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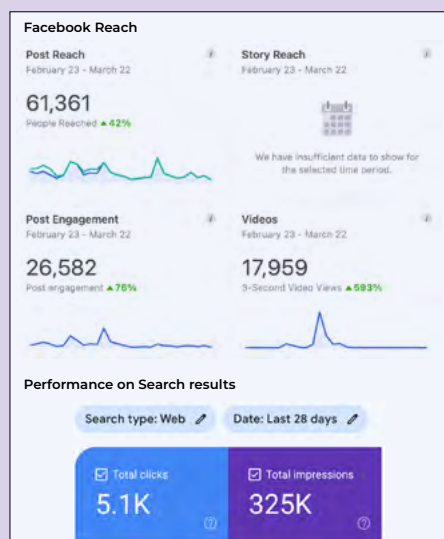
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Here's how you can use a satellite dish to save a wombat, kangaroo, snake, or birds

By TONY BOSWORTH, EDITOR HAWKESBURY POST

The folks in the Macdonald Valley will launch their new *Valley for Wildlife* community initiative this coming month with a series of artistic and imaginative signs using old satellite dishes to remind drivers to slow down and watch out for wildlife crossing.

Led by local Stephen Brown, a past President of the Macdonald Valley Association, which is the organisation behind the innovative art project, the initiative will see designs created by local school students bought to life on recycled satellite dishes.

The idea of using the redundant dishes came from one of the Valley's popular school teachers – Louky Gibb.

"One of the things that I love about the valley is the amount of special wildlife in the area, be that the rare rock wallabies, wombats, bird life, or even our wide variety of snakes," says Mr Brown.

"As custodians, it's up to us to care for them and their environment and that's what *Valley for Wildlife* plans to do across the whole community."

The community will have the opportunity to bring out their artistic side under the expert eye of Webbs Creek artist, Luke Kelly, who is

well known for his colourful wildlife artworks, and not least for his great work on an ugly water tank at Macdonald PS, which we wrote about here.

"As an artist, I take great inspiration from the wild life that we find in our area," Mr Kelly says.

"I have a real appreciation for the beauty of our birds and other animals and love recreating this in my art. I was thrilled when *Valley for Wildlife* asked me to be part of this project to create a unique community art project that will hopefully remind people that we share the roads with some special animals."

Once completed, the signs will be erected in road kill high impact zones around the valley.

The *Valley for Wildlife* Signage Workshop will be held in the afternoon of June 25, following the official launch of the new initiative. All paints and materials will be provided for the community painting session.

It's on Saturday 25th June from 1.00pm at St Albans School of Arts, with all costs sponsored by the MVA Wellbeing program.

If you're looking to go along, it's important to RSVP via email at: valleyforwildlife@macdonaldvalleyassociation.org.au

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Council Buys Castle Mall

BY BEV JORDAN

Hills Shire Council has purchased Castle Mall Shopping Centre at Castle Hill for \$105 million. Settlement occurred on May 26th.

Managing Director of QIC Real Estate, Michael O'Brien said the property was highly sought after and resulted in a very competitive bidding response from about a dozen buyers, ranging from institutions, private investors, developers and syndicators.

Castle Mall, which is home to Castle Hill Medical Centre, TK Maxx, a food hall and over 30 speciality shops, adjoins other key Council-owned sites in the Castle Hill CBD, including the Terminus Street carpark and the former Castle Hill Day Surgery, which will soon be home to the University of Canberra.

Hills Shire Council says the site will remain a shopping centre for "the foreseeable future".

Hills Shire Council General Manager Michael Edgar said: "The purchase of Castle Mall will not only help to boost Council's annual income, but it also means as a landowner, we can carefully plan a future for the whole site, from Castle Mall down to the University.

"This puts Council and the community in a great position in the future, even though it will remain a community shopping centre for the foreseeable future," Mr Edgar said.

"This will ultimately lead to better outcomes for the community, as Council will be placed

in a position where it can deliver results that best suit the site and the needs of residents," he added.

Mr Edgar said Hills Shire Council's strategic investment portfolio provides a stream of revenue outside of rates and fees that fund vital community services such as Council's Capital Works Program that delivers assets like new parks and playgrounds.

"Our financial management strategies have long included a strategic property portfolio that works to bridge funding gaps, ensuring Council has the resources to provide essential infrastructure and services," Mr Edgar said.

"Strong financial management of funds over many years has enabled this Council to pay for big projects, like the renewal of Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre. Council used \$55 million of its own accumulated reserves to provide a state-of-the-art aquatic centre with a gym, Olympic-sized swimming pool, children's splash pad, warm water pool and more.

He said the purchase of Castle Mall, which was made possible from past investments, will help Council provide more for the community as the population grows and the demand for services also increases.



"It is essential that Council continues to look for revenue sources outside of rates and user charges to enhance our capacity to deliver for residents," Mr Edgar said.

"This strategic purchase represents a wonderful investment for our residents and this community, both now and in the future," he added.

Managing Director of QIC Real Estate, Michael O'Brien said: "QIC continues to be focused on activating its retail-anchored mixed-use town centre masterplan for Castle Towers. As Castle Mall does not form part of this masterplan, it was surplus to our needs."

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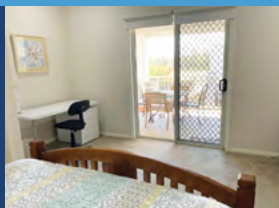
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More than three tonnes of firearms have been destroyed, melted down into steel and produced into other items – after being seized and gathered by police across the state.

The haul of 2809 firearms (totalling 3228kg) came into NSW Police possession after being seized through criminal investigations, located as abandoned property, and surrendered.

Among the items destroyed were pistols, rifles, shotguns, military firearms, home-made firearms, airsoft, gel blasters, air pistols and air rifles.

Police Commissioner Karen Webb said every firearm destroyed is a win for police and the community.

"We've all seen the harm that is caused by the unlawful use of firearms and the fear it can cause within the broader community," Commissioner Webb said.

"Some of these items are collected through long term, complex criminal investigations and others are located through isolated search warrants and police incidents. By destroying these weapons, we prevent any that are kept for legitimate purposes falling into the wrong hands and used in other crimes."



Police Commissioner Karen Webb with Police Minister Paul Toole

Each week, hundreds of firearms are collected by police in Police Area Commands, Police Districts and specialist Commands and sent to the NSW Police Weapons and Ordnance Disposal Unit. Each item is then audited and processed for destruction.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Police Paul Toole said police continued to crack down on illegal criminal activity which regularly involved the seizures of firearms, ammunition and other weapons.

"We know the vast majority of those in our community possess firearms for a valid reason – and then there are those who use these weapons to inflict fear and cause serious harm to others," Mr Toole said. "Police across the state are committed to getting those weapons off our street to keep our community safe."

NOMINATE NOW

Residents in the Hawkesbury are being asked to nominate an Officer from the Hawkesbury Police Area Command for the Customer Service Police Officer of the year award.

The award is again being sponsored by the Hawkesbury Chamber of Commerce and is awarded to the Officer who has provided

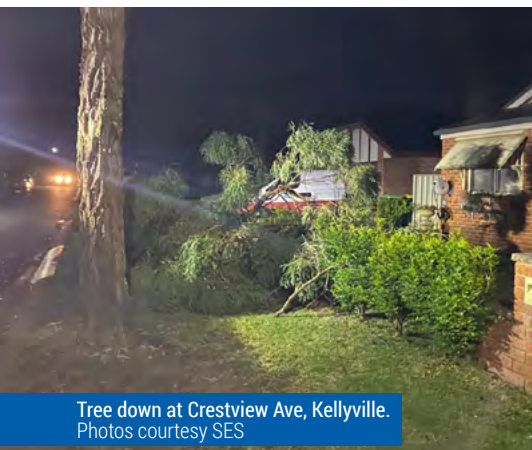
outstanding customer service and/or outstanding contributions to Community based policing.

Nominations can be emailed to the Executive Officer at hawkexo@police.nsw.gov.au. Nominations are to be received no later than the 28th July.

WILD WEATHER

There were numerous calls for help to the SES during wild winds earlier this week for trees across roads, fallen powerlines and trees fallen across homes.

A spokesman said the Hills SES Unit received a total 35 call-outs between 4.30pm on Monday 30th May and 7pm on 1st June. Areas mostly impacted were Castle Hill (10), Glenhaven (7), and Baulkham Hills (5).



Tree down at Crestview Ave, Kellyville.
Photos courtesy SES

SES are urging people to take steps during wild weather to minimise damage and risk.

