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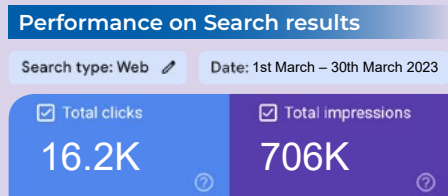
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Withers Road Reserve Now Open

BY JOSH KERWICK

Withers Road Reserve officially opened on Saturday August 19th, now the largest passive park in North Kellyville where locals can go to relax and reconnect themselves with nature in the highly vegetated park.

The playground at Withers Road Reserve has a number of great features suitable for kids of all ages, with slides, swings, springs and decks all protected by a shade sail for particularly sunny days. In addition, the park has a basketball half-court, a turf kickabout area and concrete pathways for residents to fully immerse themselves in the Reserve's natural aesthetic.

The launch event on Saturday had a massive turnout, with over 300 members of the community turning up to celebrate the official opening of the park. The Community Foundation of North Western Sydney provided free coffee, cupcakes, gelato and face-painting on the day to all residents in attendance as they enjoyed the new park.

Hills Shire Council Mayor Peter Gangemi cut the ribbon alongside young members of the community, who will benefit substantially from the premier play equipment at the Reserve. Mayor Gangemi explained how the park differs from others in the area, saying: "It's a local

suburban park, which means it's one of our best catered-for parks in the entire Shire. It gets greater embellishment, a bigger playground with the shade sail, but the signature feature of this park is the vegetation.

"We've kept as much of the natural vegetation as possible, there's 300 trees on site, so it's like an oasis. It provides great natural shade for residents, great natural habitat for the local animals and wildlife, so it'll be a really great space in the years ahead for people to come to in North Kellyville."

Mayor Gangemi was grateful for such terrific community turnout: "I've met a 6-month old baby and an 85-year old woman, so we've got all generations here today; they're enjoying the ice creams, the face painting and the free coffee. The picnic shelters are all packed out, the grass areas are popular – it's these sorts of events that bring the community together, and that's what it's all about."

Withers Road Reserve is located at 44 Withers Road, North Kellyville.

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Aunty Rita Applauds Name-Change

BY BEV JORDAN



Aunty Rita Wright (nee Lee), Sheryn Carusi and Jan Wright

There were tears and hugs at Hills Shire Council on Tuesday night (22nd August) when Hills Shire Councillors unanimously agreed to rename Langford Smith Close in Kellyville to Nimbus Close because of its connection to the founder of the Marella Mission Farm for Aboriginal Children.

Marella Mission was founded at the corner of Green and Acres Road (where the Bernie Mullane Sports Complex and Livvi's Place playground now stand) by Keith Langford Smith and his wife Gwen in 1948 and operated until 1986.

Aunty Rita Wright, who along with Jan Wright has spent over three years campaigning to have the name changed, was just two years old when she was taken, along with her four-year-old sister Janet, by welfare authorities and sent to Marella in 1955.

She says her mother never knew if her girls had been murdered or stolen and never spoke again. The 70-year-old said: "Being stolen from my family to 'protect' me has deeply damaged my life. I have thought of suicide many times."

She said the children living at Marella were often hungry and cold. "We worked as slaves ... we had to pick the fruit, look after the animals, make butter, do all the housework, including hanging the washing out during winter in the

cold. I was so little I had to stand on a fruit box to reach the clothesline.

"We lived in a chook pen on mattresses for a few years and then moved to some Army Nissen huts that were donated. I didn't even know I was Aboriginal until I ran away from Marella Mission in 1970."

She said children living at Marella Mission had a very hard life and many, like her, were sexually and physically abused.

When Hills Shire Council was approached about the name change it contacted the 38 residents in the street, with the vast majority saying they supported the name change.

Resident Sheryn Carusi spoke at council on Tuesday night saying she had lived in the street for 20 years and was speaking on behalf of the majority of fellow residents who had only recently found out about Marella Mission and who Langford Smith was.

"We are proud to live in the Hills, but not proud to continue to honour Keith Langford

Smith. We don't think it is appropriate and strongly object to our road continuing to bear his name.

The past can't be undone but by acknowledging what happened and removing any honour connected to him, we can give those who still live with the memories a chance to heal and know we are a community who really cares."

Councillor Mila Kasby moved the motion to approve the name change and forward the proposal to the Geographical Names Board.

She cried as she thanked residents for their empathy and generosity in supporting the change. She was joined by Aunty Rita who comforted her and cried alongside her.

After the meeting Aunty Rita said she was "over the moon" with the result. She said the name change will mean so much to the 16 survivors of Marella.

"Now I will be able to sleep," she said.

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RFS IN ACTION

Rouse Hill RFS Brigade will be opening its doors to the public on Saturday, 16th September between 10am and 2pm. It's a great opportunity to peep behind the scenes to see the brigade's trucks, meet the firefighters and see what they do.

RFS members will also talk about the local fire risk during this bush fire season and why residents should assess and revise their fire plan and will discuss the top 5 actions to make your home safer.

There will also be fun and informative activities for children and adults, plus a free BBQ.

PICTURED: Members of Rouse Hill RFS brigade responded to a motor vehicle fire at Box Hill on Thursday (10th August). On arrival they found a vehicle, an electrical transformer & the surrounding grass were alight. The fire was put out thanks to great teamwork by The Hills District & Hawkesbury District brigades extinguishing the fires.



ATTEMPTED MURDER

A man has been charged with attempted murder following a break and enter in Kellyville early on Tuesday morning (22nd August).

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command were called to Oakwood Place, Kellyville, shortly after 2.30am responding to reports a man had broken into a home.

Police will allege a 41-year-old man had entered the home and threatened the occupants, whilst threatening them with a machete.

An occupant, a 39-year-old man, confronted the man and restrained him until police arrival.

He was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedic for lacerations to his hands before being taken to Westmead Hospital for treatment.

A 35-year-old woman and three children were at the home at the time; they were shaken but unharmed.

The older man was arrested and treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics for lacerations to his arms before being taken to hospital under police guard.

A crime scene has been established and an investigation into the incident commenced.

After being discharged from hospital, the 41-year-old man was taken Castle Hill Police Station where he was charged with break and enter dwelling and assault with intent to murder, break and enter dwelling and inflict GBH on any person, special aggravated Break & Enter and commit serious indictable offence-wound, and contravene prohibition/restriction in AVO.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers. Information is treated in strict confidence.

P1 DRIVER COPS 20 DEMERITS

On Saturday 19th August at 11.47pm, Hawkesbury Highway Patrol detected two Provisional licence holders on Springwood rd Agnes Banks travelling at more than 45km/ph above the speed limit.

A P2 driver in a Toyota Hilux had his licence suspended by Police and received an infringement notice for \$2,616.

The P1 driver in a Volkswagen hatch also had his licence suspended by Police.

The teenager was also using the functions of his mobile phone at the time, had two unrestrained passengers, putting him in breach of passenger restrictions for his licence. He received a number of infringement notices totalling \$4,303 and a total of 20 demerit points.

A comment on the Traffic & Hiway Command's social media said: "Both drivers will now learn that holding a licence is a privilege as they adjust to not being able to drive after making some poor decisions and putting themselves and other road users at risk."

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RIVER TRAGEDY

A police operation has concluded after the body of a man was recovered from the Hawkesbury River at Freemans Reach on Tuesday.

Police, emergency services and Toll Air attended the incident at Terrace Road on Monday afternoon (21st August) after a utility was seen driving off a vacant block, over the cliff on Terrace Road into the Hawkesbury River.

Officers attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command were assisted by police divers, water police, PolAir, and members from the SES and RFS and cordoned off an area at Cornwallis.

The man was seen sitting in his vehicle before driving off. Contact Lifeline if you require any support on 13 11 14

Services Available

The following services are available to anyone experiencing domestic or family violence:

1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

A confidential information, counselling and support service.

NSW Domestic Violence Line (1800 65 64 63)

A state-wide telephone crisis counselling and referral service for women.

Men's Referral Service (1300 766 491)

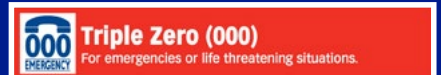
Provide telephone counselling, information and referral for men.

Link2Home (1800 152 152)

Can help refer women experiencing domestic violence to crisis accommodation.

Lifeline (13 11 14)

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Updates about PFAS at RAAF Richmond

BY JOSH KERWICK

Richmond locals gathered on Tuesday August 22nd for an information session held by the Defence Department about the ongoing monitoring and remediation plans for the dangerous PFAS chemicals found at the RAAF Richmond Base.

The PFAS at the Base comes from firefighting foam that was used historically in training exercises for fuel fires. These chemicals have been found to be harmful to the environment with their potential to spread through drainage into the Hawkesbury River and local communities, although the effects on humans are not yet widely understood. Regardless, PFAS contaminations have resulted in \$132.7m of lawsuit settlements from the Commonwealth as of May 2023.

Over a hundred people attended to hear what environmental specialist Stephen Corrish, who is Defence's remediation contractor, had to say about the containment of PFAS. Mr Corrish outlined the remediation and monitoring processes, including a successful soil treatment operation that has seen one of the four source sites at RAAF Richmond show 1/1000th of the PFAS it once did. This remediation process is expected to continue at the other three source sites throughout 2023 and finishing in 2024, while Mr Corrish assured that close

monitoring will continue at the RAAF base and its surroundings.

