



A 9ha new regional park for sporting and recreation will be created in Pitt Town under plans unveiled by Hawkesbury City Council which also include road upgrades plus improvements to playgrounds and footpaths.

The Draft Masterplan for Fernadell Park is currently on exhibition. Residents have until Thursday, July 8 to view it and have their say at www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.

Hawkesbury City Mayor Patrick Conolly said the work is being planned following extensive consultation and projects identified by the community.

"Pitt Town is one of our fastest growing towns and Council understands the importance of supporting this growth with the infrastructure and public spaces needed to maintain the quality of life for residents," he said.

"I'm particularly excited about Fernadell Park, and I look forward to seeing this space transformed into a beautiful park that everyone can enjoy, whether it's a leisurely walk or picnic, kicking a ball around with your children or participating in organised sport."

Fernadell Park will be created at Fernadell Drive where council plans to build a 9ha park that will serve as a recreation and sporting hub for Pitt Town.

The regional park would be developed in four stages over the next few years.

Considerations include football and cricket fields, netball and multisport courts, playground, youth space, dog off leash area, amenities building, picnic shelters with barbecues, lakeside decking, walking paths and car parking.

As well as Fernadell Park, council has committed to a number of important road improvements in Pitt Town which are due to commence this month and will take approximately five months to complete.

Works include improvements to Bathurst Street, Hall Street, Hawkesbury Street, Johnston Street, Wells Street and Punt Road.

On top of these projects council has set aside \$150,000 this financial year for improvements to local parks and paths in Pitt Town, including \$40,000 to build restrooms at Bona Vista Park in partnership with the NSW Government.

Pitt Town residents are being asked to vote on a list of priority projects to allocate the remaining \$110,000. Residents have until Friday, June 11 to have their say by visiting the council's website www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay. com.au.



A Green Rebuild Toolkit is being launched by not-for-profit organisation Renew to help fire-affected communities to plan and rebuild their homes to suit the changing climate.

A response to the devastating fires of 2019/2020, the toolkit includes step-by-step advice on where to start when planning a resilient rebuild, expert articles and online resources, advice videos, and case studies of resilient homes and rebuilds.

From Bushfire Attack Level ratings to fire resistant building materials, the Green Rebuild Toolkit offers important information for those navigating the daunting task of rebuilding.

As publishers of both Renew and Sanctuary magazine, Renew draws on over 40 years of experience in this sector as well as an extensive network of technical experts, architects and designers.

Free webinars feature experts in the field speaking alongside homeowners who have already rebuilt after fire.

- Tuesday, June 8 from 6pm to 7.30pm Home energy setups for bushfire zones and climate resilience - register at bit.ly/3bQujFe
- Wednesday, June 9 from 6pm to 7.30pm Water storage and fire-resistant landscaping - register at bit.lv/3vLDAIv
- Thursday, June 10 from 6pm to 7.30pm Retrofitting for fire resistance - register at bit.ly/3vhJ9MI

The webinars will be held on Zoom. You will receive the link to attend after registering for the event. If you are new to Zoom, download the app before the webinar at zoom.us/download.

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CASTLE QUARTER

Plans for 440 residential apartments above three levels of retail next to the Showground Metro Station at Castle Hill were the focus of a community information session held by developer Deicorp on Saturday (May 29).

The Castle Quarter proposal includes a new 1,400m² public piazza, a full-line supermarket, a community space, commercial and retail space including scope for a medical centre and childcare centre. The site is bounded by Doran Drive, Mandala Parade, De Clambe Drive and Andalusian Wav.

More than 40 family groups and individuals attended the public exhibition at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion in Castle Hill Showground.

Deicorp, a Sydney based, Australian-owned company that has been operating for over 21 years, successfully tendered for the Doran Drive Precinct project from Landcom and Sydney Metro.

The company's current projects include North West Village, Tallawong – 1,100 apartments with commercial, retail and 3,400sqm Park, and Proximity, Rouse Hill – 375 apartments and 2,500m² of retail and commercial.

A spokesman said that since 1999 Deicorp has delivered 8,000 apartments across 40 suburbs in Sydney.

Deicorp is now preparing a report for the State Significant Development Application to the Department of Planning

The spokesman said while the report on the community information session has not been finalised, an issue raised by a number of those who attended was the need for additional parking in the area.



"A number of locals commented that parking, particularly for commuters, was already at a premium, and that local streets were feeling the impact of commuters parking there throughout the day," he said.

"Other residents expressed strong support for the nearly 11,000m² of retail and commercial uses that will include a supermarket and convenience shops, saying this will deliver a huge benefit for people living in the area."

Deicorp's Development Executive Greg Colbran said: "Overall, the feedback was positive and we will use the issues raised to help inform our application moving forward. Many of those who came on Saturday said they were quite excited about the proposal and some were even inquiring about when they could buy an apartment!"

The plans are likely to be submitted to the Department of Planning for determination in July or August this year, and there will be further opportunities for residents to be consulted and involved in the assessment process. The 24-month construction project is expected to commence in 2022.

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EXTORTION CHARGES

Raptor Squad investigators have charged three senior Finks outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG) members over the alleged extortion of a shopkeeper in Riverstone.

In April this year, detectives from the State Crime Command's Raptor Squad established Strike Force Gilruth to investigate the alleged extortion of a 45-year-old male shopkeeper by members of the Finks outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG).

Police were told that a 25-year-old Riverstone man had been loaned \$11,500 cash by the shopkeeper in exchange for jewellery items, a motorcycle and a boat earlier this year.

On Wednesday April 28, three men attended the Riverstone shop and allegedly demanded the loaned items be given to them by the shopkeeper, who declined.

It will be alleged the three men continued to threaten the shopkeeper, demanding the jewellery be handed over.

Following extensive investigations, Raptor Squad executed seven search warrants at homes at North Richmond, Riverstone, Chatswood, North St Marys, Tregear, Bidwell and Raymond Terrace on Wednesday June 2.

During the searches, officers seized knuckledusters, 19 explosives, two firearms, a motorcycle engine, electronic devices, OMCG clothing, as well as a small amount of cannabis and steroids,

All items seized will be subject to further examination.

Three senior members of the Finks OMCG were arrested during the operation.

A 26-year-old North Richmond man was taken to Windsor Police Station, where he was charged with demand property in company with menaces with intent to steal, stalk/intimidate intend fear physical etc harm, and participate criminal group contribute criminal activity, not keep firearm safely-not pistol/prohibited firearm, possess unregistered firearm, and possess shortened firearm (not pistol) without authority.

A 25-year-old Chatswood man was taken to Chatswood Police Station, where he was charged with demand property in company with menaces with intent to steal, stalk/intimidate intend fear physical etc harm, participate criminal group contribute criminal, and contravene non-association, place restriction.

A 29-year-old North St Marys man was arrested and taken to Penrith Police Station, where he was charged with demand property in company with menaces with intent to steal, stalk/intimidate intend fear physical etc harm, participate criminal group contribute criminal, and two counts of possess prohibited drug.



Anyone with information, including relevant photos and videos, that may assist the Raptor Squad can report it directly to investigators via their online reporting page: https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/Default.aspx?id=49 or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information provided to investigators will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

STRIKE FORCE TRAWLER

A Windsor man appeared in court on May 28 charged by Strike Force Trawler detectives following an investigation into alleged online grooming.

In August last year, detectives from the Child Abuse and Sex Crime Squad's Child Exploitation Internet Unit (CEIU) began engaging online with a man from Sydney's north west.

Police will allege in court that the man believed he was speaking with a 13-year-old girl and engaged in sexually explicit conversations.

Following extensive investigations, strike force detectives arrested a 46-year-old man at a home in near Windsor just before 7.30am on March 30.

A search warrant was subsequently executed at the home, where police seized mobile phones and electronic devices.

The man was taken to Windsor Police Station and charged with using a carriage service to groom person under 16 years.

