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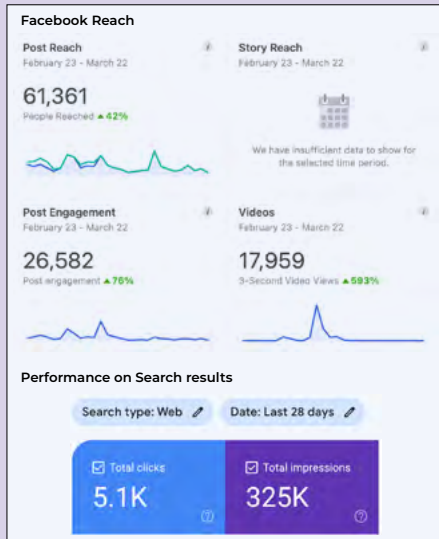
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To vote for a Member of the House of Representatives, you are required to write the number '1' in the box next to the candidate who is your first choice, and the numbers '2', '3' and so on against all the other candidates until all the boxes have been numbered, in order of your preference.

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BEROWRA: 106,338 registered voters.

It is held by the Liberals on a margin of 15.7%

- *Julian LEESER: Liberal
- Tania SALITRA: Greens
- Nick SAMIOS: Liberal Democrats
- Christopher MARTINIC: United Australia Party
- Rhiannon BOSMA: Pauline Hanson's One Nation
- Brendan CLARKE: FUSION (Science, Pirate, Secular, Climate Emergency)

MACQUARIE: 107,738 registered voters

It is held by Labor on a margin of 0.2%.

- Sarah RICHARDS: Liberal
- Tony HICKEY: Greens
- Michelle PALMER: Informed Medical Options
- Nicole EVANS: United Australia Party
- James JACKSON: Liberal Democrats
- Greg KEIGHTLEY: Animal Justice Party

MITCHELL: 120,943 registered voters

Held by Liberals with a 18.6% margin.

- *Alex HAWKE: Liberal
- Immanuel SELVARAJ: Labor
- Matthew COX: Greens
- Linda DANIEL: United Australia Party
- Clinton MEAD: Liberal Democrats

GREENWAY: 119,596 registered voters

Held by Labor with a 2.8% margin.

- *Michelle ROWLAND: Labor
- Pradeep PATHI: Liberal
- Damien ATKINS: Greens
- Mark REX: United Australia Party
- Adam KACHWALLA: Liberal Democrats

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Federal Election 2022

BY BEV JORDAN

The Federal election will be on Saturday, May 21st and voting is compulsory.

There are 47 Federal Electorates in NSW and *The Hills to Hawkesbury Community News* delivers its magazines to bulk drops at four of them, Macquarie, Mitchell, Berowra and Greenway.

MACQUARIE is the most marginal seat in NSW and is held by Labor MP Susan Templeman with a margin of just 371 votes.

It covers a huge area including Windsor, Richmond and surrounding market gardening districts in Hawkesbury, as well as the Blue Mountains communities.

Susan Templeman has been the Federal MP since 2016 and is standing again.

MITCHELL is a very safe Liberal seat and is held by Alex Hawke with a margin of 18.6%.

It covers an area of approximately 101 sq km from Maraylya and Box Hill in the northwest to Baulkham Hills and North Rocks in the southeast. The main suburbs also include Beaumont Hills, Bella Vista, Castle Hill, Kellyville, Nelson, Northmead, Rouse Hill, Winston Hills and West Pennant Hills.

Alex Hawke gained 68.6% of the 103,870 votes cast at the 2019 election. The margin was 18.6%. He has held the seat since 2007 and is standing again.

BEROWRA is a very safe Liberal seat and is held by Julian Leeser with a margin of 15.7%.

The electorate includes the suburbs of Pennant Hills, Cherrybrook, parts of Carlingford as well as Annangrove, Dural, Glenorie, Maroota and Wisemans Ferry.

Julian, who is standing again, was elected as the Liberal candidate in 2016 following the retirement of Philip Ruddock who retired at the 2016 election after 43 years in Parliament

GREENWAY is a Labor seat held by Michelle Rowland with a margin of 2.8%.

It lies within Blacktown City Council and includes the suburbs of Vineyard, Kings Langley, Quakers Hill, Parklea, Stanhope Gardens, Glenwood, and Kellyville Ridge.

Michelle has held the seat since 2010 and will be standing again.

You can find your electorate at electorate.aec.gov.au

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disasters, you may still remain enrolled at that address. You are eligible to apply for a postal vote if you are unable to get to a polling place on election day.

The earliest voting packs can be sent out is 26th April. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is Wednesday, 18th May. The Postal vote has to be filled out on or before election day.

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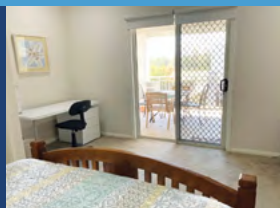
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These free workshops (held 9am to 2pm) will give attendees direct access to industry experts.

The initiative is part of the Farm Business Resilience program funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and presented by the NSW Government.

Thursday's workshop (April 28th) will be held at the LLS Demonstration Farm at Richmond. Friday's workshop is at the Retreat at Wisemans.

Subjects covered include pasture recovery, preparing livestock for floods and livestock health after floods.

To book or find out more visit [events.humanitix.com/pasture-and-livestock-recovery-after-flood](https://www.humanitix.com/pasture-and-livestock-recovery-after-flood)



MAN IN COURT

A male has appeared in court on April 14th charged with three break and enters at homes in the Hills Area where luxury vehicles were stolen last month.

Hills Police executed a search warrant at Doonside and arrested the man. He was charged with 15 offences, including three Aggravated Break & Enter offences, five Steal Motor vehicle offences and fraud offences.

ROADS STILL CLOSED

Galston Road through Galston Gorge will be closed for at least another 4 weeks due to the risk of further landslides and could stay shut for up to 12 weeks depending on the extent of the damage.

A large portion of slope, 70m by 40m is unstable and needs to be monitored closely.

Putty Road is also closed but should reopen on Tuesday, 26th April.

Continue to check www.livetraffic.com for the latest.



FIRE INVESTIGATION

Arson Unit detectives appealed this week for information from the public after a home in Dural was destroyed by fire earlier this year.

About 4pm on Sunday 30th January 2022, emergency services responded to reports of a house fire at a property on Muraban Road at Dural that was quickly spreading from within the dwelling.

NSW Rural Fire Service crews from Dural, Galston, Arcadia and Cherrybrook Rural Fire Brigades responded to a fully involved structure fire. They extinguished the flames and a crime scene was established and officers from Kuring-Gai Police Area Command commenced inquiries.

Following an examination by specialist forensic officers, police believe the fire was deliberately lit, and detectives from the Financial Crimes Squad's Arson Unit have since taken carriage of the investigation under Strike Force Ashscrub.

As inquiries continue, strike force detectives are appealing to the public for information, and urge anyone in the community who may have dashcam vision from the area at the time to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

TEENS ARRESTED

Three males were arrested after a robbery occurred at 5pm on Sunday 10th April at Castle Hill Bus Interchange on Old Northern Rd.

Police attended and arrested two males, one male ran from the scene, but was caught by a quicker police officer. Police are reviewing CCTV and have searched the location.

POLICE PLEA

Police are appealing for public assistance following a fatal crash in Acacia Gardens last week. Shortly before 9.30pm (Tuesday 19 April 2022), emergency services were called to the intersection of Sunnyholt Road and Quakers Hill Parkway, Acacia Gardens, after a motorcyclist had reportedly lost control and crashed.

NSW Ambulance paramedics attended and treated the 21-year-old male rider. He was taken to Westmead Hospital in a critical condition, however died shortly after. Officers from Riverstone Police Area Command established a crime scene.

As inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident continue, police are appealing for witnesses, including motorists with dashcam vision, to contact Riverstone Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.



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30 Years of Work Lost in the Hawkesbury Floods

BY TONY BOSWORTH | HAWKESBURY POST

Jeanette Hayden knows she is not alone when it comes to flood damage in the Hawkesbury, but the North Richmond pensioner says she “felt numb” after her whole garden backing onto Redbank Creek was swept away in the March floods, while her fight for assistance is certainly proving less than smooth.

“Thirty years of hard work, and the memories I had with my husband and my children have just gone down the Hawkesbury,” she says.

In the 2020, 2021, and now 2022 floods, Redbank Creek swelled to levels few locals have ever seen but it was the March floods this year which did the major damage, essentially taking Ms Hayden’s creek-side garden away and down to the river, leaving a massive crater below the rear of her home.

Back on March 13, Ms Hayden – who is in her 70s - got in touch with Hawkesbury Council and did the right thing, filled in the correct forms, and yet is still waiting over a month later for flood debris to be removed from her front lawn, roadside at Susella Crescent.

To make matters worse, she called Council late last week and they told her the debris – which a RAAF clean-up team removed from the

remains of the rear garden – had been picked up. Clearly it hasn’t – when the Post visited it was still there.

“Thirty years of hard work and effort, and money in planting the trees, maintaining the garden, putting the steps has just gone down the Hawkesbury. It’s depressing and I’m having nightmares.

“The biggest nightmare is that I’m sound asleep and my house falls into the creek.”

During the floods, when her street was one of those to be evacuated over fears the Redbank Dam would fail some residents got text messages to leave immediately, but Ms Hayden said she was one of several residents on the street who received no alerts or any notice to evacuate, despite neighbours living opposite receiving the texts. The floods in March and April, plus the previous ones in 2020

and 2021, have caused damage to Redbank Creek and to a number of properties along its banks. Ms Hayden said for the last 30 years the Creek had been “a crystal clear trickle”.

“That was my park, that’s where the ducks used to come up and play, this was where the water dragons would come and sit on my stairs, it’s where I used to go and sit and birds came and sat in the trees, but no more.

“I had standing stones and a little garden down there and it’s all gone. My veggie patch is wrecked and yes, I just feel numb. I’ve lived here for 31 years, and it’s the worst I’ve ever seen it,” she says.

