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All that Glitters is not Gold

BY MARK COUPAR

I was recently reading an article in one of the daily papers with the heading "All that Glitters is not Gold" which I found out was a quote from William Shakespeare in the Merchant of Venice.

The article was celebrating our Paris Olympic team and its Gold Medal achievements,

but it also recognized the achievement of picking up a silver or bronze medal and a personal best performance.

A highlight for me was Jessica Hull who had to take on the great Kenyan runner in the 1500m final. She picked up the silver medal, an incredible result and just as good as gold medal for me.



Whilst winning isn't everything, it is the time and dedication that goes into being successful and brings out the best in people, whether training for a personal best in sport, business or life!

Your own pot of gold may not be an Olympic medal but it is something that you dream to achieve.

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Hornsby Shire Council to detail concerns over Transport Oriented Development proposal in submission to NSW Government

Hornsby Shire Council this week endorsed a submission to the NSW Government highlighting several key "issues" with a proposed Transport Oriented Development (TOD) rezoning for the Hornsby Town Centre.

The submission comes in response to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI) exhibition of the proposed rezoning for the Hornsby "Accelerated Precinct", which is open for public comment until 23rd August 2024.

At a General Meeting on Wednesday 14th August, Council voted unanimously to proceed with a submission outlining that while the proposed rezoning is "broadly consistent" with Council's own adopted Hornsby Town Centre (HTC) Masterplan, it appears deficient in providing certainty that essential supporting infrastructure will be delivered for future residents, workers and visitors.

The submission will outline key areas of concern, recommending the NSW Government:

- Commit State Government funding to deliver improvements such as upgrades to the Hornsby transport interchange, road improvements and open space provision.
- Require that increases in height and density only be possible where properties are consolidated to support appropriate good design and provision of public benefits such as pedestrian links, parks, a new library and public parking.



- Commit to the delivery of employment opportunities on State Government lands.
- Support Council's strategy to deliver affordable housing by committing to the provision of at least 10% affordable housing on public land.

Hornsby Shire Council's General Manager Steven Head said he looks forward to meeting with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to emphasise Council's concerns.

"We're pleased that the proposed rezoning aligns well with the vision of our Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan. Our submission simply intends

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to highlight some of the issues that should be addressed to best suit Hornsby Shire and that may have been overlooked," said Mr Head.

"I am confident that we can have an open and productive conversation with DPHI to find the best possible outcomes for our community."

Also at the meeting, Council:

- Resolved motions to be submitted for consideration at the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference
- Adopted the 2024/25 to 2033/34 Long Term Financial Plan and resolved to write to submitters
- Endorsed a planning agreement to facilitate dedication of land to Council at David Road, Castle Hill
- Resolved to write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in response to a Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order in the areas of development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning
- Endorsed Hornsby Development Control Plan 2024 amendments for all electric buildings
- Resolved to exhibit the draft Hornsby Affordable Housing Strategy for a period of 28 days

The full agenda of the meeting, along with details of each item discussed, can be found at hornsby.nsw.gov.au

The video recording of the meeting will be available from Friday 16th August.



VOTING IS COMPULSORY

The Hills Shire and Hornsby Shire Local Government elections will be held on Saturday, 14th September 2024, 8AM - 6PM. Pre-poll and postal votes are available.

Read our Special Feature on the candidates for the NSW Local Government Elections. Starting on page 21 with the list of all candidates, pages 22 and 23 goes into more detail about the candidates. The following pages contain advertisements with more information.

Follow this link or QR code to the NSW Electoral Commission for more information:

https://elections.nsw. gov.au/elections/ localgovernmentelections/2024nsw-localgovernment-elections







Second Hand Market returns to Hornsby

After the overwhelming success of the inaugural Second Hand Hornsby Market earlier this year, Hornsby Shire Council is excited to bring back this popular event, one of its best ways to boost the local reuse economy, on Sunday, 29th September 2024.

The Second Hand Hornsby Market provides residents with an opportunity to declutter some of their pre-loved items in an environmentally conscious manner, offering others the opportunity to discover thrifty treasures.



The market is part of Council's Second Hand Hornsby initiative, which also includes an innovative service on Council's website allowing residents to advertise their garage sales, with advice on making them a success.

Council is encouraging locals to reduce the number of items sent to landfill by instead opting to give their unwanted items a new lease on life. Some of the items that are expected to be on offer at the Second Hand Hornsby Market include clothing, toys, books, sporting equipment and household items.

Residents booked out the 30 stalls in record time, and now Hornsby Shire Council's General Manager, Steven Head, can't wait to see the local community come along to the market to help keep preloved items in circulation and out of landfill.

"The Second Hand Market is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, find unique treasures, and support sustainable living," Steven said.

"By choosing to reuse, you're making a positive impact on the environment. At this market you will have fun while saving money, and who knows what great bargains you might discover?"

The Second Hand Hornsby Market will run from 9am-1pm in the car park on Coronation Street and in the Coronation StrEat space.

Second Hand Hornsby aligns with Council's *Waste Matters Strategy* and is part of several initiatives, including Clothing Swap events, to assist Council achieve its goal of diverting 80 per cent of community waste from landfill by 2030.

For more details on the Second Hand Hornsby Market, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/market



An open letter to our Educators

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Your value as early childhood educators extends beyond the classroom. I see you work closely with families, offering guidance

and support to ensure that learning continues at home and families are supported in any way they may need. I hope you know your impact is profound and lasting, shaping not only the children you teach but also the future of our society. How lucky we are to have you!!

To EVERY Fit Kidz Educator, thank for your dedication, care, and passion. You shape young minds, inspire curiosity, and provide a strong foundation for future learning. Your work often goes unnoticed by society but it's truly invaluable, please don't ever doubt that.

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With great appreciation, Mick & Mel Scaife

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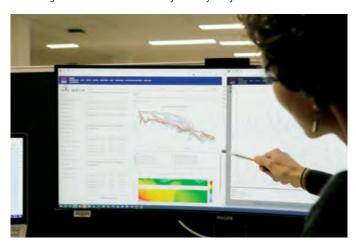


Hornsby Shire Council celebrates 20 years of scientific monitoring of the Hawkesbury River estuary

Hornsby Shire Council is this month celebrating 20 years of scientific monitoring of the Hawkesbury River estuary and the collection of an unprecedented data set for the Australian scientific community that will inform decision making for the public, researchers and all tiers of government.



In partnership with the NSW Government's Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, for the last two decades Council's program has collected data using a series of deployed monitoring stations which collect near real time observations of salinity, turbidity, water temperature and indicators of algal presence, which in turn informs recreational and commercial users of the river as well as relevant authorities including the NSW Food Authority and Sydney Water.





