75,000 concealed in the boot and secreted under the rear seat.

The 39-year-old male driver was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station.

As part of inquiries, officers executed a search warrant at a serviced apartment at Bella Vista, where a further \$650,000 was seized.

The Queensland man was subsequently charged with knowingly deal with proceeds of crime. He has been refused bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court today (Friday, May 14).

Inquiries are continuing.

## MAN BASHED OUTSIDE HOME

Police are investigating the robbery of a man at Baulkham Hills on Saturday evening (May 15).

The 31-year-old man was at home on Quintana Avenue with his family when the power went out at about 10.30pm on Saturday (May 15).

He went outside to the electrical box when he was approached by two men, wearing balaclavas and armed with a baseball bat.

The resident was struck over the head, causing him to fall to the ground, where he was struck a number of times to the head and body. The injured man's mobile phone was stolen before the two men fled on foot.

Police were notified and officers from The Hills attended and commenced an investigation.

The man was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics and taken to Westmead Hospital in a stable condition with head and facial injuries.

Police would like to speak to two men who may be able to assist with their inquiries. They have been described as being under 180cm tall, of slim build and were wearing grey hooded jumpers and face coverings.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call The Hills Police Area Command or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## WOMAN IN COURT OVER ALLEGED FRAUD

A woman will face court next month after she allegedly defrauded a not-for-profit treatment centre of almost \$250,000.

Following extensive investigations, police arrested a 43-year-old woman at a home at Freemans Reach about midday on Wednesday, May 19. She was taken to Windsor Police Station, where she was charged with two counts dishonestly obtain financial advantage by deception and knowingly deal with proceeds of crime.

Police will allege in court the woman, who was an employee at the centre, defrauded the centre of \$244,105.99 between 2018 and 2021.

Detectives from Inner West Police Area Command commenced an investigation in March after a not-for-profit treatment centre reported suspected fraudulent activity within their reimbursement systems.

The investigation revealed that fraudulent expense forms had been submitted for a patient who had passed away and were allegedly paid into an employee's bank account.

The Freemans Reach woman was granted strict conditional bail and is due to appear at Windsor Local Court on Thursday, June 24.

Investigations are continuing.



## UNIT FIRE

A unit block on Barina Downs Road at Norwest had to be evacuated following a fire in a unit at around 3pm on May 7.

Several Fire and Rescue NSW Brigades responded to the alarms.

FRNSW got to work and quickly brought the fire under control utilising an internal hydrant system before it spread to any neighbouring units.

No one was injured in the fire.





# DISCOVER BETTER MENTAL HEALTH

**This week (May 23 to May 29) is Schizophrenia Awareness Week and registered nurse Wendy Hynh from the Windsor Road Private Clinic at Baulkham Hills has compiled this column.**

In 1992, the World Health Organisation (WHO) shared their international research on schizophrenia and the results were shocking: people in developing countries had better outcomes when compared with people in developed countries.

These surprising findings raised the question, how could richer countries with more resources and sophisticated

healthcare systems have poorer outcomes?

Schizophrenia is a mental illness that alters a person's perception of reality and disturbs thoughts, emotions and behaviour. It is highly misunderstood and stigmatised, yet it is a common illness.

About 1 in 100 Australians have schizophrenia (Healthdirect Australia,

2020). Based on current population statistics for Baulkham Hills-Hawkesbury, an estimated 2,277 people in our community are affected by this illness. It's likely that you know a friend, neighbour or colleague living with schizophrenia.

What is clear from the WHO studies is that schizophrenia affects people all over the world and psychosocial factors have a direct impact on outcomes. These studies invite us to learn from other cultures and their values.

A consumer from a developing country once shared with me that in his community there is a strong sense of ownership and support – where 'your problem is everyone's problem'. We know that social isolation plays a big role in poor patient outcomes and much can be learnt from observing other cultures and their social and community constructs.

Strong family ties, community and a sense of belonging are all predictors for good outcomes for people living with schizophrenia.

In our service, we encounter culturally diverse people from all walks of life, and we witness firsthand that schizophrenia does not discriminate. As mental health nurses, we are fortunate to have people share their lived experiences with us and allow us to be a part of their journey.

You can read about pathophysiology and medications for treatment in textbooks, but what a textbook cannot teach you is what each person's experience means to them, how their symptoms impact their lives and what will help them in their journey towards recovery.

The theme for Schizophrenia Awareness Week in 2021 is "Discover Better Mental Health".

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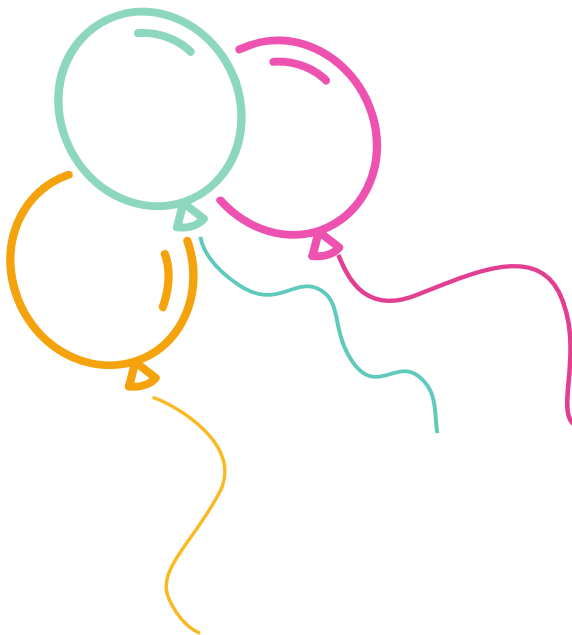




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# MAIN STREET GROCER CELEBRATES

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

The Main Street Grocer in North Richmond Shopping Village is celebrating its first birthday in style on Saturday, May 29.

The Main Street Grocer, however, traces its origins back to 30 years when it was known as Vegi Patch, which was a stalwart in the community. Under the new management, the store has been transformed into a thriving gourmet grocer, deli and fresh produce store.

According to owner Anil Soni, he and his business partner Ish Ahmed wanted to try something different. Mr Soni has been in the food industry for many years and runs a large manufacturing plant in Seven Hills

making We Love Pizza, a nationally-recognised fresh, refrigerated pizza sold in independent grocery stores.

"We really wanted to create a refreshed brand for the shop, one which shows our passion for more than just fresh produce and bring in more gourmet supermarket ranges, suitable for the changing palate of the Hawkesbury," Mr Soni said.

