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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE HILLS TO HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY NEWS TEAM

We hope everyone managed to have some sort of Christmas and New Year celebration with family and friends, albeit reduced in size. What peculiar times we live in.

Our first edition this year features the new beginnings of life at Norwest Private Maternity we congratulate all our new extended families in 2021 and wonder what the world will be like in 30 years times. It was certainly different when we started our magazine 37 years ago. The original Hills TV Guide was a black and white publication produced by the Stettler family. Ivor worked for Ron Steller in those early days, so he has a great history with us. With the loss of other local printed papers such as the Hills Shire Times, we are working hard to fill the gap in local news. To that end we welcome Lawrence Machado to our editorial team. Lawrence was a former journalist at the Rouse Hill Times. We also say a sad Goodbye to Rania Salloum, one of our sales team. She is moving to an exciting new Sales role in a larger company. We wish her well.

If you know of any great local groups that need help promoting, or you know of any great local stories, please contact us (see panel below). We are here to help inform, connect and engage with our local community.

Diana Paton | Publisher



HILLS COME ALIVE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Hills locals have plenty of activities to keep themselves occupied during Australia Day, despite the cancellations of several events due to Covid.

The Hills Shire Mayor Byrne was upbeat as she encouraged residents to celebrate Australia Day in their own way.

"Our Aussie spirit continues to shine bright even through the darkest of times, and we've been through many these past months," Mayor Bryne said.

"We've had to cancel events, including our Australia Day Concert at The Farm, as well as change and amend our processes and regulations to keep in line with the Public Health Orders that are currently in place.

"Here at council, we will be thanking our outstanding citizens who have gone above and beyond the call of duty at our Australia Day Awards on January 20."

There will also be a citizenship ceremony for 72 residents at the council.

Meanwhile, local artists are being given the opportunity to activate parts of the Hills thanks to the NSW Government's Festival of Place - Summer Fund.

"This is a wonderful way to celebrate Australia Day and support live music in a dynamic and safe setting," she said.

The Rotary Club will be hosting a number of flag raising events as part of festivities in the Hills.

"I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding in what has been an extremely difficult time," Mayor Byrne said. "I look forward to celebrating Australia Day in a safe and meaningful way, and I encourage residents to also do the same. Please keep up the good work, and still practice good hygiene and social distancing."



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JOY IN BECOMING CITIZENS

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

It's a journey spanning three beautiful countries and now Nitasha Pal is delighted to make Australia her permanent home.

Mrs Pal and her daughter Nayna will be among 72 residents taking their citizenship oaths on Australia Day at the Hills Shire Council event.

Born in Nadi, Fiji, Mrs Pal and her husband Ashwin, lived in Wellington, New Zealand, after marriage in 2002 and moved to Sydney in 2007. The couple and their 14-year-old daughter all have New Zealand citizenship.

She said they love Australia's natural beauty and appreciate the delightful mix of cultures.

"I always wanted to be an Australian citizen because I love this country," Mrs Pal said. "This is very exciting for us and we will celebrate the citizenship with a barbecue on January 28, because it is my husband's birthday. I do love New Zealand but Australia is very green like Fiji. Australia has a mix of everything and is an exotic place."

Mrs Pal, whose sister-in-law is also receiving her citizenship, said she does miss some things from Fiji, "specially family, friends and the laid back lifestyle".

The Pals moved into West Pennant Hills several years ago, having first lived in Epping and Ryde.



Nitasha and Nayna Pal are excited at becoming Australian citizens.

"We chose West Pennant Hills because it is very leafy and the Hills Shire is a beautiful and safe place to live. The schools are also good." Mrs Pal said., who is an accountant, has a brother in Adelaide while her sister lives in Iceland with their mother.

Residents pledging their devotion to Australia on Australia Day are from several countries, including China, Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and the UK.

Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne said Australia Day is an opportunity to celebrate what it means to be Australian and our success as a multicultural nation. "Our Shire is a diverse community, rich in culture and steeped in tradition and history, and Australia Day provides the perfect occasion to celebrate this," Mayor Byrne said.

"It's also a wonderful opportunity to welcome our newest Australian citizens as they pledge their love and devotion to this great nation.

"I look forward to meeting our newest Aussie citizens, and working with them in a positive way for the future of our community."

HAWKESBURY LOCALS URGED TO SPEND AUSTRALIA DAY LOCALLY

The 'Australia Day on the Hawkesbury' annual event will not be held due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The council will provide free entry to Richmond Swimming Centre and the Oasis Aquatic and Leisure Centre from midday to 4pm and hold one-hour park pop ups with free ice cream and Australia Day promotional giveaways at four local parks. (Check the council's Facebook page for details)

"Let's stay local and celebrate with family and friends in a COVID-safe way," Mayor Conolly said. "We'd love to see your photos on how you're celebrating your Australia Day. You might have a backyard barbie or a splash in the local pool or even an afternoon bushwalk with friends."

You can watch the council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on Council's YouTube channel from 9am to 10am.

The Australia Day Ambassador Gary Dawson will speak about his experiences as a marathon golfer and his passionate support of Australian charities, having fundraised just over \$18 million for charities over the past 25 years.

The Hawkesbury winners of the 2021 Australia Day Awards will be announced on Council's YouTube channel from 11am to midday and live streamed at a special ceremony. You can tag 'Hawkesbury City Council' in your own Facebook post and Hawkesbury Events Instagram page and use the hashtag #ausdayhawkesburyway

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TREE TRAPS WOMAN

A 26-year-old woman sustained injuries to her neck and lower limbs when a tree fell onto the caravan she was in during the storms on Monday, January 4. CareFlight's Rapid Response Helicopter was tasked by NSW Ambulance at 4:45pm and landed in Wiseman's Ferry on a nearby oval around 5.05pm. NSW Ambulance paramedics had provided initial treatment to the woman. CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic worked with emergency services crews from the RFS and Fire and Rescue NSW to extricate the woman and perform a clinical assessment on her while taking spinal precautions. The woman was freed from the caravan after one-and-a-half-hours and was airlifted by helicopter in a stable condition to Westmead Hospital. (Picture: Careflight)

TEEN CRITICAL

Two men have been charged after a teenage boy was found critically injured on Perseus Circuit, Kellyville, around 10.30pm on Monday, January 4. The Hills Police Area Command said the 17-year-old was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Westmead Hospital, where he is in a critical condition. Following inquiries, an 18-year-old man was arrested at Windsor Police Station about 10.30am on Tuesday, January 5. He was charged with assault with intent to rob armed offensive weapon wound/weapon and refused bail. Police will allege the older man was in a vehicle with three other males, aged 18, 19 and 20, who drove to the location to meet with the younger male. Police will allege the charged man stole a quantity of e-cigarettes from the younger man while armed with a knife. A 19-year-old man was arrested at Castle Hill Police Station on Friday, January 8. He was charged with negligent driving occasioning grievous bodily harm and failing to stop and assist after vehicle impact causing grievous bodily harm. He was granted strict conditional bail and is due to appear at Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday, February 3.



SUSPICIOUS FIRE

The Hills Police Area Command is treating a house fire in Rouse Hill as suspicious. Emergency services were called to a two-story house at Pellegrino Grove, Rouse Hill, about 4am on Sunday, January 10, and found the brick home well-alight. Fire and Rescue NSW crews extinguished the blaze with only minor damage sustained to the building. There was no one home. Police believe it was a targeted incident and investigations are continuing. Picture: Kellyville RFS

DISQUALIFIED UNTIL 2038

A 52-year-old South Windsor man, disqualified from driving until 2038, has been charged with multiple traffic offences. About 4pm on Monday, January 11, officers from Hawkesbury Highway Patrol received reports of a fail-to-stop crash on Macquarie Street, Windsor. Police were told a Holden Commodore crashed into the back of a utility and drove off. A short time later, officers located the vehicle on Mileham Street, Windsor. The Holden failed to stop when directed to by police, and a pursuit was initiated. A short time later, police arrested the driver after the Holden stopped on James Meehan Street. Police allege he provided a positive roadside breath test. He was taken to Windsor Police Station, where he allegedly returned a breath analysis reading of 0.219. Checks revealed the man is disqualified from driving until 2038. He was charged with drive with high range PCA, not give particulars to other driver, police pursuit – not stop – drive recklessly, drive motor vehicle during disqualification period, disobey no right turn sign and negligent driving. The man was refused bail.

GRENADE FOUND

The Police and Bomb Squad took possession of a WW1 grenade found in Haigh Place, Castle Hill, which apparently belonged to a deceased veteran. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000.