Strike Force Trawler is an ongoing investigation by the CEIU into the sexual abuse and exploitation of children facilitated through the internet and related telecommunications devices

Regular covert online investigations are conducted by the CEIU; and police in NSW work closely with their lawenforcement colleagues interstate and overseas.

The Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad is comprised of detectives who are specially trained to investigate matters against children and adults, including sexual assault, serious physical abuse, and extreme cases of neglect.

Anyone with concerns about suspected child abuse or exploitation should call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.

TATTOO PARLOUR FIRE

Police are still investigating who is behind a fire at a Baulkham Hills tattoo parlour on May 25.

Detectives from The Hills Police Area Command attended and commenced an investigation into the fire and are appealing for anyone who noticed anything suspicious or saw anything to come forward.

Emergency services were called to the Smart Arts Tattoo Studio in Windsor Road just after 1am on Tuesday May 25 after reports that the building was alight.

Neighbours had rushed to put the blaze out and damage was contained to a rear bathroom.

The young couple who ran the business had only opened just before Christmas. Anyone with information is asked to contact The Hills Police Station on (02) 9680 5399 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

MAN, 57, IN COURT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

A Wilberforce man, aged 57, has appeared in Penrith court charged with sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl and sexually touching a 15-year-old girl between January and April 2021 in the Hawkesbury area.

In April 2021, detectives from Hawkesbury Police Area Command commenced an investigation following reports a 16-year-old girl, had allegedly been sexually assaulted by a man, known to her.

Following extensive inquiries, detectives arrested a 57-year-old man at a home in Wilberforce on May 25.

He was taken to Windsor Police Station and charged with aggravated sexual assault - victim under the age of 16 years, two counts of intentionally sexually touch child between 10 and 16 years, two counts of aggravated - sexually touch another person, and aggravated sexual assault - victim under authority of offender.

Anyone with concerns about suspected child abuse or exploitation should call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: nsw.crimestoppers.com.au.

Young CEOs ANYIER YUOL and NATHANIEL DIONG will be keynote speakers at the Future State Youth Symposium on Wednesday, June 9, at the Pioneer Theatre at Castle Hill.

The Hills Shire Council is hosting the free event to ensure young people in the Hills are prepared for the jobs of the future.

Sound artist Liliana Occhiuto (aka Okuesha Kills) will also join CEO of Pendragon, John Glover, to talk about the skills needed for future careers, entrepreneurship and what it takes to turn dreams into reality.

The event is aimed at 14 to 20 year-olds. Nathaniel Diong says: "The biggest takeaway I want everyone to know is that your age, background, and grades don't define you. Your actions do."

He was 16 years old when he started his company Future Minds Network. Now, at the age of 20, Nathaniel is an award-winning educator who, along with his Future Minds team, has helped over 11,000 young people worldwide launch their own not-for-profits. He said he would cry in frustration at the age 10 worrying about the state of the world.

"I didn't understand why fresh water, food and a roof over your head was a given for some, but a luxury for others... I felt helpless. Future Minds started from an idea of ... what if young people could create solutions to the problems they saw in the world?"

"So often we hold ourselves back because we think we're not good, smart or innovative enough to change the world. The truth is, young people have endless creativity to turn one simple idea into reality," he says

Future Minds students have created 3D printed face shields and coffee carts tackling homelessness across Australia, UK, US, Estonia and Finland.

Anyier Yuol, the CEO of Miss Sahara and Anyier Model Management, is a passionate advocate for women and minority communities within the beauty and fashion industries and is involved in the United Nation High Commission for Refugees.

She started Miss Sahara and Anyier Model Management because of the lack of equality and representation that she was witnessing in the fashion industry.

"I decided to take action, make a change and be the voice for some of the young African women who wanted to get into the industry," she says.

Anyier Model Management followed because: "I recognised that I wasn't representing other communities – the Muslim community, the South East Asian community, the Indigenous community, any community that are underrepresented and don't have that voice in the fashion industry. "

Anyier's advice: "Never give up."

Nathaniel's advice: "Take lots of chances, try new things and learn as much as you can. Know that age is just a label, and it doesn't stop you from changing the world."

To find out more visit the Future State Youth Symposium on Wednesday, June 9, at the Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill.

There will also be career stalls with youth program and education providers, charities and volunteer groups plus prizes and food.

To book a free place, visit The Hills Shire Council, www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search "Future State YouthSymposium".

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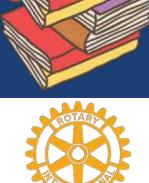
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b kinder day By BEV JORDAN

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The aim of the day is to address what it means to be kind. People, schools and businesses are encouraged to buy a special b kinder card to write and to send to someone they care about.

The program was started at Arndell Anglican College in Oakville three years ago, by Danny through the flyhighbillie charity, founded in memory of her daughter Billie, a former Arndell Anglican student, who died in a tragic horse accident at Pitt Town at the age of 12.

Last year 52 schools and hundreds of businesses took part, sending over 30,000 b kinder cards around the world. While b kinder day is June 22 Danny said many schools were participating in b kinder day either the week before or in term 3 and sending their cards after the school holidays.

"Cards have been sent to teachers, sporting coaches, nursing homes, grandparents ... it's quite heart-warming to think that these children are writing these cards and really thinking about who they are sending it to and what they are going to say," she said. "These cards impact a lot of people. Last year some schools sent their cards to a refugee camp and to nursing homes and this year students from one school are sending their cards to a cancer treatment centre."

Students at Pitt Town Early Learning Centre (pictured) now called Papilio Early Learning will be participating again for the third year.

Kenthurst Public School is also on-board with b kinder day as is Londonderry Pony Club, Sydney Jump Club and several Windsor businesses including Bridge Café, Farmhouse Living and Farmer's Daughter.

The greeting cards used for **b** kinder day feature a selection one of Billie's artworks. All funds raised from the sale of cards go to the flyhighbillie charity which also produces interactive b kinder workbooks for primary schools. The books enable children and young people to work through the need for kindness, compassion and empathy in a bid to combat bullying, anxiety and suicide.

The workbooks use Billie's own words and drawings to provide examples of kindness and have been designed with the help of teachers and psychologists.

All the money raised by the sale of the b kinder workbooks, greeting cards and the hope book are used to donate kindness resources and programs to schools.

"The workbooks empower and inspire children and help them realise that their actions do matter and they each have the power to make a difference through kindness," said Danny.

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The vestibular system is made up of several important but tiny parts. These include microscopic hair cells, semicircular canals and sensors which are all connected by the nervous system. Out of the combination of these sensors the brain can sense information about gravity, rotation, acceleration, and deceleration as well as the general position of the head.

The brain then sends messages to the muscles in the body and the eyes to maintain posture and balance as well as keeping the visual field steady.

Symptoms and Disorders

Dizziness and vertigo can be caused by an imbalance of signals in the vestibular system. These symptoms can also be caused by other factors such as medical conditions like low blood pressure,

neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis, or anxiety disorders. Although, it is common that the cause of an individual's dizziness stems from the inner ear, where balance is regulated.

When an individual experiences dizziness, many people report that they feel unsteady, the world is spinning, they feel lightheaded or like they are floating. Sometimes, this dizziness can be accompanied by vomiting, nausea, migraines, or fainting. However, these different sensations are important for clinicians to understand what kind of dizziness a person is experiencing.

Testing for Dizziness and Imbalance

Specialists, such as audiologists and physiotherapists, can assess an individual's vestibular system. This is important to understand where the problem is coming from or rule out if there is any vestibular dysfunction. Assessments involves a comprehensive review of the system as a whole and can take a few appointments to get all the results that are needed.

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VALE RON SMITH OAM



The much-loved great grandfather was remembered for his community service, his work with veterans, his knowledge of history and his devotion to his wife of 60 years, Marion and their family.

Ron was born and raised in Castle Hill and attended Castle Hill Public School before going to

Westmead for his high school education.

His first job was an apprentice electrician with the local council before joining the Royal Australian Navy in 1947 for an initial 12-year engagement in the Electrical Branch, eventually serving for 46 years and retiring as a senior technical instructor.