Mr Soni and his team actually saved Vegi Patch from being closed down in April 2020 and have redesigned the vision for the store.

"Our hope is to bring the Main Street Grocer to its full glory with a full redesign and renovation commencing end of 2021, without losing the local favourites like our famous deli," Mr Ahmed said.

The proudly Hawkesbury-based team were overwhelmed with local support during last year's floods, working directly with local suppliers, farmers and producers to keep the shelves stocked and the North Richmond community fed.

Due to road closures, both Mr Soni and Mr Ahmed were unable to travel to their new venture for a week. Mr Soni said their store manager (and former owner), Connie Panetta and her husband Rocky were able to keep it open daily and secure supplies from the local farmers to ensure their customers were not left in the lurch.

"It was so frightening not being able to source the basics due to road blockages, but we reached out to our neighbouring farmers and kept the community reassured they would not go hungry," Ms Panetta said.

"It was the worst floods we had seen because this time both Bilpin and Windsor were inaccessible."

The store will have specials, samplings and face painting for children as a part of the first birthday celebrations on Saturday May 29, from 10am-3pm. Everyone is welcome.



Anil Soni, Connie Panetta and Ish Ahmed

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# CLOSE SHAVE TO HELP OTHERS

Glenwood High School has raised over \$15,500 for cancer research and support programs through its involvement with this year's Hills Relay For Life event.

Students and staff have held bake stalls, raffles and a headshave to raise money as a team in the Cancer Council fundraiser.

Science teacher Kiel Moore is used to close shaves, the House Captain Co-ordinator at Glenwood High usually has his head shaved when the school attends the annual charity event.

This year he was joined by Year 11 student Lucy North and Year 12 student Joshua Gleeson on the school's quadrangle to have their heads shaved in front of the whole school.

"In past occasions, (the head shave) has been done on stage at Relay in front of mostly strangers. This year it was in front of my students and colleagues so it was a bit more confronting," said Mr Moore.

Year 11 student Lucy North said she had wanted to shave her hair for a long time and says family and friends were extremely supportive.

"After some discussion, we decided to shave our heads in-front of the school rather than at the event to make it more personal and be surrounded by the people that supported and donated to us ... it was so heart-warming to know that I had a community of people behind me the whole time," she said.

Lucy opted for a #3 shave: "I absolutely love it! I do not have to worry about styling it in the morning, and it has boosted my self-esteem and self-confidence. I do not think I have stopped smiling since I shaved it all off"

Joshua Gleeson Year 12 and Vice-School Captain said he was initially hesitant about the shave but said he felt guilty about being vain about the way he looked.

"I started to think about all the people who have been taken away from me by cancer," he said. "So many family members

and close friends have been impacted by this unjustly selective disease, and too many have lost their long and arduous battles.

"Particularly, for our school, our dear Mrs Nash passed away just last year."

A team of 30 Glenwood High students and staff also attended the shortened Hills Relay For Life Event at Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, May 15.

Mr Moore said: "It is always great to show the wider community what amazing students we have here at Glenwood High School.

"This is an opportunity for them to demonstrate their leadership skills and most importantly, to raise money for cancer research and to educate other students about these difficult topics."



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# COLD DAY FOR WARM HEARTS

By **BEV JORDAN**

Hundreds of people gathered on Saturday (May 15) at Castle Hill Showground to celebrate the 20th birthday of the Hills Relay For Life.

Instead of a 24-hour event, COVID Restrictions limited it to a five-hour picnic-style format with 500 people although there was a sparkling firework finale.

The Chair of the 2021 Hills Relay organising committee Lisa Carruthers said "We are all so very grateful for all of the awesome support from our Hills Community.

"We are currently sitting at \$119,000 raised this year, and over \$4.5million raised over the past 20 years."

Founding chair Cathy Aird spoke about how Hills Relay started in 2001 and cut the ribbon for the first lap after the oath was said by cancer survivor James Butler, founding committee member and former Chair.

The cake cutting and on-stage entertainment was followed by the candlelight ceremony.

Lisa said: "Our Candlelight Ceremony of HOPE was a very moving reminder of why we Relay, and how we Celebrate survivors, Remember our lost loved ones and Fightback against cancer."

She thanked the "hard working and passionate" organising committee and the major sponsors, Castle Towers, CHRG, Event Cinemas and Hills Shire Council for helping to make the event happen and to Karen D'Angola at Di Jones Real Estate and DazzleFX Fireworks for donating the birthday fireworks.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Hills Relay For Life Trivia Night on June 12. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at The Hills Grammar School. Tickets are \$20pp max 10 per table. To book email denise.daynes@internationalproductions.com for details.
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Volunteers (L-R) Pat Street, Stephanie Robinson, Carolyn Evans, Sue Robinson, Shantel Celeban, Paul Reid, Enelyn Tsingolis and Louise Baul.

# VOLUNTEER WEEK

By BEV JORDAN

Hills Community Aid has held a morning tea and a lunch to thank the many volunteers that run the organisation to mark Volunteer Week.

It has nearly 130 volunteers who help with administration, Learning in the Hills, bus driving, group programs, financial support programs and playgroups as well as help with the Hills Daily Grind coffee van, Hills CarPal and form the HCA Board.

Sue Robinson has volunteered one day a week in the Hills Community Aid office for 13 years, since retiring from the world of finance.

She met staff from Hills Community Aid while working in a bank in Baulkham Hills and asked them what HCA did.

"When I retired I had the time to volunteer. I love volunteering because it keeps me in touch with other people.

"I meet a diverse range of people that I wouldn't normally meet and I understand the difficulties they face. I also meet young people which keeps my mental abilities going."

Caroline, who teaches soft furnishings at Learning in the Hills, has been a volunteer for the past five years. A teacher for over 35 years, she taught at three evening colleges after migrating from the UK.

Her connection to Learning in the Hills spans over 30 years and so do some of her friendships.

"It's more than a class, it's somewhere to create friendships."

HCA Executive Officer, Mici Beer, thanked all the volunteers.

"Hills Community Aid has been supporting the community through social, financial, and information services and programs for 52 years.

"The backbone of our organisation has always been our volunteers and the continued delivery of all of our programs is only possible with the support of our dedicated, enthusiastic, and wonderful volunteers.

"I would like to say thank you to our 128 volunteers for their time, their support, and the valuable contribution they make to our community, we couldn't do it without you."

