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New Hawkesbury Cenotaph

BY BEV JORDAN

Growing crowds at the ANZAC Day Dawn service at Windsor will now be facing a permanent sandstone cenotaph at McQuade Park after a 11-year campaign to have it approved and built.

Members of Windsor RSL sub-branch held its first Remembrance day service in front of the new cenotaph this month on November 11th - just nine days after its official dedication.

Planning for a new cenotaph in McQuade Park began in 2013 following concerns about crowd numbers outside the historic Windsor Memorial Gates built in 1925.

Windsor RSL Sub-branch secretary Leon Walker said with more than 5,000 people attending ANZAC Dawn services in front of the Memorial Gates it was felt that there could be a more suitable venue.

"Those who managed to get a spot in front of the War Memorial were the only ones able to see and hear the service. Others packed the streets away from the War Memorial. There was also a Health and Safety Risk in people occupying local streets," he said.

"In 2013 we submitted a proposal to Hawkesbury Council to have a "Cenotaph" included in the "McQuade Park Plan of Management". This was just the first step."

He said the delays occurred because the sub-branch had to deal with both Hawkesbury City Council which managed McQuade Park and NSW Heritage and because the park is on Crown Land their development application had

to be resubmitted to the correct authority for consent.

While waiting for consent for the permanent structure services were held in front of temporary structures.

Mr Walker said:

"For the Centenary of ANZAC in 2015 we conducted our first ANZAC Commemorative Service in McQuade Park. We used a temporary sandstone structure which is now located at the University of Western Sydney Richmond Campus. They conduct their Commemorative Services there." Our Average attendance at the Dawn Service now averages around 10,000.

He said the new cenotaph is a simple structure. "The three pillars represent the Navy, Army and Air Force. On ANZAC morning the sun rises to the east of the Cenotaph and beams through the three pillars. It is a place of commemoration along the same lines as the Sydney Cenotaph".

The temporary timber structures used from 2016 to 2024 were of the same design only larger.



Funding for the permanent cenotaph was boosted by a Federal Grant through Saluting Their Service of \$53,669. There were substantial additional costs covered by the Windsor RSL sub-Branch.

At the dedication service on November 2nd Veterans were joined by serving personnel and politicians with Fr Ranillo Creta, Parish Priest St Matthews Catholic Church and Chaplain Flt Lt Amanda Campbell RAAF Richmond, officiating in the blessing and dedication prayer. The official address was delivered by Sub Branch President David Hadfield, Federal MP for Macquarie Susan Templeman and Hawkesbury's Deputy Mayor Sarah McMahon who were joined by Sub-Branch Treasurer Dave Ingram for the unveiling. The Hawkesbury Cenotaph is ours, the Windsor RSL sub-Branch, is our legacy to the Hawkesbury Community.



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Housing Density Drop

BY BEV JORDAN

Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Accelerated Precincts came into effect on Wednesday 27th November as the State government moved to increase housing supply.

Hills Shire Council is one of several Local Government Areas affected by the rezoning changes (Hornsby is also on the list) which aim to create a total of 60,000 new homes near metro and train stations.

About 4,600 new homes with new and improved public spaces have been earmarked for Bella Vista and Kellyville. Between 3 to 10 per cent of all residential properties will be allocated as affordable housing in perpetuity.

The state government says the development will bring about 3,800 new jobs to the precinct. The State government has also said it will introduce new active transport links to the north-western suburbs as part of the development.

An Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) outlining the proposed changes was exhibited for public feedback between 9th July and 23rd August 2024 this year and 34 submissions were received from industry, councils, state agencies, the general public and other organisations and interest groups.

Hills Shire Council opposed the initial plans which would have allowed 43,000 new homes between Kellyville and Bella Vista Metro stations and urged residents to have their say.

It has welcomed the "significant" scaling down of the proposal but says major questions remain unanswered.

In a media release Hills Shire Council said: "The Bella Vista and Kellyville Precincts already have capacity for 22,576 dwellings and the originally exhibited plans identified a further 20,700 additional homes beyond this. In the finalised plans, this has been reduced to an additional 4,600 homes.

Hills Shire Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne said: "While I'm glad the NSW Government's absurd original proposal has been scaled down, we need to know why all housing growth on the Blacktown side has disappeared and the additional growth has actually doubled on the Hills side.

"Instead of having an additional 18,200 homes on the Blacktown side as originally exhibited, Blacktown will now have no new homes while the Hills has an additional 4,600 on our side, in addition to the 18,600 homes we already have capacity for.

"If Council or a developer submitted plans this light on detail, the NSW Government wouldn't even let us put it on exhibition. Meanwhile the Government is completely

reshaping the face of The Hills Shire with the stroke of a pen.

"This is a major uplift and will require a significant investment from the NSW Government in infrastructure like local roads, schools, parks, playing fields and community facilities."

She said despite repeated requests for a meeting with Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully, the rezoning announcements were made without any discussion between the Government and Council.

"The Hills Shire already has the most overcrowded schools in NSW and the Government's only commitment as part of this process is to undertake further investigations to increase school capacity.

"This simply isn't good enough and they need to act fast before quality of life for Hills residents is significantly eroded."

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SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

On 24 November, police from The Hills Police Area Command observed a suspicious vehicle on Annangrove Road, Rouse Hill. The vehicle, a Mazda BT50, was bearing number plates that did not match its registration. Upon stopping the vehicle, police discovered the driver had provided false identification details and was driving during a disqualification period.

A search of the vehicle revealed a small resealable bag containing a white crystalline substance, suspected to be a prohibited drug, and a large number of power tools and temporary fencing panels, which were suspected to be stolen. The driver was subjected to a roadside drug test, which returned a positive result for Methamphetamine.

The individual has been charged with the following offenses:

- Use of an unregistered motor vehicle
- Use of an uninsured motor vehicle
- Use of a vehicle with unauthorized number plates
- Driving during a disqualification period
- Possession of prohibited drugs
- Possession of suspected stolen goods (7 counts)
- Providing false name or home address to police

The individual will be appearing at Parramatta Local Court on 11th December 2024.

BREAK & ENTERS

Following on from the arrest of a 58 yo Merrylands male made by Hills Proactive Team on 15 November 2024, for multiple break & enters in Dural this month:

The Northwest Metro Region Enforcement Squad have made another break through on 20 November relating to other offences in Dural this month, details are as follows;

- On November 7, 2024, a residence on Langford Rd, Dural was broken into, resulting in the theft of a grey Mercedes. This vehicle was later used in a break-in at Gooraway St, Castle Hill, where another Mercedes was stolen.
- On November 20, 2024, a stolen Audi was suspected to be in convoy with a stolen Ford Ranger in Dural. A pursuit was initiated, during which the Ford Ranger caused minor damage to another vehicle before fleeing.
- On November 20, 2024, a search warrant was executed at a residence in Greystanes by the North West Metro Region Enforcement Squad, leading to the arrest of a 32-year-old individual. During the search, keys to several high-end vehicles, clothing worn during the offences, and small amounts of drugs were found. The stolen Audi was located with false plates. The individual was charged with multiple break & enter offences and was refused bail.

The investigation into the incidents, including the vehicle ramming on November 20, is ongoing.

POWER POLE COLLISION

A man died after being critically injured in a single-vehicle crash at Kenthurst.

Emergency services were called to Kenthurst Road about 10:30 pm on Friday, 15 November 2024, after a blue Ford XR6 Falcon sedan left the roadway and hit a power pole.

