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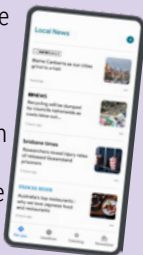
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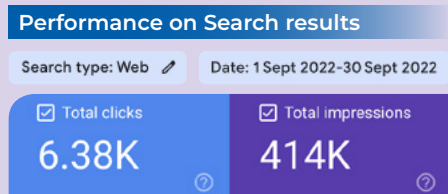
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Mayors campaign for pothole repairs fund

Edited by GISELA HORNER



Mayors across Western Sydney and Northwest Sydney have united to campaign for the establishment of a metropolitan road repairs fund to help support Sydney councils with the extent of damage across their respective road networks.

Mayors from The Hills Shire, Hawkesbury and Hornsby and others who are supporting the cause, including Wollondilly, Penrith and Campbelltown have called for funding from the State and Federal Governments after many Local Government Areas (LGA) experienced record-breaking rain and multiple flooding disasters over a three-year period.

The joint campaign comes after Local Government NSW declared a 'Statewide Roads Emergency' at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Hobart. The declaration, that was supported by NSW mayors, urged the State and Federal Governments to increase funding commitments to help local councils repair their road network before the situation becomes even more dire.

The NSW Government has already announced it will provide \$50 million under the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Program to regional and rural councils to address their highest priority pothole requests.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi said Sydney councils, especially those with large rural or semi-rural areas, are in desperate need of a similar fund to assist with repairs to return roads to a standard which residents have been calling for.

"Just like rural regions, The Hills Shire has also been affected by persistent wet weather systems. On top of this, residents have endured several major flooding disasters in the last few years and our roads are deteriorating much quicker than our modelling could have predicted under a third consecutive La Nina. Despite about two-thirds of our Shire being considered rural, it is hard to understand why we are still not eligible

to apply for this funding. In addition to the record rain, we are seeing more requests for pothole and road repairs than ever before. In 2019, Council received 1680 calls to fix potholes and carryout road patching work. This has now grown to 5086 requests in 2022 – and we still have just under two months to go" Mayor Gangemi said.

Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council, Sarah McMahon said since the July flood, Council has filled 9,400 potholes. In the past three years, \$1.07 million has been spent repairing potholes, with another \$1 million to be spent this year. This is on top of the \$240 million in flood related repairs and other routine upgrades and maintenance that is currently being managed.

"After six floods in three years, roads in the Hawkesbury and right across Sydney are in dire need of coordinated and well-funded assistance from the government. Without assistance to recover and future-proof these networks, millions of motorists will continue to be put at risk every day," Mayor McMahon said.

Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council, Philip Ruddock said the recent weather events have been unprecedented and resulted in significant damage to roads across the Shire, particularly in the rural areas. "I am pleased to join with Hills Shire Mayor, Dr Peter Gangemi, and other fellow Sydney Mayors in seeking assistance to repair our rain damaged roads". Mayors from Penrith City Council, Campbelltown City Council and Wollondilly, echoed similar sentiments. State Government assistance is essential to get NSW roads repaired following the damage caused by the wettest year on record.

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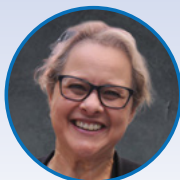
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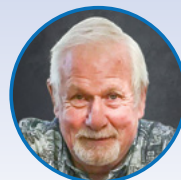
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Rouse Hill Hospital

By BEV JORDAN

Health Minister Brad Hazzard has released the Master Plan for the \$300 million Rouse Hill Hospital and early works for stage one are due to start early next year.

The new hospital will include an emergency department and will be built on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Roads, on land next to Rouse Hill Shopping Centre and opposite The Fiddler on Commercial Rd.

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) of the New Rouse Hill Hospital Concept & Stage 1 Early Works ended on 24th November.

Mr Hazzard said the Rouse Hill Hospital will include emergency services, inpatient and outpatient services that will be designed to take advantage of digital innovations in Healthcare.

"The new hospital will be specifically designed and built to embrace advanced digital technology and innovative models of care to bring world-class care right into the Home," he said.

The new hospital will include:

- inTouchCare
- Urgent and Emergency Care
- Day Surgery Unit
- Adult & Paediatric Short Stay
- Ambulatory & Outpatient Care, including Women's Health, Ante/Post
- Natal Care, Cancer Care, Renal Dialysis, Mental Health, Infusion Centre and
- Paediatrics



Brad Hazzard and Ray Williams



Rouse Hill Hospital Master Plan

- Prehabilitation, Rehabilitation & Lifestyle Medicine Service
- There will also be a multi-storey car park.

Castle Hill MP Ray Williams said the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) has also been lodged.

"The SSDA will allow enabling works to start onsite such as installing road access and in-ground services including water, electricity and gas.

"I look forward to seeing early works commence in early 2023 following the review and finalisation of the clinical services plan and planning approval."

Riverstone MP Kevin Conolly said the selected site and Master Plan for the new hospital campus ensured convenient and easy access to hospital services for the community.

"The Master Plan for the new hospital shows the building's location on the hospital

campus and how it relates to parking zones, public transport, access roads and other retail and community services. It also identifies future clinical expansion zones," he said.

The innovative models include:

- One Health urgent and emergency care that means a co-located emergency department, urgent care centre and general practitioner services with access to pathology, pharmacy and medical imaging services
- One Health short stay care medical assessment services (up to 48 hours) for patients requiring further investigation, stabilization and direction to an appropriate care pathway
- InTouch Care which will provide digital healthcare connectivity across all settings including the hospital, the community and in the home
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Race for Grace

It wasn't the usual high powered police vehicle for Hills Highway Patrol officers but their pedal power has helped raise over \$4,300 for The Grace Centre for Newborn Intensive Care at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Hills Highway Patrol and Hills Police rode spin cycles for 11 hrs at Castle Towers to raise the funds through the Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation.

Organiser Senior Constable Nicole Ziedan from Hills Highway Patrol said last year officers The Hills PAC and Hills Highway Patrol walked from Castle Hill Police Station to Westmead Hospital but this year they wanted to push things up a gear or two.

"We wanted to set a challenge and use this as an opportunity to raise as much money as possible for The Grace Ward."

"We had around 17 officers including our civilian staff taking part. Some officers did stints of up to 1.5 hours multiple times."

"It was a great event to organise and to see the success of the day. It was fantastic to see the public support such an amazing cause and we are so humbled by the generosity. It was



Const Steph Brown and Sgt Mick Masters in action

also great to chat to members of the public and engage with them."

The Grace Centre for Newborn Intensive Care at The Children's Hospital at Westmead is one of Australia's leading specialist medical centres for newborns.

The specialised unit has treated more than 600 premature newborns, neonates, and critically ill infants with complex medical conditions, such as serious cardiac and surgical disorders.

Hills Police Commander Supt Darrin Batchelor who took a spin as well said: "The event gave The Hills Police the opportunity to support an organisation that provides critical medical care to the newest and tiniest members of our community.

"It was also an opportunity to chat to members of our local community who are so supportive of The Hills Police."

TEENAGER CHARGED

A teenage boy has been charged following a stabbing of a 15-year-old boy at Castle Hill Fred Catterton Reserve, about 2.50pm on Sunday, 20th November.

Police allege that the stabbed boy and two of his friends were involved in an altercation with a group of youths in the car park before he was allegedly stabbed in the chest.

His friends, along with the other group, left the reserve prior to the arrival of emergency services.

The injured teen was treated by Ambulance paramedics before being taken to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command established a crime scene and commenced an investigation. Following inquiries, detectives executed a search warrant at a home in Parklea on Wednesday 23rd November and arrested a 17-year-old boy.

He was charged with wield knife in a public place, custody of knife in public place, affray, and reckless wounding,

Enquiries into the incident continue.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence.

DRUG CHARGES

A 35-year-old Castle Hill man was arrested and charged following a car crash at the junction of Old Northern Rd and Excelsior Ave Castle Hill at 9.10am on Saturday 26th November.

Police allege he was driving under the influence of a drug. They allege a search of his car uncovered a large amount of Ice and other prohibited drugs as well as money and three knives. He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Station where he was charged with: supply prohibited drug, goods in custody and negligent driving.