Council's Catchments Coordinator Dr Ana Rubio noted the significance of the program's dataset in its ability to inform future policymaking as well as enhancing scientific understanding of estuarine processes.

"What we have now is a very high-resolution data set and with information comes knowledge — we now have an unprecedented understanding of the needs for protection of the estuary and the confidence required to make decisions based off of this abundance of data," said Dr Rubio.

"Manly Hydraulics Laboratory's support to us in developing and deploying real-time monitoring technology has allowed us to essentially revolutionise the way in which estuaries are managed. We're very proud that the success of our collaboration with MHL has effectively set a new state and national benchmark for this sort of monitoring," Dr Rubio added.

Central to the program is the monitoring of chlorophyll-a in the Hawkesbury River—a key indicator for the presence of potentially toxic algae blooms. Access to this data remotely and in real time allows Councils to make swift and informed decisions about public health and commercial use of the waterway and planned future innovations will see the integration of Artificial Intelligence, enabling enhanced predictions for both swimming conditions and alerts for the onset of an impending algal bloom.

Learn more about the issues facing the Hawkesbury River, Council's management of the estuary and the Hawkesbury River System Coastal Management Program at: https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/estuary

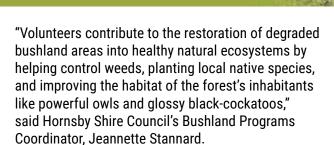
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Become a Bushcare Volunteer

in the Hornsby Shire



"There are 12 Bushcare groups, working in Blue Gum High Forest, that residents can join, with each group guided by one of our specialist Bushcare trainers."

The groups operate in Beecroft, Cherrybrook, Hornsby, Normanhurst, Wahroonga and West Pennant Hills.

One of Hornsby Shire's natural gems, Blue Gum High Forest, is critically endangered, with less than 5% of the forest remaining. To help protect this vital ecosystem, Hornsby Shire Council has released a compelling #SayHighForest video, encouraging the community to visit, love and protect Blue Gum High Forest before it's too late.

The forest's survival heavily depends on Hornsby Shire and its residents, as Blue Gum High Forest has specific soil and rainfall requirements that limit where it can grow. One of the best ways to protect the forest is by becoming a Bushcare volunteer. Volunteering is a fantastic way to help restore and learn about Blue Gum High Forest, while enjoying nature and connecting with like-minded people.

Marie Kobler, featured in the #SayHighForest video, has been volunteering at her local Bushcare site for about

20 years. Passionate about the natural environment, she finds great joy in her work.

"It is incredibly rewarding and satisfying to work on a site and see native plants flourishing where weeds once dominated," said Marie.

Bushcare volunteer Marie Kobler

While volunteering is fulfilling, we understand that not everyone can become a Bushcare volunteer, and there are other simple ways to help protect the forest:

- Attend a community planting event
- Don't dump materials, including green waste, in the forest
- · Keep your cat indoors, especially at night
- Keep your dog on a lead and stick to managed tracks and trails
- Avoid using second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SCARs) mouse and rat poison
- Report fox sightings to FoxScan
- Participate in iNaturalist citizen science by capturing photos of the biodiversity you encounter in the forest
- Don't remove dead wood from the forest as it is an important part of the forest ecosystem and provides habitat.

The #SayHighForest video is supported by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust, to demonstrate the threats to the forest and how it can be protected for future generations.

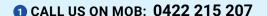
Discover how to become a Bushcare volunteer, and learn more about other ways to visit, love and protect Blue Gum High Forest: Hornsby.nsw.gov.au/SayHighForest



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Becoming the trend now, parents are helping their young adult children, financially and in other ways, to save for their deposit. Don't forget other expenses which can add up, such as stamp duty and legals.

A first home savings plan, between the young person and their parents, is a great way to achieve that dream of housing affordability. Planning and achieving that first home purchase goal can be assisted by choosing the right mortgage broker.

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As of July 2023, the stamp duty concessions for first home buyers, full exemption of stamp duty up to \$800,000.

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Beecroft Village Green transformed with play, exercise and recreational facilities for all ages

Excitement was in the air at the official unveiling of new upgrades at Beecroft Village Green on Sunday, 4th August when the community came together to celebrate the new facilities.

Designed as a community open space with opportunities for play, exercise, recreation and social gatherings, Beecroft Village Green also includes much welcomed activity opportunities for older children and teens.

There is a new basketball half court, and new playground equipment which includes nature play with balance beams, swings, a hammock, adventure play equipment for older children, and toddler play equipment.

New outdoor exercise equipment was delivered with support from the NSW Government through a Community Building partnership grant, which, combined with new BBQ facilities, accessible toilets, and a picnic and recreation area, has turned Beecroft Village Green into a place the whole family can enjoy.





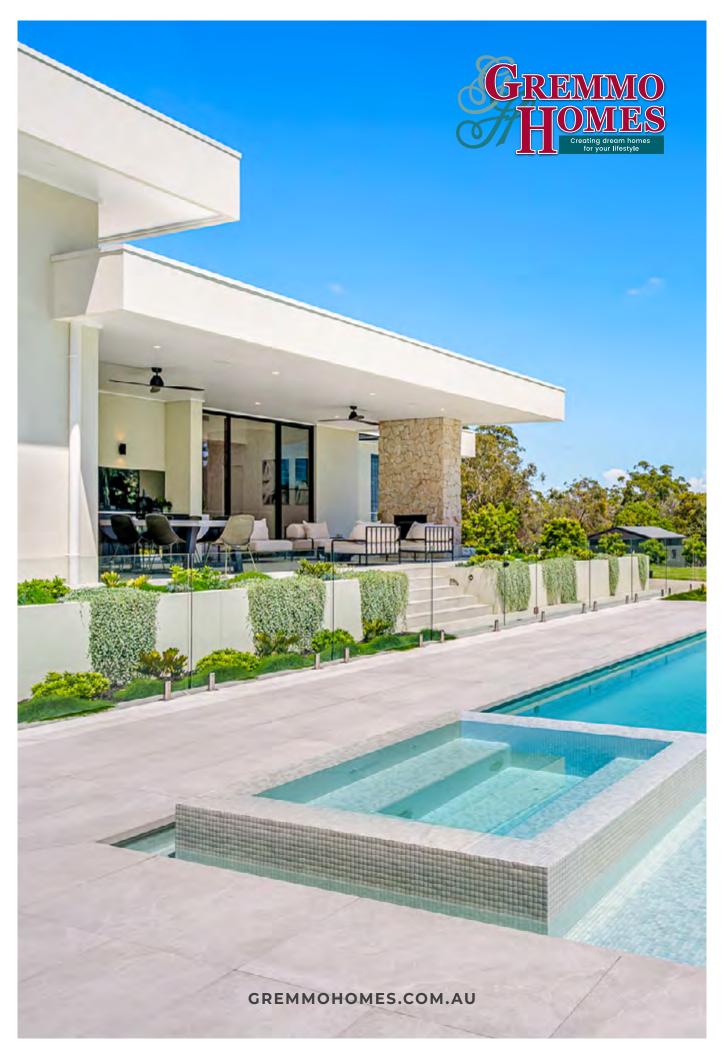


"Beecroft Village Green is of local heritage significance, dating back to 1886 when it was marked 'reserve' on a map," said Hornsby Shire Council's General Manager, Steven Head.

