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David Elliott Farewell

By BEV JORDAN



David Elliott and his wife Nicole before the speech

Speaker of the House Jonathan O’Dea declared it the funniest speech he had heard in State Parliament when Baulkham Hills MP and Transport Minister David Elliott MP gave his valedictory speech on Tuesday night (November 15th).

The packed public gallery included former Liberal leaders Mike Baird and Peter Collins and also Newly elected NSW Liberal Party president Maria Kovacic as well as representatives from the emergency services and Shane Fitzsimmons.

Starting with a quote from British war time Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill: "In a war, you can only be killed once, but in politics, many times" his speech was crammed with funny one-liners aimed at himself and others which had the chamber, including Premier Dominic Perrottet, and gallery laughing out loud.

He poked fun at himself and his many head-line making tribulations and spoke about his supportive and much-valued wife Nicole and great staff.

"Politics is a calling,," he said. "One that I had at an unusually young age. It caused great distress amongst my family and friends, particularly when I announced which side I was going to bat for. But like all families, mine accepted my inadequacies and I joined the Liberal Party 36 years ago, save for an unfortunate brief period earlier this year."

He ended his speech with a quote from Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky am I to have had something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

The Hills to Hawkesbury Community News asked him what had given him the most satisfaction during his time in Parliament and he said: "Opening the North West Metro and

being successful in obtaining the funds and commitment for the much needed upgrade works to Memorial Ave (Kellyville) – both significant projects which will meet the future transport needs of Sydney’s north west for generations to come."

He said being the Minister for Veterans had been a highlight and added. "The honour of being involved in the Invictus Games; opening the Anzac Memorial renovations standing alongside Prince Harry; introducing the prison bed capacity program and touring the state’s Police and Emergency Services."

When asked what he regretted not being able to achieve he said: "I would have liked to have made Cumberland State Forest a National Park – this would have been a step towards ensuring green spaces remained a key hallmark of liveability in the Baulkham Hills electorate."

He said the saddest part of leaving was not being able to represent the people of the Baulkham Hills electorate any more.

The seat of Baulkham Hills has been renamed Kellyville for the forthcoming State Election on March 25th 2023. Mr Elliott announced last month that he would not be seeking Liberal pre-selection for either of the re-shaped seats which now take in parts of the Baulkham Hills electorate: Kellyville and Castle Hill.

There has been a bitter factional row in the Liberal Party over pre-selection in the two seats.

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Shopping Trolley Win By BEV JORDAN

It's taken several years but a jubilant Frank de Masi is celebrating a win over wayward shopping trolleys.

The Hills Shire councillor has waged a war on abandoned shopping trolleys for several years and in 2019 issued a public call for businesses and councils to work together to find a solution to solve the problem.

He said the council had meetings with two major supermarket operators in an attempt for them to self-regulate and address this issue and then started lobbying the NSW State Government to make "urgent changes" to the Abandonment Act. The changes to the Act came into force this year on 1st November.

Clr de Masi said: "The onus is now on the owners of the trolleys to prevent them leaving their stores."

"The new powers, included in the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021, ... means is up-front fines of \$660 would be issued to any supermarket that fails to collect a shopping trolley from a public space within three hours of being notified it is causing an obstruction or safety risk, or within seven days of being notified it is left unattended in a public place.

"This will be enforced after a six-month grace period where warnings will be issued for unattended property to allow retailers enough time to prepare and avoid being subjected to fines in the future."

He said while it will take some time to have it fully implemented and see the problem disappear it was not just a win for the local area but the whole of NSW.

Diane Sherrington, President of the Windsor Business Group, said that abandoned shopping trolleys were a real problem and welcomed moves to get something done.

"We have a major problem in Windsor. People are just so inconsiderate. Quite often main street is littered with (abandoned) trolleys in the morning. I can't believe how ar some people take these trolleys."

But while she welcomed moves to cull the number of trolleys left on the street. She said she felt retailers were being blamed for what their customers do. "I believe people need to be responsible for their own actions."

The new regulations:

- Supermarkets face an on-the-spot fine of \$660 for failing to collect a shopping trolley from a public place within three hours of being notified it is causing an obstruction or safety risk, or within four days of being given notice if left unattended for seven days or more in a public place.
- A further 10 per cent (\$66) will be added to the fine for each additional trolley in the same spot



(up to 11 in total) to reflect the greater access and amenity issues caused by unattended groups of trolleys

- Individual retailers could face a court-imposed penalty of up to \$2,750 and a maximum of \$13,750 for corporations for more serious offences
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WINDSOR HOTEL ARREST

Two people have been charged following the alleged armed robbery of a hotel in Windsor earlier this year.

About 9.30pm on Sunday 18th September, police were called to a licensed premises on George Street at Windsor, following reports of an armed robbery.

It is alleged a man gained entry to the premises and threatened a female employee, demanding cash from a till and safe in the hotel's office.

The woman complied; placing amounts of cash into a bag provided by the man, who then fled the location via Union Lane.

Officers from Hawkesbury Police Area Command attended and established a crime scene, which underwent forensic examination.

Detectives established Strike Force Craigmoor to further investigate the robbery.

Following inquiries, investigators executed search warrants at homes in Baulkham Hills and North Rocks on Thursday (10th November).

At Baulkham Hills, a 44-year-old man was arrested and taken to Windsor Police Station where he was charged with in dwelling, steal and break out, break and enter dwelling with intend steal and break and enter and steal.

He appeared at Penrith Local Court on Friday (11 November 2022), where he was formally refused bail to appear at the same court on Friday 18 November 2022. A 37-year-old woman was arrested at North Rocks just after 4pm yesterday (Saturday 12th November).

She was taken to Windsor Police Station and charged with steal and break out, make false official instrument to pervert course justice, break and enter dwelling with intend steal - principal second degree, and break and enter and steal - principal second degree.

The woman was refused bail to appear at Parramatta Bail Court today (Sunday 13th November 2022).

RACE FOR GRACE

The Hills PAC and Highway Patrol are holding a charity event as part of "The Race for Grace" fundraiser for the Grace Ward at Westmead Children's Hospital. The grace ward looks after preemie and very unwell infants and neonates. On Average most babies remain in the ward for 11 days.

The event will be staged at Castle Towers and will involve several police officers riding three spin bikes continuously for 11 hours with riders doing a minimum of half an hour each with the aim of obtaining donations from shoppers.

The event will start at 9am on the 24th of November in Castle Towers shopping centre.

Highway patrol motorbikes and the police recruitment branch will be in attendance. Representatives from Westmead and nurses from the Grace ward will also be attending.

ALERT NEIGHBOURS

Police have congratulated alert members of the public who called police when they heard suspicious noises in the neighbourhood.

Residents in Maybush Ave, Castle Hill called Hills police at 3.10am on Thursday morning (17th November). Police arrived and allegedly found a South Penrith man attempting to break into a home.

He has been charged with attempt break and enter and has been remanded in custody to later this month.

Police congratulated the quick thinking neighbours and urged residents to report any suspicious activity 131444, and 000 in an emergency.

FIREARMS AMNESTY

People are reminded they can still hand over guns to their local police station. The National Firearms Amnesty commenced on 1 July 2021 and is ongoing.

The aim of the amnesty is to reduce the number of unregistered firearms in Australia.

The amnesty allows for:

- Firearms or firearm related articles to be registered, supplied or surrendered to a participating firearm dealer without fear of prosecution.
- Firearms or firearm related articles to be surrendered to a police station without fear of prosecution.
- Prohibited weapons to be surrendered to a participating firearms dealer or police station without fear of prosecution.
- A list of firearm dealers participating in the amnesty and a webpage to assist in locating your nearest police station are linked below. Ensure you contact the participating firearms dealer or your local police station, prior to attending the location with a firearm, firearm related article or prohibited weapon.
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Guns handed in at Castle Hill Police station

NORTH ROCKS SUSPECT

A 34-year-old man wanted in connection with a North Rocks break-in was arrested by Parramatta police on Thursday morning (17th November).

The man was arrested in Parramatta CBD. Hills Detectives are keen to talk to him about a Break and Enter at a business on North Rocks Road, North Rocks in May this year where a safe and cash were stolen.

DRIVER FINED

Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force Darling Mills Highway and Hills Police have been responding to a number of Heavy Vehicle incidents in the past few days.

On the evening of the 10th of November reports that a heavy vehicle had left the roadway on Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst was attended by Hills Highway Patrol.

The vehicle was eventually towed from the embankment. The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator attended the scene and issued notices for the driver to attend Wetherill Park Inspection Station.

As a result the following Breaches have been reported:

- Drive/Permit Heavy Vehicle not comply with Mass Requirements - Substantial x 3
- Use, Permit to be used on road heavy vehicle that is unsafe x 2
- Use etc Class 2 Heavy Vehicle not accord authorisation
- A major defect notice was issued to the truck.
- A major defect notice was issued to the trailer.

Hills Highway Patrol, and the NHVR will continue to work together to ensure that drivers comply with load limits on rural roads.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via our NSW Police social media pages.

AIRPORT ARREST

A man was arrested by Australian Federal Police and Hills Proactive Crime Police at Sydney International Airport on Tuesday night (15th November) as he was trying to board a international flight to Malta. The 33-year-old Gregory Hills man was arrested at 10pm.