He was a member of Castle Hill RSL Club for 53 years and a Board member for 46 years.

Ron met his wife Marion at a dance in 1961 and they were married the same year. They have two children, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They loved walking and played squash together for 35 years.

CHRG President Warren Glenny said: "Ron will be remembered for his sense of service, sense of belonging, sense of history and sense of humour. He most certainly made an impact in whichever room he was present.

"As a long-serving Director, Ron made a significant contribution to the success of the Group and had an even greater impact on the lives of those associated with the Group over the years."

Ron was a dedicated Life Member of the Castle Hill RSL sub-Branch. He served as a President and Secretary, and held the positions of Pensions and Welfare Officer.

He co-ordinated events for many years including introducing luncheons to recognise veteran service and renew friendships between those that served.

Long-time friend and CHRG Director Rick Cumming said Ron was an inspiring presence: "His contribution to the lives and livelihood of those he talked with, taught and trained is infinite – as was his ability to recall significant dates, milestones and history narratives.

"Ron was also known for his colossal contribution to the community and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for service to Veterans in 2004 – the same year he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal.

"Ron will be remembered for his service to his country and community, however, he will also be remembered as a devoted husband to Marion, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage and two loving children – Rohan and Haylee. Family life was the centre of Ron's life, with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren bringing him endless joy.

"Ron was a true gentleman, committed to high standards and genuine human connection. Ron was highly respected by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting his acquaintance."

Ron is survived by his wife Marion, daughter Haylee, son Rohan. grandchildren Luke and Jodie and great grandchildren, Aiden, Ricco and Tui.

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FACTS:

Since mid-2018 The Hills Homeless Prevention Initiative has provided:

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- The successful applications around a third, 19 were victims of domestic violence.
- Main suburbs assisted Baulkham Hills (30%), Castle Hill (29%), Kellyville (21%), also Annangrove, Box Hill, Glenhaven and Glenorie
- You can register for The Hills Winter Sleepout to sleep out at the farm, sleep at home (on a sofa, in the car or in the garden) or sponsor someone and donate to them.
- This year community Radio Station Alive 90.5 will be live-streaming the event on the night and running a telethon so people can donate during the evening wherever they are watching from.
- What started with a group of 30 people has grown to over 120 including students.
- Northholm Grammar has already signed up.
- The Hills Winter Sleepout will be held at Bella Vista Farm from 4pm on Saturday August 14 to 8am Sunday, August 15.

and family violence) with rent and Bond. Mici Beer HCA executive officer said budgets were created to ensure rent was sustainable in the long term and clients were referred to a Financial Counsellor if relevant (as well as other organisations), which further assisted with their financial resilience.

One client who was helped with her Bond through a HHPI grant was about to leave a women's refuge for victims of domestic violence. She was offered a place through Women's Housing but had no access to any affordable credit to pay for the required rental bond.

"Thanks to the grant from the Hills Homeless Prevention Initiative she was able to move out from the refuge to safe accommodation," said Mici Beer.

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Aussie Pumps are already seeing a great interest in their competition for RFS Brigades to win an Aussie Fire Captain firefighting pump.

Entries are open to all NSW rural fire brigade volunteers. They are encouraged to apply and simply tell what motivates them to join their local brigade and take time out of their day to serve their community while putting

Some of the responses so far have been from not only local brigade Glenorie, but also the Mid Coast, Central coast and as far south as Table Top near Albury.

"I am frequently astounded by the dedication, support and generosity of my fellow members. This dedication to members and community motivates me as a volunteer. The RFS is like a second family, providing ongoing support and training as we strive to better ourselves and each other as a team", says Jodie from Mudgee HQ.

Sean from Wards River says, "Having been an RFS member for two years, I have become more involved as a trainer at brigade and district level. I am motivated in this role by encouragement from my Brigade Captain and the positive feedback from brigade members, new and old. I also get great motivation from knowing how important our service is to the community".

These inspiring entries make Aussie Pumps proud that they are able to give back to the community. The competition has been extended to the 30th June. Entries can now be received online through aussiepumps.com.au.

For further information, Brigades can contact Helen Mahoney on 02 8865 3500 aussiepumps.com.au



PITT TOWN MARKET DAY

By **BEV JORDAN**

Save the date, Saturday June 26, for Pitt Town's Massive Market Day and Garage Sale which is raising funds for one of the poorest communities in the world..

The annual event is being held in the grounds of Pitt Town's Uniting Church from 9am to 2pm and will feature a huge variety of stalls including a fruit and vegetable stall, a giant white elephant stall, books, plants and cake stalls.

There will also be a barbecue and Devonshire teas available.

The Market day helps raise money to provide wells and clean drinking water in rural villages for the indigenous people of West Papua.

Former Pitt Town Uniting Church member Shelley Houghton with Rebecca Andrews and daughter Sally formed the not-for-profit West Papuan Development Company eight years ago.

So far, their team in West Papua have built 42 wells. Rebecca said they had devised a system for building wells in remote locations with only hand-held equipment.



"Clean water in villages has made an incredible difference to life in the villages," she said. "Girls in particular are now able to attend school instead of walking many miles to access clean water. Women, instead of cooking with water from dirty water holes now have fresh, clean running water. "

COVID-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of the organisation's t wo annual fundraising events last year, The Twilight Jazz evening at Ebenezer and the Pitt Town Market which slowed down their aim of providing a well every two months.

"We have just run out of money after sending the last of our funds to West Papua for the next well. People have been so generous, they know that every cent we raise goes to provide wells. They cost \$2,500 each," said Rebecca.

Pitt Town Market Day is on Saturday June 26 at Pitt Town Uniting Church, Bathurst Street, Pitt Town from 9am to 2pm.

For further details phone Rebecca on 0439 309 303 or look on the link below: www.wpdc.org.au/



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Hills Community Aid

By **BEV JORDAN**

SHYAMA PERERA certainly doesn't like the limelight but she was well and truly centre stage at a special thank you morning tea to honour 20 years of service to Hills Community Aid during the week.

Emergency Services Minister and Baulkham Hills MP David Elliott and Hills Mayor Michelle Byrne joined volunteers, staff and Shyama's family to acknowledge her work in the community.

Mr Elliott presented her with a framed recognition award and also a copy of a Member's statement he gave in State Parliament acknowledging her service.

Shyama joined Hills Community Aid in May 2001, to cover a staff member's maternity leave. She stayed on.

HCA executive officer Mici Beer said Shyama introduced NILS (No Interest Loans Scheme) to HCA and developed an outreach service of NILS and Emergency Relief funding in numerous locations to ensure those in need can access assistance.

During 2014-2020, Shyama conducted over 1,100 client visits and has been responsible for the assessment and processing of

- \$100,000 in food vouchers
- \$130,000 in EAPA support

- \$20,000 in phone vouchers
- From Sept 2018 to present 551 NILS loans worth \$646,730.

"Her deep knowledge and expertise is at the core of our Financial Inclusion program," said Mici Beer.

"Today with the support of three staff and eight volunteers Shyama deliver a first-class service to some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community.

"Her blend of compassion with professionalism to ensure her clients receive the highest quality support and guidance makes her a highly respected worker in her field.

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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Hills Shire Council illuminated theatrium, at its Norwest Administration building, in the tricolours of the Indian national flag on Wednesday night (June 2) in a show of support and hope for the nation, as it continues its battle with the crippling COVID-19 pandemic.

Last month, India surpassed 300,000 reported deaths from COVID-19 and recorded the largest daily death toll for any country during the pandemic.

It is absolutely heartbreaking to see the situation unfolding in India, Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne said.

"The Hills Shire is home to many people of Indian descent. According to Census data, 3.6 per cent of our population was born in India, making this the second largest non-English speaking country of birth in the region.

"This also means many of our residents have been impacted or know someone who is suffering directly from COVID-19.

"We've illuminated our atrium to show our support and send a message

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Proposed Road Closure -Part of Partridge Avenue, Castle Hill

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of hope to our residents and their families and friends back home in India. We want them to know we are thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers," she said.

