

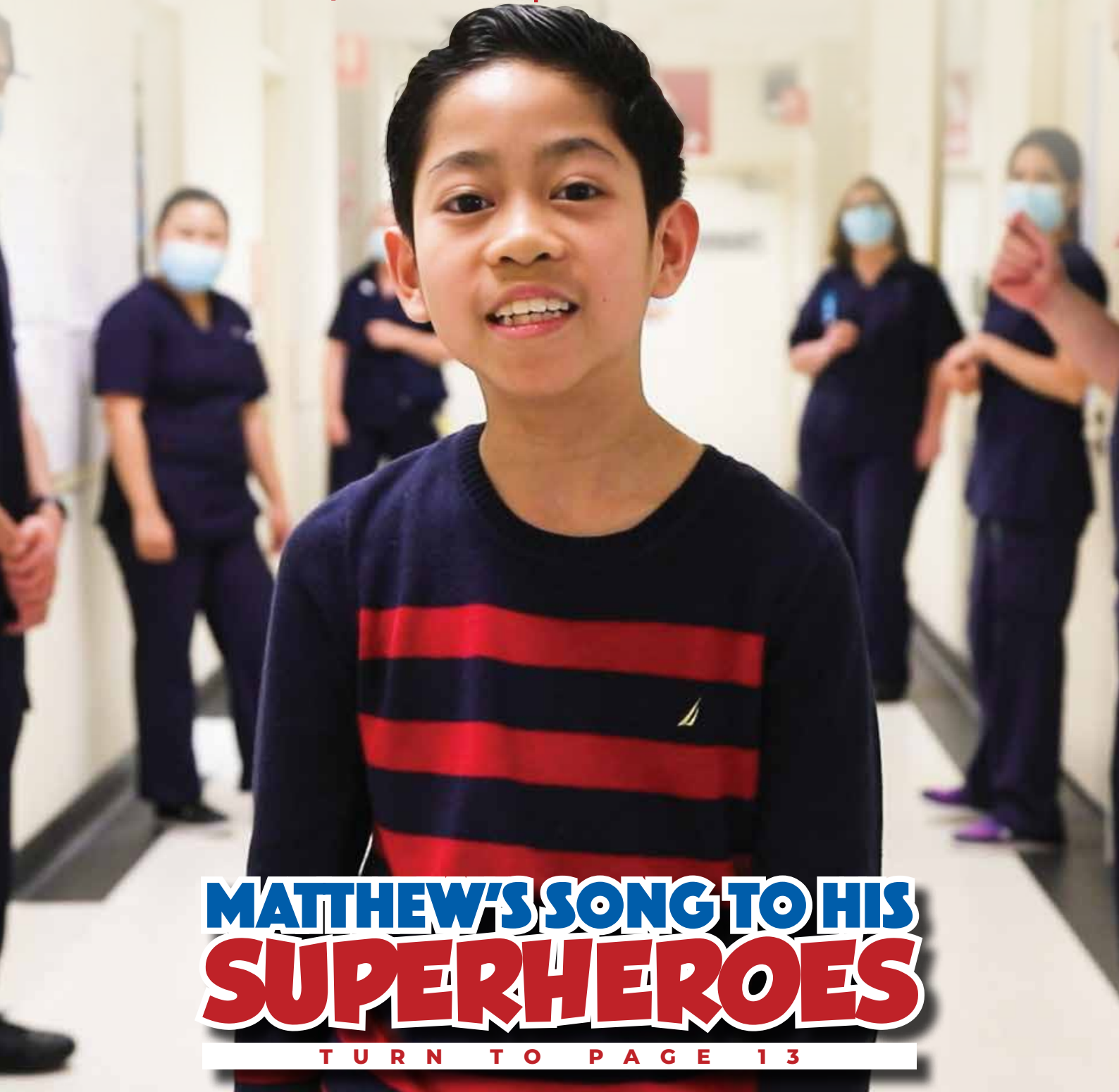
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Ken Hanes



When 73-year-old Kenneth Hanes went missing from his Acacia Gardens home on September 22 it sparked a public appeal to find him. Later that day the retired bank worker boarded the Manly Ferry and was never seen again.

His wife of 49 years Nola, his daughters Kathryn, Narelle and Fiona, sons-in-law Chris, Andrew and Jason, and his grandchildren Chyna, Jeremy, Quinn, Maddison, Cooper and Ashton miss him greatly. The following is a tribute they wrote about a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and community stalwart:

When Kenneth Hanes was lost to us all on September 22, it was not just his family who grieved. Local children wrote messages to him in chalk in the road, telling him they missed him.

It was a fitting tribute to a man who was absolutely central to his community: involved, hard-working, decent and loyal. In retirement from his job as a bank manager, he occupied himself in every facet of local life.

Many knew him best through softball. He worked on the committees of St Michael's School and the Cumberland Nepean Softball Association for 40 years. He played many sports himself – not just softball but baseball, soccer, squash, bowls, tennis, golf – and believed it was enormously important to give back to those sports, either by involving himself in their administration or by serving as a referee for local soccer games.

Others knew him as a litter and graffiti evangelist. He was part of Clean Up Australia for a number of years, but the truth was, every walk he ever took was a personal Clean Up Australia campaign. He would prowl the streets with his pick-up stick and a garbage bag, cleaning as he went. He

removed so much graffiti from local areas that his work was eventually made official by Blacktown Council.

Anyone who worked or had a family member in Quakers Hill Nursing home knew him well. He volunteered to drive the community bus, he ran domino tournaments and bingo for the residents, and helped to maintain the gardens.

He loved gardening and his lawns and roses were renowned. He would mow lawns all over the neighbourhood, particularly for older neighbours, and occasionally median strips and the surroundings of schools when they needed it; nobody mowed a lawn like Ken Hanes.

He involved himself closely with local schools, working as a General Assistant at Quakers Hill East Primary School and Mary Immaculate Primary School for eight years. He was on the parents and friends committees for St Michael's School and Gilroy College when his daughters studied there. And he was a tireless organiser of reunions around the schools and his other networks, going all the way back to his own school days at Rydalmere Public School and Macquarie Boys High School, as well as his old work colleagues at the Rural Bank and State Bank.

He understood that communities need to be built and maintained. Few have done more to build a community than Ken Hanes.

FIGHT FOR LIFE

A 21-year-old cyclist involved in an accident at the intersection of Windsor Road and Norwest Boulevard, Castle Hill on Friday, September 25 remains in a stable condition.

The cyclist, a German student who was studying in Australia, was rushed to Westmead Hospital in a critical condition after he was struck by a car.

A hospital spokesman described his condition as "stable" on Wednesday (October 21). The man lost consciousness from the impact and sustained major injuries to his head, face, chest and limbs.

Passing NSW Ambulance paramedics who witnessed the incident provided initial

treatment for him. CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic performed a clinical assessment on the man, including a roadside ultrasound to examine his injuries. They intubated the patient and placed him in an induced coma to stabilise him.

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Artist's impression of Rouse Hill Hospital

ROUSE HILL HOSPITAL

By BEV JORDAN

More than 20 months after a major public announcement that the State Government would be building a hospital at Rouse Hill very little has happened.

Last week, The Hills to Hawkesbury Community News contacted Health Infrastructure (The NSW Government Department overseeing the project) to ask how far the plans for the new Rouse Hill Hospital had progressed.

A statement from a Department spokesman on October 15, included the lines: "Health Infrastructure is carrying out due diligence on the announced site at 768 Windsor Road ... the due diligence will confirm whether the hospital can be built on the site and if the site acquisition should occur."

When Health Minister Brad Hazzard stood at 768 Windsor Road, Rouse Hill in February 2019 flanked by local MPs he announced that the acquisition of the site

formed part of the NSW Government's \$300 million commitment to a hospital at Rouse Hill.

"Planning, early design works and community consultation will ensure we deliver what the community needs and deserves," Mr Hazzard said at the time.

"For 16 years Labor promised to build hospitals but time after time, they proved their promises weren't worth the paper they were written on," he said.

Last week's Statement by Health Infrastructure (October 15, 2020) said:

"The NSW Government has announced \$300 million for Stage 1 of the Rouse Hill Hospital. As part of the planning process, Health Infrastructure is carrying out due diligence on the announced site at 768 Windsor Road to inform the most appropriate long-term solution for the future hospital. The due diligence will confirm whether the hospital can be built

on the site and if the site acquisition should occur.