CAFE THIEF ARRESTED

Officers from the Hills Proactive police unit have arrested and charged a man with 16 Break and Enter offences on Cafes and restaurants in The Hills, Blacktown, Riverstone and Parramatta between the 13th October and 28th November.

The 34-year-old Blacktown man was arrested at 5am on Monday, 28th of November. Police allege that he was in the process of breaking into a cafe in George Street Parramatta at the time.

DV OPERATION

The NSW Police Force has launched its annual proactive state-wide operation targeting perpetrators of domestic and family violence to coincide with the global '16 Days of Activism' campaign which ends on World Human Rights Day (Saturday 10th December).

The state-wide operation will implement a number of proactive strategies to disrupt and prevent recidivist offending and ensure the safety of victims. This includes Apprehended Domestic Violence Order compliance checks, proactive checks targeting known offenders and providing additional support to at-risk victims, with assistance from the Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams.

Deputy Commissioner Mal Lanyon, says that police remain committed to preventing violence, supporting victims, and ensuring perpetrators are held accountable 365 days of the year.

"Police do not just wait for reports of incidents to happen; we actively engage in proactive policing initiatives to identify, assess, and target individuals who are suspected of being repeat offenders to reduce crime," he said.

"We believe that gender-based violence is everyone's business. There are no innocent bystanders when it comes to domestic and family violence."

If you, or anyone you know has experienced, or is at risk of, family and domestic violence, contact your local police. In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

Support is available via the following helplines – Domestic Violence helpline 1800 65 64 63, 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78.

Storm Damage By BEV JORDAN

When it comes to storm damage Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill are in the top 10 according to data just released by Suncorp Insurance.

The company analysed more than 32,000 weather-related home insurance claims across NSW from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022, to reveal the hardest hit suburbs.

While Boambee East on the Mid North Coast grabbed top spot, followed by Armidale on the Northern Tablelands, the two Hills suburbs came in at numbers 6 and 7.

Suncorp Insurance EGM Home Claims, Alli Smith said the figures are a stark reminder of the difficult year NSW residents have had weather-wise and should be viewed as a reminder that the warmer weather can bring sudden storms, cyclones and heavy rains that can lead to floods.

"Our data shows that no one region is more prone to significant weather events – with our top ten storm-battered suburbs coming from four different regions – once again highlighting that severe storms can strike anywhere.

"We've released this list of storm-battered suburbs to remind residents across NSW that the impact of storms and significant weather events on property can be severe, and highlight the importance of ensuring you have done everything you can to strengthen your home's resilience against the effects of Mother Nature," she said.

New research by Suncorp Insurance found that while 90 per cent of NSW residents admit

to knowing at least one activity that should be completed prior to storm season, more than a quarter (26 per cent) admit to doing nothing to prepare.

"New South Wales residents know the messages around preparing for storm season," she said.

"But unfortunately knowing the messages and actually doing something to better prepare and protect your home are two separate things, and many people in NSW are failing to actually complete the often quick-and-easy tasks."

Recommendations

- Cleaning/ installing gutters or downpipes
- Have the roof inspected for damaged or loose tiles
- Repair any broken sealant around windowsills to make them watertight
- Inspecting retaining walls
- Fix any corrosion, loose fittings, and rotting or termite infected timber
- Installing fixed, operable high performance mesh screens on doors and windows.



Recent storm damage. Photo: The Hills SES

Top 10 storm hotspots in NSW (1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022)

1. Boambee East Mid North Coast
2. Armidale Northern Tablelands
3. Toormina Mid North Coast
4. Coffs Harbour Mid North Coast
5. Mosman Sydney Metro North East
6. Baulkham Hills Sydney Metro North East
7. Castle Hill Sydney Metro North East
8. Mullumbimby Northern Rivers
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Marvellous Markets

It will be snowing in Windsor on Saturday (3rd December) with the **Light Up Windsor** celebrations in Windsor Mall and George Street. The forecast is for fun from 5pm to 9pm when the Christmas lights are switched on. There will be more than 50 market stall stalls offering Christmas decorations, homewares, pet gifts, handmade jewellery and more, plus many of the Windsor Mall shops open for trading. Santa will be there.

Rotary Club West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Christmas Market Saturday 3rd December, 9am to 3pm at the corner of Shepards Drive and Macquarie Drive, Cherrybrook. There will be over 35 stalls.

Wesley Community Market Day is Sunday 4th December will run from 2pm to 7pm in the grounds of Wesley Uniting Church at 32 Showground Road. Books, plants, toys, DVDS, framed prints and original artworks will be for sale. There will be a band playing, tea and coffee, vegan donuts and a sausage sizzle.

Kurrajong CWA members will be holding their Christmas market on Saturday, 10th December from 9am to 3pm at 58 Old Bells Line of Road Kurrajong. There will be Christmas gift ideas, jewellery, craft, cakes, pickles, jams and slices. Local honey will also be for sale as well as hand made baby clothes, teddy bears and toys, patchwork quilts, homewares and plants.

Lynwood Christmas Spectacular Pitt Town, Saturday 10th December with free movie, markets and fireworks. **Story on page 11**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carols in the Park at Kenthurst will be held at John Benyon Rotary Park on Kenthurst Rd on Saturday December 3rd between 3pm and 9pm. There will be children's rides, dancers and singers, a bbq, food trucks and of course Santa.

Richmond Rotary Carols 11th December at Richmond Oval.. Bring your chairs or picnic blanket from 6pm and enjoy a fabulous family night of entertainment, carol singing, glow sticks and more. The Rotary Club of Richmond have been organising carols at Richmond Oval since 1985.



Ebenezer Christmas Carols, Sunday 11th December from 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and coffee and tea. In the grounds of the historic Ebenezer Uniting Church. The church was built in 1809 and is considered Australia's oldest church.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Salvos' Sydney Veterans Band will present a Christmas musical spectacular at the Dural Salvation Army centre, New Line Road Dural on Tuesday 6th December at 10am followed by lunch.

The good old fashion humour of radio plays will be revived with two special Festive performances by **Radio Active Live** at the Hills Lodge on Sunday December 11th and Sunday 18th December 3pm to 5pm. Tickets are \$30 and include an afternoon tea. To book tickets call Janelle on 0481 741 440.

GIFT WRAPPING

Charity gift wrapping Castle Hill. Hills Relay For Life volunteers will be in Castle Towers wrapping presents to raise money for the Cancer Council. The wrapping station will be operating from Monday December 5th to Saturday December 24th on Level 3 at Castle Towers near the food court. Castle Towers is supplying quality wrapping paper and ribbon. It's a gold coin donation for each gift wrapped with all money raised going to cancer research and support programs.



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Glenhaven Carols By Candlelight

Lights, music, Santa and more ... the annual Glenhaven Carols by Candlelight is returning in its normal format and will be delighting crowds for its 22nd year.

The fun will kick off at 4pm on Sunday 11th December at Glenhaven Oval where there will be food, rides and entertainment. Santa will be coming to town for the much-loved community event.

The thousands of people expected to fill Glenhaven Oval are asked to give a gold coin donation to emergency services volunteers collecting at the gate. Christopher Costaganna, volunteer firefighter at Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade and a member of the Glenhaven Carols

Committee said the event will be supporting Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade and The Hills SES.

Organised by the Glenhaven Carols by Candlelight Committee and Friends of Glenhaven, the event showcases local talent.

Reid the Music, Jenna's Singing School, Sister 2 Sister School of Singing, NorthWest Wind Ensemble, Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Orchestra and the Hills District Pipe Band will be performing during the evening before the spectacular firework finale at 9pm.



The carnival atmosphere is boosted by rides and sideshows.

Chris said: "We are truly grateful for what the Carol's event has become and the support the community shows each year.

"As COVID restrictions have been removed since last year's ticketed event, there is much excitement in the Carols returning to its normal format. Without the generous support of The Hills Shire Council, local businesses such as fireworks sponsor Louis Carr Real Estate, West Pennant Hills Sports Club and Kindalin, amongst many other local businesses, this event simply wouldn't be able to proceed."

The event draws up to 4000 people to Glenhaven oval and with limited parking spaces in great demand, attendees are encouraged to park in neighbouring streets off Glenhaven Rd or walk to the event if possible.

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New Cancer Centre

Maria Worthington from Baulkham Hills was the first patient to be treated at Icon Cancer Centre at Norwest.