It will be alleged in court that the man broke into a Baulkham Hills Hotel, opened the safe and stole a large amount of cash before leaving the Hotel and being picked up in a white Holden Rodeo dual cab utility driving by an unknown male. He has been charged with Aggravated Break Enter and Steal.

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Anzac Day ambassadors with Bryan Mullan (program co-ordinator) Elizabeth Rodd and David Hand (President Castle Hill RSL sub-branch)



At Balcombe Heights Alex Hawke MP lays a wreath with his son



Richard Holland (Sydney Hills Business Chamber) Hills Mayor Peter Gangemi, Clr Mila Kasby and Clr Ryan Tracey.

Remembrance Day

By BEV JORDAN

Young voices telling stories of Afghanistan were a moving moment at the Remembrance service outside Castle Hill RSL Club on Friday November 11th.

Poppies (the symbol of remembrance) were everywhere as a crowd of dignitaries, veterans, students and members of the public gathered to show their respects to service people past and present on the day, 104 years ago that the guns fell silent on the Western Front, marking the end of World War 1.

Former Hills Anzac Day Ambassador Elizabeth Rodd introduced the current high school ANZAC ambassadors saying that young people were very aware of the sacrifices made so that they can enjoy the life they do.

Georgia Titterton (Castle Hill High) Ava Frost (William Clarke College) Holly Lawton (Northholm Grammar) Tanis O'May (Crestwood High) and Krishi Ragupathi (Baulkham Hills High) spoke about the history, the people, the conflict and Australia's contribution.

They also spoke at a special remembrance Day service at Balcombe Heights in Baulkham Hills a week earlier standing under the memorial avenue of trees planted to remember the 364 Masons who died in World War 1.

Music was provided by the The Hills Music Academy Band



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Charity Queen

By BEV JORDAN

It's been a sparkling year for 25-year-old Karenza De Leon from Quakers Hill who has just been crowned Miss Charity Queen Australia during a gala event in Perth held by Charity Pageants Australia.

The recognition for her huge portfolio of charity work and causes she is involved in follows closely on the national award she received in Cairns from the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia for Outstanding Youth Contribution and her work with Alive 90.5.

Karenza, who teaches pre-schoolers and also tutors, spends her spare time helping others, whether it's baking cakes for fundraising stalls, organising gala events, being an MC and helping the homeless with food and clothes.

She told *the Hills to Hawkesbury Community News*: "When I was young, I decided wholeheartedly that I wanted to dedicate my life to helping those in need.

"Charity and volunteer work has become a part of my lifestyle and a major part of who I am, so that is why winning the title of Miss Charity Australia has been such an incredible honour and a very meaningful achievement."

As well as being vice President of the Powerful Empowered Women fundraising group, Karenza is also ambassador for the Shining Light Foundation which works with the homeless and for the SuperTee charity which supplies special super hero T-shirts to sick children in hospital. She also volunteers with Carevan Blacktown.

Last year Karenza had her 85cms long waist-length hair cut off to raise money for the Cancer Council at the Hills Relay For Life, one of numerous fundraisers she has done for various charities, including raising funds for typhoon victims in the Philippines. Karenza is also a member of the youth service group, Hills Rotaract.

Karenza is on the Board of local radio station Alive 90.5 and co-hosts the Positive Energy Show, every Saturday from 8am to 10am with Andsley Dennis (pictured with Karenza at the CBAA awards ceremony).

To round out the trifecta Karenza is a finalist in the Western Sydney Young Woman of the Year 2022 Awards which are being held on the 30th of November.

Her message to young people is: "Take the time to be kind to yourself. I believe everyone has that sense of self-doubt that hinders them from reaching further than their potential but when you try each and every day to practice being kinder to yourself, it slowly becomes easier to believe in yourself and to support your own self and pick yourself back up when you fall down."



Library rewards readers this summer

Hawkesbury Library Service is rewarding readers of all ages with the return of the Summer Reading Club and Rewarding Reads.

The Summer Reading Club (SRC) is back from 1 December to 31 January 2023. This popular children's program is a great way to keep children engaged in reading over the summer holidays!

To join in the fun, simply register online at hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library or at either Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor or Richmond Branch Library, then collect a reading log (hard copy available) and start recording the books you read throughout December and January. Collect coupons for the books you read so you can redeem them at the SRC Shop in February. The more books you read, the more you can spend! The free activity is available to children aged 16 years and under.

The SRC Shop will operate at Hawkesbury Central Library with lots of items available to buy with the coupons from Saturday, 4 February during library hours until Sunday, 19 February 2023. Or you can be one of the

first to shop by booking an early bird session on Friday, 3 February between 3pm to 5pm via Eventbrite <https://hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com>

All members are encouraged to borrow with the Rewarding Reads program. Summer is a great time to grab some books from your local library free of charge and relax. Did you know that reading increases your imagination and creativity? It also improves your concentration and memory, enhances your knowledge and expands your vocabulary.

Every time you borrow from the library between 1 December and 31 January 2023, you can enter the draw for your chance to win a weekly prize pack. The more you borrow, the more entries you have in the draw. You can borrow up to 40 items each time you borrow over summer. If you are not a member, it is free to join!

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Rotaractor of the Year By BEV JORDAN

From collecting hundreds of items for Share the Dignity to giving blood and so many campaigns in between it is no surprise that Madeleine Govender has been named Australia's Rotaractor of the Year.



A member of the Hills Rotaract Club since 2019 Madeleine was presented with the award at the recent joint Rotary and Rotaract Zone 8 conference in Canberra (Zone 8 covers Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands).

Madeleine was awarded the title alongside Jack Wilson from Hastings Rotaract Club in the Tweed Shire. She thanked the anonymous person who nominated her saying she was touched that they saw her as "deserving".

"Thank you to my fellow Rotaractors and Rotarians, friends and family who have been so supportive and to Rotaract Australia and Rotary International for endless opportunities to inspire, serve and learn."

The 26-year-old said: "I am proud to be a Rotaractor among thousands in the world who make an impact"

She told the *Hills to Hawkesbury Community News*: "Volunteering has always been an important part of my life."

"While completing my Bachelor degree a few years ago, I was a member of various volunteering and social clubs. When I graduated I could no longer participate in these, and wanted to find another group where I could continue contributing to my community and make friends."

"A friend of mine clicked interested on a Facebook event for a Hills Rotaract Club meeting so I messaged her and asked what it was about, and she invited me to come along. I've been a Rotaractor ever since and it's given me what I was looking for and much more - meaningful volunteering, socials, and opportunities for personal and professional growth."

The Hills Rotaract Club is open to young adults aged over 18 and is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create a positive change in their local communities and around the world.

The main focus of the group is homelessness and domestic violence, mental health, sustainability and the environment and education. Personal development is a key part of the club.

The club has just voted to extend the membership age to 40 years old. The club meets on second and fourth Tuesday of every month in person in Baulkham Hills or online at Zoom.

Full details on the Hills Rotaract facebook page website hillsrotaractclubsuare. site. Instagram hillsrotaractclub or email hillsrotaractinc@gmail.com

Rotary and Rotaract work side by side to take action through service (Rotaract stands for Rotary in Action).

Successful Hawkesbury Event Sponsorship recipients announced

Hawkesbury City Council's event sponsorships have been announced! Council is committed to supporting the community to host public events to ensure they are safe, successful and well-run.

Local events create the opportunity to build community capacity through community involvement. They can also help to develop the resilience and social connectedness which the Hawkesbury community needs when facing challenges such as floods and bushfires.

Close to \$50,000 in funding will be provided. The successful applicants that will receive Council funding under Round 1 2022/2023 include:



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Hills Says No To Domestic Violence

By BEV JORDAN

Domestic violence survivor, author and founder of the Shining Light Foundation Azita Abdollahian will be the keynote speaker at the Hills Says No to Domestic Violence event on Friday 25 November at Castle Hill RSL.

Azita will be joined by NSW Assistant Police Commissioner Leanne McCusker and Terese who walked out of an abusive marriage after 40 years. The theme is moving forward.

There will also be presentations of two programs currently operating in local schools Walk the Talk and LoveBites.

Organised by the Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network the annual event is aimed at raising awareness of domestic violence and the services that are available to help survivors.

A moving rose ceremony as part of the event remembers every person killed so far this year as a result of domestic violence.

So far this year 39 people have been killed in domestic abuse incidents according to the national Counting Dead Women website.

Aileen Mountfield from the Lisa Harnum Foundation which runs interim housing for women at risk, is chairing the organising committee which includes Carol Harding from The Sanctuary_ The Hills Women's Shelter.

Aileen said: "The rose ceremony is an expression of remembrance, love and respect for those who have died. I always hope when people attend an event like this that they realise that there is domestic violence in their community. It is no respecter of post codes."

Convenor of the Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network Uma Menon said: "The Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network (HDVPN) has been working towards raising awareness and reducing the incidence of DV in the Hills for over 30 years."

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The roses in full bloom at Roxborough Park Rose Garden

Roxborough Park Rose Garden is now bursting with beautiful blooms, marking the start of the garden's new life after recent refurbishments.

Stage one of the works included the installation of a new rose arbour, concrete pathways, seating and feature sandstone area. The roses are now crawling up the new rose arbour and adding a pop of colour along the feature sandstone area and walkways.