"We are so proud to provide this upgraded facility for the community so it can continue to be a cherished space for recreation and spending time together for another 100 years."

Over 135 local people were involved in community consultation in 2022, expressing their desire to see the site develop as a community open space with opportunities for play, exercise, recreation and social gatherings. The information received from the community was used to develop the vision and Master Plan for the park and the result is a fantastic new space for the community to gather.

To learn more about Beecroft Village Green, visit: https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/works/ park-playspace-projects/beecroft-village-green



West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Lions Club helps save lives

BY LION GEOFF IRVINE

Celebrating 60 Years!

Since its formation in 1964 the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Lions Club has raised over \$2 million to support our community. The Inala School has been supported since day one. Over \$260,000 has been raised for child cancer patients. Our members helped the Red Cross Blood Bank for 47 years. Lions built motel-style accommodation at Hornsby Hospital in the early 1980s to assist country parents to stay on-site during their children's treatments. Known as 'Lions Lodge' it is still an important facility today.

Councillor Donald Moore was the founding Father and the Charter President of West Pennant Hills Lions club and also a Councillor on the Baulkham Hills Shire Council for 22 years. His community interest and work spanned over 40 years and today's Hills communities are still benefiting from his tireless energies and initiatives.

To commemorate the Club's milestone 60th anniversary this year, we are focusing on important projects that help save lives such





as supporting important child cancer research at the Westmead Children's Hospital's world-class laboratory, helping to assist domestic violence victims through the Lisa Harnum Foundation at Castle Hill, and installing some defibrillators in the Club's local area.

The photo depicts our President, Philip Watson and Secretary, Brian Daniels donating a defib unit to the West Pennant Hills Sports Club for placement in their Tennis Centre on New Line Road. The Sports Club's Operation Manager, Dan Connell, expressed his appreciation to the Lions Club.

The Club's members are still very active in supporting local youth through the Youth of The Year National Quest, continuous for the past 52 years, School Citizenship awards and recognition of young students in many fields of endeavour. West Pennant Hills Lions have run hundreds of appeals for fires, floods, cyclones and other disasters both in Australia and internationally.

Today, the Club's members continue to uphold and build upon the objects and faithful ambitions of its founders 60 years ago. Lions International continues to be the largest service organisation in the world and our members are proud volunteers who have a passion to aspire to The Lions motto "We Serve."

For more information about Lions, please contact Lion President Phil Watson phillip.watson@wphclionsclub.org.au

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Dural Scouts Earn Training Awards

This month the Dural Scout Group is pleased to advise that one of their Venturers has received two Nationally Recognised Qualifications through Scouts Australia, as their Registered Training Organisation. Alexis Taylor has been awarded a Certificate II in Workplace Skills and a Certificate II in Active Volunteering.

Qualifications through Scouting are issued at no cost to members and there are a whole host of qualifications that both youth members and adult members can attain. We currently have one Venturer, Alex Edwards, working towards his Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation and others also following Alexis' example and undertaking their Certificate II in Workplace Skills. For those more creative types, a Certificate II in Creative Industries might be more their style.

The exciting news is that youth members need not limit themselves to Certificate II level qualifications, but they can then work towards Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma level qualifications across both these areas as well as qualifications in Leadership, Project Management and Program Management. Scouting offers the youth of tomorrow a strong set of life skills from problem solving, teamwork and management skills through to first aid, adventurous activities and WHS skills.



Why not support your child to try out Scouting today? Dural Scout Group has vacancies for Girls and Boys from 5 to 25 years. Joeys (5yo), Cubs (8yo), Scouts (12yo) and Venturers (16yo).

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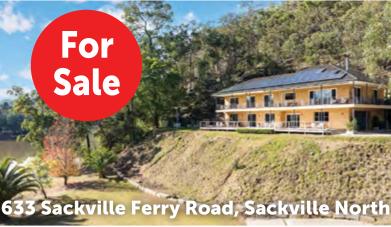


















Why early spring could be the optimum time to go to market

The spring property market is here and expected to bring an influx of listings as vendors look to capitalise on buoyant price growth and strong buyer demand.

Kate Lumby, principal of Lumby Real Estate, expects a bustling season ahead, with both sellers and buyers eager to close deals before year-end. Spring has long been a favoured time to sell, thanks to blooming gardens and milder weather.

As an auction specialist, Ms Lumby sees numerous benefits in selling property under the hammer during spring.

"It is the best way to achieve a premium price as you have buyers competing for the property, there is a sense of urgency because it happens within a set time frame," she said.

"Whereas with private treaty sales if the price achieved is well over the market, the valuation can fall short and the sale can fall over. Emotion also plays a part because people develop a strong personal connection and this can drive the bidding and sale price."

Ms Lumby advises sellers to consider entering the market earlier in spring, as listings in the area remain limited. Lifestyle estates and properties that can accommodate more than one family, in particular, remain popular for house hunters in The Hills.

"There are a lot of buyers looking for space, they want to be out of the congestion and this is one of the biggest attractions to living in this part of Sydney," Ms Lumby said.

"The opening of the extended Metro line is also driving enquiries as it offers families the best of both worlds. They can buy acreage but still be within a short drive of direct city access." If you are looking to get a first move advantage Kate is listing selected properties to bring to market for early spring. To be part of this exclusive offering contact Kate Lumby of Lumby Real Estate on 0414 620 222. "Kate gets top results"



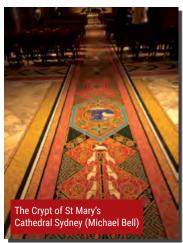


Dural and District Historical Society Inc News from History Cottage

The audience, of nearly 150 attending the August, June Roughley Memorial Lecture, broke all records. Dr Grace Karskens' research of the history of Dyarubbin, Hawkesbury River, entertained, enthralled and generated much discussion over afternoon tea. Her explanations of the life and conditions of the early convict farmers gave a different story to that so generally held. Our lack of education and our tendency to apply our present values, to life of two hundred years ago, mean we draw the wrong conclusions.