- Move vehicles undercover and away from trees and branches.
- Secure loose items around the home and yard.
- Keep 8 metres away from fallen powerlines.
- Report fallen power lines to either Ausgrid (131 388) or Endeavour Energy (131 003), as shown on your power bill.
- Keep up to date with the latest warnings, visit: www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings/

For emergency assistance during storms and floods call NSW SES on 132 500. For life threatening emergencies dial triple zero (000).



Trees across the Road Heidi Place, West Pennant Hills



HIGH END CRASH

Two luxury cars were damaged following a crash on President Road, Kellyville at 11.30am on Tuesday 30th May.

A 72-year-old woman driving a Subaru crashed into a Mercedes parked on the side of the road.

Police, NSW Fire and Rescue and Ambulance attended but the driver did not require hospital treatment.

Police are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident and hasn't already provided details to police at the time can call Castle Hill Police Station on 9680 5399.

SPEEDING P-PLATER

Officers from Darling Mills Highway Patrol have suspended the driver's licence of a 17-year-old male from Glenwood who also accumulated a total of 13 demerit points.

About 10.10pm on Sunday the 29th of May, Police detected a red Ford Falcon utility on Old Windsor Road Glenwood travelling at 156 km/hr in a sign posted 80 km/hr zone.

The male driver was a holder of an NSW P1 Provisional class licence. When stopped and spoken to, officers observed the driver's mobile phone was connected to the vehicle which had been playing music through the vehicle's speakers. Also, the driver failed to display P plates on the vehicle as is a requirement of his licence conditions.

The driver was issued an infringement notice for Exceed Speed Limit - over 45 kph (6 Demerits), P1 Licence Holder Use Mobile Phone while Driving (5 Demerits) and Not Comply P1 Licence Condition not Display P Plates (2 Demerits). The driver's licence was confiscated and suspended on the spot for a period of 6 months however the number plates were not seized as the vehicle was not registered to the driver.



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Castle Hill High Asbestos

BY BEV JORDAN

Allegations that positive reports of asbestos found at Castle Hill High School in 2016 were falsely reported to staff and the school community as negative are being investigated by the Department of Education and SafeWork NSW.

Remediation work was carried out four years later in 2020 despite concerns by staff.

Castle Hill MP Ray Williams (pictured) raised the issue publicly last week saying staff had been complaining for several years about white dust and fibres falling from the ceiling.



Ray Williams speaks to media outside Castle Hill High School last week

He met with teachers and parents from Castle Hill High on May 26th last month.

"During this meeting I was provided with information including a positive test for Asbestos which was undertaken at Castle Hill High School in 2016," he said.

"Following this 2016 Asbestos test at Castle Hill High School, the school community was advised it was negative for Asbestos, when in fact it was positive.

"The teachers and parents believe the health of students, teachers and staff of Castle Hill High School has been severely compromised following years of exposure to Asbestos."

He said they were calling for an "immediate independent asbestos test" of the school.

The asbestos register kept by the Department of Education Infrastructure recorded low levels of asbestos in several buildings and found Amosite (Brown asbestos) and Crocidolite (blue asbestos) both considered a high priority for removal in the ceiling voids or insulation of several 1964 buildings including the music/tech applied studies building, and admin building.

A Department of Education spokesperson said: "The department is confident there are no current asbestos issues at the school. Remediation work at the school was completed in 2020 and 2021.

"All air monitoring undertaken at the time returned results below or equal to the minimum detection limit (i.e. <0.01 fibres/mL).

"Testing was completed to ensure the areas were fully remediated and clearance certificates issued before the area was open to students and staff, in strict accordance with SafeWork NSW protocols."

A spokesperson for SafeWork NSW confirmed that it was invited to Castle Hill High School in June 2020, after asbestos was identified.

"The impacted blocks were isolated from staff and students with encapsulation works completed in July 2020. SafeWork have visited the school on numerous occasions since this incident and are confident there are no current asbestos issues at the school."

NSW Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said she was made aware last month of allegations regarding mismanagement of asbestos in 2016 at Castle Hill High School.

"These are serious allegations that are the subject of investigation by both the Department of Education's Professional and Ethical Standards unit and SafeWork NSW."



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Living in a friendly community is important to Bill. And he's found this at Wesley Mission's Alan Walker Village in Carlingford.

When Bill moved into his two-bedroom apartment 10 years ago, his late wife, Carol was initially reluctant. But after Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer, they left behind their home along NSW's Central Coast.

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Cultivating a thriving community is the heart of Alan Walker Village, says Village Manager, Adam.

"Residents really look out for each other," he continues. "And [...] that allows the residents to again feel safe; feel part of the community and just enjoy being here".

While Bill's wife has now sadly passed, he continues to thrive. Bill's surrounded by caring people and enjoys life's small pleasures, whether it's a game of snooker, completing his daily Sudoku, volunteering at Wesley Mission's aged care home next door or reading his 275th book from the village library.

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Locals Oppose \$7M Pub

BY TONY BOSWORTH, EDITOR HAWKESBURY POST

Kurrajong Heights locals vow to fight modern \$7M pub set for build in heritage precinct

A packed meeting last Sunday at Kurrajong Heights Bowling Club as around 50 locals heard how a proposed \$7m modern pub, open 7 days a week, with pokies, VIP access for gamblers, and a potential clientele of 300-plus customers per night could totally destroy the heritage and ambience of the tight-knit community.

The project sees a four-storey building - if you count the underground car park - with the pub dwarfing and shadowing surrounding buildings, many of which date from the 1800s.

There would also be 9 cabins for people who wished to stay overnight or for longer periods.

If given the eventual go-ahead by a planning panel - Hawkesbury Council cannot make a decision because any projects over \$5m in cost have to go to a panel - the pub will sit on vacant land at 27 Douglas Rd in amongst a variety of heritage buildings, including Lochiel House which it will overshadow.

The DA before Hawkesbury Council reveals what is essentially a very modern-looking four-storey building, says local Jeremy Braithwaite, who along with well-known resident Andrew Waterhouse have been at the forefront of organising initial community resistance, starting with the Sunday evening meeting.

They, along with several others in the community - including leading local heritage architect Graham Edds - have been through the DA with a fine tooth-comb and it was clear at last night's meeting that they didn't much like what they found.

Mr Braithwaite told residents some 20 car park spaces are reserved for VIPs, leading straight into a planned gaming room area.

"This is anonymous access and a quiet area away from the public area. I can't understand how anyone can bring that into Kurrajong Heights," Mr Braithwaite said.

There is additionally potential in the pub plans for 18 poker machines, with as many as 22 possible.

"Our people do not gamble," said Mr Braithwaite, pointing to the fact the only two other premises in the Heights with pokies are the Archibald Hotel and the Bowlo itself, with a grand total of 13 machines between them, and both are near the bottom of the list of NSW profitable gaming machine venues.

In a report about parking attached to the DA, it says 300 people could attend the new pub at any one time at its peak, and with only 75 car parking spaces, said Mr Braithwaite, at 300

persons, we will be seeing 160 cars parked in our streets".

He added that his analysis more likely sees a potential for 500 people to be regularly coming into the premises, which could see up to 300 parked cars in Heights' streets.

"We have no footpaths or street lights," he said, pointing to safety issues for that many people. As many as 149 people are projected to gather in the outside areas of the pub too, which would lead to a lot of noise, he said, in a precinct where the majority of buildings were built in the 1800s".

"We have really got to think about how we protect our heritage of our area. I think this is worth preserving.

"A concrete monolith surrounded by a picket fence does not fit," Mr Braithwaite said.

Locals will now set up a small working group to help put forward more submissions before the June 9 deadline - there are currently 19 submissions, all of which are against the pub project.

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16 St John Ambulance NSW members were awarded The Order of St John in recognition for going above and beyond to devote their time, effort, and expertise into helping others. Mr Blanch joined St John in 2011 and was appointed to Blacktown Division as a Chaplain. He has contributed over 4,000 hours in the provision of event health services. In addition, he has also provided counselling and advice for members.

In 2019, Mr Blanch was appointed to the Chaplaincy Executive, where he has been involved in policy development and implementation. He is an active ambassador for St John and the Chaplaincy team has benefitted from his willingness to be involved in member welfare.

Sarah Lance, CEO of St John Ambulance NSW, said that volunteers make up an essential part of the organisation and help make communities a better, and safer, place for all.



"These volunteers have made significant contributions to their communities through their ongoing dedication to St John Ambulance NSW. We are proud to honour them and recognise their ongoing commitment to service. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent flood crisis, they have been there for our communities with critical medical and mental health support, as events and gatherings return".