Mayor of the Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi said now is the perfect time to enjoy the garden

in its full glory. "There has never been a better time to visit Roxborough Park Rose Garden. The garden has been part of the history of The Hills Shire for 50 years this year, and it's so important for us to maintain our passive recreation areas so that future generations can enjoy these spaces for many years to come", Mayor Gangemi said.

Stage two of the works is now underway and will include the restoration of the fountain and the reinstatement of roses in pots, which were removed during stage one of the works for their preservation.

The rose garden will also host this year's Illuminate the Hills at Christmas event. From 15-27 December 2022, the garden and its 4,000 roses from 80 different species will be brought to life at night with festive light installations.

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Friends of the Hills Library

With the introduction of electronic resources and a decline in the reliance of physical books and encyclopaedias, it was hypothesised that libraries would become a thing of the past.

However, if anything, the opposite is true. Whilst libraries may not contain as many books anymore, they certainly have become even more important as social hubs connecting our community together. Libraries are home to community groups and social groups. Events, forums and functions are also becoming more common as the notion of a library being a quiet place where you must remain silent is fading away.

One of our favourite groups to visit in the Hills is the Friends of the Hills Library ("The Friends"). This group began in 1994, by former Mayor Sonya Phillips with the aim of promoting the importance of libraries, encouraging reading and to raise funds to purchase new books and resources. Over the years the Friends have raised close to \$200,000 to purchase new books for the collection and equipment, Christmas gifts for housebound and to fund special programs. Mostly recent the Friends donated a \$1000 to the library to purchase Lego to be used in "the Kids Bricks" program. The Friends also volunteer with tasks around the library such as covering books and being part of various programs.

The Friends is much more than a group that serves our libraries, it has also evolved to include social events such as enjoying performances by 'Radio Active' and Castle Hill Payers as well as trips to the movies, local cafes and restaurants. There is also an associated book club that meets monthly.

Like most community groups, the pandemic almost saw the closure of the Friends for good. However, for Merle Overton, former President of the Friends closure of the group was not an option and with the support of two former Mayors including Sonya Phillips, Merle ensured that the group was re-established and returned to its pre-covid glory.

For Merle the Friends are an important "social and community outlet" that not only "brings together people that love libraries and reading" but also people "who may be socially isolated or live alone". For Merle the Friends are so much more than a group that loves books and her highlights are "seeing people coming together, making friends and enjoying a good laugh with each other".



COMMUNITY NEWS



Lesley Nelson, who stepped up to take on the role of President recently said at the AGM that the Friends is a "Social hub" and in making the decision to stand "took into consideration the present members who not only enjoy the social interaction but also believe in the aims of the Friends. This aim is to provide the Castle Hill Library with funds necessary to bring additional services to our community"

Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, have interesting guest speakers including local authors and community groups. For those keen lunch is enjoyed in the library café after the meetings.

If you are looking for an active, friendly and vibrant group that enjoy each other's company whilst supporting our libraries then the Friends are well worth a visit.

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Dyarubbin



The Hawkesbury River exhibition

This ground-breaking exhibition takes its name from the ancient waterway Dyarubbin or the Hawkesbury River. Inspiration for the exhibition came from the unearthing of Dharug place names for distinctive features and landmarks along the river from Yarramundi to Canoelands. Recovering language and its meaning provides insight into Aboriginal spirituality and culture along the river.

Dharug knowledge holders, artists and educators Leanne Watson, Jasmine Seymour, Erin Wilkins and Rhiannon Wright share their stories of special sites along Dyarubbin (Hawkesbury River) as custodians of this beautiful and haunting place. The exhibition includes artworks, soundscapes, installation art, animation and storytelling which demonstrate the importance of the discovery. Aboriginal artists Leanne Tobin, Blak Douglas (2022

Archibald Prize winner), Jason Wing and Maddison Gibbs have artworks on exhibition.

The Dyarubbin exhibition follows on from the recent State Library of NSW exhibition based on the research of Professor Grace Karskens – The Real Secret River, Dyarubbin which was a collaborative project with Leanne, Jasmine, Erin and Rhiannon winning the 2018 Coral Thomas Fellowship.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Sarah McMahon, who opened the exhibition, said the exhibition provides insight into Aboriginal spirituality and culture along the river.

"The community response to the exhibition has been nothing short of astonishing. Many visitors have returned to see the exhibition several times since it opened. I encourage everyone to take the time to come along to experience this wonderful exhibition. My



congratulations to Gallery Curator Elissa Blair, Arts and Culture Manager Matthew Fallon and all the gallery team and volunteers, and of course the artists themselves", Mayor McMahon said.

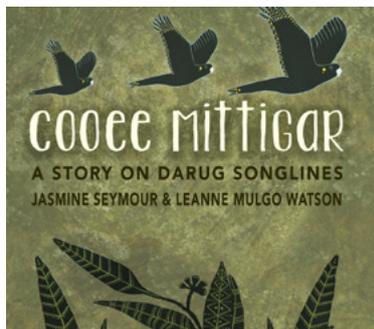
All residents of the Hawkesbury are encouraged to visit the exhibition in order to connect with and consider an often unspoken perspective of our local and foundational history.

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery is located on the first floor, Deerrubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor. The exhibition is free and continues until 5th February, 2023.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Gallery at gallery@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or 4560 4441.

Cooee Mittigar

Artwork from the award-winning picture book 'Cooee Mittigar' will be on display at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor at a free exhibition from November 2022 until 31 January 2023.



Have you ever wondered what goes into the making of a picture book? A selection of panels will be on display from the stunning picture book 'Cooee Mittigar' by Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson. Presented by WestWords, the exhibition takes the viewer behind the scenes for a look at the process of creating a picture book.

Cooee Mittigar, meaning 'come here friend' is an invitation to yana (walk) on Darug country. 'Tread softly on our lands. Know that this dreaming was here. Is still here. Will be forever'.

Walk with the creators and see the ongoing connection to Nura (country) and continued strength of the Darug Mob. Greeted by Mulgo, the black swan, readers are welcomed to Nura. Journeying through the seasons, Mulgo describes the land, skyscape, birds, animals, and totems. It is a gentle guide to how Darug people read the seasons and is also an appeal to remember, while offering new ways of seeing and reading the lands of the surrounding Sydney region.

For details on regular Library events and Library hours, visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library and connect with Hawkesbury Library Service at www.facebook.com/HawkesburyLibrary



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE EXISTING MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION IN QUAKERS HILL

Site Address: Quakers Court Shopping Centre, 76 Falmouth Rd Quakers Hill NSW 2763

Site No: 42277, **RFNSA No:** 2763004

The proposed installation will involve the installation of:

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- The installation of Three (3) new panel antennas (0.8m in length)
- The installation of Three (3) new panel antennas (2.1m in length)
- The reconfiguration of existing technologies and addition of new technologies for 3G/4G/5G systems
- The removal and replacement of Remote Radio Units (RRU's) to be installed on the existing structure
- The installation of ancillary

1. The proposed installation is deemed to be Low-impact Facilities pursuant to the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination") based on the descriptions above. Consent from council is not required in this instance.

2. The proposed infrastructure will be in compliance with the ACMA EMR regulatory arrangements.

3. This consultation is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code C564:2020.

4. Further information and/or comments should be directed to the Harmeet Virk via the below options:

Email: Community.Consultation@ventia.com

Mail: Level 1, 10 Browning Street West End QLD 4101

Phone: (07) 3033 3735 by **COB Friday, 2nd December 2022.**

Bye Bye Miss Janet By BEV JORDAN

Janet Campbell's last day at Cherrybrook Community Pre-school will be at the end of the school's year and marks the end of an era. The popular pre-school educator has been director of "Gumnut" Pre-school for 27 years, seeing more than 1,350 children graduate through the centre.

Miss Janet will be heading for a rest at her new home up the North Coast after an exhausting whirl of final farewells including a big afternoon tea with parents past and present to ensure an appropriate send off on December 11th.

Janet is part of the fabric of the not-for-profit preschool which was founded 35 years ago by a group of residents.

It was never Janet's intention to become a pre-school teacher. Her mother was a pre-school teacher and Janet had other ideas when she left school. "I was going to do microbiology but I ended up teaching and I loved it ... it was my calling."

After nearly 40 years educating Pre-schoolers Janet says she loved that "lightbulb moment" that you see in children's faces when they have worked something out and understand it.

She says when she walked into Cherrybrook Community Pre-school that first day she knew it was the right place for her to be.

"There have been so many changes in the time that I've been here," she says.

One thing that hasn't changed is the bond between staff and parents. "We are here to support the parents and the families, we see families going through tough times and sadness and you are there for them."

She says it will be hard to say goodbye: "I love it as much as I ever did ...I'm going to miss this terribly, these children are my children."

She is very happy though that the new Director is someone who knows the school community very well as she has worked there for 28 years, a year longer than Janet.

Julia James has worked in every single area of the preschool, starting off in the kitchen and then studying Early Childhood to move to a teaching role.

"I am very happy that there's going to be continuity," says Janet.

Ciaan and Shelley Badenhorst's four-year-old son Nathan Badenhorst attends Gumnut and 7-year-old Caellum is a former student.

Ciaan said: "Janet is an inspiration to the local community, with her passion and care for children shining through in everything she



Miss Janet reads to some of the children with Miss Julia looking on.

touches at the preschool. We as the Parent Committee thank her for her years of dedicated service and wish her well for the future."