The guest speaker for the 14th September meeting will be the daughter-in-law of Galliano Melocco and wife of the late Graham Melocco. Pamela has been researching the Melocco Bros contribution to the Australian built landscape and in particular, Galliano's contribution to the Melocco Bros legacy. Evidence of their work is seen Sydney landmarks such as The Crypt and The Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral, the Sunken Fountain and the ANZAC



Memorial in Hyde Park, the State Theatre and many other well known Sydney and Canberra buildings.

This talk is an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge that will enhance a visit to Sydney, Goulburn, Canberra and many country towns with Art Deco buildings.

The next meeting will be on Saturday the 12th September in the Galston Uniting Church School Road Galston, starting at 2.00pm. Entry is free. Afternoon tea is available for a gold coin. Booking is not necessary but indications are that early arrival might get the visitor a better seat.

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Message from the **General Manager**

As we head into spring, it's great to see some warmer weather. While spring is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beauty of our Shire in bloom, it's also a good opportunity for us to start preparing for bush fires and other emergencies.

I encourage you to complete an emergency plan on the Red Cross Get Prepared app. It's a free, easy-to-use tool to help you prepare for any type of emergency. You can use it to establish a quick and easy network of support with three key contacts, review the risks relevant to where you live and create checklists. Watch a video and discover more at

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies.

The NSW Local Government elections are on Saturday 14 September.
Enrolling and voting is compulsory if you are 18 years and over so, please remember to check if your enrolment is up to date.

To vote in person on election day, visit a polling place between 8am and 6pm on Saturday, 14 September. If you are unable to vote in person on election day, you can vote early in person at a pre-poll location. You can also vote by post, if eligible. If you are blind or have low vision, you can vote by telephone.

To find out more about how and where to vote at the 2024 NSW Local Government elections, go to the NSW Electoral Commission's website at elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor and Councillors for their service to Hornsby Shire during this term of Council and acknowledge their time, dedication and significant contribution to the community.

Steven Head

General Manager, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



WASTE WORKSHOPS

Creating a balcony garden

Tuesday 10 September, 10am-12pm Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

Chipping for Mulch

Sunday 15 September, 7.30am-12.30pm The Old Dog Pound, 8 Warrigal Drive (RFS), Westleigh

Kimbriki Eco House and Garden Tour

Thursday 19 September, 9am-2pm Departing Hornsby Park bus stop

Clothes Mending

Tuesday 24 September, 10.30am-12pm Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

Compost and Worm Farm Workshop Saturday 28 September, 9.30am-2.30pm Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

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This week's weather forecast: Sunny with a chance of money

Free solar webinars - hornsby.nsw.gov.au/solar



Sunday 29 September, 9am-1pm

Coronation StrEat, Hornsby Over 30 second-hand stalls

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Heritage and Housekeeping Planning Proposal Submissions close: Monday 23 September

Affordable Housing Strategy

Submissions close: Monday 23 September

Small Dog Park – Greenway Park, Cherrybrook

Comments close: Tuesday 29 October

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'GET READY' WISEMANS FERRY

Sunday 29 September, 10am-3pm

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WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES

Saturday, 14th September 2024

The Hills Shire Candidates displayed in ballot paper order

Positions	Name	Affiliation
Mayor	Mila KASBY Michelle BYRNE Immanuel SELVARAJ	Greens Liberal Labor
Central Ward, Group A	Reena JETHI, Jerome COX,	Liberal
Central Ward, Group B	Manjula VISWANATH Tina CARTWRIGHT, Gurdip SINGH, Cheung CHAI	Labor
Central Ward, Group C	Danielle PACKER, Samuel HUGHES, Seved HOSSEINIPOUR	Greens
Central Ward, Ungrouped	Raymond BROWN	Independent
East Ward, Group A	Evgeniya GREVTSEVA, Andrew PUNCH,	Labor
East Ward, Group B	Senthil SUNDARARAJAN Suzannah MCDONALD, Catherine WOOLNOUGH. Tian WONG SEE	Greens
East Ward, Group C	Samuel UNO, Alan HASELDEN, Leo WEI	Liberal
North Ward, Group A	Dilvan BIRCAN, Bassam SHEIKH, Kaitlyn FARQUHAR	Labor
North Ward, Group B	Mila KASBY, Vida SHAHAMAT, Rebecca OLIVEIRA	Greens
North Ward, Group C	Mitchell BLUE, Jacob JACKSON, Brooke COLLINS	Liberal
West Ward, Group A	Immanuel SELVARAJ, Sook LEE, Lachlan NEWLAND	Labor
West Ward, Group B	Frank DE MASI, Rosemarie BONEHAM, Trent RICHMOND	Liberal
West Ward, Ungrouped	Seema RAGHAV	Independent

Hornsby Shire Candidates displayed in ballot paper order

Positions	Name	Affiliation
Mayor	Warren WADDELL Janelle MCINTOSH Nathan TILBURY Roger WOODWARD Tania SALITRA	Liberal Labor Independent Independent Greens
Ward A, Group A Ward A, Group B	Warren WADDELL, Jane SEAGLOVE Olivia SIMONS, Peter DICKSON, David FIELD	Liberal Greens
Ward A, Group C	Nathan TILBURY, Kathryn FRIEND, Kristie CHAMBERS	Independent
Ward A, Ungrouped	Benjamin GOODE	Labor
Ward B, Group A	Janelle MCINTOSH, Lilith SMART, Rory MCCLELLAND	Labor
Ward B, Group B	Sallianne MCCLELLAND, Geoffrey KNOWLES, Grahame BATEMAN	Liberal
Ward B, Group C	Monika BALL, Matthew TING, Dana HATLEY	Greens
Ward B, Group D	Thomas SELLERS, Nathan CALDER, Millicent SCOTT	Independent
Ward B, Ungrouped	Ilan WEIHART	Independent
Ward C, Group A	Matthew CONLEY, Barbara TAYLOR, Andrew MACDONALD	Labor
Ward C, Group B	Tania SALITRA, Ana WARNECKE, Robyn WHEATLEY	Greens
Ward C, Group C	Verity GREENWOOD, Benjamin MCSWEENEY, Samyuta PILLAMARRI	Liberal
Ward C, Group D	Benjamin CASWELL, Elizabeth CARDELLI, James ROWLAND	Independent
Ward C, Ungrouped	Harrison CHUDLEIGH	Independent





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HILLS MAYORAL CANDIDATES



Councillor Dr Mila Kasby Mayoral Candidate and candidate for North Ward (Greens)

I've enjoyed working hard this term as your first Greens councillor in the Hills.