In recognition of the awarded members, Commissioner of St John Ambulance NSW, Ilan Lowbeer said, "All of the members we have

recognised today have demonstrated high levels of integrity and commitment to their communities, and to carrying out the mission of St John Ambulance NSW. We are proud to recognise each of them and thank them for their commitment to supporting our communities.

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Vikings, knights, orcs, unicorns and mermaids will be doing what they do best at the two-day show which has something to delight all members of the family. The action (and that includes jousting competitions and medieval battles) runs from 10am to 5pm on both days.

The best from Australia compete in the Historical Medieval Battles (HMB) tournament for selection to represent their country in the Battle of the Nations World Championships.

There will be free-flying birds of prey, jousting, archery and combat to crafts, cooking, and games. You can learn about birds of prey in Australia, the history of falconry, with a sneak peek at other birds in history.

Melee Battles with knights in armour from a range of historical periods, the mounted skill-at-Arms, demonstrates the skills required for knights in training and for battle.

For those who like to get into the spirit of the occasion, Re-enactors' Row, offers visitors a chance to try helmets, armour, shields and weapons.

'Artisan Alley' will have displays throughout the day, including blacksmithing, woodworking, and leatherwork. Visitors can also take a stroll through the 'Merchant's Row' to browse the vibrant range of stalls, including quality artisan and handcrafted wares.

Roaming entertainers will amaze, including musicians and minstrels, and 'Feldergast the Fool' the wandering jester. Treat yourself to many delicious foods to choose from, including slow-cooked pulled pork and mini Dutch pancakes. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options will also be available.

Have a go at hands-on activities, including a traditional archery range, Celtic drumming workshops, and the chance to learn to use a rapier. Have your photo taken with a unicorn, and kids can have a go of a (safe) sword and shield at the Kids' Knight School.

There will even be free rides in a horse-drawn carriage.

Be amazed by the Winterfest Costume parade and Cosplay competition. Visitors are encouraged to come along in a medieval-inspired outfit or fantasy-style clothing; all medieval periods, cultures, and styles are welcome.

There is extensive free on-site parking, including disability and seniors' spaces close to the entrance gate. Clarendon railway station is only two minutes' walk from the gates.

Pre-purchase your tickets online for discounts, or you can buy at the gate.

For details or tickets visit www.winterfest.com.au. Hawkesbury Showground is at 40 Racecourse Road, Clarendon NSW 2756 (opposite the RAAF Base).



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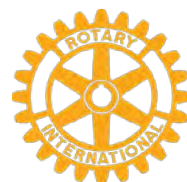
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Further information contact Richard via email giantbookfair@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page The Rotary Club of Greater Hills formerly known as The Rotary Club of Galston



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST PENNANT HILLS AND CHERRYBROOK

The Club held a very successful Book Sale on the 13th, 14th and 15th May and they would like to thank everyone who came and patronised the Book Sale.

The NTA (Nusa Tenggara Association) dinner on Mon 9th May was also very successful and the money will go towards reducing poverty and empowering communities in rural areas of the East Nusa Tenggara province of Indonesia.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

The Club is holding a Pride of Workmanship Awards night on Monday 4th July at Springfield House, Dural. Pride of Workmanship Awards is where Rotary recognise people in the community who have done good work. The recognition can be for people working in businesses or volunteering in the community.

If you would like to know more about Rotary, be involved or join us for dinner please call 0412 064 336. www.wphcrotary.org/



Northwest Community Childcare is an established Not-For-Profit service, providing Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) in the Northwest region of Sydney for the past 26 years.

The organisation is a community initiative of Rouse Hill Baptist Church. NWCC opened their first service in 1996 in Quakers Hill, as they recognised the need for quality childcare in the local community. Since 1996, they have opened 9 more OSHC services.

Their services range from being one of the largest in NSW, to one of the smallest in NSW. Their largest service, located in The Ponds, has a capacity to provide care for 477 children. Daily, across their 10 services, they care for over 1,000 children.

In 2021, they launched their **ULTRA Kidz OSHC** program as an extension of their organisation. The name ties in with their embedded company values and community focus.

They are a recognised inclusive employer demonstrated by winning the 2020 Blacktown City Local Business Awards for "Most Inclusive Employer" and being a Finalist again in 2021. They aim for inclusion to be embedded into the fibre of who they are, not only for their staff, but in every facet of their community service involvement.

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Taste of Cultures

BY BEV JORDAN

A special event to celebrate The World Day for Cultural Diversity was held at the Pioneer Theatre at Castle Hill last week with a focus on communities from China, India, Korea, Iran and Afghanistan.

Organised by Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) and Hills Community Aid it was a chance to enjoy the dance, music and craft from the different cultures.

Cultures of the Hills was an opportunity to talk to the migrant groups and hear about their culture and experiences moving to the Hills as well as taste food from different cultures and try crafts. Frank Zhengqian from China, Fariha Haidar from Afghanistan, Kumud Merani from India and Kerry Jung from Korea answered questions about family life in their own country and their love for Australia and the Hills.

When asked what the challenges are for new migrants, they said: trying to get overseas qualifications recognised, finding a job, language barriers, raising children in a bicultural community and difficulties in getting parents' visas.

They all said they would like more Cultural Diversity events.

Mici Beer said: "Hills Community Aid is proud to have been able to partner to offer Cultures of The Hills, showcasing local Multicultural communities through sharing stories, handcrafts and great performances. Feedback suggests the event was a great success and we plan to host an event again next year."

Thank you to The Hills Multicultural Network, CMRC and Multicultural NSW. "



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In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: William McQuade, BMM Group, 1300 260 834, submissions@bmmgroup.com.au by **17 June 2022**. Further information may also be obtained from the website provided above.

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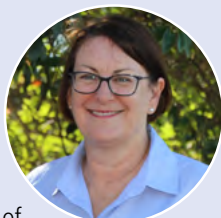
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MP Templeman named Special Envoy for the Arts

HELP TO REBUILD AND SHAPE THE SECTOR'S FUTURE

BY TONY BOSWORTH,
EDITOR HAWKESBURY POST

Re-elected Federal MP Susan Templeman has always been a passionate supporter of the creative arts, so it's fitting as part of the new Cabinet announcements of the incoming Labor government she has been appointed Special Envoy for the Arts by the Prime Minister.



"As someone whose first love was classical music, whose escape is novels, and whose first act after losing a home in a bushfire was to hang local art on the bare walls of a temporary home, I couldn't be happier having the privilege to support the creators," Ms Templeman said.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work closely in this new role with the Minister for the Arts, Tony Burke, with his vision for a cultural policy that rebuilds and shapes the sector's future. As the mother of both a musician and an actor, I have seen first-hand the challenges and triumphs of working in the arts."

"It was with dismay that I saw the previous government ignore the needs of the sector during Covid, when these are the artists, performers, musicians and crew who so willingly step up for the community in times of crisis to help raise funds for bushfire and flood victims, but who were themselves abandoned," the MP said.

"And I will continue to be a voice for community arts and entertainment, which brings richness to people's daily lives in local regions such as mine in the Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains. My commitment to fighting for the people of Macquarie remains unwavering."

"I believe strongly in the role that creativity has for our wellbeing and in our education, and that it should be fostered throughout our society so all Australians get the chance to share and see their stories."

You can read more Hawkesbury news at Hawkesbury Post www.hawkesburypost.com.au or facebook.com/hawkesburypost



Community Radio at Alive

Australia's first community radio station was licensed in 1972 and the sector has developed rapidly over. Its 40-year history.

The number of permanently licensed stations has grown by over 75% in the last decade. Community radio stations operate in towns and cities across Australia with the largest proportion located in regional and remote areas (76%), and 24% across metropolitan and suburban locations. In 1988 The Hills Council allocated Building 9 in the historic Balcombe Heights Estate to Cumberland Community Radio (2CCR) and between 1987 and 1989 the first test broadcasts went to air. Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBBA) surveys show that up to 6 million Australians tune in to 450+ not-for-profit, community-owned and operated radio services operating across the country each week.

These stations provide programming that caters to the needs and interest groups of their communities and contribute to and reflect an Australia that is an open society, a strong democracy and a vibrant culture. Alive 90.5 is proud to uphold these community values and provide for the Cumberland, Parramatta and Hills areas. In fact, at the last CBBA awards Alive was recognised as Outstanding Small Station which we were all very proud of. Alive 90.5 provides opportunities for people, especially young people, to gain experience for a radio career.