The 79-year-old's 25th and final radiation therapy session was at the end of October.

She was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer in April.

"I felt a lump in the breast while I was showering. I booked in to see my GP straight away. It all happened very quickly," she said.

"I had surgery, followed by four months of chemotherapy. After my chemotherapy treatment, I was advised to have radiation therapy. My daughter told me that Icon was opening a new centre only three minutes from home, which was a big relief. Prior to Icon Cancer Centre Norwest opening, the closest centre with state-of-the-art equipment was an hour away from home."

Maria still plays the piano accordion in The Accordion Society of Australia Orchestra.

When radiation oncologist, Professor John Boyages discovered she played piano accordion he carefully planned Maria's treatment to ensure her shoulder was not impacted.

"Shoulder dysfunction after radiation is not uncommon. Thanks to modern radiation techniques used here at Icon, we can better direct the treatment to where it needs to go, which was imperative in Maria's case. I'm constantly amazed at the sub-millimetre

accuracy we can now achieve for patients through our cutting-edge treatments. We have also introduced a new advanced tattoo-less technique.

"Many radiation departments still use tattoos to help the radiation therapist position the patient correctly to deliver treatment to the right location. Unfortunately, these are a constant reminder of treatment even many years later," he said.

Icon Cancer Centre Norwest has the capacity to deliver 900 courses of radiation therapy each year and offers the latest technology and treatment techniques.

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Maria Worthington and Prof John Boyages

"As the first private radiation therapy centre in the region, Icon Cancer Centre offers a co-ordinated approach to cancer care in partnership with Norwest Private Hospital. These services are vital in our ageing local community. We are proud to support our healthcare partners, medical community and the patients who will benefit from comprehensive cancer services on their doorstep for years to come."

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Free Family FUN DAY

The Lynwood Christmas Spectacular at Pitt Town promises to be a sparkling evening of festive fun for all the family.

Lynwood Golf and Country Club at Pitt Town Bottoms Road will be transformed on Saturday 10th of December from 3pm for the free family-friendly event with Christmas market stalls, live entertainment, food offerings, an open-air Christmas movie screening, and... fireworks.

The event is being organised by CHRG (Castle Hill RSL Group). David O'Neil, CHRG's Group CEO said: "We are so excited to be hosting our inaugural Lynwood Christmas Spectacular and the opportunity to bring our Hawkesbury community together.

"The past couple of years have been extremely challenging and we have seen our community work together during repeated floods and I am in awe of how everyone has worked together during these times – the community support for each other has been truly remarkable.

"Now it is time to celebrate that community spirit with something positive. We are looking forward to seeing our friends and neighbours come together and celebrate this special time of year," he said.



Local company DazzleFX will be putting on a spectacular fireworks display.

Bring the family and browse the Christmas Markets where you can purchase handmade gifts including floral arrangements, candles, essential oils, and macrame. Enjoy live entertainment from 4pm with guitar soloist James Lott, whilst watching Barbara Diaz paint the event live before your eyes!

Dinner has been sorted for you too. The Pitt Town Progress Association will be holding a fundraising sausage sizzle - or - if you prefer

something more substantial, the Club House will have \$15 pizza specials.

There will be dessert marquees serving popcorn, waffles, fairy floss, and much more - so you can grab a sugar hit, settle down and enjoy the live outdoor cinema screening of 'Elf' at 8pm.

Lynwood's spectacular fireworks display will conclude the evening's events at approx. 9.45 pm. For more information please contact lccinfo@chrg.com.au or call 02 4580 2800

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THE STORE with Heart

By BEV JORDAN

More than 2000 people have been helped by Florence Lee-Gunawan and her family since they opened their Love For Australia free grocery store in January this year.



Florence and her parents Esther and James started the Love for Australia charity 10 years ago with free family festivals in Western Sydney.

During the COVID lockdowns and restrictions they started delivering free food hampers and when most restrictions were over they decided to open a free grocery store for people doing it tough.

"It's more than just giving food. We want people to know there is support and we are here to support them," says Florence.

The mother of three (Courtney, 12, Sharon, 8, and three-year-old Caleb) says running and stocking the store is something they do as a family. Her daughters do distance education so they can be involved in the work of the store as well.

She says the desire to help others comes from her maternal grandmother in Indonesia who taught them all "you live a life where you care for each other".

Florence's parents, Esther and James, migrated to Australia over 40 years ago and taught their only child about the importance of service to others.

"It's a joy when you see people come here," says Florence. "It's more than the items we are giving them. We want them to enter the store and feel loved

"Our vision is to see every Australian, especially those going through hardship and tough times, feel loved and cared for. As a family we know what it is to struggle. When I was 13 my dad had a heart attack.

He was a taxi driver and had to have open heart surgery. Each day (my mum and I) would visit my father in hospital. Every night we would get home and there would be food on the doorstep. Not everyone has that support and people to rally around them in time of need. We want to be that support."

She says for a lot of people they see, going to a free grocery store is not something they thought they would ever do.

She said one family ran their own successful business and some savings but lost the business and their income when the husband was involved in a road accident and shattered his hip.

His wife was heavily pregnant with their child and couldn't take over the business, they faced mounting medical bills and had no way of making the business work. The only way they could save money on groceries was by coming to the Love for Australia store at Seven Hills

Florence studied economics at university and runs a music school but says the family charity is her passion. "It's a joy to see the people that come here and that we can help share the love. I love that we can do this as a family."

Shoppers have to book to visit the store visit the website and book a time at www.loveforaustralia.com.au or call 1300 83LOVE (1300 83 56 83 or email info@loveforaustralia.com.au for more information. Donations are welcomed.

Christmas Tree Sales

The Rotary Club of The Hills – Kellyville will be selling fresh Christmas trees on the first three weekends in December (the last days subject to Christmas tree stock). Sales will be at The Bull & Bush Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd and Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills and The Ettamogah Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd and Merryville Rd, Kellyville Ridge.

Norwest Sunrise Rotary Members will be selling trees again at Bunnings Castle Hill on the weekends of December 10th and 11th and December 17th and 18th from 8am until sold. The trees are bought in fresh each weekend from the Southern Highlands. All proceeds from Rotary Christmas sales go to charity.



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New Kinda-Mindi Early Learning and Childcare Centre to open in Bella Vista



Family-owned childcare operator Kinda-Mindi, is opening a new high end early learning and childcare centre in Bella Vista to meet the high demand as the district experiences rapid growth with many young families moving in.

According to Hills Shire Council's Corridor Strategy, A Plan for Growing Sydney the Norwest population is set to increase from around 6,000 today to more than 20,000 residents and employ 60,000 people by 2036.

Kinda-Mindi has been owned and operated by Brett and Clare Parker since 2008. They currently look after 362 children per day across five centres, including Norwest Marketown.

The new Kinda-Mindi, Bella Vista is a flagship centre that will cater for 108 children from six weeks to six years when it opens in

early 2023. Those interested in securing a place are invited to register their interest at www.kinda-mindi.com.au.

Kinda-Mindi, an Aboriginal word 'to laugh' represented by the Kookaburra, has been purpose-designed to include a children's cafeteria, art and craft rooms and dedicated sleep rooms. The new centre will incorporate many Aboriginal perspectives including Aboriginal artwork, as well as history, music and cooking experiences.

The new centre will be located on the ground floor of Norwest's newest commercial building, The Bond, on the corner of Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and Norbrik Drive, Bella Vista.

Owner, Clare said: "We are excited to be opening a new centre that has been designed

from the ground up to provide wonderful facilities and an enriching experience for children, their families, and our childhood educators. We are seeing strong demand for quality childcare places in the Norwest area, and this is only set to continue as the area undergoes rapid growth in both residents and employment."

"As a family-owned operator that has a number of centres, we combine the best of both worlds – a focus on serving our local communities with close relationships with families, and quality resources and systems that ensure the safety and well-being of children in our care."

"We encourage children to be responsible for their own learning by investigating and questioning themselves and their surroundings to expand their curiosity and reach their full potential."

"We also encourage children to share interests and curiosities, socialise, express emotions and have fun, whilst our qualified educators provide support through intentional teaching to complement their current projects and interests. We believe this provides a solid base for each child's further education including a positive transition to school."

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Cool Future for Norwest

Mulpha, the parent developer of Norwest Business Park, has set a target to reduce the urban heat in Norwest by two degrees.

