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# NEW BRIDGE PLANS

By **BEV JORDAN**

Residents are being urged to have their say on the proposed \$500million new Richmond Bridge and by-pass project at a Face-to-Face community information session being held on Saturday (June 19) from 10am to noon at North Richmond Community Centre.

The Federal and State governments have now committed a total of \$500million to a new Richmond bridge and bypass across the Hawkesbury River, which is expected to cut travel time by 12 minutes and create about 850 jobs.

The money – \$400million from the Federal Government and \$100million from the State Government – is double the original commitment.

The new 11km route will bypass both Richmond and North Richmond Townships and alleviate a long-term traffic bottleneck between Richmond and North Richmond which currently cope with over 31,000 vehicles a day. The alignment will include upgrades to six intersections. The new two-lane bridge will be built 500m downstream from the Richmond Bridge and will be 6m higher. It is expected that 21 homes or businesses will be acquired.

The funding announcement of an extra \$250million was made at North Richmond last week by Prime Minister Scott Morrison who was joined by NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Roads and Transport Minister Andrew Constance, Urban Infrastructure Minister Paul Fletcher and NSW Senator Marise Payne.

Mr Constance said he would be talking personally to people affected by the property acquisitions. He said by creating a third crossing they would be "returning the villages to the villagers".

Transport for NSW prepared a study on Richmond Bridge in 2103 identifying the need for additional bridge capacity and intersection upgrades to improve journey times and provide for future growth.

Mr Fletcher said after "extensive consultation" a much more extensive solution was decided which included bypassing the two townships.

The community is invited to give their feedback on the preferred option, including any potential

improvements that could be considered for the town centres of Richmond and North Richmond and any potential environmental impacts.

Face-to-face community information sessions will be held this Wednesday June 16, from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, June 19 from 10am to 12pm at the North Richmond Community Centre.

State Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston said: "We want the local community and road users to have their say on the preferred option for a new Richmond Bridge and associated traffic upgrades, which are designed to keep vehicles moving in what has been a heavily congested area of the road network.

"The new bridge will provide a new connection for road users between Bells Line of Road and the main road network and the existing Richmond Bridge will remain in its current form, continuing to provide a link between Richmond and North Richmond.

"The preferred option includes upgrading six intersections and two existing roads, as well as a provision for active transport that will encourage bike use and exercise."

"The existing Richmond Bridge and road approaches are operating at capacity during morning and afternoon peak periods, resulting in congestion and increased travel times," Ms Preston said.

"Consultation with the community and stakeholders identified a preference for a bypass of Richmond and North Richmond town centres to provide a long-term solution to traffic congestion and a platform for their potential revitalisation.

"The new Richmond Bridge will alleviate some of this congestion and will reduce traffic in both town centres, helping to protect Richmond's heritage and providing opportunities to improve amenity in both town centres."

## HAVE YOUR SAY

The community is invited to give their feedback on the preferred option, including any potential improvements that could be considered for the town centres of Richmond and North Richmond and any potential environmental impacts.

A Face-to-face community information session will be held on Saturday 19 June from 10am to 12pm at the North Richmond Community Centre.

An online information session will also be held on Monday, June 28 from 4pm to 5pm on the NSW Roads Facebook page at facebook.com/NSWRoads.

All feedback will be considered and will help Transport for NSW develop the environmental assessment for the upgrade.

For more information about this project visit [roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/richmond-area-projects/richmond-bridge-duplication-and-traffic-improvements.html](https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/richmond-area-projects/richmond-bridge-duplication-and-traffic-improvements.html)

Community consultation closes on July 5.

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# ROYAL RECOGNITION FOR LOCALS

By **BEV JORDAN**

**Dedicated volunteers Jan Pike and Karen O'Neill from Riding for the Disabled at Box Hill (Gables) have both been awarded OAMs in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.**

The Hills residents were among 10 locals named on Sunday.

Jan Pike from Winston Hills was nominated for services to people with a disability. She told the Hills to Hawkesbury Community News that the honour was quite overwhelming.

The equestrian Paralympian who won silver and bronze at the Athens Paralympics had never sat on a horse before she attended a Riding For the Disabled program 44 years ago,

"I was 24 and I think my husband just wanted to get me out of the house! I was looking for a new challenge and I thought it would be something I would like."

She said her first introduction to Riding for the Disabled was as a Girl Guide leader when a representative came to talk to the guides.

"She said come and have a look, I did and the first time I sat in the saddle I was totally hooked. It was total freedom to have those strong legs under me."

At the 2000 Paralympics Jan was a trail rider and four years later was a medal

winner on Dr Dolittle. She was also in the squad that competed in the Beijing Games.

An RDA member for over 40 years, she has been a rider representative since 1993, a member of the State Dressage Committee and an Executive Officer since 2016. She was named NSW Volunteer of the Year in 2019.

Mother-of-two Karen O'Neill was also awarded an OAM for services to people with a disability.

The Winston Hills resident works four days a week and is a volunteer coach on her day off. She has volunteered with Riding for the Disabled at Tall Timbers and at Regional and State Level since 1982. She has been involved in every facet of the centre as a volunteer, senior coach, committee member, State assessor and President for 10 years. She also attends Regional and State Riding events and workshops.

Karen also helps with property maintenance, is always involved in fundraising activities or events and can often be found in the shed cleaning and sorting things out.



Jan Pike and Karen O'Neill

Her dedication has won her numerous awards including Hills Shire Council Citizen of the Year and RDA's State Award for Volunteer of the Year.

Nicole King, staff coach at Riding for the Disabled Tall Timbers said the organisation was thrilled by the announcement.

"To have Jan and Karen recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year was so exciting. I have seen the contribution they have each made and in their own way carved a legacy that will continue to be part of our future.

"By the very nature of volunteering those who do are very humble and not after the accolades but this is certainly one accolade that is a testament to their extraordinary contribution and hopefully inspire others to get involved."

*More winners' stories on page 10.*

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## SPEARGUN THREAT

Charges have been laid after a man was allegedly threatened with a spear gun at Schofields on Saturday June 5. Officers from Quakers Hill Police Area Command have been told that an ongoing dispute between two men led to an alleged confrontation outside a home in Mesik Street about 8pm on June 5.

Police allege a Schofields man was armed with an unloaded spear gun when he threatened a 19-year-old man. A window of the house was smashed during the incident but there were no injuries. Police arrested a 20-year-old man at a home in Jayden Crescent, Schofields, a short time later; a spear gun was also seized when the home was searched.

The man was taken to Riverstone Police Station where he was charged with three offences, destroy or damage property, use offensive weapon with intent to commit indictable offence, and, stalk/intimidate intend fear physical harm.

A 19-year-old from Rouse Hill, has been charged with two counts of possess unauthorised firearm after two gel blasters were seized when the home was searched; this is unrelated to the initial incident. Inquiries are continuing.

## CAR INTO HOUSE

A Stanhope Gardens man has been charged with high range drink driving after allegedly crashing into a house in Baulkham Hills and attempting to leave the scene.

He is due to appear at Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday, June 30. Emergency services were called to Baulkham Hills Road at about 11pm on Friday, June 4 following reports a car had crashed into a house in Baulkham Hills.

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command and Darling Mills Highway Patrol found a white Toyota Hilux had crashed into the front bedroom of the house after losing control at a roundabout on Gooden Drive.

Fortunately, there was no one in the bedroom at the time and no one was injured.

A short time later, a 37-year-old man from Stanhope Gardens, was located in the passenger seat of a second vehicle on Gooden Drive, allegedly attempting to leave the area.

The man was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station where he underwent a breath analysis and allegedly returned a reading of 0.150.

He was issued a Future Court Attendance Notice (FCAN) for drive with high-range PCA, negligent driving and failing to exchange details. His licence was also suspended.



## FATAL CRASH

A 67-year-old woman has died six days after a multi-vehicle crash in Norwest last month. A report is being prepared for the Coroner.

The crash happened at around 1.15pm on Saturday, May 29 on Windsor Road, Norwest near Norwest Boulevard.

Police have been told that the woman's blue Mazda 2 sedan, was travelling north on Windsor Road, when her vehicle impacted with the rear of a Silver Mazda sedan, which was stopped at the intersection.

The silver Mazda then impacted with a silver Mitsubishi Triton utility, which was also stationary at the lights. Neither driver or passengers in the other two vehicles were injured following the crash.

The 67-year-old was treated at the scene by Ambulance Paramedics, before being taken to Westmead Hospital for treatment for serious internal injuries and leg fractures. She passed away on June 3 at Westmead Hospital.

## WOMAN, 92, ROBBED

A 92-year-old woman was confronted by two men as she returned home to her Octagonal Ave home in Castle Hill at 4.30pm on Saturday, June 12.