THREE GIRLS BURNT

Three girls were rushed to hospital in a stable condition after suffering burns when the boat they were in caught fire on the Hawkesbury River (Cumberland Reach) on Sunday, January 10. CareFlight's Rapid Response chopper landed next to the river at 4.29pm with crews from NSW Police, NSW Fire and Rescue and NSW Ambulance crews also on scene. Two CareFlight specialist doctors and a NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic provided treatment to a six-year-old and two ten-year-old girls who all suffered burns to the face and body. One girl was flown to the Children's Hospital at Westmead and two were taken by road with NSW Ambulance and a CareFlight doctor providing ongoing care. (Picture: Careflight)

MACCAS RAGE

A man has been charged after allegedly damaging property and refusing to comply with a Public Health Order at a McDonald's outlet in Kellyville Ridge. About 8pm on Saturday, January 9, Quakers Hill officers attended the McDonald's restaurant on Windsor Road, following reports a customer had been aggressive towards staff. Police will allege in court a man began to make an order at the counter when he was asked by staff to complete a COVID-safe check-in, in line with the current Public Health Orders. The man refused and allegedly became aggressive and verbally abused staff, before he pushed a cash register and printer off the counter and left the restaurant. No injuries were reported. A 25-year-old man from St Mary's was arrested at Riverstone Police station about 4.15pm on Monday, January 11. He was charged with destroy or damage property, use offensive language in/near public place and not comply with noticed direction re s7/8/9 – COVID19. He was granted conditional bail to appear before Blacktown Local Court on Monday, February 1.

HILLS MAN CHARGED

Officers from The Hills Police Area Command were patrolling a shopping centre at Castle Hill about 12.30pm, when they approached a man, who was not wearing a mask as he wandered around the food court. The 39-year-old man refused to speak with police and allegedly pushed past the officers before a struggle ensued. He was arrested and charged with not wearing a fitted face covering in retail/business and resisting officer in the execution of duty. He was granted conditional bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court on Wednesday, January 27. About 11.15am on Christmas day, Hawkesbury Police received information a Northern Beaches resident attended a home at Bligh Park in breach of the Public Health Order. Police attended the home on Porpoise Crescent and spoke to the 32-year-old Collaroy woman who confirmed she had travelled to Bligh Park in her car on Thursday, December 24. She was directed to return to Collaroy and issued a \$1000 PIN for fail to comply with noticed direction in relation to section 7/8/9 COVID-19.

ESCAPEE ARRESTED

A man, who escaped from a correctional facility in May 2020, was arrested at a home in Windsor. The 44-year-old man was reported missing from the minimum security facility on Gwydir Highway, New England, about 12pm on May 23. Following extensive inquiries, officers attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command, assisted by the Dog Unit, attended a home on New Street, Windsor about 5am on Monday, January 11, where they arrested the man who was allegedly attempting to flee from the back of the house. He was arrested and taken to Windsor Police Station where two outstanding warrants were executed for inmate escape/attempt to escape from lawful custody and steal motor vehicle. He was refused bail.

TRAIL BIKES STOLEN

Five trail bikes were allegedly stolen from a home in Glenhaven with police saying some of them are unique. The Hills Police Area Command are investigating a break and enter in Glenshee Place, Glenhaven which occurred sometime between 10pm on Friday, January 8, and 6.30am on Saturday, January 9, while the occupants were asleep. "Some of the bikes are unique and would be recognised by members of the motocross racing community," a police spokesman said. Picture: NSW Police



MAN ATTACKS GUARD

A man has been charged after allegedly assaulting a security guard before stabbing a member of the public at a shopping centre at Windsor. Hawkesbury Police were told the 25-year-old man, a woman and two children were at the centre on George Street, Windsor, when the woman was asked by a security guard to put on a mask about 8.20pm on Tuesday, January 12. A short time later, the man approached a 59-year-old security guard and allegedly pushed him before punching him a number of times. A 53-year-old male customer intervened triggering a fight ensued, before the younger man allegedly stabbed the older man in the leg with a knife. The customer and security guard restrained the man before officers arrested the man after a short struggle. He was taken to Windsor Police Station and charged with armed with intent to commit indictable offence, affray, and resist or hinder police officer in the execution of duty. He was refused bail. Inquiries are continuing.


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NEW YEAR BABY

MEET ELIAS HUNTER VASSALLO

The first baby of 2021 born at Norwest Private Hospital.

by BEV JORDAN

The 3.42kg bundle of joy arrived a few weeks early much to the delight of proud parents, Marthese and Victor Vassallo from Kellyville.

The couple's third child was due on January 16 but arrived at 1.38pm on January 2 ... the hospital's first 2021 arrival. His older brothers, Jake (10) and Lucas (7) are thrilled about being big brothers.

Marthese said: "They were so excited and super happy when Elias was born. They are so in awe of him and love having a baby brother. They love him to bits."

She said being pregnant during the COVID restrictions was hard. "We've been extra careful and have not really gone anywhere since it all started. It's been hard for the boys and unfortunately I attended many hospital visits on my own...apart from that we are blessed to have each other and all in good health."

She said they chose to have Elias at Norwest Private because that is where his older brothers were born. "All the staff are just amazing," she said.

"Even with the challenges that COVID-19 presented in 2020, over 1500 babies were born at Norwest Private last year," said Michelle McKenzie, Women's Health Services Manager at Norwest Private Hospital.

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by LAWRENCE MACHADO

CHARLIE A CLASS ACT

If you close your eyes and listen to CHARLIE TCHETCHENIAN's singing, you may think you are listening to a famous crooner.

That's the magic of Charlie's deep and strong voice and you forget that he is just 16 years. When he was just 15, the Cherrybrook youngster sang with his idol Michael Buble during his Sydney concert, being invited on stage by the legend.

They sang Dean Martin's *You're Nobody Till Somebody Loves You*, with Buble telling the star-struck Charlie that he had a deep voice like a man. The legend looked stunned when Charlie began singing and their duet could not have been better planned.

"Buble is so cool and he has a perfect voice," Charlie told *Hills To Hawkesbury Community News*.

"I attended three of his concerts in Sydney and it was at the third when I put my hand up when he was looking for someone to join him on stage.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it was surreal."

Charlie's mother, Annette, was also invited onto the stage after the song.

After the concert, Charlie hooked up for a year of special training with Buble's star trumpeter, Jumaane

Smith, who has also worked with legends Stevie Wonder, Quincy Jones, Herbie Hancock and Aretha Franklin. Herbie Hancock, Aretha Franklin

Charlie sang with *The Voice Australia* finalist Masha Mnjoyan at the major Armenia National Committee fundraising gala in Sydney last November.

Charlie grew up to the sounds of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Dean Martin and Buble and jazz greats, including Ella Fitzgerald, and takes after his mum's Dad, after whom he was named.

"My Dad used to sing a lot and Charlie has got his deep voice," mum Annette Madjarian said.

Charlie's musical career has been boosted by the Talent Development Project, run by top artistic director Peter Cousens, after he was accepted into the 2020 batch.

You can listen to Charlie's amazing voice at the Foundry616, Ultimo, on Wednesday, January 20 at 8.30pm and on Sunday, January 31, at Hornsby RSL at 2pm.

"The TDP has taught me so much about music, theatre, singing, composing, recording and encourages us to have our own cabaret show," said

SHOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20:
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www.foundry616.com.au

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:
A Swinging Affair with Charlie Tchetchenian at Hornsby RSL at 2pm.
www.hornsbyrsl.com.au

Charlie, who has aspirations of being a journalist like his mum.

"Because of COVID, it was very tough getting my shows but we managed to get two venues. "I am super excited about the shows and a year ago, I would have never thought I will be headlining two shows with my own band."

Charlie has been a drummer and percussionist since he was nine but took to singing only in 2019 at his Cherrybrook Technology High School's Big Band, which performs at festivals and community events.

Last November, Charlie headlined Hornsby Council's finale to their Friday Night Vibes online concert series, accompanied by a full orchestra.



OLDER MEN'S NETWORK

by BEV JORDAN

A new community group for older men is being established at Castle Hill.

The Hills Older Men's Network (Hills OMN Inc.) had been formed for men aged 55 and over who may feel isolated and would like an opportunity to talk and listen to others in a supportive environment.

The club will meet fortnightly at Castle Hill Seniors' Centre and is being established with the support of the Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club.

Ron Parnell from the organising committee said: "The group offers a place where men discuss things on a level a little deeper than is usual in a club or hotel atmosphere."

OMN Inc. currently runs groups in Epping and Hornsby. Mr Parnell who has been part of both said: "Topics talked about include downsizing of the home, prospective retirement villages, family issues, physical health, house maintenance and repairs, recommended tradesmen, gardening, mental health, friendships, movies, grandchildren, life as a widower, and more. I believe that we learn about ourselves too."

Hills Older Men's Network (Hills OMN Inc.) will be meeting monthly on the first and third Mondays 10am to 12.30pm, in the Castle Hill Senior Citizens Centre, 2 McMullen Ave.

If you would like to know more or get involved email: HillsOMN1@gmail.com



HERE'S TO A HAPPY NEW BOWLING YEAR!

Dural Country Club bowlers returned to the greens on Saturday January 2nd, looking forward to another year of fun, friendship and camaraderie! Earlier in December saw our first Christmas Celebration as a unified Club. An enjoyable morning of social bowls was followed by a delicious lunch catered for by Fedeles Restaurant, with tables beautifully decorated by Angela Scovazzi and flowers donated by our sponsors TJ Andrews.