The 18-year-old driver suffered multiple injuries and was taken to Westmead Hospital in a critical condition. The front-seat passenger, a 19-year-old man, suffered a head injury, while the back-seat passenger, also aged 18, escaped with minor injuries.

Officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command initiated inquiries, assisted by the Crash Investigation Unit (CIU).

Police have been advised the driver died on Monday, 18 November, in the hospital.

The older man is in the hospital in a stable condition, while the third man was released. All three are from Glenwood. A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

TRUCK AND CAR CRASH

A teenage boy died following a two-vehicle crash in Sydney's west.

At about 4:35 am, Tuesday 19 November 2024, emergency services were called to Wilberforce Road, near Freemans Reach Road, Wilberforce, following reports of a two-vehicle crash.

Officers attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command attended and found a truck with a dog (trailer) and a hatchback had collided.

The male driver of the hatchback, aged 17, was found deceased at the scene.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

The male truck driver, aged 40, was uninjured and was taken to Nepean Hospital for mandatory testing.

Police established a crime scene, with investigations into the circumstances surrounding the incident on going.

KNIFE OFFENCES

On 19 November 2024, at around 5:15 pm, a 19-year-old male was allegedly involved in an affray, wielding a knife in a public place and resisting arrest. The incident occurred between Daintree Place and Marella Avenue, Kellyville.

Upon arrival, Hills Police pursued the suspect on foot through the surrounding streets. The suspect was seen jumping a fence at the rear of a residence on Marella Avenue. He was later apprehended and taken to Castle Hill Police Station.

He has been charged with affray and knife offences and has been bail refused. He is set to appear to Parramatta Local Court on 20 November 2024.

The Police is seeking assistance in locating the victim who may have been injured during this incident. If you have any information, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1800 333 000.

WOMAN HIT BY UTE

A woman died after being hit by ute while walking in Dural.

Emergency services were called to Old Northern Road at about 4:30pm, Monday 18 November 2024, and found the woman, believed to be aged in her 70s, had suffered critical injuries after being struck by the southbound ute.

The driver of the ute, a 28-year-old man from Zetland, stopped to render assistance but the woman died at the scene.

Officers attached to the Kuring Gai Police Area Command established a crime scene, arresting the driver and taking him to Hornsby Hospital for mandatory testing.

On release, the man was taken to Hornsby Police Station where specialist police attached to the Crash Investigation Unit (CIU) charged him with negligent driving occasioning death.

He has been granted conditional bail to appear in Hornsby Local Court on 19 December 2024.

DRINK DRIVING ARREST

On Wednesday, 20th November 2024, at around 8:05 pm, Hills Highway Patrol were patrolling Old Northern Road, Castle Hill, when they spotted a truck allegedly speeding at 82 km/h in a 60 km/h zone.

The driver, a 45-year-old male, was stopped on Gilbert Road. A roadside breath test revealed he was over the legal limit. He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a breath analysis showed a reading of 0.112.

His licence was immediately suspended.

He was charged with Mid-Range Drink Driving and will appear in Parramatta Local Court on the 16 January 2025.

VEHICLE CRASH

At about 6:05 am, Sunday, 24 November 2024, emergency services were called to Dalmar Place, Carlingford, following reports a sedan had crashed.

Officers attached to Ryde Police Area Command attended and found a sedan had collided with a pole.

NSW Ambulance paramedics attended and treated a 30-year-old man, however he died at the scene. He is yet to be formally identified.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner. A crime scene has been established and an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident commenced.

DRUNK AND TIRED

On 22 November, at around 11:30 PM, a 35-year-old male drove through a fast-food drive-through in Bella Vista. After mounting the kerb, he fell asleep. Shortly after, police found him and conducted a breath test, which he failed.

He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a breath analysis showed a reading of 0.148, well above the legal limit. He was charged with Mid-Range Drink Driving.

As his licence was already disqualified, suspension was not necessary. He will face Parramatta Local Court after Christmas.



Anglicare Opens New OP SHOP in Windsor!

Anglicare Sydney has officially opened the doors to its newest Op Shop, located on bustling George Street in Windsor. This exciting new addition to the Hawkesbury community not only offers sustainable and affordable clothing, homewares, and accessories but also includes a **community pantry**, providing low-cost essential foods to those in need.



Cake Cutting (Left to Right) – Jeff Drayton, Head of Retail (Anglicare Sydney); Robyn Preston MP, State Member for Hawkesbury; Cllr Les Sheather, Mayor of Hawkesbury; Andrew Ford, Chief Executive Community and Mission (Anglicare Sydney).

The opening event saw a strong show of support from the local community, with **Mayor Les Sheather, Robyn Preston MP** and other community leaders attending to celebrate this milestone. The festivities reflected the warmth and purpose behind Anglicare's mission to support individuals and families facing challenges such as the rising cost of living.

Speaking at the event, **Jeff Drayton**, Anglicare's Head of Retail, highlighted the importance of Anglicare's work in the region: "The rising cost-of-living is impacting every community and the demand for food and other assistance is high. Op Shops are a great way to provide sustainable, affordable clothing and essential groceries to those in need while also contributing to the wider work of Anglicare in the community."

The Windsor Op Shop promises to be more than a store. It's a hub where locals can connect, access support, and be part of a sustainable movement, as every purchase directly contributes to Anglicare's community programs.

Ribbon Cutting (Left to Right) – Simon Miller, Chief Executive Officer (Anglicare Sydney); Robyn Preston MP, State Member for Hawkesbury; Cllr Les Sheather, Mayor of Hawkesbury; Andrew Ford, Chief Executive Community and Mission (Anglicare Sydney)

Anglicare is also thrilled to welcome **Linda Portelli** as the new store manager. With a passion for vintage fashion and deep local knowledge, Linda is poised to make the Windsor Op Shop a standout destination for treasure hunters and bargain seekers alike.

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Mirvac commences construction at West Pennant Hills

Mirvac has officially commenced construction on its new Highforest community at West Pennant Hills. The \$830 million project will deliver 414 new homes and apartments.

The development is on the former IBM site and backs on to Cumberland State Forest and is close to the Cherrybrook Metro station. Mirvac's CEO Development, Stuart Penklis was joined by NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Paul Scully to turn the first sod earlier this month.

Plans for the development caused a community outcry when the planning process started including Hills Shire Council. Mirvac will deliver 165 detached and attached houses and 249 apartments, along with publicly accessible open spaces and a range of community facilities.

Mr Penklis said Highforest has been many years in the making and will be a true legacy project for Mirvac. "Proximity to the forest has

shaped the masterplanning and architecture of Highforest, and our aim was to create a community that balances its unique location with the urgent need for housing in areas that are well-served by public transport, including the new Sydney CBD Metro.

"Mirvac was a pioneer in sustainable development more than two decades ago and we have drawn on that experience to create a place unlike any other in Sydney. It is fantastic to see Highforest coming to life, and we have worked with the community and local stakeholders to ensure that we are delivering something very special. We are committed to leaving this place better than when we found it," said Mr Penklis.



HighForest turning the sod L – R Campbell Hanan, Group Chief EO & MD, Mirvac Davina Rooney, CEO of Green Building Council ~Spaces Emma Ellis, Project Director, Mirvac Stu Penklis, CEO, Development - Residential & Commercial and Mixed Use, Mirvac

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'LIVING WITH THE RIVER' COMPETITION

The NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA) invites you to capture an image that tells us what 'Living with the River' looks like for you.