Councillor Reena Jethi said her heart absolutely ached to see India suffering.

"It doesn't matter what your background, culture or religion is - we've all been impacted by the stories and news of COVID-19 in India," she said.

"The images of patients suffering and losing their battle to the virus, and the subsequent impact on families and friends, is just agonising.
"I've spoken to many in our local

Indian diaspora community who have been affected by this pandemic, and they are feeling powerless to help. And there's also a lack of closure felt, with many unable to say their goodbyes in person.

"Illuminating the atrium means so much to me, and I know it will be a shining beacon of hope for the Indian diaspora community and the people of India."

The Hills Shire Counci

PROPOSED ROAD **CLOSURE 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 the Council public road known as Partridge Avenue, Castle Hill, being an existing cul-de-sac

head, irregular in shape, and approximately 405m² adjoining Lots 501 & 502 DP 249899 and Lot 7 DP 247890, Parish of Castle Hill, County of Cumberland. Upon closure of the road, Council intends to sell the land.

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 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.

Telephone: (02) 9843 0181 Council Ref: 5/2020/RC **Enquiries: Amy Brooks**



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The Hills Shire Council News

A Celebration of the King of Rock 'n' **Roll at the Pioneer Theatre**

Award winning artist Damian Mullin will take to the Pioneer Theatre stage in Elvis Forever – a delightfully refreshing tribute to Elvis Presley and his music.

Showing Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August 2021. To book tickets, visit www.pioneertheatre.com.au



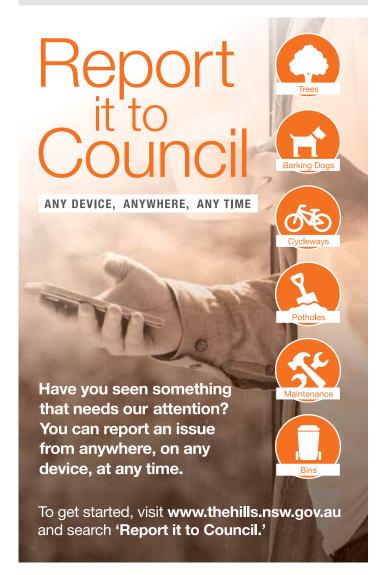


Proposed Temporary Road Closure Red Gables Road, Box Hill

In accordance with Section 115 of the Roads Act 1993. Council has agreed to the extension of the temporary closure of Red Gables Road, Box Hill to vehicle traffic for approximately 20 months from 30 April, 2021.

The extension of time for the road closure of Red Gables Road, Box Hill is required to enable continued work to be completed on The Gables development sites on the northern and southern sides of Red Gables Road.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Council's Road Safety Officer, Angela Vernicos on 9843 0145.



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Funding approved to fast rack road upgrades in growing communities

The upgrades of Annangrove Road, near the Windsor Road intersection and Terry Road, at the proposed new Box Hill shopping centre, are a step closer.

Council has been successful in securing Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) funding from the NSW Government for the design component for both road upgrades.

The road upgrades may receive further funding for construction, subject to the completion of designs, their cost and the availability of SIC funding in future years. SICs are paid by developers to share the cost of delivering essential infrastructure required to support growing communities.

Council has proposed to carry out the following works on Annangrove Road, between Windsor Road and The Water Lane/ Withers Road intersection at Rouse Hill, with the support of the SIC fund:

- Upgrade of the signalised intersection with Windsor Road, plus adjustment to signal timing and phasing;
- Construction of a new signalised intersection at The Water Lane and Withers Road, with provision for Bus Head Start at the signals;
- Relocation of utilities and provision of street lighting;

Making a Submission to Council?

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

 Widening the existing road reserve to accommodate the cross section for a four lane sub-arterial road.

These works form part of Council's plan to widen Annangrove Road, between Windsor Road and Edwards Road at Rouse Hill, to four lanes.

Council has also proposed to carry out the following works on Terry Road, fronting the Box Hill Town Centre, with the support of the SIC fund:

- Raising low lying sections of the roadway up to two metres;
- Widen the existing road reserve to accommodate the cross section for a four lane sub-arterial standard road together with major drainage works;
- Relocation of utilities and provision of street lighting;
- Construction of a signalised intersection at Terry Road and Mason Road North; and
- Construction of a pedestrian signalised intersection at Terry Road and Mason Road South (High Street).

The upgrade of Terry Road also forms part of a larger project to reconstruct and widen the road to four lanes, between Windsor Road and Mason Road North.

The upgrades will improve the road network, enhance public transport options and help connect Rouse Hill Town Centre to Box Hill Town Centre.

Council Meetings

Ordinary Meeting: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 - 7pm, **Council Chambers**

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



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GARDENING WITH SUE

By **SUE MONTGOMERY** | HORTICULTURALIST

This is a wonderful time of year to enjoy roses. If you have roses in your garden already, why not add to them and if you don't have roses, there are so many beautiful varieties to choose from.

DESIGNING A ROSE GARDEN

Planning a rose garden is not as hard as you may think. Because roses are spaced 1m apart, you will have a good idea of the number of roses you need.

Decide if they should be in rows or clumps, taller at the back and shorter towards the front border of the bed.

PLANTING BARE-ROOTED ROSES IN WINTER

Using a garden fork, dig a rough walled hole at least 50x 50cm to accommodate and spread out the rose roots. Do not add fertilizer or animal manure. Remove the rose from the packaging and dip in seaweed solution, Prune off any broken roots and give the rose stems a trim to the outward facing

Create a mound of soil in the hole and spread the rose roots down over the mound and start backfilling the soil. keep the crown above the soil.

Water thoroughly, add a light soil or compost to fill the well so the crown is just above the existing soil level, which allows space for a light application of lucerne mulch or pea straw.

After rain, check roses as they dislike wet feet.

WHAT TO PLANT AMONG THE ROSES

The appearance of your rose garden will be enhanced by planting lots of other plants amongst the roses. The added benefit is that they will also attract a host of predator insects.

Herbs like garlic and parsley will deter aphids while spring flowering daffodils and other flowers will encourage early breeding of ladybirds by providing necessary food for them.

Standard roses allow a lot of area underneath to plant low growing herbs, vegetables bulbs, annuals and perennials.

All sorts of perennials with spires of striking colours look sensational around roses.

Because roses require adequate ventilation to prevent fungal disease, regularly prune perennials when they have finished flowering to maintain healthy rose foliage.







COMMUTER CAR PARK

Planning approval has been granted for up to 700 additional car parking spaces at the new commuter car park at Schofields Station which will be built on vacant land to the north-west of the station.

"The construction of the 700 space car park, follows the delivery of an additional 60 space car park on Railway Terrace which is now open to commuters," Mr Conolly said.

Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly said the new car park will be delivered by Stephen Edwards Construction Pty Ltd on behalf of the NSW Government.

Detailed design is now underway and early works on site are set to begin in the coming weeks.

Entry and exit to the ground level car park will be from Calder Street (off Schofields Road) and Bridge Street.

The car park is expected to be open to customers in mid-2022.

LIONS COLLECTION IS A ROARING SUCCESS

Shoppers at The Grove Shopping Centre at Baulkham Hills have got used to seeing Lions outside the Woolworths Supermarket every other Saturday.

Members of Crestwood Lions are there on the fourth Saturday of the month and members of the Baulkham Hills Lions Club are there every second Saturday collecting cans and non-perishable items for the Foodbank.

Between August 2020 to May 2021 shoppers have donated over \$14,500-worth of items.

President of Crestwood Lions John Ebbott said pasta, rice and tins of beans and spaghetti were the staples.

"People also donate a lot of toiletries," he said.

According to John the project was initially started in August 2019 but was halted for a period by COVID-19 restrictions.

"Since August 2019, the clubs have collected a total of 5,800kg of items worth \$36,250" he said.

The items are delivered to the Foodbank warehouse which acts as a pantry to the charity sector.