Past presenter, Tim Wong See, at the age of 12 built his own radio station (transmitter and all) in his home. It wasn't until a knock at the door by officials from the Australian Communications and Media Authority that the transmitters were turned off and he indulged his passion at Alive each Saturday, being he was still at school. Tim had a meteoric rise in radio and he now presents the Breakfast show on



ABC Great Southern. Australian Spectrum, as the name suggests, highlights Australian music and artists as do other shows. Delta Goodrem featured on the station early in her career and look where she is now. Other presenters interview our locals and give them a voice. Pick'n'mix have spoken with author Nicola Moriarty and Tamsin (award-winning singer/songwriter).

Not for profit groups are always welcome to submit community service announcements which are put to air free of charge. Radio stations cost a lot to run so we do appreciate the support of all our local sponsors. Sponsorship packages are available on our website. Other than sponsors we rely on fund raising, grants, air fees and membership fees. Currently we're saving for a 3rd studio for community use and to provide a revenue stream for the station. Many members have found a home amongst all the friendly volunteers and enjoy contributing through their shows. Why don't you think about becoming a member as well? Our web address is alive905.com.au.

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President of Castle Hill RSL John Payne hands over a cheque to Lisa Carruthers Relay chair

Hope Shines at Relay for Life

The young Liston brothers were a popular face of this year's Hills Relay For Life.

Relay veterans, the Baulkham Hills youngsters set up a stall selling cakes and pink lemonade. Sebastian from Jasper Road Public School said he had been coming to Relay for several years to support his mum (Kylie) a breast cancer survivor.

Chair of Hills Relay For Life Community Committee Lisa Carruthers said the spirit of Relay shone bright despite the muddy and wet conditions at Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, May 21st.

"It was actually really amazing to see how many people persevered and walked during the day. It was just so wonderful to see The Hills community spirit back in action. Our community committee is now planning next year's Hills Relay For Life which will be our 22nd."

So far the 2022 Hills Relay has raised \$163,000 for the cancer research and support programs with more still to be banked.

More than 70 teams took part in the 24-hour event and there were 86 registered survivors and carers.



Cancer survivor's Janine Drummond and Colin Kemp

The Liston Brothers at their stall



Happy trio ... generational support for Relay



Handshake heroes, Rotary's Cheryln Suzuki and RFS volunteer Sarah Didsbury with hairdresser Azita



New Cancer Centre

Cancer patients in Sydney's North West are one step closer to receiving world-class cancer care closer to home, with GenesisCare today announcing five highly specialised radiation oncologists who will be leading the treatment team at GenesisCare, Norwest.

GenesisCare's new cancer care centre will offer patients rapid access to the latest advancements in radiation therapy and global clinical trials. The new treatment centre will provide local patients with cancer access to five senior doctors, who have extensive experience treating patients in the Hills District and Western Sydney.

The radiation oncology sub specialist team, who are also currently consulting at GenesisCare Macquarie University Hospital and Norwest Private Hospital, will be led by A/Prof Amy Hayden, A/Prof Eric Hau, A/Prof Jayasingham Jayamohan, A/Prof Puma Sundaresan and A/Prof Tim Wang. GenesisCare Norwest will open to patients in late 2022.

North West is home to half a million people and is one of Sydney's primary population growth corridors. Over the past decade, the population has increased by 89,837 people, growing at a rate of 22% over ten years.

Every year, more than 4500 people in the region will be diagnosed with cancer.

Norwest Medical Director and Radiation Oncologist, A/Prof Amy Hayden, said: "Our new

centre in Norwest will be a game-changer for local patients with cancer, who will be seen by a team of highly specialised doctors who have deep long-standing partnerships with Norwest Private Hospital, Westmead and Blacktown Public Hospital.

"Having worked in the local community for the past 10 years, we have been huge advocates for a local radiation oncology service in Norwest, and it's fantastic to see that this will now become a reality."

GenesisCare Centre Leader for Norwest and Hills District local, Sam Redfearn, said: "Our team of doctors have extensive experience in their sub-speciality areas and will work closely with referrers, each other, allied health experts and nursing to provide evidence-based, multidisciplinary care to patients."

GenesisCare Norwest will provide patients and referrers access to treatment pathways across all major tumour streams including breast, prostate, brain, lung, GI, skin, lymphoma



Genesis Care L-R: A/Prof Tim Wang A/Prof Puma Sundaresan A/Prof Amy Hayden Samantha Redfearn A/Prof Eric Hau A/Prof Jayasingham Jayamohan

and head and neck cancers. Patients will also benefit from novel therapies and clinical trials through GenesisCare's global research network.

Ms Redfearn. Said: "GenesisCare was founded on the belief that all cancer patients deserve access to highly personalised care, closer to home. Our team of doctors at Norwest are well known and trusted by patients across the Hills District and Western Sydney and will provide personalised, holistic care, tailored to each individual."

GenesisCare Norwest will open to patients in late 2022 and has the capacity to deliver more than 14,000 treatments to 800 patients a year. Radiation oncology is funded by Medicare and up to 80-90% of the fee is covered. Private health insurance is not required.

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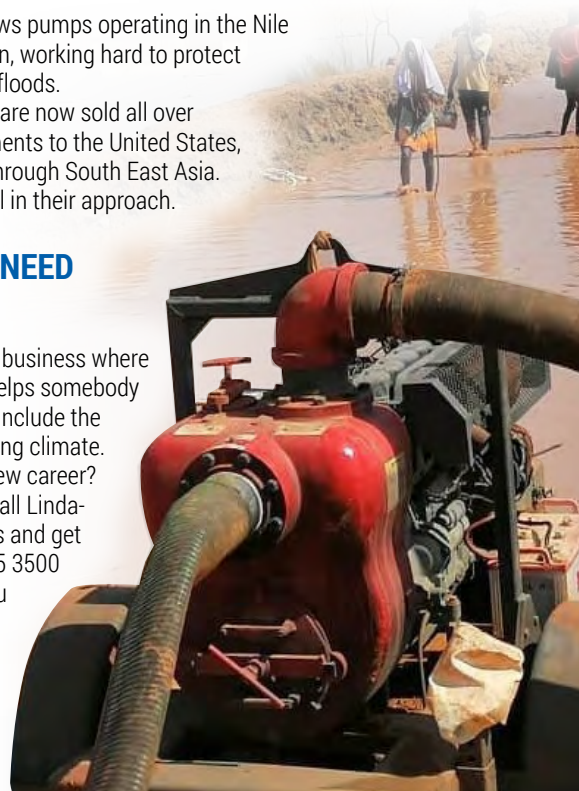
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The Hills Shire Council News

Rose Garden refurbishment

The complete refurbishment of the Roxborough Park Rose Garden is underway with a goal of completing works in time for the garden's 50th anniversary celebrations in September.

Currently, the central staircase through the garden is being removed and replaced with sandstone steps and risers. Bush rock garden bed edging has been removed and will be replaced with metal edging. Pathways are being surfaced with coloured bitumen and an underground irrigation system is being installed.

The final stages will be to reinstate those roses that have been temporarily potted and stored onsite, as well as replacing the lawn areas. For more information about the Rose Garden refurbishment, visit Council's website and search for 'Works and Projects'.



Council approves \$43,000 in community grants funding

The Hills Shire Council has awarded eight grants equating to a total of \$43,776 as part of the Community Grants Program 2021-2022. The grants were awarded to the following recipients:

- Friends of Bella Vista Farm: to repair gravel paths inside the heritage area and front gardens.
- Frontline Yoga Inc: to conduct two Trauma Aware Yoga Teacher Sessions enabling people to join a volunteer group to provide trauma aware yoga classes to frontline personnel.
- RDA Tall Timbers: to reinvigorate a therapy garden to improve safety.
- Fit Kidz Foundation: to run a Connecting & Supporting Families Conference at Castle Hill RSL on Saturday 20 August for parents and carers of children and adults with disability.

- Rotary Club of Kenthurst: to assist with updating playground equipment at Rotary Park.
- Norwest Anglican Church; to hold a concert, called Norwest Jazz on the Green open to community members.
- Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra: to assist with holding four concerts as part of the 2022 season.
- Sydney Hills Youth Orchestra: to assist with performing four concerts.

The program provides funding of between \$1000 and \$15,000 for projects that fall within Council's priority areas including: events that connect the community; domestic violence prevention and recovery; mental health and suicide prevention and community participation opportunities. For more information visit Council's website and search for 'Community Grants Program'.



New Box Hill play space

A brand-new play space is now open at Hannaford Avenue Reserve in Box Hill. The reserve includes a children's playground with climbing unit with a slide, swing set and a range of other fun and challenging equipment. A picnic shelter, table and seating, as well as turfed open space area can be enjoyed for outdoor activities.

To find out what else is being built in The Hills, visit Council's website and search for Works & Projects.