“There was erosion this year, and last year, and in 2020. In 2020 two trees fell over and upended the retaining wall and the insurance company came in and put a new retaining wall in. The council didn’t want to know about it, they sent an engineer out who said, oh just plant some trees. In what, I asked. Last year I lost about 8 to 10 feet, this year I’ve lost much more.”

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WORLD WAR II MEMORIES

BY BEV JORDAN

It was nearly 80 years ago, June 12 1942, that Bruce Robertson was posted to RAAF Richmond to join the newly formed 30 Squadron as a wireless operator.

Now 102, the West Pennant Hills resident has a wonderful recall of his years of service during World War 2 and is a sought-after speaker.

Last week he got the chance to chat to Veterans Minister David Elliott and fellow World War 2 RAAF member John McAuley, 98, a World War 2 radar operator, at a special morning tea at Castle Hill RSL (front page photo).

Bruce joined the Scottish Regiment in 1937 and was in the militia before war was declared in September 1939.

"My father had died when I was 3 years old and my mother didn't want me to go to war," he says. Bruce fell in love with aeroplanes as an 8-year-old when he met aviator Charles Kingsford Smith after his trans-Pacific flight so when most of the Scottish regiment volunteered to fight in World War 2 Bruce decided not to follow them into the army but to transfer to the RAAF.

He was working in radio sales and radio repairs in Angel Place Sydney at the time. "I had radio training so that led me to be a Wireless Operator." One night, during training in Sydney, while helping to monitor wireless communications he picked up Morse code he couldn't transcribe.

"I heard some strange signals in my headset and called the Signals Officer over. He got onto the Direction Finding stations and got a fix; they confirmed my original suspicion that it was a Japanese transmission in Kani Code."

He served in New Guinea for two years, where the Beaufighters aeroplanes were involved in Kokoda, Milne Bay and the Battle of Bismarck Sea.



WW2 Veterans Bruce Robertson and John McAuley (centre) with Chas Naylor (left) and David Hand President Castle Hill RSL sub-branch

He says he often thinks of those who never come back from flights. "People don't understand what war is like," he said.

He never misses an Anzac Day march in the city and is pushed in his wheelchair by one of his great grandchildren, a different one each year. He has seven great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild on the way.

He will be carrying his Squadron's banner.

John McAuley left school at the age of 16 and at 18 years of age joined the RAAF.

The Castle Hill resident who turns 99 years old in June says for an 18-year-old joining up it was an exciting time.

"A friend of mine had joined up and went into Radar and so I followed suit."

The RAAF established Radar stations in Australia and New Guinea in order to provide early warning of enemy air attack and to a lesser extent seaborne attack. John was based in North Queensland initially and then New Guinea.

"Radar was a pretty new field and was very hush hush," he said. "We weren't allowed to talk about it."

"The purpose was to detect incoming aircraft and we would phone the details through to HQ and they would determine if it was friendly."

He said being deployed to New Guinea was completely different to the life he had known as a teenager at school in Broken Hill.

"I came from a very dry place and this was a swamp. Everything was so new and different. We were keen to explore and keen to get to know the locals. I had about 100 Malaysian words."

When peace was declared John's 4 1/2 years service came to an end and he went to Adelaide University to study economics and then moved to Sydney where he worked in the economics department of the Central Bank and was Chief Economist of the Rural Bank of NSW.

He says his war service developed him as a person. He has three children, 9 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren with another 4 on the way.

"They are well aware of what ANZAC Day means," he said. "Service to country."

Ruvi's Poppies

Ten-year-old Ruvi Pooliyadde has made a huge bunch of poppies to remember veterans of war.

The Matthew Pearce student has enjoyed crocheting the flowers and said she wanted the work she did to be meaningful. "Poppies are really beautiful and they mean a lot, they are not just ordinary flowers..." said Ruvi. She was given a crochet kit and started with squares. Her mother was given a hand-made poppies on Remembrance Day last year which inspired Ruvi to make several poppies of her own.

Proud mum Nadeesha Cheryl, who has yet to master the skill of crocheting, said she was very proud of her youngest child. "She is amazing."

Ruvi has already handed over several poppies to Castle Hill RSL sub-branch for use on ANZAC Day and plans to make about 20 more during the school holidays.

Cheryl Hill, Castle Hill RSL sub-branch vice-president (welfare) said: "Ruvi is so young and has such commitment to the ANZAC spirit. I think it is absolutely wonderful."



Dennis, 101, A Happy Rat of Tobruk

BY BEV JORDAN

At 101 years old Dennis Davis from Castle Hill stands tall and straight, a proud World War 2 veteran.

Last year he walked on the ANZAC Day march in the city, this year he will be in a wheelchair because of a foot injury.

Dennis is one of nine surviving "Rats of Tobruk" in Australia. One of only two in NSW.

Dennis served in the 9th Division AIF in the Middle East and was among the 14,000 Australian troops defending the key garrison of Tobruk in Libya against united German and Italian armies. Hundreds of men died.

Nazi propaganda broadcaster William Joyce (aka Lord Haw Haw) gave the "Rats" their nickname after telling his listeners that the allied troops at Tobruk were "caught like rats in a trap."

The men, who heard the broadcast, wore their "Rats of Tobruk" nickname as a badge of honour especially after withstanding 242 days of constant bombardment to hold the garrison for the Allies alongside troops from Britain and India.

Dennis turned 21 while at Tobruk. He said: "I just thought, I am 21 today and that was it."

Dennis was 17 when his family migrated to Australia from the UK in 1937. He was working as a clerk with the State Tax Office when World

War II broke out. He originally wanted to join the RAAF ("they had a very nice uniform") but after completing all the tests was told he was colourblind and so could be a clerk.

"I didn't want to go to war to be a clerk so I went back to work." He said when news of the Battle of Dunkirk happened he decided to volunteer again. "I went out during my lunch break and joined the AIF (Australian Imperial Force)."

During his five years and four months of war service Dennis took part in five different campaigns and says God was his constant companion while serving in Africa, the Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo.

"Every morning I prayed to live through the night. And every night I prayed to make it through until morning."

Dennis says he thinks of the friends daily, not just ANZAC Day or Remembrance Day.

"I think of my mates every day," he said. "I hope the powers-that-be realise that no matter how long it takes, it is better to talk than go to war. There are no winners in war."



In his AIF uniform 1941



Veteran Dennis Davis, 101

Dennis married his wartime sweetheart, Margaret and they were married for 61 years before she passed away in 2004. They have two daughters, Linda and Maureen, seven grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

He will be attending the Anzac Day March in the city with his granddaughter Fiona Brown, as he does every year.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

ANNANGROVE: Anzac Day, Monday, April 25th. Service at Annangrove Park. Gather at 10.45am for a 11am start. The service will be followed by refreshments and bbq afterwards. Organised by Annangrove Progress Association. All welcome.

CASTLE HILL/KELLYVILLE: ANZAC Dawn Service, Monday April 25th at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve off Wrights Road. One of the biggest in Sydney. Arrive at 5.45am latest for a 6am start. Brigadier Robert Lording CSM, Commander 5th Brigade will be giving the ANZAC Day Dawn service address. The theme is the war in Afghanistan. Organised by the Castle Hill RSL sub-branch.

GALSTON: The ANZAC March and Commemoration Service will take place on Sunday 24th April at 2.30pm at the Galston Cenotaph, located next to the History Cottage on Galston Road. In the event of rain, or COVID restrictions, the service will be held in the Galston Memorial Club, Arcadia Road. Following the service there will be a recital by the Hills District Pipe Band and afternoon tea will be served, at the Galston Club. All are welcome. An ANZAC Day Dawn service will take place on Monday at the Galston Cenotaph at 6am. The services are being organised by the Hills District RSL Chapter.

GLENORIE: Dawn Service - Monday 25 April - 6am at the Glenorie Memorial Cenotaph Old Northern Rd run by the community. ANZAC Day march March 25th a 3:15pm start followed by an afternoon service at the Glenorie RSL Memorial Club (3 Post Office Road, Glenorie) featuring the Hills District Pipe Band, historical army tanks, bikes and jeeps. Run by the Glenorie RSL Sub Branch.

KENTHURST: An ANZAC Day march will be starting at 8.45am on Monday April 25th on Kenthurst Rd (Ampol Service Station) and finishing at the John Benyon Rotary Park (cnr of Nelson St) at 9am. The march will be followed by an ANZAC Day service. Family members of past servicemen and servicewomen are welcome to march.

PITT TOWN: The first ANZAC Day Service and Ceremony to be held at Pitt Town's new memorial will be held at the Corner of Bathurst and Eldon Streets on Monday 25th April. People are asked to gather at 8.45am for 9am start. Pitt Town Progress Association has built the memorial which bears the names of 106 locals who fought in the Boer War, World War 1 and World War 2. Names from other areas of conflict will be added. Peter Ryan from the Pitt Town ANZAC Day planning committee said the event has been organised by the community to mark the service of locals. He said ANZAC services

planned in 2020 and 2021 had not gone ahead because of restrictions. "As a community we have been knocked around a bit. This will be the first time the community can come together to celebrate."

RICHMOND: The Dawn Service will be held at 5am at Richmond War Memorial, Richmond Park on Monday April 25th. Covered seating will be available for veterans, older family members and dignitaries who should arrive no later than 4.40am.

RIVERSTONE-SCHOFIELD: The Riverstone-Schofields Sub-Branch of the RSL is holding a public assembly at the Riverstone Cenotaph located on Riverstone Parade, Riverstone. The ceremony commences at approximately 5:30am on Anzac Day, Monday 25th April.

WINDSOR: The ANZAC Dawn Service will start at 5.50am at McQuade Park, Windsor on Monday. The ANZAC address will be made by Air Commodore Carl Newman from RAAF Richmond. There will be breakfast for attendees at Windsor RSL afterwards.

WISEMANS FERRY: The Dawn Service on Monday 25 April will be held at 6am at The Wisemans Ferry ANZAC Memorial, Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry followed by a light breakfast at Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club. There will also be a morning Ceremony at 10.30am on ANZAC Day at Wisemans Ferry War Memorial following a march from Wisemans Ferry Public School.