Our community deserves to be heard. We should all have a say in shaping the place

we call home and it has been a privilege to stand up for this. I'm a veterinarian and small business owner, Mum, volunteer bushfire fighter, lifelong resident of Kenthurst - and I love being part of this wonderful community.

North Ward is vast and the issues vary dramatically between the rural north and the suburban south. River communities have suffered repeatedly from damaging floods while others are still waiting for infrastructure and are choked with traffic congestion. We need Councillors with integrity, who will protect the quality of life we have in the Hills, act on climate, value nature, support affordable housing where it makes sense and properly resource communities. I've stood for greater transparency, protection of green space, affordable childcare and housing, but have been opposed by a majority who doesn't understand.

A balanced, inclusive Council that welcomes community input is better for everyone. We can't expect different results if we keep electing the same people - but if you want it, you need to vote for it.



Dr Michelle Byrne Liberal Mayoral candidate for Hills Shire

I Served on Hills Shire Council between 2008 - 2021, including 7 years as Mayor. I am a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. I am actively involved with many local community and service organisations and charitable causes and serve on a number or not-for-profit boards and committees.



Immanuel Selvaraj Labor Mayoral candidate for Hills Shire

I am qualified with an MBA, and am a small business owner and member of the greater Cumberland chamber.

HORNSBY MAYORAL CANDIDATES



Warren Waddell Liberal Candidate for Hornsby Shire Mayor and Hornsby Council Ward A

As a fifth-generation resident of Hornsby and a proud second-term Shire Councillor, I have a deep-rooted connection to our community.

Growing up in Galston, attending Macquarie University, and managing my family's historic orchard have all shaped my commitment to our Shire

I have owned and operated small businesses in Hornsby Shire for most of my working life, including the ongoing management of my family's historical orchard in Galston. I have a keen understanding of the diversity of

both the people and the landscape within Hornsby Shire. Especially when new Australians began making their way into our rural areas to create a new beginning.

I celebrate our urban corridor and the accommodation that it provides to our residents. I equally celebrate the peri-urban area of the Shire and the accommodation and occupations that it provides.

My experience with local organizations such as the Hornsby Kuring Gai Women's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity has reinforced my dedication to creating a safe and thriving environment for everyone in Hornsby.

I am guided by core Liberal principles and a fair go for all.



Janelle Mcintosh Labor Candidate for Hornsby Shire Mayor

I am running to be your next Mayor of our beautiful Shire – to provide the change we all

need to deliver the best for all our residents.

I am passionate about community involvement – and about delivering the best solutions for all.

I've worked collaboratively throughout my three terms on Council to deliver a range of initiatives in the areas of sustainability, affordable housing, heritage, infrastructure planning including playgrounds and public domain works, support for local businesses, the arts and cultural groups along with actions to support seniors and people with a disability.

My key priorities for the future are what you've told me is needed for our area – balancing sustainable, well-located development with the need for housing choice and affordability for families; protecting our environment and providing services and facilities for our whole community. You've told me you want precious community spaces protected and a Council that responds to community needs.

Our new Council will be a chance to re-focus Council where it should be: on our community.

I was born and raised here in Hornsby Shire and I'm delighted to be raising my own family here. Alongside this I'm an active participant and volunteer in community and school organisations.

Hornsby Council needs Councillors with the experience to listen and act for our community. I have a track record of delivering meaningful solutions to the challenges we face and I need your vote on September 14th to deliver the change that Hornsby needs.

Nathan Tilbury For Mayor and A Ward Councillor

For over a decade Nathan
Tilbury has served the Hornsby community
with integrity and distinction. The results he
has achieved and delivered for the community
has demonstrated that when you listen,
work hard and dedicate yourself to getting
it right, everyone benefits.

"it's the community and not vested interests, that should dictate our shire's future. From the footpath in front of your house to major infrastructure projects like Hornsby Park or to the natural environment that makes our Bushland Shire so special, the community has a right to demand their interests are Council's first priority," Mr Tilbury said.

Born and raised in Hornsby, Nathan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the

job. His first order of business will be putting the people of Hornsby first and ensuring the community's interest is the driving force of local government.

"Hornsby Shire is the best place in the country to live and to raise a family. The ratepayers deserve access to the best facilities and amenities Council can provide. As Mayor I will ensure we build a shire every resident can be proud of," Mr Tilbury said.

Joined by Kate Friend and Kristie Chambers as A ward councillors, his full A Ward team are passionate about local government. It's about the street you live in, it's about the local parks, playgrounds and community centres.

Ultimately it's about you and the community you live in.

This election, put local government first and vote 1 Nathan Tilbury.

Roger Woodward

Independent Mayoral candidate for Hornsby Shire

My occupation is professional, and I am a volunteer firefighter. Other experience includes: Royal commission into the reconstruction of Hornsby hospital; Performance audit by the New South Wales auditor general of income and expenditure by Hornsby Council; and an independent inquiry into allegations of dumping within Ward A of Hornsby Council.



CIr Tania Salitra Hornsby shire Council Mayoral and Ward C Greens Candidate

My despair at over-development throughout Sydney led me to run for council; where I've had the privilege to stand with residents fighting to save their much-loved park at Galston from becoming an industrial

estate, and voted against further sub-division of the rural lands. Your three Greens are the only councillors to vote no to over-development, this term.

With my record of listening and acting, I have also stood up for river residents to achieve fairer parking conditions and supported residents facing disastrous developments next door.

My achievements on council include Hornsby's first multicultural festival, affordable housing dedicated to council in perpetuity, increased affordable housing targets, moving towards banning gas, fairer car parking for residents and our first native orchard for wildlife carers to harvest food. Over the term.

I've pushed for many improvements, including more sustainable building design, diversity in council committees, and protection for wildlife from cats and development.

There is still so much to do: protecting our waterways and bushland, defending rural and agricultural land from developers, increasing affordable housing, youth facilities for teens, more footpaths and cycleways, beautifying town centres, art and culture facilities, and celebrating our diversity with inclusive events.

Hornsby, you deserve strong leadership with an agile mindset and courage to stand up to property developers; leadership with critical and innovative thinking to resolve key issues, and a bold vision for a brighter future for everyone.

Vote 1 Greens on 14th September.

Please contact me on: 0435 434 233 or tania@taniasalitra.com FB: @taniasalitrahornsby



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Olivia Simons

Hornsby shire Council Ward A Greens Candidate

Living by the Hawkesbury River, I am in awe of the majestic beauty and cultural significance of Hornsby's environment.