Community Environment Centre Workshops

Planting by the Moon

Thursday 9 June 2022 | 10am to 12 noon

Investigate the different phases of the moon and the best plants to propagate throughout. Discover the garden jobs to do during each moon phase to help your garden be sustainable, grow and flourish!

Native Plants for Pots, Courtyards, and Small Gardens

Thursday 23 June 2022 | 10am to 12 noon

Explore how to best use a small garden space when selecting Australian native plants that work well on a smaller scale. Presenter Brian Roach has been a member of the Australian Plants Society for nearly 50 years and has operated a small, native plants nursery from his home at Westleigh.

Making a Submission to Council?

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

Council Meetings

Tuesday 14 June 2022 – 7pm.

For more information, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for '2022 Meeting Agendas and Minutes.'

Register for these workshops on Eventbrite – search for 'The Hills Shire Council Environmental Workshops' or phone 9843 0555. Workshops are held at the Community Environment Centre – Currie Avenue Annangrove.

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THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire



New tricks

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There's nothing better than strengthening the mind or body or learning about new technologies, no matter your age or stage of life. This is exactly what Catholic Healthcare offers clients at the mind+move Leisure and Wellness Club, located at our McQuoin Park community in Wahroonga, Sydney.

The Wellness Centre is open to both the wider community as well as existing Home Care clients. There is also a low monthly membership fee option, with a pay as you go casual rate.

The growing list of activities on offer at mind+move include art therapy, book club, meditation, trivia, Pilates, yoga, seated exercise, concerts and day trips and a smart technology program.

Our first graduating Smart Technology class (pictured above) at mind+move graduated earlier this year. Over five weeks, these happy clients have learned how to make the most out of their smart devices with apps, email, photo sharing, video calling and more.

Therese Adami, Catholic Healthcare General Manager of Home and Community Services, presented certificates to the graduating class. "This program is all about helping clients to build meaningful connections, grow in confidence, and have fun with their smart devices. There were so many things that I didn't know how to use, but now I'm very confident with my tablet," says graduate Paula. "But the favourite app I've downloaded is Candy Crush saga."

For more on the mind+move program, phone 1300 978 264 or visit www.catholichealthcare.com.au/campaigns/mind-and-move/

NSW/ACT

Locals receive Young Achiever Awards

Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi attended the 7News Young Achiever Awards – NSW/ACT in May at Doltone House.

The awards provide the opportunity to recognise, honour and more importantly, promote the positive achievements of young people making a difference in their community. The calibre of the finalists was incredible, and it was amazing to see what the next generation of leaders across the State are achieving. The Hills Shire had two residents who were finalists for awards, Angelica Ojinnaka and Sonya Clarke.

Mayor Gangemi said, "Both Angelica and Sonya work very hard to make to a positive impact on the lives of others. It's fantastic that we can recognise them for everything they do to make our region such a generous and caring one".

23 year-old Beaumont Hills resident Angelica Ojinnaka is a champion for women, a mental health advocate and an inspirational young person. She is on the Board and Director for One Eight Inc, as well as a youth leader within the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, the largest health research institute in Australia. She is a founding member of the African Australian Youth Suicide Prevention Committee. She collaborates with young people and organisations such as

the Western Sydney Local Health District to promote mental health for young people of diverse backgrounds and to create greater awareness of mental health. Angelica is also a youth activist for Plan International Australia and has co-authored a report on the experiences of girls and young women globally. Angelica was the winner of the First National Real Estate Leadership Award during the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards – NSW/ACT and from her vast work, it's easy to see why she was presented this award.

Sonya Clarke who is 13 years of age, used art to promote positive well-being in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sonya, who is an artist on the rise and a Beaumont Hills resident, participated in the 2021 Immunisation Coalition Party Art Competition, winning First Prize for her mixed art that encouraged the use of healthy preventative measures to stop the spread of



airborne diseases. Her entry to the Sydney Local Health District Photography Competition also encouraged people to focus on their mental health. Sonya was one of the youngest finalists to be recognised in her category at the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards – NSW/ACT and one of the youngest people to be nominated for a Young Achievers Award.

"I congratulate Angelica and Sonya on their tremendous achievements. They are incredible young leaders and have made the residents of The Hills Shire proud. Their work inspires us to be the best we can be. I encourage them to keep achieving and I can't wait to see what they do next", said Mayor Gangemi.

Welcome to MacKillop House

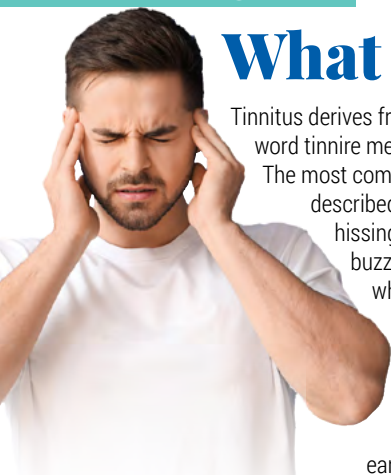
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What is Tinnitus?

Tinnitus derives from the Latin word tinnire meaning "ringing."

The most common sounds described are either hissing, humming, buzzing, clicking, whooshing, or a roaring in the ears.

Sound can be heard in one or both ears and can

vary in level of sound from faint or loud. Tinnitus may come and go or can be continuous. Some people can experience pain in the ear or dizziness. Tinnitus is a relatively common condition. Its effects can be mild with little impact to daily life and irritating, through to constant and debilitating tinnitus that negatively impacts basic day to day tasks potentially causing distress and anxiety.

Some people experience constant tinnitus that can interfere with hearing and concentration while others may experience short, random bursts with little side effects. Either way, everyone experiences tinnitus in a different way and therefore it should be treated specific to the individual.

Tinnitus Facts

- 1 in 3 people in Australia live with tinnitus
- 1 in 6 people experience it constantly
- Both adults and children can experience tinnitus
- Older adults are more likely to experience tinnitus

because of age-related hearing loss

What causes Tinnitus?

Tinnitus can occur when there is a problem with the auditory (or hearing) system, which is made up of the ears and parts of the brain. It is more common in people who have some hearing loss or other ear problem, but it can also occur in people who have normal hearing. Both children and adults can experience tinnitus. As we mature and age you may find your tinnitus increasing. Tinnitus can become louder in the quiet of night for some people, bringing with it a restless night's sleep. Lack of sleep can lead to fatigue and irritability. For some people, tinnitus has had an impact on their relationships with family and friends, as well as their own physical and emotional wellbeing. Stress can cause tinnitus and increased stress can intensify tinnitus. Ear wax, some medications, ear infections, head trauma, and prolonged exposure to loud music can also cause tinnitus.

Are there solutions?

Unfortunately, many people are told that there is no cure and that nothing can be done. That they have to – 'live with it.' However, this is not completely true. Often there are options that can help reduce the negative impact of tinnitus and offer relief. These solutions and treatments can be varied, from having your ears cleaned of excessive ear wax, to counselling such as tinnitus retaining therapy and cognitive behaviour therapy, noise suppression such as white noise or masking devices, and hearing aids.

SOME HELPFUL TIPS

- **USE EARING PROTECTION.** Over time, exposure to loud sounds can damage the nerves in the ears, causing hearing loss and tinnitus. If you use chain saws, are a musician, work in an industry that uses loud machinery, always wear appropriate hearing protection.
- **TURN DOWN THE VOLUME.** Listening to music or the television at a high volume through your headphones can contribute to hearing loss and tinnitus.
- **USE WHITE NOISE.** If tinnitus is especially noticeable in quiet listening environments, try listening to white noise to mask the noise from tinnitus. There are some apps now available on your smartphone. Alternatively, the noise of a fan, soft music or low-volume radio static can also be helpful.
- **LIMIT ALCOHOL, CAFFEINE AND NICOTINE.** When consumed in excess these can affect blood flow and contribute to tinnitus.

If you are experiencing tinnitus, or have questions about your hearing health, arrange an appointment today with Ear Studio, your local Audiology Competency Centre. **To book, phone (02) 9159 6122 or Email: reception@earstudio.com.au or visit www.earstudio.com.au.** Ear Studio is located at Suite 9/60 Cecil Avenue, Lawton House in Castle Hill. **TRADING HOURS: Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday by appointment only.**

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KOALA PARK WEST PENNANT HILLS

With Covid finally behind us and with some sunny weather, we decided to pay a visit to Koala Park in West Pennant Hills.

Koala Park was first opened in 1930 by Noel Burnet who was concerned about the number of koalas being killed for the export fur trade. Noel dedicated his life to fighting for and protecting these unique Australian Animals for future generations to love and enjoy. To this day his family continues to run the Park which also contains a Koala Hospital.

