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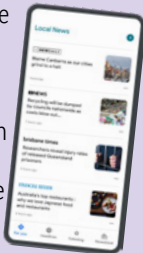




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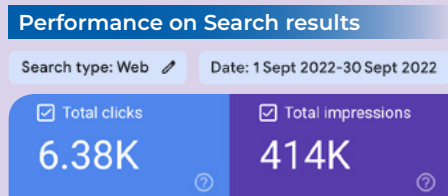
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**Relay Wrap** BY BEV JORDAN

A mammoth \$27,289 was raised by volunteers for the Cancer Council at Castle Towers in December in 19 days of wrapping leading up to Christmas Eve.

Hills Relay volunteers during a rare lull during the wrap

Hills Relay For Life volunteer Ruth Didsbury who co-ordinated the wrap said they were overjoyed by the result which was more than 25% higher than last year's record-breaking figure.

More than 100 people gave up their time to support the wrapping station over the 205 hours that it was operating.

Ruth thanked Castle Towers Management who donated the quality paper and ribbons for the annual Christmas wrap, the shoppers who had their gifts wrapped and donated to the Cancer Council and the volunteers who made the wrap possible.

"If it wasn't for the volunteers we couldn't have reached this amazing total," she said.

"Our volunteers included a number of Castle Hill High students, we also had a couple of men who volunteered to wrap, some mother and daughter teams and grandparents.

"Quite a few people actually sought us out to have their presents wrapped as they appreciated the wrapping last year and thought it was a wonderful idea plus such a great cause.

"Some people, who were in a position to do so, gave very generous donations which was, greatly appreciated."

Volunteers had wrapping skills tested with Katanas (swords), several unicorns and dinosaurs, bonsai plants and fishing rods plus numerous hard-to-disguise sports equipment.

The Christmas Wrapping at Castle Towers is organised by the Hills Relay For Life, a Hills-based community organising committee which raises funds for the Cancer Council NSW.

The 2023 Hills Relay For Life will be held at Castle Hill Showground on Saturday May 20th from 9am. The 24-hour event raises funds for Cancer Council research and support programs.

This year's Hills Relay will be the 22nd in the Hills.

To register a team in the Hills Relay visit [www.relayforlife.org.au/event/view/hills-2023](http://www.relayforlife.org.au/event/view/hills-2023). For further details email [jenny.nguyen@nswcc.org.au](mailto:jenny.nguyen@nswcc.org.au) or phone 9354 2078. Individual registration is \$15 until February 9th.

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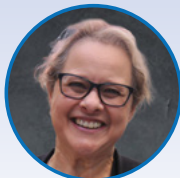
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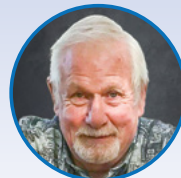
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# State Election 2023

By BEV JORDAN

The State Election will be held on Saturday, March 25th and there will be a lot of new faces on the electoral placards in the Hills to Hawkesbury Area.

While some candidates are already registered on the NSW Electoral Commission's register of candidates, some are yet to be named as nominations don't close until noon on March 8th.

Voters are urged to check which State seat they are in as electoral boundaries have changed for the 2023 State Election. The seats of Baulkham Hills and Seven Hills have been killed off and there are new seats called Kellyville and Winston Hills.

Candidates announced to date (alphabetical order):

### CASTLE HILL

LABOR: Tina Cartwright

LIBERAL: Mark Hodges:

*Deputy Mayor of Hills Shire Council*

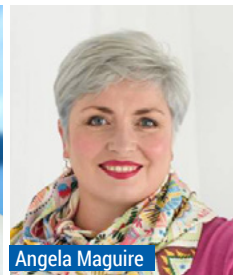
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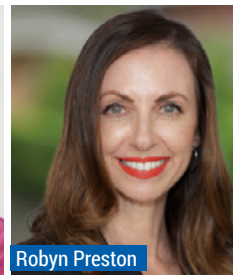
Tina Cartwright



Amanda Kotlash



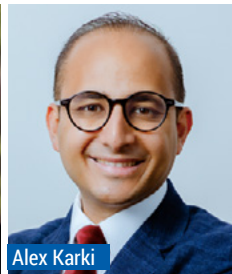
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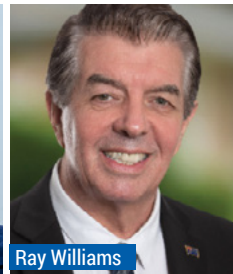
Robyn Preston



Mark Hodges



Alex Karki



Ray Williams



Mohit Kumar

### HAWKESBURY

LABOR: Amanda Rose Kotlash

IND: Angela Geralsine Maguire

LIBERAL: Robyn Preston:

*Current Hawkesbury MP*

### KELLYVILLE

LABOR: Alex Karki:

LIBERAL: Ray Williams:

*Current MP for Castle Hill.*

### RIVERSTONE

LABOR: Not yet announced

LIBERAL: Mohit Kumar



Sameer Pandey



Mark Taylor

### WINSTON HILLS

LABOR: Sameer Pandey:

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## DEADLY SWIMMING SPOT

The Hawkesbury River at Windsor is one of the deadliest stretches of water in NSW with two people drowning in the area last month.

Sundeepp “Sunny” Dutta a real estate agent and boxing coach died on Christmas Day, just 11 days after 16-year-old Ryan Bibby drowned in the same stretch of water.

A petition started by Sunny's niece Alisha Tuli after his death ([www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-windsor-beach-from-taking-our-loved-ones?fbclid=IwAR2r4kasbMPqFvcMqxf207jR36JtWlr\\_fVWgTISGgTZlOXpM9FboGLDjBg](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-windsor-beach-from-taking-our-loved-ones?fbclid=IwAR2r4kasbMPqFvcMqxf207jR36JtWlr_fVWgTISGgTZlOXpM9FboGLDjBg)) already has over 800 signatures from people with many demanding Hawkesbury Council close the “beach” saying the popular swimming spot is too dangerous.

Sunny, 36, had been with friends on December 25th when he decided to go for a swim. When he failed to surface they called emergency services which arrived at Windsor Bridge at Windsor at about 5.15pm. He was

found a short time later and brought to land; however, NSW Ambulance paramedics were unable to revive him. Officers from Hawkesbury Police Area Command are investigating.

A report will be prepared for the coroner.

Ryan died just days before his 17th birthday. He went missing on December 14th at around 12pm while swimming in the river at Windsor Beach. His body was recovered just over four hours later.

Royal Life Saving Chief Executive Officer Justin Scarr said Royal Life Saving was especially concerned about people swimming inland waterways, where calm water can often lead to people underestimating the dangers.

“Rivers, and lakes can look calm but often hide extremely dangerous hazards like strong currents and steep drop offs. These are especially dangerous for non or poor swimmers, who can get out of their depth quickly, and disappear silently,” Mr Scarr said. ]

## P-PLATERS FINED

It was a not so happy New Year for one P-Plater stopped by officers from The Hills Highway Patrol in the early hours of January 2nd on the M2 at Baulkham Hills.

Police say they detected the Kia Rio travelling at 141km/hr in a sign posted 100 km/hr zone at around 5.55am on Monday, January 2nd.

The 22-year-old male driver from Regents Park, the holder of an NSW P2 Provisional licence, had three passengers in the car.

His licence was confiscated and suspended on the spot for a period of 3 months. He was also fined exceeding the Speed Limit (over 30 km/hr).

\* On New Year's Eve another P-Plater was fined for speeding by officers attached to Ryde Highway Patrol. The police were conducting speed enforcement duties on the M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills when they detected (using a Lidar instrument) a 4WD travelling at a speed of 154km/h in a signposted 100km/h area at 1.53am on Saturday 31st December. The 18-year-old male driver, produced a Provisional P1 licence. Police say he stated he was travelling into the city to pick up a family

member, in a vehicle owned by a parent. He was subsequently fined \$2,616 for Exceed Speed (over 45km/h) and his licence was immediately suspended for a period of 6 months.

\* A man whose P1 licence expired over two years ago was stopped by officers from The Hills Highway Patrol travelling at 175km/hr on the M2 Motorway at Baulkham Hills.