This competition celebrates all aspects of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River – as a place for recreation, a source of livelihood, a place of beauty and a force of nature and a place of cultural significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also wreaks havoc through the devastating force of floods. We're thrilled that local artist Blak Douglas has lent his support to our photo competition. Born Adam Douglas Hill, Blak is a celebrated artist and descendant of the Dhungatti Nation (Kempsey, NSW). His work often explores themes of social justice, Indigenous identity, and environmental conservation. Douglas has received numerous awards, and his art is exhibited in galleries across Australia and internationally. In 2022 Douglas won the Archibald Prize for his portrait

of Karla Dickens in the Lismore floods. Blak said the Hawkesbury-Nepean River, also known as the Dyarubbin, is a place for recreation, a source of livelihood, a natural wonder, and culturally significant to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Our rivers are the lifeblood of our communities, providing us with water, food, and a place to be creative and connect with nature," Douglas said. "Young, old – whoever you are, zoom in and capture everything. I encourage you to participate and share your perspectives on how we live with and cherish the Dyarubbin."

RA are seeking to encourage the creative community to get involved in the Living with the River photo competition running alongside the NSW Reconstruction Authority's Disaster

Adaptation Plan (DAP) development, to reduce flood risk in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley, the first DAP in the state. As part of this work the images will showcase the river through the eyes of those living on the floodplain. This competition celebrates the Hawkesbury-Nepean River and highlights the need to be aware of these risks. Participants are encouraged to submit photographs reflecting the diverse ways in which the river impacts daily life, culture, and the environment.

So far, the RA has received more than 130 photo entries with the closing date on February 2, 2025.

HOW TO ENTER:

Participants submit their entries through the NSW Reconstruction Authority website. For more information and the terms and conditions please visit nsw.gov.au/living-with-the-river

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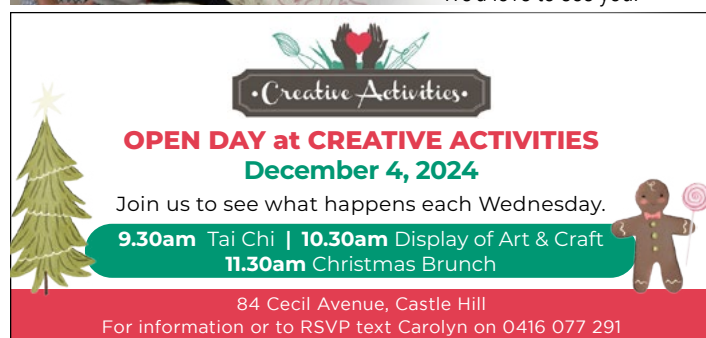
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Open Day at Creative Activities 2024

As the end of the year rushes towards us, now is the time to plan something for YOU in the new year. Creative Activities started in Castle Hill for more than 45 years ago and now has a "family" of folk who come to craft and converse together each Wednesday. It's our last day of term for 2024 is December 4 and you're most welcome to join us to see a display of the art and crafts from this year.

If you come at 9.30am, you can try out the Tai Chi class ~ it's great for improving mobility and balance. Then from 10.30am, peruse the display, have a chat to those who create, then join in our end of year Christmas brunch at 11.30am.

If you'd think this is something that would interest you, text Carolyn on 0416 077 291 to R.S.V.P or for more information. Location: the church hall at 84 Cecil Avenue, Castle Hill. We'd love to see you.



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Mayor Michelle Byrne with sponsors of the Glenhaven Carols.



Jingle all the way with Glenhaven Carols by Candlelight 2024

The Glenhaven Carols by Candlelight returns for its twenty-fourth year transforming Glenhaven Oval into a festive wonderland on December 8, 2024. The event has become a fixture of Christmas in Glenhaven, with the oval filling with thousands of residents to celebrate the festive season.

It all started in 2000 when a local Glenhaven RFS volunteer was looking for fundraising opportunities for the Brigade. She approached Donna Fraser, a community worker at the former Glenhaven Community Centre, about starting a Carols in Glenhaven. Donna contacted local organisations - Emmanuel Church Glenhaven, Before and After School Care, Glenhaven Public School and local Rotary clubs. The first year saw over 800 people and the event has grown every year since. We now see over 4000 people.

Donna is still on the committee and Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade is still heavily involved in the event, which is now hosted by Friends of Glenhaven. The Hills SES also assists on the night. In 24 years, there have only been two occasions where the event did not proceed. A violent storm in the late 2000's and 2020 - COVID! In the following year, the committee decided to take the event to the next level. A bigger stage and more sophisticated performances with the North West Wind Ensemble and Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind

Orchestra entertaining the crowd with carols. The Hills Shire Council provided a grant and local businesses increased their sponsorships.

In 2023, and again this year, Harvey Norman came on board as the Major Sponsor. The Glenhaven Carols is now the biggest Christmas event in The Hills.

"We are truly grateful for what the Carols event has become and the support the community shows each year. There is excitement building yet again!" said Louise Hedges, member of the Friends of Glenhaven's Carols Committee.

"Each year the community comes together on this great night to relax and celebrate. It's a real community event with our local Glenhaven Rural Fire Service and The Hills SES Unit assisting on the night. Entry is a gold coin to our emergency services volunteers at the gate. To enhance inclusivity, The Fit Kidz Foundation provides a sensory breakout tent at the Carols this year, for individuals with neurodivergent needs, a disability or sensory needs. This space provides resources and activities to individuals

who may require some time in a quieter space. This breakout space will hopefully make Glenhaven Carols more accessible to all of our community.

Friends of Glenhaven's Carols Committee organise the event which also showcases local talent all set to entertain:

- **REID THE MUSIC:** This award winning school has been awarded Most Outstanding New Business and Most Outstanding Education Service in the Local Business Awards providing music education to many preschools in the area.
- **JENNA'S SINGING SCHOOL:** Established in 2008 by industry professional Jenna Ingram, The Hills District based studios are known for their elite standard and expertise in one-on-one tuition and small group classes. Classes are tailored to suit the individual depending on what their personal goals are.
- **SISTER2SISTER SCHOOL OF SINGING** - Led by ARIA Award Winning Multi Platinum Selling Singer/Songwriters Christine & Sharon Muscat, the school was established in 2004. Their specialised singing school offers complimentary tuition in music, drama and dancing along with varied workshops, on-site recording studio and ample performance opportunities.
- **CASTLE HILL RSL YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA** and **CASTLE HILL RSL NORTH WEST WIND** Ensemble have a proud tradition of being regarded as Australia's finest symphonic wind bands. North West Wind Ensemble provides adult performers with outstanding opportunities to perform a diverse range of quality wind band repertoire. The Youth Wind Orchestra was established in 1996, and this 60-65-piece community wind orchestra provides young musicians with the same exciting opportunities. Musical and artistic direction by James Brice OAM and conductor Australian composer and North West Wind Ensemble horn player, Tim Ferrier.
- **HILLS DISTRICT PIPE BAND** - formed in 1970, the band values the camaraderie of its members, the importance of upholding the traditions of Scottish music, the renewal of the band through young members and the loyal support and friendship of our community and sponsors.

On Sunday 8 December there will be food, rides and attractions with the event starting at 4pm. Santa will be coming to town and the firework finale starts at 9.00pm.

"Without the generous support of The Hills Shire Council, Harvey Norman, local businesses such as fireworks sponsor Louis Carr Real Estate, West Pennant Hills Sports Club, Kindalin and Eden Brae Homes amongst many other local businesses, this event simply wouldn't be able to proceed", added Louise Hedges.

(Cover picture: L to R - Radha Shah, Mitchell Blue, Louise Hedges, Donna Fraser. Standing in front of the Glenhaven Christmas tree planted in 2020 at Glenhaven Oval to celebrate 20 years of Glenhaven Carols).