Veterans Centre for the Hawkesbury

BY TONY BOSWORTH | EDITOR HAWKESBURY POST

Labor and the Coalition both promise \$5m of taxpayers' money to set up a Veterans Centre in our region

Labor were first out of the blocks at the beginning of the month with news of a Veterans Wellbeing Centre – if they are elected in the upcoming Federal election on May 21 – in the Macquarie electorate, so Blue Mountains or Hawkesbury, and Labor MP Susan Templeman said, "local veterans would have substantial input into the development of the Veteran Wellbeing Centre, including on where it will be located".

The centre would be a one-stop shop providing support for veterans' wellbeing "with their transition from military to civilian life", as Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel, Shayne Neumann, put it at the April 8 announcement.

Not to be outdone – and of course this is a feature of this election, we've also seen it with the promise to set up a Hawkesbury

Headspace – the Coalition sent out a media release just short of a week after Labor's announcement from Liberal Senator for Western Sydney, Marise Payne, also promising \$5m for a Vets' Centre but they have a specific site – they aim to repurpose an Officer Training Unit building used during the Vietnam War – it was opened in 1965 and closed in 1974 - at Scheyville.

Sen Payne said, "Since the establishment of this program in 2019, six centres have been funded under the Morrison Government."

But only one of those funded centres is in NSW, at Nowra, and in February the RSL said, "A single veteran wellbeing centre at Nowra does not reflect demand either by client need or geographic spread, and additional facilities are needed in other communities with high demand, particularly those that surround ADF Garrisons".

Such is the demand, the RSL got on with it themselves with a second centre established in Wagga Wagga but funded by RSL NSW and RSL Lifecare, not the Federal government, and the RSL have several more planned.

So it seems there will now be 2 government-funded centres in NSW, no matter which party wins the Federal election. The government's Hawkesbury centre is listed in the recent Budget papers.

MP Templeman said of the Morrison government's Hawkesbury announcement, "I'm pleased to see the Liberals following

my lead on a well-being centre, after Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs Shayne Neumann and I announced Labor would commit \$5 million to a local hub last week.

"But we won't be prescriptive about these wrap-around services; local veterans have been providing important support to other veterans and their families for many years and they know what and where the need is, and, if elected, we will work closely with them about where this hub will be located and how it will work.

"It's a shame that, after having nearly a decade to deliver on desperately-needed issues like veterans' well-being and Headspace youth mental health services in the Hawkesbury, the Liberals have chosen to hold out until just weeks before a federal election."

"Desperate copy-and-pasting of Labor policy at five minutes to midnight is not the actions of a party that cares about delivering on genuine need," Ms Templeman said.

Liberal candidate for Macquarie, Sarah Richards, who is the daughter of a veteran, said of the government's Vets' Centre announcement, "Growing up in a military family, I am the daughter of a veteran who served in Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor. I have lived my life on multiple RAAF Bases, including right here in Richmond. I have seen what war can do to someone. I have watched my dad suffer PTSD and I have vowed to fight to do all we can to help our veterans".

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(Labor Group) Shadow Veterans' Affairs Minister Shayne Neumann, RSL NSW President Ray James OAM, Windsor RSL Sub-branch wellbeing advocate Bonnie Rieusset, and Macquarie MP Susan Templeman at Richmond Club



(Liberal/RSL group) Liberal's Veterans Centre announcement - RSL folks with Liberal candidate Sarah Richards

ANZAC Day threatened

The future of ANZAC Day is under threat and RSL NSW, Australia's oldest veteran charity, is calling on younger veterans to step up and join the RSL movement to save it.

Every year we see dedicated veteran volunteers organise hundreds of events to ensure that Australians don't forget - but this won't always be the case. In fact, those who have long been responsible for events like ANZAC won't be around to continue the tradition in the years to come.

Therefore RSL NSW is calling on the younger generation of veterans to step up and join us, to make sure commemorative events are not forgotten across NSW. It's important

to make sure we have commemorative events to remember the service and sacrifice made by our veterans of even the most recent of conflicts. In fact, this year's face-to-face ANZAC Day commemorations will be the first since Australia's withdrawal from Afghanistan.

We would love you raising awareness of this year's commemorative events in your region, and recognise those locally who bring this event to life, and help get the next generation supporting the RSL movement.



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Red Shield for Schools

Students from 16 local high schools attended a special Red Shield Appeal launch held by the Salvation Army recently. Major Susanne Geracia Salvos Children's Secretary NSW/ACT said it was a wonderful afternoon with 75 people attending the second annual Red Shield School launch at Castle Hill RSL.

In its inaugural year in 2021 there were 7 schools represented. "The Salvation Army appreciates the support shown by the student leaders and their staff and also through the other guests in attendance. Jim Taggart was the MC and made sure all guests felt welcomed and included.

Castle Hill MP Ray Williams attended as did Clr Frank DeMasi and former Mayor Michelle Byrne.

They spoke on the importance of volunteering and reminded the students that we need to help each other.

Divisional Commander of The Salvation Army, Miriam Gluyas spoke to the students about the work The Salvation Army has done recently, especially through COVID and the recent flooding.

The students also participated in a game of Kahoot and listened to an inspiring talk given by Carissa Ainsworth of The Salvation Army. Their annual Red Shield Appeal raises money for the Salvos work. Every 17 seconds, The Salvation Army in Australia helps someone at one of our services or programs.

As the impact of natural disasters, COVID-19 as well as the increased cost of living continues to affect people and families across the country, the Salvos have seen a larger demand on services.

The national doorknock appeal takes place in the last weekend of May. To find out how to volunteer or donate visit www.salvationarmy.org.au

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Sydney cafe operators penalised

The Fair Work Ombudsman has secured a total of \$13,586.40 in penalties in court against the operators of a café in Sydney.

The Federal Circuit and Family Court has imposed a \$11,322 penalty against The Coffee Traders Group Pty Ltd, which operates 'Coffee Trad3rs' in Castle Hill, and \$2,264.40 against the company's sole director Mr Chien Huang Chen.

The penalties were imposed in response to The Coffee Traders Group failing to comply with a Compliance Notice requiring the calculation and back-payment of entitlements owed to a young worker who was employed at the café as a waitress. Mr Chen was involved in the contravention. The company back-paid the worker \$1,014.64 in entitlements, plus \$146.20 in superannuation, only after the Fair Work Ombudsman commenced legal proceedings.

Fair Work Ombudsman Sandra Parker said business operators that fail to act on Compliance Notices need to be aware they can face court-imposed penalties on top of having to back-pay workers. The worker was aged 18 to 20 years old at the time of her employment.

A Fair Work Inspector issued a Compliance Notice to The Coffee Traders Group in March 2021 after forming a belief the worker had not been paid entitlements owed under the Restaurant Industry Award 2010 and the Fair Work Act. The inspector believed the worker had not been paid payment-in-lieu-of-notice-of-termination and accrued but untaken annual leave entitlements, including annual leave loading, on termination of her part-time employment in June 2019.

Employers and employees can visit www.fairwork.gov.au or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 for free advice and assistance about their rights and obligations. An interpreter service is available on 13 14 50. Information is available on the website for young workers and employees and employers in fast food, restaurants and cafes and small businesses can find targeted resources in the Small Business Showcase.

JOBS IN DEMAND

AUSSIE PUMP SHOP

Looking for a new rewarding career maybe in sales? Working locally can provide the ideal mix of stimulation and convenience.

Hills based company Australian Pump Industries are looking for new recruits as demand for quality Australian designed products increases.

"At Aussie Pumps, we're seeing a surge in demand for our products both in Australia and overseas", said Aussie's Sales Manager Brad Farrugia. "We're looking to recruit individuals who want a sales career in the vital, dynamic water industry! Full on the job training will be provided. We train our staff to put the customer first, from product development through to customer service. We're proud to be an Australian manufacturer and we're proud of the products we've developed," said Farrugia.

Located on a 2 ½ acre site in the Hills Norwest Commercial area, with onsite parking, good public transport links and many retail businesses nearby, Aussie Pumps certainly offers many benefits.

Further information on employment opportunities available check the careers section of the Aussie Pumps website aussiepumps.com.au/careers/ Or contact Linda-Sue Karkowski on 8865 3500

Relay for Life 2022

BY BEV JORDAN

The purple Relay for Life haze around the Hills is entering its 21st year and there are a whole lot of activities planned in May before the leadup to the 24 hour community event which raises funds for cancer research and support programs run by Cancer Council NSW.

MOTHERS' DAY WRAP

Volunteers from Hills Relay For Life will be wrapping Mothers' Day gifts at Castle Towers for a gold coin donation from **Monday, May 2nd to Saturday May 7th**. Volunteers will be wrapping from 9.30am until 5pm over the six days. The Relay wrapping station will be located on Level 2, just outside Lorna Jane and Adidas. Castle Towers supplies all ribbon and paper so that 100% of all funds raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. To volunteer contact thedids28@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT

If you love trivia then this is not a night to be missed. The Relay For Life Trivia night is being held at The Hills Grammar School, **Saturday, May 7th doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm**. The theme is come as your favourite star. Cost is \$20 per person with a maximum of 10 to a table. All money raised is going to the Cancer Council. The fully produced event is being run by Relay Team: International Productions. To book a table call Denise on 0425 308 604 or email denise.daynes@internationalproductions.com

24-HOUR HILLS RELAY

The Hills Relay For Life springs into action on **May 21st**, a return to the 24-hour format that attracted thousands of people to Castle Hill Showground in 2019. And just like 2019, Hills Relay For Life coincides with the Federal Election.

It's a welcome return for the community event which took place over the internet in 2020 due to COVID restrictions and was limited to a five hour ticketed event last year at Castle Hill Showground also due to COVID restrictions.

This year's event will be the 21st Hills Relay For Life held in the Hills which has raised millions of dollars for the Cancer Council's research grants and support programs. Last year's mini event raised over \$150,000.