Rachael Discroll said: "It takes a BIG heart to shape little minds, and a BIG heart Janet has. Our girls Jessica and Emma Driscoll were lucky to share in this passion. Both our girls spent a year with Janet at Gumnut Preschool and she helped not only them but myself as a parent become braver, stronger, smarter and loved."

Justin and Cass have sent all three of their children (aged 15 to 5) to Gumnut, spanning 11 years. "Janet is so dedicated to her craft and her belief in the foundations of early childhood education. You know you've got yourself a fantastic preschool when your kids are just as excited to go to preschool as when they see you at the end of the day," said Cass.

"As parents you're always wondering what sort of job you're doing and Janet is such a font of knowledge, she always listened and offered advice and made you feel like you were succeeding even if you were having an off day."

"I know that Julia and the rest of the preschool educators are just as dedicated as she is and that our preschool will continue to thrive on the philosophy and sense of family that Janet instilled in the preschool."



Miss Janet helps Nathan, 4, and Catriona, 5, with hanging out the "washing".

On Thursday (November 16th) NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet spoke about Janet in State Parliament, calling her an unsung hero.

"Recently, I spoke to a mother from Cherrybrook Community Preschool, who described Janet as a person of great warmth and dedication, with unwavering care for every child she met ... that sort of character reference explains Janet Campbell better than I ever could. She leaves an immense professional legacy, but her greatest achievement is surely the many young men and women she, and the many wonderful staff at Cherrybrook Community Preschool, have helped mold.

"So, after 27 years, I say thank you to Janet Campbell and wish her all the very best for the future. Thank you, not only as a local MP, but as a local father."

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Wesley Wonders

If you are looking for a bit of Christmas inspiration the Wesley Community Market Day

On Sunday 4th December could provide just that. The community market day will run from 2pm to 7pm in the grounds of Wesley Uniting Church at 32 Showground Road and there will be something for everyone.

Buy a plant, a book, toys for the kids, that special piece of manchester, a DVD or CD for the holidays, a framed print or original artwork or just come and listen to the band.

Enjoy tea or coffee with a snack or try a vegan donut. They are all available throughout the day or just stop by for a sausage sandwich later in the day and spend quality time with others from the Hills Community. There will be free entertainment at 3.30pm.

As well as the usual Wesley market stalls there are stalls from Norwest Sunrise Rotary, Castle Hill Lions and Parramatta Mission. You can organise your fresh Christmas tree, buy your Christmas cake or pudding or provide Christmas lunch for someone who is homeless all in the same place.

Market organiser, Bryan Mullan, said, "We are excited about the market as it is an opportunity for us to get to know our Hills community better and to share in the Christmas spirit."

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Salvos Band

Kellyville resident, Ron White (pictured), is following in his father's footsteps as a musician in the Salvos' Sydney Veterans Band

The late Ron White senior was a foundation member of the brass band which formed some 30 years ago and played until he was 95.

Ron junior, now 82, has played a brass instrument for 70 years and joined the SVB last year. He is a musician at Rouse Hill Salvos

The 40-member band will present a Christmas musical spectacular at the Dural Salvation Army, New Line Road Dural on Tuesday 6th December at 10 am.

This is a public event and lunch will be served after the concert.

Band members come from as far away as Newcastle and Wollongong to play at retirement villages, nursing homes, and community events.



Salvos Ron White

Radio Active

The good old fashion humour of radio plays will be revived with two special Festive performances by Radio Active live at Castle Hill.

The Christmas Shows will be held at the Hills Lodge on Sunday December 11th and Sunday 18th December 3pm to 5pm. Tickets are \$30 and includes an afternoon tea.

The cracker of a program includes several short sketches and a play with titles including Father Christmas Gets the Sack, Good King Wenceslas and Yes Minister.

To book tickets call Janelle on 0481 741 440.

Gift Wrapping

Hills Relay For Life volunteers will be in Castle Towers again this year wrapping presents to raise money for the Cancer Council.

The wrapping station will be operating from Monday December 5th to Saturday December 24th with all money raised going to cancer research and support programs.

Castle Towers are supplying quality wrapping paper and ribbon. It's a gold coin donation for each gift wrapped.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their time for two hours is asked to email Ruth at thedids28@gmail.com or call 0417 480 021.



Christmas Wrapping Hills Relay For Life Castle Towers

ART AND MORE

Castle Hill Art Society is holding its annual Christmas art market this Saturday, November 19th at its base in Castle Hill.

There will be art works, gift cards, crafts, books, trash and treasure stall plus books and plants available. Castle Hill Art Society is at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgescrop Drive Castle Hill (behind the Knightsbridge Shops).

KURRAJONG JOY

Kurrajong CWA members will be holding their Christmas market on Saturday, 10th December from 9am to 3pm at 58 Old Bells Line of Road Kurrajong.

There will be Christmas gift ideas, jewellery, craft, cakes, pickles, jams and slices. Local honey will also be for sale. The market is also a perfect spot to find handmade baby clothes, teddy bears and toys.

Patchwork quilts, homewares and plants will also be for sale.

CHARITY STALL

Days For Girls is holding a Market Stall Fundraiser in the Castlewood

Estate in Bendtree Way, Castle Hill on Sunday 27th November 9am – 2pm. For more information email castlehill@daysforgirls.org

Christmas Tree Sales

Rotary Clubs across the Hills will be selling fresh Christmas in December.

The Rotary Club of The Hills – Kellyville will be selling fresh Christmas trees on the first three weekends in December (the last days subject to Christmas tree stock).

Sales will be at The Bull & Bush Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd and Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills and The Ettamogah Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd and Merryville Rd, Kellyville Ridge.

The finest of Christmas Trees are sourced from NSW farms around Sydney and are freshly delivered each weekend.

Norwest Sunrise Rotary Members will be selling trees again at Bunnings Castle Hill on the weekends of December 10th and 11th and December 17th and 18th from 8am until sold.

All proceeds from Rotary Christmas sales go to charity. Both Rotary Clubs will also be running Giving Trees.

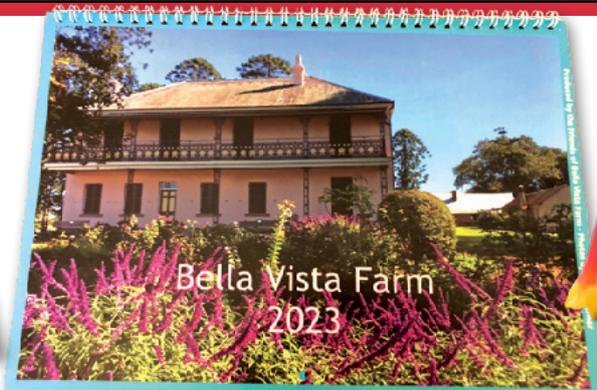
The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville has a Giving Tree located at Grove Square (formerly Stockland Mall), Baulkham Hills.

The Giving Tree has supported those in need at Christmas for more than two decades and this year up to 200 gifts will go to children and young adults at three women's refuges.

Norwest Sunrise Rotary Club has a Tree of Joy outside Coles at Norwest Market Town which collects toys, food and vouchers for the Salvation Army at Rouse Hill to distribute to those in need.



Tree of Joy Hills/Kellyville Rotary Club The Grove at Baulkham Hills



Christmas at BELLA VISTA FARM

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2023 Bella Vista Farm Calendars - \$22.00 each or 2 for \$40.00

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The Hills Shire Council News

Proposed road closing under Section 38B Roads Act 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993* notice is hereby given that The Hills Shire Council proposes to close the Council public roads listed in Schedule 1 & 2.

Schedule 1

The road under consideration comprises part of Council public road known as Bush Road, Kenthurst for the purposes of aligning the Council Public Road Reserve with the existing built form road. The proposal involves the closure of two parts of existing Council Public Road in exchange for three portions of private land to be dedicated as Council Public Road by the adjoining owners being Lot 1 DP 587185, 319 Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst, Parish of Nelson, County of Cumberland (2 portions) and Lot 2 DP 587185, 317 Pitt Town Road Kenthurst, Parish of Nelson, County of Cumberland (1 parcel).

The proposed road closures and road dedications will occur concurrently.



Schedule 2

The road under consideration comprises part of Council public road known as Vincent Street, Baulkham Hills, being irregular in shape, part of an existing road reserve and approximately 285.8m² adjoining Lot 8M DP 161596, Parish of Castle Hill, County of Cumberland. Upon closure of the road, Council intends to sell the land to an adjoining landowner.



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

Spend an evening with Jane Caro at the Pioneer Theatre

December 1 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

An Evening with Jane Caro

Author Talk & Book Signing for 'The Mother'



Come on by on Thursday, 1 December to spend an evening with Walkley Award-winning journalist, social commentator and author, Jane Caro as she discusses her latest book *The Mother* – a gripping domestic thriller with a moral dilemma at its core.

The evening will conclude with book sales and signing. For more information and to book your tickets, visit www.pioneertheatre.com.au/whats-on

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.'

Council Meetings

Tuesday, 22 November 2022 – 7pm.

For more information, visit www.thehills.nsw.gov.au and search for '2022 Meeting Agendas and Minutes.'