The men pushed past her and left. The elderly woman was shaken but uninjured.

There have been several break and enters during the past few weeks including Bella Vista and Kellyville.

There have also been numerous thefts from vehicles including tradie's vehicles in Box Hill and garages in North Kellyville.

Anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the area at the time is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

## DV AND DRINK CHARGE

A man's been charged with high-range PCA and domestic related offences following a vehicle stop in Dural on Tuesday (June 15).

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command stopped a Ford Ranger on Old Northern Road, Dural, at about 7.10pm after the vehicle collided with the curb of the roadway.

Police will allege that after speaking with the driver, aged 48, about an alleged breached of an apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO), the man became aggressive and attempted to leave the scene in his vehicle.

He was arrested after failing to provide a roadside breath test and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a breath analysis returned an alleged reading of 0.215, more than four times the legal limit.

The man has now been charged with contravene prohibition/restriction in AVO (Domestic), resist officer in execution of duty, and drive with high range PCA.



## SHOCKED DRIVER

A woman escaped injury when her car drove into the backyard of a house at a retirement village in Glenhaven on Wednesday afternoon (June 16).

Emergency services responded. The car ploughed through a hedge and demolished a fence and garden furniture before running into the side of the house.

## ARSON ATTACKS

Emergency services were called to a house fire in Kellyville Ridge on Wednesday night (June 16) believed to be ignited by a molotov cocktail.

It followed 20 minutes after a similar fire in Minchinbury at about 9.20pm.

Police say a blaze broke out in the front of a home in Aspinall Avenue, Minchinbury, after at least one molotov cocktail was thrown through the window. It was extinguished by Fire & Rescue NSW a short time later.

A 53-year-old man was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics for smoke inhalation then taken to hospital in a stable condition. A younger boy who was home at the time was treated at the scene for minor smoke inhalation while another woman at the address was uninjured.

About 20 minutes later, officers from Quakers Hill Police Area Command responded to reports of a separate fire at a home on Thornton Street, Kellyville Ridge, also believed to have been ignited by a molotov cocktail.

A man and woman, aged 32 and 34, as well as an older man, were home at the time however no one was injured. The blaze caused minor damage to the exterior of the home and was extinguished by Fire & Rescue NSW within minutes.

As inquiries continue, any witnesses or anyone in either area who may have dashcam vision from the area at the time is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



# CRIME FIGURES RELEASED

By **BEV JORDAN**

An increasing number of women are coming forward to report sexual assault. A report released last week (June 10) by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) shows sexual assault reports in the Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury region in March were up by 170 per cent. Figures for Sydney were 69 per cent above the monthly average in March.

According to the figures contained in the bureau's report, titled 'Why did sexual assault reports spike in March 2021' the monthly average figures for sexual assault reports jumped from 10 a month in the months leading up to February 2021 to 27 in March 2021 in the Baulkham Hills Hawkesbury Region.

In the report, the Bureau's Executive director Jackie Fitzgerald attributed the increase to more women coming forward to report incidences following several high-profile cases.

"It is important to note that the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research reports crimes according to the date they come to police attention, not according to the date crimes occur. Thus, the March 2021 spike represents an increase in

incidents reported to police in that month, not necessarily incidents taking place in that month.

She said the March spike aligned with widespread community conversation about sexual violence and consent of a scale following a number of high profile sexual assault allegations which came to light in late February and March 2021.

The March quarterly report by BOCSAR showed that in the 12 months leading up to March this year there were 130 cases of sexual reports reported in the Baulkham Hills Hawkesbury region, up from 81 in the previous 12 months.

Crime Manager for The Hills Police Area Command Detective Inspector Chris Laird said 10 cases had been reported to The Hills Police Area Command in March this year, compared to two cases in March 2020.

Det Insp Laird said: "The sharp increase most likely reflects a temporary increase in victim willingness to report sexual assault due to heightened public attention on sexual assault and consent (rather than an increase in prevalence)."

The BOCSAR figures also showed a huge drop in Break and Enters over



a 12-month period with 329 cases reported in the 12 months to March 2021 compared to 543 in the previous 12 months in the Hills and Hawkesbury region.

Det Insp Laird put it down to more people at home during the COVID restrictions, increased proactive operations with Transport Command and proactive police units and greater engagement with the police Facebook pages.

"Increased reporting of crime in real time has caused increased vigilance and preventing crime, as well as solving crime by identifying suspects," he said.

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# ROO CRASH WON'T DENT NICK'S GOAL

By **LAWRENCE MACHADO**

Not even being hit by a kangaroo in a freak accident while driving his kart at 80kph on a racing track is enough to make Nick Follows think twice about his chosen sport.

He had a miraculous escape on Mother's Day (May 9) at the Lithgow City Raceway when an adult kangaroo smashed into his kart during the final, forcing the 14-year-old's neck and back to go backwards.

Remarkably, the Kenthurst driver's major accident has hardly dented his desire to become a professional driver and he plans to compete at The Karting NSW State Championships in October.

"I am thinking of racing as a career and I have no fears about returning to the track," said Nick, a North Shore Kart Club member and student at Oakhill College, Castle Hill, where he plays rugby union.

Nick was knocked unconscious from the accident as his dad Stewart and trackside medics raced to the scene to treat him seconds after the accident.

His Mum Lisa was initially unable to see whose kart was hit by the kangaroo but when she did, she was in shock before dashing to check on her youngest child.

Nick was treated by paramedics and transported by a CareFlight chopper to The Children's Hospital at Westmead where he spent three days.

Nick Follows being airlifted by CareFlight from the Lithgow City Raceway.

"I am very lucky not to get any major injuries because my spine and neck are all good though I broke two fingers on my left hand," Nick said. "Witnesses say as we turned the first corner, the roo missed the leading driver and was then directly in front of me, and I had no way to go. I cannot remember the impact but I can remember parts of sitting in the kart after, with all the activity around me; when I arrived at the hospital, I started to understand more of what was going on."

Lisa said she never expected her Mother's Day to end traumatically. "I had no idea when I woke up that Sunday, that I would be on a helicopter with my son, being transported to the hospital. It was very emotional and I keep going over and over again of the chances of the kangaroo being in front of Nicholas at that time, as the odds are more than a million to one. The emergency services officers were amazing, everyone was so calm and quick.

The paramedics, CareFlight crew, the doctors and nurses at the hospital, and everyone else involved at the track were absolutely fantastic.

"I have qualms of him returning to racing but what do you do when you have someone who loves his sport so much? I knew one of our three children will take after my husband because he was racing cars before we were married."

Nick is seeking "corporate sponsors for now and the future" as a new kart will set the family back around \$8000, which does not include expenses for equipment and races. He is also a more than capable mechanic and really enjoys working on and maintaining his kart, plus being able to pull it apart and assemble it again, "because I like to know how things work."

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# BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS CROSS INSTALLED IN MACKILLOP HOUSE

Catholic Healthcare's newest Residential Aged Care Home, MacKillop House, has had its stained glass window feature installed in the Home's chapel. MacKillop House is located in Norwest and is due to be completed in August 2021, with residents moving in by September 2021.

The stunning stained glass window feature represents the Pentecost, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks.

Designed and produced by Stacey Hall, of Indigo Stained Glass, the cross is an impressive addition to the chapel at MacKillop House. Indigo Stained Glass is an architectural stained glass company in Sydney that specialises in creating individually-designed and hand-crafted designs for residential, commercial and eclectic projects.

The Property team at Catholic Healthcare provided Stacey with four design ideas for the stained glass feature. The final design was selected based on its aesthetic suitability for the existing colour scheme at MacKillop House. The intricate cross depicts a vivid explosion of light and its centre symbolises the descending of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. The

'tongues of fire', which are also a feature of the Pentecost, flow out over the earth from the light. Hall specifically used blue and turquoise hues to represent the sea and greens to represent the earth and the far-reaching nature of the Holy Spirit.

The entire process for design, drawing to scale and production of the window took approximately six weeks.

"There were 11 individual sections that were stacked together to produce the final artwork", says Stacey.

This was Stacey's second 'cross' design for Catholic Healthcare, with the first being for Holy Spirit, Casula at the end of 2020, and her fourth commissioning project for us. Stacey is originally from the United Kingdom where she trained as a stained glass artist and has been living in Australia since 2003.

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*Our local Queen's Birthday Honour recipients come from a wild variety of backgrounds, the world of gems, sport, veterans and community, but they all have volunteering at their core.*

**KAREN LINDLEY AM** from Arcadia was not only nominated for her work in the jewellery industry but her volunteering work with organisations working with victims of child abuse and sex crimes including the Purple Angels Society, which she founded in 2011 which seeks justice for victims of historical sexual assault.