"Health Infrastructure is also working with Transport for NSW to understand the impacts of future road upgrades proposed for the area to ensure appropriate access to the new hospital and for the residents of this fast-growing area of north western Sydney.

"As part of the planning process, Western Sydney Local Health District is collaborating with Macquarie University to understand the clinical services needs to inform the future design and services that will be provided in our next-gen hospital. Construction timeframes will be confirmed once site acquisition and planning is progressed. Work will commence in this term of Government. Hospital planning is a complex process that involves extensive consultation with staff, patients and the community to ensure the right clinical needs are met."

Hills Shire Mayor, Michelle Byrne said there was a real need for the hospital in the growing area as soon as possible.

"Having recently spent some time in the Kids Hospital with my daughter, I can understand the real need for a hospital in Rouse Hill to alleviate the pressure on surrounding hospitals and to provide further access to medical facilities and services that cater for the growing population in north west Sydney.

"I call on Health Infrastructure NSW to complete their due diligence of the site and to get on with the planning and delivery of the Rouse Hill hospital. With the Hills population alone forecast to reach 190,000 by 2036, we will need this new health facility sooner rather than later.

"I have every confidence the NSW Government will deliver on their promise of a Rouse Hill hospital and we look forward to working with Health Infrastructure NSW and the Department of Planning & Infrastructure to deliver a premier health precinct around the new Rouse Hill hospital."

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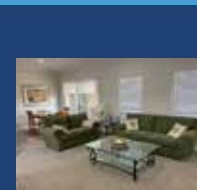
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GAS FIRE: MAN INJURED

Families were evacuated when a gas pipe ruptured and set fire to an electricity box near a two-storey house in Schofields just after 8am on Thursday, October 15.

Fire and Rescue NSW received numerous calls to Triple Zero (000) reporting a house fire on the corner of Boundary and St Albans Roads, Schofields.

Multiple fire stations responded to the incident and found a gas main had caught fire and was threatening a nearby home.

Crews and NSW Police evacuated residents and created an exclusion zone, while gas and electricity was isolated to the area.

Firefighters managed to quickly extinguish the blaze and stop it from spreading to nearby homes.

One person was injured with burns to face and hands and was transported to hospital by NSW Ambulance for further treatment.

A report from Schofields fire station said: "On arrival we found there was a ruptured 32mm gas pipe alight directly next to a 11Kw electricity kiosk which had also caught fire.



Approx 3 meters away was a two storey house in danger of catching alight from the fire.

"The crew from Schofields quickly got to work to protect the house using a line of hose with FRNSW Riverstone arriving shortly after to assist with a second line of hose.

"All residents were evacuated by NSW Police to a distance of 200 meters for their safety. Crews continued to apply a protective water spray for some time utilizing crews from Kellyville and Blacktown stations until the Gas

company could shut supply to the area. First Aid was rendered by FRNSW Riverstone to a worker who received burns to his arms prior to Brigade arrival and was assisted by NSW Ambulance on their arrival and transported to hospital."

Kristal, who evacuated with her two young children said road workers and builders in the area did "an amazing job" until emergency services arrived.

She thanked a near neighbour who took their family in.

INJURIES AFTER RIVERSTONE BRAWL

Three men were hospitalised following a brawl at a home on Sunday, October 18 in Riverstone.

Emergency services were called to a home in Hunter Street, Riverstone at about 8pm following reports of an affray.

Police were told three men – aged 31, 27 and 28 – were involved in a brawl and suffered non-life-threatening injuries to their heads.

The 27-year-old man and 28-year-old man were taken to Westmead Hospital, while the 31-year-old man was taken to Blacktown Hospital. All three have since been released.

Officers from Quakers Hill Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene. A crime scene warrant was executed at the property, where officers seized several items related to the investigation, including a hammer.

As investigators continue to speak with those involved, any witnesses or anyone with further information are urged to come forward.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or nsw.crimestoppers.com.au. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

DRUG IMPORTATION CHARGE

A 37-year-old Kellyville man with links to the Comanchero Outlaw Motorcycle Gang has faced court on drug charges following a joint-agency investigation into the attempted importation of methamphetamine from Turkey.

Australian Federal Police and NSW Police Force Strike Force Vidar commenced a joint investigation into the Kellyville man, following intelligence received from international partners that a shipment of illicit drugs was seized, destined for Australia.

Authorities in Turkey, intercepted a consignment containing bathrobes, towels and fabrics that had been soaked with liquid methamphetamine. The shipment was destined to an address in Sydney and contained a total of approximately one kilogram of liquid methamphetamine.

On October 13, police executed search warrants at a house in Kellyville and arrested the 37-year-old man who police believe facilitated the importation. The man is known to police. He was charged with:

- Conspiracy to Import a commercial quantity of border controlled drugs, contrary to section 307.1 by virtue of section 11.5 of the *Criminal Code* (Cth), carrying a maximum penalty of life imprisonment; and
- Dealing in proceeds of crime worth \$1000 or more, contrary to section 400.7(1) of the *Criminal Code* (Cth).

AFP Detective Superintendent Geoffrey Turner said: "The arrest of this man once again demonstrates the highly effective relationship between the AFP and NSW Police, in keeping Australia safe."

NSWPF State Crime Command's Criminal Groups Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Robert Critchlow said today's arrest should send a clear message to those committing criminal activity in NSW.

"NSW Police will continue to work with our national and international law enforcement partners to keep drugs off the streets, where they cause such devastation to families and communities across our state," Detective Superintendent Critchlow said.

"Disrupting the illegal activities of criminal groups, such as outlaw motorcycle gangs and their associates, remains a priority and those who wish to participate in these groups should be looking over their shoulder."

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORM

Motivational speaker Matt Kershaw returned to speak at this year's Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum in its new virtual format.

Now the Head of Leadership, Development and Culture (ANZ) for Domino's Pizza Enterprises based in Brisbane, the former Glenhaven resident attended a Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum while in Year 11.

He spoke about his experiences at Friday's forum (October 16) which was attended by 180 Year 11 students from 13 Hills High Schools.

The program is based on the values of integrity, service and courage. The students participated in a virtual keynote leadership

session, team building activities and discussions.

Due to COCID this year's forum, now in its 19th year, was beamed into the schools but is normally a three-day event.

Matt Kershaw's life changed at the age of 19 after surgeons removed a 17cm tumour from my spine and chest and he decided to "lead my life... my way".

He was the CEO of a non-for-profit 'yLead', and delivered innovative personal development. He climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania 13 times and led expeditions to the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea."

Tristan Smith, CEO of the Mitchell Youth Leadership Program, also attended



Crestwood High Students in action

the program as a Year 11 student, said the feedback from the event had been really positive.

"It was a new format for us and was a huge learning curve but the feedback from the schools has been very positive. The highlight every year is the impact on students on the values of the forum, integrity, service and courage which they can take back to their schools."

Crestwood High students said the big thing they took away from the event is that: Success is not a moment, it's a continual journey."

Alex Hawke Federal Member For Mitchell said: "Thank you to Tristan Smith the CEO of the Mitchell Youth Forum and the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum committee, volunteer leaders, schools, sponsors and keynote speaker Matt Kershaw who all continued to support us with this vision."

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In 2002, Joe's place was nearly destroyed when bushfires threatened. He takes property protection seriously and has worked with Aussie Pumps to share his experience with a short online video.

"There's always a worry. With recent rains; the bush has new growth waiting to burn." said Joe "I'm happy to show others what I've set up so they can see on a practical level what's possible," he said.

Aussie Pumps has also produced a free Bushfire Survival Guide that provides instruction on how you can protect your home and set up your own protection system.

To view of Joe's video called Living On the Edge, search Aussie Pumps on Youtube or checkout the QR code.



ATAR IS NO BARRIER

As hundreds of year 12 students focus on one of the most important periods of their lives, Cameron Gaul has proved that an ATAR is not the only way to your dream career.

The Rouse Hill local wanted to be an engineer since he was a young boy but when he saw the ATAR to get into the course, he considered other pathways to university.

When Cameron heard about the TAFE NSW Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation which provides an alternative pathway into higher education that doesn't require an ATAR, he jumped at the opportunity.

He is now in his first year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at Macquarie University and said he is thriving at University.

"I've always been a hands-on person and TAFE NSW provided the perfect learning environment where I could learn the practical skills needed to get into an engineering degree," he said.

"The way the tertiary preparation course is designed and delivered made it easy for me to understand and motivated me particularly because I always found the school environment wasn't best suited to the way I learn."