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Illuminate The Hills

Soak in the Christmas spirit by visiting 'Illuminate The Hills' each evening at the newly refurbished Roxborough Park Rose Garden from 15 to 27 December.

Stop and smell the roses as you wander through twinkling fairy lights, fun Christmas installations and a nativity scene.

The Rose Garden can be found on Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills, next to Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre.

International Day of People with Disability

Celebrate International Day of People with Disability on Friday, 2 December 2022 at the newly opened accessible Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre.

The Hills Shire Council is offering free entry to people with disability and their carers to try out the new fitness and aquatic equipment, listen to inspiring speakers, find out about disability services in the Hills, and network with other people.

For more information and to register, visit Council's website and search 'International Day of People with Disability'.



Join Our Bushcare Volunteers



Do you love all things gardening and garden care? Our Bushcare Volunteers are looking for new members to come and join them in their vital volunteering efforts restoring local bushland reserves.

Volunteers are involved in caring for The Hills' native bush, identifying plants, monitoring fauna, weed control and seed collection for propagation at the Bidjijong Community Nursery.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, gain new skills and get involved in our community.

Bushcare is open to all age groups and experience is not necessary. If you would like to devote some of your time, visit Council's website and search "Bushcare".

Household Chemical CleanOut

Do you have any household chemicals you need to dispose of such as paint, pesticides, oil, and batteries? The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in conjunction with Paintback is hosting the annual Household Chemical CleanOut event at Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 3 December and Sunday, 4 December 2022 from 9am – 3:30pm.

The Household Chemical CleanOut is a free service that allows residents to dispose of any environmentally-harmful chemical waste.

For more information, visit www.cleanout.com.au or call the Environment Line on 131 555.

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100 Years of Community Service

When the Masonic School site was officially opened on Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills on November 11th 1922, a reported 20,000 people arrived to witness the event.

A century later a small crowd gathered to celebrate 100 years of community on the site which was purchased by the council in the 1970s and renamed Balcombe Heights.

Hills Shire Mayor Peter Gangemi joined former students of the William Thompson Masonic School, the Balcombe Heights S355 committee and Hills District Historical Society members to mark the anniversary on Friday 11th November.

He joined President of the Balcombe Heights S355 committee, Connie Keith, to unveil a plaque and showcase a banksia tree which was planted to mark the special anniversary.

Mr Gangemi said: "Council is incredibly proud to be the custodian of this wonderful community asset and are very committed to ensuring this venue remains a much-loved location that the community can enjoy for years to come."

From its opening to its closure in the mid 1970s, over 2000 children were cared for and schooled at the Masonic School.

Connie Keith said the Estate has been an important part of the Hills' history.

"Originally it was a dairy farm. It then became the Masonic School, a rehabilitation hospital for the army and since the 1970s it has been occupied by various community organisations," Mrs Keith said.

"The common thread that binds these three diverse eras of occupancy during the past 100 years, is the continuous provision of services to the community," she added.

The Estate is still used to this day for events and a wide range of community activities and services. They include Woodbury Autism Education and Research, Hills Community Aid, Hills District Historical Society, dementia and aged day care services, medical equipment hire, The Hills Women's Shed, community radio and Hills SES. There are also pottery groups, model railways and boxing groups, a dance school and

“The common thread that binds these three diverse eras of occupancy during the past 100 years, is the continuous provision of services to the community.”

~ Hills Shire Mayor Peter Gangemi

a band that operate from the buildings located onsite.

Residents and visitors can also enjoy the Estate's many outdoor facilities and attractions, including the two sporting ovals, a skate park, a dog-off leash park, World War I and World War II memorials, a playground, barbecue and picnic areas and abundant parkland.

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Youngsters got into the spirit at Stanhope Gardens Shopping Centre



Facepainting at Crowne Plaza

Kids with Cancer

By BEV JORDAN

Trick or Treating and raising money to help sick children was a popular way to celebrate Halloween in the Hills to Hawkesbury area.

The Scare Cancer campaign raised a massive \$140,000 which will be donated by the Kids with Cancer Foundation to fund a clinical trial seeking to cure Paediatric Ependymoma, the third most common form of brain cancer in kids, being undertaken at Sydney Children's Hospital. Kids with Cancer Foundation's ependymoma research commitment spans 5 years and totals \$1.27 million.

Roughly 60 per cent of children diagnosed with PE are under five years old and sadly one in three children suffer a relapse. Currently no further treatment options.

Hundreds of people across the Hills and Hawkesbury held and participated in Scare Cancer fundraising events.

The Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury, despite just recovering from major floods, held a Scare Cancer high tea; Stanhope Shopping Centre held trick or treat fundraising activities; Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre held a Scare Cancer Halloween Pumpkin Hunt; NBC Sports



Club Northmead held a Scare Caner Halloween Disco and Scavenger Hunt; Cedars Tavern Emerton held Scare Cancer Halloween Karaoke; and Hills Self Storage donated \$5 for every move in in October to ScareCancer.

On December 1st one million Christmas lights will be switched on at 45 Grassmere Ave Northmead to shine a light for Kids with Cancer. There will be a bbq on the night run by volunteers from the Kids with Cancer Foundation. The lights will shine every evening until December 31st

To find out more about the Kids With Cancer Foundation visit kidswithcancer.org.au

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: MONIQUE
SEX: Female
BREED: domestic medium hair
AGE: 2 years
PRICE: \$49

MONIQUE is a two-year-old domestic medium-haired cat. Staff say Monique is a loving, gentle girl who has done her best to raise her beautiful little kittens. Monique is now looking for a loving new forever home. If you feel you can give this sweet cat a caring home then please visit the shelter to meet her. Her adoption price has been reduced to \$49 and includes the first vaccination, desexing, microchipping and lifetime registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation
Number is: R251000145.

DOUG is a well behaved boy looking for a forever home. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter Doug would best suit an easy going family that will have the time to take him on daily walks and allow him to be part of the family. If you feel you can give Doug the loving home he deserves please bring your family dog and the children to the shelter to meet him so that staff can be sure they are going to get on well together. Doug's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping and life-time registration.

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AT A GLANCE

NAME: DOUG
SEX: Male
BREED: Staffy
AGE: 9 years
PRICE: \$49



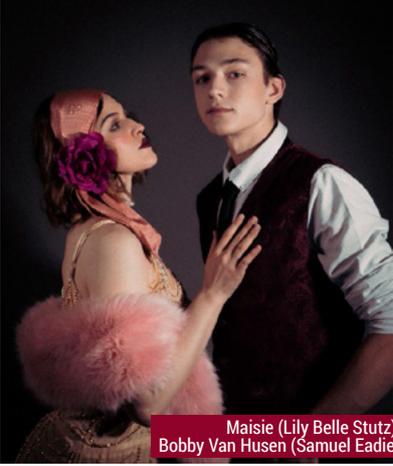
TANK is a one-year-old Mastiff cross. According to staff at the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter Tank is an active, excitable dog who just loves lots of attention. If you are interested in adopting Tank please bring your family dog and the children to the shelter to meet him so that staff can be sure they are going to get on well together. Tank's adoption price has been reduced to \$49. The adoption price includes the first vaccination, microchipping, desexing and life-time registration.

Hawkesbury Council's Rehoming Organisation
Number is: R251000145.

AT A GLANCE

NAME: TANK
SEX: Male
BREED: Mastiff cross
AGE: 1 year
PRICE: \$49





Maisie (Lily Belle Stutz),
Bobby Van Husen (Samuel Eadie)



Tony (Sebastian Sabir),
Polly (Gabrielle Walker)



Percival Browne (Peter Gollop),
Madam Dubonnet (Nina Ore)



Hortense (Rachel Crew)

Photo Credit to Tatiana Rose Makeup & Photography

The Boy Friend

Richmond Players will end their 2022 season in November with the light-hearted romantic musical comedy *The Boy Friend*.

Set in the roaring 20's and featuring high energy musical numbers, flirtation, mistaken identities, mirth and mayhem, it's perfect for audiences of all ages. It's carnival time on the French Riviera, and the "perfect young ladies" of Madame Dubonnet's Finishing School are all a-flutter with excitement at the opportunity to dress in beautiful frocks, dance the Charleston and acquire that most prized of possessions – a Boy Friend. Sweet young heiress Polly Browne (Gabrielle Walker), whose stern father forbids her to encourage men, out of fear that they are after her money, is embarrassed to admit to her friends a lack of suitors, and hides her shame by sending herself love notes; enter Tony

(Sebastian Sabir), a kind, romantic, handsome messenger boy. It is love at first sight for the duo, and Polly, pretending to be Madame Dubonnet's (Nina Ore) secretary, enjoys for the first time a romance of equals. Written by Sandy Wilson, the show is a popular spoof of 1920's theatrical performances. It is a light-hearted period romp, celebrating lovers new and reunited. It features high energy musical numbers, mistaken identities, plenty of '20s slang, a flirtatious crowd of boys and girls, mirth, mayhem and just maybe... a dash of love.

The *Boy Friend* marks a welcome return to Players' traditional end of year dinner theatre since 2019.

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Richmond School of Arts, West Market St, Richmond, on November 19 and 26 at 2pm and 7.30pm. Doors open at 1.30pm and 6.30pm respectively.