Chair of the Hills Relay For Life organising committee Lisa Carruthers said everyone was looking forward to getting back to a "normal" set up with tents around the track, all day entertainment, food, stalls and a message of HOPE.



The Hills Relay for Life is not a race. Participants can walk, run or stroll around the 400m track as many or as few times as they wish and at any time during the 24-hours of walking. The first lap is at 10am on Saturday, May 21st. There are 55 teams registered so far including The Hills Police Command, sporting groups, schools, guides and scouts, church groups and service clubs plus teams of friends and family who have joined to support people undergoing their cancer journey or in memory of people lost.

There will be a **Teams' Information Night Team Information Night on Tuesday, April 26th 7pm** at the Hills District Tennis Association, upstairs in the Club House, 3 Caterson Drive, Castle Hill.

To create a team, join a team or donate visit www.cancer council.org.au/hillsrelay or visit the Hills Relay For Life Facebook Page.

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Autumn Harvest Festival at Rouse Hill Estate

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Discover the story behind your food as you listen to a range of fascinating talks and watch live food demonstrations hosted by **Barbara Sweeney**, founder of the Food and Words Writers'

Festival, and take part in cooking workshops and food-focused tours. Kids activities include butter-making, craft activities inspired by Sydney Living Museums' collection as well as the opportunity to help our farmer Gareth, feed the cows.

Explore the property and hear the stories that reveal the life of the estate over 160 years or simply bring a picnic rug and enjoy the picturesque setting with a delicious spread from our ready-to-eat food vendors.

Sunday, 15 May from 9.00am – 3.00pm
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GARDENING is a great antidote to stress!

The Hills Shire Garden Club is proud to introduce Mrs Joan Hoyle who was the recipient of the Anne Williams Clarke Medallion from Garden Clubs Australia for outstanding service to Hills Shire Garden Club. The Award started in 1998 and was originally a single national award. In 2011, a review of the Award decided any affiliated club could nominate a member of their club for the medallion. Joan served as President for over 20 years until 2021 and is a most deserving recipient.

The club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1.00 pm at Barton Hall 178 David Road Castle Hill. We invite interesting speakers, hold raffles, conduct bus trips and run plant sales. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries: Irene O'Brien 9624 5034.

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Bromeliad Autumn Show in Castle Hill

After two years of postponements due to lockdowns and COVIDSAFE restrictions, the Bromeliad Society of Australia (BSA) is excited to announce that their Autumn Show will go ahead with some COVIDSAFE restrictions in place.

The Bromeliad Autumn Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 14 May between 9-4pm and Sunday, 15 May between 10-3pm.

Exquisite and rare bromeliads from local, interstate growers and collectors will be on display and for sale to the public. A Victorian Tillandsia expert with a collection of rare and unusual plants, a Glenorie respected grower Allan Beard and Jan and Jon Townsend, from

Bonville near Coffs Harbour, will be there with their very colourful bromeliads and be happy to talk to the public about their plants.

"This show is not to be missed. Due to lockdowns, stocks have never been so plentiful. If you're a bromeliad enthusiast or just looking for plants that are colourful, drought tolerant and very low maintenance, there's something for everyone at our show", said Ian Hook, President BSA.

There will be a display of the bromeliad competition winners, 20 plant sale tables continually restocked; books; pots; information and free advice from experienced growers. There is plenty of parking on site, admission is free to the show. Please bring a box for your purchases.

For further information, call Ian Hook on mobile 0408 202 269 or email him on ianhook1@bigpond.com or check out the website www.bromeliad.org.au

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2022 Hills Shire ClubGRANTS Round is now OPEN



Application & information links for the 2022 Hills Shire ClubGRANTS Round can be access by scanning the QR code. Alternatively go to:
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out and about

with MICHELLE BYRNE



It is hard to forget the childhood literary classic "the Secret Garden" written by Frances Hodgson Burnett. I can remember reading the book many times as a child and being amazed at the magical garden that brought people together, created so much joy and satisfaction and improved the health and well-being of the characters.

With the rain finally behind us and with sunny weather upon us, we decided to venture out to the beautiful Hawkesbury to explore a real life Secret Garden. Set in the grounds of the University of Western Sydney, The Secret Garden is a not for profit "Community Hub" managed by North West Disability Services (NWDS) that supports a range of programs for people with a disability and brings together community groups, volunteers, organisations and individuals.

We enjoyed meandering around the tranquil gardens which Maddie and Alexis described as a "maze" as we are looked at all the various

gardens and watched as the volunteers lovingly water the plants in the nursery. There is a wide range of plants for sale including natives, succulents, exotics, hedging, cottage garden favourites and everything in between! All money raised from sales goes back into the community services provided by NWDS and ensuring the Secret Garden can remain operational.

The onsite café, "On Mile Kitchen Café" is located in a beautiful mud brick building that overlooks a fenced off children's playground which includes a mud hut for kids to play in, sand and shovels and wheelbarrows for digging as well as small swings and rockers. Sophie had a delightful time digging in the sand and I enjoyed a coffee whilst the girls' played happily. There is also farmyard animals including chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, sheep goats and miniature donkeys.

There are plenty of places through the garden to sit and enjoy a book in peace or quiet or to share a meal with friends and families

whilst the kids run around. The Secret Garden is just as magical as in the novel and it is easy to see the benefits it offers to the entire community and the joy and satisfaction it brings to the staff, the volunteers, the program participants as well as the general public.

On 30th April, The Secret Garden will host its annual Autumn Fair which will include plant sales, market stalls, live music, food stalls, BBQ, Devonshire tea, farm yard animals to cuddle and feed as well as train rides for the kids. We certainly can't wait to attend.

No trip to the Hawkesbury would be complete without driving past the RAAF base to see the planes, a walk through the township of Windsor and a visit to the biggest lolly shop I have ever seen which stocks candy from right around the world.

It was a big day out for us and we can't wait to share more of our adventures in the Hawkesbury with you very soon.

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The Hills Shire Council News

On the road with the Hills Shire Library Service

The Hills Shire Library Service is hitting the road.

The brand new Library Caddy was officially launched at Bella Vista Farm on Sunday, April 3 to the delight of children, parents and guardians.

The new vehicle will allow Council's Library Services to travel to more places around The Hills Shire, which

in turn will provide more opportunities for residents to engage with this important and much-loved service.

The Library Caddy will be popping up at Box Hill Nelson Community Centre between May 4 and June 29 for Preschool Storytime and Baby Bounce sessions.

For further details and to book your place, visit: <https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Library>



Join a Bushcare Group

Council's Bushcare has also returned after a short hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council's bushcare volunteers perform vital activities to protect and preserve native flora and fauna, such as removing harmful plants that could compromise the natural environment, plant identification, fauna and flora monitoring, weed control and seed collection for propagation at Council's Community Nursery.

Council currently has 278 registered Bushcare volunteers who range from primary school students to those ages in their 80's. Bushcare is open to people of all ages, however, children under the age of 18 need to be supervised by a guardian.

Council's Bushcare sites are located throughout the region, from South Maroota to Baulkham Hills and West Pennant Hills.

To join a Bushcare group, or for any further information regarding Bushcare, contact Council's Bushcare Officer on 9843 0555 or email council-enviro@thehills.nsw.gov.au

Workshops to help businesses get on top

Get a boost in your business journey with The Hills Shire Council's How to Series.

The exciting new series is made up of nine face-to-face workshops aimed at helping new and established business owners understand the fundamentals of social media, marketing and business planning.

The first mini-series of workshops include:

- Mastering Facebook Advertising – 26 April 2022; and
- Instagram for Business Success – 10 May 2022.

Each of the workshops will be held at Council's Administration Building at 3 Columbia Court, Norwest from 10am to noon.

To book your place in the How to Series, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/howtoseries.

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Have your say in PSI Survey

Local businesses are invited to “have their say” as part of the 2022 Business Performance and Sentiment (PSI) Survey.

The Survey, which is now in its seventh year, aims to measure the pulse of The Hills Shire business community and establish an understanding of business performance, conditions, sentiments and economic growth in the region.

The PSI Survey is an initiative of Council, with the support of McCrindle Research.

To have your say in the PSI survey, please visit www.hillsbusinesspsi.com.au.

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

Council Meetings

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Heritage Day 2019 Trash & Treasure stall by Gisela Horner

Bella Vista Farm Celebrates National Trust Heritage Festival

BY GISELA HORNER | VOLUNTEER PUBLICITY OFFICER BELLA VISTA FARM

Sunday 1st May 2022 is an auspicious day for Bella Vista Farm. Not only is it Open Day, but **Heritage Open Day**. Along with the National Trust's Festival theme '*Curiosity*', we celebrate the farm's history with the theme '*Curiouser and Curiouser*'. There is a lot of history here to discover and it's a wonderland in itself!

In 1842, when William Thomas Pearce purchased around 200 hectares from Isabella Acres, Bella Vista Farm's construction began. Today, we see the well-preserved building standing proudly overlooking Seven Hills and far beyond. Even though there are bustling suburbs now surrounding the property, the farmhouse still maintains its grace and historical identity.

Meet our volunteers dressed in heritage costume; take an informative tour through the house and outbuildings and hear about the early settlers; enjoy the famous Devonshire Teas in a peaceful garden setting and be entertained by serene music performed by members of the Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra and Hills Harmony Chorus. The Trash and Treasure Stall has become a huge drawcard at the farm, all sorts of goodies to discover. Meet the alpacas and our sheep - see their wool being spun. There are displays of beautiful linen, lace and chinaware in the house. Children are not forgotten with lots of fun and games, some dating back to the 19th century.

There is so much to see and enjoy, we know you will have a fascinating day and come away with more knowledge about the early days of Australian farm life. Free Parking is provided.

When: Sunday, 1st May – 0900 – 1500.

Where: Corner of Norwest Boulevard and Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista.