It's a great time for Cameron to pursue a career in this field, with careers in engineering reporting a full-time employment rate of 83.1 per cent.

TAFE NSW Team Leader of Career Pathways and Employability Skills, Louis Maule, said the

Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation was perfect for mature age students or school leavers to fast track their way into university.

"Whether you didn't get the marks you were after or you didn't sit the HSC, the course is designed to pathway students into higher education without needing to do the HSC," Mr Maule said.

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This trial will help to inform Council on food scrap separation behaviours and will allow for further discussions to take place on the potential of collecting food waste separately from apartment complexes in the future.

All participating residents will receive a small gift at the end of the three month trial to allow food recycling to continue on site.

Submissions close on Friday November 6 and the trial will take place in early 2021.

For more information or to submit an expression of interest for your apartment, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Contact-Us/Have-Your-Say/EOI-FREE-Worm-Farming-Trial-at-an-Apartment-Building.

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"Having everything looked after frees up time to do the things you really want to do and isn't that what retirement is about," said Leoni.

Although COVID-19 restrictions saw social gatherings paused early in the year, residents in villages are finding unique ways to connect, be it via a socially distanced chat through their neighbour's front door or a resident meeting held via the resident's balconies.

Uniting Independent Living resident Joan shared "that's what I like about it - I moved in and everything is taken care of. I've got my independence, but I'm not living in some isolated house on my own, and I must say I'm surrounded by very nice people."

For some the perception of village life may be that they'll be living in each other's pockets. However, Maxine, a Uniting Independent Living resident says it's not the case.

"It's the best of both worlds - you have your own home which you love and furnish your way, and you have all the facilities, but you're free to make any social arrangements you want. I mean, what could be better," reflected Maxine.

The best way to decide if a move to a village is right for you is to book a tour of a village and chat to some of the residents about their experience. To explore a Uniting village near you call the friendly team at Uniting on 1800 864 846 or visit uniting.org/independent-living.

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SYDNEY HILLS BUSINESS AWARDS

Illusionist Jack Daniels was the one left surprised, shocked and delighted when he was named the Sydney Hills Business Person of the Year at an awards ceremony during the week.

The main award of the night followed his win in Performing Arts Category earlier in the evening in the hotly contested Sydney Hills Business Awards.

The father of two from Baulkham Hills has been creating and performing magic and Illusions for over 20 years and it has taken him around the world.

He is the Australian ambassador for DAVID COPPERFIELD's Project Magic, a not for profit organisation that uses magic to help aid in the therapy process for those with disabilities.

He has performed all over the world using theatrical magic and grand Illusions with humour

and charm which he uses to great effect in his Grand Illusion shows and his Close-Up Magic.

He is also a big supporter of charities including the Cancer Council. He said he was thrilled the double wins on Wednesday at The Sydney Hills Business Awards which attracted hundreds of entries.

"(It was) such an amazing moment for us especially in during such difficult times for the entertainment industry." He told the *Hills to Hawkesbury Community News*.



Illusionist Jack Daniels

Business Person of the Year 2020: Jack Daniels' Magic To Believe.

Youth of the Year: Cheyena Lee from Quinn Care OSCH Our Lady of Lourdes Kellyville.

CATEGORY WINNERS:

Antiques, Art, Crafts and Gifts: Belinda Nadwie – Galston, artist.

Automotive Services: Mal Cutler Smash Repairs – Castle Hill.

Bakery/Cake Shop: The Bakehouse – North Kellyville Square

Beauty Services: Australian Skin Clinics – Castle Towers

Café: The Burrow – Apple Tree Shops, Cherrybrook

Early Childhood Centre: Only Early Learning Centre – Baulkham Hills

Education Service: The Hills Learning Centre – Castle Hill

Fashion Shop: Foot Locker – Rouse Hill Town Centre

Fast Food/Takeaway: Sandwich Heaven – Winston Hills Mall

Fitness Services: Build A Body – Dural.

Florist: Bella Fiore Floral Designs – Castle Hill.

Hairdresser: Lavish Hair and Beauty Bar – The North Village, Kellyville

Health Improvement Services: Salts of the Earth – Dural

Interior Design / Styling: Inspired Spaces Designs – Castle Hill

Jewellery Store: Robert Cliff Master Jewellers – Castle Towers

Most Inclusive Employer: Coco Cubano – Rouse Hill.

New Business: Pinot and Picasso – Rouse Hill

Performing Arts: Jack Daniels Magic To Believe – Baulkham Hills

Pet Care: Pet Resorts of Australia – Dural.

Pharmacy: Mullanes Pharmacy – Stockland Baulkham Hills.

Professional Services: Norwest Recruitment.

Real Estate Agency: Raine & Horne – Baulkham Hills

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HIGH FIVES FOR ALIVE 90.5

Local Hills, Parramatta and Cumberland community radio station Alive 90.5 FM is a finalist in five categories for the 2020 Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) Awards.

"This is a great day for one of the best community radio stations in Australia," said Alive 90.5 FM Chairwoman Gillian Schrickker.

Being a finalist in five categories is the best the station has achieved in a long while. Last year it was a finalist in two categories.

The station's Sunday Sports Round-Up program received an award in 2018 and is a finalist this year for the Troy Garner Excellence Award in Sports Programming. The winners will be announced on Monday, November 2

Alive 90.5 FM is a finalist in:

- Excellence in Technical Innovation (COVID 19 Remote Broadcasting)
- Excellence in Technical Services (Darren Capes-Davis)
- Best Online Content (The Vividha Dance Series)
- Contribution to Australian Music - Radio Program (Australian Spectrum Show)
- Troy Garner Excellence in Sports Programming (Sunday Sports Roundup)

COVID-19 brought challenges for the whole radio industry, with many presenters wishing to broadcast their programs remotely. Alive 90.5 FM was required to rapidly implement remote broadcast systems. The team brought this together



well allowing them to be finalists in the Excellence for Technical Innovation category.

Alive 90.5 FM IT Manager and Board Member, Darryn Capes-Davis, is a finalist in the Excellence in Technical Services category as well as contributing to Excellence in Technical Innovation. Darryn has continued to contribute to technical services since he joined Alive 90.5 FM in 2018.

Divya Saxena, a young Indian talent from the What's Going On show, curated a theatrical production with a mission to increase diversity in the media. Her Vividha Dance Series is a finalist in the Best Online Content category.

Ross Fear has been producing and presenting the Australian Spectrum Show for

11 years. His show, which airs on a Tuesday night from 9pm to midnight, broadcasts 100% Australian artist music featuring music and interviews with Australian legends as well as emerging artists. The show is a finalist in the Contribution to Australian Music - Radio Program category.

Sunday Sports Round-Up is a show that blends the best of live local sport with voices who have represented Australia on the biggest stage. Sunday Sports Round-Up has been broadcasting the home games of several local teams including the Wentworthville Magpies, local state soccer teams, Blacktown City, Hills United and Parramatta FC. You can follow Alive 90.5 online at www.alive905.com.au

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LINDA CATERSON



A memorial service to celebrate the life of Linda May Caterson was held at Kellyville Anglican Church on Thursday (October 22).

Mrs Caterson passed away at the age of 99 on the Gold Coast on October 13 but the Hills was where her community involvement evolved for over 40 years.

Her civic life began after marrying Fred Caterson who was first elected to Baulkham Hills Council in 1956 and was then elected to State Parliament as member for The Hills in 1976.

They met while working for QANTAS after the war and married in 1944, moving to Old Castle Hill Rd Castle Hill in 1953 with their children Ian and Robyn. Glenys was born a year after they moved.

Linda Caterson helped start the children's library in Castle Hill and also volunteered with Meals on Wheels for over 35 years. In 1959 Mr Caterson took up an appointment in New Guinea and started the Department of Labour and Apprenticeship board there.

The family returned to Castle Hill in 1961 and in 1962 Mr Caterson was re-elected to council where continued as a councillor until retiring in 1991. He retired from State Parliament in 1990.

She founded Hills District Historical Society in 1967 and was on Hills

Hospital board and fought for a hospital unfortunately without success.

Mrs Caterson was involved in all the activities and if her husband couldn't attend functions she would go alone and represent him.

She attended every speech day of Castle Hill High and cut their birthday cake at the school's 21-year celebration. She was also Patron of Castle Hill Girl Guides.

Both were committed Christians and were involved with the Church and were committed to helping others wherever they could. They were always available to help people and their phone was never silent nor their door closed.

Their daughter Glenys said "Both were marvellous parents and encouraged their children to reach their dreams and all three became doctors."