**\* Hills Community Aid, is hosting a Volunteer Information Morning Tea on Thursday, June 3 for anyone considering volunteering. For further details ring 9639 8620.**



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# HERITAGE GARDEN BLOSSOMS

By GISELA HORNER | FRIENDS OF BELLA VISTA FARM VOLUNTEER

For the past 14 months, Bella Vista Farm's gardens have become a safe and delightful haven for Friends to share some social time together.

Importantly it has given them an impetus to re-establish the Heritage Garden.

Sharon Rawstron leads the team of the regular gardening group with Marge Leary, Kathryn Matthews, Honor Large, Graham Rawstron, Geoff Whetton and Heather and Rob Blackadder. Others often come to give a hand. They come every week armed with gardening tools and get stuck in for many hours.

Rob, one of the newer recruits, with his 'can do' attitude, has converted old timber pallets to make a large composting area where tired plants and weeds are aerated, recycled and turned back into rich soil.

In 2000, the Hills Shire Council began restoring the garden. However, it needed constant and ongoing care, replenishment and re-design. A lot of research was then undertaken particularly by Sharon.

During COVID, gardening has provided the group with an opportunity to meet. They keep a safe distance from each other, enjoy the open space and, working on a project that gives great rewards.

They have drawn up a seasonal calendar and have set targets for the garden to be a competitive entrant in the 2022 Hills Garden Competition. Spring and summer will showcase Cecile Brunner, Monsieur Tillier, Jean Ducher, Reine de Violette, Old Blush China heritage roses, lavender, salvia, crepe myrtle and many others. Many of the plants are from cuttings collected and nurtured by the volunteers.

Sharon calls Kathryn a 'gardener's gardener'. When Kathryn took her U3A walking group to Bella Vista Farm, she said 'I could see the garden could do with some help' and joined soon after as a Friend.



Kathryn at work in the garden.

Her great brew of nettle tea has done wonders for the health and vigour of the plants. Dealing with the dry and windy conditions and resident rabbits hasn't daunted the group.

They love to be part of transforming the garden into a showpiece enhancing the beauty and charm of the historic home which stands atop the hill at Bella Vista.

Bella Vista Farm welcomes visitors the 1st Sunday of every month between 9am to 2pm. Entry is free. QR requirements apply.

Take a stroll through the beautiful gardens, enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea in the relaxed rural setting, listen to classical music performed by the Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra. A Trash and Treasure stall provides quality bric-a-brac and house tours showcase the homestead and way of life in the 1800s.

The Farm is located on the corner of Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and Norwest Boulevard, Bella Vista.

If you are interested in becoming a member and would like to contribute to the Farm, please send your email to [friends.bellavistafarm@gmail.com](mailto:friends.bellavistafarm@gmail.com)



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# The Hills Shire Council News

## Have Your Say on the Draft 2021 – 2022 Hills Shire Plan

The Hills Shire Plan is a five part document that provides the framework by which Council plans to operate during the next financial year.

The Hills Shire Plan consists of five documents:

- Hills Future Community Strategic Plan; sets the long term Strategic Direction for The Hills Shire, which is prepared following community consultation.
- 2021-2025 Delivery Program; communicates what Council will deliver over its four year term and is updated each year with new actions.
- 2021-2025 Resourcing Strategy; consists of the Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy and Workforce Strategy.
- 2021-2022 Operational Plan; details the activities Council proposes to carry out in the next financial year.
- 2021-2022 Fees and Charges; proposed for the next financial year.

**Submissions close: Friday, 28 May 2021**

To view the Draft 2021 – 2022 Hills Shire Plan and to make a submission, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for 'Draft 2021 – 2022 Hills Shire Plan.'



## Council seeks expressions of interest for Hills Local Planning Panel representatives

The Hills Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the community to represent Council on the Hills Local Planning Panel (HLPP).

The role of the HLPP is to determine planning applications for local development and provide advice on rezoning applications. Each panel meeting consists of three independent experts and a community representative.

A number of experts and community representatives are appointed and rotated through meetings. The appointment of community representatives will be up to a period of three years commencing July 2021.

The following conditions apply:

- The community representative will be paid in accordance with rates set by the NSW Government.
- Property developers, real estate agents and current Councillors are not eligible to apply.

- To be eligible you must live in the Hills Shire Local Government Area.

### How to apply

To view the selection criteria and to download the nomination form, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for 'LPP.'

To apply:

- Email your nomination form and supporting letter to: [localplanningpanel@thehills.nsw.gov.au](mailto:localplanningpanel@thehills.nsw.gov.au)

**OR;**

- Send your nomination form and supporting letter via mail and address it to:

**The General Manager, Hills LPP Nomination, PO BOX 7064, Norwest NSW 2153.**

**Nominations close: Monday, 7 June 2021.**





## Pages Wharf Road Restoration

Council is in the process of repairing Pages Wharf Road in Sackville North after it collapsed due to the recent floods.

Currently, vehicle access to properties on Mud Island Road and Pages Wharf Road to the north is restricted to the use of Chapel Hill Road, with a three tonne limit. Council is developing options to stabilise the collapsed sections of road as a matter of urgency, and a two-stage approach is proposed.

Stage one involves temporarily stabilising the sections of collapsed road on Pages Wharf Road using an embankment stabilisation method. This temporary solution will take a number of weeks to complete and while we understand that this may create inconvenience for residents whose property access is limited, it is essential that the work is carried out as soon as possible.

Stage two involves devising a more permanent solution to reduce susceptibility to damage from future floods. This will require detailed geotechnical investigations and design.

Geotechnical investigations are also being carried out in order to identify the remedial work necessary to enable the temporary three tonne load limit on Chapel Hill Road to be lifted.

Stage one is expected to be completed by the end of June. Council thanks residents and road users for your patience during this time.

For more information, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for 'Local Emergency Management.'

## Council Meetings

**Ordinary Meeting: Tuesday, 25 May 2021 – 7pm, Council Chambers**

Due to the latest Public Health Order, limited seating is available at Council meetings.



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## 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.'



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# RED SHIELD APPEAL

By BEV JORDAN

## Volunteers are still needed for the Red Shield Appeal on the weekend of May 29 and 30.

Chair of the Hills Red Shield Appeal, Frank De Masi, said help was needed more than ever.

"Last year, due to COVID there was no fundraising at all yet the Salvos were so busy. They were helping people through the drought, then the bushfires, then COVID and then the floods. That was in addition to everything else they do, including helping the homeless."

The Hills campaign was launched at Castle Hill with representatives from nine local high schools who were told about the work the Salvation Army is doing with youth and the homeless.

According to Salvation Army findings for every person known to be homeless there are 13 others that can't be seen.