Presentations were made including Awards to Tom Trovato Men's Player of the Year, Men's Most Improved Player Phil Laing and an Encouragement Award to Elizabeth Goode.



Tom Trovato and Phil Laing

Leafy environment and community vibe attracting residents to Uniting Bowden Brae, Normanhurst.

A spacious and light-filled apartment - with a view into the treetops - has helped deliver the perfect retirement lifestyle for Joy and Greg Newling.

Eighteen months ago, Joy and Greg made the decision to downsize into a newly-built retirement village apartment at Uniting Bowden Brae.

Apart from freeing up some capital for retirement, the couple also wanted to continue to live within northern Sydney and still be able to entertain friends in their home.

The couple particularly loved the spacious 3-bedroom apartments with a view through the huge windows into the treetops of the project's green space.

Soon after, Joy and Greg, who are in their 70s, moved in.

"The move out of our old home in Wahroonga also meant we could sell the lawn mower for good, which I loved," Greg said. "And the best thing is that we still have our independence, while enjoying strong community connections and support here."

In addition, expressions of interest are now open for a further 101 apartments, which feature either two, two plus study nook or three bedrooms. These apartments, along with the project's community facilities – indoor pool, seniors gym, clubroom, hair salon and café, are expected to be complete by mid-2021.

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SONGBIRD KYLIE READY TO SALUTE

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

An inspiring visit to Australia's famed wine-growing Barossa Valley has catapulted our very own country music star Kylie Adams-Collier within grasp of her first Tamworth Songwriters Salute Award.

She wrote and recorded the delightful Camel Up Earlston Said last year and is chuffed the single - produced by Kross Kut Records' Lindsay Waddington - made it into the prestigious awards.

"It is a very prestigious, long running award entered by many talented songwriters around Australia," Adams-Collier said. "To be judged as a finalist is a huge pat on the back. There are 14 songwriting categories in the awards."

Because of COVID, the awards, usually held in January in Tamworth, will be streamed live on YouTube at 7pm on Tuesday, January 19.

"COVID stopped me dead in my tracks, and tours and festivals were cancelled last year," Adams-Collier said. "Thankfully my music single releases get a lot of radio airplay around Australia, including Hawkesbury Radio 89. The nomination means the world to me. My song entry Camel Up Earlston Said was inspired by a trip around the Barossa Valley while on tour. "This is the third time I have made the finals so fingers crossed."

The contest is judged by well-known industry folks, including radio presenters and artists.

Adams-Collier is a super ambassador for country music, having been on the road and air for more than 30 years. She presents and produces the popular national Good Morning Country program on Thursdays on the Community Radio Network.

She has won two Brumby awards, a Stan Coster Australian Memorial Bush Ballad Award and Gidgee Coal gong and was a finalist in the Australian Songwriters Association National Songwriting Awards.

Adams-Collier has used her extra time due to the lack of touring to study her certificate 3 in screen and media.

"I have also been re-visiting songs, writing more songs and continuing my weekly Good Morning Country national radio program," she said. "I have begun to network in my community with other artists and have recently joined the Rotary Club of Kenthurst which will lead onto more contacts and events. It's great spending more time with family too."

The busy artist has plenty of plans this year if all goes well.

"My main plans this year are to continue my radio program, write my next album, book tours for next year, travel to Queensland in May for the Bouldy Bush Ballad Bash," Adams-Collier said. "I want to plan a mini-tour around a gig in the central west, prepare for Tamworth Country Music Festival 2022, study and get to know my local community."

Adams-Collier, who writes from the heart, has released five albums, including two with the Snow Leopards on Waterfront Records and three solo albums. Details: www.kylieadams-collier.com



Kylie Adams-Collier is a great ambassador for country music.

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THINGS I KNOW TO BE TRUE IS BACK

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

Versatile actress Annette van Roden and the cast can't wait for the curtains to go up on Things I Know to Be True, because the play had to be shelved in March 2020 due to the COVID lock downs.

The play finally returns to The Pavilion Theatre from February 5-27 and despite the frustrations of the enforced delay, there is no denying the enthusiasm of the Castle Hill Players for their first event of the New Year.

"Just as it was about to be opened (last March), the play had to be shut down due to COVID, though we did have one performance for those who were there," van Roden said. "We got back to rehearsals just before Christmas and we since we lost a cast member who moved inter-state, we brought in a new cast member (Vivienne Rodda) who fits in very well."



Annette van Roden and Stephen Snars



The cast of Things I Know to Be True

Van Roden, a veteran of the theatre for more 25 years, plays Fran, the mother of the Price clan, which the Baulkham Hills local says is "a loving, dysfunctional family".

The love between Fran and Bob (played by Castle Hill Players president Stephen Snars) and their four children is mutual but they don't necessarily see eye to eye about everything.

"This play is relevant today due to the COVID situation and the beautiful thing about the cast is that we have come together like a tribe," van Roden said.

The COVID pandemic has cost this professional actor and entertainer 70 per cent of her work because most of



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her gigs at aged care facilities and special events have been canned.

"I have another job as a medical community trainer for medical students but it is tough for a self-employed creative," said van Roden, whose cat keeps her going during this challenging time

Ace director Carol Wimmer, who has directed at Castle Hill Players for nearly two decades, said she wanted to do this play even before she finished reading the script by Andrew Bovell, "because it's more than a play about a family".

"It's about love and understanding – and misunderstanding, about growing up and letting go," Wimmer said. "About joy – and pain. It's characters are funny and complex and confused – just like any family, anywhere!"

"There are many things I know to be true about Andrew Bovell's writing. I know that he watches and listens, that he is perceptive. That he uses what he observes to create characters that are very real, who speak naturally about complicated emotions."

DETAILS

WHAT: Things I Know to Be True, directed by Carol Wimmer of Castle Hill Players

CAST INCLUDES: Kate Jirelle, Annette van Roden, Stephen Snars. Vivienne Rodda, Adam Garden and Ben Freeman.

WHEN: Feb 5-27 ; Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8:15pm, Sundays 4:30pm

WHERE: Pavilion Theatre in the Hills Showground, Doran Drive, Castle Hill

TICKETS: \$25.

BOOKINGS: www.paviliontheatre.org.au or 9634 2929



ITALIAN STREET KITCHEN

by BEV JORDAN

Finding a new eatery is always good news but the Italian Street Kitchen at Bella Vista is a real treasure.

The rustic Italian food is wonderful and so is the ambience and décor at this attractive and interesting new addition at Norwest Esplanade.

Italian Street Kitchen inspired by Isabella gives you the feeling that you have just walked into Isabella's home with family pictures on the walls, books and ornaments everywhere.

If the interior is a voyage of discovery so too is the menu which is full of great choices and includes kid's meals for under 12s and some great vegetarian choices.

There is a large range of pastas and pizzas too. The pasta and pizzas are made using sustainable Italian flour and Roman-style pizza oven really delivers some mouth-watering results.

On the night my colleague Karen Taylor and I went, we absolutely loved the flavoursome mushroom aranchini and the crisp golden sweet potato croquettes which are a must.

The pan-fried barramundi is served with mussels in a lobster broth and the slow cooked beef ragu lasagne, had such a great depth of flavours. Also recommended is the Roman Porchetta with crispy crackling and a mushroom sauce. With so much to choose from the varied menu, it's hard to remember to leave room for desserts like the home-made tiramisu but it's worth it.

Italian Street Kitchen opened just before Christmas 2020 and is part of the Seagrass Boutique Hospitality Group, which also opened Ribs & Burgers at the \$280m Esplanade Norwest Development.

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BRYAN WINS TOP AWARD

by BEV JORDAN

The top Australian honour awarded nationally by the RSL to a non-member for their outstanding support has been awarded to Castle Hill resident BRYAN MULLAN.

The nomination, backed by Castle Hill RSL sub-branch members, was approved by both the State Board and the National RSL Committee in Canberra.

The Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge was presented to Mr Mullan by

President of Castle Hill RSL sub-branch David Hand and former President Don Tait at a dinner just before Christmas.

Mr Hand said: "It is an honour to be involved in the recognition of Bryan for the award. It is inspiring to have a non-military person always willing to support the veteran community. A well-deserved award."

Mr Mullan, former Principal at Castle Hill Public School, was nominated for "his outstanding voluntary service and support to the Castle Hill & District RSL sub-Branch and veterans over many years".

Mr Mullan has been actively involved in enabling school students to understand the contribution veterans have made to Australia through both his role as a teacher and principal and, since his retirement, as a volunteer with Centenary of ANZAC and Armistice events in the Hills.

Former Chair of the Centenary of ANZAC committee Don Tait said that Bryan's input had been "invaluable" as planning started in 2013 to present 22 commemorative events, including a



Bryan Mullan receives his award from Don Tait and David Hand



Gold Badge recipient Bryan Mullan and his wife Jan with Castle Hill RSL sub-branch President David Hand (left) and Don Tait.

conference for 65 schools, an essay competition, the on-going ANZAC ambassador program for high school students and the NAMBUS program.