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Australian Pump Industries team were very happy to support local RFS "Get Ready Weekend" leading up to Summer. The company, who manufacture the world's best lightweight portable fire pump right here in the Hills district, were pleased to participate and support the RFS in educating homeowners in how to protect their properties in the event of a fire.

"We know there is a huge build up of fuel in the gullies and valleys around Hills district settlements.

Arcadia, Galston, Dural, not to mention the hamlets all the way up to Wisemans Ferry are in a very precarious position", said Aussie Pumps Brad Farrugia. The picture shows Brad and the RFS Rouse Hill team during a very informative session on selecting the right pump for the job and, buying the best equipment.

"Would you trust a third world pump to save your home, possessions or pets and livestock?" said Brad.

Aussie's new Bushfire Survival Guide is at the printers and is freely available to all! To get a copy, contact your local Aussie Pump dealer or visit aussiepumps.com.au





Matthew Bailey (Lynwood Country Club), Brett Kelly (Twenty20 Risk Navigators), Nicole King (RDA Tall Timbers), Bruce Manefield (Rapport Leadership)

BNI Golf Day

Riding for the Disabled Tall Timbers is one of 10 charities that are being supported by the BNI (business network) golf day at Lynwood Country Club, Pitt Town on December 2nd.

Visitors are welcome to attend the day which will not only be a great day of golf but also a day to network with businesses owners and support local charities providing a range of services in the community.

MC for the day Bruce Manefield urged people to register for either the golf day or the lunch saying proceeds would be supporting charities that "provide amazing support services to families in this region".

BNI Sydney North West set up a Charity Collective earlier this year to connect business.

Community with local not-for-profits. The charity Golf Day is its first event.

The Ambrose formatted golf day (shotgun) tees off between 7am and 8am. Cost for a team of 4 is \$800 which includes breakfast, two golf carts, and lunch. Single price is \$160 and if you don't want to play golf but want to support the event, lunch is \$80.

Executive Director BNI Sydney North West Rebecca Raad said it was a great way to support charities like StreetMed which provides street level first aid to the homeless and a food

“Your support means that our group of charities can extend our support services to even more people.”

service and Love For Australia which provides a free supermarket in Seven Hills for families needing help.

Nicole King from RDA Tall Timbers, expressed her appreciation for all the business owners that have already registered for the day. "Your support means that our group of charities can extend our support services to even more people"

RDA Tall Timbers has been running therapeutic equine based programs for children with disabilities for 50 years. So far this year, 195 Participants have accessed services across all programs _ averaging 100 per week. It costs \$1200 a year to run the program, there are also funds needed to feed the horses and maintain the facilities.

Other charities being supported by the event include Salvos Rouse Hill, Hills Relay For Life (cancer research and support programs), Positive Vibes Foundation (mental health initiatives), Freedom For Humanity (end modern slavery) and the Lisa Harnum Foundation (help for victims of domestic abuse).

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Woodward Action Sports Centre Heads To Hills

By BEV JORDAN

A world class indoor facility catering for skateboarding, BMX, scooter, snowboarding, skiing, aerial awareness, rock climbing and bouldering is heading to Castle Hill.

American company Woodward, a global leader in action sports experiences, has just announced it is expanding overseas to Australia and will be building its first international facility adjacent to Castle Towers.

It will feature a state-of-the-art design and offer a range of programs catering to all ages and ability levels from beginners to Olympians.

Developed with support from the NSW Government, Woodward Sydney will have purpose-built premises over three levels with a building footprint of 3,650m.

The NSW Government has provided \$1.8 million towards the project through a grant from the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund. The Development application is currently going through council.

Originally founded in 1970 in Pennsylvania, Woodward has grown to be the global leader in action sports progression with multiple destinations across the US. To date, 48 Olympic medals have been won by former Woodward athletes and guest pros as well as 125 medals in other professional contests.

Woodward President Chris "Gunny" Gunnarson said: "Woodward Sydney will be our most innovative concept to date – and a model for future Urban Centres."

Woodward Sydney will have a variety of zones including climbing and bouldering walls, a skatepark, pump track, mini ramps, mega ramp, foam pits, spring floor, trampolines and a gym. It will also have a café, bar and event space overlooking all the action.

David Russell, Managing Director of Woodward Australia said: "The project will deliver significant social and economic benefits to the area – providing a new space for active recreation and a hub for the local community, while attracting visitors from Greater Sydney, interstate and internationally."

Castle Hill MP Ray Williams said: "Ensuring our community has sporting infrastructure that meets its needs is a priority of mine," Mr Williams said. "Woodward Sydney will provide a purpose-built facility for a range of sports not currently catered for in the region. Not only that, this project will also stimulate the region's

economy through increased jobs and spending at local small businesses."

Matthew James, QIC Investment General Manager said the company was "building a transformative town centre" at Castle Towers. "The addition of Woodward's world-leading action sports facility speaks directly to that aspiration. The fact that Woodward has selected Castle Towers for their first destination outside of the US validates our long-term vision for the region and we couldn't be more thrilled to be partnering with them on this endeavour."

It is hoped Woodward Sydney will open at the end of 2024.

There will be casual access passes, memberships, individual classes, multi-week programs, school PE programs, school holiday camps, birthday parties, events and competitions. Experiences and programming will also focus on the increased participation and empowerment of females in action sports.

Tony Torvill honoured by Football NSW

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

Popular Hills local Tony Torvill has been awarded the prestigious 2022 Football NSW State Award, having been a huge part of Kenthurst & District Football Club's success over the years.

Tony joined the club in 2021 because his five-year-old son, Alexander wanted to play football here.

Since then, Tony and his wife Sue (the current president) have worn many hats at the club. He is the referee coordinator, gear steward (since 2007), manager of the AA ladies team and competition referee. Previously, Tony served as vice president for a total of 10 years, secretary and the North West Sydney Women's Soccer delegate.

The 64-year-old said the award was a big honour but something he never expected or wanted when he started volunteering. Tony and his family lived in Dural from 1996 to 2012 when they moved to Kenthurst.

"I like to work in the background to ensure smooth operations on game days," Tony said. "Most people would agree that playing at Kenthurst Park, which is in a beautiful rural setting is always a fun day. I look forward to continuing my association with the club to ensure its future growth in the district. One thing I have always said is that you never volunteer to receive awards, you do it because you and others believe you can contribute, hopefully for the better.

"Kenthurst and District Football Club is most definitely a community club, and while we are relatively small, we have very talented players, coaches and managers which all goes well for the future."

Tony also played for the over-35s from 2003-07, and is related to Olympian skating champion Jayne – one half of the famous ice skating team with Christopher Dean. They won gold at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo.

Tony was nominated for the State Award by his association in recognition for his tireless efforts and service to football in the community. Tony is now officially recognised by Football NSW for providing consistent and valuable service at any level – a grand tribute to a selfless bloke who spends hours making sure everything is ready to go at all the Kenthurst home matches and training.

He said over the past 20 years, he has fortunate to have met many people through the club from various walks of life, some of whom are still friends today.

"These relationships would not have eventuated if I had not become a volunteer," Tony said.



A true grass roots football champion, Tony Torvill.

In 2009, he was honoured by Gladesville Hornsby Football Association. This was very humbling, he said. He was given a Club Life Membership in 2012 and the Club's President's Award in 2013 for his contributions to KDFC and the association.

"I have certainly enjoyed my time at the club," Tony said. "What I find most gratifying is teaching and mentoring the instructing referees who referee Under 8 – Under 11 games to ensure that they are the best and continue in refereeing.

"I also enjoy the banter and camaraderie amongst the parents and players at training and game days."

THE LADY LOVED ROSES (AND OTHER PLANTS)

During the earliest days of this publication when it was named "Hills District & Toongabbie TV Guide & Entertainment Magazine", there were a few fellow columnists providing informative news and comments whom I fondly recall.

I have very fond memories of the late Ron Jones who wrote under the name of "Allegro" and Jennifer Touzel, daughter of the founder and publisher of the magazine who later also became the Editor. Another well known columnist at the magazine was the renown horticulturist, the late Valerie Swane from Swane's Nursery at Dural.

Valerie, at that time, was also Managing Director of Swane Bros. Nursery at Dural. And was a contributor to the magazine throughout the 1980s until her death in February 1993.

Valerie's articles on gardening were always very popular with our readers as the district was also known as "The Garden Shire" with numerous garden nurseries throughout the Greater Hills district. She also wrote columns for the "Sunday Telegraph" from 1981 and features for the "Australian Women's Weekly" from January 1989. As she became increasingly ill she was assisted by her sister, Elwyn, in 1992. She was also known for her radio programme on 2BL on which was broadcast each Sunday from 1985 until she became ill.

Valerie had wanted to be a history teacher but her father opposed this as a choice of career, and she attended a Secretarial College after which she had a brief stint of working at Penfolds Wines and also an aluminium company in London, before starting work for the family company. After marrying in 1966 she purchased a large block of land at Pennant Hills, built a house and established a beautiful garden. She then became a lecturer at the University of NSW and the first woman President of the NSW Branch of the Australian Nurserymen's Assocn in 1975. Her marriage was dissolved in 1976.

She was asked by the Sisters of Mercy to name a rose for Catherine McAuley, the founder of their order, which she did in November 1992 just two months prior to her death. Following her death, a perfumed, white, cream centred rose was named Valerie Swane in her honour.