If you can't make our next Open Day, our farmhouse is open the first Sunday of each month from 0900 – 1400. Check on the Hills Shire Council website for more details - www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

 National Trust Heritage Festival



BELLA VISTA FARM

Heritage Day

Sunday 1 May 2022

9:00am – 3:00pm

Satisfy your curiosity about this iconic heritage property.

- House and farm tours and history display
- Devonshire teas and sausage sizzle
- Children's heritage activities
- Heritage linen and kitchen displays
- Spinning and weaving demonstrations
- Livestock - meet our flock of sheep and the alpacas
- Red Coat Soldiers' demonstration
- Music by Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra Ensembles
 - Wind Players 09:30 -11:30
 - String Players 12:30 – 14:30
- Hills Harmony Chorus and other performers
- **Trash & Treasure** with a heritage theme
- Plant Stall

Bella Vista Farm Park - Elizabeth Macarthur Drive Bella Vista

Flyer courtesy Sharon Rawstron (Vounteer Heritage Officer)

Instant Funding to Flood Impacted Wildlife Carers

The NSW Wildlife Council (NWC), the peak body for wildlife rehabilitation in NSW, has recently issued almost \$48,000 to volunteer wildlife carers impacted in the recent flooding events. The NWC aims to achieve optimal outcomes for native fauna. To ensure incoming injured and orphaned wildlife are able to be assisted, the Council acknowledges the necessity to distribute donations as soon as possible to carers and groups on the frontline where it is needed most during emergency events. The grants have helped a number of groups and carers involving wildlife from marsupial joeys, wombats, flying-foxes, marine reptiles, birds and more!

Audrey Koosmen, NSW Wildlife Council Chair, said, "Many of our member groups and carers have been very seriously affected in this recent flood event losing their fauna holding pens with flood waters destroying wombat burrows, fencing, equipment, aviaries and white goods all used for rehabilitating wildlife. "I thank everyone in the wildlife sector for the great work they are doing to care so well for our wildlife in such challenging conditions. It is a real privilege to be able to help these carers," Ms Koosmen added.

"The public donated generously to the NWC Emergency Fund to support our

work with wildlife and these donations will go where the public expect them to go – to directly benefit native animals needing our help".

Wildlife Council member groups cover the whole of NSW with 4,000 volunteers trained to look after wildlife that need help. The NWC encourages its member groups and their volunteers who were impacted in the recent flooding to apply. All grant enquiries to grants@nwc.org.au



Long-nosed bandicoot from mid north coast wildlife group FAWNA
Photo by member Meredith Ryan

PETS OF THE WEEK

AT A GLANCE

NAME: JOHNNO
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JOHNNO is the featured Pet of the Week at the Hawkesbury Animal Shelter at the moment. The 3-year-old domestic short-haired cat would love to find his forever home. Staff at the shelter say that Johnno is a lovely boy who loves being made a fuss of. If you have been looking for a lovely cat to join your family please come to the shelter to meet Johnno. His adoption price has been reduced to \$29 and includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and lifetime registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

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Crime thriller 'Earth and Sky' at the Pavilion Theatre

Castle Hill Players' next production 'Earth & Sky' by Douglas Post and directed by Faith Jessel is for fans of the classic, hardboiled crime prose of James M. Cain, Raymond Chandler, and Dashiell Hammett.

Infused with suspense, thrills and startling wit, this award-winning *noir* mystery play highlights the shadowy, gritty underlife of Chicago and that infamous city's corrupt and often murderous ways. It is a haunting mystery, infused with humour, intrigue and poetry.

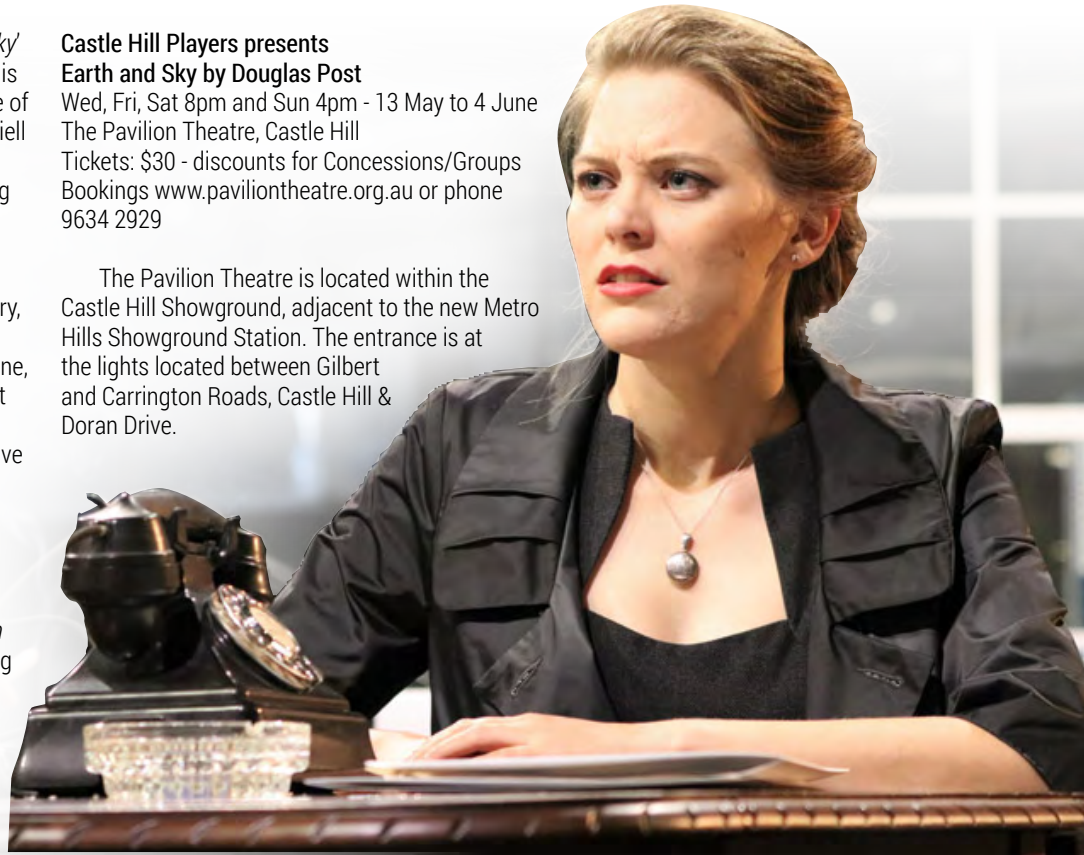
From the opening scenes, the play's heroine, Sara McKeon, (played by Kate Jirelle) is thrust into a confusing world of contradictions and danger. She confronts it steadfastly in her naive search for the truth surrounding the brutal murder of her lover, David (Jason Spindlow).

Director, Faith Jessel has peppered the script with music and movement. It has, she says a distinct noir style reminiscent of the golden age of Hollywood. "What marks 'Earth and Sky' as an exceptional thriller is its shifting timelines and dreamlike atmosphere. It is a story that will keep you guessing, speculating and intrigued until the last moments of the closing scene!"

Castle Hill Players presents
Earth and Sky by Douglas Post

Wed, Fri, Sat 8pm and Sun 4pm - 13 May to 4 June
The Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill
Tickets: \$30 - discounts for Concessions/Groups
Bookings www.paviliontheatre.org.au or phone
9634 2929

The Pavilion Theatre is located within the Castle Hill Showground, adjacent to the new Metro Hills Showground Station. The entrance is at the lights located between Gilbert and Carrington Roads, Castle Hill & Doran Drive.



National Park and Wildlife Service

Notice of Ongoing 1080 Program

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is conducting ongoing aerial and ground baiting programs using meat baits, meat bait products and canid pest ejectors containing 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) poison for the control of wild dogs and foxes.

Aerial Baiting Program: Monday 9th May 2022 - Friday 20th May 2022

1080 poison baits will be delivered aurally from a fixed wing/ rotary aircraft in the following reserves: Dharug National Park (NP), Manobalai Nature Reserve, Parr State Conservation Area (SCA), Wollemi NP, Wollemi SCA and Yengo NP.

Ongoing Ground Baiting Program: Monday 9th May 2022 to Wednesday 9th November 2022.

1080 poison baits will be delivered on the ground in the following reserves: Dharug National Park (NP), Manobalai Nature Reserve, Parr State Conservation Area (SCA), Wollemi NP, Wollemi SCA and Yengo NP.

The program is designed to minimise predator impacts on wildlife, especially threatened species, and to minimise impact of wild dogs on neighbouring stock.

Signs will be placed at the entry to the baiting location. Domestic pets are not permitted in NSW National Parks managed lands. Pets and working dogs may be affected (1080 is lethal to cats and dogs). Pets and working dogs must be restrained or muzzled in the vicinity and must not enter the baiting location. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

**Please contact the Bulga NPWS office on
(02) 6574 5555 for more information.**

WRITTEN BY DOUGLAS POST
DIRECTED BY FAITH JESSEL

EARTH AND SKY



**FRIDAY 13 MAY -
SATURDAY 4 JUNE**

**Tickets: \$30 - Discounts
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and Groups**

**New Starting
Times:**
Wed, Fri and
Sat 8.00pm;
Sun 4.00pm

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Orchestra helping flood victims in Richmond

On Sunday 29th May the Sydney Balalaika Orchestra under the direction of Victor Serghie, will perform at the Richmond Club. All proceeds will be donated to the Hawkesbury Helping Hands organisation to assist flood-affected Richmond community.

The Sydney Balalaika Orchestra is a not-for-profit, totally 'home-grown' musical group that has become famous for its brilliant costumes, lively music and strange instruments. The music and the instruments may sound Russian, but in this orchestra Russian-born players are definitely in the minority.

'We are a truly multi-national mix including Malaysians, Armenians, Irish, Danish, Indian, Chinese, Belorussian, Serbian, Ukrainian, Russian, Japanese and Australians' said Victor. 'People really love playing our music. It is that that really unites us'.