**KARIM SUMAR AM**, West Pennant Hills was also appointed to the Order of Australia for his significant service to the Ismaili community and to the convenience retail industry.

He migrated to Australia as an 18-year-old and took a job as a supermarket "trolley boy" to earn money to support his family. He then joined Coles as a trainee, starting his long and distinguished career in retail, including over 21 years with Ampol and Caltex.

Karim is on the Board of the Prince's Trust Australia and has served as the President of the Shia Imami Ismaili Council for Australia and New Zealand since 2015.

He said he was very humbled by the award.

**DANNIELLE MILLER OAM** from West Pennant Hills was awarded an OAM for service to education, women and youth.

The co-founder and CEO Enlighten Education and Goodfellas Education said she was thrilled with the honour.

As a foundation board member of The Sanctuary - The Hills Women's Refuge she set herself the task of "creating generational change and changing hearts and minds" with an education program on domestic abuse which also connected schools with a women's shelter in the area.

The pilot Walk the Talk program was held at Oakhill College at Castle Hill. In her voluntary capacity, as National Education Officer with Women's Community Shelters Danielle has now rolled it out to 18 schools, including Gilroy College, Castle Hill and Hills Grammar School, Kenthurst. It reaches 3000 students.

**DR ANTHONY CHEUNG OAM**, from Baulkham Hills for a variety of organisations including Sydney Chinese Lions Club and Lions International.

Dr Cheung has been a Lions Club member for over 20 years and President of Chinese Lions Club since 2017. He has held various roles at both club and district level. He was Senior Vice-President, Chinese Catholic Community Inc and President of the Australian ShaanXi Overseas Friendship Association.

**ALAN MANLY OAM**, West Pennant Hills for service to tertiary education.

The businessman and author is founding Chief Executive Officer, Group Colleges Australia (trading as Universal Business School Sydney), since 1998, former Director of Australian Council for Private Education and Training and the New South Wales Business College.

He has been a Director, with The Lysicrates Foundation, since 2018 and is an Advisory Board Member, Parramatta Riverside Theatre, since 2018.

**DAVID SOLLOM OAM**, Winston Hills for service to rowing at local and National level.

David has been a member of Sydney Rowing Club for over 60 years. He has been a Director since 2007 and has held a variety of executive roles both at club level and as a Board Member and Director with Rowing NSW and Rowing Australia.

**DAVID TAYLOR OAM**, West Pennant Hills for service to veterans through the Returned Services League and in particular the Epping RSL sub-branch.

**MATTHEW HAY PSM**, Kellyville was awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM) for delivering the digital aspects of the ATO's package of economic stimulus measures including JobKeeper, Early Release of Super, and Cash Flow Boost.

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# MEET BEN WHO CALLS ZAMBI HOME

By BEV JORDAN



MU the emu was handed in as a small chick, after a member of the public collected an egg from the wild and hatched it inside an incubator. Because a human was the first thing she saw, she became incredibly imprinted and is unable to be released. She follows Ben everywhere.

Photo Sam Dessen

***There's a magical place in Dural that's teeming with native wildlife that's being cared for and nursed back to good health.***

Mu the emu, Norman the black swan, Hugo the wallaby and Tigger the kangaroo, are just a few of the guests who have found a safe refuge in the sanctuary's 16ha of bushland.

Now called the Zambi Native Wildlife Sanctuary, the sanctuary operated for 43 years as the Kangaroo Protection Co-operative, established by Marjorie Wilson.

Dural local Ben Dessen volunteered there as a teenager and for the past eight years he has been sanctuary manager, caretaker and volunteer.

Ben's passion for what he does daily began at the age of six when Rosie the python came into his life.

"That was the catalyst that sparked my lifelong passion for wildlife," he says.

He has been a volunteer with Sydney Wildlife for over 15 years and at the age of 15 started raising money to help support orangutans in Borneo, and eventually helped set up a rescue centre, featured in the documentary, Rise of the Eco Warriors.

Ben had completed a Bachelor of Natural Science Majoring in Animal Science and Conservation Biology at Western Sydney University after graduating from high school in 2010 when he was approached

by a member of the Kangaroo Protection Co-operative Board to live at the sanctuary and maintain the property.

He and his brother Sam moved in and got to work.

"Over the years we have held regular working bees with a loyal team of volunteers to maintain the property and facilities," says Ben

"We rescue and rehabilitate a wide range of native animals and also provide a forever home for animals that are unable to be released due to their injuries."

It was after the bushfires that he realised much more work needed to be done to improve the facilities at the sanctuary.

"After last year's horrific bushfires, we were inundated with calls to help injured wildlife but sadly were limited in our capacity to assist due to a lack of physical resources. This was the catalyst for us wanting to develop the facilities at the sanctuary to create a world class rehabilitation centre."

He said limited financial resources prevented any major upscale of the sanctuary which is why he approached long-term friend Donna Wilson, director of the Zambi Wildlife Retreat in Wallacia.

"We ended up merging with Zambi and the KPC was re-named the Zambi Native Wildlife Sanctuary to better reflect our mission to help all wildlife in need."

The Zambi Wildlife Foundation raises the funds to operate both facilities. The merger has enabled the wildlife sanctuary



**NORMAN** the swan who was attacked by eels as a cygnet and lost one of his wings now lives at the Zambi sanctuary permanently in a billabong constructed especially for him.

Photo Katherine Hoogstra

at Dural to embark on major improvements and get grants and sponsorship to provide enclosures, fencing, landscaping and veterinary equipment.

There are also plans to build a state-of-the-art wildlife hospital on site that will operate seven days a week.

"Zambi is run entirely by donations, sponsorships, our own fundraising initiatives and the generous support of volunteers and local businesses in the community," says Ben. "Recently, we were incredibly fortunate to be successful in receiving a \$50,000 grant through the Wildlife Heroes Project (an initiative of the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife) which was used to build six spacious flight aviaries which will be used for the rehabilitation of a wide range of native species."

"Bendigo Bank Galston has also been a long-term supporter of the sanctuary and recently purchased us almost \$20,000 worth of medical equipment to help fit-out our temporary wildlife clinic on site." He said the International Fund for Animal Welfare helped by donating brand new stainless-steel hospital enclosures.

## HOW TO HELP

"Being primarily a rehabilitation facility, the sanctuary is not open to the public to minimise unnecessary stress to animals in care.

"We do hold regular working bees and volunteer days for people interested in rolling up their sleeves and getting involved.

"We are especially seeking skilled trades people to volunteer their services to help with construction of new enclosures and facilities. We have an environmental education centre on-site which can be rented out by community groups and is often utilised by Sydney Wildlife for training courses for their members.

"Any donations, big or small, are also very gratefully accepted and 100% of proceeds go towards caring for our animals and developing our facilities.

If you want to help or know more email [ben@zambiwildlifefoundation.org](mailto:ben@zambiwildlifefoundation.org) or visit [www.zambiwildlifefoundation.org](http://www.zambiwildlifefoundation.org) Facebook: Zambi Native Wildlife Sanctuary



# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BY RSL SUB-BRANCHES

By BEV JORDAN

A call for new members has been sounded by 16 local RSL sub-branches keen to connect with people serving in the Australian Defence Force as well as former members and allied personnel.

The clubs are members of the RSL Far Western Metro-Politian District Council (FWMDC) which includes Castle Hill RSL Sub-branch, Glenorie, Richmond, Riverstone-Schofields and Windsor.

Their message is: **If you have ever served or are serving in the Australian Defence Force or an ex-serving allied Defence Force person regardless of overseas service, you are eligible to join the RSL.**

The major concern is that many eligible veterans are not aware they can join their local RSL Sub-branch.

Club Members, Local MPs, councillors, business leaders and service clubs were invited to the launch of the recruitment drive where FWMDC President David Ingram said it was vital to attract younger members to the clubs as existing members age.

A member of Windsor of Windsor RSL Sub-Branch since 2006 and American Airforce veteran of over 20 years, Mr Ingram said: "The RSL strives to attract all veterans who have spent time in the armed services to better their lives and provide dignity and respect for their service and sacrifice."

"We are the only organisation that supports all veterans, no matter when or where they served. Each sub branch is run by volunteers. Every day of the year we look after veterans. Mental health of veterans is a major concern, but not our only concern."

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Retired Colonel Don Tait, from Castle Hill RSL sub-branch said it was vital to connect with defence force personnel when they either retired or discharged from the defence force.

"The sub-branch is the heart of the RSL. It's the largest veterans' charity in Australia. We are there to look after veterans and their families. Every day of the year they look after veterans in hospitals, nursing homes or in their own homes. There is anecdotal evidence that there are fewer incidence of suicide amongst RSL veterans than there are in the wider veteran community."

He said people knew who veterans were but many did not know what the RSL was. "NSW needs an influx of younger members to survive."