Nelma Akhund of the PFAS Investigation and Management Program also spoke, broadly recapping the situation and the ways in which PFAS is able to spread naturally. Mrs Akhund covered the sorts of products PFAS was in and why it was used in the past, mentioning the high concentration in legacy firefighting foam as the reason for the contamination at the RAAF Base. She stressed that those foams are no longer in use and also covered the human health risk assessment.

Federal Members Susan Templeman (Macquarie) and Assistant Defence Minister Matt Thistlethwaite were also in attendance at the information session. Mrs Templeman put heavy emphasis on the community members in attendance and hoped there could be better communication moving forward: "This is about you and the lands on which you're living, and the contamination that has come off the RAAF base because of the use of PFAS."

Additionally, Mr Thistlethwaite stressed the importance of regular information sessions. He said: "I want to say sorry to you, the local residents, for the inconvenience and the disruption that have been caused to your lives from the PFAS contamination in the

local community." Mr Thistlethwaite stated that Defence's door was always open to help affected community members with this issue.

During questions, many residents shared their concerns about the spread of PFAS through floodwater and if it's safe to eat and drink from their properties. Defence clarified that in the last batch of testing in 2019, the water in Richmond was safe to drink.

Mr Thistlethwaite also stated that the official Department of Health advice is based on those 2019 tests, and that they are closely monitoring studies happening in Europe and the United States on the effects of PFAS. Some locals have been given precautionary dietary advice, but the panel stated that those residents have already been contacted.

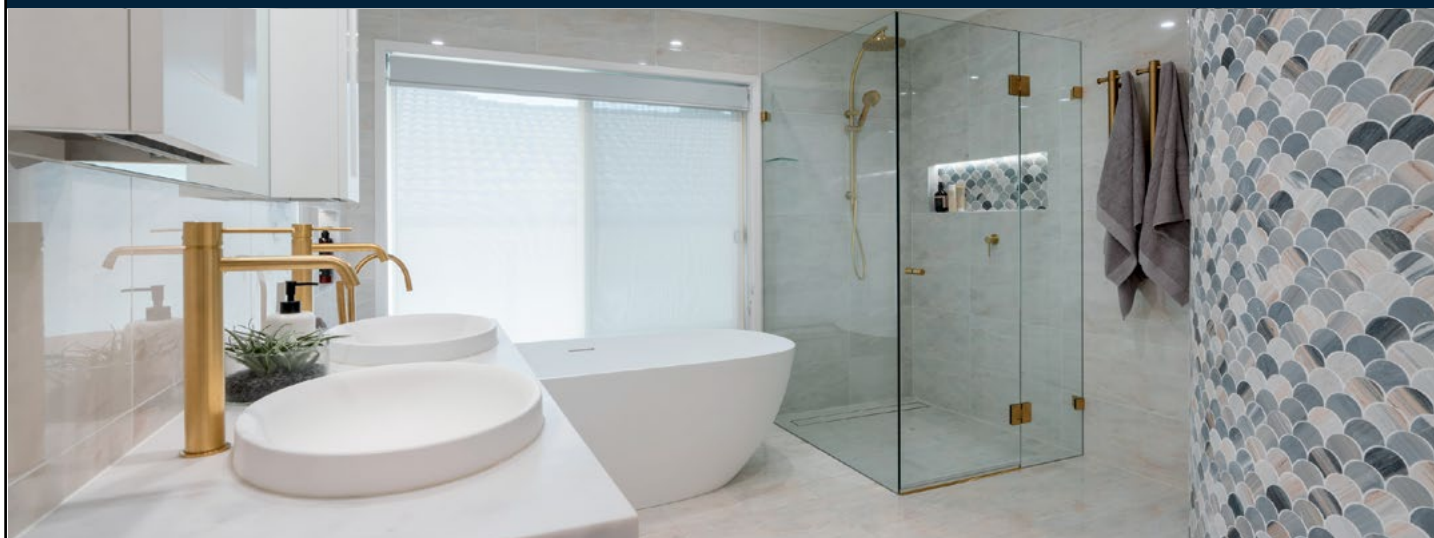
Another key concern raised during the question period was about PFAS' potential to spread through flooding. Mrs Templeman and Mr Thistlethwaite asked locals in attendance to get in contact with Defence if they were concerned about potential exposure to the chemicals on their land. The night concluded with the chance for residents to openly discuss their questions with panel members and Defence experts.

If you are concerned about PFAS and would like to have your property tested, Defence has advised that you either call 0499 888 783 or email defence.omp@aecom.com. All testing will be conducted at the cost of Defence. All the slides from Tuesday August 22nd are available at <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/pfas/pfas-management-sites/raaf-base-richmond>.



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Kellyville Public is 150

BY JIM GRIFFITHS

There's a strong sense of community at Kellyville Public School.

In 1873, Kellyville was a small farming community on the outskirts of Sydney, small enough to be considered a safe and friendly village, but large enough to warrant its own school for local children. The first Kellyville Public School started in a donated building with a bark roof and had just 39 students.

In the years since, the school has grown to now accommodate more than 860 students. Kellyville too has changed, from a farming community known for its citrus and lettuce, to a thriving suburb of Sydney. What has not changed is the pride the community has in its local public school.

Andrew Harris, the school's captain in 1973 during its centenary year, returned for the 150th celebrations, along with his mother Mavis and uncle Gordon. Mavis started at the school in 1940 and Gordon in 1937.

"Coming back today, you can see the young kids and the families who are here now have that same emotion and that same community engagement we had," Andrew said. "We thought that was unique to us, but it's really enlightening that it's not. And that's a credit to the teachers."

Stu Benson graduated from Kellyville Public in 1992 and is now an auctioneer on TV's The Block. "It was really a place that fostered the belief in a tight knit community and friendships,"

he said. "The friendships that we formed are still friendships that I have to this day and that sense of community that I have was established at my time at Kellyville Public School."

During Education Week the school was transformed into a 'pop up' museum featuring displays of learning materials, technology, toys and games, books and memorabilia. The library and six classrooms depicted different eras and the staff room was turned into a classroom from the 1800s.

A time capsule from 1988, containing student reflections on what they imagined life in 2023 would be like, student work, newspapers, photos and bicentennial mementos, was also opened. The school has prepared a new time capsule to be opened in another 25 years' time, with letters to future students and staff, and those very familiar COVID test kits, sanitiser and masks.

The sesquicentenary festivities also included a weekend fair and a school concert with four performances at the Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill.

Current Principal Jenny Walker said Kellyville Public School is now known for its excellence in both student outcomes, and



Principal Jenny Walker with students and Network 10 reporter Daniel Doody.

authentically embedded Aboriginal education and understanding of histories and culture.

"We empower students to acquire, demonstrate, articulate, and value knowledge and skills that will support them as life-long, self-directed learners," she said. "We set high expectations and provide high quality learning experiences that enable students to excel, connect, succeed, and thrive. We also have a strong commitment to ensuring the wellbeing of students, staff, and the wider school community."



Former students Andrew Harris (1970s), Mavis Harris (1940s) and Gordon Hickman (1930s)



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Jersey Day 2023

BY BEV JORDAN

The annual Jersey Day is about wearing your favourite football jersey and registering to be an organ donor but the biggest message this Friday, 1st September, is PLEASE have the conversation about organ donation.

When the Hills-based Gremmo family established Jersey Day eight years ago they had no idea how much it would expand over the years. Jersey Day is now a fixture on calendars all over Australia and has been spreading overseas.

The day was started in memory of the legacy of 13-year-old Nathan Gremmo who died after a road accident in Glenhaven in 2015.

He was rushed to hospital and placed on life support. When his parents, Michael and Kylie, were asked about organ donation, they and Nathan's sisters Annaliese and Ashley knew that's exactly what Nathan would have wanted.

The Oakhill college student had watched a documentary on organ and tissue donation some weeks before the accident and had spoken to his father about organ donation and how donors saved lives.

His sister Annaliese, now a nurse, says: "Six lives were saved as a result of Nathan's generous gift. Whilst we were in hospital, organ donation was the easiest decision that I helped to make. We needed something good to come out of this horrible tragedy."

She has been urging people to act on the message of Jersey Day.

"It's as easy as discovering the facts about organ donation, deciding about becoming a donor, registering your decision online and most importantly discussing your decision with nt and around 14,000 additional people on dialysis, some of whom may need a kidney transplant.

The Jersey Day campaign is not about raising money but raising awareness about organ donation and the need to talk to family members about your wishes. Marian College at Kenthurst has been a big Jersey Day supporter.

When 13-year-old student Blake Tickell died after a freak waterski accident in 2017 his family agreed to organ donation, saving several lives. Peter Beaumont organised Jersey Day with his company's staff at Norwest in 2015 and registered his wished to be a donor online with DonateLife.gov.au



The following year he was killed in a car accident in Carlingford. His family supported his wishes and his organs gave five people the chance to live.