The Urban Cooling Guide released by Mulpha and University of NSW Built Environment School marks the culmination of two years of monitoring and analysing Norwest's microclimate from a network of 15 environmental sensors around the Norwest precinct.

The ground-breaking plan targets the reduction of urban heat in Norwest by two degrees through smart building, infrastructure and landscape design.

Urban Heat islands form as vegetation is replaced by asphalt and concrete for roads, buildings, and other structures which absorb and re-radiate the sun's heat, causing surface temperatures and overall ambient temperatures to rise.

The target of the Urban Cooling Guide is to lower the local Urban Heat Island Effect and deliver significant cost savings and health benefits to the businesses, residents and visitors... create a more liveable environment and address the challenges of climate change at a local level.

Dr Negin Nazarian, Scientia Lecturer, UNSW Built Environment, said: "Heatwaves are becoming more frequent and severe, which has serious consequences for public health, liveability and functionality of urban

environments. Heatwaves in Australia kill more people than any other natural disaster.

"With the increased rate of urban development, city and precinct scale climate is dramatically changed, resulting in additional warmth brought about by the urban heat island effect.

"It is paramount that we understand and closely monitor not only the climatic factors, but also the urban design characteristics that impact human health and well-being in the face of such heat events, and further promote smart city strategies to address this."

Mulpha has adopted an urban heat response to minimise heat build-up in its Norwest developments, including its zero-carbon development Norwest Quarter. The buildings have been designed to use light coloured materials throughout for high solar reflectivity, as well as using awnings, screens and external shading structures.

There is also substantial rewilding planned, with a high percentage of deep soil planting and canopy cover, tree planting in both private and public spaces, and water features established throughout the precinct.

Tim Spencer, Head of Developments, Mulpha said: "The design considerations adopted at an early-stage in any development



Tim Spencer with one the sensors at Norwest

will have a major impact on the climate variability and liveability in urban environments such as Norwest."

"We are excited to be collaborating with some of the leading thinkers and bright young minds of UNSW to really understand the Norwest micro-climate and how we can influence it with good planning and design.

"Effective collection of on-the-ground data and analysis by world leading experts is central to our vision for Norwest as a Smart City that leads the way in urban design.

"Only through collaboration are we going to be able to realise a liveable precinct, so by sharing this knowledge we hope other developers and even homeowners will take steps to assist in lowering the urban heat in Norwest."

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out and about
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Crestwood Reserve



One of our favourite things to do after school and on the weekend is to explore the numerous parks and reserves spread across the Hills and Hawkesbury. Sometimes we drive randomly looking for new parks that we have never been to or have never seen before. There is always shouts of delight from the backseat when a new park is spotted followed by requests to stop and "try it out"!

It is fair to say that over the years we have formed a list of favourites, parks that we keep going back to time and time again. Perhaps our most loved park at the moment is Crestwood Reserve. Nestled in Baulkham Hills, Crestwood Reserve is a bushland park with numerous trees and bridge crossings over the Toongabbie Creek that runs through the reserve. Walking along the creek, you can hear the birds and the water running over the rocks in the creeks and it is easy to forget the world around you. In the warmer weather water dragons can be seen basking in the sun and baby ducklings swimming in the creek.

There are extensive footpaths and cycle paths through and around the reserve and if you are feeling adventurous you can follow the tracks to nearby reserves such as Mackillop Reserve, Turon Avenue Reserve and Tory Burn Reserve. For the fitness fanatics there is also an outdoor gym and for the dog lovers a dog park with a section for smaller dogs.

For us it is all about the playgrounds, one at each end of the reserve. There is a larger playground with swings and a jungle gym as well as a large sand pit. The smaller playground has monkey bars, a slippery dip, a flying fox and smaller equipment for younger kids. Around the smaller playground is a learn to ride track which has miniature roundabouts, stop signs and pedestrian crossings and is a fun place to ride a bike or a scooter.



There are also netball courts, basket-ball hoops, cricket nets, tennis courts, a hitting wall as a skateboard snake pit and a small half pipe with jump elements as well as sporting fields to run around on. There is literally something for everyone to enjoy at Crestwood Reserve and a great place for a picnic or birthday celebrations with BBQs and picnic tables also on site.

The only thing missing from Crestwood Reserve is water play and in the summer months our favourite parks which contain water play elements include Livvi's playground at Bernie Mullane in Kellyville and Governor Phillip Park on the banks of the beautiful Hawkesbury River in Windsor.

We are so fortunate to have so many beautiful parks and reserves in our region and each park and reserve has something different to offer. I encourage you to explore parks and reserves you have never been to with friends and family this summer. You never know – you may find a new "favourite" destination.

For more information on local parks and reserves check out the Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury Council webpages.

FIRE ALERT . . . Aussie Gets Ready

Australian Pump Industries team were very happy to support the local RFS "Get Ready Weekend" leading up to Summer. The company, who manufacture the world's best lightweight portable fire pump right here in the Hills district, were pleased to support the RFS in educating homeowners in how to protect their properties in the event of a fire.

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Christmas Stories & Songs with Emily Who at the Pioneer Theatre!

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Making a Submission to Council?

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

'Tis the Season to Recycle

Over the Christmas period, bins are collected as normal, even if your bin day falls on a public holiday. Remember to place your bins out at the kerbside the night before your normal collection day. For a list of Christmas items to recycle this season visit Council's website and search for 'Tis the season to recycle'.





'Seas' the day - book your child's birthday party at Waves!

Shell-ebrate your child's birthday with a party at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre. The party room now features an awesome under the sea mural painted by talented local artist Sam Absurd. Party room hire is for a minimum of 10 children to a maximum of 20 children, up to 14 years of age.

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If you would like to devote some of your time, please visit Council's website and search 'Bushcare'.



Council Meetings

Tuesday, 6 December 2022 – 7pm.

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

Library Fine Amnesty



Overdue book fees? Donate a non-perishable food item to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal until 16 December and your fees will be waived – and your donations will be given to Anglicare for their Mobile Community Pantry, which provides grocery items at a very low cost to help those who need to stretch their budget further.

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What does it mean to "have tinnitus" and what does it sound like?

Tinnitus means that you perceive a sound inside your ear or inside your head that other people cannot hear. It can present in diverse ways. For some people it is a high whistling sound, for other people it can be a chirping sound like a cicada, others describe it as a buzzing or a static sound and sometimes people have even said it is a roaring sound.

What does a Tinnitus Assessment involve?

We begin by taking a detailed history to understand when the tinnitus started and the circumstances surrounding it. We then check the overall ear health and complete an in-depth hearing test. We perform a "tinnitus match" if it is appropriate and necessary.

A tinnitus match is where we attempt to recreate the sound of your tinnitus, through headphones, to help us understand what you

are experiencing, then we try to mask it. This means we will create a custom sound to help free you from the intensity of the tinnitus, while you are hearing that sound.

Is there a Cure?

In most instances there is no medical "cure" for tinnitus. As a result many people often hear "nothing can be done". However, it is a very common misconception that nothing can be done for someone living with tinnitus. There are a number of different things that might bring you relief such as sound therapy, for some people a hearing aid might be suitable and for others there might be more support through programs like CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy). It is important to understand that every case is very different, as is the way we manage it.

What happens if I have not noticed tinnitus before and it begins suddenly? Should I be worried?

If you have a sudden persistent onset of tinnitus, it is important to have it checked promptly. Sometimes tinnitus may happen in connection with sudden hearing loss (usually in one ear) and getting urgent medical attention is absolutely crucial and may successfully prevent it from becoming a permanent tinnitus or hearing loss. Most medical practitioners will ask to see a report from a hearing test prior to considering any treatment.



Can you share a story about how you have helped someone suffering from tinnitus?

A patient of mine experienced tinnitus and communication difficulty despite having hearing aids for some years from a different provider. She had been suffering from strong tinnitus and she also had quite a considerable hearing loss. I managed to fit her with better hearing aids, this really helped her by solving communication problems she had been experiencing. Also, as a by-product of well-fitting hearing aids, it has also remarkably reduced her tinnitus. This means she feels much more relaxed in her day-to-day life and now she no longer has trouble going to sleep at night.

Is there anything people can do from home if their tinnitus is really getting to them?