The RSL sub-branches offer:

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- Family support,
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Gang show members Hannah Watkins, Renae Swinkels and Jacob Selwood.

# The Gang Show

By DAVID SHAW

## RETURNS

The Cumberland Gang Show is back this July and promises to be bigger, brighter and better than ever.

This year's show 'Rise Up' features a cast of over 150 and will take the audience on an adventure featuring pirates, dinosaurs and a tribute to Sydney. There will be eight performances at the Riverside Theatres, Parramatta from July 2 through to July 10. After celebrating a very significant milestone with their 50th Show in 2019, the Cumberland Gang Show had a very disruptive 2020 which saw the show started, postponed, rescheduled and ultimately cancelled due to COVID-19.

Cumberland Gang Show is the performing arts arm of Scouts and Guides in Western Sydney. The show's aim is to train young people in all

aspects of theatre and to provide outstanding family entertainment in the process.

This year a number of teens were added to the group's production team to help make 'Rise Up' a reality.

Jacob Selwood from Winston Hills Scouts first joined the show when he was 10 years old, following in his dad's footsteps. He has a flair for acting and brings great comic timing to the stage. As a member of the production team, he has helped direct and produce several items.

"I love helping to create something that brings happiness and laughter to so many people," he said.

Renae Swinkels from Castle Hill Guides has enjoyed taking on new challenges this year. "This year is super exciting because I was invited onto the Production Team for the first time to learn about how the show is put together, all the complicated technical bits and of course working with all the other kids my age to learn all the routines and the songs," she said.

Hannah Watkins from Kellyville Scouts shone on stage in her first solo dance part with the Gang in 2019. This year she has joined the choreography team to help create and teach the dance moves to other cast members.

Production Director Tristan Hornstra says that training young people is a key aim of Scouting and Guiding and Cumberland Gang Show.

"Equipping youth members to succeed and lead others is what it's all about. We teach singing, acting and dancing and then provide opportunities for young people to develop as leaders and then teach others."

Reflecting on the last 12 months, Tristan said "It was a tough decision but the right decision to call things off last year but we cannot wait to be back on stage this July".

Performances at Parramatta Riverside Theatres start on Friday July 2 at 7.30pm, Saturday July 3 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Sunday July 4 at 2.30pm; Wednesday July 7 at 11am; Friday July 9 at 7.30pm, Saturday July 10 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Prices before June 21 are \$32 adult, \$26.50 Senior, \$20.50 child. After June 21, all prices will be \$5 more. Government entertainment vouchers (\$25) will be accepted for part payment. Book tickets at [riversideparramatta.com.au](http://riversideparramatta.com.au)

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# BOWEL CANCER FACTS

June is Bowel Cancer Awareness month, an initiative of Bowel Cancer Australia, aimed at raising awareness and funding for research of one of the country's deadliest diseases.

There are 15,000 new cases of bowel cancer reported in Australia each year, and over 5,000 deaths.

Dr Raghu Gill, a gastroenterologist, hepatologist and advanced endoscopist at Norwest Private Hospital, talks about the risks, symptoms and treatments for this invasive cancer.

## THE FACTS

"Our country has one of the highest rates of bowel cancer in the world, with one in 12 Australians developing bowel cancer before the age of 85," says Dr Gill.

"It accounts for 13% of all invasive cancers diagnosed in Australia, second only to prostate cancer," he says.

"But there is good news. 90% of bowel cancers can be successfully treated if detected early."

## WHAT IS BOWEL CANCER?

"Colorectal cancer, or bowel cancer, develops when cells in the bowel lining grow too quickly, forming a clump known as a polyp or an adenoma," explains Dr Gill.

"Polyps are usually benign, but can grow for several years before undergoing additional changes and becoming cancerous and spreading to other parts of the body."

"There are a few factors that can increase a person's risk of bowel cancer including age, weight and poor diet. Family history is also an important consideration, with the risk doubling for those who have a parent or sibling with bowel cancer, and quadrupling for those with two close relatives with the disease.

"Early detection is the key to fighting bowel cancer" says Dr Gill. He encourages all those who are eligible between 50-74 years of age to participate in the National Bowel Screening program.

The test kit is sent in the mail so there's no need to go anywhere to be tested and the kit is easy to use. [www.norwestprivatehospital.com.au](http://www.norwestprivatehospital.com.au)



**DR RAGHU GILL**

## DO THE TEST

The Australian Government introduced the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program to reduce the number of deaths from bowel cancer in Australia.

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If you are ineligible to participate in the Program, talk to your GP or pharmacist about how to purchase a BowelScreen Australia ColoVantage test. Alternatively purchase a screening test from Bowel Cancer Australia online at [bowelcanceraustralia.org](http://bowelcanceraustralia.org) or by calling 1800 555 494.



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# The Hills Shire Council News

## A year of big projects ahead

The Hills Shire Council has adopted the 2021-2022 Hills Shire Plan – a document outlining the projects and priorities of Council in the year ahead, in response to the community's needs and values.

Council will invest \$174.2 million delivering new community facilities, as well as refreshing and maintaining existing assets.

Key highlights of the plan include:

- \$2.8 million on road rehabilitation and renewal;
- \$7.5 million to construct new playing fields at the Water Lane Reserve;
- \$1.9 million for new footpaths, cycleways and bridges;
- \$3.2 million for street lighting;
- \$3.1 million to purchase plant equipment;
- \$92.6 million to acquire land for infrastructure and open space;
- \$2.1 million for embellishments to parks and playgrounds;
- \$13.5 million to maintain existing parks and bushland;
- \$11.8 million to maintain civil assets;
- \$3.8 million for stormwater and waterways projects.
- \$2.7 million for the revitalised Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre

Adding to the works, Council's events program is back and running again, after COVID-19 restrictions were eased with \$1.8 million to kick-start the community events program.

The Hills Shire Plan consists of the Hills Future Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Resource Strategy, Annual Operation which also contains the Budget and Fees and Charges for the 2021-22 financial year.

To find out more, please visit Council's website, [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au), and search for "Hills Shire Plan".

## Making a Submission to Council?

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

## Coastal Management Program

Did you know that The Hills is classified as a Coastal Council? This is because the Hawkesbury River is tidal, something that may come as a surprise to residents.

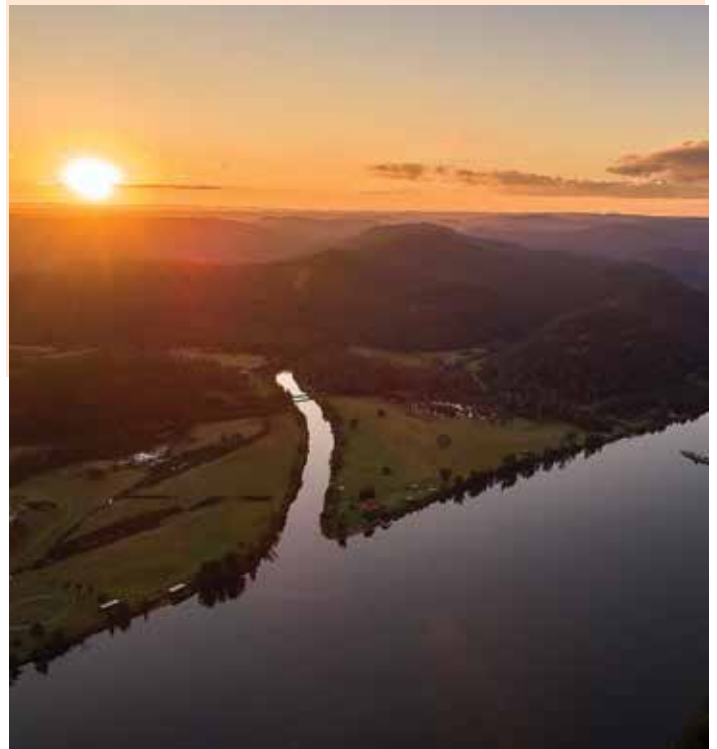
The Hills Shire Council has partnered with five other Councils to foster the long-term care of the Hawkesbury River and its coastline, as part of the Coastal Management Program.

Currently, the health of the Hawkesbury River, which covers the estuary between Yarramundi in the Hawkesbury to Box Head and Barrenjoey Head in the Northern Beaches, is managed by different plans and projects under each local government area.

The program will ensure all six Councils work on a consistent and coordinated approach to planning for the Hawkesbury River System, especially in areas which cross boundaries, as well as protect against coastal hazards such as erosion and slope instability.

Stage one and stage two of the project received over \$350,000 of funding under the Coastal and Estuary grants program to undertake studies and identify risks associated with coastal management.

For more information, visit Hawkesbury-Nepean River System Coastal Management Program website, [www.hawkesburynepeancmp.org](http://www.hawkesburynepeancmp.org).