Audiences attending the Sydney Balalaika Orchestra concerts are intrigued by the strange collection of instruments. The Domra is a Russian/Ukrainian instrument rather like a mandolin. The Balalaikas are triangular shaped, of same origin. 'And they come in a whole family of sizes including alto, tenor and bass. Indeed the biggest of them all is the giant contra-bass Balalaika. Other instruments include accordions, Bayans (button accordions) as well as woodwind and percussion. 'We also have some talented singers, both male and female' said Victor.

The orchestra has successfully toured overseas to New Zealand, China and Russia where it achieved an excellent reputation. 'It is nice to be able to help people who have been affected by natural disasters close to home,' said Victor.

The concert will be held in the Richmond Club at the corner of East Market Street and Francis Street. Richmond, starting at 2.00PM

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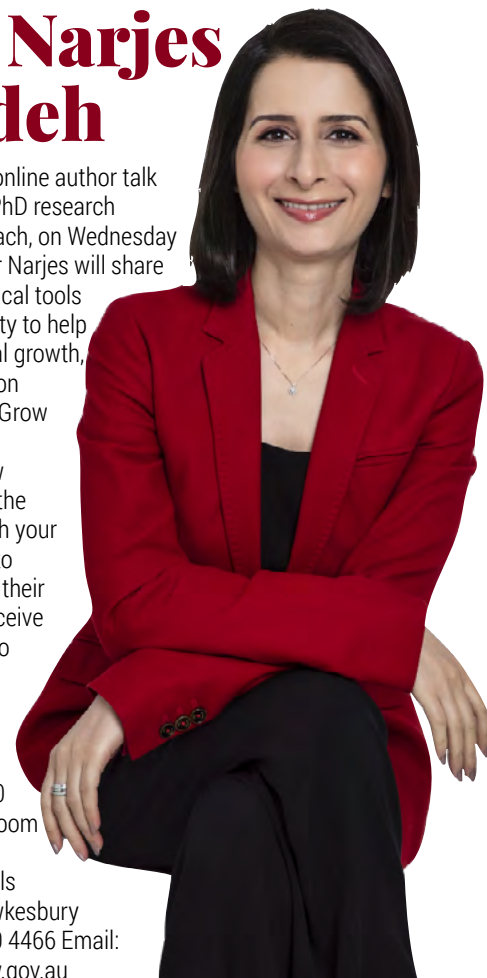
Grow your mind, Grow your life with Dr Narjes Gorjizadeh

Join Hawkesbury Library's online author talk with Dr Narjes Gorjizadeh, PhD research scientist, author and life coach, on Wednesday 4 May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Dr Narjes will share simple strategies and practical tools to manage stress and anxiety to help you on your path to personal growth, as explored in her #1 Amazon bestseller, *Grow your mind, Grow your life*.

Dr Narjes will share how to focus and enjoy living in the moment, so you can unleash your potential. She is dedicated to helping others heal and live their best lives. Attendees will receive a special offer if they wish to purchase her publication.

This event is FREE and to book go to Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com/> or call 4560 4460. You will receive the Zoom details with your ticket.

Contact: Michelle Nichols
Local History Librarian, Hawkesbury Library Service Phone: 4560 4466 Email: mnichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



THE DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

The Hills Shire Council's Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) is now on public exhibition. The plan aims to provide Council with a well-informed strategic approach to supporting people with disability to participate more fully in community life and have positive experiences with Council facilities, products, services and information.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi, said a strong emphasis was placed on consultation with people with disability in the development of the draft plan. "The NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 mandates the need for councils to develop Disability Inclusion Action Plans specific to their Local Government Area" he said.

"In preparing our plan, a number of engagement activities were conducted during 2021, and we appreciate the high levels of involvement from people with disability and the groups representing them. We want to continue to ensure our services are easily accessible, our community has the things people with disability need, and meaningful employment opportunities are encouraged. I urge residents to view the draft plan and have their say. Visit Council's website www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Disability Inclusion Action Plan' he said.

The draft plan addresses key outcome areas of fostering positive community attitudes and behaviour, creating liveable communities, supporting access to meaningful employment and providing accessible systems and processes.

Submissions for The Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022/23 - 2025/26 close on 11 May 2022.

EVA, YUN NI crowned champions

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

Castle Hill star Eva Founties is the newly-crowned NSW Women's Junior International Athlete of the Year and NSW Junior International Division women's artistic gymnast champion.

The classy Castle Hill Gymnastics Club member trumped her rivals at NSW Women's Artistic Gymnastics State Championships' Junior International Division held recently at the Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre.

Eva, 15, scored a superb 46.35 points in the 2022 championship to bring home the club's latest state title. Eva was also presented with the Junior International Athlete of the Year Award based on last year's results.

It was another successful haul for Castle Hill Gymnastics Club and their long-time coach Zoltan Mirko with Sophie Finegan, 17, and Yun Ni Wong, 14, also medalling in the Senior State Championships. In all, the star trio brought home 11 medals to underline the amazing record the club has in state championships over the years.

Outstanding Dural local Yun Ni received the prestigious NSW Women's Artistic Junior International Development Athlete of the Year Award for her remarkable achievements. She was very impressive in her three medal events at the state titles too. Yun Ni took bronze in the seniors allround category, after finishing third in

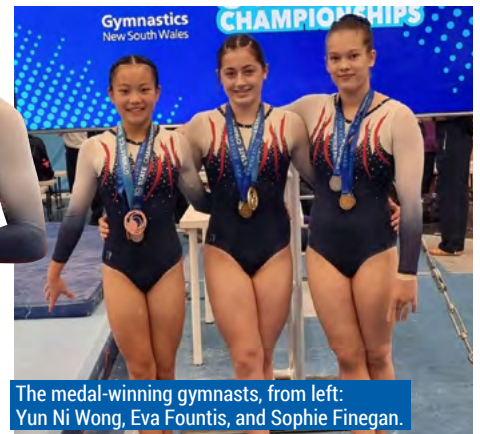
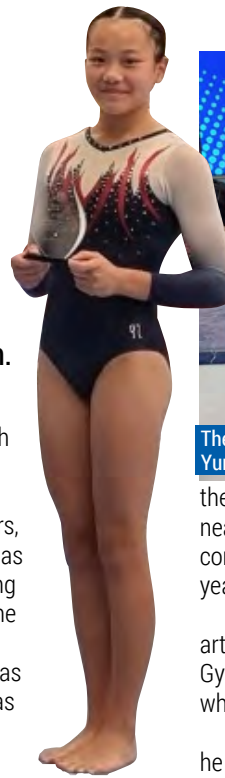
the vault (11.9), balance beam (10.65) and floor (12.7) to finish with a score of 45.85.

Sophie, of Turramura, has been outstanding over the years, and continued her form. She was first on the uneven bars (scoring 11.9), followed by second on the balance beam (11.2).

Coach Zoltan Mirko, who has been coaching for 33 years, was delighted with the results.

"The state competition results weren't a surprise," Mirko said. "We had two very successful senior state trial competitions in the last five weeks, so we knew our girls were looking for a good state championship. These girls have been training at Castle Hill Gymnastics for more than eight years, having started their gymnastics careers here."

Mirko said his charges had missed out on competing for Australia for the past two years due to Covid-19 so they are now eager to showcase their skills at the nationals at



The medal-winning gymnasts, from left: Yun Ni Wong, Eva Founties, and Sophie Finegan.

the Gold Coast from May 20-22. There are nearly 100 women artistic gymnasts in the competitive program, from ages 5 through to 17 years, at Castle Hill Gymnastics Club.

Mirko has been working as the women's artistic gymnastics head at Castle Hill Gymnastics Club since 2014. He is proud of what he and his team have achieved.

"We've built up the program since then," he said. "Our first generation of gymnasts are Sophie and Eva, and we have lots of very talented young girls in our program."

"Our next major event is the Australian National Championships, and because of Covid, we haven't got an opportunity to represent Australia in the last two years and nothing for 2022 for this age group," Mirko said.

"Our goal is to win as many medals as possible at the Nationals and at the Australian National Club Carnival, also on the Gold Coast in September."

Hills United women cut above the rest

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

Debutants Hills United FC are setting the pace in the FNSW League One Women's competition, with nine straight wins under their belts. Led by a timely second-half brace from Isabella Sciberras, Hills United outclassed South East Phoenix FC 4-1 over the long Easter weekend at South Nowra Football Complex.

Hills United were held 1-1 at half-time after Imogen Lane's opening goal had been cancelled by a Madison Carter equaliser for the hosts. Ellen Berios scored the fourth goal for the Hills women who completed the ninth round in splendid fashion to be the team to beat.

Hills United face a tougher challenge this Sunday, April 24, when they host Central Coast Mariners at Bella Vista Public School grounds. (Kickoff: 3.45pm). The fifth-placed Mariners

are fresh from back to back wins over Nepean FC and St George FC and could prove hard to shake off.

Hills United coach Alan Tasses must be delighted with the form of his strikers and defenders who have showed they belong in this elite league. With the classy Sciberras leading their way, Hills United will be keen to maintain their magnificent streak and put the Mariners to the sword.

The hosts will have to keep tabs on Mariners' in-form strikers Chloe Smith and Kaitlin Murphy who could bother Hills defence and their custodian Sarah Easthope.

Meanwhile, 10-man Hills United crashed to a 5-0 defeat at the hands of the Mounties Wanderers FC in their League One Men's



The pacesetter Hills United women's team. Picture: Football NSW

tournament last weekend. The sending of a Hills United player after half an hour was the last thing they needed and put paid to their chances. Still, they came close to scoring through Duncan Stewart and Tristen Van Rhooen but remain anchored at the bottom of the table.

Hills United host eighth-placed Hakoah Sydney City East FC on Saturday, April 23, at Blacktown City Sports Centre. Kickoff: 7pm.

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NSW Government Delivers Australia's Largest Investment In Koalas

The NSW Government has released its new \$193.3 million Koala Strategy, which is the biggest financial commitment by any government to secure koalas in the wild.

Environment Minister James Griffin said the five-year plan is a comprehensive roadmap that will help deliver the NSW Government's ambition to double the number of koalas in NSW.