Hills Shire Councillors have backed Jersey Day with Hills Shire Mayor Peter Gangemi thanking the Gremmo family for raising awareness on organ donation in Nathan's memory: "I encourage everyone, including local businesses, organisations, schools and residents to wear their Jerseys on September 1 and start a conversation about organ donation."

To find out more about Jersey Day visit www.jerseyday.com.au to register your wishes as an organ donor visit DonateLife.gov.au and have a conversation with your family.



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Aboriginal Heritage: Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Evacuation Road Resilience Program

Transport for NSW invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for Hawkesbury Nepean Valley Flood Evacuation Road Resilience Program to register to be consulted.

Transport for NSW has identified road infrastructure improvements across four Western Sydney Local Government areas: Penrith, Hawkesbury, Blacktown and The Hills.

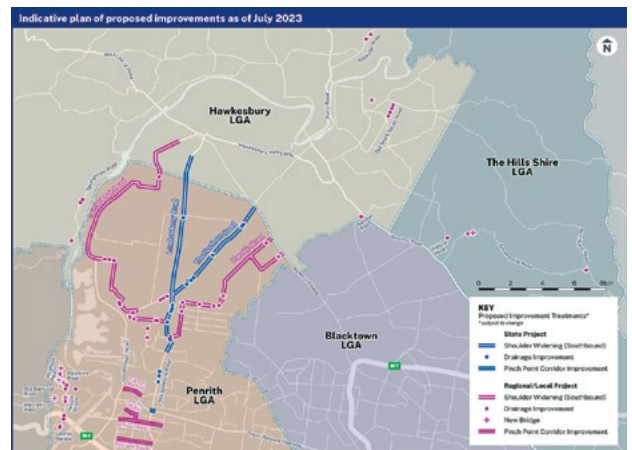
The improvement projects include road shoulder widening, new culverts and bridge structures to provide flood immunity, road raising where required, pinch point upgrades and drainage improvements.

These projects will improve the resilience of the road network so that residents can evacuate from the area safely in the event of a major flood.

The proposal may result in Transport for NSW:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

To register your interest, please contact: Noni Ross, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer, noni.ross@transport.nsw.gov.au or 0476 813 136.



Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by 23 September 2023.



out and about
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Scheyville National Park

A visit to Scheyville National Park provides the opportunity to step into the past and get an insight into Australian history and the important role Scheyville has played supporting the Darug people, from settlement and establishment of the colony, to the War years and beyond.

The Heritage Walk makes use of interpretative signage which guides you around the Scheyville camp precinct within the Scheyville National Park and brings to life the buildings and the stories of the people who once occupied them. The precinct played host to a Government cooperative farm and an agricultural training facility for Australian city boys and for young British men through the Dreadnought Trust's training scheme. During WWI the precinct was also used as an internment camp for crew from German Vessels and in WWII, the precinct was a training base for the Australian Parachute Battalion. The precinct was again used for military purposes, between 1965 to 1973 with an Officers Training Unit established to train cadets for service in Vietnam – two of the most well-known cadets who trained there being Tim Fischer and Jeff Kennett who both later became Australian politicians.

Post-World War II, Scheyville National Park became home to Australia's largest immigration camp with the Migrant Heritage Walk and interpretive signage bringing to life Australia's migrant settlement history. From 1949 to 1964, 1500 people a year from more than 22 countries got their first glimpse into their new lives in Australia. Interestingly, enough Scheyville National Park was used to film the series "Ten Pound Poms" which premiered on SBS One and Stan in May this year. It follows the stories of a group of Britons who leave post-war Britain in 1956 for Australia having been promised a better life for just £10 and discover Australia is not what they were promised and that life is a lot harder as a migrant than first thought.



With its strong historical connections from pre-settlement days to the late 1980's when the site was used as police training ground, it is easy to see why Scheyville National Park is listed on the State Heritage Register. The site to this day remains a legacy to those who passed through the site during some of the most turbulent changes in their lives as Dreadnought boys, service men during WWI and WWII, post-World War II migrants or National Service Officers during the Vietnam War. The history of the Scheyville National Park is fascinating and well worth exploring.

Other things to do at Scheyville National Park, including the Longneck walking track, which is a great walk with kids along the banks of the fresh water lagoon. It's an awesome opportunity to engage with the area's wildlife particularly birds including ducks, egrets, grebes, spoonbills and many more! There are plenty of spots for a picnic lunch and bike riding and horse riding are also permitted in the park. For more information on Scheyville National Park go to <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/scheyville-national-park>

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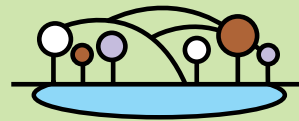
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Warrah Organic Farm Shop Cleaned Up

Nestled in the leafy heart of Dural lies a hidden treasure waiting to be explored – Warrah's Organic Farm Shop, a unique shopping experience that combines the finest organic produce with a commitment to sustainability and supporting individuals with disabilities.



Warrah's Organic Farm Shop proudly stands as Sydney's sole biodynamic farm, setting the standard for organic excellence in the Hills District by embracing biodynamic principles to cultivate food that is not only delicious but also nurtures the land it comes from.

"Every purchase you make here directly fosters the growth and development of individuals with disabilities," says Debbie Tschepen, Services Manager of the Farm Shop. "We create valuable work experience opportunities, and all profits are channelled towards supporting people with disabilities. Being a part of this journey is a true privilege."

Purchasing produce in season ensures maximum freshness, flavour, and nutritional value. Warrah's winter season offerings

include vibrant grapefruit and citrus, nutrient-rich leafy greens, hearty cabbage, earthy beetroot, and aromatic coriander.

Work experience activities for Warrah participants and students include bagging salad mix and dry goods, weighing fruit and vegetables, packing produce boxes, loading the delivery van and assisting with deliveries.

Debbie says: "It is lovely to see our young participants learning to use the till, and growing in confidence as they practice their customer service skills, handle cash and complete stock takes".

In addition to in-store shopping, the shop supplies fresh organic produce to customers through deliveries to collection points and local restaurants committed to organic food. Warrah Society adults residing in Supported Independent Living also receive boxes of quality fresh organic produce on a weekly basis.

Set against the backdrop of a serene landscape, the Warrah Organic Farm Shop invites you to breathe in the fresh air, soak in the beauty of nature, and enjoy a shopping experience like no other.

Warrah's Organic Farm Shop operates as a social enterprise, seamlessly incorporating programs that support adults and children with disabilities. Your support directly contributes to a more inclusive and cohesive community, fostering an environment of empowerment and growth.

Visit Warrah's Organic Farm Shop, 20 Harris Road Dural, where every purchase not only fills your basket with goodness, but also enriches lives.

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Dural Scout Achieves Top Award



The Australian Scout Award is the highest award that a Scout can earn and involves demonstrating skills in Bushcraft, Bushwalking and Camping as well as completing a Leadership Course and leading an Adventurous Journey over three days and two nights. The 1st Dural Scout Group is proud to report that recently Emily Symons received this 'Peak Award' at Baden Powell Activity Centre, Pennant Hills.

In achieving this award Emily has been an enthusiastic and active participant of her Scout Group and has developed her leadership skills through leading a number of exciting adventures. Emily has also developed an interest and skills in boating, and she was able to both share and incorporate this new-found passion with the other Scouts by leading an Adventurous Journey from Berowra Waters down Berowra Creek. In her time as a Scout, Emily has represented the 1st Dural Group at ANZAC Services, organised Group functions, attended camps and Jamborette, and taught younger Scouts some basic skills in boating and canoeing. This year Emily was also awarded the coveted 'Bear Award' which is a 1st Dural Group Award, given to the youth member who best demonstrates their commitment to the Scout Law and has grown personally through their Scouting efforts.

The 1st Dural Group is very proud of Emily's achievements and are excited to see where her new adventures in the Venturer Section will lead her! Dural Scout Group has vacancies for Girls and Boys from 5 to 25 years. Joeys (5yo), Cubs (8yo), Scouts (12yo) and Venturers (16yo).

Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phirooza@bigpond.net.au or Simon: thewolf_1stdural@bigpond.com

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye

BY BEV JORDAN

This year's Orange Blossom Festival will be turning back the clock with a street parade and its very own World-class Town Crier Graham Keating.

The first recorded town criers were in the United Kingdom over 1,000 years ago when they would draw people together to hear proclamations, edicts, laws and news of victories, births, deaths and plague.

When Graham Keating strides down Market Street at Rouse Hill ringing his bell and calling "Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye" it will all be good news. The 82-year-old with his beautiful booming tones has travelled the world with his official regalia. He studied arts/law at university and then moved around Australia working on cattle stations and fishing trawlers before landing at the ABC where he worked as a writer and narrator.

He started acting and picked up roles on television classics of the '60s such as Skippy the Bush Kangaroo.

Graham's first taste of being a town crier came in 1975 during his nearly 10-year stint as entertainment manager at the now closed Old Sydney Town on the Central Coast.

He said he loved the role and would often be approached by overseas visitors who would tell him he should compete internationally, especially in Britain, Canada and the East Coast of America where Town Crying is an art form.

Since being appointed the Town Crier of the City of Sydney in 1986, a post he still holds, Graham has won the World Championship of Town Criers five times. He has also won the Nova Scotia International Challenge three times and the Australian National title 16 times.