The family company Swane Bros. began in 1919 at a site on the banks of the Parramatta River at Ermington where brothers Ted and Tim Swane grew fruit trees for sale to orchardists.

They hoped to sell the trees to large garden nurseries but the sales did not eventuate. It was decided that Ted would travel to Melbourne to meet with citrus buyers. The first buyer that he met was so impressed that a grower would actually come to see him he contacted other buyers and invited them to come and meet young Ted Swane. This then led to hundreds of thousands citrus trees being shipped from Swane Bros. to Victoria over the next thirty years and only ceased when the nurserymen at Swane's joined the Army in 1941.

The partnership of Ted and Tim ended when Tim decided to go into a new venture in the mining industry. Ted continued with the nursery business assisted by his wife Gwen. In 1945 Ted's son, Ben joined his father and was later followed by siblings Valerie, Geoff and Elwyn.

The 1960s saw the introduction of steam cleaning of soil but this method could not be fully exploited at the Ermington site due to lack of space so a move to larger land holdings at Dural was undertaken and there Geoff Swane set up a fruit and rose tree growing section. Three years after setting up the Dural operation the Ermington site was sold. A few years later, a further expansion of Swane Bros took place with the purchase of an even larger site of 130 acres at Narromine in Western NSW primarily used for the promulgation of roses.

Swane Bros Nursery is no longer owned by the Swane family after being sold in 2000.



Swane's Nursery Dural
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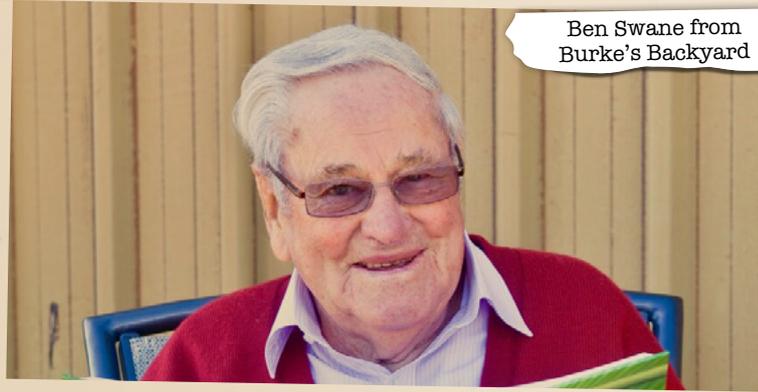
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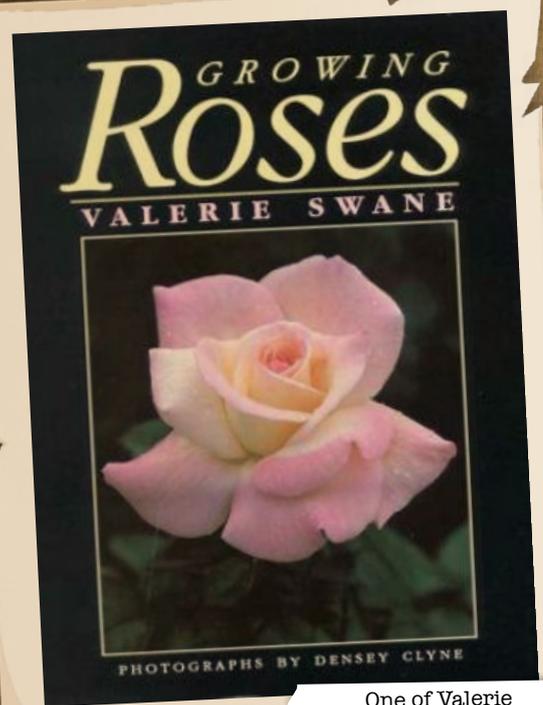
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Swane's Nursery Dural
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Support for Aspiring Early Childhood Educators

Aspiring early childhood educators are set to receive a financial boost as the NSW Government announces a new scholarship program.

Early childhood educators looking to complete a Certificate III or Diploma can now benefit from a \$23.5M investment by the NSW Government to deliver scholarships worth up to \$3,000 or \$5,000.

Our early childhood workforce is critical to delivering a quality early learning for our youngest learners and these scholarships will help attract and retain this important workforce.

The scholarship round is open now until the 15 January 2023. I encourage current and aspiring educators to explore the new dedicated Early Childhood Careers section of the Department of Education's website by visiting education.nsw.gov.au/EarlyChildhoodCareers.

Extra Assistance for Flood Impacted Producers and Landholders

An additional 2 new recovery officers have joined the Rural Recovery Support Service (RRSS) to help connect flood-impacted primary producers with assistance. These officers aid recipients in building connections with local community resources and support groups and work with partner organisations to provide information and workshops on recovery needs.

Access to support can be found via the Natural Disaster Assistance Guide, found on the Rural Recovery Support Service website.

Primary producers and rural landholders can access the RRSS by calling 0448 077 648, emailing flood.recovery@dpi.nsw.gov.au, visiting a Recovery Centre, or by viewing the Rural Recovery Support Service website.

Recovery officers can be found at Flood Recovery Centres, announced via Facebook every Friday, at the Department of Premier and Cabinet Grant Centres, via on-farm visits and at community pop-up shops.



2022 MITCHELL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

After the past two years with restrictions due to COVID-19 and having to find a new site to host the Forum, the 2022 Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum held on 13-15 October at the YMCA, Yarramundi was an incredible success.

Together with Tristan Smith, Chief Executive Officer, it was a privilege to host another 150 student leaders from across 16 schools at the 21st Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum.

The students who attended brought an immeasurable amount of energy, enthusiasm, and passion to the Forum. It was incredible to watch their growth throughout the forum and I can't wait

to follow their success back at their schools and within our wider community.

Students participated in team building activities, small group discussions, and a community service project at Aminya Village and McCall Gardens and listened to inspiring talks from Shane Fitzsimmons AO AFSM, Kylie Captain, Matt Caruana, Matt Kershaw and Barnaby Howarth.

I would like to thank our devoted volunteer team consisting of over 70 leaders and committee members who work tirelessly throughout the year and over the 2.5 days to support these students. Their passion and dedication in developing the next generation of leaders is nothing short of admirable and the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum would not be possible without them. These leaders are exceptional examples for the students and display the forum's values of service, integrity and courage throughout their daily lives.

We would like to thank our valued sponsors; our major sponsors, Nature's Sunshine Australia, Castle Towers, and sponsors; AMICUS, School Bytes, Redeemer Baptist School and The Hills Lodge for their continuing commitment to the future of our student leaders.

I would also like to thank Smiling Bakery, North West Growers, and Swift Consulting for their community support to the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum.

For further information on the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum visit www.mitchellylf.org.au

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Cumberland Bird Observers Club

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Peter | 0412 770 757 or Cathy 9809 5668

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CWA of NSW - Galston Branch

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Galston Health & Resource Centre, Cnr The Glade & 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston.

Nicci Chaney | 0411 058 852

CWA of NSW - Castle Hill Branch

Holds its monthly meeting every 2nd Tuesday at the CWA Hall, 2 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst (off Angus Road) from 10am. We also hold our Craft mornings for members on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10 to 12.

Maureen | 0411 724 925

CWA of NSW - Toongabbie Branch

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at Brigade House, 3 Junia Street, Toongabbie from 10.30am. We also have a social or craft day on the third Tuesday of the month.

ToongabbieCWA@gmail.com

Dural and District Prostate Cancer Support Group

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven.

Denis | 9629 2645 or Maurice | 9654 2138

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Hills Older Men's Network INC

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Ron | 0424 462 153

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National Seniors Australia (Hills Branch)

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Lorene | 0429 396594

Pennant Hills VIEW Club

Meets for lunch on the 2nd Tues of each month at Oatlands Golf Club at 11am. Meetings consist of a 2-course lunch followed by an interesting guest speaker. Visitors & new members are welcome. On the 4th Tues of the month a social outing is organised.

Margaret | 9873 2402

Pitt Town Probus Club

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

Denise Fairfax | 0435 447 414

Probus Club of Round Corner (Dural)

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Probus Club of the Hills Inc

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Ken | 02 96296459

Probus Club - Glenorie

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Wendy | 9653 1022

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Probus Club - Kellyville Castle Hill Mixed

Meets at 10am on 2nd Thursday of each month at Muirfield Golf Club, Barclay Rd North Rocks. New members welcome.

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Probus Combined Castle Hill Club

General meetings 3rd Tues of the month at 10am at Cherrybrook Community Centre.

Glenys | 0408 160743

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

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Susan | 0400 039 308

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Probus Club of Winston Hills - Northmead Combined

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

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0419 431 084.

Richmond/Windsor VIEW Club

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

02 9990 3514 | www.sleepoz.org.au

Soroptimist International The Hills

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month at Crestwood Community Centre Baulkham Hills 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Cathy | 0435 837 118

sithehills@siwp.org

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The Hills Shire Garden Club

Meets on 3rd Monday of the month at Barton Hall at 178 David Rd castle Hill at 1 pm. We have guest speakers, raffles, plant sales and bus trips to various gardens

New members are always welcome.

9624 5034

The Hills District Pipe Band

Practices at Stamford Hall, Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills every Wednesday night from 7pm-9pm. The band warmly welcomes new members and gig enquiries.