The 34-year-old from Baulkham Hills driving a Toyota Aurion in a sign posted 100 km/hr zone was stopped by police at about 1.45am on Wednesday, 28th December. A check revealed he was the holder of an NSW C Class P1 Provisional licence which had expired in August of 2019. The driver was subjected to a roadside breath test returning a positive reading, he was arrested and conveyed to Castle Hill Police Station returning a reading 0.114 grammes of alcohol per 210 litres of breath. He is due before Parramatta Local Court in February 2023 for Drive Motor Vehicle with Mid Range PCA – 1st Offence and Licenced Expired 2 years of more – 1st Offence. The number plates of the vehicle were not seized as the driver was not the registered owner of the vehicle.

## LATE EXCUSE

A driver who told police he was running late for work has been charged with Drive whilst Disqualified and Exceeding the speed limit by more than 45 km/hr after he was stopped in Bella Vista on New Year's Eve. Officers from The Hills Highway Patrol detected the 26-year-old at about 8.30am on Saturday the 31st of December 2022, driving a white Renault Master van along Old Windsor Road, Bella Vista at 136 km/hr in a sign posted 80 km/hr zone.

Checks revealed that the driver was disqualified by the courts until May 2023. He is due before Parramatta Local Court in February for Drive Motor Vehicle during Disqualification period (1st offence) and Exceed Speed Limit by more than 45km/hr. The number plates of the vehicle were not seized as the vehicle was registered to a company and not the driver.

## FATAL FIRE

Emergency services were called to a fire at a property in Quakers Hill at about 6.20pm on Friday, 30th December 2022.,

Fire and Rescue NSW fighters extinguished a blaze in the garage attached to a home and found the body of a woman was located inside the garage.

Offers from Riverstone Police Area Command attended and the site was examined by specialist forensic police.

An investigation into the cause and circumstances surrounding the fire is being held and a report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

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.

## DRINK DRIVING CHARGE

A 24-year-old man from Castle Hill has been charged with Mid Range drink driving after he was seen getting into a car and driving off on New Year's Eve. Hills Highway Patrol officers were leaving the carpark of Castle Hill Police Station at about 4.20am on Saturday, 31st of December 2022, and observed three people walking along Castle Street near the Police Station.

They said the group appeared to be unsteady on their feet and got into a red Suzuki Swift which was parked near by and drove away. The vehicle was stopped and the 24-year-old driver was subjected to a roadside breath test which returned a positive reading. The driver was arrested and conveyed to Castle Hill Police Station where he returned a reading of 0.107 grammes of alcohol per 210 litres of breath. His drivers' licence was immediately confiscated and suspended. He is due before Parramatta Local Court next month.



# Inquiry into Hills Council

By BEV JORDAN

Submissions to a Parliamentary inquiry into allegations of impropriety against agents of the Hills Shire Council and property developers in the region close on January 22nd 2023.

The Upper House inquiry is examining matters raised by Castle Hill Liberal MP Ray Williams in State Parliament on June 23rd last year made under parliamentary privilege.

Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment will also look at any matters relating to the integrity, processes of Council, employees and elected officials of council; the role and influence of developers and their interactions with councillors and members of parliament in the region.

The committee will be chaired by Greens MLC member Sue Higginson. Deputy Chair is Mark Pearson MLC Animal Justice Party. The committee also comprises of Liberals Aileen MacDonald and Lou Amat; ALP members Rose Jackson and Penny Sharpe plus National's Scott Barrett.

A statement from Hills Shire Council's General Manager Michael Edgar said: "Council supports the principles of transparency, open decision making, integrity and good governance. In fact, this Council was one of the first councils to establish an Audit Committee ... Council has an annual internal audit program along with an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC), and has proactively participated in a number

of external performance audits by the NSW Audit Office.

"Most recently, Council was selected to participate in the audit - Development applications: assessment and determinations stages. The audit reviewed how effectively each council assessed and determined Development Applications (DAs) and how they supported independent planning panels (local and regional) in their determination of DAs. The assessment also ensured councils carried out DA processes and assessments according to current legislation, regulations and government guidelines. Findings from the audit showed that Council has an outstanding reputation for development assessment and management processes, as well as professional oversight of its services and programs.

"In addition to this, The Hills is one of a few councils in Sydney meeting housing and job targets, which is extremely important for accommodating Sydney's growth. Council is also fit for the future and enjoys a high level of community satisfaction with its services. "Residents can be confident of the processes and systems Council has in place to appropriately manage DAs. All DAs are either

determined by qualified staff, Local or Regional Planning Panels and in some cases, the courts.

"All planning proposals are assessed by qualified staff and reported for a determination at an Ordinary Meeting of Council where the public can witness the decision-making process. All decisions are then referred to the NSW Department of Planning for progression or finalisation. Only a few planning proposals are delegated to Council for finalisation by the Department of Planning.

"Council holds a register that records all decisions of Council on planning matters and this is publicly available on Council's website."

Two days have been set aside for the public hearings (February 15th and 16th) with the committee due to table its report by 2nd March.

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community by 22nd January 2023. They can be lodged via the inquiry webpage [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2908#tab-submissions](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2908#tab-submissions)



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# Australia Day Action at The Farm

By BEV JORDAN

Joe Carbone and five friends met on the streets as teenagers practising parkour which essentially involves moving around by bouncing off structures, their hobby is now a business entertaining thousands of people around Australia.

This Australia Day Dauntless MC (pictured front cover) will be doing their fast-paced show at Bella Vista Farm at Norwest with acrobatics, fire, breakdancing, beat box, parkour and gymnastic routines taking centre stage.

Joe says there are three of the original crew left in a team that is now into its third generation with about 18 people making up the core team.

Since their local council asked them to do their first show in 2015, the Dauntless Movement Crew have been moving at great speed despite the huge slowdown through COVID restrictions.

"In 2022 we did about 400 events with 70 of those in December," says Joe.

"We are now the hype squad for the Sydney Kings games."

"Our motto is embracing athletic diversity so when we do a show we do everything ... parkour, acrobatics, Hip Hop and break dancing," says Joe.

Dauntless MC runs training workshops in schools and in several local council areas. "We are hoping to bring classes to the Hills," says Joe. "We have had a lot of requests."

To catch the crew in action be at Bella Vista Farm on Thursday, January 26th. Dauntless MC

will be on stage at 7.25pm after Jelly Bean Jam and Before Kate Ceberano and the Fireworks.

To find out more about them visit their Instagram page dauntless\_mc

The Australia Day fun at Bella Vista Farm will feature something for everyone with Children's favourite Bluey and her sister Bingo starting off proceedings with the first show at 4.10pm. There will be a second Bluey show at 5pm after the Muru Mittigar Dance and Didgeridoo Performance.

The Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony will be just after 5.30pm followed by the official welcome by Hills Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi and address by Australia Day Ambassador Dr Cindy Pan.

Retro hits from Jellybean Jam will get the crowd dancing for the evening performances starting at 6pm ahead of Dauntless MC.

Australian Music Legend Kate Ceberano takes to the stage at 8pm with some great hits from her 28 albums including her latest, Sweet Inspiration.

While the main stage will be behind the historic Bella Vista Farm building the community stage which is in front of the historic homestead will be used from 4pm onwards with local dance and singing schools

and community cultural organisations staging a range of performances including Irish, Chinese Folk and Bollywood Indian dancing.

Hills Shire Mayor Peter Gangemi said: "It's fantastic to have our talented locals, including dance schools, cultural groups, theatre companies, musicians and many more involved in Council's Australia Day celebrations.

"One of our main roles at Council is to build strong community connections, and I believe our Australia Day celebration does this by providing the opportunity to come together and celebrate everything that makes this region one of the best places to live. It also provides a platform for our talented residents to showcase their skills, as well as pays tribute to the cultural diversity of The Hills Shire."

Attendees can bring a picnic or buy from one of the numerous food trucks that will be on site. There will be fairground rides and sideshows.

Gates to Bella Vista Farm will open at 4pm. Entry is free. There is parking on site or attendees can use the shuttle bus service from Bella Vista Metro Station which will run every 15 – 20 minutes from (1 Mawson Ave Kiss & Ryde Bus Stop) to Bella Vista Farm between 3.15pm – 10pm on Australia Day.