Volunteers will be collecting at various spots including Stanhope Gardens Post Office and Michelle's Patisserie, Rouse Hill Village, Kellyville Netball courts, North Kellyville Square, Kellyville Village, The Ponds shopping centre, Rouse Hill Bunnings, Castle Hill Bunnings, Norwest Market-town, Beaumont Hills Village Rouse Hill Town Centre and Annangrove Shops on the weekend of May 29 and 30.

This year the Red Shield Appeal will be both online and through collection points.

You can donate online at [www.salvationarmy.org.au/rsaws](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/rsaws), call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58).

Volunteer collectors will be out on the weekend of May 29 and 30.

Captain Susanne Geracia from Rouse Hill Salvos said people could still turn up at the weekend and help.

"Turn up to William Clarke College Kellyville on Saturday May 29 or Sunday May 30 at 8:30am for a chance to head out into the community.



Alex Hawke MP, Greg Donovan (Salvos) Mayor Michelle Byrne, Chair Frank De Masi, Jim Taggart and David Collinson (Salvos).

"It is so important to give back and help those in need. 2020 was tough on everyone and here at The Salvos we want everyone to be taken care of."

The goal in the Hills is to raise \$31,000. To find out more visit [salvationarmy.org.au](http://salvationarmy.org.au)

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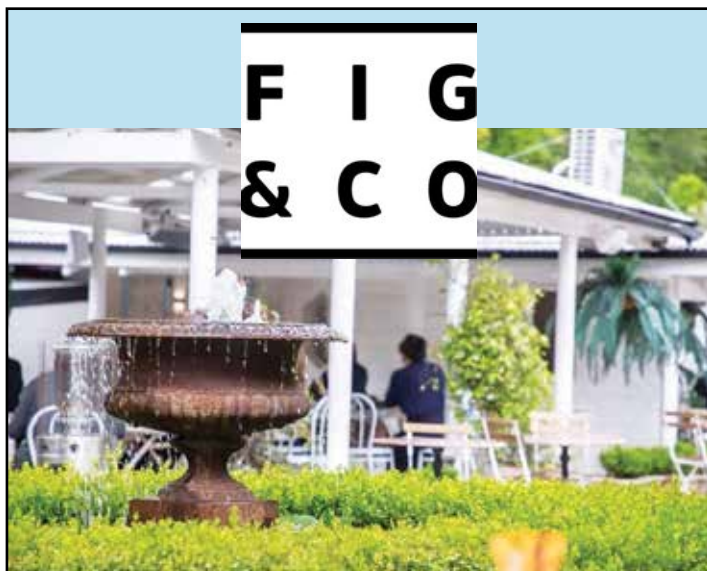
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## THE (NOT SO) SECRET GARDEN FAIR

By BEV JORDAN

Hundreds of people found their way to the Secret Garden at North Richmond for the annual Autumn Fair.

The "return to normal" attracted the Fair's biggest crowd in years and raised over \$10,000 to help North West Disability Services with their work. Visitors enjoyed browsing 28 artisan stalls as well as the garden and nursery.

Tucked away in the corner of the Western Sydney University, Richmond, The Secret Garden, which also has a café and farmyard corner, goats as well as a gift shop, is run by NWDS as a community hub.

CEO Deb Gersbach said the May 1 fair attracted 1400 people and the feedback from both visitors and stallholders was very positive.

"As a charity, the Secret Garden does not have any recurrent funding so we wish to thank the support we continue to receive from the community and our many volunteers who make our Fairs possible and also volunteer in so many ways throughout the year," she said.

"Rotary and Lions Clubs are always amazing and the Men's Shed were wonderful entertaining the families as the train ran flat out all day.



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I am often asked what the Secret Garden is all about and it is really hard to say because it does so much for those who come there. The Secret Garden allows participants to strive for and reach goals, and learn to do things that are important to them and their personal growth and to achieve maximum potential."

"It is just a great place to mix with all the volunteers and feel at home. For our volunteers, it is their space and their job that they love to do. For the general public, just a great place to wander around and enjoy the atmosphere and quaint items everywhere, then to go home with some great craft, plants and unique purchases. For young mums, it is just a chance for a coffee and to let the children play in the mud Brick play castle."

The Secret Garden Nursery sells an enormous range of plants, from drought-tolerant succulents and natives to vegetable seedlings and cottage garden plants. Most are propagated and nurtured on-site by staff, volunteers and disability program participants.

All profits go directly back into providing services to the community, including daily programs for people with disabilities.

Participants are involved in:

- Animal care
- Café experience
- Mate's Shed
- Coffee shop
- Candle making
- Retail garden skills
- Horticulture therapy
- Plant propagation
- Construction and landscaping
- Recycling project
- Train care and maintenance
- Riding for the Disabled

NWDS does not receive any government funding. The Secret Garden is located on Clydesdale Lane, on the campus of the Western Sydney University, Richmond. Enter via Londonderry Road. It is open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 3pm.

For more information about the Secret Garden Nursery and Community Hub or want to volunteer, call 0414 784 460 or visit the website: [www.secretgarden.org.au](http://www.secretgarden.org.au)



Book sale organisers Richard Young and Ted Shade

## GALSTON BOOK FAIR

A feast awaits avid book worms at the annual Galston Rotary Club giant book fair.

There will be over 40,000 books for sale at Galston Community Centre on June 25, 26 and 27, including some first editions and some signed by the author.

The collectibles table will include a signed copy of *The Heritage of J J Hilder* (Australian artist 1881 to 1916); a 1902 copy of *Dew Babies* by Helen Broadbent and a rare copy of *The Ladies Handbook of Home Treatment*, a medical reference book for women, written by doctors F C Richards and Eulalia S Richards (a married couple) and first published in Australia in 1905.

The Rotary Club of Galston's annual book fair has a huge history itself and was first run in 1997. It has raised a large amount of money during that time to support projects both at home and overseas, including local Rural Fire Service Brigades, Galston High School, Riding For the Disabled and Youth Insearch to name a few.

Book sale organisers Richard Young and Ted Shade said amongst the 1000 titles being sold this year there are many books of note including: *The Founders of Australia*: a biographical dictionary of the First Fleet by Mollie Gillen; *Chronicles of Crime 142* by Felham; *Australian Rain Forest Trees* by W.D Francis; *Getty Images Cars*;

*Gourmet Pilgrim-Germany*; a book on Dr Ludwig Leichhardt; and *The Australian Victories In France, 1918* by Monash.

