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Rainbow Club

BY BEV JORDAN

Parents have welcomed the opening of the latest Rainbow Club which is offering personalised swimming lessons for children with a disability at South Windsor.

Alyssa Bennett said her disabled son Ayden loved his first experience at the new Rainbow Club which opened last week at the Hawkesbury Oasis Fitness and Aquatic centre.

She said after years of "persisting" with other swim programs it was harder to get her son to continue his swimming lessons.

"He wasn't able to progress through each swim school's program due to his physical disability which made it impossible to meet their criteria."

"The children in his classes were getting younger and younger and it was a real hit to his esteem."

She said she knew about the Rainbow Clubs, which have NDIS provider status and offer individualised programs for children with a disability, but until last week's opening there wasn't one in her area.

She said after the first lesson she would recommend that people in the same position check it out. "I can already tell my son is going to thrive."

Robyn Bayliss, Rainbow Club's Development Manager for Western Sydney is from Marsden Park and knows how important a good swimming program can be as a mother of a special needs child with autism.

"It's the acceptance, they are learning to swim and there are squads. Seeing these kids being part of something you never thought they would be part of is wonderful."



Teacher Teagan De La Hunty with Annabelle aged 4 at Hawkesbury Oasis.

The Rainbow Club program was started in 1969 by Ron and Lily Siddons who believed all children, including children with a disability, had the right to learn to swim, be safe and experience fun and freedom in the water.

It has grown from one club to over 50 clubs helping children from the ages of 3 to 15.

There are Rainbow Clubs already operating at The Ponds, Seven Hills, Castle Hill, Norwest and Cherrybrook with plans to open a club in Baulkham Hills in October (Waves).

"We know there is a growing need for us," she said. "There are waiting lists at some clubs."

"Volunteers are always needed and we can train swim teachers as well."

Cherrybrook (at the Carlisle Swimming Centre) is the second biggest Rainbow Club in the state with 108 children enrolled.

So far more than 2,000 children have been through the program.

To find out more visit myrainbowclub.org.au

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BY JOSH KERWICK

THE VOICE: YES
Andrew Charlton MP,
Sean Gordon AM,
Dr Shireen Morris

The Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum is coming up at the end of 2023 and is causing a prominent cultural conversation in Australia about Indigenous representation and rights.

THE VOICE: NO
Mark Hodges MP,
Warren Mundine AO,
Alex Hawke MP

In The Hills, India Club and the Community Foundation of North Western Sydney recently held a collaborative forum about the Voice that featured proponents for both sides of the referendum. The debate and discussion highly engaged over 100 attendees to think about the proposed change to the Constitution seeking to recognise Australia's First Nations people.

The six speakers, all introduced by CFNWS's Rajiv Chaudri, each delivered an impassioned, distinct speech that spoke to either the positives or negatives of the Voice to Parliament. The Yes and No camps took turns sharing their ideas, with three of each position present at the debate.

First up was **Labor federal member for Parramatta Andrew Charlton**, who said that his reasons for supporting the Voice were about fairness:

"What drives me is the simple reality of Australia today. If an Indigenous man was standing next to me, his life expectancy would be 10 years lower than mine." Mr Charlton continued, citing Australia's unfinished journey to grant Indigenous Australians equal rights. In his view, the Voice is "a movement towards equality, not away from it."

Mr Charlton directly addressed the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which the request for the Voice initially stemmed from, commenting that Indigenous Australians asked for some very simple things. He stressed that the Voice was not a veto; rather, a fair say for the Aboriginal people of this country. Mr Charlton ended his talk saying the No campaign's attempts to portray the Voice as a risk to our democracy was wrong, and

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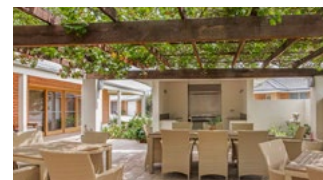
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SEX ABUSE CHARGES

A man has been charged following an investigation into the alleged historical sexual abuse of children in the Hawkesbury region during the 1980s.

Detectives attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command established Strike Force Twill in October 2022, following a number of reports of alleged child sex abuse that occurred at a holiday park in Wisemans Ferry.

Police have been told between the years 1982 and 1987, a resident of a holiday park allegedly sexually assaulted a number of young boys.

Following extensive inquiries, investigators arrested a 60-year-old man in Wisemans Ferry, about 9am Thursday (20th July 2023).

He was charged with 22 child sexual assault offences and one count of common assault.

He was refused bail and is due before Penrith Local Court on Friday 29th September 2023.

As inquiries continue, police are appealing for anyone who may be able to assist detectives, including anyone who holidayed in the area at that time and witnessed suspicious behaviour.

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

Drug & Firearms Squad detectives have charged three people with drug supply related offences following an investigation into an alleged clandestine lab which was discovered earlier this year at Northmead.

Emergency services were called to an address on Beamish Road, Northmead, following reports of an explosion at about 5.10pm on Thursday 30th March.

When officers attached to Parramatta Police Area Command arrived they discovered an alleged clandestine lab, and assistance was sought from the Chemical Operations Unit, The Technical Forensic Support Unit and NSW Fire & Rescue to process the scene.

Police seized approximately 31kg of methamphetamine, 19 litres of 1,4-Butanediol, 150kg of iodine, 170 litres of hypophosphorous acid, a gel blaster and other items consistent with the manufacture of prohibited drugs to an estimated street value of \$8 million.

Strike Force Calula was established by State Crime Command's Drug & Firearms Squad to investigate further. Following extensive inquiries, about 7.30am on Saturday (22nd July 2023), strike force detectives arrested a 32-year-old woman in Earlwood and a 31-year-old man in Bankstown. On 25th July they arrested a 37-year-old man in Zetland.

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PRISON FIND

Correctional officers have foiled a plot to distribute drugs and other contraband to correctional centres across NSW via one of the largest prison kitchens in the country based at Windsor.

A huge haul of tablets, tobacco, vapes, phones and chargers, was found hidden inside boxes of A4 paper, dropped off by a suspected mule at Geoffrey Pearce Correctional Centre, in Windsor.

Acting Governor Renee Craft said an officer's instinct led to the discovery at the centre's cook-freeze kitchen loading dock, which is a preparation and distribution point for thousands of inmate meals each week.

"Our cook-freeze kitchen prepares food for inmates in every corner of the state – there's no reason for boxes of paper to be left there; our specially trained officers knew something was amiss and subsequently stopped the contraband from making its way into the prison network."

Security cameras filmed an unknown person unloading the boxes of paper from the boot of a car and dumping them outside the secure perimeter of the secure kitchen loading dock.

It is unclear if the person knew what was inside the boxes or if a third-party booked them as a courier to take the packages to the centre, for suspected distribution state-wide.

STRIKE FORCE PIPAR

A 44-year-old man from West Pennant Hills has been charged following an investigation led by the Organised Crime Squad into alleged money laundering and drug supply offenses.

Strike Force Pipar was established in February 2023 by State Crime Command's Organised Crime Squad with assistance from the NSW Crime Commission (NSWCC) and Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC).

Following extensive inquiries strike force detectives – with assistance from Raptor Squad North detectives – executed a search warrant at an address in Point Frederick on the Central Coast just after 8am on Friday 21st July.

During the search, officers located approximately 6.5kg of Methamphetamine crystals in the re-crystalline process, as well as equipment consistent with the manufacture and supply of prohibited drugs such as solvents and vacuum sealers.

Later that morning, detectives – with assistance from the Public Order & Riot Squad – executed two search warrants at addresses in West Pennant Hill and Riverwood.

Detectives arrested a 46-year-old man at Riverwood and the 44-year-old man at West Pennant Hills.

Both were charged with manufacture prohibited drug – large commercial quantity, supply prohibited drug – large commercial quantity, possess or use a prohibited weapon without permit and possess prohibited drug. They are due before Downing Centre Local Court on Thursday 21st September 2023.

Police will allege in court they planned to process a large shipment of heroin concealed in batteries. It will be further alleged the men were high ranking members of the 'Chinese Simon' organised crime syndicate.

FORMER DEPUTY JAILED

Former deputy principal at Kellyville High School, Damian Scott Wanstall was sentenced at Parramatta District Court to three years and seven months on Wednesday.

The 49-year-old pleaded guilty in September to one count of using a carriage service to procure a person under 16 years of age for sexual activity.

He was unaware the person he was engaging with online in 2020 was actually an undercover police officer. He was arrested when he arranged a meeting.