## Orange Blossom Festival – discover an ‘Enchanted Orchard’

Orange Blossom Festival is back for 2021 on Saturday, 28 August from 4pm – 9pm, at Castle Hill Showground. The family friendly Lights, Beats and Eats event (postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions) will return with the theme ‘Enchanted Orchard’.

The festival celebrates life in The Hills, and the name ‘Orange Blossom Festival’ is a nod to the region’s citrus-growing past.

Enjoy stunning LED light displays, live music, roving entertainment, amusement rides and a range of culinary food truck delights before a fun fireworks display at the end of the night.

COVID-19 safety measures will be in place. For updates on Orange Blossom Festival, visit [www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au](http://www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au) or like The Hills Shire Council on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

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## Council Meetings

**Ordinary Meeting: Tuesday, 22 June 2021 – 7pm, Council Chambers**

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



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# BARE ROOT SEASON IS HERE

By **KAREN GODWIN** | HORTICULTURIST

It is the perfect time to select and plant a deciduous tree in your garden. Deciduous trees are dormant during winter making them easy to transport and plant without any fuss.

They will establish a root system over the winter months which will maximise your spring growth. Also at this time of year, the nursery has the best selection of deciduous trees. They are available in larger quantities and are sometimes bare rooted, making them more economical to purchase.

The advantage of having a deciduous tree in your garden is that they provide excellent shade when needed in the summer months and they allow the sun to shine through and warm your home in the winter months. They add beauty to your surroundings and can add colour and interest to a landscape. A row of deciduous trees can help define a space and add privacy to a yard.

You may be after a feature tree which is a little larger such as a flowering plum. The plums have a deep purple leaf and the prettiest pink flowers in spring. They range in height from three to four metres high and have a nice v shape. Another small to medium flowering tree is the range of crepe myrtles. They are renowned for their hardiness and excellent flower colours right through the summer months. Other flowering trees include ornamental pears which have a narrow upright habit. They are best planted in rows along driveways or borders of a property.

Lets also not forget that there is a huge range of deciduous fruiting trees available in winter. Why not plant apples, pears or peach tree. Also available are figs, plums, cherries as well as assorted berries.

Whatever your requirements in deciduous trees, now is the time to get the best value, range and choice.



Karen Goodwin Horticulturalist

## PITT TOWN MARKET DAY

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, June 26, for Pitt Town's Massive Market Day and Garage Sale which is raising funds for one of the poorest communities in the world.

The annual event is being held in the grounds of Pitt Town's Uniting Church from 9am to 2pm and will feature a huge variety of stalls including a fruit and vegetable stall, a giant white elephant stall, books, plants and cake stalls. There will also be a barbecue and Devonshire teas available.

The Market day helps raise money to provide wells and clean drinking water in rural villages for the indigenous people of West Papua.

Former Pitt Town Uniting Church member Shelley Houghton with Rebecca Andrews and daughter Sally formed the not-for-profit West Papuan Development Company eight years ago. So far, their team in West Papua have built 42 wells.

Market Day is on Saturday June 26 at Pitt Town Uniting Church, Bathurst Street, Pitt-Town from 9am to 2pm.

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# COOKING UP A TREAT

From cooking up a curry or pumpkin soup at Beaumont Hills or visiting the Museums Discovery Centre at Castle Hill there is a lot on offer with two new programs run by Unisson Disability.

The cooking program will be run at Unisson's Beaumont Hills Community Access Centre and starts on Friday June 25. It offers a chance to improve cooking skills, learn how to prepare and cook healthy foods and is a great opportunity to socialise. The cooking

course runs every Friday over 12 weeks until September 10.

Peter Ansky, Manager Client Services, said the program was developed after listening to what people wanted.

"Unisson is committed to helping people live their best lives on their terms so we identified a need and then created the program around that. They're designed to deliver great experiences and lasting impact for the people we support," he said.

The Urban Adventurers will be run by Supported Living West and run on Saturdays, starting on June 26. The social program is aimed at people with a disability aged 18 to 30 to make new friends and learn new skills. A whole range of activities are planned for the 12-week program including visits to the Maritime Museum and Sydney Zoo, snooker and rock climbing.

Unisson offers a range of support services for people with disability including Supported Independent Living, Respite accommodation, In-home Respite, NDIS Support Coordination, Social and Community Participation, Supported Employment and Blue Apple Art Studios.

The organisation, originally called the Sunshine Institute, was founded in 1924 by Dr Lorna Hodgkinson and has a wealth of knowledge in disability support services.



Stephen has enjoyed the Urban Adventure experiences

Ben Droll, General Manager Community Services said clients had a range of support programs to choose from.

"Each of our programs are unique and are designed to really engage participants in a hands-on experience to learn practical skills and build strong friendships. Our staff are enthusiastic and dedicated to creating a fun and enriching experience for people."

**The recipe obviously works.** Unisson client Dylan said: "I've made new friends at my cooking class and I'm now making dinner for my family once a week, they love it"

Unisson helps 700 people at various locations including North Shore, Northern Beaches and Western Sydney.

To find out more visit [unissondisability.org.au](http://unissondisability.org.au)



Lynette has enjoyed the Unisson cooking program



Unisson are excited to announce the launch of two new social programs designed for people with disability.

## Cooking Program

Ignite your passion for cooking. Learn new skills. Our cooking program runs every Friday over a 12-week period, each week consisting of a new recipe and skill.

## Urban Adventurers

Make new friends. Learn new skills. This exciting, social program is designed for people with disability aged 18 to 30. The program runs every Saturday over a 12-week period, each week consisting of a new activity or experience.

Join the fun and all the action. Contact us to reserve your place in our social programs today!

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# PETS OF THE WEEK

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



## AT A GLANCE

NAME: JUMBO  
BREED:  
American Bulldog  
SEX: Male  
AGE: 3 years old  
PRICE: \$99



**JUMBO** is a big happy boy. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter Jumbo is a three-year-old male American bulldog who just loves being with people. Staff say Jumbo would be best suited with a family who have older children as he is little boisterous when excited. If you are interested in adopting Jumbo bring your children and your family dog to meet him so that staff can make sure they are all going to get on well. As the featured dog Jumbo's adoption price has been reduced to \$99. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

**ROSE** is a four-year-old female Domestic Short Hair cat. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say that Rose is an affectionate, calm girl who is looking for her new forever home. If you have been looking for a friendly, settled girl who will be happy to share your home with you come to the shelter to meet her. Her 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.



## AT A GLANCE

NAME: ROSE  
BREED:  
Domestic Cat  
SEX: Female  
AGE: 4 years old  
PRICE: \$30

# cat adoption day

If you are on the look-out for a cat or a kitten to join the family then, **I am a Cat Lover Adoption Day** could be the perfect day for you at Kellyville on Saturday, **June 26** from **10am to 3pm**.

The Animal Welfare League NSW and Kellyville Pets are organising the day and will have approximately 30 kittens and cats available for adoption during the event.

All cats have been living at an Animal Welfare League NSW shelter where the qualified shelter staff know their personalities, likes and dislikes.

The Animal Welfare League has found homes for more than 2160 animals so far, this year, has desexed over 7000 pets and treated nearly 7000.

So far, this financial year it has 765 cats come into its care. They are surrendered for a variety of reasons including, owners moving home and are not able to take their pets along with them, cat allergies, or the owners may pass away.

Last month the Animal Welfare League NSW mobile vet truck was in the area and offered Hawkesbury and Penrith Council residents with a pension or a concession card vet services.

During the two-day community outreach event 248 domestic cats and

dogs (and a rabbit) were given health checks by the experienced Animal Welfare League NSW veterinary team. There were 121 microchips issued at no cost to the owners. A total of 239 vaccinations were administered over the two days at heavily discounted rates.

The **I am a Cat Lover Adoption Day** will be held from 10am to 3pm on Saturday June 26 in the upstairs Training Room at Kellyville Pets, 1-15 Millicroft Way, Kellyville, the access to this room is via staircase only.

All kittens and cats available for adoption are desexed, vaccinated, microchipped, on flea control and have been wormed and checked by a vet. All cats adopted on the day will require a pet carrier for transportation.

Naomi Sinclair, Shelter Manager at Animal Welfare League NSW says, "Animal Welfare League NSW has a stringent evaluation process to make sure every cat or kitten is adopted into a family most suitable for it."

"The lifestyle of their potential new owners must be a match for the cats/kittens' personalities and individual needs. It is crucial to educate members of the public on the requirements and responsibilities of owning a cat before adoption, to ensure both cat/kitten and the new owner are set up for success."