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Castle Hill RSL Group Celebrates Sports and Community Excellence

Castle Hill RSL Group (CHRG) recently hosted its annual Sports and Community Awards night, a much-anticipated event celebrating the outstanding achievements and contributions of its 21 vibrant sub-clubs. The night brought together players, volunteers, and supporters to honour teamwork, dedication, and community spirit.

This year's awards highlighted the incredible talent and commitment within the CHRG network, encompassing a wide range of sports and community activities. From junior athletes excelling in local and state competitions, to the volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes, the awards recognised the many individuals who make CHRG's sub-clubs a vital part of the Hills.

Among the honourees was **Robert Attard**, Hills Football Association's 2024 Sports Person of the Year. Robert, a passionate Premier League player for Castle Hill RSL Rockets FC, was celebrated for his exceptional footwork, dribbling skills, and outstanding leadership both on and off the field. His dedication to the game and his team has made him a standout in the local football community.

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** went to **Susan Hsiao**, described as the heart of Castle Hill RSL Dolphins. Susan wears many hats as Secretary, Welfare Officer, photographer,

and more, dedicating countless hours to the club's success. Her selfless work ensures that the Dolphins not only function smoothly but thrive as a community. Her contributions are a shining example of the spirit of volunteerism that drives CHRG's sub-clubs.

The evening was hosted by Brett Andrews, CHRG's Head of Sport and Wellness. Brett spoke passionately about the role of sport and community in bringing people together. "Our clubs are about more than competition – they're about connection, growth, and building a strong community," Brett said, setting the tone for the night's celebrations.

CHRG President John Payne also addressed the crowd, sharing his gratitude for the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in the sub-clubs. "Tonight, we celebrate not just individual excellence but the incredible spirit of our community. It's this unity and commitment

that make our sub-clubs so special," he said.

The night was filled with inspiring stories of achievement and dedication, from athletes like Robert breaking records and excelling in their sport to volunteers like Susan who tirelessly give back to the community. These stories reflect the power of sport and community to foster resilience, camaraderie, and belonging.

With 21 sub-clubs and their members contributing to CHRG's community, the Awards Night was a testament to the collective effort and passion that drives its success.

For more information about CHRG and its sub-clubs, visit <https://www.castlehillrsl.com.au/sub-clubs>



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After a successful trial of the concept, our Customer Service Centre Pop-Ups will roll out with our branded blue marquee at 10 locations throughout the financial year, with a special focus on outlying communities and local events, with a variety of weekday and weekend pop-up times to maximise accessibility. Council recognises that standard business hours aren't always convenient for all residents, and that while many transactions and needs can be managed via our call centre, counter and online

self-service on our Council website, face-to-face conversations are still an important part of our connection with the community.

These pop-ups are a great opportunity to ask questions about our services or exhibitions, report an issue or log a request in the convenience of your own community, outside of usual business hours and standard channels.

The team was recognised in November with the Highly Commended Award for National Customer Service Team of the Year at the

National Local Government Customer Service Network. This achievement highlights the team's hard work and dedication to enhancing service for our community.

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The Hills Shire Council News

Get active at North Kellyville's latest Sports Complex

Hundreds of Hills Shire residents came together as Stringer Road Reserve was officially opened on Saturday 16 November. The reserve opening had an array of activities and free food enjoyed by the community.

This state-of-the-art facility highlights Council's commitment to delivering quality infrastructure that supports sport, recreation, and active lifestyles.

The new sporting reserve boasts impressive facilities, including four multi-purpose natural turf sports fields which can be reconfigured into two ovals, four cricket practice nets, two full-sized basketball courts, 1.25km of shared pathways and a children's playground. It's a space for the whole community to enjoy!

Stringer Road Reserve is Kellyville's second sports complex, following the opening of Samantha Riley Drive Reserve in 2023. Swing by the reserve at the corner of Stringer Road and Barry Road, North Kellyville.



Feed those in Need this Christmas

Hills Shire Library members with overdue library books now have a unique opportunity to have their fines waived as part of the Mayor's 2024 Christmas Appeal and Library Fine Amnesty.

From Saturday 16 November until Sunday 15 December, library members can return overdue books and have their fines waived in exchange for a non-perishable food donation. All donations will go to Anglicare's Mobile Community Pantry.

Overdue books can be returned through the returns chute at any library branch during opening hours.



Mayor of The Hills Shire Dr Michelle Byrne at Castle Hill Library.

Bring along an item from the list below to donate and present your library card or app to staff at the Customer Service desk at any of the Hills Shire Library branches in Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Dural and Rouse Hill.

Acceptable non-perishable food item donations include:

- Christmas cake or pudding (500g or 700g)
- Tinned ham or chunky soup (450g)
- Tinned salmon or tuna (415g)
- Tea (100pk)
- Coffee (100g)
- Packet of biscuits (no chocolate biscuits)
- Dried pasta (500g)
- Pasta sauce
- Long-life milk
- Long-life custard
- Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
- Jam (500g)

Chocolate or chocolate-covered items will unfortunately not be accepted, as they are likely to melt. For more information, visit Council's website and search 'Library Fine Amnesty'.

Council Meetings

Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at 7pm

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

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Light up this Christmas at the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Rose Garden

Council's annual Illuminate The Hills event is back at the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Rose Garden in Baulkham Hills.

The glittering garden will be lit each night with thousands of twinkling fairy lights, lined with magnificent Christmas installations and adorned with a dazzling nativity scene.

The lights will be switched on from 7:30pm every evening until Thursday, 2 January 2025.

The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Rose Garden is one of the largest of its kind in NSW, with over 4,000 roses from 80 different species. The garden also features concrete pathways, making it accessible for wheelchairs and prams.

The rose garden is located on Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills next to Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre.

Free event to celebrate International Day of People with Disability

People of all abilities are invited to join a FREE special sensory-friendly celebration for International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) on Saturday 7 December at the Powerhouse Castle Hill from 10am to 1pm.

The event promises a fun, inclusive and engaging day where participants can connect, socialise, and learn more about the many support services available for people with disabilities — all while enjoying a range of exciting activities.

The day will feature a host of sensory-friendly and interactive activities, including:

- Silent disco
- Roving entertainment, including a special performance from Sally Bubbles
- Face painting
- Craft activities, including making paper helicopters
- Mars Rover demonstrations
- Disability service provider stallholders
- Free ice cream – registration required



The event will give attendees access to the latest Powerhouse Castle Hill exhibitions.

Attendees will be able to visit a variety of disability service providers who will be present on the day.

A quiet room will also be available for visitors during the event. For more details, visit Council's website, and search 'International Day of People with Disability' or 'IDPwD'.



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THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

Ringside view of the best boxers in town

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

Wanderer Promotions has a simple but powerful philosophy: 'Creating the champions of tomorrow, today'. For Wanderer Promotions owner Ricky Colosimo, it's all about promoting boxing in NSW and across Australia.

And judging by his latest boxing extravaganza, Warehouse Rumble Pro-Am at Bella Vista Hotel, Colosimo is attracting not only some of the best pugilists in Australia but also huge crowds. With 70 boxers fighting it out, including six professional bouts, the November 24th event was packed with big-fight entertainment and close fights.

"Our goal is to change the stigma around boxing in Australia and show the transformative power the sport has on men and women who lace up the gloves," said the boxer turned promoter. "We want to bring boxing back to the mainstream and put on the best fights."

"Wanderer Promotions has had amazing growth over the last year and we will look to televise fights next year. Each event has had over 1000 people in attendance."