In his messages, he repeatedly asked for "raunchy" pictures of the person he thought was a 14-year-old.

In December 2020, the New South Wales Police Child Exploitation Internet Unit spotted an online advertisement posted by Wanstall under the username Johnno33.

Police launched a covert operation by replying to the ad by acting as a 14-year-old girl.

Hills Charity Gala

Save the date ...The Hills annual Charity Gala Ball will be held at Biviano's Dural on Thursday August 31st and is set to sparkle for an important cause.

This year's gala ball will support the Hills-based Positive Vibes Foundation (PVF) and its work with mental health and well-being programs and Biviano's is proud to be the prime sponsor.

The three-course bespoke dinner will include live and silent auctions and raffles and will be followed by live entertainment and dancing.

The first Hills Annual Charity Gala Ball was organised by Biviano's Dural in 2016 and has since raised over \$300,000 for local charities.

Supporters include Federal Member for Mitchell Alex Hawke, Federal Member for Berowra Julian Leaser, Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi, Hills Police Commander Supt Darrin Batchelor, Chair of the Positive Vibes Foundation and former Hills Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne and Dr Jim Taggart, OAM, MC and auctioneer on the night. The Positive Vibes Foundation was established in 2014 and works to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in communities through connections and conversations.

Its programs include the Hills Women's Shed, companion dog visits to aged care homes and educational forums for high school students. Psychiatrist Dr Mark Cross who uses his own lived experience to engage, entertain and educate will be keynote speaker on the night.

The author of two books, Dr Cross was the lead psychiatrist on two series of the groundbreaking ABC series Changing Minds and was also the medical consultant on the eight-part ABC drama series Wakefield.

He has worked in Psychiatry for 25 years and is a Senior Lecturer at UNSW as well as acting conjoint lecturer at UWS. He's also created The Anxious Shrink page on Facebook which has reached around a million people.

Dr Michelle Byrne said: "Events like the Biviano's Gala Ball are vital not only in terms of raising funds for important mental health programs such as the ones run by Positive Vibes but also in terms of ensuring we continue to have important conversations in the community around positive mental health and well being."

"The funds raised from the evening will go towards the running of our programs including the Hills Women's Shed, Paws Visits, community engagement and the Healthy Minds Youth Forum as well as towards the expansion of the Women's Shed to provide more opportunities for local women to join the Women's Shed."

"We are also looking to expand Positive Vibes Foundation's line up of programs to also include a focus on veterans."



Owner Biviano's Raj Kumar said he and staff appreciated the community's support of what will be an "excellent night, communicating, and having lots of fun" at the same time.

So, come and enjoy great food and wine in a great setting, mingle with great community-minded people and support a great cause at the Hills "Event of the Year".

There is also a chance to win a \$5,000 Robert Cliff Master Jewellers' gift card.

The Hills Gala Charity Ball by Biviano's for the Positive Vibes Foundation is on Thursday 31st August, 6pm for a 7pm start at Biviano's, 628 Old Northern Rd, Dural.

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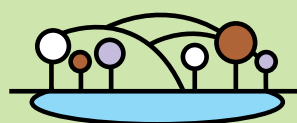
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Norwest METRO

BY BEV JORDAN

Land next to Norwest Metro, between Norwest Blvde and Brookhollow Ave, is set to be developed by Mulpha.

The key site at Norwest adjacent to the station is owned by the NSW Government which has selected Mulpha to develop the 9,500sqm site following a tender process.

Mulpha's vision for the site at 25-31 Brookhollow Avenue includes three multi-level towers (13 to 21 storeys high) housing business and retail (see artist's impression) but with hopes for a community education space included in the plans.

Mulpha's Head of Developments, Tim Spencer said the development application is targetted to be lodged with Hills Shire Council early next year.

The new development will provide 52,000 sqm of new commercial office space, short-term accommodation, and retail opportunities. It will also feature community spaces for wellness education, a public plaza, landscaping and walkways.

Tim Spencer said: "Mulpha is thrilled to have been chosen to activate this landmark development site which will be the civic gateway to and from Norwest, and an integral component of Mulpha's broader planning vision for Norwest.

"It will be the centrepiece in delivering another step-change to the Norwest Smart City vision.

Importantly, it will be a transit-oriented commercial development that aims to increase job supply in Sydney's northwest and set the benchmark for the next phase of Norwest's vibrant business Centre," he said.

"We want to create an environment that engages people and fosters the connectivity and creative energy that will underpin Norwest as a lifestyle destination and dynamic business centre in the global knowledge economy."

The development will be complemented by extensive parklands, pedestrian paths and cycleways connecting the site to greater Norwest.

In developing the site, Mulpha will work closely with Landcom, Sydney Metro, Hills Shire Council and the State Government.

The 377 hectare Norwest Business Park is home to more than 800 businesses providing over 30,000 jobs.

Around 221 hectares consists of businesses and 122ha is residential. The projected growth, according to the company, will see over 2000 businesses, 15,000 residents and over 60,000 workers calling Norwest home.

Construction is underway on the first stage of Mulpha's new sustainable residential development Norwest Quarter.

The zero-carbon 9-tower residential development will be one of the most ambitious in Australia in terms of sustainable practices, initiatives and design considerations.

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) is supporting the Norwest Quarter development with an \$80 million green loan to cut energy costs by as much as 50 percent which is being matched by an \$80m green loan from ANZ.

Mulpha's selection as the successful tenderer to develop the Norwest Metro Station site coincides with the lodgement of Mulpha's planning proposal for the adjacent Norwest Markettown Shopping Centre.

At the moment there is a focus on cleaning up the lake and surrounds. Carp have been removed from the lake for the past week. In the first two days one and a half tonnes of carp were removed.

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L-R: Christine Wilson (Elizabeth), Lana Jean Hill (Annie), Paul Stzelma (Doctor Givings), Kate Gandy (Catherine Givings)

L-R: Kate Gandy (Catherine Givings), Lana Jean Hill (Annie)

'In The Next Room' Now In Season

Castle Hill Players' latest production is officially here; written by Sarah Ruhl and directed by Meredith Jacobs, *In The Next Room or the Vibrator Play* opens today (Friday, 28th July) at the Pavilion Theatre and runs until Saturday the 19th of August.

1880s, New York: the electric lightbulb is causing great excitement within the people of the city, but Doctor Givings has created his own electrical device that alleviates "female hysteria"... the Chattanooga Vibrator.

The doctor's wife, Catherine, becomes flustered seeing one woman after the other leaving her husband's office with a new lease on

life and a wish to make further appointments. Equally frustrated and curious, it's up to her to find out just what's happening in the next room.

Nominated for three Tony Awards for its debut production in 2009, *In The Next Room* has regularly attracted acclaim worldwide for Sarah Ruhl's script. The show is Castle Hill Players' fourth production of the year – a play

that veteran director Meredith Jacobs describes as an intuitive romcom. Equal parts funny and poignant, it's her guarantee that *In The Next Room* will make you both laugh and cry.

Pavilion Theatre veterans Kate Gandy and Paul Stzelma star as Catherine and Doctor Givings, both extremely excited to bring their characters and the love story to life. Other members of the talented cast include Kimberlea Smith, Christine Wilson and Julian Floriano.

With such remarkable actors and the Pavilion's experienced crew members, make sure to put a performance of *In The Next Room* in your calendar.

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Trooper Jason Brown

BY BEV JORDAN

The memory of Trooper Jason Brown, killed in Afghanistan, has been honoured with the dedication of the small museum area at Castle Hill RSL in his name.

His family were at the dedication on July 16th which would have been Jason's 42nd birthday.

His parents Graham and Ann Brown held a framed photograph of their eldest child and a display of his medals. Jason's younger sister Stephanie and her husband and their three children attended the dedication conducted by Padre Colin Aitkin along with family, friends, colleagues and civic leaders.

His father Graham, a Vietnam veteran, said: "It's an honour for the family to have this Memorabilia Room named after Jason. He gave his life in Afghanistan for the freedom of particularly women and children. We can only hope that in the future, women and girls will once again obtain freedom to attend school to obtain an education, to play sport and live a free life."

Jason, a former Oakhill College student was 29 when he was killed during special operations in Afghanistan serving with the Special Air Service Regiment in August 2010.

A career soldier, he joined the Army in June 2000 after leaving school. Following training his first posting was to the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (his father's old regiment)

In 2004 he joined the 4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (Commando). Three years later, after completing the 2007 selection course, he joined the SAS. He did three tours of East Timor between 2001 and 2006. He was deployed on his first tour of Afghanistan as part of Operation Slipper in June 2020.