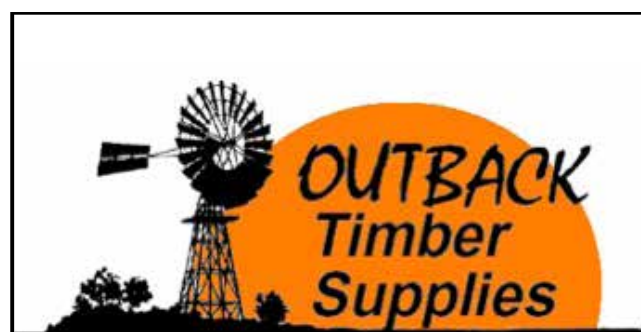
"*Great Cathedrals of the Middle Ages* is a wonderful book, especially for people who can't visit these magnificent shrines in person. The photos are fantastic, the text is informative, but the real stars of the shows are the cathedrals themselves, which I consider the most wonderful examples of architecture created by man.

"The Atlas of Australian Wars gives readers a tangible link between the operations and campaigns described in the text ... (it) covers frontier conflict and colonial wars during the 19th century and the 10 wars in which Australia's has been involved in the century 1901-2001. It also covers peace-keeping operations. The atlas relates a magnificent story of the competence, courage, and self-sacrifice by Australia's armed services."

All the books are in categories.

There will be dedicated areas for children's books, vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games.

Trading hours on Friday to Saturday will be 8.30am to 5pm. Sunday the sale will operate between 8.30am and 3pm when there will be clearance sale bargains



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# GREYHOUND ADOPTION DAY

Greyhounds as Pets (GAP) has partnered with Kellyville Pets to hold a Greyhound Adoption Day at the store on Saturday, May 29 from 9am to 2pm.

GAP, a not-for-profit organisation that rehomes retired race dogs, will be bringing 30 greyhounds to the store to find them a forever home.

The Averillo family adopted Herbert at last year's Kellyville Pets and GAP adoption day in November and couldn't imagine life without their greyhound.

Deanna Averillo (pictured with daughters Aria and Harper together with Herbert) said: "We are so thrilled we adopted Herbert as he fits into our family lifestyle so easily and he has the most placid nature."

"He has brought so much joy to our family".

Dr Alicia Fuller, General Manager at GAP said: "We've had a successful partnership with Kellyville Pets for many years now. We are both strong advocates of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership and these adoption days are about finding greyhounds their forever homes, and families their forever pet."

"A greyhound will make a fantastic addition to any family. This breed is well behaved and brings nothing but love. Our adoption days give

the public the chance to see for themselves the placid nature of the dogs, and of course to have a pat and a snuggle.

"We rehome our Greyhounds via a 6-step program that matches pet owners with a greyhound suitable to their lifestyle and personality so everyone gets a perfect match," she said.

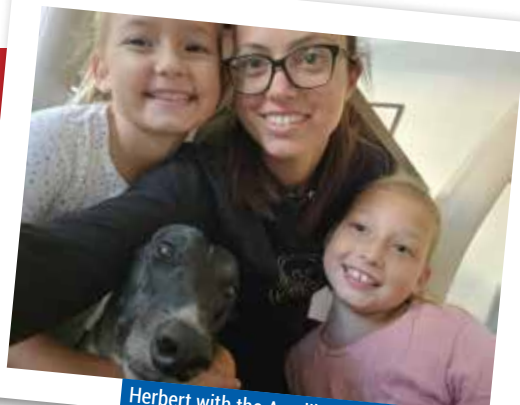
John Grima, owner and managing director of Kellyville Pets believes greyhounds are dogs well suited as pets to the Hills area.

"Hosting a Greyhound Adoption Day in the Hills area is ideal. Greyhounds are actually great apartment dogs because of their calm temperament, and they don't require a lot of space to live."

"Like all dogs they just love a daily walk. This makes them the perfect pet for the hills area as there are a lot of people living in apartments or in homes that aren't on large blocks."

"We believe no animals should be left in shelters and we are committed to finding the most suitable home for all animals, both young and old."

For those interested in adopting a greyhound register at [www.gapnsw.com.au](http://www.gapnsw.com.au) and get a sneak peek at the Adoption Day Dog-a-logue which features the profile of the greyhounds that will



Herbert with the Averillo family from Kellyville



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## PETS OF THE WEEK

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### AT A GLANCE

NAME: POPPY

BREED:

Domestic cat

SEX: Female

AGE: 1 year old

PRICE: \$30



**POPPY** is a one-year-old female Domestic Short Hair cat. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say that Poppy is a quiet girl just looking for her new forever home, Staff say Poppy would love a home where she will be able to sit on your lap enjoying all the affection you can give her. If you have been looking for a quiet girl like Poppy please come to the shelter to meet her. Poppy's adoption price has been reduced to \$30 as she is a featured cat. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

**BELLE** is a sweet affectionate girl according to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter. Staff say that the one-year-old domestic cat is looking for a loving home where she will be allowed to be around her new family. If you are interested in adopting Belle please come to the shelter to meet her. As one of the featured cats, Belle's adoption price has been reduced to \$30. The price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life time registration.

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## GENERATIONAL CHANGES TO AGED CARE IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government's 2021–22 Budget is a turning point for senior Australians and their families, loved ones, carers and aged care workers in Mitchell.

The Morrison Government is committing an additional \$17.7 billion package of support for aged care in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

Five key pillars of aged care reform will be implemented over five years

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The Government's reforms will deliver improvements in residential care, with a better funding model and increased transparency, and better support for rural, regional and remote, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and vulnerable senior Australians.

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## CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

To help flood affected community members, free Flood Recovery - Chemical CleanOut events will be held in June. The events are intended to support flood affected community members of the Hawkesbury, The Hills, Hornsby and the Central Coast.

The events will be run by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) in conjunction with Hawkesbury City Council and The Hills Shire Council. Hawkesbury City Council and the NSW EPA have nominated Pitt Town, Wisemans Ferry and Wilberforce as the three locations for the Flood Recovery - Chemical CleanOut events. The events will be held on:

- **Tuesday, June 1**
  - 8am to 11am, Pitt Town & District Sports Club
  - 2pm to 4pm, Wisemans Ferry Carpark, Off Northern Rd
- **Wednesday, June 2**
  - 8am to 1pm, Woodlands Oval, Wilberforce.

At the Chemical CleanOut events, flood affected community members will be able to safely dispose of any potentially hazardous household chemicals. These include household cleaners and solvents, batteries, fluorescent globes and tubes; paint and paint related products, pesticides and herbicides, poisons, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, acids and alkalis, car batteries, motor oils, fuels and fluids.