"Our tagline is 'Creating the champions of tomorrow, today' and that's what we are doing by hosting these events."

"We have a very exciting 2025 lined up and can't wait to be a positive force and elevate the game in Australia. Warehouse Rumble 3 is just another step in a much larger vision of bringing boxing back to the mainstream public of Australia."

"We want to attract families and the younger generation and let our fighters be role models for the next generation to see what it means to be a champion. We have had amazing growth in just over a year! Can't wait to see what the future holds."

Wanderer Promotion had a strong presence at the recent Aus Fitness Expo in Sydney, which attracted more than 50,000 visitors. Colosimo said their stand was among the most popular at the event, and a big boost for their boxing promotions.

Former world number one Michael Katsidis and ex-world Champ George Kambosis with Hills boxing promoter Ricky Colosimo



Hills Rugby Club expands their reach

BY LAWRENCE MACHADO

The Hills Rugby Club, founded 65 years ago, is gearing up for the 2025 season with training starting in early January.

It is one of the leading rugby union clubs in The Hills District, with a very strong grassroots organisation starting with the minis.

Hills Rugby Club, whose home base is Yattenden Oval, Baulkham Hills, have junior boys and girls teams (U10-U16), plus Colts and seniors. Four grade sides take part in the in the NSW Suburban Rugby Division 2 competitions.

Club coach Matthew Brinnand said they plan to field a Colts team (U17 to U21) for the 2025 season.

Matthew's family have been closely involved with Hills Rugby Club for more than 40 years, starting with his Dad Craig and Mum Kerri, who have been serving on the committee for a long time. Current president Craig is among the longest serving members, having started his career with the minis.

In addition to Matthew, his brother Mick captains the first grade side, cousin Adam coaches the second grade with Jeremy Lawlor, while Adam's wife Siobhan serves as secretary.

"I've been involved with the club for 26 years as I was four when I started playing," Matthew said. "We have junior girls teams with the ultimate goal that these girl progress through and can help us start up our first-ever Open women's 15s or sevens team."

As with all other sports in the Hills, rugby has its challenges in attracting players each season.

"In such a condensed market in the Hills District, it's very much a social media presence to help market the club," Matthew said. "It's also through word of mouth of players and showing their mates what the club is about and creating an environment where they don't want to go anywhere else."

Asked to comment on the planned move by Sydney rugby powerhouse Eastwood Rugby to Castle Hill within the next few years, Matthew said it is an interesting scenario.

"I guess only time will tell how it impacts our club as well as others around the area," he said. "Let's hope it will be on the positive side for rugby in The Hills district."

The senior teams start training on January 13, with the 14-round NSW Suburban Rugby Division 2 competitions starting April. To join the club, contact seniors@hillsrugby.com.au or follow them on social media.



DURAL BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Phil Laing defeated Mike Keane 25-15 in the Men's Major Singles final for the second successive year on Saturday, November 9. Coincidentally, this was the identical score that Phil beat off Mike's challenge last year.

The game was much closer than the score indicated with the lead changing many times throughout the final. Mike was leading 14-12 at one stage, then Phil found the right line and length and managed to score 13 shots whilst Mike could only manage one.

Terri Hezlett prevailed in the Ladies Major Singles final on Tuesday, November 12 in a very competitive game against Lyn Luxford. Terri overcame Lyn 25-23. As the score indicates, the lead changed many times during the game keeping everyone on edge.

The club extends its congratulations to Phil and Terri and commiserations to Mike and Lyn.

The next event for the Dural Bowling Club will be the presentation day and Christmas lunch on Saturday, December 14.

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And that's why the Albanese Government has taken unprecedented measures to get wages moving, relieve cost of living pressures wherever we could, and deliver balanced budgets.

When we came to government, we inherited an inflation rate of 6.1 percent. Now inflation has dropped to below 3 percent – the lowest rate we've seen since early 2021 when we were in the midst of COVID. That's only happened because of how economically responsible we've been.

In talking to people about the cost of living relief we've provided, nearly everyone has had some benefit from tax cuts, or the \$300 energy

relief, cheaper medicines or extra paid parental leave and cheaper childcare.

We're seeing more people being bulk-billed at the GP – a small but significant turnaround.

There are more free mental health services in the Hawkesbury, with Medicare Mental Health Service (badged as Head to Health) and Headspace, both in Richmond.

If you've got a young person training in a skills shortage area like construction or hospitality, I hope they've chosen one of the many free TAFE courses. These courses have been so successful that if Labor is reelected next year, we're making them permanently free. We know there's more to do as we go into 2025.

However, there's one sector that needs your support as you get ready for Christmas – and

that's our local small business community. Despite this year's challenges, businesses in the Hawkesbury have continued to employ locals, support other local businesses, and donate to local sporting and community organisations. They've been heroes.

As you do the mad dash for Christmas gifts, I encourage you to look no further than our local businesses. As always, I'll be shopping local this year, and I look forward to gifting my friends and family something created or curated in the Hawkesbury.

If you're an essential worker with shifts over the holidays, thank you! And if you get to enjoy a break with family or friends, in whatever way you spend it, I hope you have a lovely, safe Christmas and New Year.

Celebrating Community Spirit this Christmas in The Hills

As the festive season approaches, Castle Hill is sparkling with Christmas joy and excitement. It's the perfect time to reflect on the year gone by and celebrate the incredible community spirit that makes The Hills such a wonderful place to live.

The Hills District is already buzzing with festive energy! Streets are adorned with beautiful decorations, and the anticipation of carols, celebrations, and all the magic of Christmas fills the air.

A joyful season is already unfolding.

This season of giving fills us with gratitude. In this spirit, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, local organisations, and businesses who work so tirelessly to make our celebrations—and our community—truly extraordinary in this season, and throughout the whole year. Your efforts, from stunning decorations to fun-filled activities, charitable works to community events, light up the Hills in every way!

As we gather with our loved ones, let's take a moment to connect, reflect, and spread kindness to those in need. Christmas is all about hope, generosity, and compassion—values that make our Castle Hill community so special.

On behalf of my team and myself, I wish each and every one of you a Christmas filled with joy, laughter, and love! May the New Year bring you health, happiness, and prosperity!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Veterans, Families and Beyond

I introduced the *Summary Offences Amendment (War Memorials and Other Protected Places) Bill 2024* into the Parliament of NSW's Legislative Assembly in August this year.

This Bill would have ensured that all memorials, monuments, pools, gardens and surrounds are automatically protected. The Bill also sought to discourage vandalism of Australia's war memorials through an increase in penalty units. Currently, the punishment is a maximum of 40 penalty units (\$4,400). My Bill proposed an increase to a maximum of 50 penalty units (\$5,500) or imprisonment for two years, or both. The increase in fines for the damage and desecration of war memorials was welcomed by many and in particular, our Veterans.

The fact that the penalties were to be incorporated into the Summary Offences Act

rather than the Crimes Act, strengthened the ability for Police to issue such fines without the offence being caught up in the judicial system for years to come.

Regrettably, this Bill was not supported by the Minns Labor Government and was shamefully dismissed. In fact, forty-eight Members of the NSW Parliament did not support this, which indicates to me, the low regard they have for our Veterans. An untrue claim was that the RSL sub-branches within NSW had been consulted and were opposed to the amendments I had put forward.

Veterans who attended Parliament on the day of the debate were infuriated and were adamant that their sub-branches had not been consulted. Whilst Labor, the Greens and some Independents voted not to progress this Bill,

please know that my passion and advocacy to ensure our Veterans are remembered in respectful and honourable ways, will continue.