When you first step into the park you could be forgiven for thinking you were in a rain forest far away from the hustle and bustle of suburbia. The tree canopy as you meander through the park is amazing and in some places when you look up you see nothing but trees.

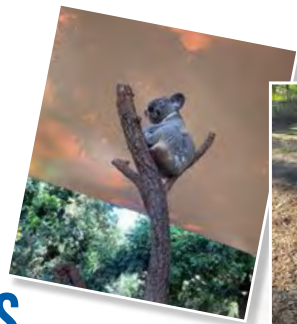
There is an incredible range of Australian animals including reptiles, wombats, kangaroos, wallabies, emus, goats, sheep, rabbits, guinea pigs, ducklings, quolls, dingoes, native birds and of course Koalas! There are different sessions you can attend to get up close to the animals and to learn more about them. Our favourite session was the koalas where we learned a lot about these loveable animals including that they don't like wind!

There is also an opportunity to hand feed the kangaroos and the goats which we all enjoyed. Two of the kangaroos currently have joeys and it was funny to watch them hop around with tiny legs hanging out of their pouches. The goats

were equally amusing but being typical goats they not only ate the feed but also the paper bag containing the feed.

Throughout the park there are plenty of places to sit and think and there is also a picnic area which includes a children's playground much to the delight of our 2 year old. You can either bring a packed lunch or enjoy food from the café onsite. We enjoyed lunch outside only to be joined by two very friendly and hungry peacocks who attempted to steal chips from the hands and mouths of our kids.

Although the threat of the fur trade is no longer a threat to koalas, these animals now face other threats such as vegetation clearing for urbanisation, grazing, agriculture and mining, as well as major bushfires and disease. It is encouraging to see that the NSW Government has invested a \$193.3M Koala Strategy which provides funding for koala habitat conservation, koala safety program, education of the community as well as research into the species. If Noel Burnet was alive today, I am sure he would be thrilled to know Governments are taking the threat of extinction of Koalas seriously and putting in place measures to protect these animals. Going forward parks such as Koala Park will continue to play an important role in raising community awareness and educating people of the plight of our koalas.



Winning \$4M Dream

A couple from The Hills who suspected they held the \$4 million winning Powerball entry purchased in Quakers Hill confirmed several days later that they were Australia's newest multi-millionaires. They held the only division one winning entry nationally in Powerball draw 1358, drawn 26th May. Their win is \$4,662,065.18.

When an official from The Lott reached out to the duo this morning, the winning woman said: "I need to put my reading glasses on. I need to make sure this is real!" she laughed. "This is amazing. We found out the other night and we've had butterflies ever since!"

"My husband heard someone from Quakers Hill had won Powerball. We regularly buy our tickets from Quakers Hill, so he started to think it could be us. He waited until I got home that night so we could check the ticket together. He really thought we'd won and then he convinced me of it, too!"

"When we checked the ticket, we were so nervous because we were expecting the win. We couldn't stop shaking! Once we realised it was true, it was mind-blowing! I still feel so nervous right now. It's a weird feeling! It just

doesn't feel real. Until we see the funds in our bank account, I don't think we're going to believe it. This is a life-changing amount to win! We're going to use our prize to pay our bills and help our kids. The rest we want to save for our retirement so we can enjoy ourselves and live it up a little!"

Quakers Hill News agency owner Sumit Kumar said he was glad the winning couple had discovered the exciting news. "I was thrilled when I found out we'd sold division one in Powerball!" he said. "It was such a fantastic moment for us. Everyone's been so excited and checking their tickets, hoping they're the winner. It's great to know the winners have now been united with their prize."

The winning numbers in Powerball draw 1358 on Thursday 26 May 2022 were 16, 19, 21, 33, 25, 13, and 10. The all-important Powerball number was 18.





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PETS OF THE WEEK

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is at 10 Mulgrave Rd, Mulgrave.
Call 4560 4644 or visit Hawkesbury
Council's Facebook page
www.facebook.com/hawkesburycitycouncil



AT A GLANCE

NAME: BRUNO
BREED:
BULL ARAB CROSS
SEX: Male
AGE: 4 years old
PRICE: \$99



BRUNO is a four year old male Bull Arab Cross who is a very enthusiastic, happy boy.. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter Bruno loves being around people. Staff say Bruno would be best suited with a family who have had experience with large dogs as he is a strong boy. If you are interested in meeting Bruno please come to the shelter with your family, including the family dog to meet him so that staff can be sure they will all get on together. As the featured dog his 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.

JASPER is an 8-month-old Domestic Short Haired cat. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say Jasper is a sweet, friendly boy who just loves affection. Staff say he would be best suited in a home where he will be allowed to be inside with his new family. If you think you would like to give this lovely boy the home he deserves, please come to the shelter to meet him. Jasper's adoption price has been reduced to \$29 and includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is:
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AT A GLANCE

NAME: JASPER
BREED: DOMESTIC
SHORT HAIR
SEX: Male
AGE: 8 months
PRICE: \$29



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IVF Rebates for NSW Women

One of the announcements I'm looking forward to in the NSW 2022/2023 Budget will benefit those undergoing IVF (in vitro fertilisation) and accessing other assisted reproductive treatments. These women will benefit from an Australian-first cash rebate of up to \$2,000 to reduce treatment costs.

As many as one in six couples will experience fertility issues while around one in twenty births in Australia involve some form of assisted reproductive treatment. The fertility package will also extend rebates for pre-IVF fertility testing, boost the number of fertility preservation services for patients with cancer

and other medical needs and provide five days paid fertility treatment leave for teachers, nurses and other public servants across NSW.

The \$2,000 rebate will open 1 January, 2023. Women who have undergone an eligible procedure from 1 October, 2022 will be able to submit a claim when the rebate scheme opens.

Stay Safe This Winter, Get Your Flu Shot Now

As the winter chill sets in, you now have the choice to book in for your flu vaccine. Hospitals are already seeing a surge in influenza cases, so the NSW Government is funding free flu vaccinations at GPs and pharmacies until 30th June, 2022.

This NSW Government initiative will mean the flu vaccination will be free for everyone, not just the high-risk groups, so please take advantage of this health initiative.

**Free flu shots
for all residents
of NSW in June**



Local graduates in Cyber Crime

A TAFE NSW graduate and The Ponds local has made an unlikely career switch, going from a successful career in real estate to fighting cybercrime - with the help of TAFE NSW.

It comes as COVID-19 and the resulting lockdowns have caused many to re-think their priorities, including their profession, with about 6 million Australians considering a job or career shift during the past 12 months according to a recent Workforce Insights Report.

Satinder Pal Singh, 41, had a long-held passion for IT, something he studied as a youth in his native India, but on his arrival in Australia almost eight years ago was expected to support the family business. Satinder decided to enrol in the Certificate IV in Cyber Security at TAFE NSW Blacktown and then landed a coveted Cyber Security internship with multinational beverage company, Lion.

Satinder said the attractive job prospects were one of the main drawcards to the field of IT. "The technology sphere is forever changing and growing. It's great to know that IT professionals and cyber security in particular will always be in demand, something that's front of mind when leaving an established career. When I applied for the internship, I wasn't sure if I'd be in with a chance against other applicants with a degree, but in the interview and practical tests I proved that I had built the practical skills and industry-specific knowledge to walk straight into my new position at Lion."

In the 2020-21 financial year, over 67,500 cybercrimes were reported to the Australian Cyber Security Centre, an increase of nearly 13% from the previous year.

This is resulting in increased demand for cyber security professionals, as well as demand for enhanced cyber security capabilities within the existing workforce. It is estimated that nationally, 16,600 additional cyber security workers will be needed by 2026.

TAFE NSW Head Teacher of Information Technology Raj Valoth said TAFE NSW is a leading provider of training in Cyber Security with students learning the skills required to manage cyber security threats and protect organisations from harm.

"Rising rates of cybercrime, including more sophisticated cybercrimes, means we're seeing a surge in demand from industry for specialist skills in cyber security. TAFE NSW is delivering a pipeline of workers to meet that demand. Cyber Security is now evolving into its own specialist field with new roles and specialties developing every day. Many employers are looking for recruits with technical and non-technical skills so it's a perfect career choice for someone wanting to upskill or change career path entirely."

For more information about ICT related courses at TAFE NSW or via TAFE Digital, visit www.tafensw.edu.au or phone 131 601.





\$1,000 awarded to local rugby club

Renegades Rugby started life in 2007, with three simple goals:
Play Rugby. Have Fun. Help Others.

Since their inception the club has raised over \$180,000 for various charities including The Children's Hospital at Westmead. They run men's and women's rugby union teams from their home ground at Kellyville Park.