His well-rounded voice has been heard by many Heads of State including President Bill Clinton and also football legend Pele, John Farnham and Bill Gates.

"I meet so many people from all over the world and it is so fulfilling," says Graham.

In 1991 Graham led the Orange Blossom Festival parade down the middle of Castle Hill on horseback.

"It was a magnificent parade," he said.

"There were so many people lining the street, it was four or five deep. There was so much enthusiasm and excitement. I am really looking forward to this year's Orange Blossom Festival at Rouse Hill Town Centre."

While Graham won't be on his trusted mare Rosetta he will be in full voice, summoning

people to a festival of fun. "The purpose of Town Crying is to further the bonds of friendship, harmony and understanding between Nations and Peoples of the World," he says in his beautifully modulated voice which almost echoes around the market square at Rouse Hill.



The OBF Parade is Back

BY BEV JORDAN

If you have great memories of the Orange Blossom Festival Parade winding its way through the heart of Castle Hill you will be thrilled to know that it's back with a new location for a new generation of fans.

The first Orange Blossom Festival Parade took place through Castle Hill over 60 years ago and thrilled generations with its colourful floats and youth and community groups all part of the noisy parade.

The 2023 OBF parade will be through Rouse Hill Town Centre on Saturday, 9th September and will feature vintage cars, floats and local dance groups plus entertainers on stilts and so much more.

Children will be thrilled to see PAW Patrol on stage as part of the entertainment following the parade down Main Street.

The 11am parade features a horse and carriage, flowers on stilts, the Golden Kangaroos marching band, Riding for the Disabled Tall Timbers, fire trucks, vintage trucks, a Mayoral float with Pippa the orange, dance schools Governor Macquarie Pipe Band and Castle Hill RSL Band.

The stage show fun starts at 11.30am with PAW Patrol's Ryder, Chase, Skye, Marshall and Rubble getting into action from 12pm noon with a second live show at 1.30pm. Infact the

stage will be full of a variety of entertainment between 11.30am and 3.30pm.

The month-long festivities for Orange Blossom include the Sydney Hills Garden competition which was established in 1959. Registrations close on September 8th.

The OBF Night Markets will kick off the month-long festival at Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 2nd September.

Running from 4pm to 9pm in partnership with Aussie NightMarkets, festival goers can expect a mouth-watering lineup of food trucks and fun, family entertainment from Dorothy the Dinosaur & Friends and the amazing Dauntless Movement Crew.

Hills Shire Mayor Dr Peter Gangemi said this year's Orange Blossom Festival celebrates the Hills Shire community's past and present.

"We're going back to our roots this year with the much-loved OBF Parade," he said.

"Orange Blossom Festival began in 1959 as a 'Footpath and Garden Competition', and then in 1961, it became a parade through the main street of Castle Hill and a fair in Arthur Whiting Park.

"Orange Blossom Festival has been a celebration of our community for more than half a century, and I can't wait for families and friends, local businesses and our community groups to come together to continue the tradition while making new memories this year."

Full Program of Orange Blossom Festival events Page 12.



Save the OBF Dates

SATURDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER:

OBF Night Markets Castle Hill Showground 4pm to 9pm. Food trucks and entertainment.

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER:

Friends of Bella Vista Farm Open Day 9am to 2pm at Bella Vista Farm..

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER:

Family Concert by the Sydney Hills Youth Orchestra 7.30pm to 9pm at the Pioneer Theatre at Castle Hill.

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER:

The Hills Young Musicians Contest 7.30pm to 9pm at Baulkham Hills High School.

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER:

The Hawkesbury Harvest Farmers & Fine Food Markets 8am to 12pm noon at Castle Hill Showground.

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER:

Come and Try BMX 1pm to 3pm at Castle Hill BMX Track Fred Caterson Reserve.

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER:

Soroptimist International of the Hills Public Speaking Contest 1.30pm to 3.30pm at Glenhaven Community Centre.



SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER:

Run for the Hills at Bella Vista Farm from 8am.

SUNDAY 10TH, SEPTEMBER:

Kenthurst Fair and street Parade 10am to 3pm at John Benyon Rotary Park.

FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER:

OBF Annual Art Awards presented by Castle Hill Art Society with exhibition (September 17th to 23rd) 9am to 4pm at Castle Glen Community Centre.

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 17TH:

Orange Blossom Festival Bonsai Show at Harvey Lowe Pavilion Castle Hill Showground 10am to 5pm.

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER:

Jazz at the Pines from 12.30pm to 4pm at The Pines Roughley House, Dural.

For full details of all events visit www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au

OBF Orange Blossom Festival

ART SHOW

Presented by Castle Hill Art Society

15th- 17th SEPTEMBER
9AM – 4.00PM



Castle Glen Community Centre
157 Ridgescrop Drive, Castle Hill
(behind Knightsbridge Shops)

Children's OBF Art Show
Saturday 23.9.23 9am-3.00pm

ORIGINAL ART FOR SALE

THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Australia's Spring Show



The Bromeliad Society of Australia's Spring Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 30 September 9-4 and Sunday, 1 October 10-3.

Rare and exquisite bromeliads from local and interstate growers will be on display and available for sale to the public including the award-winning Elizabeth Mudriczki, Glenorie's Allan Beard, Jan & Jon Townsend from Bonville, Angela & Gary Fleming and the Tillandsia experts Chris & Lap Larsen. Chris and Lap Larsen are renowned Tillandsia growers and they will have a large range of their plants at the Bromeliad Spring Show.

Chris has been growing Tillandsias since the early 80's in Melbourne and working professionally with them for the past 30 years. His interest in these plants has taken him to Central and South America a number of times to gain further knowledge on how they have evolved. Over the years a much wider range of Tillandsias have become available.

There will 20 plant sale tables continuously restocked, books, pots, information and free advice available from experienced bromeliad growers.

There is plenty of parking on site, admission is free to the show and please bring a box for your purchases.

For further information contact Ian Hook, President, Bromeliad Society of Australia on mobile 0408 202 269, email: hook1@bigpond.com, or check the website www.bromeliad.org.au



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Local business Aussie Pumps is recruiting NOW. They need staff FOR IMMEDIATE START.

Australian Pump Industries, established 30 years ago in Arcadia, is almost bursting at the seams. They make the best fire pumps in the world. Their Castle Hill warehouse in Gladstone Road is too small, and they will soon be moving to a huge facility on Solent Circuit, Norwest.

As we approach a possibly catastrophic fire season, Aussie Pumps is gearing up to double production of fire pumps. Aussie is determined to support people who need to defend their homes. Aussie's staff take this very seriously. They are overworked and stretched to the limits. They could really use some help!

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ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL *a taste of Spring*

The Hills Shire's biggest **community festival** is back throughout September with two major events, including the return of the much-loved **OBF Parade**, as well as some action-packed community events!



Main Events

OBF NIGHT MARKETS

Saturday 2 September
Castle Hill Showground

Kicking off Orange Blossom Festival, the OBF Night Markets are sure to tickle your tastebuds with a mouth-watering line up of food trucks and fun, family entertainment, including appearances from Dorothy the Dinosaur & Friends and Dauntless Movement Crew.

OBF PARADE

Saturday 9 September
Rouse Hill Town Centre

Want to walk down memory lane? The OBF Parade is back and bigger than ever with fantastic floats and community groups that will march beside them, environmental workshops and a special performance from Paw Patrol.

PAW Patrol
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Disclaimer: Event details subject to change.

For more information visit www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au

Friends Hills Library

POP-UP COLLECTION DAY for BOOK SALE

Saturday 9 September | 9.30am - 3pm

At Sonya Phillips Room, Castle Hill Library
Donate your pre-loved adult, children's and youth fiction

*Books must be in good condition. Any books that contain mould cannot be accepted due to health considerations.

POP-UP BOOK SALE

Saturday 16 September | 9.30am - 3pm

Adult, Children and Youth Fiction
At Sonya Phillips Room, Castle Hill Library
All proceeds go towards purchasing extra resources for The Hills Shire Library Service
*CASH ONLY - Prices from \$1.00-\$5.00
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The Friends of the Hills Library is a community group which was formed in 1994 and is a friendly volunteer group that raises funds to allow Castle Hill Library to provide additional services to our community. A social group that brings people together that love libraries and reading.

Next Meeting date: Thursday, 14 September 2023
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Polpette with Tomato Basil Sauce

BY MEREDITH PANETTA

(from Panetta Mercato - Baulkham Hills)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra

MEATBALLS

- 400 g lean pork mince
- 1 onion, finely grated
- 3 tbsp breadcrumbs
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp grated parmesan

SAUCE

- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups (500 ml) puréed tomatoes or passata
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- handful basil leaves

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use clean hands to mix all the meatball ingredients together in a bowl with a few good pinches of salt and pepper. Lightly oil your hands to prevent sticking, then roll the mixture into golf ball-sized meatballs. Place on the prepared tray, cover and place in the refrigerator for about 1 hour.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick frying pan over a medium-high heat and fry the meatballs for 3-5 minutes, or until lightly golden. Remove and set aside.
3. To make the sauce, heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat and sauté the onion until softened and translucent. Season with salt and pepper. Add the tomato puree or passata. Add the basil leaves. Simmer for 5 minutes, then carefully add the meatballs and simmer for 20 minutes more.
4. Garnish the polpette with extra basil and parmesan. Serve with a salad.