**Animal Welfare League NSW is based at Kemp's Creek. To find out more about all the pets it has up for adoption visit [www.awlnsw.com.au](http://www.awlnsw.com.au)**

**To donate visit [www.awlnsw.com.au/donate](http://www.awlnsw.com.au/donate) or call 02 8777 4461.**



Zane and Danny are for adoption at Kellyville on Saturday June 26.



## VIETNAM VET ENJOYS BEING 'FARMER JOE'

By GISELA HORNER | VOLUNTEER WITH FRIENDS OF BELLA VISTA FARM

Geoff Clark was born just after World War Two. At 20, in 1966, his name was pulled out of the barrel to "do his duty for the country". His father had died three years earlier, so his mother, brothers and sister were there to farewell him to an unknown future.

Geoff had never left home, never flown in a plane, never been out of Australia. It was a daunting prospect: living with a bunch of unknown blokes, being part of a war that was far away. He faced up to the challenge and served for two years with the Australian Defence Force in various Units.

His initial training commenced at Puckapunyal in Central Victoria, then moved to Singleton for infantry training in handling weapons, radio communications and field training then back to Holsworthy Barracks before being airlifted to Saigon to the Australian Camp at Nui Dat. He served in the jungle for 10 months conducting patrols and reconnaissance, providing security for Artillery Corps and protection for military road convoys in the Nui Dat Province.

They were fighting a war in hellish conditions with drenching monsoonal rains, mosquito plagues and raging malaria.

Geoff had never experienced anything like this before. The war left an unforgettable impression on Geoff but once demobbed in Queensland two years later, he was able to return to normal life and studied mechanical engineering and design of factory machinery.

He loved his work in the factory and moved into management which he found was the best of both worlds - combining engineering and management.

Whilst studying, Geoff met his wife Marilyn at an end-of-year celebration. She needed a lift home and from then they dated and married in 1972. They have two daughters, Lisa and Filipa and a son Anthony, all of whom are doing well in their careers. Geoff loves golf, walking, cycling and particularly likes travel.

This month, Marilyn and Geoff set off on a long caravan trip heading to Queensland and Northern Territory, exploring old country towns. Geoff considers himself a lucky man.

Although he saw action during the Vietnam War, he retains a quiet composure and enjoys life. One of his main outlets is coming to Bella Vista Farm. He carries out handyman tasks, has helped restore the old cow bales and does any work requiring mechanical know how.

The farm holds great attraction for him. It is near home and once he gets there it is like being on a farm in the country with the old buildings and sheep grazing. "I just like being Farmer Joe".

Bella Vista Farm is open the 1st Sunday of every month from 0900-1400. Entry is free. QR code applies. Devonshire Teas are available (\$5 cash only), house and garden tours conducted (a gold coin donation), a Trash and Treasure stall with quality bric-a-brac and the Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra performs during the day.

The Farm is located on the corner of Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and Norwest Boulevard, Bella Vista. More information about Bella Vista Farm can be found at [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)

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



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## TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CASTLE HILL RSL CLUB LIMITED

The Board of Directors of Castle Hill RSL Club Ltd. ABN 35 001 043 910 (referred to as CHRG), 77 Castle Street, Castle Hill is calling for an Expression of Interest (EOI) for eligible candidates to fill a Casual Vacancy on the Board of Directors.

The Casual Position has become available as a result of the passing of long-serving Director, Mr Ron Smith, who served as a Director for 47 years.

The Casual Position will be filled by the successful candidate until October 2022. At the next Board Election, all current Directors will be eligible for nomination by the Members.

CHRG comprises of four main premises Castle Hill RSL, Club Parramatta, Lynwood Golf and Country Club and Castle Hill Sports and Aquatic Centre. Additionally, CHRG is currently completing a major redevelopment in Parramatta, on the site of the old Parramatta RSL Club, and is also embarking on a significant senior living development on the site shared by Castle Hill RSL Club and Castle Hill Sports and Aquatic Centre.

CHRG has an annual turnover of \$63m across a current market asset base of \$220m. The Group directly employs in excess of 600 employees and contractors and has over 50,000 members.

CHRG's vision is to serve our community as an outstanding leader in the hospitality, sport and leisure and mixed-use sectors in Australia. Our mission is to ensure that the lives of our members, visitors, future residents, benefactors and beneficiaries continue to be better for having been associated with CHRG, which is defined by what we do inside and outside of our diversified portfolio of assets.

We are passionate about positively impacting our local community, through sport and support of the people within, in expressing hospitality throughout our operations; respectfully caring for those whose lives we play an important role in, including our veteran community; and honouring our principle of growth, both for the people we employ and members we serve.

To be eligible to nominate for the Board, Candidates must be a financial category 1 or 2 member with over three (3) years current continuous membership. The Board encourages all members to consider the Casual Vacancy, and welcomes the opportunity to review a diverse range of candidates, that is representative of the membership we serve.

The Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by an independent professional review panel consisting of industry associates and Executive Directors of CHRG. The EOI submission should include, but not be limited to, the following information and will need to demonstrate positive attributes that will further strengthen the CHRG Board:

- EOI cover letter, outlining why the candidate would like to join the CHRG Board, along with the candidates connection and or involvement with the Group.
- Detailed CV, outlining professional experience, educational expertise and personal interests.

The selection panel will consider all candidates. Knowledge and proficiency in accounting, law, marketing, project management and seniors living / residential development will be viewed favourably.

The EOI closes at 5pm on Wednesday 14th July, 2021. All EOI submissions should be forwarded to:

Allen Barry CPP  
Executive Director  
Barrington Group Australia  
Suite B1 Nexus Building,  
4 Columbia Court,  
Norwest NSW 2153.

**Email:** [CHRGBoard@barringtongroup.com.au](mailto:CHRGBoard@barringtongroup.com.au)

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your consideration. The Board welcomes the opportunity to broaden the opportunity for members to stand for the Board of Directors.



# BULLS BOUNCE BACK

By **LAWRENCE MACHADO**

The Hills Bulls bounced back after a shock defeat against Windsor Wolves to see off Wenty Magpies 22-16, a 90m try by Lorenzo Mulitalo sealing victory.

The Bulls stay second in the Ron Massey Cup, two points behind St Marys. Bulls coach Mick Withers said their 1pm home fixture this Sunday, June 20, against third-placed Mounties will be crucial.

"The boys produced a quality game against Wenty (on Sunday) and in reality, you have to play 80 minutes against them," Withers said. "We raced to 18-0 lead but had to defend our line for around 10 minutes at the end before scoring a 90m

try started by full back Jacob Harrington."

Withers said their 23-16 loss to the Wolves on June 6 was caused by poor discipline with the ball but he made no excuses. He said: "We were beaten by a better team, the Wolves were committed and capitalised on our mistakes."

The Bulls led 16-4 at half-time but were unable to stop the prowling Wolves after resumption.

Withers wants his players to extend the gap between them and the Mounties on Sunday. "We need to consolidate our position at the top two spots and it will be a big one for both teams," he said.



The Hills Bulls on the charge against Wenty Magpies.

Picture: Rob Gleeson Photography

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AHEAD

The redevelopment of the new Waves Aquatic Centre at Baulkham Hills is forging ahead with the shells for the 25m swimming pool and Olympic-sized 50m pool being tested for the leaks.

The structural steel works for the new gym have been completed and roofing, plus work on the entry lobby and café has started.

The \$55million swimming pool and fitness centre is due to open the public next year and replaces the Mileham Avenue facility which was opened in 1967.

The Hills Shire Council has announced a raft of projects after adopting the 2021-2022 Hills Shire Plan, which will see council invest \$174.2 million on delivering new community facilities, as well as refreshing and maintaining existing assets.

The Hills Shire Plan includes \$7.5 million to construct the new playing fields at the Water Lane Reserve at Box Hill, \$1.9 million on a Kenthurst Park extension to

the upper field and \$1.9 million for new footpaths, cycleways and bridges.

Hills Shire Council has also set aside \$92.6 million for acquiring land for open space embellishment.

Hills Shire Mayor, Dr Michelle Byrne said: "We are a community experiencing growth and this plan provides access to a range of services and facilities that contribute to the health and wellbeing of residents.

"Our Plan continues to build on our vision for a more connected and inclusive region; with safe, convenient and accessible transport options and a variety of recreational activities that support active lifestyles.

"We've also allocated money to roll out new and improved infrastructure, especially in our newer areas, including in Box Hill and North Kellyville."

To find out more, please visit Council's website, [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au), and search for "Hills Shire Plan".



## WOLVES ON THE PROWL

Windsor Wolves are making a charge to the final six after turning their season around. They scored successive wins over Cabramatta Two Blues, Ryde-Eastwood Hawks and the formidable Bulls.

Last Saturday, the resilient Wolves sealed a 24-all draw against the Fijian Silktails at Mascot Oval, after leading 12-10 at the breather.