"This is the largest investment in any single species in Australia, and it demonstrates how committed this Government is to protecting koalas," Mr Griffin said. "We know there are multiple threats to koalas, including loss and fragmentation of their habitat, compounded by the impact of the devastating 2019-20 bushfires, as well as vehicle strike and dog attack. This Strategy will help ensure koalas can survive and thrive into the future in NSW."

The Strategy will better secure 10 climate resilient koala stronghold locations from the Southern Tablelands, to Campbelltown and Lismore, which will receive intensive action in the next five years to support the existing populations there.

The Strategy focuses on conservation actions under four themes:

- \$107.1 million for koala habitat conservation, to fund the protection, restoration and improved management of 47,000 hectares of koala habitat
- \$19.6 million to supporting local communities to conserve koalas
- \$23.2 million for improving the safety and health of koalas by removing threats, improving health and rehabilitation, and establishing a translocation program
- \$43.4 million to support science and research to build our knowledge of koalas.

Some of the more than 30 actions in the strategy include preventing vehicle strike and dog attacks, and restoring and protecting thousands of hectares of habitat.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said a key part of the Koala Strategy involves establishing partnerships with conservation groups and communities.



"We all want to see koalas thrive in the wild for generations to come, and everyone, including land managers, local councils, wildlife carers, citizen scientists and the NSW Government needs to be involved," Mr Williams said.

To read the Koala Strategy, visit: environment.nsw.gov.au/koalas

More Free Trees? You Better Be-Leaf It!

Residents in Castle Hill and across Greater Sydney will be able to claim a free tree for their backyards as part of the NSW Government's popular Free Tree Giveaway kicking off today.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the program will offer thousands of trees to claim during autumn and spring, to align with optimal planting times.

"This year's trees include native varieties as well as citrus and flowering trees which will provide shade and privacy for years to come," Mr Williams said.

Department of Planning and Environment Executive Director Steve Hartley said more than 25,000 trees are being offered across Greater Sydney's 33 council areas.

"Trees improve our quality of life, increasing air quality and shade, delivering better urban

amenity and creating habitats to support wildlife," Mr Hartley said. "By planting a tree in your yard, you are helping to build a greener, more liveable city - creating cooler suburbs for generations to come.

"We received an overwhelming response to our giveaway in the first two years - running out of trees in just days - with more than 45,000 already planted in Greater Sydney backyards as part of this program.

"Of the residents who participated in the giveaway, more than half have gone on to plant additional trees at home which is exciting to see."

"We are also encouraging everyone to get their hands dirty, plant a tree, big or small, outside of the giveaway and register it to make it count towards our target," he said.

The program is part of the NSW Premier's Priority of Greening our City, which aims to plant one million trees in Greater Sydney by the end of 2022.

Applications are online and your local Bunnings store will be in contact when trees are ready to be collected and planted.

For a list of eligible suburbs and Bunnings Warehouse stores participating in the 2022 Free tree giveaway visit www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/free-tree and to register a tree visit www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/register-your-tree.

If residents are unable to claim a tree this time, more trees will be made available during autumn and spring. To be notified when the next giveaway is open please visit www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/free-tree and register your interest



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Click and collect your FREE nursery plants

Hills residents can now pre-order their four free plants online from The Hills Shire Council's **Bidjivong Community Nursery**. They will then be able to pick up their plants contact free at the nursery entrance at the allocated time.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi said the new "click and collect" system will allow residents to access the much-loved nursery in a safe and convenient way, while also securing their four free plants for their yard (per calendar year).

"This is a fantastic initiative, which highlights the good work this Council is doing in the environmental sector," Mayor Gangemi said. "Our community nursery generally produces around 60,000 plants a year, which is just phenomenal. Of these, some are picked up by residents, while others go to our parks and reserves, including Equinox Drive Reserve where 19,190 plants were recently planted.

Another 679 plants went to Kellyville Park and 4,000 plants are expected to go along River Road in Lower Portland and Leets Vale. These plants are native to Australia and we even have plants that are local to the Hills Shire, which makes them suitable to our conditions, soil and local wildlife. When the plants grow, they also provide great shade canopy for residents and the community.

The free plant giveaway is available all year round and residents can sign up for the waiting list at www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Services/Environmental-Management/Bidjivong-Community-Nursery. Plant types often change each time and are dependent on stock levels

Adding to this, Council's Bushcare has returned after a short hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. Do you have a green thumb? **Bidjivong Community Nursery** is looking for volunteers. They will receive training

in all aspects of the nursery. Volunteering is available Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The volunteer-based program focuses on the restoration and maintenance of Council bushland. Volunteers complete hands-on work as they care for native bushland, as well as conduct plant identification, fauna and flora monitoring, weed control and seed collection for propagation at Council's Community Nursery.

Council's Bushcare sites are located throughout the region, from South Maroota to Baulkham Hills and West Pennant Hills. Bushcare is open to people of all ages. However, children under the age of 18 need to be supervised by a guardian.

To join a Bushcare group, or for any further information regarding Bushcare, contact Council's Bushcare Officer on 9843 0555 or email council-enviro@thehills.nsw.gov.au.

Castle Hill & District Probus Club trip to Mudgee

The Castle Hill & District Probus Club first commenced 9 years ago and has grown from strength to strength ever since, now boasting almost 200 fun-loving local retiree members. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Cherrybrook Community Centre from 10-12 with interesting speakers at each meeting.

We have over 17 interest groups including lunch, cards, book club, choir, craft, walking to name a few. We hold day bus trips and events like Melbourne Cup luncheon, tours of research facilities, gallery outings and theatre excursions - very regularly. We also run local, interstate and overseas tours for members. Our detailed website and, in particular our newsletters, gives more details, and you can check us out by Googling the name of our club.

Just recently 32 members did a two night 'public transport' trip to the beautiful town of Mudgee. This was the second trip with the first

one run the same time last year. We travelled by XPT from Parramatta to Lithgow and then the connecting coach to Mudgee where we were dropped at the door of our motel. A pre-arranged tour bus took us to a sumptuous degustation dinner that night at the Pumphouse Restaurant in Robert Stein's Winery. The next day we had a full day touring local attractions including historic Gulgong and Cooyal 'Pub in the Scrub' and, of course, wineries. The return trip on the bus and train provided beautiful scenery, great companionship and delivered us home safely.

During the lockdowns our usually long waiting list for membership understandably wasn't added to, so if you are interested in coming along for a 'look see' at one of our meetings now would be a good time. Or if you would just like to speak to someone about joining us, please contact our Membership Officer Don on membership@chdp.org.au



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FROM SCONES TO SHOWBAGS IT'S SHOWTIME

Easter means many things to many people and is celebrated in various ways around the world. In Sydney however, apart from religious celebrations, Easter also brings to mind memories of the Easter show and also a reminder that the Hawkesbury Show is not far off on the 6th to 8th May .

Whilst the Easter show started off primarily as an agricultural show it has developed over many years to encompass much more than agriculture.

The Easter Show had its origins in 1822 with the creation of the Agricultural Society of NSW in that year. A year later, in 1823, the Society held a show at Parramatta showcasing farming and agriculture. This was the forerunner of the present Royal Easter Show which received approval from Queen Victoria to use the title "Royal" after she came to the throne, the Agricultural Society of NSW becoming the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. The RAS turned 200 years old this year.

The Easter Show has undergone many changes in its 200 years whilst Agriculture and rural industries still play a dominant role at the show, side shows, show bags, crafts, woodchopping, and pet judging also provide entertainment and other distractions for many

visitors. Children vie with each other to see who can get the most show bags. The show bags in earlier days were called "sample bags" and were given away freely. Later days saw the bags renamed "showbags" and came at a cost to children and contain more than sample products, many including small inexpensive novelties and the like. Several showbags are also aimed at adults and may contain a selection of magazines or other material.

In 1869, the event moved from Parramatta to Prince Alfred Park. In 1881, the Government of New South Wales provided land for the RAS at Moore Park; the show moved to that venue for the next 116 years. In 1998, the event moved to a new showground within the Sydney Olympic Park precinct at Homebush Bay. The former Sydney Showground at Moore Park has since become Fox Studios Australia, with associated development known as The Entertainment Quarter.

The show continued uninterrupted after 1869, except in 1919 (during the Spanish flu outbreak), the years of 1942 to 1946 (during World War II) and 2020 (during the COVID-19 pandemic)

Whilst the history of the Hawkesbury show is not as extensive it is somewhat similar to that of the Royal Easter Show. The first Hawkesbury Agricultural Show was conducted at Clarendon in 1845. An article in the Sydney Morning Herald at that time described that show; it tells that Windsor was empty and the road from Windsor to Clarendon was filled with people on horseback, in carts and gigs or walking to the show. "Upwards of 3000" attended and they were served by a number of booths "seven of them publican".

The show was held in two adjoining paddocks with one for the ploughing match. Twenty-nine ploughs contested and the girls of the district gathered on every vantage point to watch the ploughmen.

The subsequent Hawkesbury shows conducted between 1845 and 1848 were the result of an association between Penrith and the Hawkesbury Agricultural Association. Various shows and exhibitions were then held under different combinations of associations until 1879 when the present Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association was formed. The HDAA has continuously held an annual show at Clarendon ever since. The only exceptions were the show of 1919, (flu epidemic), and from 1941 to 1946 when the showground was used to house troops.

The HDAA shared the Hawkesbury Racecourse grounds from 1880 until 1986. These arrangements ceased when the show moved onto their present grounds, still at Clarendon, in 1987.

Both the Royal and the Hawkesbury shows feature a grand parade, sideshows and carnival fun for the whole family. So if you have missed out on the Royal you can still have fun at the Hawkesbury during the weekend of the 6th to the 8th May



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CWA of NSW – Galston Branch

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Galston Health & Resource Centre.
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CWA of NSW – Castle Hill Branch

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

CWA of NSW – Toongabbie Branch.