Only items up to a maximum size of 20 litres or 20 kilograms can be dropped off. Further information is available at [epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/household-recycling-overview/household-chemical-cleanout](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/household-recycling-overview/household-chemical-cleanout) or call the NSW EPA on 131 555.

Primary producers and small businesses that have been impacted by the flood and now need to safely dispose of chemicals and hazardous waste should contact Council's Waste Education Officer on 4560 4566 to determine if Hawkesbury City Council can accommodate your needs or if another disposal option would be more suitable.

An annual Chemical CleanOut event will also be held for all Hawkesbury residents on Sunday, August 8 from 9am to 3:30pm at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.



# SWING CITY ON THE WAY

Construction starts in June on a \$12million golf and hospitality venue featuring 40 golf driving ranges, mini-golf, plus dining and entertainment in Norwest.

Norwest parent developer Mulpha received DA approval from Hills Shire Council for the \$12m "Swing City" development earlier this month. Work on the venue is scheduled for completion in late 2021.

The venue will cater for a broad range of sporting, leisure, entertainment and corporate function demand in the Hills district.

A Mulpha spokesperson said: "Each bay at Swing City's golf driving range will feature the latest in golf ball tracking technology allowing players to not only improve their swing, but also to compete in a range of challenges including longest drive, nearest the pins and virtual play on many of the world's most famous golf courses."

Swing City is located on Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, near Norwest Private Hospital, opposite Mulpha's new landmark timber commercial building The Bond currently under construction.



Artist's impression of Swing City

Mulpha CEO, Greg Shaw said: "With families now making up 64 per cent of households in The Hills, Norwest is ideally located for a diversified leisure and entertainment offering."

"There are limited licensed sporting venues currently in the area, so Swing City will tap into a growing demand from people to enjoy the game of golf in a more family-friendly setting."

"Swing City is just one of a number of new initiatives designed to create a vibrant, active and socially-engaged community, connected to nature and neighbours, and

ultimately a highly liveable Smart City in Norwest," he said.

Norwest has been identified by the State Government as a strategic growth centre, where numbers over the next decade are expected to increase to 60,000 workers, 20,000 residents and 10,000 visitors, as well as over 2,000 organisations.

As well as 40 golf driving range bays, The "Swing City" development will include a licensed restaurant with undercover and outdoor alfresco dining, corporate function and entertainment facilities, mini-golf and amusements.

# WOLVES LICKED

The Windsor Wolves have only themselves to blame for another poor first half in their previous game against Blacktown. The Wolves completed 12 sets, compared to 20 by Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles in the opening half to trail 24-6 at the interval.

Despite their fightback in the second half, the Wolves lost 30-26, with coach Chris Yates disappointed with a few crucial decisions.

"The boys played their best second half this season but we lost the game in the first half," said Yates.

The Wolves can redeem themselves when they host Cabramatta at Windsor Sports Complex this Saturday at 5pm.

"You cannot win a game in the first 20 minutes but you can lose a game in the first 20 minutes," Yates said.

The Wolves have also had to deal with the departure of former NRL star Tony 'T-Rex' Williams whose social media post on the Jarryd Hayne conviction led to his downfall. However, Yates said they have been fortunate to sign up a good replacement in former Dragons and Bulldogs centre, Tim Lafai.

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Josh Lewis had a fine game against Cabramatta.  
Picture: Billie Gwynne

# BULLS BRACE FOR FIJIAN FLAIR

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

The Hills Bulls are bracing for a Fijian onslaught when they play the Silktails away in one of the top matches in round 11 of the Ron Massey rugby league cup this Saturday.

The Bulls are second on the table, after a 48-0 drubbing of Cabramatta Two Blues in their round nine clash. Round 10 was a bye for all teams.

Experienced Bulls coach Mick Withers said they focused on completing their sets and that paid rich dividends against Cabramatta where half back Josh Lewis scored one try and converted seven. "We completed sets and built pressure on

Cabramatta who made us work for the victory, specially in the first 30 minutes when the score was 6-0," Withers said.

"The team enjoyed their break because there were a lot of sore bodies (from the previous rounds) and I rested some of the older players in the last 20 minutes."

"The Fijians are good players and are very flamboyant ... they are very athletic and if you give them half an inch, they can hurt you."

"We expect them to be a handful but we are enjoying a good season to date The Hills Bulls are in fine form."

Kick off is at 3pm at Mascot Oval.



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# MUSICAL MEMORIES

By IVOR JONES

One thing that always seems to generate memories of the past is music.

We all have our favourite songs and recording artists and some even recall the favourites of their parents.

Quite often our age can be an indication of our musical memories as music does seem to be a generational thing.

My interest in music was more intense during the 1960s, although I first became interested in the 1950s when my parents bought a stereogram. Do you remember them?

I can recall that they had a record which seemed to be played over and over again. It was Doris Day singing "Deadwood Stage". Doris has been a favourite of mine since that time.

What has brought these memories back to me was the death, a short while ago, of Michael Gudinski, the musical entrepreneur who founded Mushroom Records.

During the 1960s I was asked to organise and run a Saturday night dance or disco at Fairfield, I added to that a similar disco at Cabramatta.

At Fairfield, we had a regular band each week called "Shades of Purple" and I featured on one occasion "Donnie Sutherland & The Titans". Donnie and I were students at a Radio Announcing school located in the City.

Donnie went on to a recording contract with Reg Grundy Records and into radio announcing and television.

Whereas I just went nowhere in the music industry except at one stage producing radio programs and becoming Chairman of the local radio station now known as Alive 90.5 based in the Hills district.

During the late 1950s and early 60s American born Lee Gordon was the leading musical entrepreneur in Australia. He founded Lee Gordon Records which later became Leedon Records and featured many of the top Australian recording acts of that time including Johnny O'Keefe, Judy Stone, Noelene Batley and Col Joye.

He also introduced American artists to Australian audiences. He brought out acts such as The Platters, Johnny Ray, Bill Haley and His Comets, La Vern

Baker and Freddie Bell and the Bell Boys with his protégé, Johnny O'Keefe, as a support act.

The mid-1960s saw another wave of musical entrepreneurs such as Ted Albert and Robert Stigwood.

Ted Albert from the well-known Albert's music publishing family, enjoyed his biggest success managing The Easybeats, he also gave us the Ted Mulry Gang, The Throb, John Paul Young and many others whilst Robert Stigwood was largely responsible for the success of the Bee Gees. Stigwood also went into film production producing movies such as "Grease" and "Saturday Night Fever".