On August 13, whilst on Patrol in northern Kandahar, his life was cut short during a bloody gunfire battle with insurgents.

An Army citation said he was "an outstanding career soldier who always gave that little bit extra to his job and for his mates. He was highly regarded for his professionalism and commitment."

President of the Castle Hill RSL sub-branch Cheryl Hill said the sub-Branch decided to upgrade the Memorabilia Room some years ago.

"When it came to naming the room it was suggested we approach Graham and Ann Brown and ask them if we could dedicate the Memorabilia Room to their son Jason.

"The Sub-Branch were honoured to dedicate our Memorabilia room to Jason who gave his life serving his Country. Our thanks go out to Mal Botfield and his team of volunteers who worked so hard to make the day happen."



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Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi, said Council is delighted to support the Planet Ark initiative, which sees around 30,000 Australians participating in one of the country's most significant tree-planting events.

"National Tree Day goes beyond simply assisting Council in revitalising the local environment. It involves gaining a greater appreciation for native vegetation and wildlife in our area and fostering stronger community bonds," Mayor Gangemi said.

"The event also promotes the significance of our natural areas and the need to conserve these special green spaces for future generations. I am particularly excited that 4,500 trees will be planted in the Gables, as Council and the community are always seeking to increase vegetation in our new release areas."

Once all the hard work is completed, attendees will be treated to a complimentary

barbecue lunch hosted by the Castle Hill Lions Club. Lions Club President Ritesh Duggal said the event, which they've been supporting for more than 20 years, is a chance for people to come along, grab a sausage sandwich and pitch in to conserve the local environment.

"It's exciting to see past National Tree Day planting areas grow and develop over time, serve as a home to native birds and animals and become a recreational spot for the community," Mr Duggal said. "Trees are a gift to both our planet and ourselves. They support life on Earth and provide us with the air we breathe. We are very excited to support Council's National Tree

Day event, and we look forward to seeing you all there on the day."

Those attending are advised to bring a hat, sunscreen, gloves and their green thumbs.

To register your attendance: <https://tinyurl.com/2jpkz2e8>. For more information, visit The Hills Shire Council's website, www.thehills.nsw.gov.au.



MACQUARIE TOWNS GARDEN CLUB

Up the Gardening Path

Macquarie Towns Garden Club is on a roll, thanks to the interest of local Facebook enthusiasts.



President Ann Chilman says that the Club is attracting new members every month. "People obviously like hearing from our range of expert speakers each month, with recent talks on bromeliads, rare plants, and a well-received one from well-known horticulturist Judy Horton." Last year speakers covered bonsai, invasive plants, iris, geraniums and orchids.

In March the Club held its Open Day for the first time in four years, with an array of propagated plants for sale, with two of our members, trained horticulturists, manning the 'ask the experts' table. "As a result, we inherited two new keen members," said Ann.

While many long-established clubs can claim around 90 years of activity, Macquarie Towns Garden Club's long history is a stand out. Amazingly, next year the Club will celebrate 130 years of operation – quite an achievement! The club began life as The Richmond Horticultural Society, which was formed in 1894. The name changed to The Hawkesbury Horticultural Society in 1984, and finally to the Macquarie Towns Garden Club in 1988.

The Club manages several garden trips a year. A visit to view the bluebells at Nooroo Mount Wilson is planned for Spring.

Macquarie Towns Garden Club meeting is fertile ground for picking up gardening ideas, buying new plants at bargain prices and growing new friendships with other gardening enthusiasts. Macquarie Towns Garden Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Tebbutt Room, Windsor Library. Find more information on their website: macquarietownsgardenclub.wordpress.com.

THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

A passion for fauna and flora photography



The Bromeliad Society of Australia meets again on Saturday, 12th August at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Showground Road, Castle Hill (off Doran Drive). Bromeliad sales to the public are from 10am with the meeting commencing at 12noon.

Guest speaker will be Glenn Smith, photographer. His presentation will cover the basics of Flora, Fauna and Fungi photography, and will include getting clean shots and the removal of distracting backgrounds taken with iPhones up to high-end digital cameras. Glenn is an amateur photographer who shoots mainly in the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan. His interest in photography began at the age of ten, 46 years ago. He became more passionate about his hobby 9 years ago and won the NSW Canon Light Awards Photography Competition in 2018. Glenn has run photography workshops at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens since 2016 and spends many Saturdays attending to his two major projects; photographing the 197 bird species that visit the Botanic Gardens and completing a photographic record of the 4,000 native living flora collection in the gardens at Mount Annan.

For further information regarding the Bromeliad Society of Australia please contact Ian Hook, President on mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com

Dynamic Duo bringing joy to kids

BY JOSH KERWICK

The powerful ignition of the Batmobile's engine in Bathurst will indicate the beginning of the Variety B to B Bash on Sunday the 6th of August. Beaumont Hills' Matthew Parsons and Blacktown's Dave Simmons will be behind the wheel as Batman and Robin, leading hundreds of cars from pole position on an 11-day journey across Australia to support children in need.

The pair will be bringing joy to kids across the nation in the Batmobile, a modified and well-maintained 1966 Dodge Phoenix sporting Batman logos, wings and even the Batphone. Matthew and Dave have been going on Variety Bashes for five and ten years respectively, their involvement beginning thanks to their jobs at Refuelling Solutions. Dave says: "A couple of different employees have gone through it. And they've passed the baton to us; it's now

Matthew and myself's turn to carry the lantern for a few more years."

This year's Variety B to B Bash covers 6,000km of road from Bathurst to the Batavia Coast, with 66 cars registered to make the nearly two-week journey. On the journey, Bashers deliver vital supplies to regional schools like books or equipment for special needs children. Additionally, they inject thousands of tourism dollars into regional towns who don't usually get so many visitors at once.



In their time doing Bashes, Matthew and Dave have raised an impressive \$350,000 for Variety. They both insist it's not an easy vacation, though. Matthew says: "People say 'Oh, what a nice holiday,' but I wouldn't call it that. You come back pretty exhausted, but you don't do it for the holiday. All the hard work, the days of driving in the dust is forgotten when you see those kids, and what a difference this makes in their life. It's really quite special."

To those children, it's not just Matthew and Dave behind the wheel of the car, but Batman and Robin to give them memories they're unlikely to forget. "The kids love the car because it's got the Batman symbol on it," says Matthew. "So whenever we stop at schools, they all jump in and we let them pretend they're driving it."

Last year, the Batmobile team earned the Spirit of Variety title – an award granted to the team that fellow Bashers believe are the most representative of Variety's mission statement, and earned them pole position at this year's kickoff. Dave comments: "It's unexpected - we just go about doing normal things every day, which means getting dressed up and going to school, interacting with kids." Matthew adds that they don't do it for the awards: "You just do it for the kids, but that's a bonus I guess!"

The kids aren't the only ones affected by the Bash, with the two having plenty of stories of moments that were impactful to them. Matthew recalls: "There was a young girl in a two-room school on the Queensland border with a Cochlear implant, and they introduced the girl and her mother, who explained that it would be great to have an amplifier that would help the implants in a classroom environment."

"One of the ladies on the Bash, whose car was sponsored by Cochlear, announced that they were donating to the school those amplifiers, one for each room. There were 400 people there, and not a dry eye in the place."

To donate to the Batmobile team, head to this link: <https://fundraise.varietynswact.org.au/fundraisers/batmobile>

To follow their adventures on the road, check their Facebook: www.facebook.com/batmanaustraliabash.

Fire Catastrophe

Unprecedented heatwave conditions in Europe and North America indicate that our next summer is going to be brutal.

Observing the fire disasters overseas should compel Hills residents to be on high alert. Now is the time to prepare for the extreme fire danger we will no doubt be experiencing this upcoming summer.

The last few years of La Nina rainfall has generated a huge fuel load in bush, scrubland and even grasslands. Now the pendulum is swinging back to a drier and hotter El Nino, the threat of bushfires is very real.

People living on what the RFS call the "Urban Interface" know that living amongst the gum trees has never been more dangerous!

One Australian company has boosted its fire pump production to make sure they have

sufficient product available to protect homeowners from the ravages of what may be Australia's worst and most savage bushfire season.

Aussie Pump introduced the Aussie Fire Chief almost 30 years ago. The pump was designed to be better than any other product on the market, with the company making a major effort to improve pump performance, features and value for money.