When Fred died in February 2000 Linda lived with Robyn in Castle hill until they moved to hinterland Gold Coast in Dec 2007. Linda's lovely smile, sparkling blue eyes and kind heart meant that she was loved by all who met her.

VALE HARRY HYLAND



Castle Hill Players' members and friends were saddened by the news of the passing of Life Member Harry Hyland in July.

COVID restrictions meant there had been little contact with Harry and his partner, Sue, during his final months, which only added to the shock and sadness when news was received.

Harry's love and commitment to the Hills District led to a strong association with Hills Shire Council, and Mayor, Michelle Byrne.

He was a leader and influential member of the community, particularly where matters involving Castle Hill Showground and the Pavilion Theatre were concerned.

For many years he headed up the 355 Committee, engaging with Council in matters relating to the Showground and was a constant advocate for the Pavilion Theatre where he held the position of Public Officer. His negotiations with Council led to the installation of two units to house the vast props and costume collection of the theatre and this building is affectionately known as Harry's Hutte.

Harry made one appearance onstage at The Pavilion, in 2001 as a member of the cast of Stories of a Nation. He loved being involved in set building, assisting on no less than 36 set constructions over the years. He also enjoyed reading and writing, penning several stage and radio plays in his time.

Harry Hyland was a gentleman in the true meaning of the word - kind, considerate, caring and compassionate. Highly respected, his calm manner encouraged and inspired others and his friendship was valued by all who knew him.

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The lyrics to Matthew's "Superheroes in Disguise" end with the verse.

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Just believe you're a superhero.
You don't need a cape,
You hide behind your scrubs,
Keep saving the planet,
with your team,
Until the world
is out of quarantine.**

A clip from Matthew's Superheroes in Disguise music video

MATTHEW'S SONG FOR SUPERHEROES

By BEV JORDAN

Meet the 11-year-old from Kellyville Ridge who has written, composed and performed his first song called "Superheroes in Disguise" as a tribute to health workers who have been battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

Matthew Dino's standout debut was inspired by his parents, Sheila and Gemmel who are both nurses at Westmead Hospital.

The Year 5 student at St John XXIII Primary School at Stanhope Gardens wrote the song as a school project during the lockdown and first recorded it at school because his teachers loved it.

When staff at Westmead Hospital heard "Superheroes in Disguise" they organised a professional video recording at the Westmead multi-media studio.

His mum Sheila told the *Hills to Hawkesbury Community News* that Matthew was very shy at the beginning of making the video "but he enjoyed it at the end".

Matthew, who has older brothers Mark (16) and Martin (13), has been singing since he was 3.

His mum Sheila said: "(Matthew started) song writing this year during the pandemic. This is his first song he created. I was so touched because I didn't know he (would) dedicate the song to the frontliners.

"For your son at a young age to recognise the work that we do is just heart-warming and makes me cry. I didn't expect it."

Sheila said they both loved the song and were very proud of their son.

Matthew said talking to his parents and writing the song made him realise how much healthcare staff and frontline workers do for the community.



Photos Courtesy WSLHD Media: Matthew Dino and his mum Sheila.

He told The Pulse, Western Sydney Health News: "They have all sacrificed so much to help us stay safe and to help us battle this virus. This song has had a very positive impact on me because whenever I look at my parents, I know they are heroes."

Matthew aspires to be a professional artist and follow in the footsteps of his music idol Bruno Mars.

"I just love performing," he said. He is now writing his next song.

Matthew performed the song for the recent Western Sydney Local Health District Quality Awards where he was compared to a young Justin Bieber by 7 News presenter Samantha Brett.

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TOP FIVE FOR EAR PROBLEMS

DANIEL FECHNER has been working in audiology since starting an internship in Germany in 2001 and now he is bringing the knowledge he has gained both overseas and in Australia to his own business, the EAR STUDIO in Castle Hill.

This issue he is talking about itchy ears.

"Quite frankly, itchy ears can be one of the most annoying things. If the ears are itching all day long. You can't concentrate, you are constantly aware of this feeling and in public you feel conscious not to scratch too much. Sometimes it takes weeks to get relief.

But what causes itchy ears in the first place? There are some very common reasons for itchy ears. Here the top 5 from our experience of over 17 years of hearing care:

ILL-FITTING HEARING AIDS: If hearing aids are fitted with generic domes rather than custom made ear moulds they do not have a defined position in the ear. When chewing or even speaking the jaw moves the ear canal slightly. This tiny movement can cause an ill-fitting hearing aid to move back and forth constantly which irritates the ear canal – sometimes so much that a wearer needs to remove the device to get relief but then they cannot hear as well anymore. A professionally fitted hearing aid with custom mould can fix this issue for good.

INFECTIONS: Itchy ears can also be a sign for an infection. This can be a fungus infection

or even the beginning of an otitis externa - a bacterial infection of the outer ear canal. In some cases, it may also be an otitis media – an infection of the middle ear which often causes pain and sometimes discharge. If there is even a mild suspicion of an infection a visit to the doctor is strongly recommended and home remedies should be avoided!

ALLERGIES: People with food allergies or hay fever can often experience itchy ears based on the season or the foods they consume. Especially mild food allergies can often affect the feeling in the ear canals severely. And sometimes they are just so terribly itchy that all sorts of 'equipment' finds their way into the ear canals. We have seen people scratch their ears with car keys – we have also seen the damage it can cause. Just saying - A visit to the doctor to investigate a possible allergy is much better than scratching ears with a car key!

SKIN CONDITIONS: Eczema, dermatitis or plainly dry skin can cause itchiness in the ear canals. Quite often the skin can flake off and rashes develop in and around the ears. In some cases, these may be stress related or

part of a person's general skin-health. Soothing creams or even olive oil can help to relieve the symptoms. Ointments or drops can, dependent on the condition, get rid of the core issue of the itchiness.

EAR WAX: The absolute number one reason for itchy ears we come across is a partial blockage of the ear canal with cerumen – ear wax. Flaky or gluey – if the ear wax is attached to the ear canal wall it often causes an itch that cannot be relieved by just scratching the ears. The wax must come out to settle the feeling.

Itchiness is basically a means of the body to tell you "Something is not quite right – better check it out." If you suffer from itchy ears – its best to get it checked out by a hearing care professional or your GP."



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HEALTHY WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

By SHARMILA JAY

The Women's Shed Hills Shire is offering a range of programs specially created to promote awareness on mental health and mental wellbeing.

The organisation's President, qualified psychiatrist and psycho geriatrician Padmini Howpage said: "Throughout life, the sense of belonging and having support leads to satisfaction, optimism, higher self-esteem and having a purpose. Being part of community organisations reduces loneliness, increases self-worth and stimulates the reward systems in the brain.

"Our focus has always been promoting that positive feeling and the mental health awareness month October gives us greater opportunities to do that."

Kishani Ariyasinghe, the Membership Manager of the, ACNC registered independent charity, said: "Our regular programs are designed to promote overall wellbeing; mind, body and soul."

The Women's Wellness Hub, organised under the Shed banner, is a thriving community of supportive women who meet Tuesdays between 1pm and 3pm at the Castle Towers Community Hub.

Co-ordinator Anita Fisher said: "On Tuesdays, women from a diverse range of backgrounds and life experiences gather over a cuppa to network, learn from and support each other.

"A generous grant from Baulkham Hills Sports Club enables us to offer free wellbeing focused activities. We invite guest speakers who organise sessions for meditation, essential oils, and fun, therapeutic crafts."

The Wellness Walk is held every month and is open to families. Chitra Iyar, the Secretary of the organisation and the leader of the walks said the walks are a great social activity.

The bimonthly **Cookery Workshops** take participants on a culinary journey and enable like-minded women to share a meal and their experiences together. The 10 workshops will culminate in the publication of a cookery book featuring the recipes and migrant stories in partnership with the Taste of Diversity program of the Community Migrant Resource Centre.

The Books and Beyond bimonthly book club is hosted at the Coco Cubano restaurant in Rouse Hill. Sharmila Niriella, Vice President of the Shed and the architect of the book club, said: "Most who attend the book club are working women. Some have a developed passion for reading, some want to develop that passion, but we all get together to have a conversation and our recommended reads allow us to go beyond the book and the author."

The youth wing of the Shed, the **Coco Youth Group** is thriving under the leadership of its president, Tian Yi Wong See a Year 11 student of Rouse Hill High School.