## BELLA VISTA FARM

### MAIN STAGE

- 4:10pm - 4:30pm: Bluey Show
- 4:40pm - 4:55pm: Muru Mittigar Dance and Didgeridoo Performance
- 5:05pm - 5:25pm: Bluey Show
- 5:35pm - 5:50pm: Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- 5:50pm - 5:55pm: Mayoral Official Welcome
- 5:55pm - 6:00pm: Ambassador Address
- 6:05pm - 6:07pm: National Anthem (Ceara Rice)
- 6:10pm - 7:10pm: Jelly Bean Jam
- 7:25pm - 7:45pm: Dauntless
- 8:00pm - 8:55pm: Kate Ceberano
- 8:55pm: Fireworks

## COMMUNITY STAGE

Community performers are from 4pm to 7pm :

- Caper School of Performing Arts
- Sydney Hills Garden Shire Chinese Folk Art Inc
- Dwyer-Whelan Academy of Irish Dance
- Jenna's Singing School
- School of Rock Bella Vista
- Hills Dance Factory
- Crestwood School of Dance
- Blackout Theatre
- The Stage Door Performing Arts
- Sydney iDance Studio
- India Club Inc



## FLAG RAISING IN THE HILLS

Thursday, January 26th

### CASTLE HILL

- TIME: 8am – 9am
- WHERE: Heritage Park, Heritage Park Drive,
- HOSTED BY: Castle Hill Rotary
- OTHER: BBQ to follow

### KELLYVILLE

- TIME: 8am – 9am
- WHERE: Centenary of Anzac Reserve  
Cnr Harrington Ave and Wrights Rd,
- HOSTED BY: Community Foundation of  
North Western Sydney
- OTHER: Morning tea to follow

### KENTHURST

- TIME: 9:30am – 10:30am
- WHERE: John Benyon Rotary Park  
Cnr Nelson Rd and Kenthurst Rd
- HOSTED BY: Kenthurst Rotary
- OTHER: Morning tea to follow

### ANNANGROVE

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# A Survivor's Story By BEV JORDAN

**MONICA MATAK EVANS** was 43 when she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

The Kellyville resident had six rounds of chemo and now volunteers to raise awareness of Ovarian Cancer and raise funds for research. Her advice to women is to "pay attention" to their body.

If they have any symptoms that are unusual for them, for more than two weeks, get it checked out. Early detection is key.

***This is her story:***

"My name is Monica and 2017 was going to be my year! I had a new job but was a little tired, who isn't? I was aiming to lose weight - it was working I thought; I was watching what I was eating. I thought my hard work was paying off.

"I was feeling constipated, (too much info I know) and I had a sore lower back. All the symptoms I had been experiencing are symptoms of ovarian cancer but I had no knowledge about these signs and symptoms then. Unfortunately, the symptoms are so subtle and generally ovarian cancer is diagnosed in the later stages.

"Many women push the symptoms aside, as they are so vague. They are looking after their families and quite often put themselves last.

"Vague symptoms like bloating and fatigue are often confused with other women's health problems, IBS, menopause or food allergies and are easily explained away.

"Ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death of all gynaecological cancers. The reality is that I was one of the lucky ones. I was diagnosed early. Having been diagnosed at

stage one though was not a walk in the park for me. I still had invasive surgery, I still had chemo. I still lost my hair. I still feel fatigued at times.

"Most women however, are diagnosed at later stages. Less than half of the women diagnosed will survive beyond five years. Ovarian Cancer also has a high rate of recurrence so even though they may have had successful treatment, for many, the cancer returns within 18 months."

Below are some of the symptoms. It is important to see your GP if you experience any of the symptoms, especially if they are unusual for you and are persistent.

- Unexplained fatigue
- Unexplained weight gain or loss
- Changes in bowel habits such as constipation
- Abdominal or pelvic pain
- Increased abdominal size or persistent abdominal bloating
- Appetite loss or feeling full quickly or indigestion
- Lower back pain
- Urinary changes such as frequency or urgency



"It has been 5 years since my diagnosis. I've been one of the lucky ones diagnosed early and no recurrence to date. Being diagnosed early I have gone on to lead a relatively normal life.

"Early detection is key, please listen to your body."

February is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Ovarian Cancer Australia is an independent national not-for-profit organisation, supporting women diagnosed with ovarian cancer [www.ovariancancer.net.au](http://www.ovariancancer.net.au)

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## Hawkesbury Australia Day

**A family friendly fun day for all is promised at Governor Phillip Park, Windsor.**

This Australia Day, Hawkesbury City Council's event will run from 5pm to 9pm. Headlining the entertainment on Thursday, August 26th is Australian-born Polynesian RnB soul artist Prinnie Stevens who wowed audiences on Season 1 of The Voice with her high energy R&B performances.

Prinnie has since gone on to tour extensively and perform lead roles in hit stage musicals here and abroad. Special guest MC is Farmer Dave from Rufftrack and Big Brother. There will be non-stop live entertainment on the outdoor stage, amusement rides. Food and drink stalls plus food trucks.

The annual Thong throwing competition will be in action and there will be roving entertainment, facepainting, rides and activities for the kids. As well as an Emergency Services Display there will be lots to see and do. The wow factor will be added by an RAAF flyover and a firework finale at 9pm. Australia Day on the Hawkesbury is a dog-friendly event but please keep dogs on a lead at all times.

An Australia Day Awards Ceremony and a Citizenship Ceremony will both be held earlier in the day at Don't Worry Oval, Windsor.

Visit Council's homepage [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) and the Hawkesbury Events Facebook page for event updates.



## Dress to Impress Show in Hawkesbury

The Hawkesbury Riding Club will be hosting a 'Dress to Impress in 2023' fashion show on Friday, March 10, to celebrate the New Year and raise money for the club.

Event co-ordinator Jane Reid said they will be showcasing the latest fashions in horse attire plus clothes from local stores in the Hawkesbury, all of which will be auctioned off,

"After the floods of the last couple of years, the club has been unable to hold many of its regular training days and competitions but is planning to host many events this year," Ms Reid said.

Club events will help support the HRC to maintain the grounds and cross-country fences, plus upgrade the show jumps and jumping poles.

The show is supported by Nepean Healthcare - Well Being and the Resilience Grant for the rebuilding of communities following the 2022 Hawkesbury floods.

Entry is free but places are limited so booking is essential. Dinner and drinks can be purchased at the venue. Diary date: Friday, March 10 at Pitt Town Sports Club, Pitt Town, from 6.30-9pm. Details: <https://www.hawkesburyridingclub.com.au/>



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# Holiday fun at Hawkesbury Central Library, Gallery and Museum

Archaeology, emu feathers and more! Hawkesbury Library Service, Hawkesbury Regional Museum and Hawkesbury Regional Gallery are presenting a range of fun programs during the summer school holidays. All activities are for school aged children (children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult). Bookings essential and some events incur a fee.

## HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE

Library workshops will be held at Hawkesbury Central Library, Ground Floor, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. Bookings are essential via Eventbrite [www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com) or call 4560 4460.

- **TUESDAY MOVIES: Tues, 17, 24 January, 2pm to 3:30pm - Free**  
Get out of the heat and relax while watching a new release DVD. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Check Eventbrite or call the library for the movie title.
- **NATURE CRAFT: Thurs, 19 January, 10:30am to 11:30am \$5 - ages 5-12**  
Carla from Decorati will demonstrate how to make a beautiful hanging mobile from natural materials such as twigs, feathers, & gumnuts.
- **FELT DESIGNS: Wed, 25 January, 2pm to 3:30pm \$5 - ages 8+**  
Learn how to sew a monster pencil case using felt scraps.

- **SUMMER READING CLUB: Tues, 31 Jan - Free - ages 16 and under - registration essential**  
Be a part of Summer Reading Club (SRC). Just register at one of our libraries, pick up a reading journal and start reading. Collect coupons for the books you read then redeem them at our special SRC shop (Saturday 4th to Sunday 19th February).
- **SUMMER READING CLUB SHOP: Fri, 3 February, 3pm to 5:30pm - Free - for registered participants only with coupons**  
Be one of the first to redeem your coupons at this pre-opening event. Book into a session for an exclusive shopping experience.