Bandstand artist Maggie Jodrell Britton

Ron Tudor also started managing musical talent and producing records, establishing the Fable record label.

My musical interest also included producing videos for former Bandstand artist Maggie Jodrell Britton where she and I collaborated on "Good Ship Earth" and also Maree Montgomery where I produced a number of videos featuring her song "Sydney The Place To Be". I also produced a number of videos featuring music from our very own, the late James Pegler.

Kamahl also once asked if I could produce a video for him but unfortunately, he has never sent me the music.

## ABERDOON HOUSE

Historic Aberdoon House at Rouse Hill has undergone a makeover.

The exact date of when Aberdoon House was constructed and by whom is a mystery, but the earliest renovations on the historic building dates back to 1887.

The Hills Shire Council has just given the Colonial Georgian Cottage a makeover, including polishing and repairing the decking, the internal walls were painted and the old chicken shed repaired as part of rejuvenation works.

North West Disability Services, which uses the building for art classes, said it was thrilled with the renovations.

"North West Disability Services feels honoured to be the current custodians of Aberdoon House. Our clients have a great venue, which holds such history to explore through creativity, and enjoy all that Aberdoon and the property has to offer," Angela Martin, Co-ordinator at Aberdoon House, said.

Aberdoon House is located in Clower Avenue, Rouse Hill. The land surrounding the homestead was originally granted to Thomas

Clower in January 1818. Clower, a former convict, arrived in the colony in 1798.

Hugh Kelly, whom the suburb Kellyville is named after, purchased the property in 1826 and also owned the nearby 'Bird in the Hand' tavern located near Windsor Road.

He named his farm 'Vinegar Hill Farm' to distinguish it from the many properties he owned around the district.

The property then passed to Alexander and William Gamack in 1841,

who subdivided the property into several smaller quarter acre blocks.

Aberdoon House is now maintained by council. Hills Shire Mayor, Dr Michelle Byrne said maintaining the area's remaining historic buildings is important.

"These renovations mean we can continue to preserve our earliest buildings and ensure future generations have access to a tangible piece of Hills history."





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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 9.30am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.  
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 monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Galston Health & Resource Centre.  
Jann | 0439 222 217

## 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 Tuesdays of the month from 10 to 12. Bring along your lunch if you wish to stay longer.  
Maureen | 0411 724 925

## Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Blue Gum Centre ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven Next Meeting, May 17 guest speaker is radiation oncologist Dr Amy Hayden.  
Denis | 9629 2645 or Maurice | 9654 2138.

## Dural Country Club Bowls

04 2131 5074

## 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

Which raises money for The Smith Family "Learning for Life" program will hold its next Luncheon/Meeting at 11am on Wednesday, June 23 at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Guest is Ambre Hammond on "An Unorthodox Life in Music". Bookings essential.  
Merle 9634 2378 | 0412 110 698.

## 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  
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 Woodcraft Cooperative Ltd

4721 8709

## Hills District Women's Bowling Club

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

## Hills Older Men's Network Inc

The Hills Older Men's Network Inc (Hills OMNI) meets on the first and 3rd Wednesdays 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 talk in a non-judgemental, safe and supportive environment.  
Ron | 0424 462 153 |  
HillsOMNI1@gmail.com

## 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  
alldavisguitar@gmail.com

## Learning in the Hills

9639 7918  
www.hca.org.au/learning-in-the-hills/

## 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.  
Joan Bruce | 0404 290 484  
northrichmondprobus@gmail.com

## Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club

We are a breakfast Club and meet every Friday morning at 7am at the Hills Cafe at Hills Shire Council, 3 Columbia Court, Norwest. 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

## Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11am at Oatlands Golf Club. Meetings include a 2 course lunch followed by an interesting guest speaker. Visitors & new members are welcome. On the fourth Tuesday of the month a social outing is arranged for members.  
Margaret | 9873 2402

## 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

Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 10am. At The Glenhaven Community Centre: 76 Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven. New members welcome.  
Glenys | 0419 616 431 OR  
Veronica | 0408 025 577  
glenysclarke@hotmail.com

## 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

## RDA (NSW) Tall Timbers Centre

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9679 1246,  
admin@rdanswtalltimbers.org.au  
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

This is the local branch of a worldwide organisation for women celebrating 100 years promoting awareness, action and advocacy. It holds monthly dinner meetings, theatre nights, fundraising fashion parades and a public speaking competition as well as seminars. Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the Month at Glenhaven. 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Visitors are always welcome.  
Cathy | 0435 837 118  
sithehills@siwp.org

## STaR Association

8850 1269 | www.star.org.au.

## The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

## The Hills Learning Centre

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

## The Hills Shire Garden Club

9624 5034

## 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  
www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

## The Hills Trefoil Guild

Elaine | 0417 330 196

## The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills

Meets at Aveo Retirement Village, Bella Vista 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

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

## 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

9633 8209 or 0402 255 193

## Zonta Club of Sydney Hills

0414 641 408  
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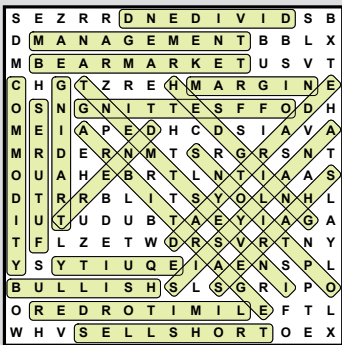
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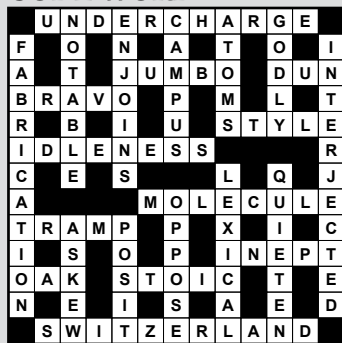


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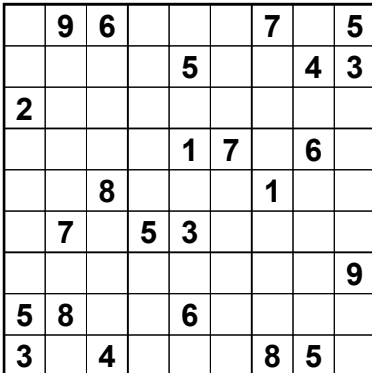
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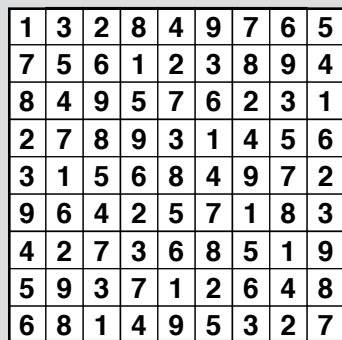