For further details about the work of the Shed visit the website www.thewomensshedhillshire.com.au or the group's Facebook and Instagram pages.



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DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

In accordance with Section 3.1 of Part A – Introduction of The Hills Development Control Plan 2012, notice is given that Council has received the following advertised development applications for which Council is the consent authority. The applications, statements of environmental effects and plans are available for viewing via Council's Online DA Tracking System <https://epathway.thehills.nsw.gov.au/ePathway/Production/Web/GeneralEnquiry/EnquiryLists.aspx?ModuleCode=LAP>

Proposed Development: Light industrial development containing 8 units and associated works.

Property Details: Lot 203 DP 1235785, 595 Withers Road, Rouse Hill

Development Application No.: 439/2021/HC

Applicant: Factory Central Pty Ltd

Description: The proposal is for the construction of a light industrial building containing 8 units including at-grade and basement car parking with 106 car spaces.

The works are defined as Integrated Development under the Provisions of Section 4.46 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as approval is required from the Natural Resources Access Regulator under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

Proposed Development: Jetty, pontoon, retaining walls and associated works.

Property Details: Lot 8 DP 1077920, 127 Charcoal Road, South Maroota

Development Application No.: 436/2021/HC

Applicant: Harbour East Coast Pty Ltd

Description: The proposal is to construct a jetty, pontoon, retaining walls and associated works. The proposed jetty and pontoon is to provide the property with an all tide level platform for access to the river.

The works are defined as Integrated Development under the Provisions of Section 4.46 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as approval is required from the Natural Resources Access Regulator under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

Public Exhibition Period for the above applications: 21 October 2020 to 21 November 2020.

Submission Deadline: 21 November 2020.

Enquiries: Senior Development Advisor, 9843 0469.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL'S AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



You can now nominate a deserving community member for a Hills Shire Australia Day Award.

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne said the awards provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate those who've done something special, achieved and showed tremendous dedication to their local community and to others.

"From devastating bushfires, storms and flooding, and a worldwide pandemic that has had profound health, social and economic effects – the past 12 months has been a particularly challenging time for residents," Mayor Byrne said.

"While it's been incredibly tough for many, great stories of mateship, community spirit and resilience have triumphed over the adverse.

"Now is the perfect time to recognise these people and groups who have made a positive impact on the lives of others.

"Whether it's a local volunteer or community group, let's celebrate what makes The Hills such a great place to live, play and do business," Mayor Byrne added.

Nominations can be made online at www.thehills.nsw.gov.au by searching 'Australia Day Awards', before the closing date of 4 December 2020.

Applications must include a brief explanation on what makes the nominee an outstanding community member.

Finalists of the 2021 awards will be announced in the lead-up to Australia Day 2021.

Nominees must be residents of Hills Shire Local Government Area.

The 2021 Australia Day categories are as follows:

- Citizen of the Year Award (25–65 years)
- Young Citizen of the Year Award (24 and under)
- Senior Citizen of the Year Award (over 65 years)
- Community Group of the Year
- Environmental Champion



THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE ROSE GARDEN

Roxborough Park Rose Garden is bursting with beautiful blooms! Thousands of roses are on display, showcasing 80 different species. Many of the varieties have been donated by local nurseries and rose societies.

The Garden was established in 1972 and is regarded as one of the largest of its kind in Sydney, occupying over 800 sqm. The original concept design was prepared by the Senior Landscape Designer of the Royal Botanic Gardens. Some of the roses on display include the Australian Bi-Centennial Rose, The Hills Shire Council's Centenary Rose and the Olympic Gold Rose.

The garden is undergoing a facelift in conjunction with the Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre renewal project. Due to upgrade works, some roses have been relocated into newly constructed garden beds in locations around the garden and others have been relocated. Work on a new rotunda, improved pathways, edging and irrigation systems, will be carried out alongside work on the new aquatic centre.

The Waves project involves the construction of a FINA standard 10-lane 50 metre Olympic swimming pool, universal access ramps, a warm water program pool, spa and sauna facilities, gymnasium, under cover car parking, café, community rooms, water play area and more.

For more information about the Waves Aquatic Centre upgrade, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

To view the roses, visit Alfred Henry Whaling Memorial Reserve in Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills.



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, 27 October 2020 – 7pm,
Council Chambers**

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

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PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The supply of personal information is voluntary. If personal information is not provided, Council may be limited in dealing with the submission. The possible recipients of submissions that contain personal information are elected Councillors and Council Officers. Council is an EEO Employer and offers a smoke-free work environment. Auslan interpreters can be provided on request for all public meetings. Council's TTY phone number is 8850 5622 for people with hearing impairment.

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A GOLDEN WIN



MULPHA'S ESSENTIA "smart" townhome development in Norwest has received a gold award in the Sydney Design Awards 2020 in the Architecture- Residential- Constructed category. Essentia was designed by international award-winning Architectural firm, A+ Design group.

Mulpha Developments Executive General Manager Tim Spencer said winning the award was welcome recognition for the quality, design and innovations of Essentia.

"This development is not only architecturally designed with beautiful finishes, but is emotionally designed. A home is someone's castle, the place that embodies their

interpretation of their life journey and is the place that enriches their today in order to shape their tomorrow – I believe Essentia has delivered on the design brief of 'homes for your soul'."

All 74 of the newly constructed Essentia townhomes on Fairway Drive in Norwest also integrate the latest smart technology with wellness-in-design principles.

Tony Leung, founder and CEO of A+ Design Group, who handcrafted the winning architecture design work at Essentia said: "The external design is varied in texture, material and colour, so that each home has its own identity.

"The facades have a sense of depth and relief, with materials and colour tones that

complement the natural surrounds. The design intent is to capture the simple elements of life – the breath of wind, the cross flowing air, the sense of shelter, the diversity of textures, forms and material palette, as well as the playful articulation of shadow and light. The design also draws energy from the sun."

He said one of the main pillars in the design is the wellness centre and central meeting place surrounded by terraces that bring the community together and feature a light-filled pool, gym, library and yoga retreat plus an outdoor BBQ area surrounded by lush landscaping.

NOVEMBER ART DATES

There are several art exhibitions happening in November so save these dates:

NOVEMBER 14: The Arthouse Pavilion Gallery in Dural is launching ART and... 'Celebration'. This series of exhibitions will highlight a range of talented Sydney artists whose hands paint, hammer, twist, bend, fire, print, knit and weld.

The first exhibition will feature eight talented artists and will be held over two weekends **November 14-15 and November 21-22: between 9am-5pm** daily to allow for the control of numbers and social distancing.

The event is a registered COVID-19 safe event with NSW Health. While the event is free, visitors will be required to register their details to attend. Event-goers can pre-register to secure their free ticket at www.artand.com.au or on the day at the Gallery entrance. The Arthouse Pavilion Gallery at 25 Muraban Road Dural is owned by local artist Marilyn Chappel.

NOVEMBER 20: Artist Val Wright will exhibit her watercolour paintings in her **Galston studio from November 20 to 26**. Original paintings, framed or mounted and backed, together with prints and a range of greetings cards, will be for sale. After travelling extensively in the outback, she has been inspired by Australian animals and birds in particular. Exhibition opening times: 9am – 6pm November 20 to 26 at 26 Mansfield Road, off Bayfield Road, near Fagan Park, Galston

NOVEMBER 28: Small Works exhibition "2020 What A Year!" at the **Ferry Artists Gallery in Wisemans Ferry Central**. The opening evening will showcase artworks large and small, to ceramics, art glass, jewellery, textiles, metal and wood sculptures.

The open Showcase evening is Saturday **November 28 from 6-8pm** but the Gallery is open daily between 10am and 4pm at Wiseman Ferry Central. For details visit www.ferryartists.org



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SYDNEY HILLS GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

A record number of entries were judged during this year's Sydney Hills Garden Competition with **Danuta Szczypior** winning the prestigious 'George Eric Mobbs Award for Excellence in Gardening' and first prize in one of the highly contested Residential Garden categories.

The 'Champion of Champions' Award went to **Paula Daniels and Craig Job** for their Japanese inspired garden and the Environmental Awareness Award was won by Ian Cox.

The competition was organised by The Rotary Club of the Hills-Kellyville and gardens were judged by professional and experienced horticulturists and gardening experts including Ross Miller and Bruce Pike. There were 16 categories and 45 placegetters with Kellyville Public School gaining two awards for both student garden and staff gardens. *Full results at end of story.*

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Samuel Uno presented the awards at the Hills Shire Council Chambers auditorium. While most community events went into isolation, the Sydney Hills Garden Competition was the only Orange Blossom Festival event running in 2020.