As a former horse and pony club enthusiast, I cherish the rural and agricultural areas of our Shire. Providing much needed green space and a tranquil lifestyle, these lands must be preserved for future generations to enjoy. My goal is to care for country, as those before us have.

Development in the Bushland Shire must be appropriate and well-placed to infrastructure and essential services. It must meet our community needs for affordable housing and enhanced open spaces for recreation.

I believe community-led initiatives such as resident associations, cultural organisations, land care groups, and community gardens are the back

bone of our Shire. They build social connections, strengthen our neighbourhoods and deserve strong support from Council.

With the cost-of-living crisis hitting hard, families need more help with flexible before and after school care, and vacation care. I will advocate for safe footpaths & cycleways, recreational spaces for all abilities and facilities for older children.

My background in senior management in Information Technology, gives me a deep understanding of the need for due diligence and evidence-based decision making. I am committed to ensuring Council operations are well-planned and governed; and understand the importance of all levels of government working together to address issues with roads, transport and utilities.

As a councillor, I will listen to you and advocate for you and your community.

Please reach out to me on 0490 349 860 or olivia.simons.hornsby@gmail.com FB: @OliviaSimonsHornsby



Sallianne McClelland

Hornsby Shire Council Ward B Liberal Candidate

Since joining the Council in 2021, my vision has been to support the development and growth of our Bushland Shire.

I've represented the community on the Arts and Culture Committee, PCYC Committee and the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC), and collaborated with groups like Northern Districts Cricket Club, Westleigh Waterboard Alliance, Women's Shed and Hornsby Lions.

I've championed community initiatives like World Pride, park rejuvenations, new Pickleball courts, and Wallarobba revitalization, while addressing individual concerns such as traffic and tree issues, DA compliance, signage, street lights, food scarcity and homelessness.

Our delivery program must include a dedicated performance space and address the growing need for housing. I'll advocate for State Government to deliver 10% affordable housing on their lands and fund essential infrastructure, including a Hornsby-based Co-Ed High School. I'll continue to support our unique community, local businesses, and strive to protect our bushland and area history.



Clr Monika Ball

Hornsby shire Ward B Greens Candidate

Throughout my first term, I most often heard concerns about tree loss, negative impacts of private certified developments,

and poorly placed (but state-approved) childcare centres.

In this time, I've stood up to vested interests, advocated for environmental protections, opposed inappropriate development, increased affordable housing targets and pushed to improve sustainable development.

If re-elected in September, I will advocate for more affordable housing and adaptable housing for the varying degrees of ability in our growing community. Housing is a human need and our nursers, teachers, and critical workers need

to live close to where they work. Families want to reside near each other and mature residents need to be able to downsize locally.

My priorities will be a focus on policy that promotes health and wellbeing, including walking & cycling, and spaces where people can gather under the shade of trees. This ultimately builds strong and resilient communities.

It's more important than ever that we put nature first to ensure we improve our environmental sustainability and urban development practices. In a warming climate, we need more trees in public spaces to protect us from heat waves, and bus stops need seating and shelter from the elements.

You can contact me at mball.hornsby@gmail.com FB: @MonikaBallGreensHornsby



Dr Verity Greenwood

Hornsby Shire Council Ward C Liberal Candidate

With a strong focus on community resilience and wellbeing, I am standing again as an endorsed Liberal candidate for Hornsby

Ward C in the upcoming council election. I moved to this region 39 years ago and it was the perfect place to raise my family. I appreciate our local businesses, environment, amenities and importantly, the community within it.

Formerly a NSW Police Detective Sergeant, I am a legal academic and small business owner. My PhD research in community health and resilience and

previous career as health geographer/resource and environmental manager in Hornsby Shire, underpins my deep interest, engagement and active participation with our community and organisations.

Previous volunteer roles include Fagan Park Eco-Garden Committee, Galston Open Gardens Convener and environmental projects. I am Chairperson, RFPA (Hornsby) and a volunteer Councillor on the Hornsby Dementia Alliance, Arts and Culture, Heritage and Conservation and Local Traffic committees.

To reduce the impact of State housing policy changes, I will strongly support initiatives to deliver environmental, economic and community benefits to ensure our local Ward C community thrives as a resilient and sustainable community.



Benjamin Caswell

Hornsby Shire Council Ward C Independent Candidate

I'm standing as your true independent community voice in Ward C for the upcoming local council elections. Ward C deserves

hardworking representatives to fight for items for the community. It is telling that the forward budget for Hornsby Shire Council has almost no Ward C projects! How can this be possible? Ward C residents deserve answers.

My recent experience of being treasurer of a local community group for 2 years aids me in understanding the importance of strong fiscal management. I've also been a part of committee with various other groups that has helped

projects come to fruition. I believe this important experience will assist me in my role as councillor. Being an independent also ensure you know that I am putting you first and no party politics. It is telling to see that recent council meetings have had more motions voted along party lines. Each motion should have your best interests at heart and not a party!

I am looking forward to working with all in our diverse community to foster open and respectful relationships that promote the best solutions at council. I would be honoured if you consider to vote for me as your representative to council in Ward C.

Please reach out to me on 0401-542-328.



Mitchell Blue Liberal candidate for The Hills Shire Council North Ward

Mitchell Blue is a current Councillor for The Hills, North Ward and is nominated by the Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division. He is a resident of Glenhaven and is not a property developer.



Dilvan Bircan
Labor candidate
for The Hills Shire
Council North Ward

Dilvan Bircan has been nominated by the Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch), is a resident of North Kellyville and is not a property developer.

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https://elections.nsw.gov.au/ elections/localgovernmentelections/2024-nsw-localgovernment-elections





BENJAMIN CASWELL

COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT

LEAD CANDIDATE GROUP D WARD C HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

Standing as your independent choice for Ward C. Representatives to council should be above party politics and represent the community interests. I have a passion to serve my community as I have been for several years from the clubs I volunteer for and through my church.

- Ensuring appropriate development across the Shire This includes fighting for facilities of Cherrybrook Library at the State owned land near the metro station.
- Protecting greenspace for community and future use.
- Fighting for current items budgeted to be completed next council term. This includes the upgrade of Edwards Bennett Oval.
- Provide better lighting and coverage of community facilities to be used in all weather situations. This includes sports precints at Cherrybrook and North Epping.
- Improved shared cycle and pedestrian pathways in the major town centres and schools around Cherrybrook, Beecroft and Cheltenham.
- Greater transparency on the council decision process.

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for Local Government Election, Saturday 14 September 2024



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Mayor



Warren Waddell

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Ward A

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1 Warren Waddell



2 Jane Seaglove

Ward B

Hornsby, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, Waitara, Westleigh.