The NAMBUS program gives local high schools the opportunity to have Vietnam veterans talk to students and answer questions utilising the NAMBUS travelling museum to supplement Year 10 studies on the Vietnam War.

The success of the 2015 program (650 students at eight high schools) has continued with Bryan as School Coordinator enabling over 4,000 students to attend the two-hour presentations in the subsequent years.

Mr Tait said: "Bryan's invaluable support and advice made possible the huge success of the Centenary of ANZAC and Armistice events in the Hills and I thank him for all that he has done and continues to do for the sub-Branch and its veterans. This award is our way, the veteran way of thanking him".



AUSSIE SET FOR GROWTH

In this time of uncertainty, lockdowns and unemployment, one Hills based company is on a huge recruitment drive to build staff levels. Australian Pump is keen to hire energetic locals looking for a rewarding career.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSING UNDER SECTION 38B ROADS ACT 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993* notice is hereby given that The Hills Shire Council proposes to close the Council public road listed in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1

The road under consideration comprises part of Council public road known as Kendall Place, North Kellyville, being irregular in shape, part of an existing cul-de-sac head and approximately 189.7sqm adjoining Lot 1 DP 1262623 and Lot 169 DP 1213075, Parish of Castle Hill, County of Cumberland. Upon closure of the road, Council intends to sell the land to an adjoining landowner.



All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager, The Hills Shire Council, PO Box 7064, Norwest NSW 2153 within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of this advertisement.

Please note, that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is completed, The Hills Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

Council Ref: 3/2020/RC

Enquiries: Amy Brooks on 9843 0181

PROPOSED RENAMING OF NELSON ROAD BETWEEN WINDSOR ROAD AND OLD PITT TOWN ROAD

On 24 November 2020 Council resolved to exhibit a proposal to rename two sections of Nelson Road Box Hill and Nelson as follows:

- Section 1: Rename part of Nelson Road between Windsor Road and Edwards Road, Box Hill to 'Skarratt Road'; and
- Section 2: Rename part of Nelson Road between Edwards Road and Old Pitt Town Road, Box Hill and Nelson to 'Old Pitt Town Road'.

No change is proposed to the name of the portion of Nelson Road extending from Old Pitt Town Road into the suburb of Nelson.

The proposed changes are in response to the growth and development occurring within the Box Hill release area precinct.

The proposal seeks to address issues likely to arise from the current disjointed nature of Nelson Road, which currently consists of three distinct sections. It will enable the logical numbering of new development lots within the Box Hill release area and limit the impact of renumbering on existing rural properties within the suburb of Nelson.

Public Exhibition Period: Monday, 11 January 2021 to Friday, 12 February 2021. Submissions may be made via the exhibition page on Council's website.

Location of Exhibition: The proposal is available for viewing at the following locations:

- **Council's website** www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/nelsonroad
- **Administration Building**
3 Columbia Court, Norwest
(Monday–Friday: 8.30am–4.30pm); and
- **Vinegar Hill Memorial Library**
29 Main Street, Rouse Hill Town Centre, Rouse Hill
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am–5.20pm;
Thursday: 9.30am–7pm; Saturday: 9.30am–5pm; Sunday:
1pm–5pm).

Submission Deadline: Friday, 12 February 2021.

Enquiries: Council's Customer Service Centre on 9843 0555.

MAKING A SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Any person may make a submission to Council. Submissions which contain objections must be specific in their content. If you make a submission objecting to, or supporting, a planning application you must disclose donations or gifts made to Councillors or Council staff. All submissions must be addressed to the General Manager, Michael Edgar. For your ease, Council's preferred method of receiving submissions is via Council's website – search for 'Major Plans on Exhibition'. Additional information on how to make a submission can also be found in this section of the website.

MEETING DATE

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday, 9 February – 7pm, Council Chambers

Due to the latest Public Health Order, limited seating is available at Council meetings.



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PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

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The Hills Shire Council News

Community Grants now OPEN

Projects supporting the health and wellbeing of Hills Shire residents may be eligible for funding, with applications now open for The Hills Shire Council's Community Grants Program.

The annual grants program is focused on providing funding between \$1,000 and \$15,000 to four main priority areas, including:

- Events that connect the community;
- Domestic violence prevention and recovery;
- Mental health and suicide prevention; and
- Community participation opportunities.

Applications close at 4:00pm on Friday 12 February 2021 and must be submitted through Council's grants management system.

Potential applicants are reminded to refer to the Community Grants Guidelines to assess their eligibility to apply.

For more information on the Community Grants Program and how to apply, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Apply for a Grant or Donation'.

Have Your Say on the Draft Master Plan for Stringer Road Reserve, North Kellyville

A Draft Master Plan for Stringer Road Reserve, located on Stringer Road, North Kellyville, is now on exhibition and available for review.

The Draft Master Plan has been prepared to inform the community of the future sporting facility. The following facilities have been proposed as part of the Draft Master Plan:

- Four multipurpose fields - two soccer fields and one AFL field as the nominated winter sports and one cricket field as the nominated summer sport
- Local playground featuring shade trees and picnic shelter
- Half basketball court
- Amenities building
- Car park
- Spectator seating
- Pathway network

To view the Draft Master Plan for Stringer Road Reserve and to have your say, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Stringer Road Reserve.'

Submissions close on Friday 22 January 2021.

Have Your Say on Draft Contributions Plan No.18 – Bella Vista & Kellyville Station Precincts

The draft Section 7.11 Contributions Plan for the Bella Vista and Kellyville Station Precincts is now on exhibition.

The draft Plan will enable Council to levy monetary contributions from future development to fund approximately \$143 million worth of local infrastructure required to support the growing populations within these Precincts. The local infrastructure identified includes playing fields, local parks, traffic facilities and pedestrian bridge connections for delivery in and around the Station Precincts.

To view and comment on the draft plan, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for 'Major Plans on Exhibition.'

Submissions close on Friday, 29 January 2021.

Want to know more about what other projects are happening across The Hills Shire?

The Hills Have Your Say e-newsletter features updates on major projects happening across The Hills Shire, including the renewal of Waves Aquatic Centre, the Hezlett Road upgrade and more.

To subscribe to the Hills Have Your Say and receive updates on current consultations within the Hills Shire, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and click 'Subscribe' in the top right hand corner of the home page. Then click on 'Subscribe to the Hills Have Your Say e-Newsletter' and fill out the form with your details.

To provide your feedback on a project, click on the link to the project page on Council's website that's provided in the Hills Have Your Say and fill out the online submission form.





- LEGEND**
- 1 Field 1
 - 2 Field 2
 - 3 Car Park (236 Standard spaces, 10 Accessible spaces)
 - 4 Local Playground
 - 5 Amenities Building
 - 6 Basketball Half Court
 - 7 Pedestrian Shareway
 - 8 Turf Warm Up Area
 - 9 Park Shelter
 - 10 Accessible Ramp
 - 11 Seating Terrace
 - 12 Stairs
 - 13 Ramp
 - 14 Entry to reserve from roundabout
 - 15 Ball Stop Fencing
 - 16 Retained Trees
 - 17 Light Pole

NOTE: This Masterplan shows the overall long term vision for Stringer Road Reserve and is not necessarily what is to be constructed in the first instance.

Concept Master Plan for Stringer Road Reserve.

Have Your Say on the Samantha Riley Drive Reserve Master Plan



Samantha Riley Drive Reserve will become a new sporting destination for the community providing active and passive recreational facilities for all. The masterplan aims to create an inclusive park that provides for all ages while respecting the Reserve's siting surrounding context and respects local environmental controls by strengthening tree canopy and understorey.

Samantha Riley Drive Reserve will become a community park for all of the community and promote a healthy lifestyle through facilities such as; sporting fields and tables, shared cycle and recreational paths, local playground and amenities building.

- KEY**
- 1 ALLIANCE OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS
 - 2 BASKETBALL COURTS
 - 3 CARPARK
 - 4 AMENITIES BUILDING
 - 5 LOCAL PLAYGROUND
 - 6 BASKETBALL COURT
 - 7 BASKETBALL COURT
 - 8 WARM UP AREA
 - 9 WARM UP AREA
 - 10 PLAYERS
 - 11 HIGH FENCE (BULLOCKS)
 - 12 WOODLAND
 - 13 WOODLAND
 - 14 WOODLAND (BULLOCKS)
 - 15 WOODLAND (BULLOCKS)
 - 16 WOODLAND (BULLOCKS)
 - 17 WOODLAND (BULLOCKS)

NOTE: This Masterplan shows the overall long term vision for Samantha Riley Drive Sporting Complex and is not necessarily what is to be constructed in the first instance.

The Master Plan for Samantha Riley Drive Reserve, North Kellyville is now on exhibition. To make a submission, visit Council's website and search for 'Major Plans on Exhibition.' Submissions close on 5 February 2021.

Making a Submission to Council?

Any person may make a submission to Council. Submission which obtain objections must be specific in their content. Council's preferred method of receiving submissions is via Council's website through each exhibition's online submission form – to view current exhibitions, search for 'Major Plans on Exhibition.' Additional information on how to make a submission can also be found in this section of the website.