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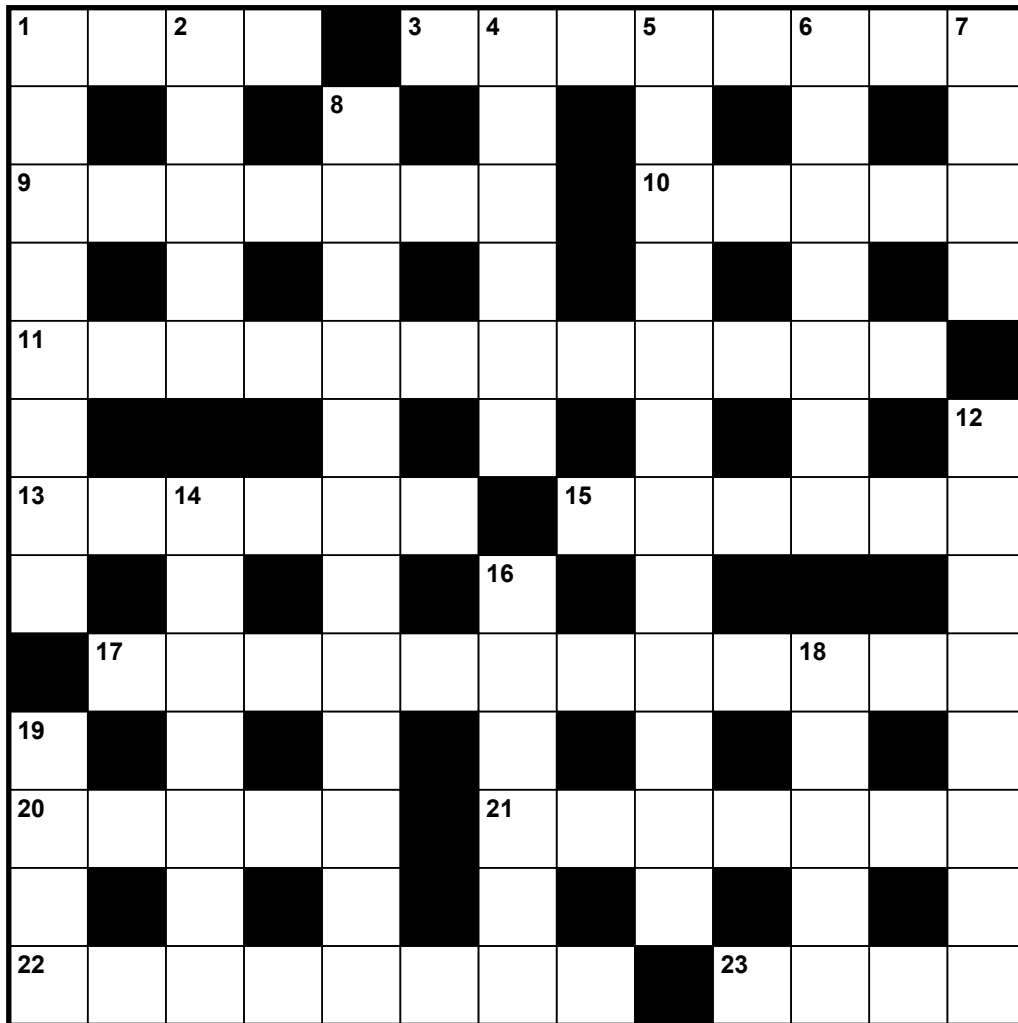


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## ACROSS

1. High-pitched flute
3. Observing
9. Single-horned creature
10. Gardeners sow these
11. Dictatorial
13. Flash intermittently
15. Representation of a plan or theory
17. Make a guess that is too high
20. Small marine fish
21. Tax imposed on ships
22. Perceived
23. Transparent camera part

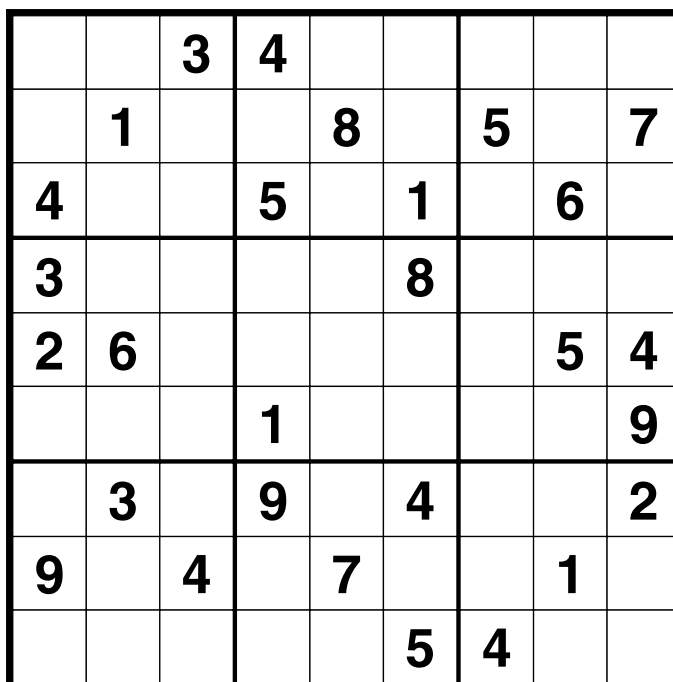
## DOWN

1. Fruit sugar
2. Force upon
4. Elaborately adorned
5. Directions
6. Do repeatedly
7. Lesion
8. Fellow plotter
12. Groundless
14. Returns to a former state
16. Insect that transmits sleeping sickness
18. Not asleep
19. Capital of Norway

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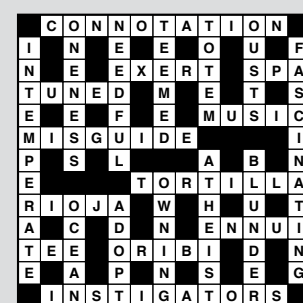
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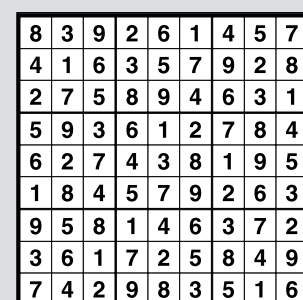


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