1 Sallianne McClelland



2 Geoff Knowles



3 Grahame Batetman



Beecroft, Castle Hill, Cheltenham, Cherrybrook, North Epping, West Pennant Hills.



1 Dr Verity Greenwood



2 Ben McSweeny



3 Samyuta Pillamarri



NATHAN TILBURY

INDEPENDENT FOR HORNSBY





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PUTS YOU FIRST



FOR A MAYOR WHO GETS THE JOB DONE



FOR A SHIRE YOU CAN BE PROUD OF



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Your local Labor Labor team for Hornsby Shire



We're focused on delivering:

- · a council that engages with our community first and responds to local needs and issues
- protects our environment
- ensures housing affordability and choice with appropriately located, welldesigned development that meets the needs of our community

Want more information about our policies and candidates? Check out Labor for Hornsby Shire on Facebook or laborforhornsbyshire.org for more information and where to meet your local candidates.



Janelle McIntosh for Mayor



Hornsby Council needs change and Janelle is the Mayor who can

alternative

With more than 30 years experience in local government, Janelle has a proven track record of delivering meaningful local solutions in a collaborative approach.

Janelle needs your vote to change Hornsby Shire Council.

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Hornsby Shire Mayoral Candidate



for Local Government Election, Saturday 14 September 2024

Warren Waddell



Liberal for Hornsby Mayor

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Revitalise Your Garden: Spring Gardening Essentials

BY STANLEY LONGWORTH -HORTICULTURIST, SYDNEY'S PLANT MARKET

As nature awakens from its winter slumber, breathe new life into your garden! With the promise of vibrant blooms and bountiful harvests, dive into a series of essential spring gardening tasks that will set the stage for a flourishing summer.

Fertilising is critical in your gardening routine. Boost your plants by feeding them well —including your lawn, hungry fruits and vegetables, and roses, gardenias, and hibiscus. Strong nourishment now will ensure they thrive in the warmer months ahead.

Once you've fed your garden, re-mulch your beds to suppress weeds and preserve moisture during the heat of summer.

Give your hedges a proper haircut.

Most hedging plants (aside from conifers)

can withstand a good pruning back to old wood, and will recover rapidly. For flowering shrubs, prune them as soon as they finish blooming. This ensures they maintain their shape and encourages healthy new growth.

Now is the time to re-pot your cymbidium orchids using a specialised potting mix. Tend to your indoor plants as well—trim away any dead or yellow leaves, give them a wash, and a good feed.

If your lawn needs some love, consider laying new sod or renovating patchy areas. This is the perfect moment to plant vibrant summer annuals such as petunias, torenias, salvias, and begonias, adding splashes of colour to your outdoor space.

As temperatures rise, make sure to reprogram your irrigation timers and check your watering lines for functionality. This ensures your garden will receive the hydration it needs to thrive.

For those considering new shrubs and trees, don't delay! Planting them now allows

ample time for roots to establish before the heat sets in.

Spring into action in the veggie patch! Plant summer vegetables including tomatoes, capsicums, chillies, cucumbers, and eggplants. If space permits, consider adding zucchini, pumpkins, sweet corn, and melons. To cloak an unsightly shed or fence, try choko or passionfruit vines.

There's a stunning array of blooms that thrive in spring. Embrace Australian natives like waratahs, kangaroo paws, and bottlebrush, which are all in flower now. Additionally, traditional favourites such as wisteria, jasmine, and bearded iris will bring beauty and colour to your garden.

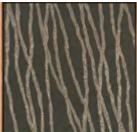
This spring, roll up your sleeves and embrace the joy of gardening. With these essential tips, your garden will flourish, providing you with beauty and bounty throughout the summer months!



Hornsby Art Prize returns with impressive artworks to be showcased in October exhibition

The judging panel has announced 65 artworks have been shortlisted for Hornsby Shire Council's 2024 Hornsby Art Prize. The finalist works of Painting, Sculpture, Digital Art Stills/Digital Photography, Drawing, and Printmaking will be on exhibition at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre from 25th October until 10th November.





Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the Hornsby Art Prize is a national art prize and exhibition celebrating contemporary Australian artists. This year, the competition has a total prize pool of \$23,000, with the major prize \$10,000.

The Art Prize has attracted nearly 600 entries from around Australia. Steven Head, Hornsby Shire Council's General Manager, said the artworks were compelling.

"We are thrilled by the strong response to this year's Hornsby Art Prize. The high standard of finalist works is considered to be some of the best we've seen, and every finalist deserves recognition. Entries have come from a wide range of artists, from emerging talents to highly regarded artists", Steven said.

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"I want to extend my congratulations to all the finalists for their impressive works. The Hornsby Art Prize offers our community a unique chance to experience works from some of Australia's leading contemporary

artists, right here in our local area."

This year's judges are Hazelhurst Regional Gallery Director, Sebastian Goldspink, and renowned Sydney based printmaker and teacher, Rew Hanks.

"Hornsby Art Society is pleased to be partnering once again with Hornsby Shire Council to deliver the 2024 Hornsby Art Prize, one of our favourite exhibitions of the year. I congratulate all of the finalists and this year's exhibition promises to be exceptional," said Hornsby Art Society President, Chris Beard.

Winners of the Hornsby Art Prize, including the Hornsby Shire Local Artist Award, will be announced at an award ceremony on Friday 25th October. The Hornsby Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition will be held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre from 25th October until 10th November, Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm, and entry is free.

For more information go to hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize



Castle Hill Art Society

Art Demonstration "Plein Air painting and techniques"
On 2nd October, 2024 by Matthew Weatherstone

Matthew is fascinated by light, colour and darkness and the shifts of tone and hue which are quickly captured in studies, then exploratory sketches are made and refined to gradually produce the final artwork.





Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.30pm at Castle Glen Community Centre, 57 Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill. www.castlehillartsociety.org.au



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State Gem and Mineral Show formerly known as the Gemkhana run by the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW.

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Well, it could be a haunted railway station with a lethal ghost train due to arrive any minute.

Mind the gap, hold on tight and join us in a comedy thriller by Arnold Ridley (from Dad's Army) jam-packed with subterfuge and mirth, that will keep you sitting on the edge of your seat until the final whistle.