Aussie Pumps supports Hills homeowners to set up their bushfire protection systems, offering guidance in pump selection and operation. Aussie's website has some excellent and informative videos to help you prepare for bushfire season.

Further information and free copies of Aussie's "Bushfire Survival Guide" are available from your trusted Aussie Gold Distributor, or follow the QR code to download from our website aussiepumps.com.au.



out and about

with **MICHELLE BYRNE**

Meet the young people taking on the Hills Winter Sleep Out

Over the years, the Sleep Out has been attended by hundreds of Hills residents, all have contributed to raising awareness of homelessness as well as raising funds for local charities. This year the number of young people involved has significantly increased, many who weren't even born when the Sleep Out began in 2014, yet all of them are wanting to help others.

Brady Prudames' (11 years) passion for helping the homeless began in 2020 when he saw a rough sleeper in Parramatta. Brady was determined to help the rough sleeper and along with mum Shontelle and sister Darby (14 years) assisted by giving food and money. Wanting to help even more people, Brady signed up for his first Winter Sleep Out in 2021 and has signed up every year since.

Florence Langton (8 years) comes from a very community minded family. Her mum, Linda and Dad, Kevin are foster parents and have cared for numerous children. Kevin has previously in the past participated in the Sleep Out, however this year it was Florence who was eager to join and convinced her family to take on the challenge together. Florence who loves

acting and gymnastics says she "feels bad for homeless" and wants to help them.

Sebastian Quinn (8 years) believes "no one should be left without a warm place to sleep at night". He believes this so much that he has convinced his mum, Belinda, to participate with him in this year's event. Sebastian will also be joined by his Nanna, Terese Wilson who is part of Kenthurst Rotary and has been instrumental in leading the charge to establish transitional housing for older women in Kenthurst.

Sisters, Emily (16 years) and Amelia Sachdeva (11 years) also convinced mum, Stephanie and Dad, Sanj to register as family in this year's sleep out. Emily who loves drawing and basketball says she is "doing the sleep out to help raise awareness and money for the less fortunate that are living on streets because nobody should go without food and shelter". Younger sister Amelia who also loves painting and swimming wanted to do the sleepout "because many homeless people have to sleep outside every day in winter when its super cold. I want to help raise money and awareness; everybody should be treated equally".

Brothers Ahnaaf (13 years) and Abdullah Ahsan (8 years) are also excited to be participating in this year's sleep out. Ahnaaf loves cricket and soccer and is passionate about helping those in need. Abdullah loves swimming and art and like big brother Ahnaaf can't wait to help others. Thanks to the boys' enthusiasm, dad Ifham's business Revo Realty has signed up as a major sponsor of this year's event.

Twin 8 year-old sisters Maddie and Alexis Fuentes have been asking for years to attend the Hills Winter Sleep Out. Alexis believes that

"it is sad that people are homeless" and "that they need our help so they can have a better life". Maddie wants to be part of the Sleep Out because not "everyone is lucky to have a roof over their heads" and "we need to help everyone we can".

With incredible young people like these the future is bright for our community. For more information on this year's Hills Winter Sleep Out which will be held on August 5 or to make a donation go to <https://the-10th-hills-winter-sleepout-2023.raisely.com>





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A Well-travelled Local Girl

BY GISELA HORNER

Narelle Pareezer is a woman who is enthusiastic about life. However, it hasn't always been easy as she lost her mother when she was only nine.

Her parents Noela and Ernest (known as Ernie) met in 1944 at a dance in Sydney. Narelle says "The small joy of dancing at the Trocadero began their romance". Her father served in the War from 1942 to 1946 and for two years her parents continued their courtship through correspondence. In 1946, on his return from service, they married. During their honeymoon they received word that Ernie's father was ill and he passed away a few months after their arrival in Kalgoorlie Western Australia. They stayed on to help Ernie's mother and Narelle was born the following year.

Late in 1948, the family moved to Mole River west of Tenterfield where her father grew tobacco. Tragically in 1956, Narelle's mother died aged 28, after only ten years of marriage. Narelle and her younger sister Sherrol went to live with their maternal grandparents and were educated at St. Patrick's School Bondi.

In 1963, Narelle's father insisted the girls return to live with him in the country 40 miles west of Tenterfield. Life was very difficult - losing their much-loved mother so early, leaving their grandparents, school and friends behind, living in an isolated area, and having to make big adjustments to their new life. Their father now had a secure job with the Water Conservation & Irrigation Commission and in late 1966 transferred to Inverell working on the proposed Copeton Dam, which still stands to this day. Narelle completed her secondary education by correspondence at Blackfriars Correspondence School which included subjects such as bookkeeping, shorthand and typing and domestic home science subjects 'to prepare her for future life as a good wife!'

Narelle's main role was to look after her controlling father, doing a few accounting jobs when she could fit them in. Despite her positive personality, she felt subjugated and trapped. However, her father did introduce her to one interest: 303 target rifle shooting which became a passion. Narelle became a champion at the sport and for three years she represented NSW in the State Women's Team.

Then her 'sliding door moment' came about. Narelle was at the local pub. There was much merriment at a 21st party for a certain young man. She was invited to join the happy gathering and that is when she met Barry. They were both instantly taken with each other. But Narelle had other plans. She wanted to get away and see the world on a working holiday to Canada but life took a different course. Barry and Narelle were engaged and married in 1968. They have recently celebrated 55 wonderful years together. They have two daughters and two grandchildren who give them much pleasure. They are inveterate travellers and have taken so many trips in Australia and throughout the world, Narelle has lost count! Now in later life, Narelle finds herself achieving her youthful dream of travelling! Soon they fly to England and continue with a cruise across the top of the world, down to Canada, America, Easter Island and home across the Pacific, stopping at various islands on the way. Narelle says she has been lucky in love with Barry and having their beautiful family.

Narelle is a dedicated volunteer and in 2007 became an inaugural member of Bella Vista Farm. She has volunteered in a number of other community organisations. However, Bella Vista Farm proved just right for her. "I went to the opening in the early 2000's and I knew it was what I had been looking for. It felt right; I felt I belonged and it was also close to my home. The old homestead was derelict but I knew it was a rough diamond and would become the

beautiful place it is today. I wanted to do my bit as a volunteer to help achieve that".

Bella Vista Farm is open 1st Sunday of the month (excluding January) 9am-2pm.

Check the Council website: www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Venues/Parks-Recreation.



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AT A GLANCE

NAME: MANNY
 SEX: Male
 BREED: Cattle dog
 cross
 AGE: 3 years
 PRICE: \$49

MANNY is a beautiful boy according to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter. Staff say Manny will be best suited to a family who will have the time to take him on a daily walk and teach him some basic manners. As one of the featured dogs Manny's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. As Manny is already desexed he can leave the shelter with you. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping and life-time council registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.



AT A GLANCE

NAME: CATTAI
 BREED: Domestic
 short hair
 SEX: Female
 AGE: 1 year
 PRICE: \$29

CATTAI is a sweet girl according to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter and has been good with the other cats at the shelter. The one-year-old has a quiet, friendly personality. If you are interested in adopting Cattai please come to the shelter to meet her during opening hours. As cat of the week Cattai's adoption price has been reduced to \$29. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life-time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

Alive Again

BY LEONIE DIXON

We're back, after the Hills Council has completed renovations to the kitchen and enlarged the toilet for wheelchair access.

It meant only the studios were available for many weeks but that didn't deter us from staying on air. It did mean interruption to many events such as meetings and events but we've come out the other side stronger and better. A number of Board members resigned in the process so it became imperative to hold a special general meeting to fill the casual vacancies. It resulted in Roy Padlan being elected as Chairman with Graham McFarland Deputy Chair. Many new presenters have joined the station resulting in plenty of diversity to reflect the population of our community. We now have shows in Italian, Hindi, Malaysian, Mandarin, Croatian and South African, just to mention a few. There will be more information in the coming issues.

Two of our current studios have new equipment and upgrades in technology which have made them very user friendly for presenters and the lighting can even be adjusted to reflect the mood. Along with those studio improvements, approval has finally been given to start on the construction of a third podcasting studio. People who were students here at the Masonic schools and shared the bathroom facilities in the dormitory (which is now the station's office) would find the area completely transformed. The demolition is going on at the moment but we are looking forward to making the facility available for local podcasters and bands with plenty of high tech microphones and cameras for use.