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Get Ready Weekend 2023

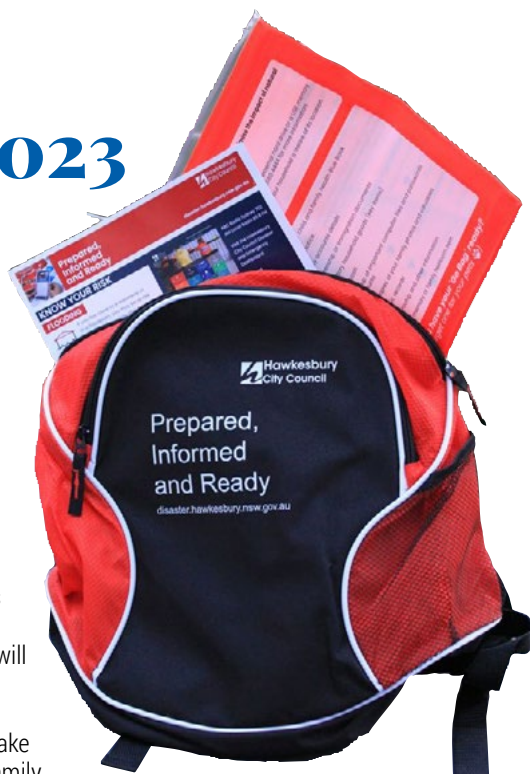
The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) wants you to prepare now for bushfire season and to save the date for the Get Ready Weekend on Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September to meet your local Rural Fire Brigade.

The Get Ready Weekend is an awareness campaign encouraging property owners to prepare for bushfires. Many brigades will also have activities for kids. See the RFS Brigades list below.

It takes five minutes to improve or make a plan that will give your property, your family and yourself the best chance of survival should you be threatened by a bushfire. To take the first step in preparing for bushfire, visit myfireplan.com.au

Here are the top five actions to make your home safer for the bushfire season:

- 1. TRIM** – Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home. Remove material that can burn around your home, such as door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture.
- 2. MOW** – Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home.
- 3. REMOVE** – Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.
- 4. PREPARE** – Prepare a sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home and ensure you have a reliable source of water available.



Hawkesbury City Council is also encouraging the community to get ready, the Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Sarah McMahon said.

"The NSW RFS is leading the Get Ready Weekend and landholders are encouraged to prepare bushfire plans, prepare your properties and seek advice from their local brigades," Mayor McMahon said.

"Council also has free Prepared, Informed and Ready backpacks available at our Community Hubs in Bowen Mountain, Wilberforce and Colo Heights and other locations – see Council's website for details or call Council."

See the Bushfire Household Assessment tool assessmyrisk.rfs.nsw.gov.au and the Australian Fire Danger Rating System www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/newfdr Council offers ongoing support services to our community. See www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch or contact Council on 4560 4444.

Hawkesbury RFS Brigades			
Bilpin	Freemans Reach	Kurrabung Heights	St Albans
Blaxlands Ridge	Glossodia	Lower Macdonald	Tennyson
Colo Heights	Grose Vale	Lower Portland – Hawkesbury	Upper Colo
East Kurrabung	Grose Wold	Mountain Lagoon	Wilberforce
Ebenezer	Kurrabung – Hawkesbury	Oakville	Yarramundi

Hawkesbury Headquarters - Wilberforce



GALSTON GIRL GUIDES

Galston Guides enjoy being outdoors, especially bush walking, having fun at Treetops Adventure park, camping and cooking on a campfire.

We currently have vacancies in our Junior Guide unit, aged 6-9 year olds.

If your daughter is interested in making new friends, taking part in fun activities, community service or learning outdoors, then please contact GalstonDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au to find out more.

TOUR OF WINDSOR CEMETERIES

Rediscover some of the Hawkesbury's lesser-known cemeteries on an excursion to Windsor's historic Catholic and Presbyterian cemeteries.

The Catholic Cemetery is one of the oldest Catholic cemeteries in the state and was established by the early 1830s. It is also one of largest denominational cemeteries in the Hawkesbury with over 450 graves recording almost 1000 names.

Participants will visit a variety of headstones including the politician James Augustine Cunneen who died in 1889 after accidentally falling down a flight of stairs. A more poignant headstone is that of Catherine Eather and her five children who tragically drowned in the disastrous 1867 flood. The headstone was erected by her 'Affectionate Father'.

The other cemetery on the tour is the Presbyterian Cemetery, a smaller site with just over 100 graves with 230 names recorded, and in use by the mid-1830s. Some of the interesting people buried in this cemetery include Mary Neilson who operated a chemist and newsagency in the town in the 1860s and Robert Dick, elected in 1871 as Windsor's first mayor.

Come along and learn more about the prominent figures as well as the everyday folk buried in these cemeteries and discover their unique stories. The tour will be held on Saturday, 16 September from 9:30am to 11am. The cost is \$10 and bookings are essential. Visit <http://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com> or call 4560 4460 for more information.

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The Hills Shire Council News

YOU-th 2023: Get Job Ready

Get ready for the YOU-th Job Readiness Program – a dynamic in-person program to help young people across The Hills prepare for the workforce.

If you or any young people you know are wanting to join the workforce and are not too sure where to start, this is the program for you. The job readiness workshops will help you by providing coaching, advice and information on how to seek employment opportunities, resume writing highlighting your strengths, as well as practicing interview skills and so much more.

There are 3 workshops:

- **The Job Search Journey – 5 September 2023**
- **Resumes and Cover Letters – 12 September 2023**
- **Interview Skills – 26 September 2023**

All workshops will be held at Castle Hill Cultural Centre, Level 1, 14 Pennant Street, Castle Hill. For more information and to register, scan the QR code.



Strive for Excellence

Join The Hills Shire Council's Design Advisory Panel

The Hills Shire Council is seeking architectural, urban design and landscape design experts to become members of The Hills Design Advisory Panel, evaluating design excellence across the Hills Shire Local Government Area.

Council is seeking to engage panel members commencing in January 2024. For further information and to apply go to www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/designadvisory or search 'design advisory panel' on Council's website – applications close on 15 September 2023 at 2:00pm.

Ward Boundaries Changing

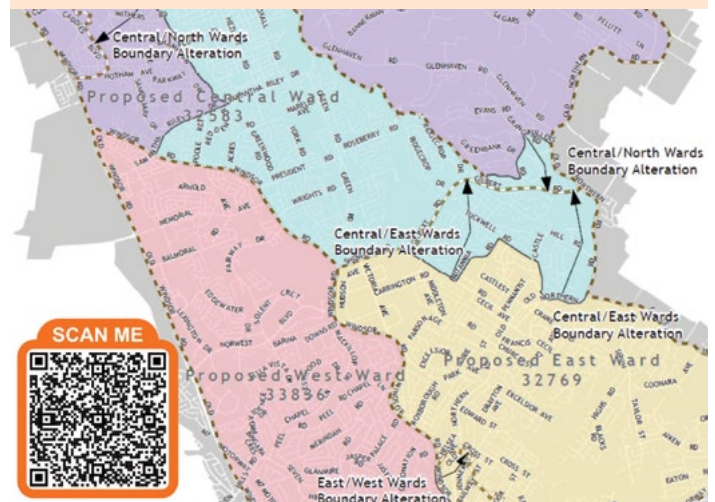
The Hills Shire Local Government Area comprises 4 wards – Central, East, West and North Ward. With population changes ward boundaries are required to be reviewed if the ward with the highest number of electors is more than 10% larger than the ward with the lowest number of electors.

Council is exhibiting proposed changes to the existing ward boundaries as required under Section 211 of the Local Government Act 1993 before Local Government Elections (3 Councillors for each Ward and one Mayor) scheduled to be held in September 2024.

The proposed changes are available for viewing and comment on Council's Have Your Say section until Wednesday 6 September 2023. Scan the QR code below to head to Council's website to find out more.

Other Current Exhibitions:

- Draft Planning Agreement for the Central Playing Fields in Gables
 - Submissions close on 5 September 2023 at 5:00pm
- Draft Deed of Amendment – Box Hill North Planning Agreement
 - Submissions close on 5 September 2023 at 5:00pm
- Proposed Currawong Reserve Design
 - Submissions close on 15 September 2023 at 5:00pm



Council Meetings

Tuesday, 12 September, 2023 – 7pm

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



Soak in the jazz under the pines

Head over to the historic grounds of Roughley House at Dural during the Orange Blossom Festival on Sunday 17 September 2023 to enjoy the much-loved Jazz at The Pines from 12:30pm – 4pm.

Bring your picnic and relax under the iconic pine trees. Treat yourself to coffee, tea, and delectable cakes available at the canteen. Head over to Council's website and search 'Jazz at The Pines' to find out more and book a table.

Pop-up Book Sale

Friends of the Hills Library are having a book sale on Saturday 16 September 2023 from 9:30am – 3:00pm at the Sonya Phillips Room, Castle Hill Library. All proceeds will go towards purchasing extra resources for The Hills Shire Library Service.