For more information about Foodbank and what it does visit www.foodbank.org.au

To find out more about the Lions food drive contact John Ebbott at 0458 727 905.



JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANTS

Vegetable gardens, recycling, bee hives and waste management are just some of the projects local schools and childcare centres are instigating.

Several projects have just been given a boost with a 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant projects focus on sustainable food production, improving waste management practices or enhancing native habitats such as vegetable gardens, recycling initiatives and native habitat enhancement and indigenous perspectives.

Middle Dural Public School won a \$1500 grant to enhance native habitats. This year. an additional \$500 Bee Bonus was also offered, providing extra funding to support the conservation of Australia's bee population which the school received.

With bees and pollination, a crucial part of the horticultural and agricultural industry in Australia, Middle Dural Public School will be able to use the Bee Bonus in the development of native beehives, pollinator gardens or bee education programs.

Primary schools and Early Learning Centres who receive the grant can further their environmental projects in the school or community, helping to educate the younger generation about the importance of the environment.

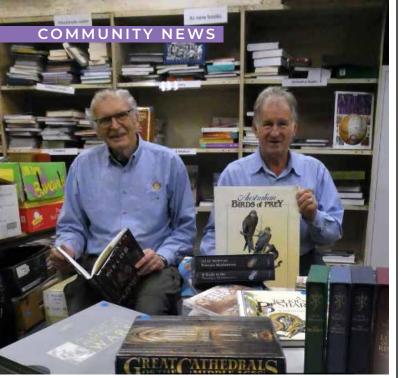
Other schools receiving grants include:

- St Angela's Primary School, Wesley Preschool, Castle Glen Child Care Centre and Excelsior Public School all at Castle Hill.
- Windsor Public School, Windsor
- South Creek School, Riverstone
- Hills Montessori School and Sun Valley Preschool Kindergarten both at West Pennant Hills
- Hillsong Child Care Centre Norwest
- Kiddie Academy Kellyville
- Jasper Road Public School Baulkham Hills
- Heritage House Cherrybrook Childcare and Early Learning Centre
- Schofields Public School



NSW Environment Minister Matt Kean with Anne Mills, Principal of Middle Dural Primary School, Jo Stentiford (left), Partnerships Manager, Landcare Australia and students from left; Aria Watkins, 10, Elliot Watkins, 7 and Demetri Andrews and Laura Murray from Woolworths Glenorie. and the same

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GALSTON BOOK FAIR

A feast awaits avid book worms at the annual Galston Rotary Club giant book fairat Galston Community Centre on June 25, 26 and 27.

There will be over 40,000 books for sale including some first editions and some signed by the author.

The collectibles table will include a signed copy of The Heritage of J J Hilder (Australian artist 1881 to 1916); a 1902 copy of *Dew Babies* by Helen Broadbent and a rare copy of *The Ladies Handbook of Home Treatment*, a medical reference book for women, written by doctors F C Richards and Eulalia S Richards first published in Australia in 1905.

The Rotary Club of Galston's annual book fair has a huge history itself and was first run in 1997. It has raised a large amount of money during that time to support projects both at home and overseas, including local Rural Fire Service Brigades, Galston High School, Riding For the Disabled and Youth Insearch to name a few.

All the books are in categories.

There will be dedicated areas for children's books, vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games.

Trading hours on Friday to Saturday (June 25 and 26) will be 8.30am to 5pm. On Sunday June 27 the sale will operate between 8.30am and 3pm when there will be clearance sale bargains.

TRIVIA ALERT

Rock back through the decades to a fabulous night of Trivia on Saturday June 12 at Kenthurst. If you know what year Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin then this is the quiz for you.

Organiser Denise Daynes says the fully produced event by International Productions will mean lots of music, video clips and games as well as questions.

There will be great prizes to be won and auctioned off including a night at the Hyatt and dinner at Tetsuya's world famous restaurant.

The call is to dress up in your favourite era with prizes up for grabs. Venue is Hills Grammar, 43, Kenthurst Rod Kenthurst. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Cost is \$20 per person. All proceeds will go to the Hills Relay For Life, raising funds for the Cancer Council.

Tables must be pre-booked, call Denise Daynes on 0425 308 604 or email denise.dayned@internationalproductions.com

Answer: Christmas 1974.



If you have beanies, blankets or any other winter warmers that you don't need then the women's group, Soroptimist International of The Hills would like to hear from you.

Last year members collected over 1000 items for distribution to local charities and organisations like Parramatta Mission and Hawkesbury Helping Hands. SI members delivered their first lot of donations to Graceades Community Cottage at Bidwill (pictured) during the week. Items need to be new, or in

Items need to be new, or in good condition.

The collection will happen during June. For drop-off points contact either Lesley on 0412 484 728 or Jan on 0439 417 576.







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PAVILION THEATRE GEM

Castle Hill Players is staging the astonishing dark comedy *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, written by Martin McDonagh (Three Billboards
Outside Ebbing, Missouri), this month.

The play, which starred **Daniel Radcliffe** as "Cripple" Billy Claven in the 2013 West End production, is set on a small Aran islands community of Inishmaan off the west coast of Ireland in 1934.

The residents are excited to learn that a Hollywood film crew has arrived in neighbouring Inishmore to make a documentary about life on the islands. Billy, eager to escape the gossip, poverty

and boredom of Inishmaan, vies for a part in the film. The Play opens tonight (Friday, June 4) at the Pavilion Theatre Castle Hill and director Dave Went has assembled an outstanding cast.

Robert Snars from Baulkham Hills takes on the part of "Cripple" Billy, a sensitive young man, held back in life by physical disability and the restraints of parochial island life.

Robert has been performing at the Pavilion Theatre with the Castle Hill Players since 2009 when he appeared in *Anne of Green Gables* and most recently in *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* as the narrating Butler.

He has trained as a part of the Full Time Ensemble at the Howard Fine Acting Studio in Melbourne and continued his training in lockdown. Robert says Barbara Robertson, his Alexander Technique coach, was invaluable in helping him create the physical life of Billy Claven.

The play features a wonderful array of talent portraying fascinating characters such as *Johnnypateenmike* (Dimitri Armatas), a loudmouth bore who insists on knowing everyone's business who lives with his ancient mother (Annette Emerton), a craggy widow drinking herself to death - and who won't go quietly.

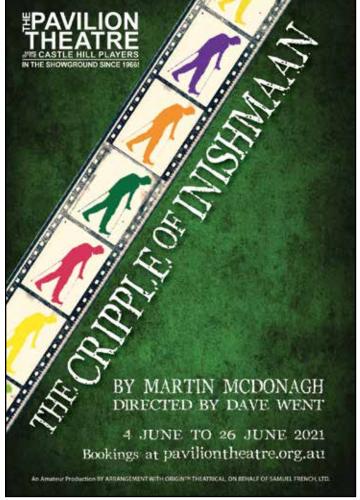
Kate (Jan Mahoney) and *Eileen* (Anna Desjardins) run the local store and have raised Billy since his parents died by drowning.

Bartley (Toby Rowe) is very much dominated by his sister Helen (Aimee Honor-Eltham) whose outrageous comments can peel paint off the walls! The Doctor (Steven Rowe) does his best to tend to the locals with care while Babbybobby (Jason Spindlow) is a quiet man who tends to his boat - and backs Billy's scheme.

The Pavilion Theatre is located within the Castle Hill Showground, adjacent to the new Metro Hills Showground Station. The entrance is at the lights located between Gilbert and Carrington Roads. Castle Hill and the Doran Drive.

The Cripple of Inishmaan runs from June 4 to June 26, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15pm and Sundays at 4:30pm All tickets are \$25. Bookings: www. paviliontheatre.org.au or call 9634 2929. Castle Hill Players accepts the Discover NSW Vouchers.







The Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

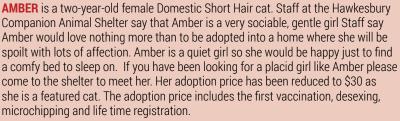
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AT A GLANCE

NAME: AMBER BREED: Domestic cat SEX: Female AGE: 2 years old PRICE: \$30



Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

MONIQUE is a sweet girl according to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter. Staff say that the one-year-old medium hair domestic cat loves being the centre of attention and would be best suited in a home where she will be allowed to share the lounge with you. If you feel that Monique would be a great companion for you, please come to the shelter to meet her. As Monique is already desexed, she is able to leave the shelter with you if you decide to adopt her. Monigue's adoption price has been reduced to \$30 as she is a featured cat. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.



AT A GLANCE

NAME: MONIQUE BREED: Domestic cat SEX: Female AGE: 1 year old PRICE: \$30

AWL COMMUNITY

In a bid to provide vital welfare initiatives for companion animals in the Hawkesbury and Penrith communities, the Animal Welfare League NSW's Mobile Vet Truck accompanied by a team of veterinarians and volunteers, visited the Penrith Paceway Showground on May 21 and 22.

The two-day community outreach saw 248 domestic cats and dogs (and a rabbit) presented to the experienced veterinary team for health checks.

There were 121 microchips issued at no cost to the owners. A total of 239 vaccinations were administered over the two days at heavily discounted rates.

The event was open to all residents of both Hawkesbury and Penrith Local Council Areas who hold a pension or a concession card.

Many of those who attended said it was a, "fantastic opportunity" to have their companion animals receive crucial veterinary care.

Leonie Elvin, President of the Animal Welfare League NSW Hawkesbury Valley branch was at the event to help with her team of volunteers assisting the veterinary team and issuing desexing vouchers to community members.

She said initiatives like the AWL's community outreach were vital towards preventing large parvovirus outbreaks in the region, saying in some suburbs the incidence of communicable diseases like parvovirus was very high.

"It is essential to have your pet vaccinated against life-threatening diseases that are highly

contagious. Not vaccinating your pet sets off a domino effect that ends up claiming a lot of lives," she said.

Dr Nicole McMillan, Vet Services Manager and all staff at Animal Welfare League NSW thanked volunteers from Vets Beyond Borders, as well as Dr Lynn Mathison from Selwood House Veterinary Hospital, Hazelbrook for their critical support over the two-day event.

Generous support from the community enables Animal Welfare League NSW to deliver life-changing programs and ensuring best welfare standards for animals across NSW.

To donate visit awlnsw.com.au/donate or call 02 8777 4461 to help continue the critical service.



WOLVES FACE HILLS BULLS

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

Underdogs Windsor Wolves are hoping their current form gives them a fighting chance against Ron Massey Cup contenders Hills Bulls in this Sunday's round 13 clash at Crestwood Oval.

The Wolves won successive matches against Cabramatta Two Blues (48-8) and Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (34-16) with their young side showing they have learnt from their mistakes. The Wolves sped to a 42-8 lead at half-time against Cabramatta but three sin bins curtailed their attack in the second half.

Tyler Cassel has been in rollicking form, scoring five tries in the last two matches while Zac Mackay continues to be among the best placekickers this season, sealing seven out of eight against Cabramatta.

The Bulls are also on a winning streak, first outwitting the Fijian Silktails 30-20, with Tom Carr and Mark Li scoring twice before staging a second half comeback to outwrestle Western Suburbs Magpies 20-16 last weekend.

The Bulls trailed 8-12 at breather against the Magpies but scored two more tries to snatch victory and stay second on the ladder, behind St Marys, the only unbeaten side in the competition.

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Hills Bulls flyer Maile Li scores a spectacular try against the Silktails.

Picture: Rob Gleeson

Facing the Bulls at home is a daunting task, said Wolves coach Chris Yates.
"I believe the Bulls are the competition favourites and are playing very good footy," Yates said. "Our Windsor side is young and have good speed in them but have taken a bit of time getting used to playing well as a unit. "Full credit to the players who are taking responsibility for being paid footy players, which people in the league need to understand."

Bulls coach Mick Withers knows the Wolves can be a handful and wants his players to be at their best.

"Windsor are going good and have strung some wins together, and will be a tough team," Withers said. Withers is reaping the rewards of his work over the past three years but knows the new NRL rules and fatigue are affecting his players.

"At our level, there is a lot of fatigue half way during the season while injuries come thick and fast," the former Irish international said.

"We also have a few suspensions but these also give opportunities to our younger players in the Sydney Shield.

"Our Sydney Shield team are number one this season and I don't mind promoting their players; it's a credit to our players that they are excited for each other."

Kick-off: 3pm.

WINNING DAY OF PLAY

The Hills District Bowling Club is celebrating its Grade 6 side winning a Zone Pennant.

The side will now contest the State Playoffs next month. The Club's Grade 6 side played in the finals of the 2021 Zone 10 Pennant on May 29 and 30 weekend.

The club Chairman Ken Carroll said the rounds are played against a number of clubs over a 10-week period which is very competitive.



"The Hills has not been successful in winning a Zone Pennant for many years. The drought has now been broken with the Grade 6 side winning the semi-final against Northmead Bowling Club, and the final against Wentworthville Leagues. "The Hills Side was a mixture of bowlers who are relatively new

to the game along with a number of very experienced bowlers. They have blended very well over the season and it is a credit to them in the way they have performed representing our Club.

"The next step for our bowlers is to contest the State's playoff series to be played at Maitland in July 2021."

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I am encouraging Councils to apply for projects to build or improve play spaces in Hawkesbury so that there is more accessibility for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the outdoors. Funding applications are now open with \$5 million available for communities across NSW.

This is the fourth and final round of grants under the 'Everyone Can Play' program. This very popular program has been embraced by Councils in the past and it also is part of the Premier's priority to increase access to quality public space across the State.

One of the biggest preferences for our community, is to have more access to play spaces and this funding will deliver that priority. Applications close on the 25th June 2021 with more information available at www.openspace.smartygrants.com.au/EveryoneCanPlay_2020_2021.

Update your electoral enrolment details

- Send a congratulatory letter for anniversaries and birthdays of significance
 - Provide you with details on how to apply for government grants

The NSW Government wants to put money back in the hands of businesses and communities in flood affected areas. It has directed NSW Government agencies to first consider appointing a local small or medium business for flood repair work on Government owned sites.

Small and medium businesses are a significant contributor for local economies and they employ a large proportion of the workforce. This decision to prioritise small to medium businesses for the rebuild and remediation work is similar to the initiative taken after the 2019-2020 bushfires and will go a long way to putting cash back in local communities. Businesses can register for NSW Government work generally at suppliers.buy.nsw.gov.au. For information on support for people and businesses impacted by the storms and floods call 13 77 88 or go to service.nsw.gov.au/floods

Students in the Baulkham Hills electorate are benefitting from the NSW Government's \$337 million COVID catch-up tuition program. This program has allowed schools in the electorate to employ 16 tutors to support students to catch up in areas they fell behind in during COVID.

The additional support is tailored by schools using both the data from last year's Check-in Assessments and the knowledge of classroom teachers.

Overall, 5,417 tutors have been employed in NSW public schools, with almost 99 per cent of schools already offering tutoring support to their students.



MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER THIS W

Winter is the time when we see an increase in residential house fire-related fatalities. Some simple steps you can take to make your home safer this winter include:

- Never leave cooking unattended;
- Only working smoke alarms save lives test your smoke alarm today;
- Do not keep anything within one metre of your heater;
- Do not overload power boards with appliances;
- Set up durable fire s creens in front of open fires;
- Turn off your electric blanket at night; and,

COVID-19 VACCINATIO

Residents aged 50 and over are encouraged to book their AstraZeneca vaccination through their GP in the first instance, but if they are unable to obtain the vaccine from their GP, appointments can also be booked in NSW Health clinics. Residents aged 40-49 can now also register their interest in receiving the Pfizer vaccine, and will be contacted to make a booking when there is availability at clinics.

To book a vaccine and for more information, visit nsw.gov.au/

Do not use outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of material can lead to the build-up of fatal carbon monoxide.