The main thing you can do is to look after yourself, make sure you are having enough sleep and take some time out for your physical and emotional well-being. Try to do something every day that brings you joy and reduce any stressors and pressures that you may be experiencing.

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Quakers Hill boys bring home the gold

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

Jeremiah-Xyndel Tatapu braved a fractured hand to help Quakers Hill Little Athletics Centre lift the boys under-11 throws gold at the 2022 Little Athletics NSW State Relay Championships.

The well-established Quakers Hills club also brought home two bronze medals in the under-15 boys and under-14 mixed events.

Along with Fraser Reynolds-Nutt and Nate Nand, Jeremiah-Xyndel gave Quakers Hill LAC their sole gold medal at the championship held at Sydney Olympic Park on November 12 and 13. This achievement is extra special as the Quakers Hill LAC is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. Jeremiah-Xyndel fractured his arm just a week before the championships but still turned up on the day to throw the discus in their event. Fortunately, it was his non-throwing arm that was in the cast. Fraser threw the javelin, while Nate heaved the shot put as their team clinched the gold.

The Quakers Hill boys comprising twins Julio-Xavier and Dominic-Xander Tatapu, along with Rhyu Torrisheba, won the under-15 bronze in the throws event.

In the under-14 4x100 mixed team relay, Ethan Aguasa, Charlotte Blyth, Brayden Doran, and Sarah Cummins captured the bronze.

"Quakers Hill Little Athletics Centre is celebrating its 30th season this year," club president Chris Olson said. "This season, we

have 390 registered athletes who compete on Friday nights at Wright Reserve, Quakers Hill from September to March.

"In addition to the Relay Championships, our athletes are preparing to attend Zone Championships in December, then regional and state championships in February and March."

The Little Athletics NSW State Relay Championships were not held for the last two years due to Covid and the hundreds of children who took part had a lot of fun.

Tiana Death, who used to dominate junior hurdles in NSW and Australia, is one of the biggest stars who started at Quakers Hill LAC. Tiana, a former Rouse Hill Times Junior Sports Star, made the Australian team for the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games. The Kellyville 100m hurdler was top-ranked in Australia in the under-17 age group in 2016.

For information on how to register, visit: <https://qlac.org/>



Gold medallists: Fraser Reynolds-Nutt, Nate Nand and Jeremiah-Xyndel Tatapu won the under 11 throws title.



The under-15 boys throws relay team who took bronze, from left: Julio-Xavier Tatapu, Dominic-Xander Tatapu and Rhyu Torrisheba



The under-14 mixed 4x100m relay team, who won bronze: Ethan Aguasa, Charlotte Blyth, Brayden Doran with Sarah Cummins in front.

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Rising stars vie for Australian All Schools glory

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

Cherrybrook Athletics Club will be represented by six of their brightest athletes at the Australian All Schools championships in Adelaide from December 9-11.

Teddy Hampton, Xavier Hennessey, Viktorija Calusic, Sarah-Anne Koot, Joel Moresi, and Sam Price will represent their schools and Cherrybrook Athletics Club as a part of the crack NSW team contesting the first Australian All Schools since 2019.

The youngsters take form into the event and could be among the medal contenders. It is a remarkable year for Teddy (under-15) and Xavier (under-16) because the two rising pole vaulters are competing at the national level for the second time, despite having taken up this discipline in January.

Teddy claimed gold and Xavier the silver at the 2022 NSW Athletics State Championships. Xavier then won bronze at the Nationals. At the NSW All Schools, Teddy, representing Pennant Hills High School, claimed gold while Xavier (Gilroy College) took silver. Xavier previously made the 2021 NSW merit list – for athletes who would have attended Australian All Schools had it been on – in the triple jump.

Barker College's Viktorija figures in the under-17 high jump, having competed here in 2019. She is among the top junior female

high jumpers in Australia, consistently reaching the national level. She is aiming to better her recent personal best of 174cm.

"It's always in the back of your mind that one day I would like to represent Australia but for now I am focussing on the next PB," said Viktorija, who took to the sport when her PE teacher advised her: "You're tall, try this!"

Carlingford High's Joel and St Aloysius student Sam (under-13) both represented Cherrybrook LA at the 2022 Australian Little Athletics Championships and also qualified for the Nationals.

Last year in the under-12s, Joel won the high jump gold plus two silvers and a bronze at the NSW All Schools Championship while Beecroft's Sam claimed silver in the javelin. In Adelaide, Joel will be competing in the under-14 high jump and 800m while Sam is vying for a medal in the under-14 shot put.

Cherrybrook Technology High's Sarah-Anne, who made the top six in 90m and 200m



Sarah-Anne Koot, Teddy Hampton, Sam Price, Xavier Hennessey, and Viktorija Calusic.

hurdles at the Nationals in April, will compete in under-16 90m hurdles in Adelaide. She wants to beat her 13.19PB with hopes for a sub-13 second result – before moving up to a longer distance next season.

"I am really looking forward to the team environment and to competing for the last time in this event," Sarah-Anne said.

Throwers Anna Kely (Pennant Hills High) and Daniel de Sacadura (Cherrybrook Technology High), who won gold and silver in September, are not going to Adelaide, having both completed their HSC this year.

Cherrybrook AC athletes have always been high achievers, many of them representing Australia at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and World Championships with success.



Christmas at BELLA VISTA FARM LAST OPEN DAY FOR 2022

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER | 9AM – 2PM

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Funds are for maintenance of the house and Bella Vista Farm's heritage gardens.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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 Call 4560 4644 or visit Hawkesbury
 Council's Facebook page
www.facebook.com/hawkesburycitycouncil



AT A GLANCE

NAME: FREDDO
 SEX: Male
 BREED: Ridgeback
 cross
 AGE: 7 years
 PRICE: \$49

FREDDO is a well behaved boy looking for a forever home. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter Freddo is an active boy who just loves people. Staff say is very responsive to commands and is only too happy to sit for a treat when asked. If you feel you can give Freddo the loving home he deserves come to the shelter to meet him. Freddo's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life-time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation
 Number is: R251000145.

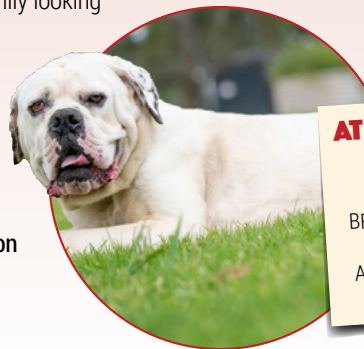


AT A GLANCE

NAME: ROSE
 SEX: Female
 BREED: Greyhound
 Cross Staffy
 AGE: 2 yrs 6 mos
 PRICE: \$49

ROSE is a desexed two-year-old Greyhound Staffy cross who is, according to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, a happy, energetic girl that will provide a family with hours of entertainment. Staff say Rose has a beautiful smile and a great personality and urge people to organise a meet and greet soon. Rose's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping and life-time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation
 Number is: R251000145.



AT A GLANCE

NAME: DINO
 SEX: Male
 BREED: American
 Bull Dog
 AGE: 2 yrs 8 mos
 PRICE: \$49

DINO is a very affectionate boy. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter Dino is a very affectionate boy who just loves to laze around with you. Staff say Dino would be best suited with a family looking for a relaxed dog to hang out with. If you feel you can offer him a forever home please visit the centre. Dino's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping, desexing and life-time council registration.

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For over four centuries, spellbound audiences have taken that journey with them, making *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. Audiences will journey to a place where reality, fantasy, dream, and nightmare collide. A place where social convention implodes to reveal what lies beneath us all; our funny, quaint, and perplexing need to love and be loved.

Director Sean O'Shea says "I have been such a long-time admirer of Sport for Jove's work and am thrilled to be joining such an amazing team. The Jove Summer Season has become such an important part of Sydney's theatre calendar, and I can't wait to bring our version of Shakespeare's much-loved comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to Bella Vista".