## HAWKESBURY REGIONAL GALLERY

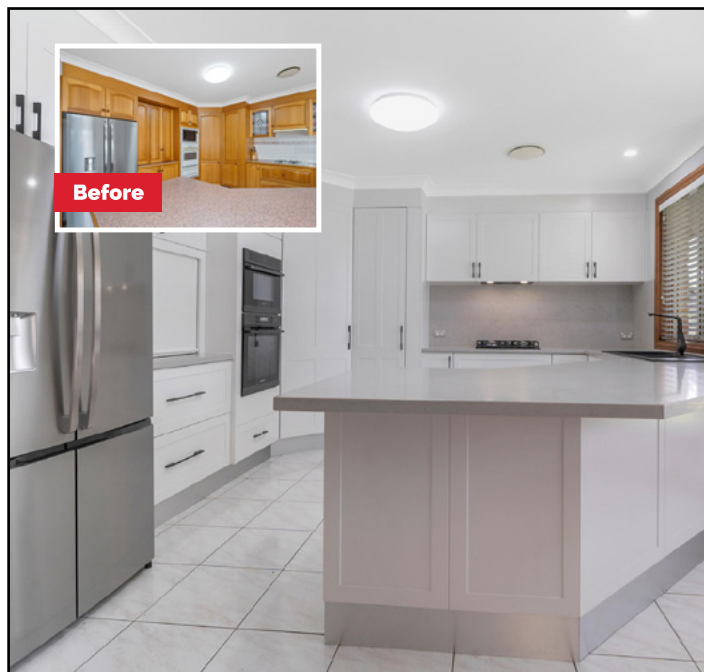
Gallery workshops will be held at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, 1st floor, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. Bookings essential via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com> or call 4560 4441.

- **GURANGADY PAINTING: Wed, 18 Jan, 11am to midday \$20 - ages 5+**  
Inspired by Rhiannon Wright's artwork 'Gurandy Dyarubbinwa' you will be led in creating your own artwork of Gurangady and the Dyarubbin.
- **EMU BRACELET WEAVING: Wed, 25 January, 11am to midday \$20 - ages 7+**  
Create your own bracelet using traditional Dharug weaving methods using raffia and emu feathers.

## HAWKESBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Museum workshops will be held at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum, 8 Baker Street, Windsor. Bookings essential via Eventbrite <http://hawkesburymuseum.eventbrite.com> or call 4560 4441.

- **FIND THE FLABBITS: During the school holidays, 10am to 4pm (closed Tuesdays) - Free drop-in activity for ages 4+**  
Some flabbits have escaped into the museum exhibits, can you find them all? Solve the worksheet and receive your own flabbit sticker.
- **ARCHAEOLOGICAL KIDS: DIGGING THROUGH THE LAYERS: Thursday, 19 January, 11am to 12.30pm \$20 for ages 8+**  
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# New Citizens Have Their Day

By BEV JORDAN

**AKSHAY NANDA is a senior manager in IT and is looking forward to this Australia Day in particular having migrated from India in 2014.**



Hills resident Akshay Nanda and his wife

The Rouse Hill resident will be one of over 100 new Australians living in The Hills Shire who will be receiving their Australian Citizen certificate at Hills Shire Council on Australia Day.

There will be 32 Hawkesbury City residents receiving their Citizenship Certificates at a special ceremony on Australia Day at Don't Worry Oval, Windsor.

Native plants from Council's Hawkesbury Community Nursery will be presented to all new citizens and Ms Erin Wilkins will perform a Welcome to Country as part of the event.

Hawkesbury's new residents originate from Canada, Ukraine, The United Kingdom, Bangladesh, India, The Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Venezuela, France, The Philippines and South Africa.

Akshay and his wife are planning to go out for a nice brunch before the Hills Shire Council ceremony and will enjoy Australia Day festivities and fireworks before heading to a family dinner.

He says he has been waiting a long time to become an Australian citizen. "I feel extremely privileged that I will be getting (my) citizenship on Australia Day when the whole nation unites and celebrates this historic day with pride. I couldn't be happier to celebrate this day along with my fellow citizens."

He said he moved to Australia for many reasons: "It's multicultural, where people respect each other's culture and identity. It has work-life balance and amazing tolerable weather."

Moving to the Hills from the Inner West was to be closer to family but also because: "it has great parks, some of the state's best schools, diverse community and great transport connectivity to city and other places."

Among those making the pledge on Australia Day in the Hills are citizens from China, Singapore, Nepal, Ireland, Malaysia, Lithuania, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Japan, Indonesia, South Korea, Pakistan, Egypt, Germany.



## Weave for wellbeing!

Award-winning local artist Kirrily Jordan is teaching basketry workshops as a way to build connection and care in the community. "Sitting together and weaving is such a joy," she said. "It creates new connections and a deeper sense of wellbeing. On top of that, it's a great way to learn a new skill, and I'm always amazed by the beautiful baskets people make!"

For Kirrily, weaving has become a big part of her life after her own personal crisis. "After facing cancer in my mid-30s I knew I needed to slow down and find a richer sense of meaning. Weaving has helped me find that – when I weave I connect with nature, meet new people and have such fun with creativity and self-expression."

Kirrily has been learning and teaching weaving nationally and is keen to bring her workshops home to the Hills. "I've had the amazing opportunity to learn with incredible weavers, and was honoured to be Highly Commended in last year's Hornsby Art Prize. I'm excited to keep sharing weaving with as many people as I can," she said.

If you'd like to weave with Kirrily locally, she will be offering a one-day workshop in Galston on 21 January.

Tickets are available from Humanitix.



### Learn to Weave!

Next workshop: Saturday 21 January  
10am – 3pm | Crusader Road Galston  
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## AUSSIE INTERNS ...

# Let's save the planet!

Local company, Australian Pump Industries, is inducting interns to start in early 2023. The company, located on a 2½ acre site in the Victoria Road precinct, is growing fast!

"We need to take in a fresh intake of interns to continue to grow this exciting business", said Aussie Pumps Mel Jansen.

The company is an innovative manufacturer of pump products used extensively to combat the challenges of floods, droughts and fires!

"We know that climate change is out there and is not going away! Everything we do in this company is about helping people in trouble. It's a terrific opportunity for bright young people to not only build a great career but gain real satisfaction at the same time", said Mel

Interns work with the marketing department and with product managers, to not only introduce the modern technologies developed by Aussie Pumps but learn to liaise with customers to help further develop this iconic Australian manufacturer.

"It's a great environment where young people can contribute something meaningful to help us all to a more sustainable world, using water in the most positive and effective way", said Mel.

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*out and about*  
with MICHELLE BYRNE

# Wisemans Ferry

**On the banks of the Hawkesbury River, sits Wisemans Ferry which is often referred to by the locals as the “forgotten valley” due to its small population and the distance from the urban parts of the four local Councils that Wisemans Ferry is split between.**

The rustic township of Wisemans Ferry was named after Solomon Wiseman, a convict transported to Australia in 1806. In 1817 he was given a land grant in the area by Governor Macquarie and established the first ferry service to cross the river as part of the historic Great North Road which was built by convicts and connected Sydney with the Hunter Valley.

Wisemans Ferry has so much to offer and is a wonderful place for a day trip or weekend retreat. The historic township is surrounded by National Parks and there are incredible views over the river as you drive along the ridgeline before winding your way down into the town. Stop at Hawkins Lookout on Old Northern Road to appreciate how stunning the view of the river is.

A walk around the town and a meal at the historic Wisemans Inn is a great way to connect with the past. The Wisemans Inn is now owned by Iris Capital who also operate well known pubs and hotels including the Steyne and Ivanhoe in Manly. There is also the Heritage Valley Café along with the Wisemans Ferry bowling Club adding to the many food options available.

The town also contains a grocer and other small shops as well as the Ferry Artists Gallery which is fast becoming one of our favourite places to visit. The Gallery is a community run art gallery that creates an opportunity for local artists to exhibit and sell their work. There is an incredible range of different art work including paintings, ceramics, jewellery, printmaking, sculpture, textiles, metal art, photography and more! The Gallery is operated by volunteers who not only man the Gallery but also organise exhibitions from time to time. I encourage you to pay a visit and to support our very talented local artists. You will not be disappointed by the quality of the artwork.



On my daughters' list of highlights of the day was a play at Wisemans Ferry Park located on the river and adjacent to the Ferry. The park includes walking tracks, picnic areas, children's playground as well as the Convict Road Kiosk offering food and drinks. Unfortunately, the Park has been damaged by the recent floods and the electric BBQs are currently out of order. However, it is still a great place for a picnic and to enjoy the ambience of the river whilst the kids run around!

For us it was a great day out and we certainly can't wait to explore more of Wisemans Ferry in the near future. I encourage you to visit the "forgotten valley" with your family and friends and to enjoy everything Wisemans Ferry has to offer.