Council Meetings

Ordinary Meetings of Council resume in 2021. Visit Council's website and select the Meetings & Agendas icon on the home page for details.



Andrew Schwimmer and Hannah Alexander star in *The Last Five Years*

WHAT: THE LAST FIVE YEARS, DIRECTED BY MITCHELL OLD
WHEN: February 11 – 14
WHERE: Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill
TIMINGS: Thursday, Friday – 7.30pm; Saturday 2pm and 7.30pm; Sunday: 6pm
TICKETS: \$30 adults; \$20 high school students
DETAILS: www.mitchellold.com.au or 0466 615 798

"I am studying Bachelor of Music at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and since I could not find opportunities to be in plays, I thought I should create my own experience.

"I have always been passionate about the theatre and in my final year at school, I was the artistic director and producer for the Jazz Cafe, a cabaret-style show. The company is pretty much self funded and Dural Music Centre is one of the sponsors of the play. I found two phenomenal actors and everything started to line up."

Alexander and Schwimmer, both from North Rocks, toured with performing arts company, The Young Americans. Alexander plays Cathy Hiatt and has worked with directors from Paramount, Broadway, Disneyland and Royal Caribbean Cruises. Schwimmer, who plays Jamie Wellerstie, has performed in seven countries with some of his notable roles being Quasimodo in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and Danny Zuko in *Grease*.

Matthew Ling of Kellyville) is the assistant musical director and plays electric bass in the orchestra which includes Zachary Setiadi (Kellyville – keyboard), Monjie Echevarria (Castle Hill – guitar), Shanela De Mel (Kellyville – violin), Elizabeth Ferris (Kellyville - cello) and Michelle Stafurik (Eagle Vale – cello).

Old, who has two younger siblings, wants to create opportunities for young artists "and prove that a career within the arts is sustainable and worthwhile".

Old is looking for sponsors to support his fledgling company and provide a big boost for the arts in this challenging time.

TIME TO RING IN THE OLD

by LAWRENCE MACHADO

At 19, Mitchell Old is one of the youngest directors around but his passion and enthusiasm for his new company should take him far.

Old, who was involved in theatre productions at Northholm Grammar School in Arcadia and local community organisations, was fed up with not having any luck with plays during the COVID-19 that he started his own production company.

With a lot of confidence and not much experience, the confident Galston local put his money where his mouth was and started The Mitchell Old Company in 2019.

The Hills' newest theatre company will make its debut with the Off Broadway hit,

The Last Five Years, scheduled from February 11-14 at Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill.

The musical, written and composed by Jason Robert Brown, will feature internationally-experienced actors, Hannah Alexander and Andrew Schwimmer, and an orchestra made of current Sydney Conservatorium of Music students and young artists.

The Last Five Years, is seen as a funny, tender, intimate and playful musical that follows Jamie and Cathy's passionate romance.

"It's pretty nerve wracking as we count down the days but I am very excited about our debut show," said Old, a classical saxophone player.

COVID MAN POSTS IT

by LAWRENCE MACHADO



Warwick Ralph and his COVID Man

A fun Christmas competition to lift the gloom of COVID-19 along a Kenthurst street has unearthed hidden talent while creating friendships. Humour is certainly not lacking on Park Rd with Jacqui McLachlan being the 'self-nominated director of Fun & Community' for the street's first Great Letterbox Christmas Decorating Challenge in December.

The challenge was accepted with a more than a sleigh load of enthusiasm and the organisers saw decorated letterboxes popping up each morning.

Warwick Ralph and his partner Chrissy Dukes, who live at No 11, took home the Overall Best on Street prize for their amazing Covid Man letterbox, the win being a big surprise to the grandparents of seven boys.

Mr Ralph, a former architect and landscaper, used his old helmet – cracked when he fell and broke his collarbone while riding in the spectacular Himalayas - as the starting prop. "I looked around the garage for things to use and found other items, including the mask which I had used while dealing with asbestos," Mr Ralph said.

"I rode across some of the Himalayan mountains five times but I think I am bit too old for that now. The landscape was spectacular but while riding, I also fell into a drain and cracked my ribs."

His partner said she had first thought of creating a bumblebee. "We have been living here since 1986 and this was the first time something like this was organised," Ms Duke said. "We are very happy as the win was unexpected but Warwick is very creative and a witty chap who is always doing wonderful things."

Emese and Peter Hevesi-Nagy, who live in No 3, took home The Peoples' Choice Award voted by the community households for their Aussie Teddy Bear creation.

Mrs McLachlan and her husband Rob moved into the street two years ago and soon formed the Park Rd Book Club.

"What started as a hopeful idea to bring the community together (in a hard year) ended up being a real success with over 25 letterboxes decorated in our no-through collection of streets," Mrs McLachlan said.

"We had a bit of fun and brought smiles to faces as each morning another colourful letterbox appeared.

"We organised a catch-up in the local park to acknowledge and reward the best on show and a perpetual trophy has been created.

Mrs McLachlan said the event will return bigger and better with some households already planning for the second edition.

"Some streets are renowned for their light displays, others for their house decorations and now we are hoping to be known for our letterbox decorations," she said.

The connecting roads of Roughley and Hafey will be involved in the new edition, having been able to vote for the inaugural event.



The Peoples' Choice Award (the bear)

WHY KIDS SHOULD LEARN TO SWIM

by LAWRENCE MACHADO



Teaching your children swimming at the earliest age will provide them with life-long skills.

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According to Michelle Doyle, the Aquatics Manager at the CHRSL Group, swimming is one of the best things you can learn as a child.

"Swimming is a low impact cardiovascular activity that provides your child with an excellent workout for the whole body," Doyle said. "It improves coordination, balance and flexibility,

it helps to develop strong bones and muscles and can help to reduce stress and relieve tension.

"Children also learn the basic skills of sharing, taking their turn, social interactions with peers, listening skills, respect and trust in their teacher. These are all valuable life lessons that will assist their ongoing development at school."

Doyle said that from our oceans, lakes, rivers, dams, pools and waterholes, "water is everywhere and swimming skills provide the knowledge and respect needed to help us be safe in and around water".

According to official statistics, more than 500 children aged between 0-4 years lost their lives between July 2003 and June 2020.

According to Doyle, adult supervision is very important when a child is in the water.

"Swimming can be a great family activity offering an opportunity to spend quality time with your children," she said. "This enjoyable activity can keep them healthy and confident throughout their lifetime and can enhance their social lives, teach teamwork and time management skills."

The Castle Hill Fitness and Aquatic Centre is offering free classes for babies from four months to eight months. Classes will continue from babies through to learn to swim, pre-squad, mini-squads and then to junior, fitness and performance squads.

There are classes for children with special needs and adults. Prices start from \$83 a month and classes run throughout the week.

Details: 9846 1230 or swimreception@chrg.com.au



WRITE YOUR LIFE STORY

Have you ever thought about writing your life story? Everyone has a unique story, and everyone's story is worth being told. Life stories can become treasured family legacies. There are many times when we wished we asked our parents or our grandparents something about their lives. By writing your life story future generations will learn about your life and your life will not be forgotten.

Elizabeth Sequeira, the tutor of the Life Stories Class at Learning in the Hills, said there is no right or wrong way to tell your story and there is no magic formula. She said you need some structure, somewhere to start and something to guide you through the process.

This is the key benefit of joining a Life Stories class. Each week they focus on a different aspect of a person's life like school days, parents and use worksheets to answer questions and prompt memories. The information from these worksheets are the basis for writing your story. Last year, one of the students completed two stories, one about her own life and one about her late husband's life. She said: "Writing your life story is a gift you can give to generations of families not yet born. It is also a gift to yourself to embrace the past, not only the good times but the hard times as you acknowledge what you have learned on the journey of life. In the process of writing, you learn about yourself and how you got to where you are. Who knows, perhaps these hard-earned life lessons may even be of help to somebody who reads about them."

Learning in the Hills is run by Hills Community Aid for nine weeks each term on Thursdays from 9:30am – 11:45am at Balcombe Heights Estate. The next class starts on Thursday, February 4. Details: 96397918 or learninginthehills@hca.org.au.



Rhonda Crosbie successfully completed her book writing course in 2020.



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EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR GROVE SQUARE, THE HILLS

by LAWRENCE MACHADO



Local property development and investment company Mintus, which purchased the Stockland Mall Baulkham Hills last month, is creating an exciting new brand image and more facilities for this centre.

The Windsor Rd mall, which is very popular for residents in surrounding suburbs and neighbouring communities, was purchased for \$141.25m on December 3.

It will be known as Grove Square, The Hills, which is a throwback to the history of Baulkham Hills, which was renowned for growing various citrus fruits for the Sydney area in the early 1800s, particularly oranges. The re-branding and signage is likely to be installed before Easter.

Mal Hazzouri is the founder and Director of Mintus, a Paramatta-based property investment firm, which has grown from a residential focus to specialising in retail and commercial developments.

Now Mr Hazzouri and the Mintus team are keen to improve the centre and provide a great place for the Baulkham Hills community to shop.