The Sydney Hills Garden Competition was first run in 1959 as the forerunner of the Orange Blossom Festival. Gardens entered into the 2020 Sydney Hills competition were judged in their spring glory from mid-September.



Paula Daniels and Craig Job accepting their Champions of Champions Award from Hills Deputy Mayor **Sam Uno**.

Judges Ross Miller and Bruce Pike said: "Even coming out of the drought and with all the variable weather, we saw magnificent gardens. So many beautiful gardens in the competition this year – from small to large, from modern to traditional. Every year we are delightfully surprised by the sheer beauty that's created by the hard work of proud gardeners of the Hills District".

Entries ranged from small Town Houses to residential gardens, to gardens of industrial, commercial and retirement complexes and schools.



Ross Miller judging Danuta's garden

Danuta Szczypior, first place in one of the hotly contested residential gardens categories



Fine Blossoms in the Japanese inspired 'Champion of Champions' Awarded garden

Warren Hollis, second place in one of the hotly contested residential gardens categories.

RESULTS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Open Residential Garden up to 2500M ² – Owner Maintained	Paula Daniels & Craig Job	Danuta Szczypior	Jaya Kanthan
Large Residential Garden – over 2500M ² Owner Maintained	Jenny Guest	Ian Cox	Mark & Jan Sutherl&-Harris
Residential Garden - Professionally Maintained	Kaye Aitchison		
Residential Front or Back Garden – Owner Maintained	Danuta Szczypior	Warren Hollis	Sandra & Tom Johns
New Garden – Owner maintained	Trixie Muddell	Jenny Freund	
Townhouse, Villa or Courtyard Garden – Owner maintained	Don & Daphne Bradford	Kay & Bob Smith	Ron Perrau
Senior Citizen's Gardens – Entire Garden	Joy Jones	Bob & Dot Butler	Leno Grima
Senior Citizen's Gardens – Front Garden	Joy Jones	Leno Grima	Alan Paynter
Senior Citizen's Gardens – Townhouse or Courtyard Garden	Kay & Bob Smith	Ron Perrau	Di & Leon Creed
Senior Citizen's Gardens – In a Retirement Complex	Don & Daphne Bradford	Trixie Muddell	Gay Dalton & Keith McGill (equal)
Strata or Community Title Property	Central Park	Macarthur Ridge	The Pointe
Good Neighbour Gardens	The residents of villas 65-72 Living Choice	Gumnut Grove Living Choice	Mark & Michelle Robins with Alan Paynter
Specialty Gardens	Bob & Dot Butler	Paula Daniel & Craig Job	Mark & Rochelle Robins
Industrial, Commercial and Institutional	Living Choice, Glenhaven	The Willows, Northmead	Baptist Care Aminya Village
School Gardens – Student Maintained	Kellyville Public School	Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville	
Schools Gardens – Maintained by Staff	Kellyville Public School		

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: HOOVER
CODE: PCC 383
BREED:
German Shepherd
cross Labrador
AGE: 10 years old
SEX: Male
PRICE: \$99



HOOVER (PCC 383) is a 10-year-old male German Shepherd cross Labrador. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, Hoover is a sweet older gent that is looking for his new forever home where he will be accepted as part of the family. Staff say that Hoover has a very soft, gentle nature which makes him a pleasure to be with, he does walk nicely on a lead and is gentle when taking his treats. Hoover does still enjoy playing games and would love to accompany his new owner on their daily walk. If you feel that you can give Hoover the love and attention that he craves, staff ask if you can bring your children and any other family dog you may have to meet him just so that they can make sure they are all going to get on together. As the featured pet Hoover's adoption price has been reduced to \$99. The price includes first vaccination, microchipping, de-sexing and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is R251000145.

CINDY (PCC 415) is an 18 month old female domestic short haired cat. Staff say that Cindy is still a little shy at this stage, so she would be best suited to a home that can offer her a calm environment. Cindy's adoption price has been reduced to \$30 as this week's featured cat. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and life time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation Number is: R251000145.

AT A GLANCE

NAME: CINDY
CODE: PCC 415
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COMMUNITY NEWS

BIRTHDAY GIFT



October 8 may have been the 74th birthday of the Castle Hill branch of the Country Women's Association but members celebrated in their own special way.

Every year CWA Castle Hill branch celebrates its birthday by delivering a basket filled with handmade craft and items purchased by our members, for the first baby born on that day Norwest Private Hospital.

Congratulations to Amanda and Matt Taylor (pictured) on the birth of their first born, a beautiful baby girl, born at Norwest Private Hospital on October 8. Parents and staff thought this was a beautiful way to share our birthday.

Castle Hill Branch of the CWA meets at the CWA Hall at 2 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst (opposite the RFS) on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am For details call **0411 724 925**. Galston CWA members meet at CWA Hall at Kenthurst from 10am on the second Wednesday of the month.

ART DEMONSTRATION

Baulkham Hills Art Society will be holding their monthly art demonstration on Monday 2 November at 7pm, at the Crestwood Community Centre cnr. Crestwood and Mackillop Drive.

Leading Sydney abstract artist Yvonne Langshaw's subject will be a still-life painting based on colour and patterns.

She said: "My works seek to convey my own experiences and vision and often reality is subjugated to capturing the spirit of the

picture with loose and free methods towards a more abstract result."

She is an "Exhibiting Member" of the Royal Art Society has won over 80 1st prizes in open art awards and her paintings hang in many art galleries around the world.

The Baulkham Hills Art Society is privileged to have such a creative artist painting a "scene" for us. Details call Lorraine on 9674 1240.

FIND OUT ABOUT BEA

The Sydney Hills District Branch of The Association of Independent Retirees will be holding their next meeting on Friday November 6. The Meeting will commence at 10.45am. Guest Speaker will be Graham Sims, who will be providing an interesting talk on "Bea Miles" an eccentric and bohemian rebel.

The meeting will be at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft. If you can't make the meeting you can join by Zoom. Call Mal Steel: airsydneyhills@gmail.com

BACK TO SCHOOL GRANTS

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) is seeking local partners in bushfire-affected communities to assist with the distribution of a special bushfire recovery stream of its long-running Back to School program.

Thanks to generous support from donors, FRRR has more than \$767,000 in \$50 vouchers to distribute in areas affected by the Black Summer bushfires.

The vouchers can be redeemed for school essentials, such as school uniforms, shoes, school bags and stationery, which may have been lost during the bushfires.

To ensure support reaches people truly in need, FRRR partners with Community Foundations and locally-based community organisations that can distribute the vouchers discretely, without parents having to apply for them.

Community Foundations and local not-for-profit community organisations can apply for vouchers via the FRRR website www.frrr.org.au/grants/back-to-school.

Applications close Friday, October 30. Grants will be announced at the end of November 2020 and vouchers will be distributed in January 2021, ahead of Term 1.

Natalie Egleton, CEO of FRRR, said that one of the key reasons the program has been a success over the past 15 years has been the involvement of local organisations to help coordinate voucher distribution.

"Having run this program since 2005, we know that it's critical for us to have local partners, on the ground in communities, who can coordinate the distribution of these vouchers through schools, welfare organisations and community support networks, so the funds really get to those in need," she said.

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY SERVICES ON ROUTE 611

Commuters in Baulkham Hills and North Rocks travelling to Macquarie Park via the M2 will benefit from additional weekly services on Route 611.

The extra services on Route 611 will see more services either side of the morning and afternoon peaks on weekdays. The frequency of services will improve to every 15 minutes on Saturdays and every 20 minutes on Sundays.

The new timetables will commence on 25 October. Customers will be able to plan their journey from 9 October from www.transportnsw.info.

GOOD LUCK TO BAULKHAM HILLS HSC STUDENTS

I wish students sitting the HSC in Baulkham Hills every success for the future after completing years of schooling.

Completing your HSC in normal times is tough enough. In 2020, your stress has been compounded with the pandemic.

The world is changing faster and more dramatically than ever before. Agility and fortitude will be your trusted companions in the many chapters beyond the HSC.

There is support all around you, make sure if you need help ask. There are online resources along with your friends and family ready to help.

FUNDING CERTAINTY CONTINUES FOR BAULKHAM HILLS SCHOOLS

2021 will be the eighth year that the Resource Allocation Model has delivered funding certainty to schools to enable them to plan so that improvement will touch every classroom, be the work of every teacher and impact every student.