Australia Post organised an opportunity to apply for its 'People of Post' Grant. As the club regularly applies for grant funding to support their goals and run their club, Owen Watson, a supervisor at Chullora parcel delivery centre, put in the application. Renegades Rugby were

delighted to be among 47 recipients of grants around NSW. They were awarded \$1,000 for Renegades Rugby Kit for new players jerseys. Owen has been with Renegades Rugby since 2014. He is a committee member and regularly helps with meat-tray raffles which raise money for the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Club Secretary, Nick Pfitzner, said "This grant will be of great help to offset the cost of purchasing the playing kit necessary for our teams".

COMMUNITY NEWS



Be part of the NSW Flood Inquiry

The NSW Government has established an independent flood inquiry to examine and report on the causes of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from the 2022 catastrophic flood event.

The NSW Flood Inquiry will host a virtual community meeting for the Hawkesbury-Nepean on Thursday, 16 June 2022 as part of its ongoing work to hear from communities impacted by the March 2022 floods.

Any member of the public is welcome to share their views and to listen. The Hawkesbury-Nepean meeting will be held Thursday, 16 June 2022.

Virtual community meeting from 5:30pm to 7:30pm includes Picton, Oakville, Richmond, McGrath's Hill, Pitt Town, Mulgrave, Windsor

It is recommended that members of the public register their attendance for the virtual meeting Register herelaunch

A link to view the meeting will also be uploaded at www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/projects-and-initiatives/floodinquiry/flood-inquiry-community-meetings#toc-hawkesbury-nepean-thursday-16-june-2022 at 4:30pm on Thursday 16 June.

Professor Mary O'Kane AC and Michael Fuller APM have been engaged to lead the Inquiry.

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN, THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2022

Includes Picton, Oakville, Richmond, McGrath's Hill, Pitt Town, Mulgrave, Windsor
 Virtual community Town Hall meeting
 5:30pm to 7:30pm

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. It is recommended that members of the public register their attendance for the virtual meeting.

A link to view the meeting will be uploaded to this webpage at 4:30pm, Thursday 16 June.

The Inquiry will report on:

- the causes of and factors contributing to the frequency, intensity, timing and location of floods
- preparation and planning by agencies and the community for floods in NSW
- responses to floods, particularly measures to protect life, property and the environment
- the transition from incident response to recovery
- recovery, including housing, clean-up, financial support, community engagement and longer-term community rebuilding.

The Inquiry will consider and, if thought fit, make recommendations on a range of matters, including:

- the safety of emergency services and community first responders;
- current and future land use planning and management and building standards in flood prone locations across NSW;
- appropriate action to adapt to future flood risks to communities and ecosystems;
- coordination and collaboration between all levels of government.

The Inquiry is required to report to the Premier on causation, land use planning and management and related matters by 30 June 2022 and on all other matters by 30 September 2022.

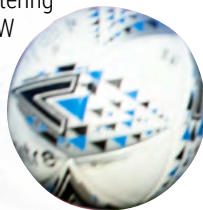
Lethal strikers fire Hills United

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

The Hills United FC are cantering away at the top of the FNSW League One Women's after a remarkable streak of 14 wins on the trot.

Led by some sparkling football by their brilliant quartet Imogen Lane (8 goals), Isabella Sciberras (7) Annie Hall (7) and Ellen Berios (6), the debutants have a perfect record. Hills United head the table even though they have played a match less than second-placed Gladesville Ravens.

Hills United, skippered by Desiree Galea, lead the 16-team league with 42 points, two ahead of the Ravens (40) with third-placed St George FC quite a bit back on 31 points. Thanks to the collective firepower of their strikers, the Hills United have netted 37 goals and conceded just five this season, a testimony to the league's best defence shepherded expertly by custodian Bridget Jane Brien.



Stephanie Trovata and Bianca Jade Galayini have provided more ammunition to the Hills attack with three goals apiece.

Their lethal strikers are the main prime reasons why Hills United are the most feared club in the FNSW League One Women's competition this season.

This Sunday, June 5, the Hills women have the opportunity to stretch their unbeaten run to 15 when they take on hosts Northbridge Bulls FC at 3.40pm. The Hills United are fresh from beating Sutherland Shire 2-0 in their previous match, with Emma Jackson and Annie Hall scoring the goals.

On Sunday, June 12, the Hills play host to their closest challengers Gladesville Ravens at the Bella Vista Public School grounds at 3.45pm in what should be one of the most anticipated matches of the season. A win here will entrench the Hills United team as the favourites for the premiership.

The Hills United FC women are proving unstoppable this season. Picture: FNSW

Bully Off for Hockey in The Hills

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

Hockey is set to get a huge fillip when the Central Playing Fields at The Gables at Box Hill opens mid-2023. The flood-lit hockey field and complex will be a huge boon for the many hockey aficionados and sports lovers in The Hills.

Subject to final approval, the complex will have multi-use courts, a fenced dog off-leash area, a futsal warm-up space, junior adventure playground and teen zone with skate area, table tennis and an outdoor gym. What more could you ask to spend an entertaining or relaxing day?

The Hills Shire Council resolved at a recent ordinary meeting to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Planning and Environment and a delivery agreement with Stockland Developments for the establishment of the fields.

Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi said the council will call for expressions of interest for a hockey partner, in a move to encourage the sport at premier level in The Hills.

"This proposal now has everything a new community needs," Mayor Gangemi said.



"I'd like to congratulate residents on their high level of engagement with more than 320 comments received."

Students at the nearby Santa Sophia College will have shared use of the future playing fields.

Construction is planned to begin in late 2022, with completion scheduled for mid-2023, weather permitting.

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A somewhat similar description was used by the "Sydney Gazette" of 25 March 1815 when local resident, Hugh Kelly, after whom Kellyville was named, showing his address as "There or No Where". He also had described his address as "There and Nowhere" just a week later in the same paper. The area that had been known as 'There and Nowhere' was later followed by 'Irish Town' for the clan of Kellys that lived in the area.

Another early settler, Thomas Harley, who received a grant of land in the district in early 1800s, described his land as being at "there and no where else".

Another early settler in the Hills district, John Hillas is reported to have had an illegal inn operating on his farm. The inn was purportedly known as the "Nowhere Here". John Hillas was the owner of "Stanhope Farm", which was situated at the junction of Windsor Road and Old Windsor Road upon which there was also an inn operating as the "Stanhope Arms" which later became the site of the "White Hart

Inn". That inn was demolished to make way for the Northwest Metro Light Rail.

The name of Kellyville as a location came about in 1884 when a number of land grants were consolidated and then subdivided and sold as the "Kellyville Estate". A large portion of the area was made up of properties formerly owned by Hugh Kelly.

Mr Kelly was a wealthy businessman who operated an inn in the area known as "The Bird In The Hand" which was located on the corner of Wrights and Windsor Roads. He also operated a coach service and had the local mail contract. This Inn has no connection with the historic Inn of the same name located in nearby Bathurst Street, Pitt Town.

Part of Hugh Kelly's holdings were acquired by marriage. At one stage he had been employed by Humphrey Evans who held 135 acres adjoining Hugh's 60 acres. After the death of Mr Evans, Hugh Kelly married his widow, Mary, and gained control of the Evans' property.

Originally a convict, Hugh Kelly gained his freedom in 1810. Hugh and Mary Kelly are both buried at St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta. Hugh and Mary Kelly constructed, and lived, in a wooden house in Roseberry Road, Kellyville. Kelly died in 1884 a respected local.

Many of the early settlers of what was once known as "There and Nowhere" are remembered in street names of what is now Kellyville including the names of Acres, Tibbett and Hillas.

Kellyville Post Office opened on 1 January 1889. The original post office building stands on the corner of Acres Road and Windsor Roads. Kellyville Public School is a historic building which was established in 1873.

So there you are - Kellyville or Irish Town was there and nowhere else so we are told. The Kellyville Estate covered an area that now encompasses Kellyville, Kellyville North, Kellyville Ridge and Beaumont Hills now home to thousands of whom now live there and nowhere else.

Brian's Bridge, Windsor Rd. Kellyville
courtesy of State Library of NSW



Windsor Rd., near Kellyville 1934

AS WE WERE

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AREA DURING PAST DECADES.



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Kellyville 1962



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Lorene | 0429 396594

Pennant Hills VIEW Club

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Margaret | 9873 2402

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wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au

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Pam | 0417 667 067

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members welcome.

Veronica | 0408 025 577

Susan | 0400 039 308

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Probus Club of Winston Hills – Northmead Combined

Meets at 10am at Toongabbie Sports Club,
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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.