Malakai Houma's 73rd minute try, converted by Zac Mackay, rescued a point for the visitors.

"We were happy to get one point in this away match and I have spoken to the referee's boss about the many stoppages in the second half," Wolves coach Chris Yates said. "

"The Fijians are a very unorthodox team to play against; they run hard and love broken field play."

Yates was delighted with the morale-boosting win over the Bulls. "It was a very tough game but when you deserve a win, you generally get it," he said. "We were down 4-16 in the first half before scoring 19 points in the second half.

"Three players, Bruce Ward, Will Epere and Kyle Cassel were playing against their own club so it was a bit emotional for them in front of the large crowd."

The eighth-placed Wolves face ninth placed Western Suburbs Magpies this Saturday at Lidcombe Oval at 1pm.

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# IT'S A BOOMERANG

By Ivor Jones



**T**HE BOOMERANG is an iconic image of Australia therefore it was the choice of a name that became synonymous with the musical family and business of J A Albert & Son Pty Ltd.

The company started life in 1885 as J Albert Practical Watchmaker (as the sign on the shop in Newtown read) by Swiss- Russian Jeweller and Watchmaker Jacques Albert.

Jacques had befriended a Welsh umbrella maker, William Morris Hughes, on board the ship that brought them to Australia in December 1884.

William taught Jacques English whilst Jacques taught French to his Welsh friend who went on to become Prime Minister of Australia later.

Jacques was very interested in music and eventually eased himself out of the jewellery and watchmaking business whilst his shop sold more and more musical instruments and Jacques gave lessons on playing violins, pianos and other instruments.

In time the business moved into the city, first to George Street for a short while, later moving to King St in 1894 where the business

was registered as J A Albert & Son with his son, Frank, becoming a partner.

They were to stay and grow in King St acquiring adjoining properties. In 1984 Albert's city properties were sold and redeveloped to what is now known as Westfield's Centrepoint adorned by Sydney Tower.

Whilst pianos and violins were the most popular instruments being sought in the late 1800s Frank was a visionary who could see a trend developing amongst the working class towards smaller and more portable instruments such as mouth organs or harmonicas that could be carried in coat or trouser pockets.

Music halls, where patrons joined in sing-alongs, started to open up around the country.

Frank decided that perhaps that was where the future lay for J A Albert & Son. He imported mouth organs from Germany and branded them "Boomerang".

The Boomerang Mouth Organ became the most popular of all harmonicas sold in Australia and New Zealand and he also registered similar names for other sizes and styles of mouth organs and had around 40 different models on sale.

He also published small song books named "Boomerang Songsters" in the early 1900s which continued to sell up until the 1970s.

The introduction of copyright for musical compositions in the early 1900s resulted in Albert's seeking deals to produce sheet music for the Australian market from Australian and overseas composers and artists which lead to Alberts becoming one of Australia's leading publishers of sheet music.

Music also lead Alberts to become an early investor into radio and television having, or owning, major interest in radio and television stations around the nation including 2UW and ATN7 in Sydney at times.

The company also became a leading record producer chiefly on the backs of the Harry Vanda and George Young composing and recording team.

In 2016 the company was sold to the multi-national BMG group but all the rights to the Easybeats and AC/DC compositions were retained by the Albert family.

## HELP FOR STUDENTS

Pennant Hills VIEW Club is calling on the community to give generously to The Smith Family Winter Appeal, to help thousands of young people across Australia struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The appeal aims to raise \$5.1 million by 30 June, to deliver life-changing learning and mentoring programs to students experiencing disadvantage.

Ruth Colwell, Pennant Hills VIEW Club President, said support from the community will help more than 12,000 Australian children who need it most.

"Our club is committed to supporting young Australians with their education, because it is the best way of stopping the cycle of disadvantage. The Smith Family's programs help children succeed at school which builds confidence so they can realise their hopes and dreams," she said.

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a national women's organisation and support network, bringing together women to enjoy social activities, develop skills, and make connections – all while supporting Australian children in need.

For those who are interested to find out more about VIEW or who would like to join call Ruth Colwell on 0418 118 857.

## 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 Rotary Club of Galston's annual book fair has much to offer hungry book worms. Books are in categories and there will be dedicated areas for children's books, vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games. Trading hours on Friday, June 25 and Saturday June 26 will be 8.30am to 5pm. Sunday June 27 the sale will operate between 8.30am and 3pm when there will be clearance sale bargains. All funds raised support projects both at home and overseas.

## NAIDOC WORKSHOPS

Hills Community Aid is hosting a series of NAIDOC Community Connections Workshops in July.

On Wednesday, July 7 the day will start with a flag raising ceremony followed by workshops targeting kids and families including; story telling, African drumming with Drumbeats, Bricks4Kidz and puppet making, a buttercream frosting class, Mad Science, creative crafts and canvas painting.

## FREE HEALTH TALK

Free Pelvic Health Talk at Cherrybrook, Saturday, July 24, 4pm. This 30-minute session shines a bright light on poor bladder control and prolapse triggered by pelvic floor muscle weakness.

Discover how physiotherapy-based self-management practices can help to remedy these issues and prevent future ones.

This event involves listening to information without any need to share your story unless you wish to, and it's suitable for women over 18 years of age.

Seats are limited, book your sat <https://www.discreetlyfit.com.au/free-talks/> or call Kathi on 0406 501509.

Adult focused workshops are running on Friday, July 9 and include; yoga, zumba, an introduction to Social Media and internet safety plus Tool Time Basics with Bunnings.

There are also workshops on Public Speaking and upcycling a cushion cover from jeans. All workshops are \$6 per person with spaces very limited. All bookings are online visit: [www.hca.org.au](http://www.hca.org.au) or call 9639 8620.



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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-know artists are held monthly and members can participate in several exhibitions during the year. New members always welcome.

www.castlehillartsociety.org.au

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## 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 Tuesday's 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 is June 21 with guest speaker Ronny Maroun from the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.

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

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4577 3591 (BH)

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Meets on 2nd Saturday of each month.

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4721 8709

## Hills District Women's Bowling Club

Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills

9639 2733

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## Hills Older Men's Network INC

The Hills Older Men's Network Inc (Hills OMNI) meets fortnightly on the first and third Mondays of the month, 10am to 12.30pm at Castle Hill. The group is aimed at retired men over the age of 55 and provides an opportunity to chat in a non-judgemental, safe and supportive environment.

Ron | 0424 462 153

HillsOMNI@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

allendavisguitar@gmail.com

## Ladies Probus Club of Baulkham Hills inc

Meetings 10am, 2nd Wednesday of the month. At The Fiddler, Windsor Road and Commercial Road, Rouse Hill. New Members welcome

Suzanne Dennis | 0412 424 593

ladiesprobusbh@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

Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month, Tebbutt Road at Hawkesbury Library at 2 pm.

macquarietownsgardenclub.wordpress.com

## National Seniors Australia (The Hills)

Meets first Thursday of the month at 9.30am for a 9.45am start at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills.

9639 1814 | maybruce@bigpond.com

www.hillsnsa.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 2nd 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 for lunch at 11am at Oatlands Golf Club on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings include a 2 course meal followed by an interesting guest speaker. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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

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Meetings 2nd Friday of the month 10.15am to 11.45am at Wesley Uniting Church, 32-34 Showground Rd, Castle Hill. New members always welcome.

0419 431 084.

## Richmond /Windsor VIEW Club

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

Christine Walshaw | 0416073483

## Scouts Australia - Greater Western Sydney Region

9639 2488

www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

## Sleep Disorders Australia - NSW

02 9990 3514

www.sleepoz.org.au

## Soroptimist International The Hills

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month at Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Visitors are always welcome.

Soroptimists International The Hills is the local branch of a world-wide organisation for women that has been promoting advocacy and action for 100 years.