The allocations are part of \$10.1 billion in annual Gonski funding being delivered to public schools for 2021.

In Baulkham Hills, over \$8.45 million in funding has been allocated to ensure public schools in the electorate continue to flourish and deliver equity of opportunity where it is needed the most.

REGIS EDUCATION, SPORTS & COMMUNITY PRECINCT, BOX HILL, ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT – INVITATION TO REGISTER AN INTEREST

The Trustee of Regis Property Trust (the proponent) are proposing to develop the Regis Education, Sports and Community Precinct (the project) on Old Pitt Town Road in Box Hill, NSW. Planning approval for the project is being assessed under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as a State Significant Development (SSD) project.

The contact details for the proponent are:

The Trustee of Regis Property Trust,
C/O Daniel McNamara,
Director, dmpps
138 Woorarra Avenue
Elanora Heights NSW 2101
(02) 9970 7214

Artefact Heritage is preparing an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) in support of the SSD assessment to address the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for Aboriginal heritage that are to be included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

We are inviting registrations of interest in the project from Aboriginal groups and individuals who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the locality of the project. Please note that the consultation guidelines require us to provide details of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to Heritage NSW (formerly Office of Environment and Heritage) and Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council. In your response could you please advise if you would not like your details to be provided.

Please register your interest in the project by end of day Thursday 5 November 2020 by contacting:

ISABEL WHEELER, Artefact Heritage
Suite 56 Jones Bay Wharf Pyrmont NSW 2009
02 9518 8411
Isabel.wheeler@artefact.net.au

DANI'S A WINNER

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

Hills local Danielle Chivers is still on a learning curve in her rising cricket career but that has not stopped her from giving back to the game which consumes her life.

Dani as she is known scooped up Cricket Australia's coveted Young Community Leader of the Year this year for her indefatigable coaching for several programs, including the Blowfly Cricket All Abilities Program and Milo Junior Blasters.

The tall Castle Hill swing bowler previously won the NSW Young Community Leader of the Year Award.

"I just could not believe I had won the Cricket Australia award because I was up against six others from the other states,"

Dani, 16, told *Hills To Hawkesbury Community News*.

"I was very excited, I never thought I would win such a prestigious award. This is a big honour for me and pretty cool."

The award recognised Dani's passionate coaching at school holiday cricket programs – willingly giving up her own holiday plans - in the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook area.

The bubbly cricketer also umpires social games, quipping she particularly enjoys officiating at games when her mother Vanessa plays.

Dani, who attends the Pacific Hills Christian School, is a regular in the Northern District team's second grade in the NSW Women's Championship.

The tearaway all-rounder so turns out for the West Pennant Hills-CherryBrook Club, which boasts of one of the strongest women's cricket bases in NSW.

Dad Graham, who migrated to Sydney in 2003, channels his experience from the junior county cricket circuit in England, into his only child, beaming with pride at her progress

"I have been coached by Dad since I was five and I would love to play in the Big Bash and later with the national team," Dani said.

Dani's best bowling effort came against a boys team in a representative cricket carnival, where she rocked her rivals with 5 for 18 off six overs.

"Last year both my club teams just failed to make the grand finals, so this year I hope we make it," said

Dani, the youngest player in the Northern District second grade.

"My main goal is to make it to first grade and then NSW because I want to be a professional."

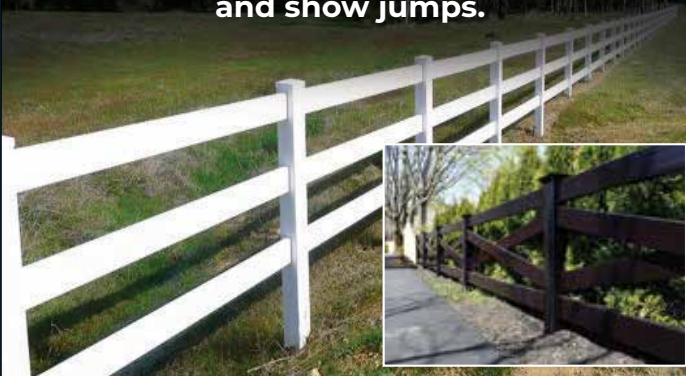
Having given up netball to concentrate on cricket, Dani enjoys coaching and sharing her knowledge with the younger players.

Her Dad, a fast bowler in his junior county days with Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire, was forced to give up the game due to his bad knees.

"The standard of women's cricket in Australia is unbelievable and if Dani could get a Big Bash contract, that will be fantastic for her," Graham said.



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This is a story that has been related by Joan Hayes formerly of Parramatta and more recently of Denman which appeared in an issue of "I Remember When.." produced by the Senior Citizens of Denman in the Hunter Valley.

"In the early 1800s when Governor Macquarie lived in what is now Old Government House at Parramatta, there was a residence that had been the home of farriers and dairymen who were employed at what was then the Governor's Domain (now Parramatta Park). Next to the residence was the remains of the white-washed dairy building of convict-made bricks and hand-hewn timbers which gleamed pallidly in the pale moonlight

The residence itself was a large barracks-like house set in the centre of seven hundred acres of open parkland. A murky river, on the banks of which tall trees loomed darkly snaked along outside the high wooden paling fence running along the back boundary of the yard, broken only by a sagging gate.

The house was over one hundred and fifty years old when we went to live there. It was a "grace and favour" residence that went with my husband's job as Chief Ranger of Parramatta Park. He was obliged to attend meetings at night, so I was often alone in the old house, but I was never afraid.

I chose to sit in the kitchen at the back of the house to read during his absence. It was more cheerful there than in the front room which was a huge sitting room. High around

its walls was a frieze of depressing design, dulled grey by the dust of the years that had passed since some self-styled Michelangelo painted it in water colours in a futile attempt to beautify the cavernous room.

I could sometimes catch a breeze from the river through the open kitchen doorway at my back, but on this night everything was still. The foliage of the age-old English oak tree in the backyard shadowed the silent grass.

Out of the stillness, little noises began to emphasise themselves. The ticking of the clock on the shelf seemed loud, the faulty faucet kept up a monotonous "paloo-paloo" in the sink, the floorboards creaked mysteriously. A small wind sprang up and moaned through the leaves of the tree, rustling them softly. A mopoke high in the branches set up a mournful repetitive cry "mopoke-mopoke". The horses locked in their staples, whinnied. Far off, the howl of a dog rose in the night air.

A shiver shuddered my spine. "The spirits of the old convicts must be disturbed tonight." I thought it was at that moment I heard the back gate scrape open!

Next came shuffling footsteps on the flagstone path leading to the kitchen.

The bedraggled figure of a man appeared in the stream of light from the doorway. He paused in a confused manner, with his hand on the knob of the unlocked screen door. Momentarily, I stared in horror! I then found my voice coming out on a high note.

"What do you want?" I squeaked.

"I want to go to bed," he muttered. "I've come home." "Home???"

"Isn't this the home? I slipped in the river and I'm all wet," he mumbled as opening the screen door, he squelched into the kitchen, oozing water. One foot was bare, the other had a sodden sock falling off it and, flapping in front, it made designs like pumpkin vines on my polished floor. The pants and shirt that he wore were grey and dripping as was the wet hair straggling drearily down his forehead, strands of slimy river weed trailed behind him.

By the grace of God, my husband came in the front door at that moment.

"What's going on?" he cried

"He says he wants to go to bed. He thinks this is the Home. What does he mean?"

"The Mental Home across the Park, of course," he said. "The patients wear those dark grey clothes. Poor devil's lost. I'll take him over." Gently taking the man by the arm he said "Come on, mate. I'll help you" and guided him through the door, along the pathway and out of the gate to the roadway which led to the Psychiatric Centre.

Nearing the high iron fence at the Centre, they were met by two uniformed warders, searching around by torchlight.

"Oh, you've brought old Bill back," one remarked casually. "He often wanders off at night, but we always round him up at lights out."

Now if you have had an interesting experience or a story to tell, then why not drop me a line at the address below and share those memories with our readers.

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/

COMMUNITY NEWS

PAVILION THEATRE NEWS

By ANNETTE SNARS | Photos by CHRIS LUNDIE

It's generally agreed 2020 has been like no other year in living memory. The Pavilion Theatre, home to Castle Hill Players, was one week from opening its second production of the 2020 Season, Things I Know to be True by Andrew Bovell directed by Carol Wimmer, when COVID-19 struck and we all went into lockdown.

Every aspect of the production was ready to go and advance bookings were excellent in anticipation of another outstanding presentation by one of Sydney's leading community theatre groups.