## Are you studying, or have a passion for, Digital Media or Videography?



The Hills to Hawkesbury Community Media Association is looking for volunteers to help produce videos of local community events and record the work of local community groups. We supply all the equipment, we just need volunteers to help us with the recording and editing.

This would be a great opportunity for a student to gain experience and add to their portfolio of work or for anyone who has a passion/interest for digital media.

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# The Hills Shire Council News

## Australia Day at Bella Vista Farm

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## Thank you for your generosity

The 2022 Library Fine Amnesty was a success with an extraordinary 1483 items donated to contribute to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal. As a result of the initiative, 217 long overdue items were returned to our libraries.

The donations have been given to Anglicare for their Mobile Community Pantry, which provides a helping hand to those who need it the most. The Hills Shire Council would like to thank its wonderful residents for their generosity and wish them a Happy New Year ahead.



## Making a Submission to Council?

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

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## Volunteers – Connect & Protect

Start 2023 right and join our Bushcare Volunteers! Give back to your community by helping to maintain and restore our Shire's beautiful bushland reserves. Our Bushcare Volunteers are involved in looking after the native bush, plant identification, fauna monitoring, weed control, and seed collection for propagation at our Bidjiwong Community Nursery.

Bushcare is a great opportunity to pick up new skills as experience is not necessary. It is also a great way to connect with other community members and form lasting friendships.

For more information, visit Council's website and search 'Bushcare'.

## Tourism ramps up at Wisemans

A new three-lane boat ramp has been constructed at Wisemans Ferry alongside a new pontoon and car park, just in time for Summer. The project was managed by Hornsby Shire Council and was co-funded by The Hills Shire Council and the NSW Government. The ramp will provide safe and easy access to the water as well as increase tourism as the area continues to recover from the floods, making it a valuable facility for various recreational watercraft.



## Brindle Parkway Reserve Underway

Construction has commenced for Brindle Parkway Reserve at Box Hill. The project will include several features and amenities ranging from on-site parking, a local playground and picnic facilities, a half-court basketball facility, two cricket practice nets, specialist sportsfield lighting, field irrigation, drainage and an underground rainwater storage tank, and native vegetation landscaping.

Works are scheduled to be carried out between 7am – 5pm, Monday – Saturday.

More information on the project can be found on Council's website by searching 'Brindle Parkway Reserve'.

## 'Tis the Season to Recycle

Need advice on how to dispose of your Christmas and New Years' waste? Head on over to our website and search 'Tis the Season to Recycle' for information on what you can and can't recycle.



## Council Meetings

Tuesday, 7 February 2023 – 7pm.

For more information, visit [www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au) and search for '2022 Meeting Agendas and Minutes.'



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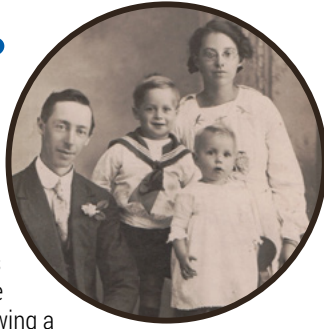


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Learn how to research your family history this year at Learning in the Hills. This class will teach you how to start researching, how to keep your research organised and how to stay focused.

Family History research is more than just gathering birth and death dates- these are a starting point. As family historians we want to learn what happened in between, what are their stories? By learning about the lives of those who came before us we are in a sense learning about who we are.

Researchers have a tendency to start researching one ancestor only to get distracted by the discovery of another ancestor and then bouncing around from one ancestor to another. Focused research makes research projects manageable and achievable. So whether you are a beginner, a dabbler or a veteran disorganised researcher, this class will help you to be a better researcher.

Researching your Family History is one of the many courses being offered at Learning in the Hills in Baulkham Hills. It runs for 9 weeks each school term on Thursday from 12:15pm – 2:15pm. Term 1 starts on Thursday 2nd February. Learning in the Hills also offers a range of other leisure learning classes including Line Dancing, Meditation, Painting, Cake Decorating to name a few. For more information about what is available head to their website: [www.hca.org.au/learninginthehills](http://www.hca.org.au/learninginthehills) To register for a course, call the office from 16 January onwards 9639 7918.

## Back to School Help



With the start of a new year, it's time to fill your child's stationery and book lists which might include a tablet or laptop. They may have outgrown their school uniform and shoes too.

NILs, short for No Interest Loans, is a safe alternative way for families to cover these kid of costs without turning to pay day lenders. NILs is supported by the not-for-profit organisation Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand and helps parents to borrow up to \$2000 to cover the cost of school uniforms, laptops, books and other education essentials with NO interest, NO fees and NO charges ever.

What you borrow with a NILs loan is exactly what you pay back – not a cent more. **Hills Community Aid at Baulkham Hills** runs the NILs program and was recently told by a mother of two that the scheme had made a huge difference to her family.

"I just wanted to thank you guys for assisting us with the new items meant a lot to my son when he arrived yesterday and saw his new iPad and laptop for school. Thank you for NILS team at Hills Community Aid for helping people like myself with a chance to have new items with affordable repayments."

To apply for a NILs loan, contact Hills Community Aid – [www.hca.org.au](http://www.hca.org.au). or call 9639 8620, Message 0451 573 872 or email [nils@hca.org.au](mailto:nils@hca.org.au). Interviews are now conducted over the phone. No Interest Loans are supported by Good Shepherd, the Australian Government, NAB and the NSW Government Office of Fair Trading.




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**JAMES BOND** is on a mission to find his new home. He looks very handsome in his black and white coat. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say that James Bond is a lovely boy who is quite affectionate and relaxed. As pet of the week his adoption price has been reduced to \$29. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping, desexing and life-time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.



**AT A GLANCE**  
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 PRICE: \$49

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Staff say Raven is desexed and so can go with her adoptive family straight away. Raven's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping and life-time registration.

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# Starting the year with a new puppy or kitten!

Puppies and kittens are a cute addition to the family and to ensure they grow into happy and healthy dogs and cats, it's important to follow the health advice of your veterinarian. The team at Sydney Animal Hospitals are here to help keep your new pet happy and healthy, and during January, February and March, our focus is on all things puppies and kittens!

Good nutrition is vital to ensuring that your new puppy or kitten develops strong bones, a shiny coat and has the energy needed for lots of activity. Depending on your pet's breed and lifestyle, our veterinarians can provide advice specific to your new pet. Sydney Animal Hospitals stock a range of Hill's puppy and kitten food, and we're offering a free sample bag of Hill's food when you book in for a free puppy or kitten health check with one of our veterinarians during January to March.

It's also important to protect your new puppy or kitten from parasites such as intestinal worms, heart-worm, fleas and ticks and mites. Intestinal worms can cause your puppy or kitten to lose weight and body condition, and can also cause gastro-intestinal disturbance such as diarrhoea. Heartworm can be transmitted to your pet by mosquito bites, and can be a potentially fatal condition for pets. There are many species of ticks in Australia which can be

deadly, so it's very important to protect your pet from ticks.

During our free health checks, our veterinarians will provide advice on the best parasite prevention products for your pet. We're offering a free first dose heartworm prevention injection at 12 weeks of age for puppies, and free 4 weeks flea and tick prevention. We're also offering free 4 weeks pet insurance for your puppy or kitten to ensure they're covered for any unexpected accidents.

Call your local Sydney Animal Hospitals Kellyville 8883 0533 or Norwest 8883 0411 to book in your puppy or kitten for their free veterinary health check during January to March, and take advantage of our exciting offer which includes free 4-weeks pet insurance, a free sample bag of Hill's puppy or kitten food, a free first dose heartworm prevention injection at 12 weeks of age for puppies, and free 4 weeks of flea and tick prevention.

[www.sydneyanimalhospitals.com.au](http://www.sydneyanimalhospitals.com.au)



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# Ray Williams MP

MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL  
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO  
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As your local Member, I will represent you in the NSW Parliament, communicate with Ministers and Government Departments on issues that concern you, attend local events, provide Justice of the Peace services, and prepare congratulatory messages for milestone birthdays and anniversaries.

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## New Year! New Projects! More Savings!

Happy New Year! It's an exciting year ahead, with so many huge projects commencing including the \$300 million Rouse Hill Hospital and the three-level indoor action sports facility – Woodward Sydney.

The NSW Government has also expanded the range of Cost-of-Living savings available, with well over 70 ways to save on your everyday expenses. I encourage all residents to find out what is on offer and take advantage of the savings available.