Cathy | 0435 837 118

sithehills@siwp.org

## The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

## The Hills Learning Centre

02 8850 0555

RSVP | info@thehillslc.com.au.

facebook.com/thehillslarningcentre

## 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

## 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

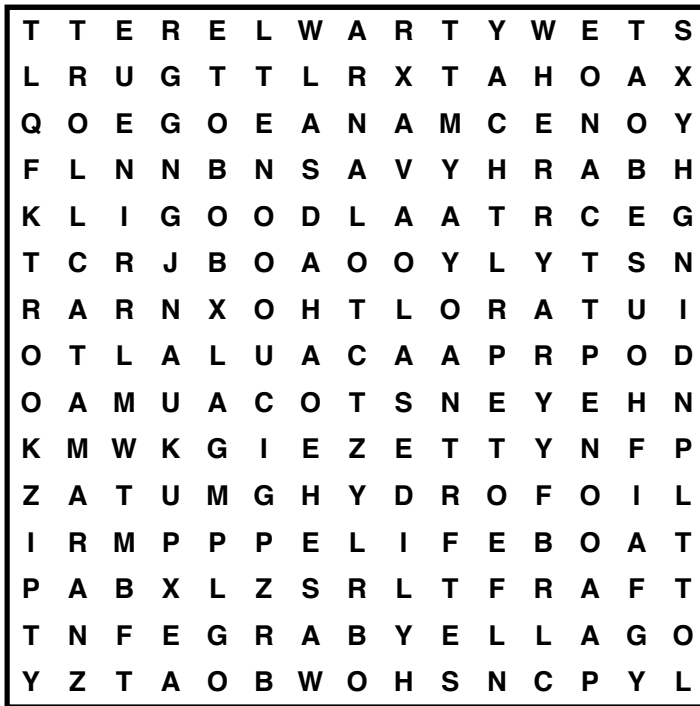
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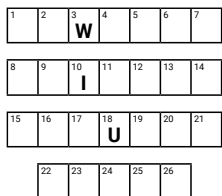
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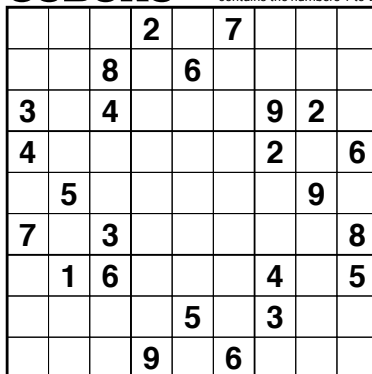
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Numbers in the grid (1-26) correspond to each of the letters of the alphabet from A-Z in some order. Solve the puzzle and fill in the letters in the key provided as you find them. Three letters are provided to give you a start.



# SUDOKU

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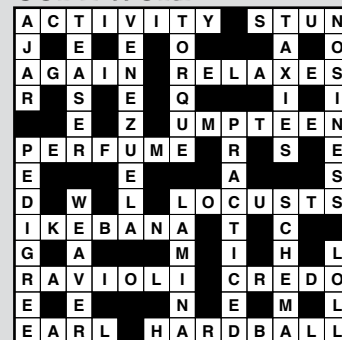


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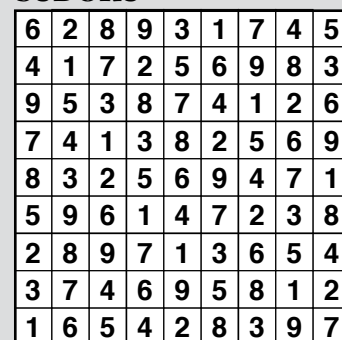


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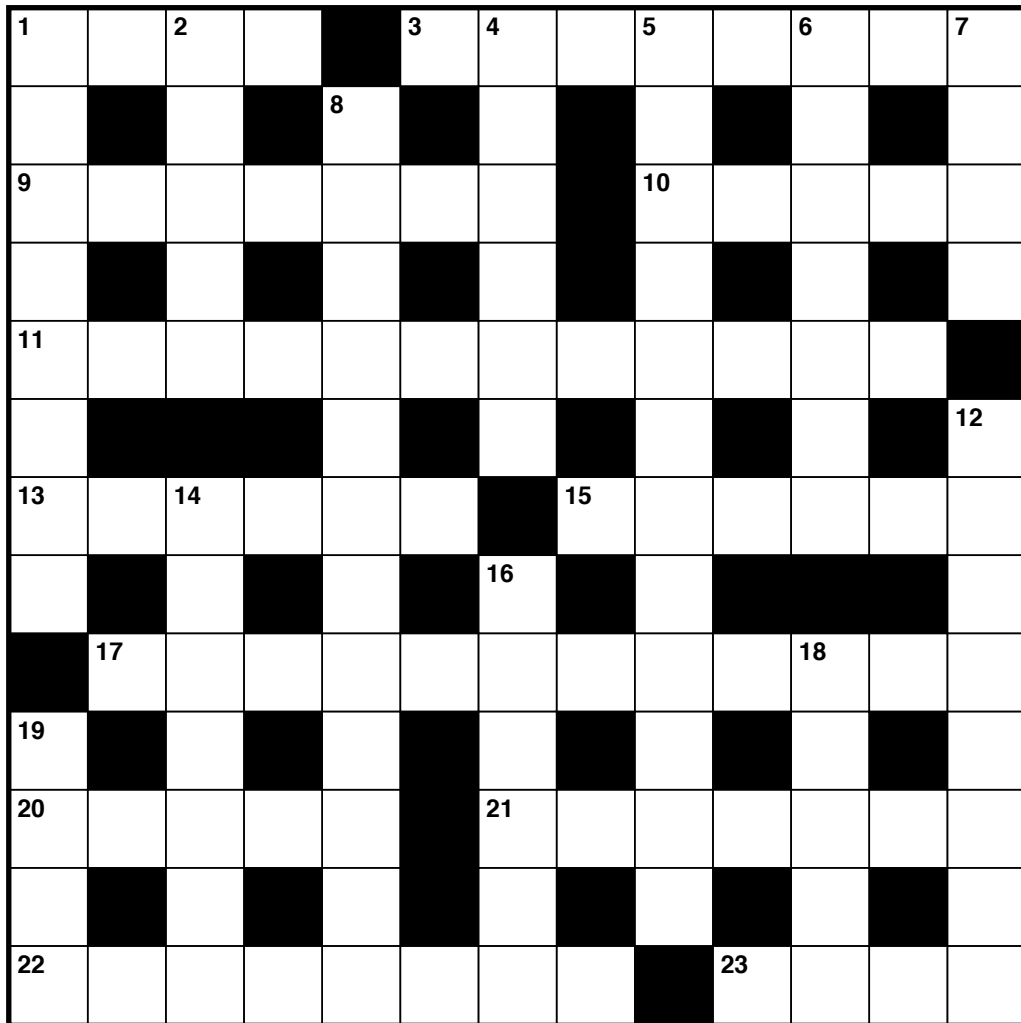
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## Across

1. Drains of energy
3. Muddled
9. Contrary to
10. Country in the Middle East
11. As a result
13. Push forcefully
15. Accuse; run at
17. Female fellow national
20. Skewered meat
21. Sailing ship
22. Cowboy films
23. Requests

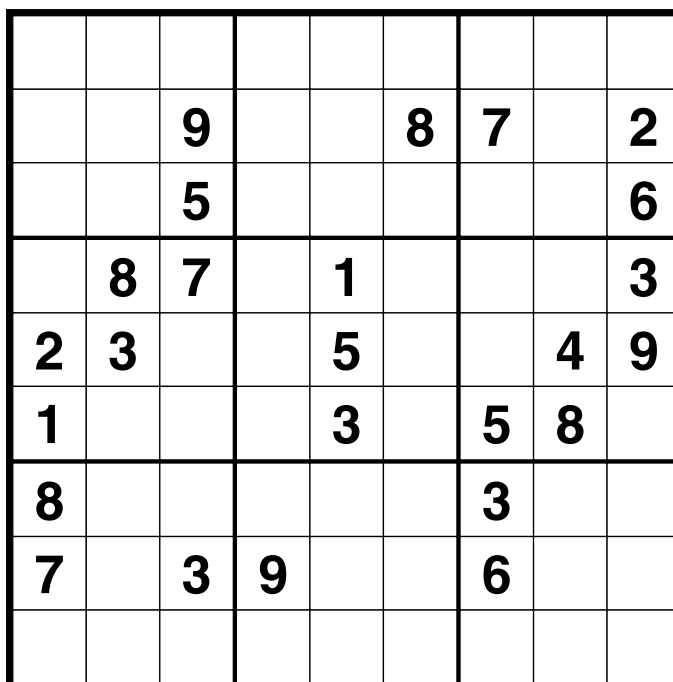
## Down

1. Ascot cat (anag)
2. Clear and apparent; obvious
4. Move faster than
5. Unseen observer (3,2,3,4)
6. More straightforward
7. Bond movie
8. Untimely
12. Definitions
14. Equilateral parallelogram
16. Starting point
18. Confronts
19. Slanting; crooked

## SUDOKU

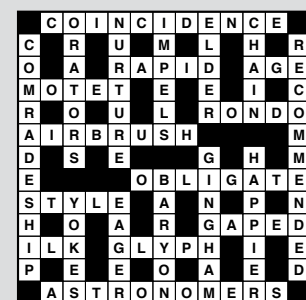
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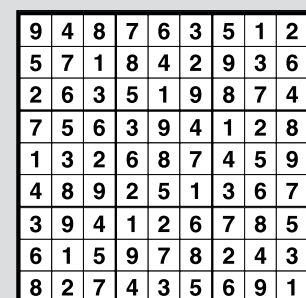


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