For more information, visit fire.nsw.gov.au/





Ray Williams MP MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER AND WESTERN SYDNEY

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

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CONNECT **COLLECT REGO**

Drivers are being reminded to link their e-tags to their MyService NSW account to ensure they benefit from discounts on their vehicle registration, with almost 40 per cent of those eligible currently missing out. Customers simply need to link their e-tag to their MyService NSW account and ensure that their vehicle details are up-to-date. Then when you renew your registration, the discounts will be instantly applied. To find out more visit: www.service.nsw.gov.au/ transaction/claim-your-toll-

relief



\$300 MILLION ROUSE HILL HOSP

The new site for the \$300 million Rouse Hill Hospital is the north-eastern side of Windsor Road near Commercial Road, ensuring ideal transport and road links for Western Sydney's growing population.

The final site has better access and allows for more land use opportunities compared with the previously announced site, and has huge advantages for patients and the thousands of staff and carers to have good connectivity to the Rouse Hill Town Centre and a Sydney Metro station.

Construction will start in the next two years.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS: A

Thank you for all your support for our Telstra campaign to improve telecommunications in our community.

As a result of our campaign the Minister for Communications announced \$16.4 million for a program designed to help communities like ours, around the country.

The Peri-Urban Mobile Program (PUMP) is dedicating funds towards the building of mobile towers in outermetropolitan disaster-prone areas, like the Berowra electorate. This fund is designed to put money on the table to encourage telecommunications companies to step up and provide solutions for places that do not have adequate service.

PUMP is an important step towards getting the mobile coverage our community deserves.

Communications Minister Paul Fletcher came to Kenthurst to deliver the announcement and acknowledged that the campaigning from our community over the past 12 months was the impetus for this new program.

I am very proud of the efforts of our community, and of the Government for taking this forward step. It is now up to the telecommunications companies to place their part.

The next step will be to work with the community to help encourage Telstra and the other telecommunications companies to participate in the program, so we can make the most of the opportunity it provides.

In the coming months I will also put forward legislative reforms aimed at improving the experiences of customers such as a universal service obligation for mobile phone coverage, obligations to provide workable coverage in people's homes not just their backyards and preventing telecommunications companies from billing customers during outages or when they have no service. The reforms will send a message to Telstra that they've got to lift their game. This is one of the important actions I can take as a Member of Parliament to put forward telecommunications policy reforms.







ECENTLY I attended a car show which had on display many vehicles from the 1950s up to more modern times. Viewing these old cars, trucks and vans brought back memories of the traffic indicators on these old relics. I can well remember when it was a requirement in Australia to use hand signals to warn following traffic of your intention to stop or turn left or right. However, a number of vehicles had a yellow turn signal in the column between the front and rear doors so that the driver could press a button on the dash and hopefully the signal would come out of the correct column and indicate which way you are turning. These indicator arms were legally allowable as an alternative to the hand signals. Eventually both the hand signals and the indicator arms were deemed to be either dangerous or non-effective and were subsequently banned.

A few drivers lost an arm when using the hand signals as their arm was struck by either passing traffic or some other obstacle. I knew of at least one driver, Norm Field, with whom I

worked with in the 1960s who lost his arm in a traffic accident. The yellow turn signals were also found to be ineffective and were hard to see in many cases, particularly the signal that would supposedly show your intention to turn left with drivers in following vehicles sitting on the right- hand drivers' seat unable to view the signal on the car in front's left-hand side. Other problems with the yellow signal were that it would either get stuck within the column or stuck indicating your intention to turn when in fact you intended to continue driving straight ahead. The yellow indicator arm was also equipped with a light globe that often did not light up due to the arm returning to the column in which it was housed with a thud that caused the globe to either loosen in the housing or fuse.

On many buses and trucks there was a mechanical hand which the driver would use to show following traffic the intention to either turn or stop. These hands worked on a system either pointing in the direction of the intending turn or a raised hand indicating your intention to stop.

They also caused damage to the paintwork on the drivers' door. The mechanism of these mechanical hands would also stick or cause damage to passing traffic or surroundings.

Thankfully with the introduction or indicator lights on the front and rear of vehicles many of these dangers have ceased, however there are many times when I have seen drivers who have not turned off their indicators after changing traffic lanes or the automatic cut out has not worked after turning a corner.

Back in the day, I also recall talking to a relative about automatic transmission versus manual transmission. His response was (remember this was back in the 1960s) that he much preferred manual transmission as if you had a problem with automatic it was very expensive to repair. I wondered at the time about how often he had replaced the clutch plates in his manual car and at what cost, let alone that they also consisted of asbestos.

By the way have you checked your indicators lately?

HERITAGE GRANTS

Heritage properties at Pitt Town, Wilberforce, St Albans, Upper Macdonald, Ebenezer, McGraths Hill, Richmond and Windsor are sharing in \$40,000 in local heritage grants from the Local Heritage Assistance Program administered by Hawkesbury City Council.

An iconic heritage slab barn at Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town is still standing as restoration work was carried out on the barn before floodwater engulfed the property. Gable ends were repaired and structural repairs included new vertical posts and strengthening of the original framework.

At Wollombi Road, St Albans, a heritage grant will be used to repoint stone walls at First Farm Cottage, while in Moses Street, Windsor, five memorials will be repaired 1 and fixed in the St Matthews Anglican Church



graveyard. Other domestic properties will have repairs to fences, a chimney and stone walls.

The 2020/2021 Hawkesbury Local Heritage Assistance Program is funded primarily by Hawkesbury City Council, and also NSW Heritage.

A requirement of the funding is that property owners match or exceed the funding.

Hawkesbury Mayor, Councillor Patrick Conolly commended the owners and managers of local heritage properties who are looking to protect and conserve the Hawkesbury's local heritage.

"The program aims to promote awareness and a positive attitude towards heritage and to encourage and assist the conservation and restoration of the Hawkesbury's significant heritage," he said.

"The additional funding allocated by Council meant that a record number of applications, 21, could be approved, up from the 15 approvals in the previous financial year."

He said council's free Heritage Advisory Service provided valuable advice to owners of heritage listed properties. "The Hawkesbury Heritage Advisory Service continues to go from strength to strength, and is proving to be a useful service for owners of heritage listed properties to receive free advice from a highly experienced heritage architect, whether it is predevelopment application advice, general advice or advice on appropriate maintenance of heritage items."

Applications for the next round of funding for the Local Heritage Assistance Program will open in late July.

For more information about Council's Heritage Advisory Service, and the Request for Heritage Consultation and Advice Form, visit hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-build/heritage/heritage-in-the-hawkesbury



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i Meet in Galston Community Health Centre 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings, evening group 2nd and 4th Mondays. New members welcome

L 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.

□ castlehillseniors@gmail.com

Christ Church

An Anglican church located at 26 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst, has a service at 9.30.am every Sunday morning. You are most welcome to join us.
 Rev. Chris Baxter | 0423 119 131

Cumberland Bird Observers Club

The Club conducts three outings a month to observe birds in their natural environment. General meetings are held at Castle Hill on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. New members are always welcome.

Peter 0412 770 757 or Cathy 9809 5668

www.cboc.org.au

CWA of NSW - Galston Branch

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Galston Health & Resource Centre.

Jann | 0439 222 217

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 and District Prostate Cancer

Support Group

i Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month
at the Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven. Next meeting is June 21 with guest speaker Ronny Maroun from the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.