For those wishing to donate their preloved books, there will be a collection day on Saturday 9 September 2023 from 9:30am – 3:00pm at the Sonya Phillips Room. Books must be in good condition. Any books that contain mould cannot be accepted due to health considerations.



Pop-up
BOOK SALE
COLLECTION DAY

The bold & the meaningful!

Two best-selling authors are coming to The Hills in August and September.

An Evening with Belinda Alexandra

Head to Castle Hill Library to see best-selling author Belinda Alexandra as she discusses her new book, *Emboldened*, a compelling and exquisite blend of memoir and history.

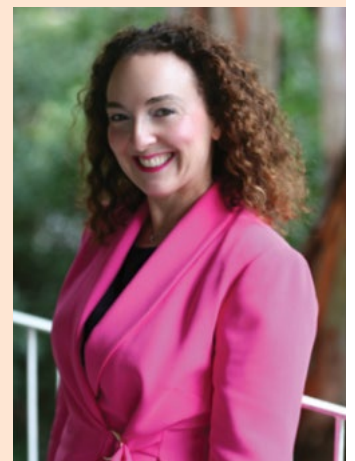


Belinda shows readers that regardless of the challenge they may be facing, there is always the possibility of getting back up again and building something bold and meaningful.

Date: 30 August 2023 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

An Evening with Sophie Green

Join Australian best-selling author, Sophie Green, at the Pioneer Theatre as she discusses her latest book *Weekends with the Sunshine Gardening Society* – a warm, uplifting story of female friendship, community and new beginnings.



Date: 20 September 2023 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Both events will conclude with book sales and signings.

Visit Council's website to find out more and to grab your tickets!



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Kids Eat Free on Monday & Sundays (terms & conditions apply).

Looking at booking in a function? Contact their friendly staff to enquire about room hire and their function packages.

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Club Grants Awarded

RuffTRACK, an innovative organisation based at Riverstone that runs a program which aims to keep kids alive, out of prison and skilled up for a better future, was one of the recipients of a ClubGRANT last week.

Working closely with Hawkesbury Local Area Command, the program supports young people aged between 12 and 17 and teams them with a dog for the course where they learn about responsibility, caring for others and communication as they undergo training with their canine companion.

Andy Paschalidis from the charity Heartbeat of Football, another recipient, spoke about how he was driven to promote the link between healthy hearts and exercise. He lost a clubmate in 2014 who collapsed beside him and there was no defibrillator at the ground to provide an immediate response. He said the program run

by Heartbeat of Football at sporting fixtures was only possible through ClubGrants.

Representatives from 11 charitable organisations were special guests at Castle Hill RSL last week and were joined by Baulkham Hills Sports Club and The Hills Club. Together the three clubs donated more than \$100,000 in community grants.

Castle Hill MP Mark Hodges was joined by Hills Shire Councillor Frank De Masi who congratulated the recipients on the programs they run ranging from support for young adults leaving the Foster Care system, cancer patient support, mentoring for teenage boys, charities

working with children with autism, programs for drug and alcohol rehabilitation and groups providing services for children and adults living with a disability.

CHRG Director and Vice-President Mike Yeo said the clubs were very proud of the community support they had provided over the years.

Since 2015 the three clubs have contributed almost \$1 million to community groups under the ClubGRANTS program.

The Hills Club contributed over \$16,000. The recipients are:

- Blacktown & Districts TPI Social & Welfare Club
- Cancer Patients Foundation
- The Top Blokes Foundation

Baulkham Hills Sports Club contributed \$25,000. The recipients are:

- Odyssey House NSW
- The Hills Community AID & Information Service

Castle Hill RSL contributed over \$64,000. The recipients are:

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Computer Pals for Seniors Open Day

The Club was first formed in March 1998, teaching in a spare classroom at Oakhill College in July of that year and catered for seniors with "hand-me-down" computers and laptops and those who wanted to upgrade their skills with Word, Excel, PowerPoint and photographic editing programs.

Following the smartphone revolution, the Club now offers courses in smart phones and tablets (Android and Apple) thanks to the support we have received from the Hills Shire Council and Bendigo bank. A donation from Bendigo Bank has gone to the purchase of four Apple Mac computers, which will allow teaching into Apple computing.

A prominent member was the late Lionel Smith, OAM who was on the committee for 20 years and President for much of that time. Lionel was a long-time member of the RFS, having joined in 1946. After his retirement in 1990 he worked at the RFS head office as a consulting engineer. Lionel was awarded the 'National Service Medal'



The Hills Shire Council Mayor, Dr Peter Gangemi, Jilly Warren, Club President, Ralph Warren and Club Patron, Alan Cadman.



The Late Lionel Smith OAM

and 'The Australian Fire Service Medal' for his dedicated service.

Computer Pals – the Hills, has received many awards for its community work: July 2009 Hills Shire Times Business Achiever Awards "Community Contribution of the Year", and an Australia Day Award in 2018 for the Council and Government – Community Group of the Year.

The Club is running an Open Day at its clubhouse in Castle Hills Showground on Tuesday 19 September located in the Old Caretaker's Cottage. For more information go to www.cphills.org.au

Budget TV Installs



My name is Alan Saad and I have been doing TV and antenna installs for around 18 years now. I grew up repairing and installing TVs and really enjoyed it until I discovered antenna installations.

The fulfilment of getting up on a roof smelling the fresh air on a nice crisp cool morning, looking beyond the roofs into the distant landscapes, made it the right decision.

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CASTLE HILL PLAYERS PRESENTS

Cactus Flower

AT THE PAVILION THEATRE FROM 22 SEPT - 14 OCT
WRITTEN BY ABE BURROWS & DIRECTED BY STEPHEN SNARS

Castle Hill Players offers its 5th play for 2023, a romantic comedy full of laughs, gags and of course, love. This hidden gem in the Hills promises a great night out of high-quality theatre right in your backyard. Be sure to book your seats early for what promises to be a laugh and a half!

Like a cactus, some people take years to blossom.

Late 60s Manhattan and groovy, young Toni has been let down by her dentist boyfriend, Julian, for the last time. Just when she's given up on love, Julian decides she is the girl for him. Trouble is, he's always played the field and his lies are about to catch up with him in a big way. Devoted and long-suffering dental receptionist, Stephanie, is willing to do anything to help her boss out, even if it means she too gets caught up in his ridiculous schemes.

A hippy boy next door, pushy patients and a vision of loveliness known only as Botticelli's Springtime complete the chaotic crowd who learn that true love can be closer than you think.

Cactus Flower was a long running comedy on Broadway as well as a film starring Academy Award winner, Goldie Hawn.

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Tickets \$30, Concession \$25. The Pavilion Theatre is located within the Castle Hill Showgrounds, Castle Hill
Bookings paviliontheatre.org.au/cactusflower or call 02 9634 2929
Enquiries call 02 9634 3846 or email admin@paviliontheatre.org.au

Sydney Hills & District Branch

AIR advances the interests of over 50's who are, or plan to be, fully or partly self-funded retirees.

Next Meeting: 1st September - 10:45am
Presbyterian Hall, Welham St, Beecroft

Topics:

1. Arthritis Association - The facts on living well with arthritis
2. Super Deep Dive - How super accounts work, pensions, contributions, lump sums and more.

Visitors Welcome | Contact: airsydneyhills@gmail.com

Looking for info that will help your retirement?
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The Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) is a national organisation dedicated to pursuing the interests of current and future fully and partly funded self-funded retirees.

We have been successful in achieving many improvements to government policy in retirement savings and income, tax, health and aged care. Our speakers provide valuable information to members to improve understanding of important retirement issues in a welcoming social environment. Sydney Hills and district branch meets at 10.45 am on the first Friday of each month at Beecroft.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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



AT A GLANCE

NAME: NINJA
 BREED: Staffy X
 Kelpie
 SEX: Female
 AGE: 10 yrs old
 PRICE: \$49

NINJA is a 10-year-old female Staffy cross Kelpie. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say Ninja is a very happy, friendly girl who just loves to be with you. Ninja is looking for a special, caring family who will be able to give her a loving home. Ninja is already desexed so is able to leave the shelter with you. Her adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping and lifetime registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation
 Number is: R251000145.



AT A GLANCE

NAME: MILOY
 BREED: Domestic cat
 SEX: Male
 AGE: 3 yrs 6 mos
 PRICE: \$29

MILOY is a lovely big cat. Staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter say Miloy is always happy to come over for a pat, and a chin scratch. If you think that this lovely big boy may be the cat for you, come to the shelter to meet him. As Miloy is already desexed he can leave the shelter with you. As the featured cat his adoption price has been reduced to \$29 which includes his first vaccination, microchipping and lifetime registration.

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Authorised by Julian Leeser MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Level 11, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

2023-24 Volunteer Grants are now open

Every community in Australia is built on volunteers. I know that our community has one of the most thriving groups of volunteers in the country.

People in our local area are exceptionally generous with their time and energy. That is evident across the hundreds of local volunteer organisations in our area. Those volunteers show up week in and week out to support the people, causes, and groups that they care about. Through those community organisations, local volunteers help to lift people up and bring people together.