Featuring stellar performances from Claudia Ware (Ensemble Theatre's *Nearer the Gods*), Jake Speer



(Channel 7's *Home & Away*), Wendy Strehlow (Channel 7's *A Country Practice*), Jade Fuda (CDP's *Magic Beach*), Darius Williams (Channel 7's *Home & Away*), Rupert Bevan (Sydney theatre debut), Toby Blome (Foxtel's *The Twelve*), Bishanya Vincent (Hayes Theatre's *Dubbo Championship Wrestling*) & Giles Gartrell-Mills (Sport For Jove's *Othello*), and directed by Sean O'Shea (Sydney Theatre Company, Melbourne Theatre Company, Queensland Theatre Company, Western Australia Theatre Company, Bell Shakespeare, Ensemble Theatre, Griffin Theatre Company, Belvoir, Hayes Theatre Company), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* invites audiences to come and celebrate the healing power of love under the stars.

VENUE: Bella Vista Farm – Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista, NSW 2008

DATES: 16 December – 30 December 2022

TIMES: PREVIEW: 16 December 8pm;
OPENING: 17 December 8pm;
SEASON: 17-20 December,
22 December, 27-30 December 8pm

PRICES: Adult: \$47.50 + bf
Concession: \$35 + bf
Group 6+: \$30 + bf
Family of 4: \$120 + bf
*Children 9 and under free

TICKETS: events.ticketbooth.com.au/event/a-midsummer-nights-dream-bella-vista-farm

The performance will also be performed at Everglades, Leura in January 2023.
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FIRES: 20 YEARS ON

By Inspector Rolf Poole, NSW RFS

On December 4th 2002 a rare solar eclipse occurred, visible to much of the southern hemisphere. On that day another significant event occurred in The Hills and Hornby Districts that would forever change the lives of those who were present.

Three large bush fires started on the same day and combined to be known as the Baulkham Hills Complex of fires. This event lasted more than a week, causing significant damage to property and infrastructure from Maroota South to Glenorie, Berowra to Brooklyn, Wisemans Ferry to Kenthurst and the suburbs between.

Twenty Years on, the following are extracts from a recollection of the events.

Following two years of drought New South Wales was experiencing extremely dry conditions. The El Nino effect had well and truly taken its toll on the native landscape. On Wednesday 4th December 2002, yet another Total Fire Ban had been declared with hot, dry and windy conditions being experienced.

A bush fire was reported in Chilvers Lane Maroota South, to be followed by an additional report of a fire at Lower Portland. Soon after the first fire fighting units arrived on scene, the Chilvers Lane fire spotted ahead of itself into the Broadwater Swamp. The tall, dead and very dry grassy reeds quickly burst into flames, fanned by very strong westerly winds.

The fire made a run directly towards Old Northern Road in the vicinity of Meriden Ave Glenorie. As the fire was approaching Glenorie, a third fire was reported at Red Gables Road Kenthurst.

The Rural Fire Brigades from The Hills were all dispatched to the impacted areas, to be supported by Hornsby Ku-ring-gai, Cumberland, MacArthur, Warringah and the Blue Mountains Districts. It was evident from the rapid escalation in fire behaviour that the fires would not be contained under the weather conditions being experienced and the priority was to preserve the lives of those in their direct path.

As fire crews arrived on scene they immediately located themselves at properties under direct threat.

The fire front was seconds away. Spot fires were occurring in every piece of garden, mulch bed and in grass paddocks. The glow from the approaching fire was incredible. We couldn't see the flames through the trees, yet there was an intense fire flare, or pre glow.

Someone yelled 'Here it comes, get ready!'

As the fire crew from Glenorie Brigade was arriving at a property they were directly impacted by the head of the fire and were forced to retreat. Driving through flame and dense smoke, unable to see in front of the vehicle they crashed into the side of a house that was already catching fire.

The driver trapped on the steering wheel and crew trapped inside the truck, as flames surrounded them and scorched everything in its path.

Myself and the late Group Officer Jim Williams met up, as we both tried to get to the trapped Glenorie crew. Making our way to extract the crew we came across two ladies whom had managed to escape the burning house just in time as the garage collapsed. All crew and the two ladies were crammed into the RFS four wheel drive car and we made a quick escape, back through the fire.

Scenes like this were repeated over and over again as crews did their best to protect those surrounded by fire. As Old Northern Road was being impacted by fire, residents and motorists became encircled.

At some point a crew made a red call over the radio advising the fire was about to cross the road to the south of us near Mount View Road, our exit would be blocked and we would be 'swamped in'.

This meant we were surrounded on three sides by fire. We were in an unburnt pocket about 500 metres wide, that was about to be engulfed.



At one point 15 civilians, including young children and injured fire fighters were sent into a brick constructed house and took refuge as the fire front passed. Meanwhile fire crews remained outside to protect the house.

The Chilvers Road Fire was now burning towards Arcadia, Berrilee and Berowra Waters. Crews dedicated the remainder of the day to 'house hopping', going from property to property in an attempt to steer the fire around dwellings and structures and protect lives.

Over the coming days the Lower Portland Fire, Chilvers Lane Fire and Red Gables Fire would all combine into one, forming the Baulkham Hills Complex. Close to 40 homes were destroyed on day one. 2 Civilian deaths were recorded as a consequence of the fires.

On the 5th December 2002 the fire would spot across Berowra Creek and make a run towards the township of Cowan and later that evening another spot would impact on Berowra and Berowra Heights.

20 years on from this event much has changed in the way we have learnt to live with fire and how we deal with large scale emergencies. Emergency alert messages and phone applications provide the community with timely advice and the actions required.

Recently the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System has been introduced giving the community and fire fighters a better forecasting tools and understanding of fire behaviour.

In the 20 years we have seen similar events occur in bush fire prone areas across NSW.

A timely reminder to be prepared.

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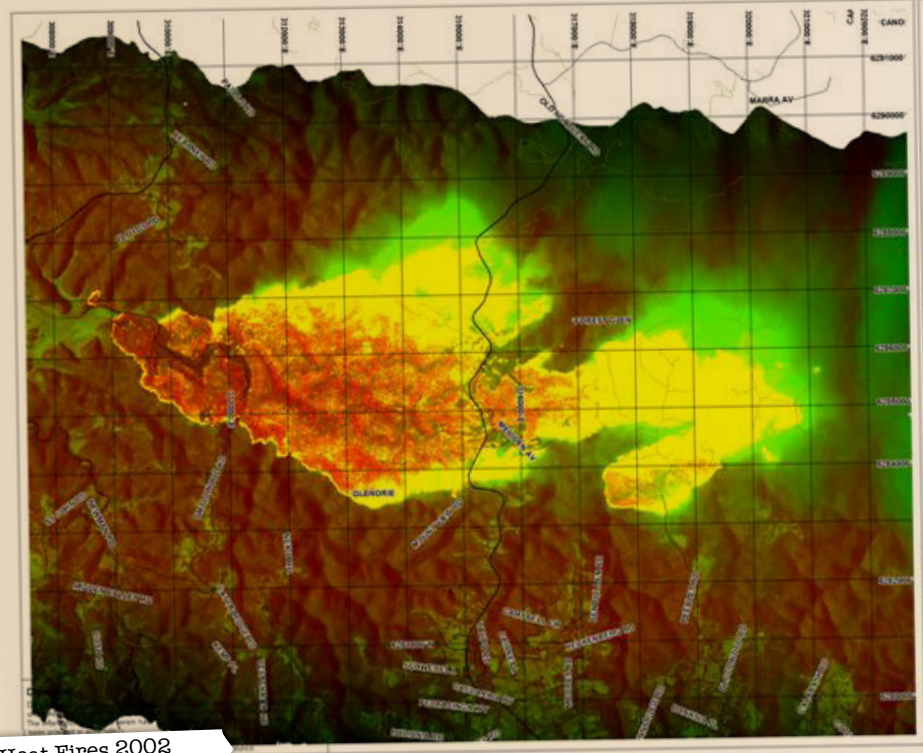


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Sydney Fires 2002



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✓ Providing Justice of the Peace Services	✓ Attending your local community event

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

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Authorised by David Elliott MP, Suite 1, 25-33 Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153. This publication is funded using parliamentary entitlements.

Back in September 2022 I announced the opening of my annual Christmas Card Competition for Primary students at schools in the Electorate. This year the theme was "No Room in the Inn".

Year after year I am continually surprised by the level of dedication our youngest and brightest invest into their unique designs to show that the spirit of Christmas is well and truly here and celebrated.

This year I am pleased to announce the winner is Aaron Chevalier of Year 6, from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Baulkham Hills. I presented Aaron with a Certificate and a \$100 gift voucher from Castle Towers Shopping Centre at a school assembly recently.