Denis | 9629 2645 or Maurice | 9654 2138

Dural Country Club Bowls 04 2131 5074

Dural Men's Shed 4 04 0247 8498

www.duralmensshed.org

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

Which raises money for The Smith Family Which talses finding for Life" program will hold its next Luncheon /Meeting at 11am on Wednesday, June 23 at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Guest is Ambre Hammond on "An Unorthodox Life in Music".Bookings essential. Merle 9634 2378 | 0412 110 698

Girl Guides Australia

There are great programs for girls aged from 6 to 18. They meet once a week in groups relevant to their age groups which are run by trained Leaders and Unit helpers. There are Girl Guide groups established at Castle Hill, Kellyville, North Rocks, Baulkham Hills, Crestwood and Galston. To find out more about the best day, time and group for your daughter call: Margo | 0417 657 433

Glenhaven Probus Club Inc

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

Glenwood Men's Shed

James | 04 0333 8450

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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. Meets on 2nd Saturday of Colombia Pamela Hempel | 0407 660 579

www.fffhnc.com

Hawkesbury Woodcraft Cooperative Ltd 4721 8709

Hills District Women's Bowling Club

Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills 9639 2733

www.thehillswomensbowls.com.au

Hills Older Men's Network INC

The Hills Older Men's Network Inc (Hills OMNI) meets fortnightly on the first and third Mondays of the month, 10am to 12.30pm at Castle Hill. The group is aimed at retired men over the age of 55 and provides an opportunity to chat in a non-judgemental, safe and

supportive environment.

Ron | 0424 462 153

HillsOMI1@gmail.com

Hills/Toongabbie Music Club

i 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

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 I 4575 3858

www.macquarietownsgardenclub. wordpress.com/

National Seniors Australia (The Hills branch)

Meets first Thursday of the month at 9.30am for a 9.45am start at the Baulkham Hills Sports Club Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills. 9639 1814 | ■ maybruce@bigpond.com

www.hillsnsa.com

North Rocks Evening VIEW Club

i 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 Probus Club

Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am at Panthers, North Richmond, Beaumont Rd, N. Richmond.

Joan Bruce | 0404 290 484 morthrichmondprobus@gmail.com

Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club

i We are a breakfast Club and meet every Friday morning at 7am at the Hills Cafe at Hills Shire Council, 3 Columbia Court, Norwest. The Rotary Motto is Service Above Self. If you want to meet likeminded people please join us.

morwestrotary.org.au

Pennant Hills Mens Probus Club

John | 9487 1385 **Pennant Hills Combined Probus Club**

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

Pennant Hills VIEW Club

i Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11am at Oatlands Golf Club. Meetings include a 2 course lunch followed by an interesting guest speaker. Visitors & new members are welcome. On the fourth Tuesday of the month a social outing is arranged for members.

Margaret | 9873 2402

Pitt Town Probus Club

i 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

i Meet 2nd Monday of the month at
10am. At The Glenhaven Community Centre: 76 Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven.

New members welcome Glenys | 0419 616 431 OR

Veronica | 0408 025 577 ■ glenysiclarke@hotmail.com

Probus Club - Winston Hills

Northmead Combined

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

secretary@winstonhillsnorth meadprobusclub.com.au

Membership Officer | 0421 410 305

RDA (NSW) Tall Timbers Centre

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6 9679 1246

 admin@rdanswtalltimbers.org.au www.rdanswtalltimbers.org.au

Red Cross - Castle Hill Branch

Meetings 2nd Friday of the month 10.15am to 11.45am at Wesley Uniting Church, 32-34 Showground Rd, Castle Hill. New members always welcome. 0419 431 084.

Richmond /Windsor VIEW Club

i Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club Which
Supports The Smith Family Learning for Life meet on 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 11.30 at The Richmond Club Christine Walshaw | 0416073483

Scouts Australia Greater Western Sydney Region

9639 2488

www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

Sleep Disorders Australia - NSW **6** 02 9990 3514

www.sleepoz.org.au

Soroptimist International The Hills

i This is the local branch of a worldwide organisation for women celebrating 100 years promoting awareness, action and advocacy. It holds monthly dinner meetings, theatre nights, fundraising fashion parades and a public speaking competition as well as seminars. Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the Month at Glenhaven. 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Visitors are always welcome.

Cathy | 0435 837 118 sithehills@siwp.org

The Hills Community Aid and

Information Service Inc 9639 8620

The Hills Learning Centre

4 02 8850 0555 RSVP | info@thehillslc.com.au.

facebook.com/thehillslearningcentre

The Hills Shire Garden Club 9624 5034

The Hills District Pipe Band

i 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

suz801@live.com.au

material

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www.hillsdistrictpipeband.com

The Hills Trefoil Guild Legine | 0417 330 196

The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills Meets at Aveo Retirement Village, Bella Vista on the 4th Monday of each month at 6.00pm (dinner optional), for

meeting at 7.00pm.

🕹 Robyn 🛚 9639 2742 The Sydney Hills Branch of the

Association of Independent Retirees Meeting on Friday, at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. 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

Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiestennis.org

Wanderers Bushwalking and **Outdoor Club**

Meet every second Tuesday in the month at Crestwood Community Centre, Drive, Baulkham Hills at 8 pm

4 0452 465 906 www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

Windsor Probus Club

Meets at 10am on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Windsor Golf Club, McQuade Ave, South Windsor. New

members always welcome.
Membership Officer Alan | 0407721461 or Secretary Ann 0414298945

Winston Hills Joey Scouts

9862 8482

hsara@optusnet.com.au

Wisemans Ferry Community Men's Shed Inc

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

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

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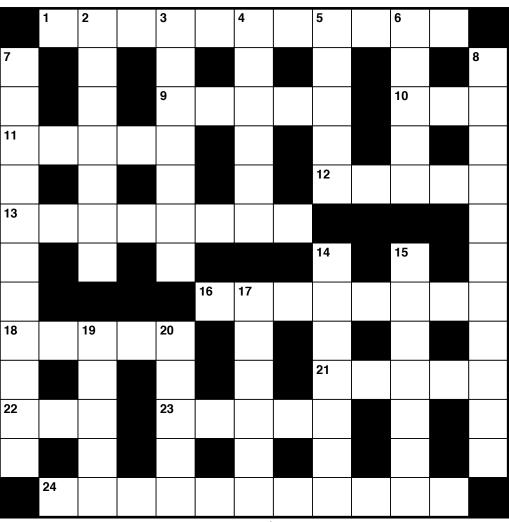
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- 1. Chance concurrence of events
- 9. Swift
- 10. Epoch
- 11. Short choral
- composition 12. Music with a
- recurrent theme
- 13. Device for spraying paint
- 16. Morally compel
- 18. Manner of writing
- 21. Looked at open-mouthed
- 22. Sort; kind
- 23. Sculptured symbol
- 24. Stargazers

Down

- 2. Public speakers
- 3. Bring up 4. Urges to act
- 5. Senior figure in a tribe
- 6. Sequence 7. Camaraderie
- 8. Endorsed
- 14. Cotton fabric 15. More cheerful
- 17. Subatomic particle such as a nucleon
- 19. Bonds of union
- 20. Keen



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

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Answers from last issue

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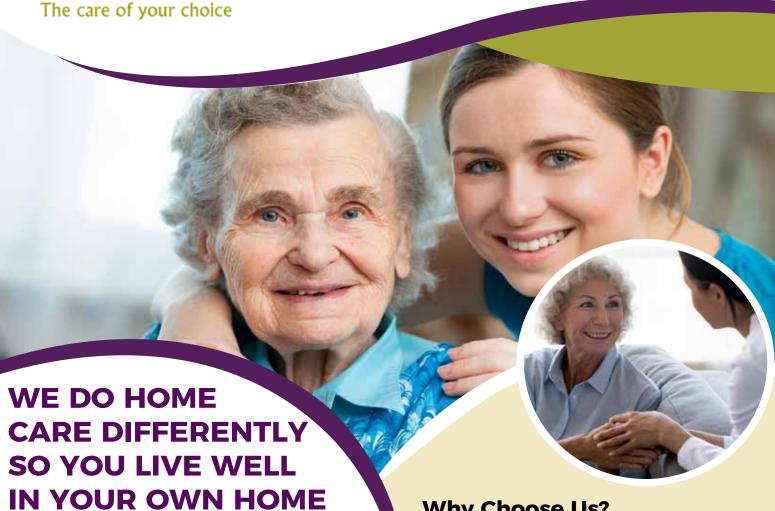
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