Recently, I attended the North Western Sydney Regional Volunteer of the Year award ceremony, where it was an honour to present

the Volunteer Group of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. It was wonderful to see so many unsung heroes be recognised for all of their hard work and commitment to their community. I particularly want to acknowledge my constituents, the Young Volunteer of the Year Jade Pinar and the Hills Relay for Life committee, who were awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Applications for the 2023-24 Volunteer Grants are now open. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations. The Grants are designed to support the important work of volunteers in our local community organisations.

I recently visited St John Ambulance

Hornsby Division, one the many fantastic organisations that have benefited from a Volunteer Grant. Previously, volunteers had needed to use generic backpacks to store their supplies. The grant has enabled them to upgrade to toughened, compartmentalised, purpose-built response kits. This simple change will help the volunteers to better serve our community and improve their experience in doing so.

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant, please contact my office via Julian. Leeser.MP@aph.gov.au. Applications are open until Friday 8 September.

NSW Schools Constitutional Convention 2023

There is an exciting new opportunity for high school students in the Castle Hill Electorate! The Parliament of NSW Education team is inviting Year 11 students (Year 12 in Term 4) to apply to participate in the NSW Constitutional Convention 2023.

WHEN: Monday 6 November 2023
WHERE: Parliament of NSW, 6 Macquarie St. Sydney

This annual program, now in its 29th year, seeks to promote understanding and informed discussion amongst young Australians about the Australian Constitution and system of government. Professor Emerita Anne Twomey of the University of Sydney is the keynote speaker, and students will also have the opportunity to engage in small group discussions with parliamentary experts on aspects of the selected topic. At the conclusion of the day, delegates peer select 30 of their number to attend the National Constitutional Convention to be held in Canberra in 2024.

Principals are invited to nominate one Year 11 (incoming Year 12) student from their school to be considered for participation in the 2023 NSW Schools Constitutional Convention. Unfortunately, multiple nominations cannot be accepted. Applications close Friday 15 September 2023.

To be considered for attendance at the Convention, each student must submit a single A4 page statement in their own words on the following question: **Do we need to revise how we go about constitutional change?**

For more information, please contact my office.



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“The Squire” OF BELLA VISTA

With the announcement of the return of the “Orange Blossom Festival” to the district, perhaps it is time to look at the citrus industry and how it has influenced the district.

A juicy time for growing citrus trees in the Hills and Hawkesbury district during past decades brought a number of benefits to the district. The industry supported the growing population with employment in harvesting, packing and transporting the fruit. Horse drawn wagons would carry fruit to market or to the Parramatta River before motor transport became popular and common place. Rail was introduced also to the district with trains running from Rogans Hill, Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, Northmead (Model Farms) and Carlingford carrying the fruit down to the Parramatta River for transport to the markets in Sydney.

The earliest settlers who established the citrus industry included George Suttor of Chelsea Farm at Baulkham Hills and William Mobbs of Mobbs Hill, Carlingford in the very early 1800s. But by the turn of the century (1900) Edward Pearce of Bella Vista Farm who was called “The Squire of Seven Hills” (Bella Vista at that time was considered part of Seven Hills) became the owner of “the largest orchard in the colony”. At one time it was reported that about 100 people were employed at Bella Vista Farm as a sizable number of employees were Chinese. Edward Pearce kept a diary of his time at Bella Vista in which he often noted his employees, a

few by name and some by description. (Edward Pearce’s diary is still kept at Bella Vista Farm and is available for viewing during guided tours of the homestead). Having a sizable number of Chinese living and working on the property Bella Vista was chosen for the local celebration of Chinese New Year. Chinese migrants from around the district would gather to celebrate the event with fireworks display to frighten off the bad or evil spirits. Is it any wonder why the Hills Shire Council has chosen Bella Vista Farm Park in which to stage many celebrations today with its high elevation in the shire and an early history of being a site for celebration?

Pearce’s citrus crops were commented on in the local press of the nation when in 1884 the “*Cumberland Argus*” reported that an Adelaide buyer purchased 40,000 cases of Oranges at 1/6d to 3/- per case. Thomas Lawless, a Sydney fruit buyer who had consistently purchased Pearce’s crop, contradicted the claim by announcing that he had purchased the crop.

In 1889 the “*Parramatta and Districts Illustrated*” acknowledged “Bella Vista” as a leader in orcharding when they wrote “at the orchards of Messrs Pearce, citrus culture is scientifically carried out upon the most extensive and successful scale and Edward

Pearce is perhaps the largest producer of oranges and lemons in these colonies”.

Further in 1896 William Davis broke a record when his packing contract to Edward Pearce saw about 119 truckloads of oranges sent away, enough to make up three good sized freight trains. With about six tons a truck it represented around 700 tons of oranges. The original packing shed still stands at Bella Vista Farm and is open to the public during Open Days at the farm on the 1st Sunday of the month between 9am to 2pm.

As mentioned earlier in this article early orchardists in the district were Suttor and Mobbs who found the soil along the ridges highly suitable for citrus and stone fruits. Other notable orchardist families who farmed for more than a 100 years in the district were the Gilbert and Shore families. Orchards could be found throughout the district in Dural, Glenorie, Galston and Wisemans Ferry.

The citrus industry in the district also eventually led to the many garden nurseries being established which made the Hills Shire become known as “The Garden Shire” and the surrounding districts or localities (Galston, Winston Hills, North Rocks, Pennant Hills etc.) as “The Hills District”.

Fruit Loaded at Kenthurst
from Malcolm Johnston



Springtime Shearing at Bella Vista Farm

BY GISELA HORNER

OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

It’s that time of year when the sheep at Bella Vista Farm have their woolly coats shorn.

Alistair, ‘the lambscaper’ as he calls himself will begin shearing the sheep at 10am. So come and see a fascinating display of this iconic craft.

Friends of the Farm will also welcome you -

- Join an interesting tour of the historic house (a gold coin donation) and grounds
- Explore the Trash and Treasure stall located in the fully restored Coach House

- Devonshire Teas will be served in the old shop
- Sit and enjoy music in the gardens performed by two ensembles from the Hills Shire Symphony Orchestra
- A Sausage Sizzle (accompanied with delicious home-made chilli paste – not too chilli!) might take your fancy
- There are children’s games, some dating back to early times
- - and so much more.

Enjoying the ambience of Bella Vista Farm is a rare and special experience. Some say they just love to just come and sit in the peaceful surroundings.

9.00am – 2.00pm - Cnr Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and Norwest Boulevard, Bella Vista.

The Farm welcomes visitors on the first Sunday of each month (except January).
<https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Venues/Parks-Recreation/Parks-Recreation-Directory/Bella-Vista-Farm-Park>

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Hills Bulls set the bar in Oztag

The Hills Bulls are setting the bar in Oztag with 20 of their players competing for Australian teams. Three helped Australia win the recent Under 21 World Cup in Ireland while the other 17 will compete in the Big 4 International Tag Series on September 16, 2023.

This year, the Hills Bulls are reigning supreme in Oztag, with five junior teams winning the NSW State Cups: boys 10, 14, 17, and girls 15 and 16 age groups. This was the most successful state championships in the club's long history because 17 teams made the quarter-finals, all but five entering the semi-finals. The Bulls Oztag were also crowned the 2023 NSW state champions.

The successes on the field also saw their Oztag coaches being recognised for their outstanding work. The Hills Bulls provided 14 of the 18 coaches for the West Sydney Tiger Cubs, reinforcing their remarkable coaching development program. Five of their coaches then went on to win the nationals with their teams, bringing more glory to the club in 2022.

The icing on the cake was the selection of 20 players for the Australian Oztag sides – known as the Tagaroos – which dominated the recent World Cup, winning 11 divisional titles of

the 13 grand finals they contested.

Having creamed their rivals in the semi-professional Ron Massey Cup in 2022, the Hills Bulls dominated the 2022 Parramatta Junior Rugby League awards, taking out the Club of the Year, Club Championship, Junior Incentive Award, Coach of the Year and Modified Junior Incentive Awards. The Bulls Ron Massey team missed out on the finals this year bowing out last week while their Sydney Shield team are playing in the Grand Final qualifier this weekend.

"It's been a very successful season for our Oztag sides specially when they were competing against clubs which focus solely on this sport unlike us," Hills Bulls club president Michael Gremmo said. "We are very proud of our



Hills Bulls were Ron Massey Cup winners in 2022

players and teams as they have performed so well throughout this season. Having 20 of our players represent Australia and three winning the recent World Cup in Ireland was amazing, the first time we have had so many caps. It will be a big boost for our Oztag teams.

"We are so proud of the success at the Bulls with one of our best seasons in our club's 60-year history. We are looking forward to celebrating our success at the Hills Bulls 60-year celebrations on November 25 at Rosehill Race Course Grand Pavilion."

Meanwhile, the Hills Bulls junior presentation will be held on Sunday, October 29 at the Ettamogah Pub, Rouse Hill.

Awesome Hills United crowned football champions

The Hills United men's team have had a tremendous turn around in fortunes to lift the coveted NSW Football League One title. They have secured promotion to the elite NPL NSW Men's competition for the first time in their history and can't wait to show that they belong at this level next year.

After struggling last season, Hills United, established in 1989, have been crowned champions this year, with one match in hand as their closest rivals, Bonnyrigg White Eagles and St George cannot overhaul their tally of 63 points from 29 matches.