As the end of the financial year is our renewal date for memberships we are offering a special invitation to those of you who would like to support your local station to keep alive the dreams of young Australian talent who are seeking exposure for their musical abilities and for those folks who are keen to get experience in the media. Currently we have the greatest number of volunteers at the station in years. If you would like to become a member all you need do is visit our website at www.alive905.com.au and in the dropdown menu under Membership go to become a member and enter your details. Membership is really more attractive than belonging to a club as a \$36 membership entitles you to Website access, bi-monthly newsletter, 50% off events 50% off workshops, voting rights, volunteer committees as well as a welcome pack. Added to all that we have embarked on special station merchandise which means a free annual gift such as a t shirt, cap, pen, mouse pad, or beanie. Take the plunge and come and join us for a wonderful community experience.

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The Hills Shire Council News

The Hills' Five-Year Waste Strategy

The Hills Shire Council approved a new waste management strategy to outline the direction it will take to manage waste and drive resource recovery in The Hills Shire from 2027.

The strategy, known as the Resource Recovery Delivery Program (RRDP), ensures the efficient collection of bins with efforts to reduce waste sent to landfill.

Additionally, the strategy includes a feasibility study for a permanent drop-off facility for problematic waste and a roadmap for transitioning to the NSW Government's mandated Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) program, which will begin in The Hills sometime between 2027 and 2030.

As part of this program, all residents who don't have a green-lidded bin will receive one. This bin will be used for food scraps and garden waste, which will be processed into valuable compost. This will be collected weekly alongside the red-lidded bin, which will be used for general household waste that cannot be composted or recycled. The yellow-lidded bin will still be collected fortnightly and will remain the designated recycling bin.



Council will keep residents informed about the transition to FOGO as the date approaches.

For further information, visit Council's website, www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search 'Resource Recovery Delivery Program'.

Annual Community Grants Program Now Open

Not-For-Profit local community groups are being encouraged to apply for grant funding for community services for an amount between \$2,501 and \$25,000.

Community services grants cover four main priority areas:

- Events, concerts, theatre, and arts programs designed to engage and entertain the broader community
- Domestic violence prevention and recovery
- Mental health and suicide prevention
- Disability, youth, seniors, and cultural projects that support opportunities for community participation.

For more information and to apply for a grant, visit our website and search 'Grants'.



Library & Storytime for the Neurodivergent



Neurodivergent children between 0-5 years of age and their families are invited to sensory, sensitive storytime at Castle Hill Library every Tuesday from 9am – 10:15am. Storytime will include stories, songs and a variety of sensory experiences.

Similarly, at Baulkham Hills Library members with hyper-sensitive/neurodivergent needs can attend an exclusive light and noise friendly library time, every Wednesday from 9:30am – 10am.

Visit Council's website and search 'Sensitive Storytime' or 'Sensitive Library' to find out more.

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Watch the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ at Rouse Hill Town Centre

Head to Rouse Hill Town Centre's Market Square and immerse yourself in the Football Fan Zone, where the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ has been streaming live on a giant screen since kick-off on 20 July 2023.

The next CommBank Matildas game is on Monday evening, 31 July with dining offers and pop-ups for food and refreshments. A majority of the other games will also be streamed live.

This month-long festival of football was made possible through The Hills Shire Council's partnership with Rouse Hill Town Centre and Hills Football. Search 'FIFA' on our website to see the full extent of details and schedule of games.

Enjoy a picnic with a view

Wisemans Ferry residents and visitors can now experience a picturesque picnic at Hawkins Lookout, following the construction of a new picnic shelter.

This shelter, which includes two tables with seating, was delivered in partnership with the Australian Government and The Hills Shire Council.

The Australian Government fully funded the project at a value of \$29,442 through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia.

Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser MP said the shelter was the perfect addition to the breathtaking lookout over the Hawkesbury River, which attracts people from all over the world.

In addition to the shelter at Hawkins Lookout, the Australian Government also provided \$20,000 in LRCI funding to construct the picnic shelter at the popular Oxlade Reserve in North Kellyville.



Mayor Gangemi and Julian Leeser MP at the new Hawkins Lookout Picnic Shelter.

Council Meetings

Tuesday, 8 August, 2023 – 7pm

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



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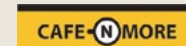
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Sophia's also hosts regular Special Events from Burlesque, Cocktail nights and the ever-popular Whiskey nights. The next being Japanese Whiskey on Wednesday August 23rd, and a Moulin Rouge inspired Burlesque Night on Wednesday September 6th.

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Vietnam Veterans

Vietnam veterans are invited to contact their local sub-branches and join in events to mark the end of war in Vietnam 50 years ago.

More than 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam, over 3,000 wounded and 523 gave their lives in the longest conflict Australians were involved in during the 20th Century.

Castle Hill RSL sub-branch have organised a special lunch on Sunday, August 13th which will feature a talk by sub-branch member and former President Colonel Don Tait OAM retired. Colonel Tait who served with the 12th Field Regiment Royal Australian Artillery lost his best mate in Vietnam a week before they were due to return home.

Any veteran wanting to know more about the lunch can email castle-hillSB@rslnsw.org.au. Seven Hills Toongabbie Wentworthville RSL Sub-Branch is holding a commemoration service and wreath laying on Tuesday, 15th of August starting at 11am.

Sub-branch President Ross Coughran, a Vietnam Veteran, has extended an invitation to all veterans to attend the Veteran's Day Commemoration Service at the Seven Hills RSL.

The service will include the laying of Wreaths as a sign of respect. Anyone wishing to lay a Wreath at the base of the cenotaph should contact Graham Larkham at Seven Hills Toongabbie Wentworthville RSL Sub-Branch



Colonel Don Tait (retired)



Windsor War Memorial

on his email: graham28@aussiebb.com.au or mobile: 0418 247 831. There will be lunch after the service.

Windsor RSL sub-branch will be holding a special commemoration service at Windsor War Memorial at 11am on Friday, August 18th.

Anyone who wants to lay a wreath is invited to contact sub-branch secretary Leon Walker by emailing windsorsb@rslnsw.org.au.

There will be a national commemoration service on Vietnam Veterans Day in Canberra

on Friday, August 18th. Australia's withdrawal of troops from South Vietnam began in 1971 and marked the end of its military involvement in the Vietnam War which had started in July 1962. The withdrawal process was largely completed by early 1973, with all Australian troops returning home by 30 June.

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The Voice: YES or NO?

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told attendees it's now in their hands "to create a national story we can all be proud of."

The Liberal Party's Alex Hawke, federal member for Mitchell, was next, expressing his serious qualms about the implementation of the Voice: "One of my key concerns about this proposed amendment is that, by definition, it puts a race-based right into the constitution." Though stressing that he supports constitutional recognition of Indigenous people, Mr Hawke said the Voice is too risky a proposition for a permanent change to Australia's founding documents.

Mr Hawke said he did not believe the Voice will meaningfully address the issues of Indigenous people: "Is the Voice going to be able to overturn bureaucracy in Australia on a local, state and federal level? My answer is absolutely not." Mr Hawke ended by saying: "I still believe ultimately that everybody's children, regardless of their race or whatever country they have come from, should be treated exactly the same in our constitution with exactly the same rights."

Dr Shireen Morris, a senior lecturer of constitutional law at Macquarie University, spoke with passion in her argument for the Yes campaign about its benefits. Dr Morris began by stressing the unequal relationship between Aboriginal Australians and the country's constitution: "Indigenous people for decades have called for substantive, powerful reform, something to move from this top-down power dynamic to a fairer, partnership approach."

Dr Morris also reflected on the Uluru Statement: "What blows me away is the generosity of the Statement, given the history I've talked about. Indigenous people are coming to us, hands outstretched, saying 'All we ask for is an advisory Voice when Parliament and government make laws and policies about us.'" She ended her talk asking those in attendance to vote Yes in the referendum: "We know this great democracy was built off the back of Indigenous losses, discrimination and history. This is a chance to make some of that right, and I think it could be the game changer in this country that will help us towards closing the gap."

Castle Hill MP Mark Hodges speaking on the No campaign said: "The risks as I see it consist of how the Voice will be implemented in society, the lack of detail, the divisive nature of it, and the fact that it will be permanent." Mr Hodges was quick to acknowledge the suffering of Aboriginal Australians in the past, but pondered if the Voice would meaningfully benefit them.

Mr Hodges also stated his worries of the Voice's effects on Parliament's process, raising concerns that it would grind the democratic process to a halt. He concluded: "I have no difficulty in the recognition of Indigenous people; it's the second half that is of considerable concern. I do believe that it will create two different parts of our society."