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Suzie Whitaker

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The Hills Trefoil Guild

Elaine | 0417 330 196

The Inner Wheel Club of Baulkham Hills

Meets at St. Joseph' Conference Centre on the 4th Monday of each month at 6.00pm (dinner optional) for meeting at 7.00pm.

Robyn | 9639 2742

The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees

Next meeting Friday 2nd December, 2022. at Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St, Beecroft at 10.30 for a 10.45 start. Members and Visitors will be asked to share their best Christmas Memories we will celebrate with a Christmas Lunch. Followed by Discussion Group meeting at 12.30pm - "Investment Diversification"

Mal Steel | airsdynehillsg@gmail.com

Thursday Ladies Tennis Competition in the Hills District

hillsladiestennis.org

Wanderers Bushwalking and Outdoor Club

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 pm at Crestwood Community Centre, Cnr Crestwood Drive and Conway St, Baulkham Hills.

Ted | 0429 790 091

www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers

Windsor RSL Fishing Club

Meets on the last Tues of the month at Windsor RSL club at 6.30pm. The club has been established for over 40 years and welcomes new members. It holds regular fishing outings including in land water and deep sea fishing.

Les Mison | 0421 821 1990.

Windsor Probus Club

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

Membership Officer Alan | 0407721461 or Secretary Ann | 0414298945

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GALSTON CWA NEWS

The Country Women's Association is the largest women's organisation in Australia. Funds raised support the welfare of women, children and communities.

At The Galston Club in October the Spring Fashion Parade was held. Thanks to Donna Lou Fashions, the members and friends who came along. Special thanks goes to staff at the club, the local businesses who donated Raffle Prizes and our Supermodels - Ann, Patricia and Robin.

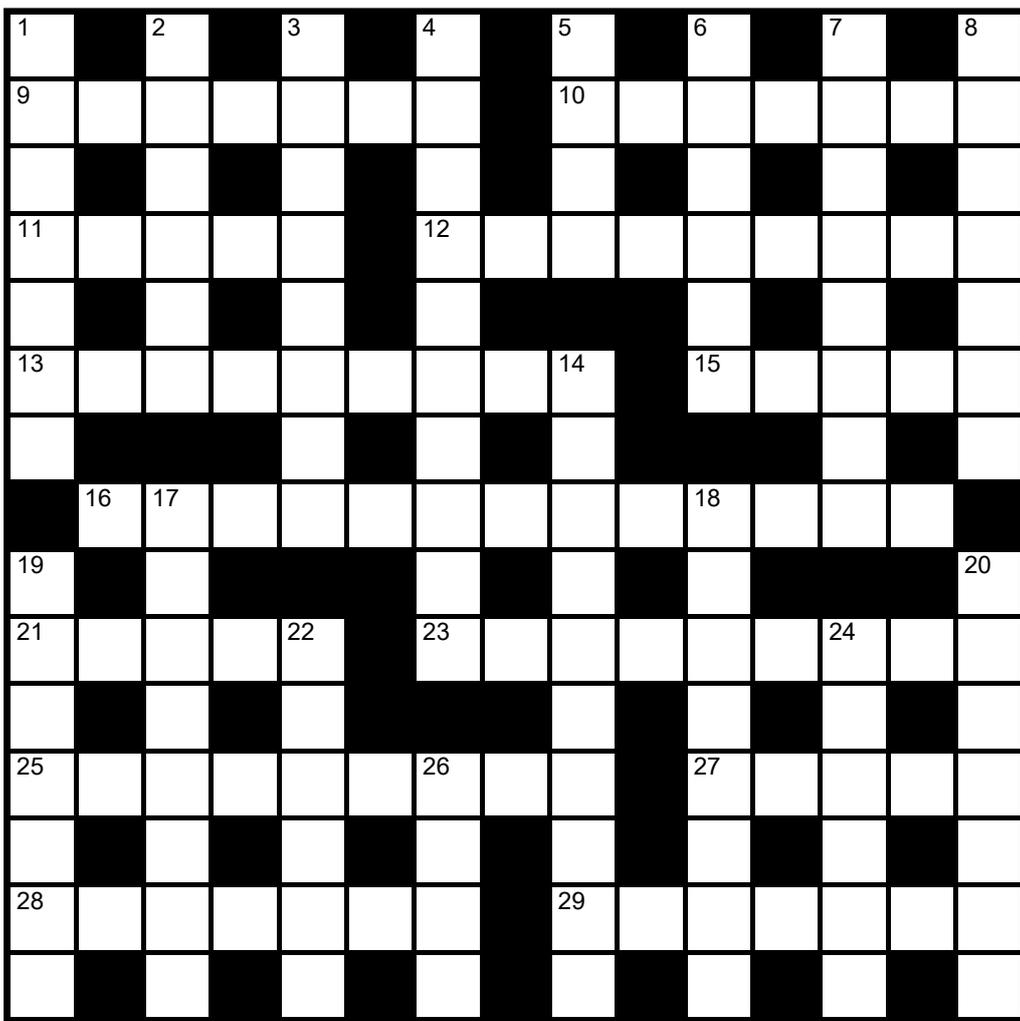
The Branch Cookery Judging was held recently and those who were awarded 1st or 2nd places will be judged in 2023 by CWA Nepean. Those winners will then enter the State judging in May 2023 in Bathurst.

Galston Community and Health Centre, meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10am for a cuppa, followed by our business meeting, or craft or special activities on the corner of The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston.

Our December meeting will be a special Christmas lunch to be held at the Vintage Pantry on Wednesday 14th December. We resume on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

We are always happy to receive yarn and fabrics for charity sewing and knitting. Visitors are very welcome to attend.

More details from Jann - 0439 222 217 or Patricia - 0412 948 787



Across

9. Small carnivorous marsupial of central Australia
10. Visceral
11. Have a little (3,2)
12. SUV-lite, perhaps?
13. Southern Tasmanian mountain (5,4)
15. Poe's "Nevermore" bird
16. South Australian site once used for rabbit disease research (7,6)
21. Pet pests
23. Practised
25. String puller
27. Clean kind of energy
28. Where Steven Bradbury would have practised (3,4)
29. Awkward nag wins sun shades

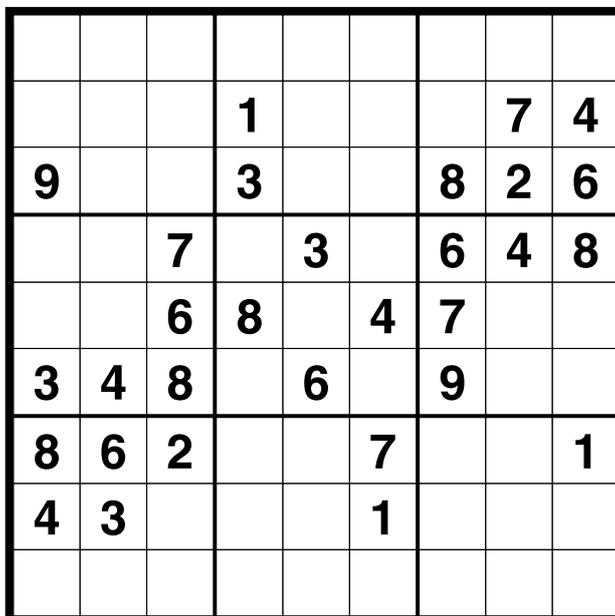
Down

1. Incomplete
2. Actor
3. Baby's state after leaving the font
4. Place for stained suits (3-7)
5. Oil lamp fuel
6. Spoilsport
7. Criminals' transport (5,3)
8. Tell the truth (2,5)
14. "The Voice" judge and country singer/songwriter (5,5)
17. Generally recognized
18. Alison is prepared for illicit affairs
19. Intervene s (5,2)
20. Formal speech
22. Furious
24. Bone immobilizer
26. The Royal Queensland Show

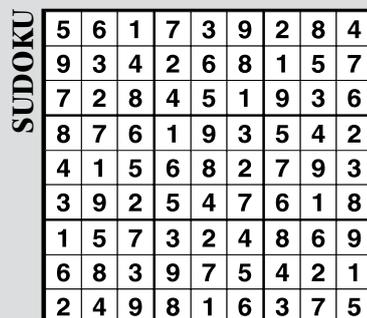
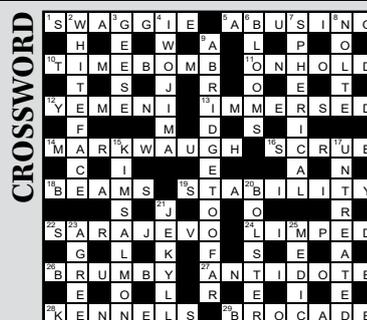
SUDOKU

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

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



Answers from last issue



WORD SEARCH

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- BRONZE JADE
- CHINA LACE
- CORAL LEATHER
- COTTON LINEN
- CRYSTAL PAPER
- DIAMOND PEARL
- EMERALD RUBY
- GOLD SILVER
- IRON STEEL
- IVORY WOOD

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ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

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CODE WORD

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

CODE WORD

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

20	12	5	17	26	9	18	14	26	1	17			
24		21		12		14		8		21		2	
14		8		11		20	3	19	21		5	20	12
19	26	14	22	21		13		3		16		8	
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	Z			H								R	

SUDOKU

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

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

SUDOKU

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