Visit: [www.savingsfinder.com.au](http://www.savingsfinder.com.au)

## The New Electorate of “Kellyville”

To ensure the number of electors within each district remains approximately the same, a redistribution takes place after every second New South Wales State general election. The recent distribution has resulted in a large portion of the current Castle Hill Electorate coming under the new electorate name of “Kellyville”. The new boundaries will be in place for the NSW State election on 25 March 2023. This means that you may be voting with a new electoral district, even if your address has not changed.

For information visit: [raywilliamsmp.com.au](http://raywilliamsmp.com.au)

## Record Savings for Parents!

With savings up to \$4,220 for Community Preschoolers, \$150 for Back-to-School expenses, \$500 for Before and After School Care, plus \$100 for Creative and Cultural activities and \$100 for Sport, Fitness and Recreation, as well as other rebates and funding available; NSW parents can provide their children with care and education (as well as indulge their interests) without breaking the household budget.

Visit: [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au)

## New Look Seats *Continued from page 3*

**Boundaries for the current state seats of Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill have changed. The remodelled seat of Baulkham Hills has been renamed Kellyville for the 2023 election.**

Transport Minister David Elliott (pictured), currently the Member for Baulkham Hills is retiring at this election.

Ray Williams has been endorsed by the Liberal Party to be their candidate for the newly named seat of Kellyville which takes in a large section of his old electorate.

Hills Deputy Mayor Mark Hodges has been endorsed by the Liberal Party to stand for the seat of Castle Hill. Changes have also been made to the electoral boundaries of the Seven Hills electorate, currently held by Liberal MP Mark Taylor, which has now been renamed Winston Hills.

The electoral boundaries were redrawn in August 2021, to ensure the number of eligible

voters in each district does not vary by more than 10 per cent from the average enrolment across all 93 electoral districts in NSW.

The new Castle Hill electorate is bounded by the M2, Windsor Road, Old Northern Rd and Castle Hill Rd, O'Haras and Cattai Creeks. It includes West Pennant Hills, Castle Hill, parts of Baulkham Hills, Annangrove, Kenthurst, Glenhaven, Dural and Middle Dural.

The new Kellyville Electorate takes in the suburbs of Kellyville, North Kellyville, Rouse Hill, Beaumont Hills, Norwest, Bella Vista and part of Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill. It is bounded by Old Windsor Rd, Toongabbie Creek, Windsor Rd and Cattai and Caddies Creeks. The renamed seat of Winston Hills includes the suburbs of



Glenwood, Baulkham Hills, Seven Hills, Winston Hills, Toongabbie, Constitution Hill, Northmead, Pennant Hills and Wentworthville.

Applications for postal votes open on Monday, 16th January.

To find out which seat you are in or to register to vote or register for a postal vote visit the NSW Electoral Commission website at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)



# ROBYN PRESTON MP

MEMBER FOR HAWKESBURY

### How my office and I can help you

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The office is located at Western Sydney University, Hawkesbury Campus Building R4, College Drive, Richmond. M: PO Box 505 Richmond NSW 2753  
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# A Few Good Men

Directed by Annette van Roden | 3 Feb – 25 Feb

Aaron Sorkin's ground-breaking debut play, later adapted into the 1992 Academy Award nominated film of the same name, was inspired by actual events that took place at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in July 1986.

This Broadway hit tells the story of two military lawyers – one callow and unmotivated, the other impassioned and driven – assigned to represent two United States Marines accused of Conspiracy to Commit Murder of a fellow Marine. In the course of defending their clients, the lawyers uncover a high-level conspiracy designed to eliminate weaker soldiers in the name of patriotism.

A Few Good Men considers the idea that a Marine's private code of unquestioning loyalty to "Unit, Corps, God, Country", breeds a dark flipside of self-righteousness.

The title came from the U.S. Marine Corps recruitment campaign, "We're looking for a few good men". The play explores and exposes what it means to truly be a "good man" in the United States Military.



Annette van Roden

Platoon Meeting

## Thirty Years Alive

By LEONIE DIXON

**Alive 90.5 celebrated our 30th anniversary in style at Castle Hill RSL. There was so much to share with members and friends, with the longest serving volunteer, John Robb, still presenting his show after 30 continuous years at the microphone.**

Proceedings got underway when Tony Jenkins, a former Chairman of Alive introduced Graham Johnson who spoke about his experiences in setting up the station as well as getting the Studios operational. We were delighted that the Parramatta Lord Mayor, Donna Davis and The Hills Mayor, Peter Gangemi, were able to attend and assist in the presentation of awards. Service awards for 5- 30 years were presented by the mayors and it was almost like the Academy Awards without the red carpet for the next categories. The following people were acknowledged with trophies, certificates, wine and chocolates. Youth Presenter of the Year was Karenza De Leon, Male Presenter- Shehan Fernando, Female Presenter- Karenza De Leon, Cultural

Show- The Forgotten Samoans, Best New Show- The HDD Show and The Golden Mic Award went to Jack Bylsma. Andsley Dennis, the current Chairman presented his Awards for Outstanding Contributions of 5 hard-working volunteers Fiona Mary Berry, Leonie Dixon, Aparna Vats Graham Johnson and Mario Bekes. Andsley prides himself on the amazing team effort so many of the volunteers have contributed to the success and progress of Alive over the last 30 years

The Archives reveal many of the achievements as reported in the local media. Federal Member for Dundas, Philip Ruddock was instrumental in encouraging Hills residents to become involved in a new community radio.

Glenn Coddington was pictured in the Hills Shire Times manning the control panel for Cumberland Community Radio West in February 1986 making us the only station to broadcast to three local government areas. Kerima-Gae Topp had Frank Ifield as a special guest on her juke Box Live program in September 1988,

Mosa Gherjestani's Hazara show went to air in 1998 to give a voice to Persian people in Merrylands with at least 500 families listening in each week.

Chris Cunliffe-Jones turned up the heat on public transport issues in the community encouraging people to speak up in the forum on 2CCR FM.

Tony Jenkins gave 25 media students the chance to learn about broadcasting in a hands-on way during his tenure as station manager and chairman.

After repeated licence renewals every 4 years, 2CCR has emerged with a new name - Alive90.5 and this year a new logo. The Hills Council keeps updating the broadcasting premises in the Balcombe Heights Estate and volunteers contribute enormous amounts of time to the technology needed to make us sound really good over the radio but also on many platforms these days. Best of all we're the Alive family for our community.

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# It's a Sale !!!!!

**N**OW IT'S 2023 and the post-Christmas and New Year Sales are over, many may have purchased gifts and other goods from the various on-line retailers. In this little piece I intend to look at what many did back in the late 1800's and early 1900's. In those days before the internet and mobile telephones if you wanted to purchase the latest innovation, appliance or fashion and lived in an outlying area away from the main city centres you would rely on mail order catalogues.

Printed catalogues first appeared in 1498 when Aldus Manutius of Venice printed a catalogue of books he was printing and distributed them to customers, whilst in 1667 English gardener William Lucas printed a seed catalogue containing prices which he distributed to his clients. One early cataloguer, in 1833, Antonio Fattorini started a watch club in Bradford, England which eventually transformed into the British retail chain store group of Empire Stores. But the first "mail order" catalogue was created by Welsh retailer Pryce Pryce-Jones (Yes that was his name) of Newtown, Wales who had acquired a drapery in 1856 and had named the drapery the Royal Welsh Warehouse selling local Welsh Flannel. In 1861, using the uniform Penny Post service in the UK which had been established in 1840 with the invention of postage stamps, he turned his small drapery business into a major retailing business by sending his catalogues to people throughout the UK and, eventually, to North America and the British colonies amassing 200,000 customers around the world including Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale, European Royal households and the then Princess of Wales amongst many others.

Catalogues proved to be a boon to quite a few retailers such as department stores. You would order or subscribe to stores such as Farmers or Anthony Hordens in Sydney. Each major city would have similar stores such as Boans in Perth, Myer in Melbourne, Fitzgeralds in Hobart etc. These stores would send you a catalogue to peruse. These city-based stores gained hundreds of new customers from rural areas.

How did these retailers get their customers from the outlying areas? Well, as the saying goes, "It pays to advertise". They placed ads in newspapers and magazines which circulated in those areas from where they sought new customers. Some retailers targeted certain types of customers with their ads and catalogues. Farmers department store for example had separate catalogues aimed at men and women as well as general catalogues aimed at the entire family. Many retailers still place ads in publications where they hope to grow their market share.