Sean Gordon AM was next, the **Managing Director of the 100% Indigenous-owned business Gidgee Group**. His speech for the Yes vote was highly emotive and spoke to the generational trauma facing Aboriginal Australians; Mr Gordon shared the story of his life about being born on a mission-turned-foster home with 42 other kids who have not been as successful as him. Mr Gordon said: "To simply say Australia is the land of great opportunity and to assume we're all from the same starting place isn't enough."

Mr Gordon also spoke to how Indigenous Australians continue to be affected by the country's colonial history, saying that "we have to

understand the impediments of current laws and how that makes it difficult for Indigenous people." He ended with a powerful plea to the audience to help recognise the long-standing Indigenous culture in the Constitution: "Standing in front of you, I feel like a beggar, crying out to 97% of this country. What does a failed referendum look like for Indigenous people? Because our misery will continue. But what does a failed referendum look like for us as a country? That is the question we have to ask ourselves."

Warren Mundine AO was the last speaker of the debate, **former Labor president and current Liberal Party member** who is at the forefront of the No campaign. Mr Mundine brought a different perspective from Sean Gordon, acknowledging the suffering that his own family had experienced in the segregated society he was born into. However, he also argued that Indigenous Australians had been given rights far earlier than the Yes Campaign seemed to think, saying that grandparents on both sides of his family had participated in elections as early as 1930: "The idea that nothing has changed is false, there are a lot of things that were done."

Mr Mundine said that he judges Australia "very well" on its multicultural efforts, stating that "we have been the most successful country in the world in terms of bringing people together." He shared worries that the Voice would not reflect all Aboriginal communities, particularly ones in regional areas: "What we should be focusing on is those communities that are struggling, and we've got to spread the effort: not just treating Aboriginals as one homogenous group. Once we start focusing back on those areas, that's when we'll make change."

To view the debate in its entirety, including a Q&A section from community members, head to India Club's Facebook page via this link: fb.watch/m0m7lAcDnB/. Read the AEC's official pamphlets on the Yes and No campaigns: www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm

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Works on Greens Road completed

Hawkesbury City Council has officially reopened Greens Road at Lower Portland at a community thank you celebration on Sunday, 23 July 2023.

Damage was caused to 715 metres of the road by the floods of 2021 and 2022, significantly impacting its structural integrity and placing it at real risk of collapse in two locations. The \$15 million repair program was carried out over 12 months and included stabilising and restoring the embankment under the road (up to eight metres deep in some places), reinforcing the

adjoining rock face, implementing drainage and replacing the road surface.

Hawkesbury City Mayor Sarah McMahon said the works had delivered Lower Portland residents a road that would be far more resilient to future flooding. "The works required Council and contractors to overcome a number of significant engineering challenges, and there was an incredible amount of work that went on behind the scenes to ensure we delivered a long-lasting and resilient solution for the community," Mayor McMahon said.

"Locals were incredibly patient through what was a very challenging period of flooding and recovery, and Council thanks residents for their patience while design and rectification works were completed."

The Greens Road reconstruction works were funded through Federal and State Government infrastructure recovery programs. Visit our Renewing Hawkesbury's Roads information hub on Council's website for daily updated information on our entire road repairs program.



New Home Found

The much-loved Hawkesbury Remakery has found a new home after being forced to move out of Loder House in the heart of Windsor.

The Not for Profit organisation which has been operating as a creative reuse centre will be moving to 160 George St opposite the Fitzroy Hotel.

The 1930s bank building was well-known as the former George's Cafe.

The Remakery was set up to support creativity, sustainability and wellbeing five years ago at the privately owned Loder House in Windsor Mall by founders Liz Germani and Sharon Grech.

Their dream was to combine a sustainable business with a creative hub.

It had been running a repair cafe, a recycling program and reuse program at Loder house and several workshops.

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More needs to be done to help thousands of Berowra mortgage holders navigate rising interest rates

Owning your own home is a core part of the Australian dream. We've long been told that if you work hard and play by the rules, you'll get ahead. Unfortunately, interest rates, inflation, and the rising cost of living are increasingly tightening the financial vice around so many Australian families.

I am deeply concerned about the impact of rising interest rates on hardworking Australians. Between 2011 and April 2022, interest rates did not rise once. In the last 15 months, Australians have faced 12 interest rate rises, with interest rates increasing from 0.1% to 4.1%. Those interest rate rises, as well as inflation and the rising cost of living generally, mean that a typical Australian family with a mortgage is now \$25,000 worse off than they were this time last year.

This is directly affecting the tens of thousands of people across the Berowra electorate who own their home with a mortgage. At the last

census in 2021, the median mortgage repayment in Berowra was almost \$700 per month higher than the state-wide median. At the time, almost 20% of Berowra residents were paying more than 30% of their household income on mortgage repayments. That number is even larger today, as interest rates continue to rise and wages remain stagnant.

This doesn't just impact younger Australians attempting to break into the property market, or families who are struggling to meet their mortgage obligations at the same time as raising children. Increasingly I am hearing from parents and grandparents who are fortunate enough to own their home outright, but are deeply concerned about the financial vice that their children and grandchildren have been placed in.

I will continue to advocate for the State and Federal Governments to do more to support our local community during this exceptionally difficult economic period.

Castle Hill Official Office Opening

This week the Castle Hill Electorate Office was officially opened. The leader of the opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Mark Speakman SC, MP attended the event and gave a speech and declared the electorate office officially opened.

Alex Hawke MP, Federal Member for Mitchell, and Dr Peter Gangemi, Hills Shire Mayor also each gave an address to the guests and spoke about our great electorate. It was wonderful to be able to share this exciting event with some of the Castle Hill constituents as well as political leaders from all levels of government.

Along with opening the office, I gave Mark Speakman a tour of some of our electorate, starting with a visit and a meet and greet at the Hills Men's Shed, who hosted a lovely morning tea. We were able to speak with the Shedders and see the amazing work of this community group in our electorate.

The final stop for the day was a meet and greet event hosted by the Sydney Hills Business Chamber. It was good to meet with these people from a wide and diverse range of businesses, to form connections, and offer an ear to small and local businesses.

Thank you very much to Leader Mark Speakman SC, MP for officially opening the electorate office of Castle Hill. It was a privilege to be able to show off parts of our electorate and showcase what the Hills area has to offer.



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Big Vegemite Jar on Factory roof
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Often, when talking to fellow Aussies regarding the subject of times past, discussion may lead to familiar and famous products from childhood. Within this magazine I have written on subjects such as the Hills Hoist, Globite school bags. Holden cars, Victa mowers and Arnott's Biscuits as well as other products.

Recently "Vegemite" was the subject of discussion in our home. Whilst Vegemite was first introduced to the market in 1923 its origin was on the mind of Fred Walker who was a cheesemaker in Victoria as early as 1919. The British product of Marmite had been introduced to Australia some years earlier, however supply had been disrupted following the First World War. Fred Walker sought to make use of waste yeast from breweries such as Carlton & United. Fred engaged chemist Cyril Callister to develop a paste using the yeast together with salt, celery and onion. The result was Vegemite. The name was drawn out of hat by Fred Walker's daughter, Sheila, and registered as a trademark. The product was not a good seller.



Cyril Callister
Courtesy of Google

In 1925 the Fred Walker Cheese Co entered into a joint venture with the US based J L Kraft & Bros & Co to market processed cheese. In the same year the now Kraft Walker Cheese Co. changed the name of Vegemite to Parwill hoping that the advertising tag used in marketing of "Ma mite but Pa Will" would strike a chord with the buying public. The change in name and advertising campaign did not work. In 1935 the product reverted to its former name

of Vegemite and to promote the product a two year campaign was launched in 1939 in which Vegemite was given away free with Kraft Walker cheese products (with a coupon redemption) and this was followed by poetry competitions with imported American Pontiac cars being offered as prizes. This campaign was a great success. World War II also assisted in increasing market share as Marmite exports to Australia were curtailed and the product became impossible to buy. Vegemite itself was rationed within Australia but it was included in the Army rations for Australian troops. By the 1950s Vegemite could be found in 90% of Australian homes.

Vegemite is produced in Australia at their Port Melbourne manufacturing facility, which produces more than 22 million jars annually. Virtually unchanged from Callister's original recipe, Vegemite now far outsells Marmite and other similar spreads in Australia. The billionth jar of Vegemite was produced in October 2008.