As we approach Christmas, I know it will be especially difficult for me, with the loss this year, of both my Mother and my eldest brother Bill, within weeks of each other. It is during these special times of the year that our faith and family carry us forward. To everyone catching up with family and friends during this festive season, here's to making every day count and to telling those closest to you, just how much you care about them.

I wish everyone a blessed Christmas and I look forward to continuing the advocacy for our good folk in Hawkesbury and Western Sydney, our Veterans, individuals and families.

Merry Christmas!

Holiday Gifts Wrapped in Independence

BY REJIMON PUNCHAYIL

The holiday season is a time for joy, love, and giving. For elderly people the physical challenges of aging can sometimes dampen the joy.

As you prepare to welcome your elderly loved ones this Christmas, consider making their visit as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Begin by assessing your home's accessibility, and check

for potential hazards or obstacles that could hinder their mobility? Simple adjustments, such as installing grab bars or removing tripping hazards, can make a significant difference. When it comes to gift-giving, think beyond traditional presents. A pair of comfortable foot warmers, or a stylish cane can be both functional and fashionable. For those with

mobility challenges, mobility scooters, rise recliners, and adjustable beds can provide much-needed comfort and independence. Please speak to one of the friendly Assistive Technology Specialists at your local Karis Life store or visit their website www.KarisLife.com.au for more options.

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AT A GLANCE

NAME: SHEENA
BREED: Staffy
SEX: Female
AGE: 3 Years and 3 Months
PRICE: \$49



MEET SHEENA, a delightful girl who may need just a moment or two to feel comfortable but is bound to win your heart when she does. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Centre, although initially cautious, she blossoms into a deeply loyal companion with a steadfast loyalty to her owner that's truly heartwarming. With patience and understanding from her new family, Sheena's lovely personality will start to shine through, making your bond with her strong. Staff say Sheena's journey to trust perfectly highlights the reward of seeing her grow into a warm, loving companion ready to share her devotion and happiness with you. Bring home Sheena, and you'll find a friend who cherishes her new family and offers endless loyalty in return.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145

MEET ZUKO, a charming male feline companion who's the perfect blend of independence and affection. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Centre, Zuko has a friendly, endearing character with a warm yet laid-back presence. Although Zuko cherishes his alone time, he also values being part of the family circle. Staff say he's the kind of cat who enjoys lounging in a cozy corner, but keeps a watchful eye on household activities, ensuring he's never too far from his loved ones. Whether you're relaxing with a book or catching up on your favourite show, Zuko's calm presence makes every moment more enjoyable. He would love a family that understands his need for both companionship and personal space, where he'll be embraced for his unique personality. If you're looking for a cat who can adapt to your lifestyle and provide a steady flow of gentle companionship, Zuko might just be your ideal match.

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AT A GLANCE

NAME: ZUKO
BREED: Domestic Short Hair
SEX: Male
AGE: 6 yrs 1 mo
PRICE: \$49



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Sydney Animal Hospitals

Sydney Animal Hospitals is thrilled to announce the launch of the Sydney Bulldog Clinic—a dedicated service for the unique needs of bulldogs and other brachycephalic breeds. Bulldogs are lovable, loyal, and full of personality, but their distinctive features mean they need extra care, especially during the warmer months.

Keeping Brachycephalic Breeds Safe This Summer:

The shorter snouts that make these breeds so charming can also make them more vulnerable to heat-related health risks. Here are our top tips for keeping your bulldog safe:

Beat the Heat:

- Always provide cool, shaded areas and plenty of fresh water.
- Avoid outdoor exercise during the heat of the day—early mornings and evenings are safer.

Watch Their Breathing:

- Overheating can lead to breathing difficulties. Look out for excessive panting or signs of distress.
- Consider having your dog's airway health checked to make sure they're ready for summer.

Beach Days with Care:

- Keep your bulldog cool by offering shallow water to splash in, but always supervise near water.

- Apply pet-safe sunscreen to sensitive areas, like their nose and ears.

Know the Signs of Heatstroke:

- Symptoms include drooling, lethargy, vomiting, and difficulty breathing.
- Act quickly—move your dog to a cool place and contact your vet immediately.

Why Visit the Sydney Bulldog Clinic?

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STAY SAFE IN THE WATER: Top Tips to Protect Your Ears This Summer

As the festive season approaches, Australia comes alive with the joys of summer. The days are long, filled with golden sunshine, and the sound of laughter echoes from backyards and beaches. Families gather for barbecues, children run through sprinklers, and friends cool off in sparkling blue pools. Whether you're diving into the ocean, lounging by the river, or enjoying a lazy afternoon swim, the water is an irresistible escape from the summer heat. But while the season brings plenty of fun, it also carries certain risks for our ears, especially with increased swimming.

Spending more time in the water can lead to trapped moisture in the ear canal, a common culprit behind ear infections like swimmer's ear. Combined with excessive ear wax, this can create a perfect storm for discomfort and hearing issues. One of the best ways to prevent these problems is by ensuring your ears are clean and free of wax buildup. That's where professional ear wax removal comes in, offering a safe, effective solution to keep your ears healthy.

DIY Methods: A Cautionary Tale

At-home methods for ear wax removal often seem convenient but can be risky.

Peroxide and Oil: These substances are frequently used to soften ear wax. However, they can cause irritation, discomfort, or even push the wax deeper into the ear canal, worsening the blockage.

Ear Candling: This method, which involves placing a lit, hollow candle in the ear, is not only ineffective but also hazardous. It can cause burns, leave candle residue, or push wax deeper into the ear.

Foreign Objects: Tools like bobby pins or even cotton buds are often misused. Cotton buds can leave fibres behind, and bobby pins can cause trauma to the delicate ear canal. We often see patients needing help to remove cotton pieces lodged in their ears.

Cameras with Tools: While these gadgets might seem innovative, their sharp edges and poor design can lead to significant injury if not used correctly.

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Adaptable Techniques: At Ear Studio, while dry micro suction is our primary method, we can employ other techniques if needed, always prioritising your safety and comfort.

Prevention and Peace of Mind

This summer, protect your ears from potential issues by starting with a clean slate. Regular ear wax removal can help prevent blockages and reduce the risk of swimmer's ear or other infections.

Trust the Experts at Ear Studio

Don't risk your hearing with unproven and potentially harmful DIY methods. Schedule a micro suction appointment with Ear Studio to ensure your ears are in the best possible condition for the summer season.

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Enjoy a safe and sound festive season!

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Annangrove Environment Centre

02 9654 3571 (Thurs) | 02 9843 0533 (Wed-Fri)
gnolan@thehills.nsw.gov.au

Arcaidian Quilters

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

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

Castle Hill Senior Citizens Club Inc.,

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9680 3958 | castlehillseniors@gmail.com

Christian Over 50s Social Group

Carol | 0412201005

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Margaret Moxon | 0412 539 110 | cphills.org.au

Cumberland Bird Observers Club

Conducts 3 outings a month to observe birds in their natural environment. Meetings 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 – Castle Hill Branch

Monthly meeting every 2nd Tues at the CWA Hall, 2 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst (off Angus Road) from 10am. Also Craft mornings for members on 1st and 3rd Tues of the month from 10 to 12.
Maureen | 0410 582 723
castlehillcwa@gmail.com

CWA of NSW – Galston Branch

Meets 2nd Wed each month at 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 – Toongabbie Branch.