Hills United defeated hosts Hakoah FC 2-0 last weekend to seal their title. Superb goals from Nathan Rayner (44th) and Wade Giovanali (94th) capped a professional performance in

their penultimate game. Darcy Ellem played a leading role in in both goals.

Hills United won 19, lost four and drawn six matches in a season where they have been the pacesetters. They will be able to celebrate in style when they meet Bonnyrigg at Landen Stadium, Seven Hills, this Saturday at 7pm. There are no finals for the men's competition this season.



The champion Hills United men's team who have been promoted to the NPL NSW Men's competition

Meanwhile, The Hills United women's side are lying third in the FNSW League One with two matches remaining. They are on 50 points and in no position to close the gap with the top two teams, UNSW (62) and Central Coast Mariners (61). Hills United take on Nepean FC at Cooks Park, St Marys, this Sunday at 3pm, with their final league match against Mt Druitt Town Rangers at Bella Vista Public School, on September 3, at 3:45pm.



Norm Nicholson and Steve Barrett.

Norm wins bowls title

Norm Nicholson is the reigning Dural Bowling Club Men's Minor Singles champion. In the recent final, Norm defeated Steve Barrett. The competition was open to bowlers who have not previously won any titles.

The men's major singles competition reaches its finale this Saturday, August 26. Anyone interested in playing bowls or having a Barefoot Bowls Party, please contact Robert on 0411 375 580.

COMMUNITY groups

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www.gwsrovers.com.au

Annangrove 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 Wed mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mon. New members welcome
Carole | 9894 7749

Baulkham Hills Probud

Meets 1st Thurs each month 1.30pm
Baulkham Hills Sports Club, 11 Renown Rd
Visitors welcome. Activities every 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

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 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.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/cherrybrook/Welcome

Computer Pals for Seniors – The Hills

A non-profit club run by volunteers dedicated to providing low-cost tuition for Seniors in a friendly atmosphere, enabling them to stay safe online & become proficient in the many facets of computing.
Colin Wright | 0479 137 131 | cphills.org.au

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 Tues 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

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

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 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

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 Probud 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

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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.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 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

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 Probud 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
ladiesprobudbh@gmail.com

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Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

Geoff | 0412 969 651

Lions Club of Windsor Inc

Pam | 0413 395 145

Macquarie Towns Garden Club

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

National Seniors Australia (Hills Branch)

Meets on the 1st Thurs of every month at Baulkham Hills Sports Club Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills at 9.30am for 10am. New members welcomed.
May | 0414 634 572
maybruce@bigpond.com

North Rocks View Club

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

John | 9487 1385

Pennant Hills Combined Probud Club

Meets at Hotel Pennant Hills every third Monday of the month at 10am. New members and visitors welcome.
Lorene | 0429 396594

Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Meets for lunch on 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 N – 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

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

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www.rdanswtalltimbers.org.au

Red Cross – Castle Hill Branch

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 Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Richmond Club. VIEW (voice, interest and education of woman) supports the Smith Family and Learning for Life
Trish Carter | 0417 010 619

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 Wednesday of the month at Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
Cathy | 0435 837 118
sithills@siwp.org

The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

The Hills Learning Centre

02 8850 0555
RSVP info@thehillslc.com.au
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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.
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's 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

Welcome to Members and Visitors.
Mal Steel | airsydneysthills@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.bushwalkingsw.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 Probud Club

Meets at 10am on the 1st Wed of the month at Windsor RSL 36 Argyle St, South Windsor.
Ross | 0414450900 or
Secretary Ann | 0414298945
ann.jones@jbff.com.au

Winston Hills Joey Scouts

9862 8482
hsara@optusnet.com.au

Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc

Meeting Tues and Sat 9am - 5pm
Alan Hunt | 4566 4626 or 0428 784 425
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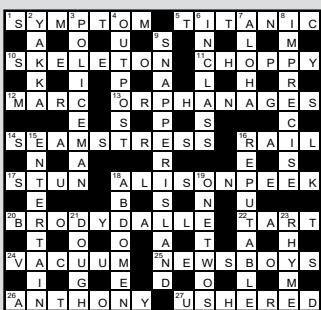
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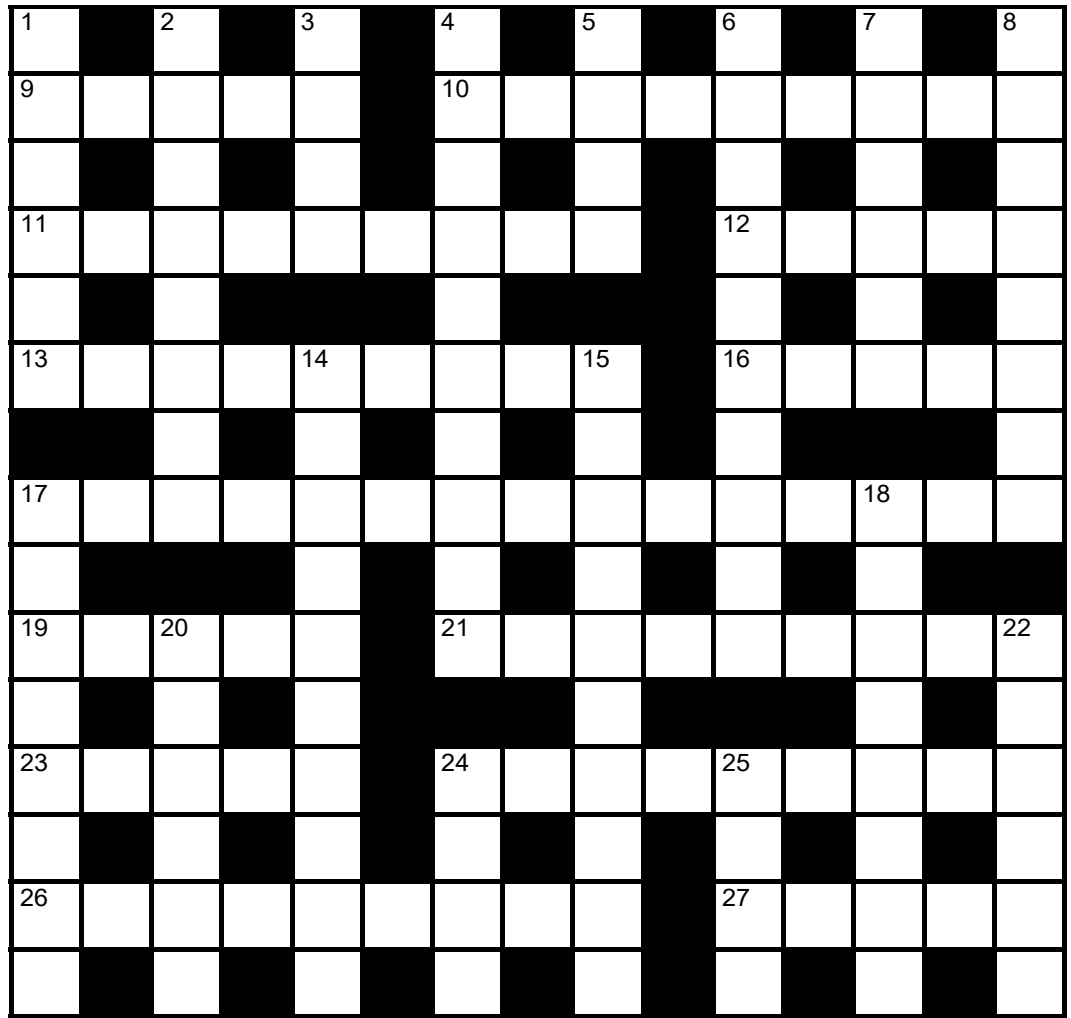
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SUDOKU

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



Across

- Peers
- It's normal to be hammered - priests don't like it (6, 3)
- Paroo River feature internationally important as a wetland (5, 4)
- Sound
- Interplanetary transport
- Coward
- Darwin garden sight (11, 4)
- Diving kit (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
- Cease operations (5, 4)
- It's nicknamed the "Capital of Latin America"
- Type of pea (5-4)
- Recall past experiences
- Not concealed

Down

- Skiers' challenges
- In all honesty (2, 2, 4)
- Barbecue cooler
- Feeling the pain of others
- Superficially, it's all bark and no bite
- Champion surfer/shaper, father of Noa (5, 5)
- Allocate
- Place for waiting
- Side views on blueprints (10)
- Illustrious people (10)
- Fine, soft goat's wool
- Assistants
- Say! Rum manoeuvres for some soldiers (1, 1, 4)
- Natural state?
- One burned but was not consumed
- Board flaw

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW AWARENESS WEEK

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The annual Awareness Week is an opportunity to focus on one particular issue. This year's focus is to increase awareness around the term neurodiversity (which includes ADHD, autism, dyslexia and Tourette

syndrome), and the challenges that those with neurodivergent conditions face, which is particularly true for women and children in the country.

Castle Hill Branch of the CWA will be holding a Market Day Stall on 2nd September at our Cottage, 2 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst from 10am until 2pm, where as well as being able to purchase our jams, pickles and knitted goods, and enjoy our famous Devonshire Teas, visitors can talk about any experiences or difficulties they may have had while suffering from one of these neurodivergent conditions.



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