Aaron is the School Captain and excels at sport as well as his academic studies. From December I will be displaying a selection of the hundreds of entries we received in my Electorate Office.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a safe and joyous New Year from my family to yours. A display of 15 finalists' artworks can be seen at the Baulkham Hills Electorate office on Windsor Rd, Baulkham Hills.



OLYMPIC STANDARD INDOOR ACTION SPORTS FACILITY

Thanks to a \$1.8 million investment by the NSW Government, Castle Hill is set to welcome a new action sports centre that promises world-class facilities. Scheduled to open in late 2024, Woodward Sydney will be a world-class indoor facility for skateboarding, BMX, scooter, snowboarding, skiing, rock climbing and bouldering. The facility will have a variety of

zones including climbing walls bouldering walls, skatepark, pump track, mini ramps, mega ramp, foam pits, spring floor, and trampolines, a gym, and a café and bar overlooking all the action. For information about the American action sports chain Woodward and training facilities across the USA visit: www.worldofwoodward.com.au

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As the holiday season fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. May this holiday period fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.

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Ray Williams MP Member For Castle Hill

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COMMUNITY groups

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Annagrove Environment Centre

02 9654 3571 (Thurs) |
02 9843 0533 (Wed-Fri)

gnolan@thehills.nsw.gov.au

Arcadian Quilters

Meet in Galston Community Health Centre 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mondays.

New members welcome
Carole | 9894 7749

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Castle Hill Senior Citizens Club Inc.

Anyone over 55 welcome to come and play carpet bowls, cards and rummikub. Cnr of McMullen Ave. and Old Northern Road, Castle Hill (opp. new Metro station) with parking at the rear.

9680 3958
castlehillseniors@gmail.com

Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook

We are a mixed gender club of over 170 retirees and semi retirees. Meetings on 1st Thursday of each month at the Cherrybrook Community & Cultural Centre.

Ross | 0411 104 863
rossfitzpatrick@icloud.com
www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/cherrybrook/Welcome

Cumberland Bird Observers Club

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

Peter | 0412 770 757 or Cathy 9809 5668
www.cboc.org.au

CWA of NSW - Galston Branch

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Galston Health & Resource Centre, Cnr The Glade & 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston.

Nicci Chaney | 0411 058 852

CWA of NSW - Castle Hill Branch

Holds its monthly meeting every 2nd Tuesday at the CWA Hall, 2 Annagrove 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.

Denis | 9629 2645 or Maurice | 9654 2138

Dural Country Club Bowls

04 2131 5074

Dural Men's Shed

04 0247 8498
www.duralmensshed.org

East Kurrajong School of Arts

1st Tues each month 10am to 1pm. Bring along any sort of craft activity you're interested in, bring pencils or brushes to practice your drawing or painting with Ruth, browse the library for a book to read or simply just relax, have a cuppa and enjoy a chat from 10am to 1pm. Gold coin donation for morning tea.

Ann | 02 4576 5031

Embroiderers' Guild NSW Inc

Hawkesbury Group

Meeting 3rd Tues 10am-2pm, 4th Tues 6pm-10pm at Windsor library. Teach visual arts, textiles and design, or groups planning 2023 speakers calendar, we would love to come and talk about the art of embroidery.

Catherine | 0413340049
cdelaney1@vtown.com.au

Galston VIEW Club

Club who raises money for the Smith Family "Learning for Life program" will hold its Christmas Luncheon/meeting on Wed, 23rd Nov 2022 at The Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston. 11am Booking Essential. All Welcome

Merle 9634 2378 | 0412 110 698.

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Margo | 0417 657 433.

Glenhaven Probus Club Inc

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secretary.glenhaven.probus@gmail.com

Glenwood Men's Shed

Jim | 0438 701 275

Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail

02 4567 7400
Leanne@mellowcrest.com

www.haat.com.au

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Assn

4577 3591 (BH)

www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

Hawkesbury Nepean Chapter of the First Fleeters

Meets on 2nd Saturday of each month.

Pamela Hempel | 0407 660 579

www.fffhnc.com

Hawkesbury West Probus 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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Graham | 02 4576 1517

Hills District Women's Bowling Club

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9639 2733
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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

HillsOM1@gmail.com

Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra

Welcomes new players and gig enquiries. Rehearsals Wednesday evenings.

Chris | 0405 994 605

info@hillsshiresymphonyorchestra.org.au

www.hillsshiresymphonyorchestra.org.au

Hills Toastmasters

Meets every second Tuesday, 7pm. Restore Church: 47 Britannia Rd, Castle Hill. New members welcomed

Terry | 0488 089 951

Hills/Toongabbie Music Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays 7.30pm Northmead Scouts Hall 17 Whitehaven Northmead. Beginners to professionals all welcome.

Allen | 0439 831 531

allendavisguitar@gmail.com

Kurrajong Hand Spun Craft

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Thursdays at noon.

Margaret | 0403 819 165

Ladies Probus Club of Baulkham Hills

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

Suzanne Dennis | 0412 424 593

ladiesprobusbh@gmail.com

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Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

Geoff | 0412 969 651

Lions Club of Windsor Inc

Pam | 0413 395 145

Macquarie Towns Garden Club

The Club meets at 2 pm on the 1st Thurs of the month, in the Tebbutt Room of Hawkesbury Central Library at Windsor.

macquarietownsgardenclub.wordpress.com

National Seniors Australia (Hills Branch)

Meets on the 1st Thurs of every month at Baulkham Hills Sports Club Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills at 9.30am for 10am. New members welcomed.

May | 0414 634 572

maybruce@bigpond.com

North Rocks View Club

Meetings 2nd Thurs each month at 10.30 am. The Vikings Club, 35 Quarry Rd, Dundas Valley. Contact.

Pam | 047 420 4080 or Margaret | 9872 1405

Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club

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norwestrotary.org.au

Pennant Hills Mens Probus Club

John | 9487 1385

Pennant Hills Combined Probus Club

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

Lorene | 0429 396594

Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Meets for lunch on the 2nd Tues of each month at Oatlands Golf Club at 11am. Meetings consist of a 2 course lunch followed by an interesting guest speaker. Visitors & new members are welcome. On the 4th Tues of the month a social outing is organized.

Margaret | 9873 2402

Pitt Town Probus Club

Meets at 10:00am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Pitt Town and District Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Rd Pitt Town. New members welcome.

Denise Fairfax | 0435 447 414

Probus Club of Round Corner (Dural)

Julie; PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

Probus Club of the Hills Inc

Is a mixed club and meets at the Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston on the 2nd Wed of each month commencing at 10.30 am. New members welcome.

Ken | 02 96296459

Probus Club - Glenorie

This Club meets every 4th Wed at 11.00am at Glenorie RSL Club. New members are welcome.

Wendy | 9653 1022

wendyireneblack@yahoo.com.au

Probus 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

Probus Combined Castle Hill Club

General meetings 3rd Tues of the month at 10am at Cherrybrook Community Centre.

Glenys | 0408 160743

donpye@live.com.au

Probus Combined Kellyville Club

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

Veronica | 0408 025 577

Susan | 0400 039 308

ken_n_sue@hotmail.com

Probus Club of Winston Hills - Northmead Combined

Meets at 10am at Toongabbie Sports Club, 12 Station St, Toongabbie, 2nd Thursday of the month. New members welcome.

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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.

Cathy | 0435 837 118

sithills@siwp.org

The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

The Hills Learning Centre

02 8850 0555

RSVP | info@thehillslc.com.au

facebook.com/thehillsllearningcentre

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. The band warmly welcomes new members and gig enquiries.

Instagram: @hillsdistrictpipeband

Suzie Whitaker

pipeband.hillsdistrict@gmail.com

www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

The Hills Trefoil Guild

Elaine | 0417 330 196

The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills

Meets at St. Joseph' Conference Centre 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

Next meeting Friday 2nd December, 2022. at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St, Beecroft at 10.30 for a 10.45 start. Members and Visitors will be asked to share their best Christmas Memories we will celebrate with a Christmas Lunch. Followed by Discussion Group meeting at 12.30pm - "Investment Diversification"

Mal Steel | airsdydneyhills@gmail.com

Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

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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 Tues 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 Wed of each month at Windsor Golf Club, McQuade Ave, South Windsor.