Vegemite was also produced in New Zealand for over 50 years, but as of August 2006 New Zealand production had ceased. (The New Zealand-specific version of Marmite remains successful there.)

Vegemite's rise to popularity was helped by the marketing campaigns written by J Walter Thompson Advertising which began in 1954, using groups of smiling, healthy children singing a catchy jingle titled "We're happy little Vegemites".

First aired on radio in 1954, the jingle was transferred to television in 1956. This advertising campaign continued until the late 1960s. Recently, auditions were announced for a remake of the TV advertisement featuring the original jingle.

Vegemite was officially endorsed by the British Medical Association as a rich source of B vitamins.

In April 1984, a 115-gram (4.1 oz) jar of Vegemite became the first product in Australia to be electronically scanned at a checkout.

The brand name of "Vegemite" was sold in a deal worth US\$460,000,000 in which the renamed Mondelez International (formerly Kraft Foods) sold most of their Grocery and Cheese business in Australia to Bega Foods in January 2017. Mondelez International still operates in Australia and is the major chocolate and confectionary manufacturer owning the Cadbury and Tobler brands as well as others in Australia and New Zealand.

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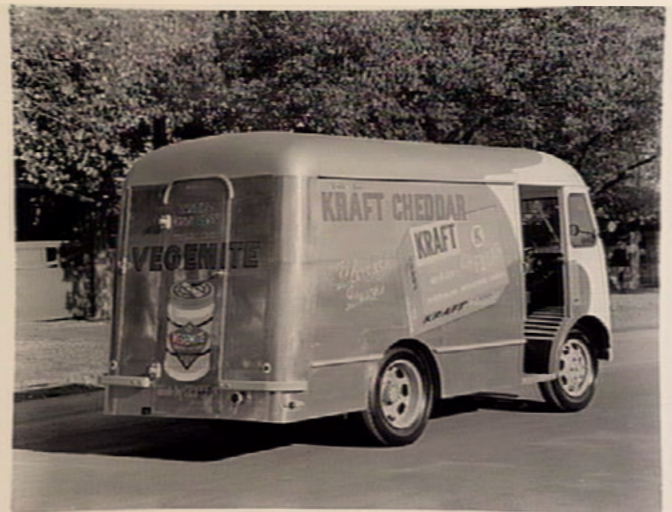
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Champ Colosimo targets grassroots boxing

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

Ricky Colosimo, whose rising professional boxing career has been stalled by injuries and health issues, is now using his sport to turn around the lives of troubled youth in The Hills and across Australia. He has a dual objective: to give these boys and girls an avenue to use their emotions positively while showing them the sky's the limit when it comes to boxing.

The finely-chiselled Colosimo, who was a formidable force in the ring, is partnering with PCYC Australia to build up amateur boxing and improve the lives of youth at risk. At the same time, Colosimo has not given up on his dream to be the number one welterweight boxer in Australia.

The program, aimed at 14-23 year-olds, got underway in June with the Adidas PCYC Combat Championships, organised by his Wanderers Promotions firm. More than 60 youngsters from around Australia competed at the successful championships held in Seven Hills.

"At the moment, I am 100% focused on building up Wanderers Promotions and grassroots boxing," Colosimo said. "But I will never rule out fighting again as I still feel I have plenty to give to the sport."

"Yes, I feel like I never reached my potential and many believed I would go on to be one of the best boxers this country has produced. My goal is to encourage young individuals to pursue their talent as you never know where it could lead."

The 37-year-old undefeated welterweight was on the cusp of challenging for the world titles. But after injuries and health issues derailed his short but successful professional career, he is channeling his vast experience into good causes.

Supremely confident and focussed, Colosimo says he understands what it takes to reach the top of what is a very physical sport.

A former Australian amateur welterweight champion, Colosimo comes from a well-known business family in The Hills. Through his Wanderers Promotions, he is keen to make a mark on youngsters who have fire in their bellies and a will to excel in boxing.

"Boxing requires a massive amount of discipline and strict training," he said. "A lot of the principles the young fighters learn in boxing are transferable to everyday life, including consistency, being adaptable to change, giving a lot of effort, and most importantly to keep showing up."

Grassroots boxing needs more exposure and more events; we are at a disadvantage

to sports like football and soccer which have a consistent season.

"My goal is to really build the sport and show the transformation power it gives individuals. The goal is to give young individuals a platform to reach their potential and change negative perceptions about the sport among the public."

Colosimo loves the lessons boxing can teach you in the tough world outside: Injuries and health issues can be turned into something positive, and the mental and physical endurance you learn can help you in real life.



RICKY COLOSIMO is keen to help youth turn around their lives

Hills Hornets Touched By Coveted NSW Award

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

The Hills Hornets Touch Football Association are being feted as the NSW Community Club of the Year for their amazing work.

The Castle Hill club, founded in 1986, were among 12 organisations recognised for their outstanding achievements and contributions to community sport at the 2023 Sports Foyer NSW Community Sports Awards.

The Hornets TFA were crowned back-to-back Club Champions for the Southern Junior Conference. Their impressive U-10 girls, U-14 girls, and U-16 girls representative teams emerged champions while the U-18 boys' side were runners-up.

NSW Sports Minister Stephen Kamper presented the awards at the recent event presented by Sport NSW.

According to Sport NSW chairman, Chris Hall, the Hills Hornets TFA were deserving winners.

"We congratulate Hills Hornets on winning this prestigious award," Hall said. "Their untiring contribution showcases why community sport volunteers are the beating heart of community sport in NSW. Sport in NSW would not exist without magnificent volunteers such as those with Hills Hornets. They have selflessly dedicated countless hours ensuring men

and women, boys and girls of all ages can enjoy the health, social and community benefits that sport provides.

"The role and importance of community sport extends beyond the field of play. Sport has the unique ability to happily bind people together regardless of their different cultures and backgrounds."

Hills Hornets president Brad Mitchell said the award recognised those who contribute to the success of the club.

"From the dedicated committee members working tirelessly behind the scenes, to our devoted coaches who focus on developing young athletes, our team managers who ensure things run smoothly – they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the community, and make us who we are," Mitchell said. "The Sports NSW Awards is a fantastic event. I offer my congratulations to all the nominees and award winners across all the various categories."

Off the field, the Hornets created more opportunities for volunteers and introduced



Hills Hornets president Brad Mitchell and secretary Katrina McIlwraith at the presentation.

director level roles that oversee and manage specified portfolios.

During the 2022 National Reconciliation Week, the club created a new indigenous logo, and even changed their name to Bidjigal Hornet Touch to recognise the traditional owners of the land.

The non-profit Hills Hornets TFA, which is run entirely by volunteers, offers pathways to Sydney, NSW, and Australian representative teams. They take part in community events including the Cancer Council Relay For Life and Clean Up Australia Day.

The awards evening also presented 23 Distinguished Long Service Awards to long-serving volunteers across a broad range of sports.

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Arcadian Quilters

Meet in Galston Community Health Centre 1st and 3rd Wed mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mon. New members welcome
Carole | 9894 7749

Baulkham Hills Probud

Meets 1st Thurs of the month 1.30pm Muirfield Golf Club. Visitors welcome. Activities each Thurs.
Betina | 0419 595 007
probud56830@gmail.com

Bonsai Society of Australia

Club meetings 1st Tues of the month 7.30pm; West Pennant Hills Community Centre, 42 Hill rd West Pennant Hills.
Ingrid | 0409 963 438

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

Castle Hill Senior Citizens Club Inc.

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9680 3958 | castlehillseniors@gmail.com

Combined Probud Club of Cherrybrook

We are a mixed gender club of over 170 retirees and semi retirees. Meetings on 1st Thurs of each month at the Cherrybrook Community & Cultural Centre.
Ross | 0411 104 863
rossfitzpatrick@icloud.com
www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/cherrybrook/Welcome

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Colin Wright | 0479 137 131 | cphills.org.au

Cumberland Bird Observers Club

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

CWA of NSW - Galston Branch

Meets 2nd Wed each month at the Galston Community Health Centre, cnr The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. 10am followed by business meeting and BYO lunch. Craft day 4th Wed each month. Visitors welcome.
Jann | 0439 222 217 or Patricia | 0412 948 787

CWA of NSW - Castle Hill Branch

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

CWA of NSW - Toongabbie Branch.