Cathy | 0435 837 118

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The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

The Hills Learning Centre

02 8850 0555

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The Hills Shire Garden Club

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

9624 5034

The Hills District Pipe Band

Practices at Stamford Hall, Balcombe
Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills every
Wednesday night from 7pm-9pm.
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members and gig enquiries.

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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.

Mal Steel

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 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
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Winston Hills Joey Scouts

9862 8482 | hsara@optusnet.com.au

Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc

Meeting Tues and Sat 9am - 5pm

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Adrian Acheson | 0448 833 781

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Zonta Club of Sydney Hills

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BARBUDA	MONTSERRAT
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CUBA	TOBAGO
DOMINICA	TORTOLA
GRAND TURK	TRINIDAD
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U	U	J	Y	T	A	D	R	E	V	Q	O	R	Y	P
O	G	I	U	R	A	D	C	T	S	I	W	L	U	A
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WORD SEARCH

T	T	E	R	E	L	W	A	R	T	Y	W	E	T	S
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Answers from last issue

CODE WORD

T	A	C	T	I	C	A	L	A	P	S	E
U	L	N	D	C	R	L					
S	L	O	P	E	S	O	Z	O	N	E	
K	G	X	O	N	L	V					
			A	T	T	R	A	C	T	I	V
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O	R	I	G	I	N	U	P	L	I	F	T
L	S	C	J	T	C	H					
L	O	Q	U	A	C	I	O	U	S		
U	U	B	G	A	M	A					
T	W	I	L	L	G	L	E	A	K	S	
E	E	E	E	L	L	U	P				
S	I	T	E	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	S

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
			Y			J
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26		
				L		

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

SUDOKU

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

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

SUDOKU

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

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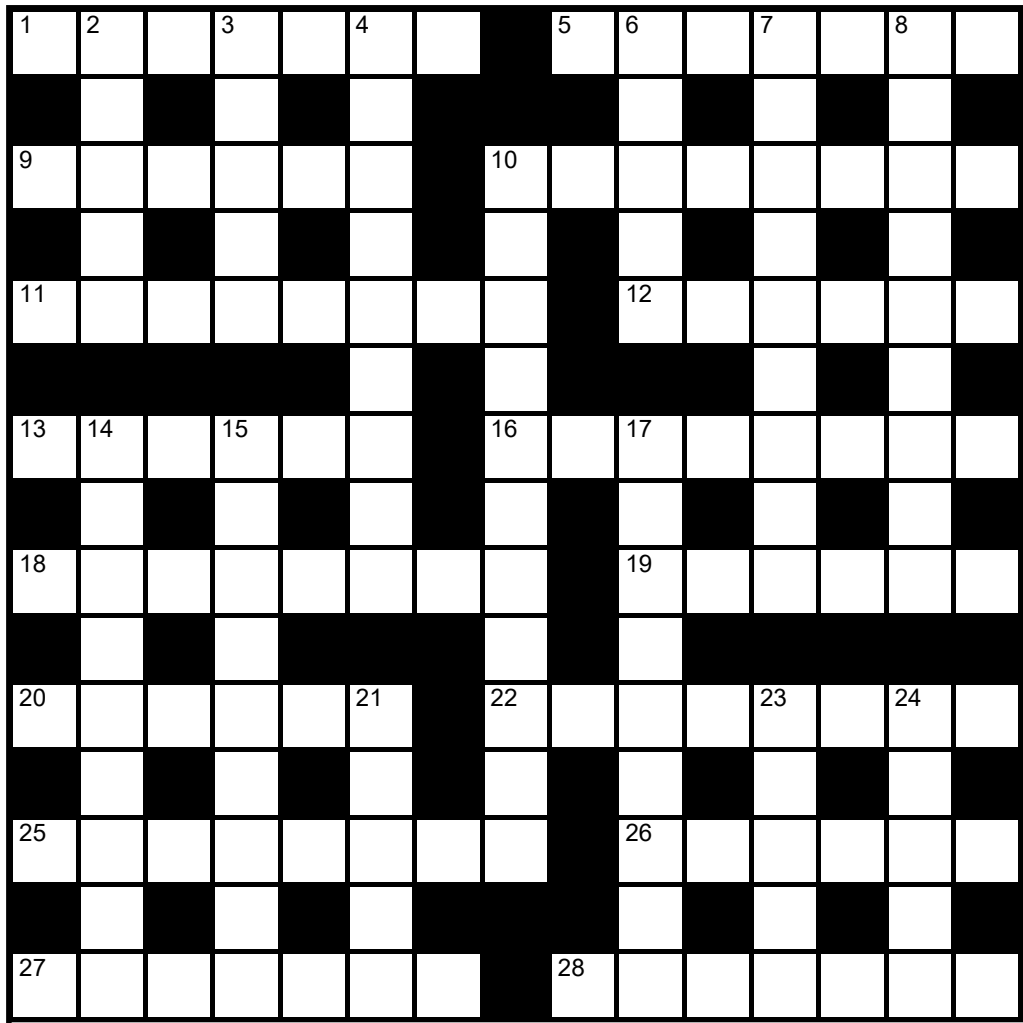
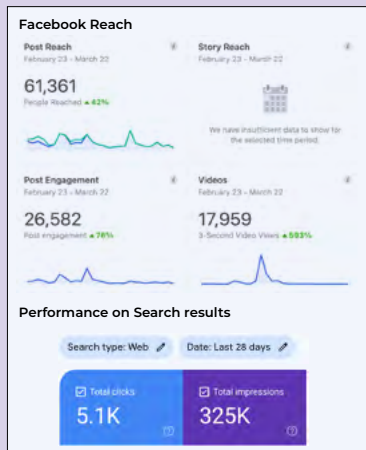
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Across

1. Short prayer
5. Bounded
9. Underlying structure
10. Football's "Captain Blood" of yesteryear (4, 4)
11. Sole wetland in Central West Queensland (4, 4)
12. Tallied
13. Keynote (1, 5)
16. Rhett's belle
18. Software
19. Last movement
20. Designer McCartney
22. Group of spectators
25. Olive-green, black and white avian with a distinctive call
26. Chamber music instruments
27. Preparing for publication
28. 3-D artworks

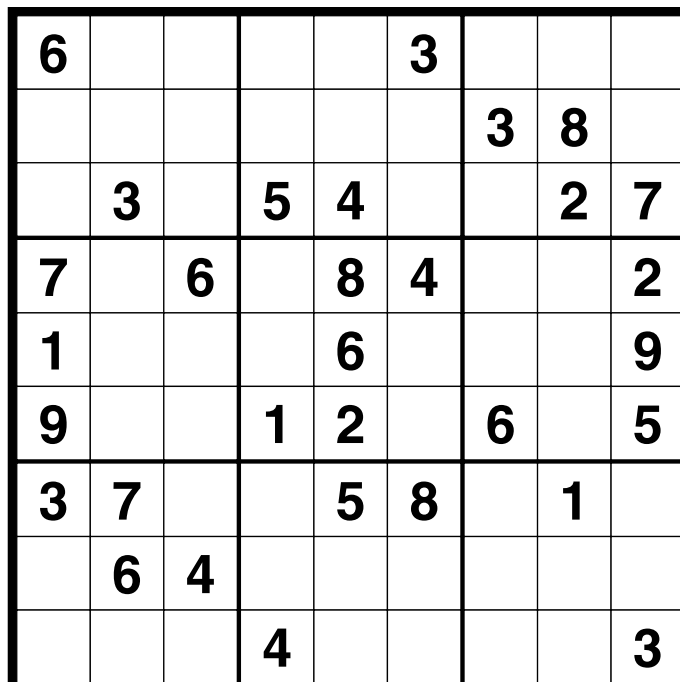
Down

2. Japanese port city
3. Substantial
4. Red-flowered leafless shrub (6, 3)
6. Obtained on Route 66?
7. Small brush wallaby
8. Primitive
10. Baird Bay, SA, pelican breeding site (5, 6)
14. Out of the race
15. Sydney electronic music band
17. Sworn statement
21. One of 4.5 billion or so
23. Small German WW2 marine raider (1-4)
24. Pursue

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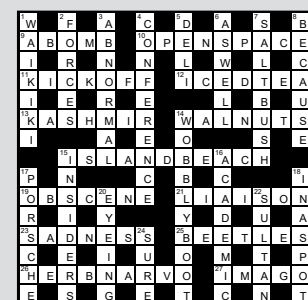
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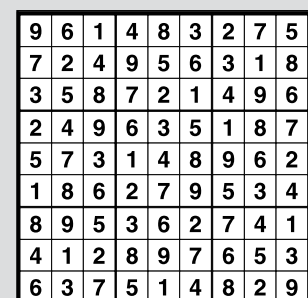


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