The centre, anchored by major supermarkets Woolworths, Coles and ALDI, boasts of 76 specialty stores, includes a 200-seat food precinct, and has 830 car spaces. It has a net lettable area of 17,082 sq m.

By early next month, the centre hopes their first new retailer will open the BH Fish Market in the food court.

Mr Hazzouri said they have worked with Modemedia from Parramatta, to create a new brand direction for the centre..

The Grove Square, The Hills logo uses earthy tones and simplistic lines to create an abstract fruit tree formed inside a square.

"The symmetrical tree has a warm energy and represents our collective mission of growth and prosperity while never forgetting our roots," Mr Hazzouri said.

"At Mintus, we believe for families and residents to thrive it takes an active community, a place where locals can discover new possibilities.

"We aim to create offerings where you can find convenience and delight in your everyday life. It's about the joy you get from being together. We look to provide a welcoming retail destination where all generations can come together and create new experiences each day. Our family is your family, and it's simple - we thrive when you do."

PRIZES TO BE WON

Senior Centre Manager Leigh Galvin said they want to show their appreciation to local shoppers at this time of the year.

"With the expense of Christmas and the extra pull on purse strings that many of our customers are experiencing this year, we are delighted to be able to start the New Year by giving back to our local shopping community," Mr Galvin said.

"We wish all the best to local families heading to school in the coming weeks, with a special good luck to those filing through the gates for the very first time." This will be rewarding for one lucky local family this year. You could win a new iPad Mini, scooter, backpacks, headphones, gift card and more. To be in the running, customers have to spend \$100 or more at Aldi, Coles or Woolworths or \$20 or more at participating Baulkham Hills retailers.

Customers then have to go to the entry display at the centre, fill out their contact details on their receipt and place their entry in the barrel. Customers can enter more than once, with one entry per valid shopping receipt. The last day for entries is Saturday, February 6.

JACK ATTACK IS BACK!

Dural Country Club Bowls inaugural Jack Attack was a resounding success, with the ultimate winners "The Limping Ladies" Judith Fay Taylor, Elizabeth Whelan and Ruth Keen e. So we've decided to do it all again, in a 4 week Competition commencing Friday February 5th at 5pm. It's a short, sharp, snappy style of bowls with no experience necessary. Simply make up your team of three, give it a crazy name and register by phoning Robyn 0416035655 by Friday 29th January. Cost is only \$10 per person per week. So, come join in the fun....you'll have a "bowl"!!!



COMMUNITY AWARD

Pratibha Bhanushali has received the 2020 Baulkham Hills Community Recognition Award in recognition of her dedication and hard work in the area.

Baulkham Hills State Liberal MP David Elliott, who presented the award recently, said Pratibha's commitment to bringing positive change to The Hills through her dedicated service to various community and volunteer organisations made her an outstanding candidate.

"The Baulkham Hills community is a better place because of Pratibha, and I pay tribute to the well-deserved and long overdue recognition of her efforts across The Hills," he said.



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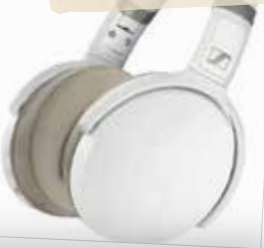


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PETS OF THE WEEK

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: TINKY
BREED: Staffordshire
AGE: 2 years old
SEX: Female
PRICE: \$99

TINKY is a 2-year-old female Staffordshire. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, Tinky is an active, happy dog looking for an active, fun-loving family. Tinky will sit when asked and enjoys her treats gently. Staff said she will need a little more training to help her walk nicely on a lead. If you feel that Tinky will be a great addition to your family, please bring your dog and the children to meet her so we can make sure they will all get on together. Her adoption price has been reduced to \$99. All prices include microchipping, lifetime registration, desexing and first vaccination.

The Hawkesbury Council's rehoming organisation number is R251000145.

LUCKY is a 5-year-old male domestic short hair cat. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, He is a quiet boy who enjoys his time sitting and watching what is going on around him. Staff said Lucky loves attention and he will actually encourage you to keep patting him. If you would like to offer Lucky a caring home, come to the shelter to meet him. His adoption price has been reduced to \$30. All prices include micro chipping, lifetime registration, desexing and first vaccination.

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EAT ART AT THE GALLERY

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery has a colourful new exhibition called Eat Art that is a feast for the senses.

Historically, food in art has multiple meanings, from demonstrating skill to symbolising virtue or lust and the extremes of wealth or poverty.

In the Eat Art exhibition, the artists use food to reveal something – personal, cultural, or philosophical; and all of the art works offer us a new way of looking at the commonplace around us. Through arranging and capturing food in paint, clay, or other mediums – these art objects describe life beyond the ordinary.

The ceramic food recreations by artist Mechelle Bounpraseuth reveal everyday Australian life with soy or fish sauce, along with 'typical' Australian condiments like Heinz tomato sauce and Vegemite.

Kenny Pittocks' artwork uses humour to alter ordinary food with a twist. His food sculptures look fun and edible including the delicious and irreverent Cadbury Favourites – in order from favourite to least favourite!

The portrayal of a familiar subject like food creates space for introspection and reflection. Dawn Tan's beautiful donuts conjure up shared childhood memories, and Cath Barcan's striking photographs of mundane lettuce wrapped in cling film can be seen as a political act. This cleverly contrasts with Chilly Philly's fun crocheted food hats and Chrissy Flanagan's knitted sausages that cause you to smile.

You will also be captivated by the cake paintings by Lucy Culliton that drip with sickly shining icing, oozing with whipped cream that will make you feel like you can almost pluck them off the canvas.

The free exhibition runs until Sunday, January 31 at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, 1st Floor Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. For opening hours and more details visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery or call 4560 4441.



FREE HEALTH CHECK FOR YOUR NEW FUR BABY

ADVERTORIAL

Owning a new puppy or kitten can be a very exciting time for pet owners. There are some crucial health care measures that need to be taken to ensure your new furry friend gets the best start in life.

Puppies and kittens need a balanced, premium puppy/kitten food. Puppies and kittens grow and develop rapidly and have very different nutritional requirements to adult dogs and cats.

For example, puppies and kittens require additional calcium and energy to facilitate proper growth of bones and muscles, in dogs this ratio of calcium and energy can be different for small breeds to large breeds.

Parasite control is very important for puppies and kittens as they are more likely to be carrying gastrointestinal worms at this stage in their life. An all wormer tablet should be given every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age, every month until 6 months of age and then every 3 months for life.

For puppies heartworm prevention is even more important – the best way to prevent heartworm is with injectable medication administered by your vet, this removes the possibility of forgetting to give a dose, one missed monthly heartworm dose can result in heartworm infection.

Heartworm in dogs is a potentially fatal disease that is transmitted

from infected to uninfected dogs by mosquitoes. These mosquitoes inject a number of tiny worms (microfilaria) into the dog's body which then mature into adult heartworm over about 6 months. These adult worms settle inside the chambers of the heart and interfere with the flow of blood.

Tick prevention is a must, even in the colder weather. The newer oral tick preventatives and tick collars are highly effective. Most of these products also prevent fleas for extended periods.

Vaccinations are also imperative to prevent deadly infectious diseases such as parvovirus, distemper, hepatitis and infectious canine cough in puppies and feline herpesvirus, calicivirus and feline panleukopenia in kittens. During the vaccination consultation the veterinarian will complete a full physical examination to ensure your puppy or kitten is healthy and fit for vaccination.

After these vaccinations are completed your puppy or kitten will then be able to safely mix with other pets at dog parks and



public places without the risk of acquiring these infectious diseases.

For new puppies our vet will also be able to suggest some puppy schools for him/her to attend to receive some basic training and the critical socialisation needed.

During January to March Sydney Animal Hospitals are offering free for a new puppy or kitten, a free health check-ups with our vet, free pet insurance for one month and a free sample bag of Hill's puppy or kitten food. Plus for puppies a free dose of year-round heartworm prevention and 4 weeks free tick and flea protection. If you have a new puppy or kitten contact your local Sydney Animal Hospitals Kellyville 8883 0533 or Norwest 8883 0411 to discuss your new fur baby.

www.sydneyanimalhospitals.com.au

TECH SAVVY SENIORS SMARTPHONES, TABLETS AND APPS

Does your smartphone or tablet baffle you? Do you have difficulties downloading and using apps? If so, then come along to the free 'Tech Savvy Seniors' workshops being offered by Hawkesbury Library Service during February.

Introduction to smartphones and tablets

Friday, 5 February from 10am to 12:15pm at Hawkesbury Central Library

Intermediate class on using apps on smartphones and tablets

Friday, 19 February from 10am to 12:15pm at Hawkesbury Central Library

These workshops are available for Library members. If you are not a member, you can join for free at the library. Participants must bring their own smartphone or tablet. Bookings are essential by calling 4560 4460.

Sessions will be held at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor. Tech Savvy Seniors is an initiative of the NSW Ageing Strategy and is funded through a partnership between the NSW Government and Telstra, and with the assistance and participation of the Hawkesbury Library Service.