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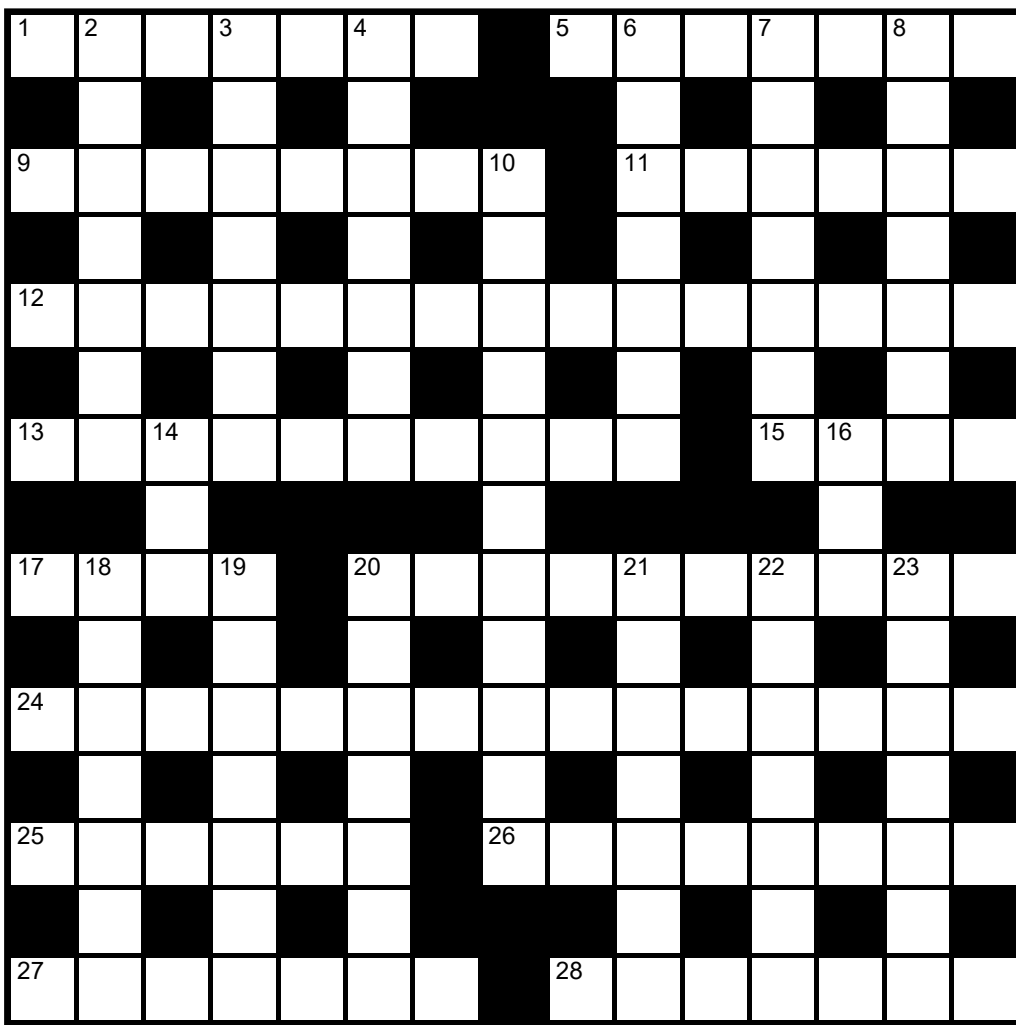
First Dural Venturer Scouts recently spent a long weekend camping and hiking at Patonga. Maximillion reported on their adventures:

We hiked to the campsite and went to the beach a couple times. We all had different things to cook for dinner, noodles, Tegan had butter chicken, Alexis and Claudia brought sausages but unfortunately most of them fell on the ground!

We slept at the campsite and once at the beach which was pretty cold. But at least the weather was mainly sunny. It was a really great camp, but I was nursing giant blisters as memories from about 28 km of hiking.

Venturers also recently spent a weekend at an abseiling camp with lots of bushwalking, camping and abseiling at Canoelands. Our Cubs had a fun night constructing a Trebuchet, or mechanical catapult. There were two different designs, one created by Jack and the other by Lucas. Two large ones created using poles, ropes and lashings and miniature ones with paddle pop sticks, rubber bands and a spoon which made it into a fun target shooting game

Dural Scout Group has vacancies in the New Year for Girls and Boys from 6 to 25 years. Joys (5yo), Cubs (8yo), Scouts (12yo) and Venturers (16yo). Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phirooza@bigpond.net.au or Simon: thewolf_1stdural@bigpond.com



Across

- 1. Four-sided pillar
- 5. Gulp down
- 9. We drones got drunk, went downhill
- 11. Former South Vietnam's --- Van Thieu
- 12. Sky worker (6,9)
- 13. They're not rural (5,5)
- 15. Ollie's ally
- 17. Tom Clancy hero Jack ---
- 20. Small NSW seaside resort with brilliant white sand (5,5)
- 24. Arising at the same time
- 25. Panda food
- 26. Moron
- 27. Bizarre (4,3)
- 28. In a tasteless manner

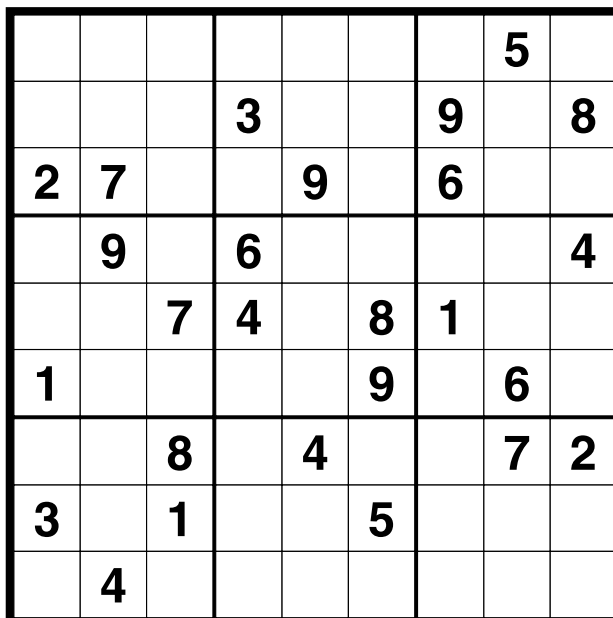
Down

- 2. A very hot day
- 3. Italian restaurant choice
- 4. Artisan fixed singer
- 6. Players at the edge
- 7. Saint Bernadette's city
- 8. Australia is its biggest component
- 10. "--- Holt", and disappear (2,3,6)
- 14. Fur scarf
- 16. "--- With Mussolini" (1999 Zeffirelli film)
- 18. Salty Western Australia Nature Reserve (3,4)
- 19. In a remarkable way
- 20. Olympic hockey gold-medallist Robert ---
- 21. Australasian ---, a porgie
- 22. Brought to bear
- 23. Local government body

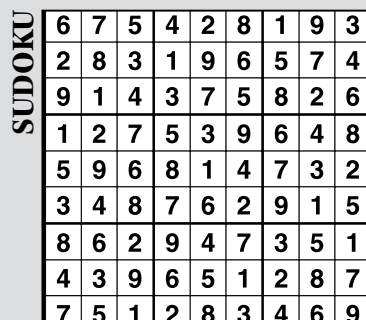
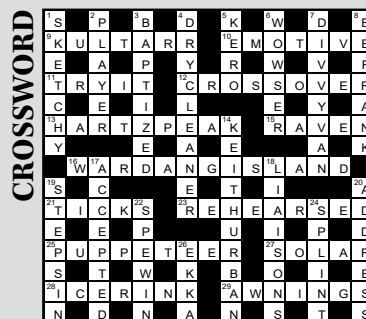
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Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

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



Answers from last issue



WORD SEARCH

BOATS

- BARGE
- CANOE
- CATAMARAN
- DINGHY
- FERRY
- GALLEY
- GONDOLA
- HOUSEBOAT
- HYDROFOIL
- LIFEBOAT
- LONGBOAT
- LUGGER
- RAFT
- SCHOONER
- SHOWBOAT
- SLOOP
- TRAWLER
- TUG BOAT
- WHERRY
- YACHT

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

ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

WORD SEARCH

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

CODE WORD

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

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.

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

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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