Monthly meetings held 1st Tues of the month at Toongabbie Girl Guide Hall in Junia Avenue Toongabbie from 10am. We also hold craft mornings for members on 1st and 3rd Tues of the month from 10-12.
ToongabbieCWA@gmail.com

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Grp

We meet on the 3rd Mon of every month 7:00pm for 7:15pm at the Blue Gum Centre, Glenhaven Green, 607 Old Northern Road, Glenhaven
Graham | 8677 7896 or 042421062

Dural Country Club Bowls

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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 Grp

3rd Tues 10-2 & 4th Tues 6-10 of the month at Windsor Library. Bring your own project or join the workshop - Start with a Stitch. Beginners upwards \$10. Bookings essential.
Catherine Delaney | 0413 340 049
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Friends of Hills Library

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at Castle Hill Library. New members welcome.
Lesley Nelson, President - 0478 000 925

Galston View Club

The Club who raises money for The Smith Family "Learning for Life program" holds its monthly lunch meeting on the 4th Wednesday at The Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd Galston. 11am. President Lesley | 0413 996 783

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Margo | 0417 657 433.

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secretary.glenhaven.probud@gmail.com

Glenwood Men's Shed

Jim | 0438 701 275

Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail

02 4567 7400 | www.haat.com.au
Leanne@mellowcrest.com

Hawkesbury Camera Club

Club meets at 7.30pm on the first 3 Wed of the mo at the Richmond Club, Francis Street, Richmond. Facebook Hawkesbury Camera Club.
www.hawkesburycameraclub.com.au

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Assn

4577 3591 (BH)
www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

Hawkesbury Nepean Chapter of the 1st Fleeters

Meets on 2nd Saturday of each month.
Pamela Hempel | 0407 660 579
www.fffhnc.com

Hawkesbury West Probud Club

Meets at 10:15am on the first Monday of each month at Panthers North Richmond. Membership Officer Fay | 0414 341 253
hawkeswest.probud@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 2nd Tues, 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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Margaret | 0403 819 165

Ladies Probud Club of Baulkham Hills

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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.
Pam | 047 420 4080 or Margaret | 9872 1405

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Pennant Hills Mens Probud Club

John | 9487 1385

Pennant Hills Combined Probud Club

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Lorene | 0429 396594

Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Meets for lunch on 2nd Tuesday of each month - Oatlands Golf Club at 11am. A short meeting, a two course lunch & an interesting guest speaker. Visitors & new members welcome. On the 4th Tues of the month a social outing is organised.
Margaret | 9873 2402

Pitt Town Probud Club

Meets at 10:00am on the 2nd Tues of the month at the Pitt Town and District Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Rd Pitt Town. New members welcome.
Denise Fairfax | 0435 447 414

Probud Club of Round Corner (Dural)

Julie; PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

Probud 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

Probud Club - Glenorie

This Club meets every 4th Wed at 11.00am at Glenorie RSL Club. New members are welcome.
Wendy | 9653 1022
wendyreneblack@yahoo.com.au

Probud Club - Kellyville Castle Hill Mixed

Meets at 10am on 2nd Thurs of each month at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, 11 Renown Road, Baulkham Hills 2153. New members welcome.
Ian Sandercock | 0419 567 608
patiansandercock@bigpond.com

Probud Combined Castle Hill Club

General Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am at Cherrybrook Community Centre.
Helen | 0403 751 934
enquiries@probudcastlehill.org.au

Probud Combined Kellyville Club

Meet 2nd Mon 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

Probud Club of Winston Hills - Northmead Combined

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0419 431 084.

Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club

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Ted | 0429 790 091
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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 Probud 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

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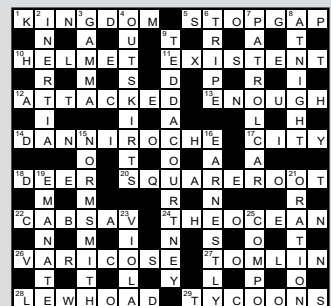
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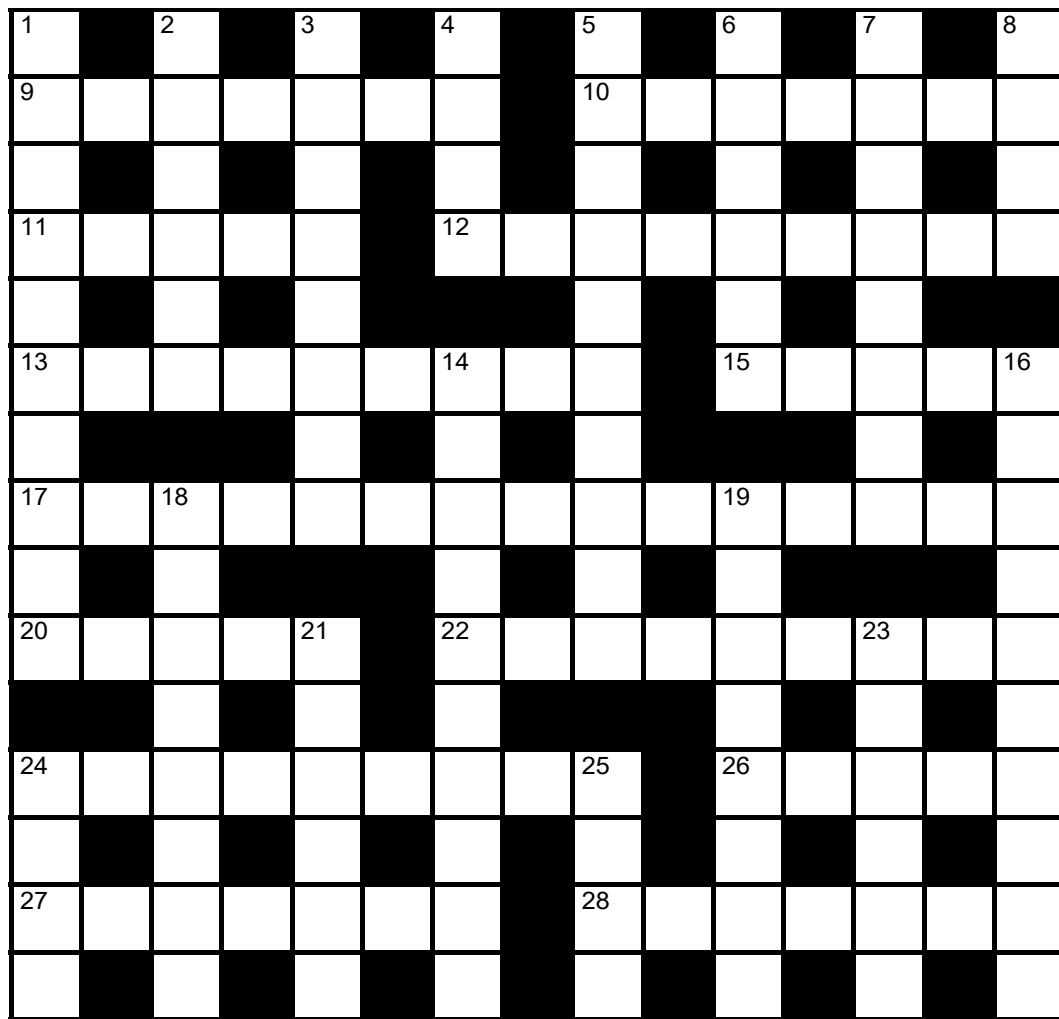
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5	3	6	9	1	4	7	8	2
9	2	4	8	7	3	6	1	5
1	8	7	6	2	5	4	9	3



Across

9. Fleet commander
10. New Mexican ufology centre
11. Author Asimov
12. Gold, silver and bronze Olympic swimming medal-winner (3, 6)
13. Train isn't running badly, coming or going (2, 7)
15. Negotiations
17. Body snatchers (12, 3)
20. Arduous journeys
22. Debugger?
24. Won over
26. Seedless orange
27. American reindeer
28. Crash the party (5, 2)

Down

1. The kiore, an unwelcome visitor (7, 3)
2. Transmit
3. Living-room item
4. Cheese chunk
5. Crazily, eats at bars on the Persian Gulf (4, 6)
6. Textile souvenir (1-5)
7. Regular swinger
8. Fight
14. Walked vigorously (7, 3)
16. Summer-visiting coastal wading bird
18. Rob ---, Virgin Blue co-founder
19. Spatially adjusted
21. Beer bottle
23. Call forth
24. Ice breaker
25. Culinary creation

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Answers from last issue

WORD SEARCH

T	T	Y	K	T	R	A	S	U	E	P	M	F	O	
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CODE WORD

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

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

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