The sudden closure of the theatre on March 19 left the set intact on stage and,

following a tradition dating back centuries, a Ghost Light was installed on the stage, joining the Sydney Opera House, the Capital Theatre, Belvoir and Griffin theatres (amongst others) in a symbolic response to the shutdown of arts activity across the country.

The iconic Hills District organization has entertained residents and provided a legitimate theatre experience for hundreds if not thousands of actors, directors, designers, operators and theatre enthusiasts for well in excess of 60 years from its Castle Hill Showground location.



Cancelled by COVID: The Things I Know To Be True rehearsal at the Pavilion Theatre

During lockdown access to the theatre building was barred by Hills Shire Council, however, as soon as permission was granted members, lead by Steven Wimmer set about doing some much needed maintenance to the historic building which was originally a show pavilion

AS WE WERE

PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

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The Hayes family (subject of the Memories article) lived in the Ranger's Cottage between 1963 and 1974



The first and only Castle Hill Players' Production for 2020 The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

in the early days of the Castle Hill Show, hence the theatre's name.

The building, which includes a front of house bar area, 150 seat auditorium, stage with wings, workshop, mezzanine storage,

backstage bathroom and green room has been cleaned out and reorganised to better store tools and building materials, props, costumes and lighting equipment, as well as receiving a real spruce up

with fresh paint, a beautiful new stage curtain and a thorough clean.

CHP is like a family, and during the year this family has experienced many highs and lows. Significant birthdays for several members, particularly matriarchs, Jean Churchward and Judith Burgess, and the sad passing of Life Member, Harry Hyland, a stalwart of the theatre and indeed the Hills District.

As theatres slowly and carefully reopen, CHP is taking the first steps to opening its doors to a wonderfully supportive public, many of whom have sent messages of support and encouragement.

It is with breathless excitement The Pavilion is able to announce a return to the stage with a one act play reading of Orson Welles' War of the Worlds to be performed in November. Details are still being finalised, and will be published on the CHP website and Facebook page shortly.

Keep up to date with news from The Pavilion Theatre by liking us on Facebook (Pavilion Theatre – Castle Hill Players) or visit our website www.paviliontheatre.org.au

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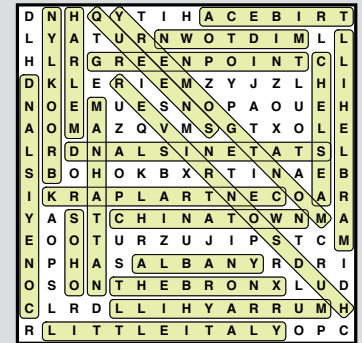
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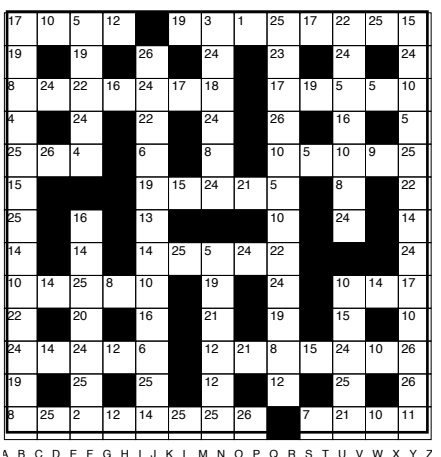
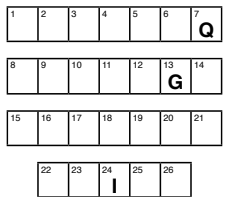
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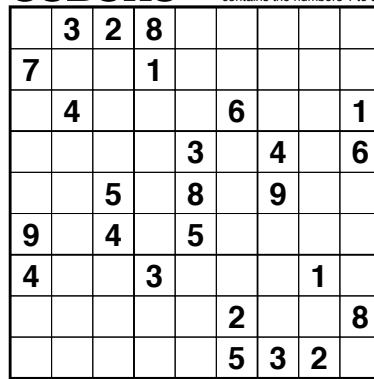
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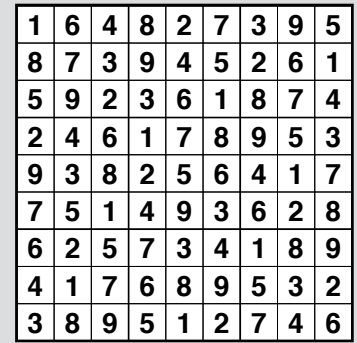


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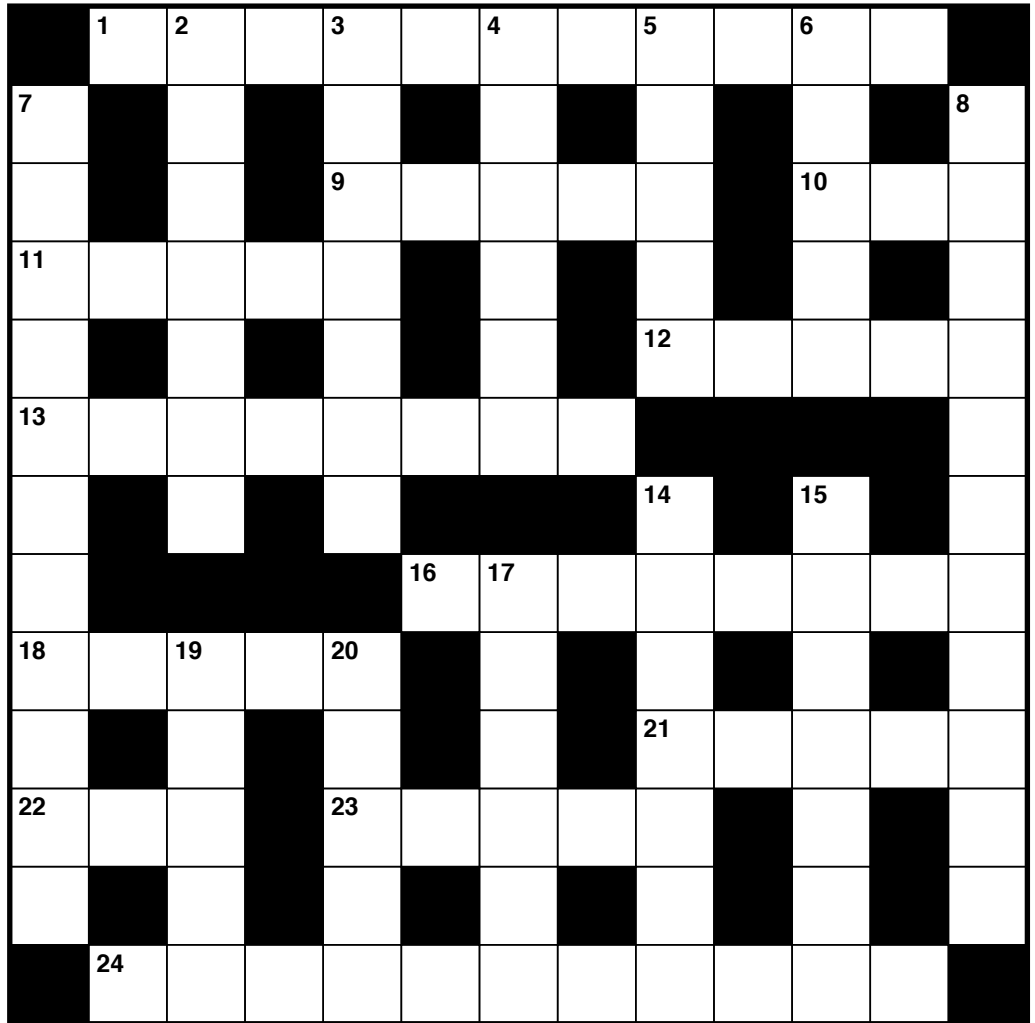
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- 9. Apply pressure
- 10. Mineral spring
- 11. Adjusted the pitch of
- 12. Agreeable sound or tune
- 13. Mislead
- 16. Mexican pancake
- 18. Dry red wine
- 21. Dissatisfaction
- 22. Golf peg
- 23. Small antelope
- 24. Initiators

DOWN

- 2. Unity
- 3. Necessary
- 4. Rained heavily
- 5. ___ pole: tribal emblem
- 6. Expels from a position
- 7. Immoderate
- 8. Compelling
- 14. Non-believer in God
- 15. Careless mistake
- 17. Possessing
- 19. Large body of water
- 20. Select; formally approve

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