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Reference: 1. AHAP. Australian Guidelines for Heartworm Prevention in Dogs, 2014. *T&Cs apply. Free heartworm dose available 1/1 – 31/3/2021 for puppies aged 12 weeks only. Free puppy health check-up and insurance available all year for new patients aged 12 weeks to 12 months. Free puppy health check-up not valid for veterinary consultations for specific illnesses or injuries. Zoetis Australia Pty Ltd. ABN 94 156 476 425 Level 6, 5 Rider Boulevard, Rhodes NSW 2138. © 2020 Zoetis Inc. All rights reserved. December 2020.

KELLYVILLE LOCALS TO ENJOY NEW SPORTING FACILITIES

The NSW Government has committed \$17 million to a new community sports and recreational complex in Kellyville as part of its Accelerated Infrastructure Fund.

The funding will go to The Hills Shire Council to deliver a major new sporting facility at Balmoral Road Reserve while helping steer the state out of the COVID-19 crisis. The new facility will include four multi-purpose sporting fields that could also be used as two cricket ovals, six new tennis courts, a playground and picnic area.

The park will include well-lit shared pedestrian and cycling paths linking into the local trails network which will ensure people can ride and exercise safely.

EXCITING CAREERS ON DISPLAY AT TAFE NSW INFOFEST

I encourage school leavers and job seekers to explore their vocational training options during the annual TAFE NSW local InfoFest showcase.

There's never been a better time to consider vocational education and training options with the recent announcement of the hundreds of fee-free and low cost courses under the NSW Government's JobTrainer program.

With short courses in coding and digital security, through to bachelor degrees in early childhood, TAFE NSW is an obvious choice for people looking to secure their first job, win a promotion, or embark on a career change

For further information and online information sessions, visit www.tafensw.edu.au/infofest.

The Hon **David Elliott MP**
Member for Baulkham Hills
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

As your local Member in the NSW Parliament, I am here to help.

- Assisting with accessing NSW Government services
- Providing Justice of the Peace Services
- Preparing congratulatory messages
- Attending your local community event

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

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SERVICE NSW APP DOWNLOADS HIT 3 MILLION

Customers have heeded advice and embraced the NSW Government's Service NSW Mobile app for checking in safely to venues, with more than 3 million app downloads already recorded.

The app makes life easier for people, whether it's downloading a Digital Driver Licence or renewing vehicle registration, and saves people time.

It only takes a few minutes to download the app and seconds to scan the QR code. For more information, visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/service-nsw-mobile-app.

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HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE RETURN OF PROGRAMS

Many of the popular Hawkesbury Library Service programs are returning in 2021, with all activities being conducted in accordance with COVID-Safe guidelines.

If you are interested in researching your ancestry and want to know more about local history, the Hawkesbury Family History Group will continue to hold monthly meetings both in person and via Zoom on the second Wednesday of every month at 10am.

Regular programs will also make a come-back from February including Movies@your library, Chess Club and Tech Help.

For preschool aged children, Pre-School Storytime will return to Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor. Pre-School Storytime will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 11am during the school term, commencing Tuesday, 2 February. Due to COVID restrictions, Rhymetime and Richmond Branch Storytime will not commence until later in the year.

This year, the monthly Book chat night book club and Third Thursday book club is now joined by a new monthly online 'Time Travellers historical reads' book club that you can join via Zoom. These book clubs are free to join and more information is available on the Hawkesbury Library Service website.

Knit with friends group for knitting and crochet enthusiasts will be meeting on the last Friday of the month.

February will also see the return of the Tech Savvy for Seniors courses that are great for assistance with Smartphones and Tablets.

The Justice of the Peace service will resume from Tuesday, 12 February from 10:30am to 11:30am and then weekly every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Hawkesbury Central Library. This is a free service and there is no need to book.

While you are at the Library, take the time to see the great displays on offer: Greg Hansell's 'The Crossing' – an art exhibition, dedicated to the crossings of the Hawkesbury River at Windsor; and 550 years of the printed book – a new display of objects highlighting an extraordinary collection of antique books dating back to

the very first printed books also known as Incunabula, from book collector, Peter Op't Land.

Hawkesbury Library Service has a COVID-Safe plan in place. Participant numbers will be restricted, and social distancing requirements will be observed. Hand sanitiser and hand washing facilities will also be available. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend.

All programs above are held at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street Windsor. Tickets are limited and bookings are essential. Visit www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com to book or phone 4560 4460 for more information or visit the library website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

CWA NEWS

CWA GALSTON NEEDS YOUR VOTE!



Every three months Australian Seniors Insurance Agency supports two local community groups who are in need of funding and invite customers to vote for their favourite. The group with the most votes will receive a donation of \$1,000.

CWA Galston started in 1958 and is a branch of the CWA of NSW and Nepean Group. The branch is set in the semi-rural Hills area and has a long history of supporting the local community. It is not a big branch, but the members are enthusiastic and committed to help out where they can. This is done in the usual way, with stalls and events such as fashion parades and special days celebrating local events. The ladies sew and craft for hospitals and needy organisations. They also have junior members and hope they will carry on the tradition of service and inclusion. The most important thing about the Galston branch is the kindness and generosity of its' members. They care about

each other, their neighbours, and those needing assistance. Their gatherings are joyful and purposeful, welcoming visitors and new members. This past year has been tough for Galston, as with many other groups, and they are very much looking forward to 2021, making plans and not deterred by the difficulties ahead. By joining or supporting the CWA you can help make our community and the world a better place to live.

We are so grateful to Australian Seniors for the opportunity to be in the running for such a generous prize. It has been very difficult to fundraise in the usual ways this past year and \$1000 will go a long way in supporting our local charities.

Please pop into Australian Seniors at Castle Towers and cast your vote for CWA Galston whilst enjoying a complimentary coffee in an accredited COVID-safe store. Open Monday to Friday 9am – 5:30pm. Voting closes Wednesday 31st March.

After a very long hiatus, we are so pleased to resume our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Galston Health & Resource Centre. Our first meeting for the year will be at 10am on Wednesday 10th February 2021. We would love to see you there.

For more information please contact **Jann 0439 222 217** or **Pam 02 9653 1036**. www.facebook.com/CWAGalston | galston.cwa@gmail.com



The Winery, Lanhams Rd., Winston Hills
(Hills Dist Memories)

FROM MODEL FARMS TO BOOMING SUBURBS

Immediately after the end of World War II, Australia sought to increase its population due to manpower losses caused by two World Wars and the fear of possible Communist expansion in former European colonies in Asia. Mantras rang out across the nation such as "Populate or perish" and to protect the then British culture of a white Australia, the population and industry was urged by advertising posters and the print media to "Bring Out a Briton." Refugees from war torn Europe were also generally welcomed and, as the economy expanded over time, refugees and migrants from other countries were encouraged to join the Australian community. This led to a demand for housing and vast areas of what was once farmland or other open space became subdivided into building blocks and whole new suburbs being created on the outskirts of Australian cities.

The area just north of Parramatta called Model Farms was one such location, due to farms in the area being used to demonstrate

the variety of crops and other rural activities that could be promulgated in the Cumberland district. Developers and the government considered that would be ideal for creating new suburbs being close to existing commercial and industrial sites at Parramatta. During the early to mid 1960's L J Hooker, the largest real estate company in the country and one of the most prominent land developers at the time through it's Hooker-Rex division, acquired a number of properties along Windsor Rd and started to develop the area. Searching for a name for the development they considered calling it "Churchill Hills" in honour of the former wartime British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, but later deciding on "Winston Hills".

If you study a street map of Winston Hills, you will notice that the main entrance on the Eastern side of the suburb is called Churchill Drive. This was the first entrance to the new estate when driving north from Parramatta and on the corner was a wall emblazoned with the

name of Winston Hills, the second entrance to the estate was Model Farms Rd where at the corner of Windsor Rd and Model Farms Rd once stood a railway platform and railway siding that farmers of the area had used to transport their wares to market. As you travel along Model Farms Rd you will note that a number of streets that run off Model Farms Rd bear the names of former British Prime Ministers such as Baldwin, Lloyd George, Asquith, Palmerston and Disraeli. This was one of the first areas of what is now Winston Hills to be developed and started a trend as further areas were developed. Other areas bore names of Scottish locations (Lomond, Clackmannan, Dornoch, Skye etc) Whilst another portion used the names of authors as a theme (Thackery, Twain, Defoe etc) and so it continued with names of poets, scientists etc. being used as themes for street names as the suburb grew. The last area of Winston Hills to be developed was the area along the southern side of Buckleys Rd due to its steep slope. This being developed in the 1980s and 90s.

What can you tell me of your suburb's name? You can write to me at the address shown in this publication about your memories of times past. School days, Family history, your first car or moving into the district.

NOW WHAT ABOUT YOUR MEMORIES OR YOUR STORY.