Monthly meetings held 1st Tues of the month at Toongabbie Girl Guide Hall in Junia Ave Toongabbie from 10am. Craft mornings for members 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 0427 8498 | www.duralmensshed.org

East Kurrajong School of Arts

1st Tues each month 10am to 1pm. Bring along any sort of craft activity, pencil or brushes to practice your drawing or painting with Ruth. Gold coin donation for morning tea.
Ann | 02 4576 5031

Embroiderers' Guild NSW Inc Hawkesbury Grp

For anyone who loves to stitch or would love to learn. Meetings: 3rd Tues 10am-2pm, 4th Tues 6-10pm Stan Stevens Studio, Deerubbin Centre 300 George St. Windsor (Windsor Library level).
Catherine Delaney | 0413340049
cdelaney1@vtown.com.au

Friends of Hills Library

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

Girl Guides Australia

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Margo | 0417 657 433.

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 1st 3rd 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 Historical Society

Meets 4th Thurs of Feb, Apr & Oct at 7.30pm and 4th Saturday in Jun & Aug at 2pm.
secretaryhawkesburyhistory@gmail.com

Hawkesbury Nepean Chapter of the 1st Fleeters

Meets on 2nd Saturday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct.
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
hawkwest.probus@gmail.com

Hawkesbury Woodcraft Cooperative Ltd

9.30am to 2pm Wed. & Sat.
www.hawkesburywoodcraft.org.au
Graham | 02 4576 1517

Hills District Historical Society Inc.

Meets at 7pm 4th Mon of each month. Museum located at Bldg 10, Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills and opens on the 1st and 3rd Sat of each month 12.00pm to 4pm.
Secretary Pam Wilson | 0474 204 080
pam.wilson52@gmail.com

Hills District Women's Bowling Club

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

Hills Harmony Chorus

Barbershop style 4 part harmony All Singers welcome. 7.30pm @ Kellyville Anglican Church, 45 Presidents Rd. Kellyville.
info@hillsharmony.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
Robert | 0425 233 783
HillsOMNI1@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

Hornsby Kuring-gai Parkinson's Assoc'n Inc.

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Michael Parkin | 0491009557
Parkinson's Choir, www.parkypeople.org

Kurrajong Hand Spun Craft

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Margaret | 0403 819 165

Ladies Probud Club of Baulkham Hills

Baulkham Hills Sports Club on Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills meets on the 2nd Wed of the mo at 10am and welcomes enquiries about our club.
Suzanne Dennis | 96390324 (home)
0412424593 (mobile)

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Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

Geoff | 0412 969 651

Lions Club of West Pennant Hills - Cherrybrook

westpennanthills_secretary@lions.sydney
Raj | 0429 440 746

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.
macquariatownsgardenclub.wordpress.com

National Seniors Australia (Hills Branch)

Meets on the 1st Thurs of every month at Baulkham Hills Sports Club Renown Rd at 9.30am to 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

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 VIEW Club

meets 10.30am at Baulkham Hills Sports Club on the 2nd Tues of each month. A guest speaker will be featured each month. 4th Tues of the month a social outing is organised.
Margaret | 9873 2402

Pennant Hills Garden Club

Meets 4th Wed at 9.30am at Pennant Hills Community Centre. Inquire or just come along to a meeting.
pennanthillsgardenclub@gmail.com

Probus of Baulkham Hills

Meets 1st Thurs each month 1.30pm Baulkham Hills Sports Club, 11 Renown Rd Visitors welcome. Activities every Thurs.
Peter | 0407 013 411
probus56830@gmail.com

Probus Club of Carlingford North Rocks

Meets at the Vikings Sports Club every 3rd Mon of the month at 10.30am. Membership is open to recently retired and semi-retired members.
Ken | 0408 963 060 | thebunts2@gmail.com

Probus Club of Cherrybrook Combined

A mixed gender club of 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

Probus Club of Combined Castle Hill Club

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

Probus Club of Glenhaven

Meets 10 am on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Castle Hill Bowling Club.
secretary.glenhaven.probus@gmail.com

Probus Club of 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

Probus Club of the Hills Inc

Is a mixed club and meets at the Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Road, Galston on the 2nd Wed of each month commencing at 10.30 am.
Ken | 02 96296459

Probus Club of 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

Probus Club of Kellyville Combined

Meets 2nd Monday of the month from 10am-12pm at Glenhaven Community Centre, 76 Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven (next door to public school and adjoining the park).
Veronica | 0408 025 577
Susan | 0400 039 308

Probus Club of Pennant Hills Mens

John | 9487 1385

Probus Club of Pennant Hills Combined

Meets at Hotel Pennant Hills every 3rd Monday of the month at 10am.
Lorene | 0429 396594

Probus Club of Pitt Town

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

Probus Club of Round Corner (Dural)

Julie; PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

Probus Club of Winston Hills – Northmead Combined

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

Probus Club of Windsor

Meet first Wednesday of the month at 10am at the Windsor RSL club 36 Argyle St. South Windsor
Ann | 0414298945 or Elaine | 0428844461
windsorprobus2756@gmail.com

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Meetings 2nd Friday of the month 10.15am to 11.45am at Wesley Uniting Church, 32-34 Showground Rd, Castle Hill.
Donna | 0416 082 626

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 of Hornsby Inc.

Meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month at Pennant Hills Bowling Club.
Pam | 0425 229 615 | sihornsbys@siseap.org

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 | sithehills@siwp.org

The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

The Hills Learning Centre

02 8850 0555 | info@thehillslc.com.au
facebook.com/thehillslclearningcentre

The Hills Shire Garden Club

Meets on 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm; Barton Hall, 178 David Road Castle Hill.
9624 5034

The Hills District Pipe Band

Practices at Stamford Hall, Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills every Wednesday 7-9pm.
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 the 4th week of each month.
Robyn | 0416 035 655

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees

Mal Steel | airsdneyhills@gmail.com

Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiestennis.org

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoor Club

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 pm at Crestwood Community Centre, Cnr Crestwood Drive and Conway St, Baulkham Hills.
John | 0423167467
www.bushwalkingsnw.org.au/wanderers

West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Ladies social tennis Tues 9.30 to 11.30 (no play school holidays) 103 new line Rd W. Pennant Hills

Windsor RSL Fishing Club

Meets on the last Tues of the month at Windsor RSL Club at 6.30pm. New members welcome.
Les Mison | 0421 821 1990

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
Adrian Acheson | 0448 833 781

YMCA NSW Community Visitors Scheme

9633 8209 or 0402 255 193

Zonta Club of Sydney Hills

0414 641 408 | www.zontadistrict24.org

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

(Continued)

I have been asked by some readers to continue to explain how suburbs or localities within the Hills and Hawkesbury areas came to be named.

DURAL is an Aboriginal name, the meaning of which is obscure. There is a suggestion that it refers to a hollow tree from which smoke is rising. The name was originally spelt Dooral and was bestowed on the area in 1819 by James Meehan, a surveyor, and was applied to a greater area than that of the current suburb. Various parts of the district were named Upper Dooral, Middle Dooral and Lower Dooral. In the past it was a major timber and fruit growing area.

EBENEZER was previously called Portland Head, a small hill opposite what is now, Ebenezer Church was called Ebenezer Mount and was the site of meetings of Christians in the area. After the building of the church, the area became known as Ebenezer.

FIDDLETOWN. According to a report that I read some years ago, the story goes that two brothers were given a grant of land in what was then called Upper Galston. A requirement was made that they had to spend at least one night a week on the land during the time that the land was being developed. To relieve the boredom and isolation they each bought a fiddle (violin) which they played at local gatherings. They became known locally as "The Boys from Fiddletown", with the area then becoming known as Fiddletown.