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at Brigade House, 3 Junia Street, Toongabbie from 10.30am. We also have a social or craft day on the third Tuesday of the month.
ToongabbieCWA@gmail.com

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven. For details of future meetings call.
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Hawkesbury West Probud Club

Meets at 10:15am on the first Monday of each month at Panthers North Richmond. New Members Welcome

Membership Officer Fay | 0414 341 253

hawkeswest.probus@gmail.com

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Hills District Women's Bowling Club

Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills

9639 2733

www.thehillswomensbowls.com.au

Hills Older Men's Network INC

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

Ron | 0424 462 153

HillsOMNI@gmail.com

Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra

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Chris | 0405 994 605

info@hillsshiresymphonyorchestra.org.au

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Hills Toastmasters

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

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Pam | 0413 395 145

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

macquarietownsgardenclub.wordpress.com

National Seniors Australia (Hills Branch)

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at Muirfield Golf Club, 58 Barclay Road, North Rocks. 9.30am for 10am. The group has day outings, short tours and interesting speakers. This very friendly group welcomes visitors.
May | 0414 634 572
maybruce@bigpond.com

North Rocks Evening VIEW Club

Muirfield Golf Club, 58 Barclay Rd, North Rocks. Visit view.org.au

Toni | 9871 1926 or 0411 693 076, or Margaret on 9872 1405

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Pennant Hills Mens Probud Club

John | 9487 1385

Pennant Hills Combined Probud 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 on the second Tuesday of each month at Otlands Golf Club at 11am. Meetings consist of a two 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 Probud 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

Probud Club of Round Corner (Dural)

Secretary, Julie

PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

Probud Club of the Hills Inc

Ken | 02 96296459

Probud Club - Kellyville Castle Hill Mixed

Meets at 10am on 2nd Thursday of each month at Muirfield Golf Club, Barclay Rd North Rocks. New members welcome.
Pam | 0417 667 067

pamelaloves66@gmail.com

Probud Combined Kellyville Club

Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 10am. At The Glenhaven Community Centre: 76 Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven. New members welcome.

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Suzie Whitaker

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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 or Pam | 0412 737 234

airsydneyhills@gmail.com

Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiestennis.org

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoor Club

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

www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

Windsor RSL Fishing Club

Meets on the last Tuesday of the month at Windsor RSL club at 6.30pm. The club has been established for over 40 years and welcomes new members. It holds regular fishing outings including in land water and deep sea fishing.
Les Mison | 0421 821 1990.

Windsor Probud 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

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CODE WORD

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

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

17	10	5	12		19	3	1	25	17	22	25	15
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24	14	24	12	6		12	21	8	15	24	10	26
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8	25	2	12	14	25	25	26	7	21	10	11	

SUDOKU

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

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			9	4				
		2			1	8		
	4		1					3
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		5	7			1		
				8	9			
3	8							

SUDOKU

9	5	8	4	2	6	7	3	1
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6	8	1	3	5	9	2	7	4
4	9	3	8	7	2	6	1	5
5	2	7	1	6	4	9	8	3
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7	6	5	2	8	3	1	4	9



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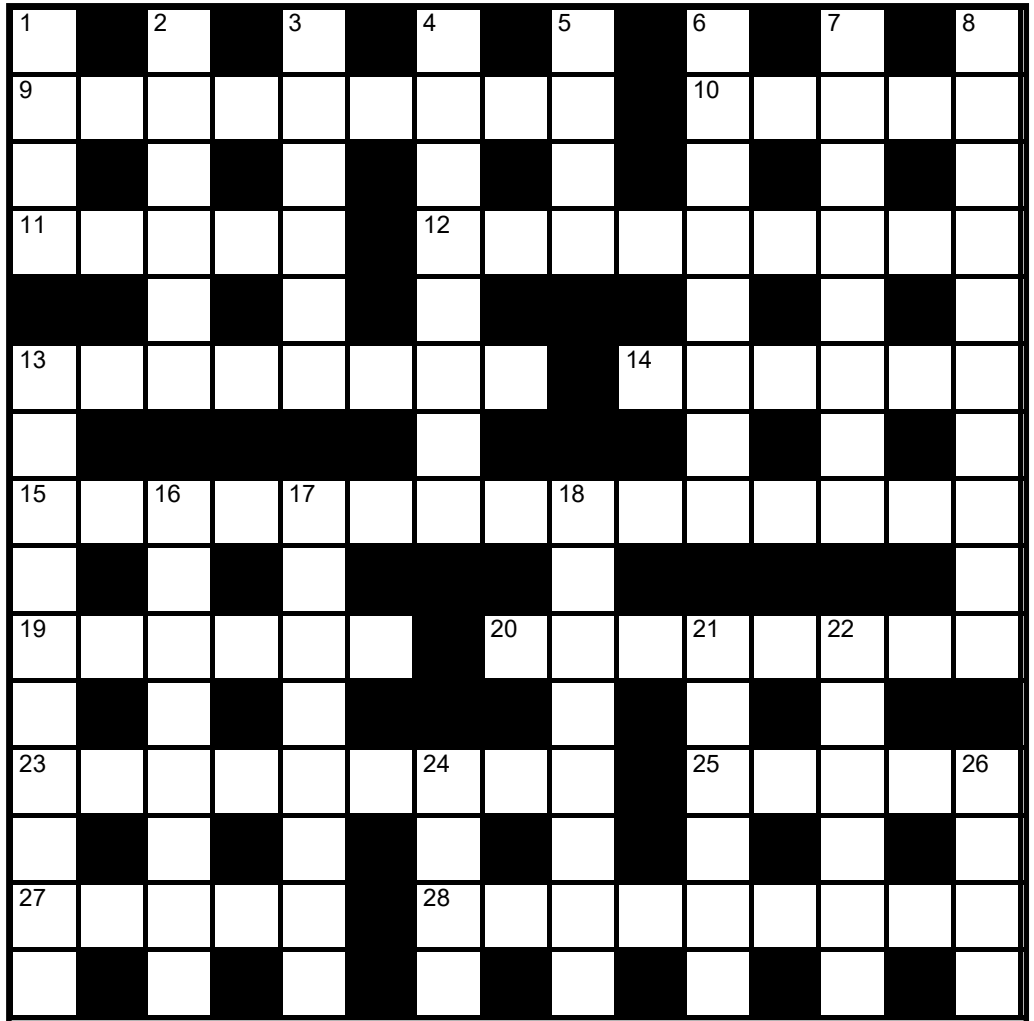
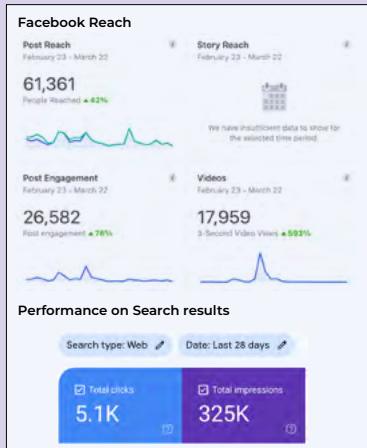
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- 10. Broadcasting (2, 3)
- 11. Hold sway
- 12. Immigrant-processing island
- 13. Somewhere unimportant (4, 4)
- 14. Geniality
- 15. Flinders Island climbing challenge (10, 5)
- 19. Teach bit by bit
- 20. Egg-laying mammal
- 23. Widespread shrub with petal-less flowers
- 25. Gesture of indifference
- 27. Frequently
- 28. Clover bush (6, 3)

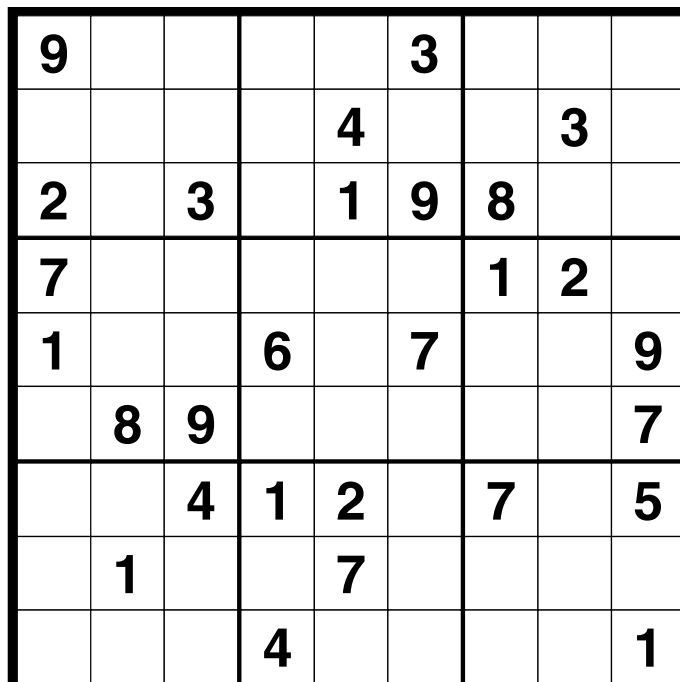
Down

- 1. At a distance
- 2. South North American republic
- 3. Completely redone (3-3)
- 4. Short true story
- 5. Mean
- 6. Mallee archaeological site (3, 5)
- 7. Meryl Streep musical (5, 3)
- 8. Product of an arms factory?
- 13. President saw nothing wrong
- 16. Honours
- 17. Variants
- 18. Pro golfer known as "The Pymble Crusher" (3, 5)
- 21. Prepares a salad
- 22. Equivalence
- 24. Corporate image
- 26. Plot holes

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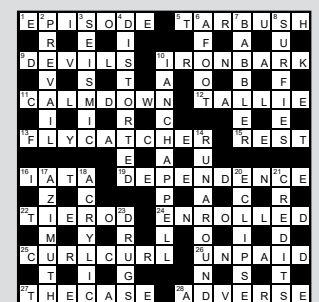
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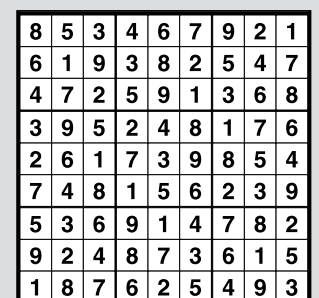


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