As their sales increased with the growth of customers, it enabled the retailers to gauge where they may benefit from opening branch stores. The 1920's and 30's saw some growth with stores such as Grace Brothers expanding from their Broadway location in Sydney to Parramatta and Bondi Junction. Other department stores such as Mark Foys, Marcus Clarkes and McDowells followed suit and also spread out into the suburbs. Some further expansion of the Department store chains came about from acquisition of other large stores in country areas or interstate and outlying suburbs. Grace Brothers, for example, acquired JB Young of Canberra and Queanbeyan who had also taken over the NSW Country chain of John Meaghers. They were eventually converted to Grace Brothers for a couple of years until the Myer Emporium acquired Grace Brothers re badging the JB Young stores and Grace Bros stores to Myer. Myer also took over Farmers and the country chain of Western Stores. Anthony Horderns and Murdochs, which was situated on the corner of Park and George Sts, were acquired by Waltons. By the end of the 20th century, after a series of mergers and acquisitions and the introduction of online retailers, there were only two major Department store groups operating in Australia, that of Myer and their rival David Jones. The old names of many retailers have now been consigned to history and are just a memory for many.



The first of a few photos from pages of old catalogues from Grace Bros. from "The Model Store" a history of Grace Bros.



# AS WE WERE

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

COLLECTION COMPILED BY IVOR JONES SHOWING LIFE IN THE HILLS AND HAWKESBURY AREA DURING PAST DECADES.



Catalogue photos from "The Model Store" a history of Grace Bros



These are taken from Farmer's catalogues and appeared in a book "As Time Goes By" published by Myer.



# Pele strode the world like a Colossus

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

**Pelé was more than just a once-in-a-century football genius. This goal-scoring Brazilian magician became a living legend not only in football but across all sports after bursting into the international arena as a 17-year-old in the 1958 World Cup.**

He scored two goals in that final where Brazil vanquished Sweden 5-2, with his first goal, later selected as one of the finest in World Cup history.

I interviewed Pelé, then a roving ambassador for football, while working for the *Khaleej Times* in Dubai, in the nineties. This is easily one of my best, and most memorable interviews, because we grew up in a world where Pelé ranked among the most recognised faces, long before social media made stars of ordinary people. Pele strode the world like a Colossus but never lost his common touch.

Pelé's greatness was his ability to be humble and approachable, and also easily marketable not only for his beloved Brazil and club Santos, but also for the world game and his many sponsors. When Pelé sat down for his interview with *Khaleej Times*, it was a fulfilment of a dream for me and also a rare opportunity to get down and personal with the legend.

Alongside another sporting legend, Muhammad Ali, who I was also blessed to

interview in the United Arab Emirates for another daily, the *Gulf News*, Pelé transcended sports and also waded bravely into politics, becoming the Sports Minister in Brazil. But whereas Ali loved being brash, bold, and provocative, Pelé was the down-to-earth superstar who inspired millions to take to football, which he turned into 'The Beautiful Game'.

During our lively interview, Pelé answered all questions without dodging any like did with so many defenders during his prime, and flashed his million-dollar smile whenever he felt something was something outrageous or funny.

Despite a massive media and fan crush outside, Pele spoke like he had all the time in the world. We spoke about his career, his highs and lows, his family, the controversy at that time with his government, and the development of football in the Gulf Arab countries among other things. His jovial face and joyful laugh when I asked him if I could take a picture with him, capped the unforgettable interview.



Our reporter Lawrence Machado with Pele

While there will always be comparisons with modern day football greats like Diego Maradona and Lionel Messi, Pelé is unrivalled because of his three World Cups wins (1958, 1962, and 1970), Athlete of the Century in 1999 by the International Olympic Council, World Player of the Century in 2000 and joint winner of the FIFA Player of the Century (with Maradona).

Playing professional football at just 15, the 1.73cm star scored a record 1279 goals in 1363 matches, and is the highest scorer, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. This includes a record 77 goals for Brazil.

There will always be a new football superstar but there will never be another Pelé. May the turf lie gently on him.

**Edson Arantes do Nascimento - October 23, 1940 – December 29, 2022.**

# Box Hill to get huge sports complex

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

**The rapidly growing suburb of Box Hill will be host to a massive multi-sports complex and reserve, which will benefit local cricketers and basketballers.**

The Hills Shire Council has already begun work on Box Hill's first dedicated sports and recreation centre at Brindle Pathway.

The masterplan for the 5.3 hectare complex features two full sizes rectangular fields which can be used as a cricket oval. There will be two

cricket nets, which will be a boon considering the growing number of young cricketers competing in the local and representative events.

The installation of specialist sports field lighting will make night time practice and play possible.

The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter said these are exciting times for the Box Hill community and underlines the council's commitment to improving sporting facilities and active lifestyles.

"We are so excited to begin construction at Box Hill's first sport and recreation reserve," Mayor Gangemi said.

"This project will deliver the sport and recreational facilities that this new community needs – now and into the future. It also complements council's on-going investment into providing quality sporting facilities that promotes health, wellbeing and community connectedness.

"I look forward to people using this new sports complex very soon."

The new centre, to open in mid-2024, will have an amenities building, a children's playground with picnic facilities and a 130-space carpark. Residents can also enjoy a nature walk and shared pathways, which will connect to the wider Shire network.

The present stage of construction involves the importation of soil to reach the required design level, with work speeding up when Terry Road is reopened for traffic.

"We will be taking advantage of the school holiday period, which usually has lower traffic levels, to get as much done as possible without overly impacting residents," Mayor Gangemi said

## NEW FOOTBALL, CRICKET FIELDS

A third natural turf football field and a competition standard cricket field at West Pennant Hills will be welcomed by the Hills sports fans after the council accepted a tender at a recent meeting. The upgrade at the George Thornton Reserve includes the movement of two existing fields to the east, the renewal of the lighting and irrigation as well as the construction of a new cricket pitch and cricket practice nets.

Mayor Dr Gangemi said these works will result in three rectangular senior-sized natural turf playing fields as well as a premier competition level standard cricket ground.

The upgrade begins this month, and should be opened by early 2024, weather permitting.



The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi said the new Box Hill sports and recreation centre should be ready by mid-2024.



# COMMUNITY groups

## 2nd Castle Hill Rovers

www.gwsrovers.com.au

## 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

## Castle Hill Art Society

Art practice for artists of all ages, either in groups or classes for adults and children. Monthly demonstrations and workshops by well-known artists. Members can participate in exhibitions during the year.

9899 3179 (ans. machine)  
www.castlehillartsociety.org.au

## 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

Galston VIEW Club raises money for the Smith Family "Learning for Life program". Will hold its next Luncheon/Meeting including AGM on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at The Gaston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston 11am. Bookings essential.

Merle 9634 2378 | 0412 110 698.

## Girl Guides Australia

Great programs for girls 6-18. They meet once a week in groups relevant to their age run by trained Leaders and Unit Helpers.

Margo | 0417 657 433.

## Glenhaven Probus Club Inc

Meets 10 am on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Castle Hill Bowling Club.

secretary.glenhaven.probus@gmail.com

## Glenwood Men's Shed

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.fffnc.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

## Hawkesbury Woodcraft Cooperative Ltd

9:30am to 2pm Wed. & Sat.  
www.hawkesburywoodcraft.org.au  
Graham | 02 4576 1517

## Hills District Women's Bowling Club

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

## Hills Older Men's Network INC

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

Ron | 0424 462 153  
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

Come and learn a beautiful old craft at North Richmond Community Centre. Friendly group just bring yourself. 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

## Learning in the Hills

To find out more about the huge range of courses available call 9639 7918  
www.hca.org.au/learning-in-the-hills/

## Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

Geoff | 0412 969 651

## Lions Club of Windsor Inc

Pam | 0413 395 145

## Macquarie Towns Garden Club

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

We are a breakfast Club and meet every Friday morning at 7.15am. The Rotary Motto is Service Above Self. If you want to meet like-minded people pls join us.

norwestrotary.org.au

## Pennant Hills Mens Probus Club

John | 9487 1385

## Pennant Hills Combined Probus Club

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

Lorene | 0429 396594

## Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Meets for lunch 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.