FREEMANS REACH. You can take your pick of two versions as to which you believe. One common theory is that it was named after the free men who settled this section of the Hawkesbury in the early days of the colony. The second theory is that it was named after two brothers, William and James Freeman who were convicts who arrived in 1790s and who settled in the area.

GALSTON was settled in the early Nineteenth century and was originally named Upper Dural. It later was renamed as North Colah. In 1887, following a public meeting, it was again renamed after a town in Kilmarnock, Scotland to Galston.

GLENHAVEN was originally named Sandhurst but underwent a name change in the 1890s to avoid confusion with a Victorian area with the same name. Glenhaven was chosen as the district was in a valley (Glen) and the southern portion was known as "The Haven", hence "Glenhaven" being the choice.

GLENORIE was originally called North Dural and was a major source of timber from 1817. By the 1870s, citrus growers were prominent in the area. By the early 1890s the Post Office found confusion amongst the public with other areas called Dural (see Dural above) so compiled a list of alternative names and residents were asked

in 1894 to select from that list and Glenorie, of Scottish origin, was chosen.

GLOSSODIA originally called Currency Creek after the term used to describe those born in the colony as a currency lass or lad. Currency Creek was changed in 1922 to Glossodia and named after the small blue orchids found in the area.

GROSE VALE and **GROSE WOLD** were both named after Lt. Francis Grose who arrived in Sydney in 1792 and had established the first settlers in the Hawkesbury by 1794. The Grose River was also named after him.

KELLYVILLE. The district was called by various names including Nowhere Here and similar derivations. Later it became known as Irish Town due to the large number of residents of Irish extraction living in the area. Hugh Kelly was a large landowner and prominent businessman in the district and when his properties were subdivided in the 1880s it became known as Kellyville.

KENTHURST was formerly known as Middle Dural. There was a suggestion that it should be called Kent Forest, however, as the area consisted of wooded hillocks. The old Anglo-Saxon word for hillock is hurst, and it was decided that Kenthurst was the name that best suited to the area.

Alive with Awards

BY LEONIE DIXON

As our Hills Mayor often says, one of the reasons our area is so successful is because of the number of selfless volunteers who give many hours of their time each week without expecting anything in return. Despite that it is nice to receive some recognition which is exactly what Alive 90.5 offered to their volunteers on Saturday. A whole committee under the capable leadership of Angelina Rossi organised an amazing event at Parramatta Leagues Club to celebrate the many contributions of the members who not only keep the station operational with an enormous range of shows, but also do fund raising through Bunnings Barbeques and Outside Broadcasts. The inspiring co-hosts-

Karenza De Leon and Jason Spindlow started the proceedings with an invitation to Welcome to Country (in the car park not the club) and skilfully interspersed awards for Volunteer services and Best Shows with an amazing array of talent including Cook Islands dancers, Opera from Viktoria; Italian from Tony & Julie; Vietnamese instrumental from Ho and Like Angels sang their hearts out. Everyone enjoyed food and drinks and catching up with each other. The dessert was a \$500 cake contributed by Pasticceria Caruso and many wonderful Sponsors



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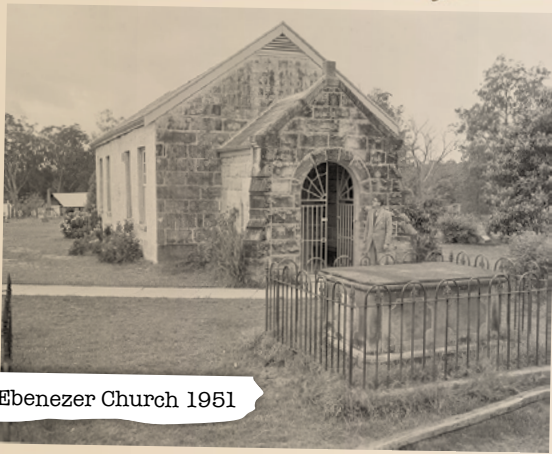
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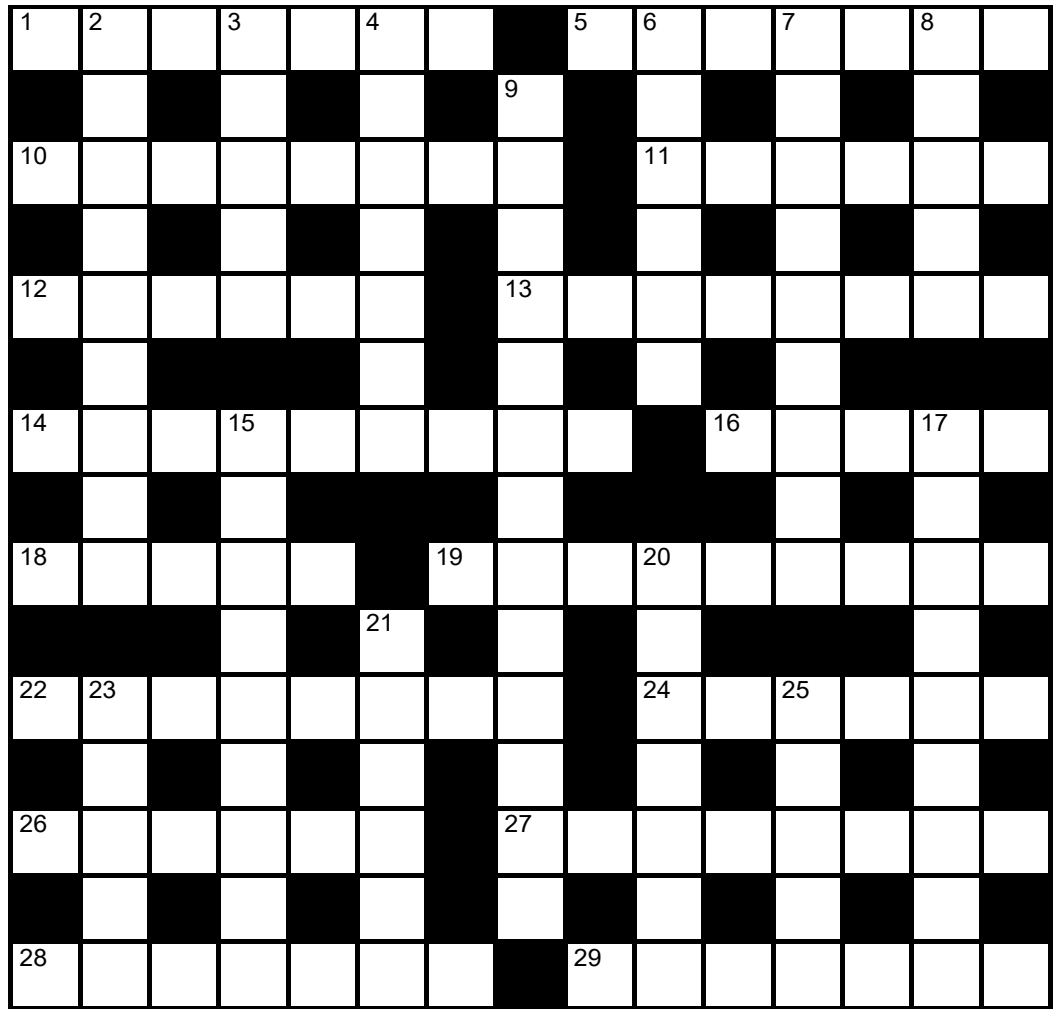
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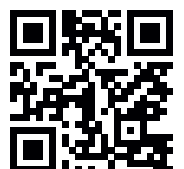
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