This page is about memories so tell us yours. If you have some great memories, or perhaps you belong to a local community organisation and would like to share your organisation's history or story with us then feel free to share your memories or experiences by writing to 17 Rose St, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 or email to ivor.jones47@optusnet.com.au. You can also share memories on any of my Facebook memories groups including Hills District Memories which you will find at www.facebook.com/groups/Hills.memories/



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PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

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



Old home Junction Rd., Winston Hills
 (photo by Ivor Jones)



Northmead Bowling Club, Windsor Rd.,
 Northmead. (Hills Dist Memories)



The Winery, Lanhams Rd., Winston Hills
 in 2016 (photo by Ivor Jones)



Advertisement in Sydney Morning
 Herald in 1968 (S.M.H.)

Winston Colonial Mall, Winston Hills
 (Hills Dist. Memories)



Oktoberfest, Lions Park, Winston Hills 2017 (photo Ivor Jones)
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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 Wednesday mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mondays. New members welcome
Carole | 9894 7749

Australian Sikh Association

0433 580 539
www.asainc.org.au

Bushrangers Hash House Harriers

04 0828 9562

Castle Hill Art Society

Castle Hill Art Society offers a place of art practice for artists of all ages, either in groups of various art media or classes for adults and children. Demonstrations and workshops by well-know artists are held monthly and members can participate in several exhibitions during the year. New members always welcome.
www.castlehillartsociety.org.au |
9899 3179 (ans. machine)

Castle Hill Senior Citizens Club Inc.

Club members invite anyone over 55 to come and meet a very active and friendly group of Seniors who play Carpet Bowls, Cards and Rummikub. Our Club building is on the corner of McMullen Ave. and Old Northern Rd., Castle Hill (opposite the new Metro station) with parking at the rear.
9680 3958
castlehillseniors@gmail.com

Christ Church

An Anglican church located at 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst, has a service at 9.30 a.m. every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.
9651 1119

Cumberland Bird Observers Club

The Club conducts three outings per month to observe birds in their natural environment in interesting places all around Sydney. General meetings which focus on identification of birds and their conservation are held at Castle Hill on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. You are welcome to attend outings and meetings. The Club has just celebrated its fortieth year and is keen to welcome new members.
Peter 0412 770 757 or
Cathy 9809 5668.
www.cboc.org.au

CWA of NSW - Galston Branch

Our next meeting is Wednesday from 10am. Please join us for morning tea and/or a yummy lunch prepared by the CWA ladies
9653 1056

CWA of NSW - Castle Hill Branch

Holds its monthly meeting every second 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 Tuesday's of the month from 10 to 12. Bring along your lunch if you wish to stay longer.
Maureen | 0411 724 925

Dural Country Club Bowls

04 2131 5074

Dural Men's Shed

04 0247 8498
www.duralmensshed.org

Dural Galston Probus Club

We are a mixed club for retired and semi-retired people who enjoy friendship, interesting speakers, outings and holidays. Visitors are very welcome.
Tiina Kase | 0428 888 411

East Kurrajong School of Arts

First Tuesday each month 10am to 1pm. Bring along any sort of craft activity you're interested in, bring pencil's 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

Galston VIEW Club

Raises money to support The Smith family Learning for Life program will hold its 1st Luncheon/meeting on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 21-25 Arcadia road Galston@11am after the shut down of the Coronavirus in early March, they had given the View club the go ahead to start holding its monthly meetings.
Helen | 9614 1512

Glenhaven Probus Club Inc

10am every 2nd Tuesday of each month at the castle Hill Bowling Club.
secretary.glenhaven.probus@gmail.com
04 4977 8659

Glenwood Men's Shed

James | 04 0333 8450

Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail

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

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Assn

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

Hawkesbury Nepean Chapter of the First Fleeters

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

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4721 8709

Hills District Women's Bowling Club

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

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

Learning in the Hills

9639 7918
www.hca.org.au/learning-in-the-hills/

Lions Club of Richmond Inc.

Geoff | 0412 969 651

Lions Club of Windsor Inc

Pam | 0413 395 145

Macquarie Towns Garden Club

Jill | 4575 3858
www.macquariatownsgardenclub.wordpress.com/

Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club

We are a breakfast club and meet every Thursday morning at 7.20am. At the moment it is online but there are COVID-Safe Face to Face Meetings once a month. The Rotary Motto is Service Above Self. If you want to meet like-minded people please join us.
norwestrotary.org.au

North Rocks Evening VIEW Club

Muirfield Golf Club, 58 Barclay Rd, North Rocks.
Toni | 9871 1926 or 0411 693 076, or Margaret on 9872 1405
view.org.au

North Richmond Probuc Club

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am at Panthers, North Richmond, Beaumont Rd, N. Richmond. Meetings will recommence on 12th August 2020.
Joan Fewings | 0401813152
northrichmondprobus@gmail.com

Pennant Hills Mens Probuc Club

John | 9487 1385

Pennant Hills Combined Probuc Club

Pennant Hills VIEW Club has resumed regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at Otlands Golf Club at 11am. Lunch is followed by an interesting guest speaker. Visitors and new members are welcome.
Margaret | 9873 2402

Pitt Town Probuc Club

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

Probus Club Of Round Corner (Dural)

Secretary, Julie
PO Box 822, Round Corner 2158

Probus Club of the Hills Inc

Ken | 02 96296459

Probus Combined Kellyville Club

Meets at 10am on 2nd Monday of the month at Moran Aged Care Kellyville, 35 Goodison Street, North Kellyville. New members welcome.
Glenys | 0419 616 431;
Joy | 0416 239 696

Probus Club - Winston Hills Northmead Combined

Re-locating to Toongabbie Sports Club. Meets 2nd Thursday of the month
Membership Officer | 0421 410 305

Red Cross, Castle Hill Branch

New meeting venue is Wesley Uniting Church, 32-34 Showground Rd. Castle Hill from 10.15A.M. To 11.45A.M. the second friday in the month. New members always welcome.
8850 7056

Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club

(Voice Interest and Education of Women Club which Supports the Smith Family.) Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11 am for 11.30 am at Richmond Golf Club, 34 Bourke Street, Richmond
Carol Jackson | 45781510

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9639 2488
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02 9990 3514
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S.I. of The Hills.
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StAr Association

8850 1269 | www.star.org.au.

The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc

9639 8620

The Hills Learning Centre

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

The Hills Shire Garden Club

9624 5034

The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills

You are invited to meet each month with a group of friendly ladies who are involved in fundraising for charity and enjoy social activities. Due to Covid, our meeting dates and venue are varied.
Robyn | 9639 2742

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting on Friday, at Becroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Becroft. Meeting commences at 10.45am. The future topics will be Health, Centrelink, Retirement, Technology Safety and others.
Lauris Rennie | 9634 1186
Pam | 0412 737 234
airsydneyhills@gmail.com

The National Seniors Australia Are you over 50?

9639 1814
www.hillnsa.com

The Hills District Pipe Band

Practices in the Harvey Lowe Pavilion at Castle Hill Showground every Tuesday night from 7.30pm-9pm. The band warmly welcomes new members and gig enquiries. Facebook and Instagram: @hillsdistrictpipeband
Suzie Whitaker
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- BARBUDA MONTERRAT
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U U J Y T A D R E V Q O R Y P
O G I U R A D C T S I W L U A
L R P B B S D I E E N F E T B
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D D A C A Y M A N I T N R O C
A B V I R G I N G O R D A R D
U Q I W R I N H R I A T E T E
G G Y T I S I I L E M U Z O C
T W C S T A C I A M A J E L C
T O B A G O A P B A H A M A S
E T M L A G R A N D T U R K R
I A A N G U I L L A A R L Q Z
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WORD SEARCH

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

Answers from last issue

CODE WORD

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

CODE WORD

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

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

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

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

SUDOKU

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

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

SUDOKU

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



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			8									
9								10				
11						12						
												13
14		15		16						17		
	18									19		
20												
21						22						
23									24			

ACROSS

1. Engrossed
3. Responded to
9. Soothsayer
10. The beginning of something
11. Large Brazilian city (3,2,7)
14. Flightless bird
16. Cleanse the body

17. Gang
18. Malfunction or fail (of an electrical device) (5-7)
21. State of the USA
22. Resistance to change
23. Go beyond a limit
24. Vegetable matter used as fuel

DOWN

1. News journalist
2. Camera image (abbrev.)
4. Item for catching fish
5. Showing total commitment
6. Platform
7. Facts and statistics collectively
8. Small garden carts
12. Loft
13. Theoretical
15. Lift up
19. Unfasten
20. Italian acknowledgement
22. Frozen water

SUDOKU

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

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

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

Answers from last issue

CROSSWORD

N	O	Z	Z	L	E	T	E	R			
U	I			M	O	R	A	S	S	E	S
N	A	G		A	A	O	C				
C	Z	O	D	I	A	C	T	A	K	E	
I	A			L	T	E	O				
O	R	G	A	N	S	O	P	R	A	N	O
				F	C	R	I				
S	C	U	F	F	L	E	S	C	A	L	P
H	L	A	A	D	C	R					
M	E	N	U	T	H	E	I	S	T	E	
E	E	T	N		I	C	Y				
D	R	I	N	K	E	R	S	O	E		
Y	T	R	E	A	R	N	E	D			

SUDOKU

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

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