Ian Sandercock | 0417 667 067  
patiansandercock@bigpond.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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www.rdanswtalltimbers.org.au

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

0419 431 084.

## Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club

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

Christine Walshaw | 0416073483

## Scouts Australia - Greater Western Sydney Region

9639 2488  
www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

## Sleep Disorders Australia - NSW

02 9990 3514 | www.sleepoz.org.au

## Soroptimist International The Hills

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

Cathy | 0435 837 118  
sithills@siwp.org

## 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. 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

Meets at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St Beecroft at 10.30 for a 10.45 start.

Mal Steel | airsidedneyhills@gmail.com

## Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiesstennis.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 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.

Membership Officer Alan | 0407721461 or Secretary Ann | 0414298945

## Winston Hills Joey Scouts

9862 8482 | hsara@optusnet.com.au

## Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc

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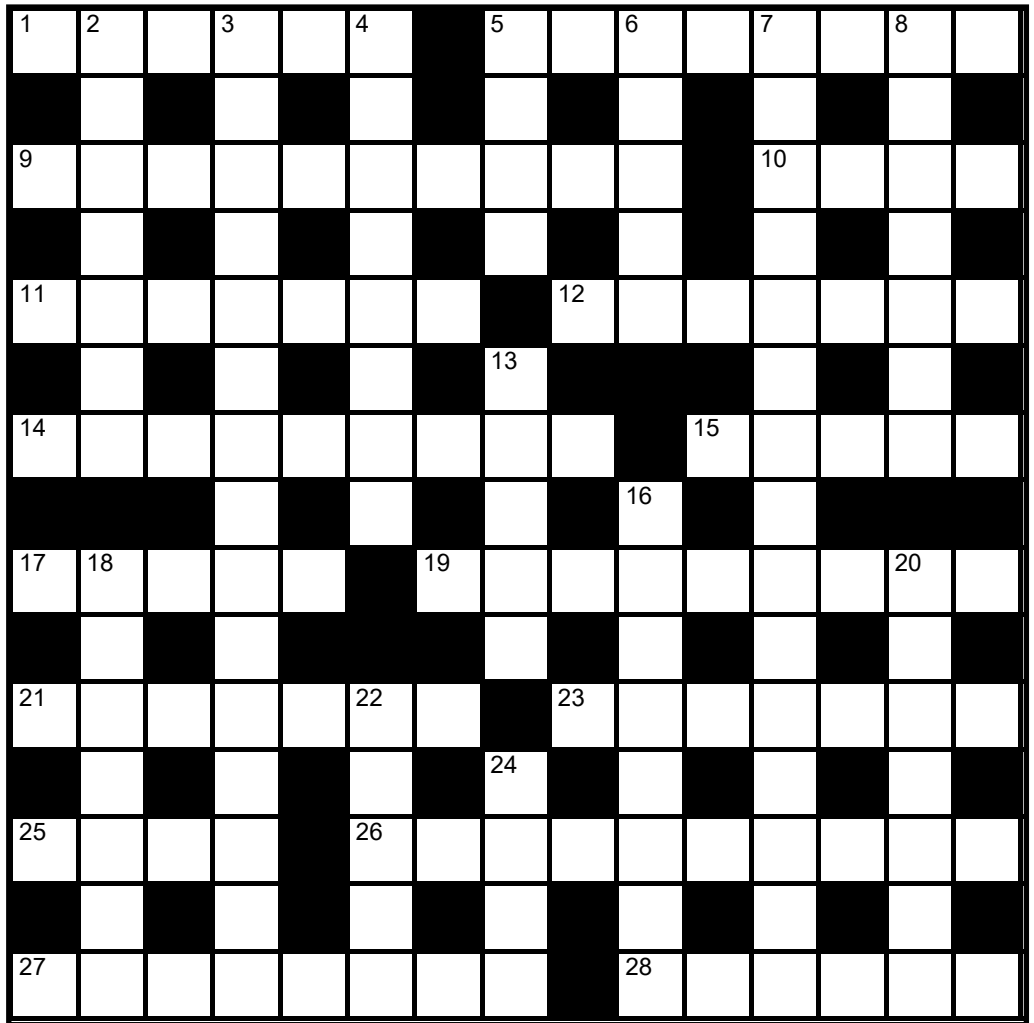
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### Across

1. Some optical drives (1,1,1-1,2)
5. Scotch rocks? (3,5)
9. Supersonic disturbance causes bangs
10. Brown ---, a large seabird
11. Hopes
12. Lend a hand (4,3)
14. Inordinately greedy
15. OK?
17. Fatty acid
19. Plug
21. Side by side
23. Priests' subordinates
25. E ---, which can be very bad for you
26. Type of music (10)
27. Firmly inserted
28. The preceding generation

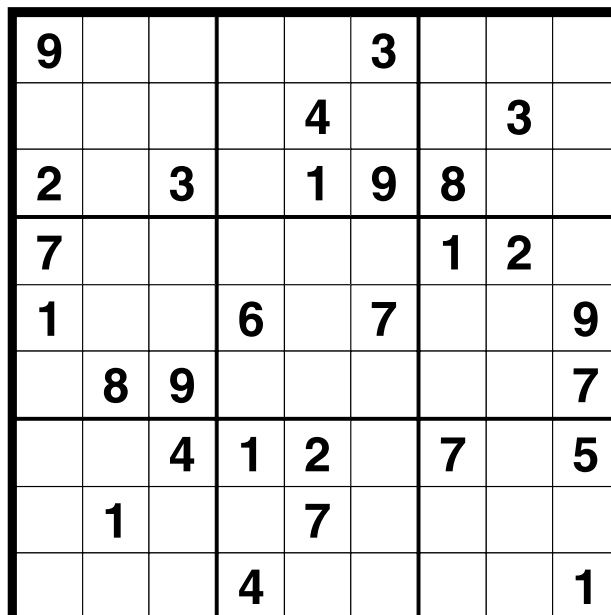
### Down

2. Type of fishing, often well away from land (4-3)
3. Rare (4, 2, 1, 8)
4. Like some weedkillers
5. Bin chicken
6. Actor --- Dingo
7. Psychotic Tito punishes cad - it's natural
8. Silver-leaved shrub with purple flowers (3, 4)
13. Delicious type of crab
16. "Not this story again ..." (4, 2, 2)
18. Flowering (2, 5)
20. Lie on the beach
22. Kendo prop
24. Wind-driven clouds

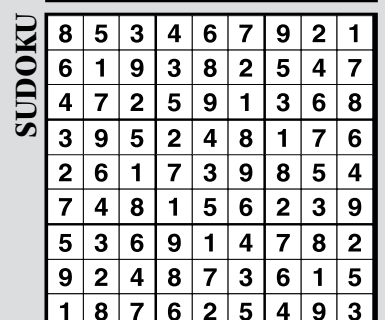
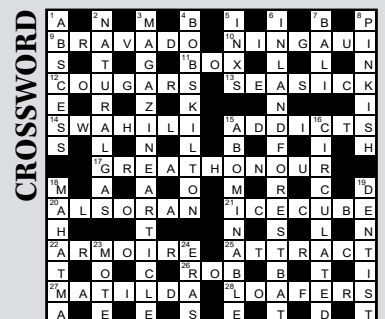
## SUDOKU

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

## DANCES

- BALLET                 JIVE
- BARN DANCE         LINDY HOP
- BEGUINE             MAMBO
- BOLERO              MERENGUE
- BREAKDANCE        QUICKSTEP
- CHA-CHA             RUMBA
- FANDANGO           SALSA
- FLAMENCO           SAMBA
- FOXTROT             TANGO
- JITTERBUG           TWO-STEP

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

# ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

## WORD SEARCH

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

## CODE WORD

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

# 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.

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

# SUDOKU

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

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

## SUDOKU

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

# June Long's Legacy Continues

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44 years on, the community has changed. More working mothers mean the majority of the participants are retirees. There are other similar programs and alternate means of learning craft, but Creative Activities continues. June sadly left

us back in 2016 but continued to attend until she was 94. Her daughter, Carolyn now leads a very faithful band of volunteers and a contented group of attendees. Despite Covid shutdowns in recent years, the program managed an almost full year of classes in 2022 and there's plenty of room for more to join. As you can imagine, the fees have changed a little over the past 44 years Cost: \$30 per 8 week term (\$25 for seniors). Term 1 commences February 8 2023.

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