There's nothing funny about being stuck in a tiny country railway station overnight. Or is there? This comedy thriller set in 1930's

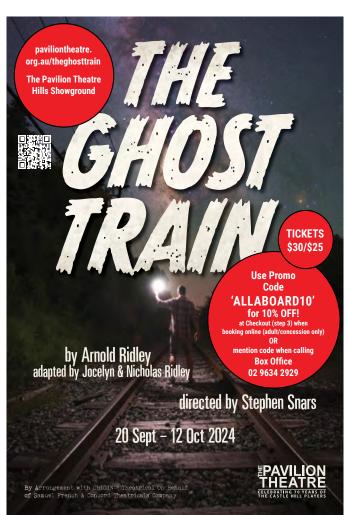
Cornwall will take you on a ride that you won't forget! Stephen Snars, Director Castle Hill Players presents The Ghost Train By Arnold Ridley (adapted by Jocelyn & Nicholas Ridley), directed by Stephen Snars

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Kenthurst Probus Winter News

Colder weather has obliged Kenthurst Combined Probus Club to forsake the chilly Kenthurst Uniting Church and meet in the adjoining, warmer tea room! In spite of the slightly reduced area, members still enjoyed their usual monthly meeting in August.

At this meeting, long time Kenthurst resident Gaynor Williams made a presentation detailing the design and construction of the Church building, largely the result of local residents who were determined to set up a convenient place of worship - a great result for a community organization.

After our usual generous morning tea, the Club was addressed by Glenhaven resident David Short on the work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and its history: founded largely as a result of the work of Presbyterian Minister the Reverend

John Flynn. Members were treated to a plethora of the achievements of the Service, its aircraft, personnel, buildings and equipment: a massive undertaking providing valued services for the people of the Outback.

Kenthurst Probus continues in the Probus tradition of Fun and Friendship in retirement. We have planned a bus tour of the Mudgee region in September, theatre parties have been organized and every



month Club members join in a walking excursion in the local area (weather permitting) usually followed by a coffee or brunch break.

Meetings are held at 9.30 am on the third Monday of every month (except December) in the Uniting Church building, guests are always welcome. Those interested can contact Membership Officer Burt Stuut on 0424 247 003, or just turn up on the day. So far as Club records show: no visitor has ever been refused entry.

Rotary Club of Kenthurst

Bring your family and friends to our Kenthurst Fair on Sunday 8th September 10am-3pm at John Benyon Park. Proudly supported by The Hills Shire Council as part of the Orange Blossom Festival.



New Project - Making a difference in the Hills

Kenthurst Rotary Club is looking to alleviate human suffering in our community by gathering volunteers and generous donors to provide food and drink for the homeless and disadvantaged in The Hills Shire. We need funding to purchase a food trailer, allowing us to go where the need is greatest throughout the Shire. To help, please donate via our GoFundMe page https://gofund.me/77c7596e

Guest Speakers

We were privileged to have Martha Jabour OAM as our July guest speaker. Martha spoke about her dedication to her work at Homicide Victims Support Group. She was instrumental in a project that came to fruition with the opening of Grace's Place in Doonside. Martha is an inspiration to us all.

Our August presentation was by Search Dogs Sydney. Chris and Adele D'Arcy gave a fabulous presentation into the rewarding and sometimes heartbreaking rescues their canine friends assist with. Our club donated \$1000 to ensure their services can continue to assist in times of need.





Probus Club of Glenhaven

If you are a recent retiree and looking for new horizons on the social scene, then Probus just may be the place for you. Probus clubs in general offer so much variety for social activities. You can participate in activities almost every day if you like, or pick and choose what particularly interests you.

I'm a member of the Probus Club of Glenhaven which meets at Castle Hill Bowling Club from 10:30 till 12:30 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. It's such a friendly and fun club. Like any new adventure, it can take a little time to find your feet and make new friends, but I promise you, if you participate in some of the fun activities on offer, it will happen. When I joined, I jumped right in by going to lunches and dinners, playing cards, joining the Bridge Club, going on Opal outings (recently we went to Bundeena) and going on

Coach tours. I've also travelled to New Zealand with the Club along with Caravan and Camping (in cabins). Early on, I went on a great trip to Broken Hill with the club.

We've recently established a Facebook page. Just search for Glenhaven Probus Club on Facebook to have a look at some recent events.

The age group at our club varies from early 60's to active 80's, no ageist attitudes, just fun for all. We have opened up for new memberships from the Hills or Hornsby areas. Why not come along as a visitor, and see what you think?

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Meet Thuvaraka: Ear Studio's New Clinical Audiometrist

We are excited to introduce Thuvaraka (Thuvi), one of our new additions to our team at *Ear Studio* in Castle Hill. With a wealth of experience in audiology and a deep passion for improving hearing health, especially among children and Indigenous communities, Thuvaraka is a perfect fit for our clinic's commitment to delivering exceptional care with our Best Practice principles.

Professional Background

Thuvaraka's journey into audiology is both inspiring and diverse. She began her academic career at Sydney University, earning a degree in Health Sciences with a major in Hearing and Speech (2003-2006). Initially interested in Speech Pathology, her focus shifted to Audiology after a completing a module in her course. This module highlighted hearing issues faced by Indigenous communities, particularly children.

To pursue this passion, Thuvaraka completed a Master's in Clinical Audiology at the University of Melbourne in 2009. Her career took her across various locations: she started in Perth, working in a hearing aid clinic, then moved to Sydney, where she joined a research project at Sydney University focused on Indigenous children in Wagga Wagga and Hamilton.

Seeking to broaden her experience, Thuvaraka spent seven years in the UK, working for the NHS in paediatrics, specialising in hearing tests and fitting hearing aids for children with complex needs. Upon returning to Australia, she continued her work at The Children's Hospital in Westmead and later with an ENT specialist. Now, her journey has brought her to Ear Studio in Castle Hill, where she is excited to contribute her expertise to our clinic and community.

A Personal Passion

For Thuvaraka, audiology is more than just a career—it is a calling. One of the most profound experiences in her professional journey was her involvement in a study with Indigenous children in Wagga Wagga and Hamilton. At the time, the media was highlighting the



high rates of incarceration among Indigenous people, many of whom were living with undiagnosed hearing loss. These individuals often struggled with behavioural issues and being part of the community due to their inability to hear properly from a young age. This realisation fuelled Thuvaraka's passion for early intervention and community education.

During the study, nearly every child she tested had some degree of hearing loss, often linked to recurrent ear infections. Thuvaraka was instrumental in not only testing these children but also educating their families on how to prevent ear infections and reduce the risk of hearing loss. The study's ongoing success is a testament to the importance of this work, and Thuvaraka remains deeply committed to advocating for vulnerable people.

Joining the Team at Ear Studio

Since joining Ear Studio, Thuvaraka has found a place where she can truly make a difference. She is impressed by the clinic's commitment to patient care, noting that at Ear Studio, she not only has the time, but is encouraged to give 100% to every client. Thuvaraka shared her thoughts on the clinic, saying, "The staff here are so lovely, as soon as clients walk in through the door to the time they walk out of the door, they are always smiling and that's quite special to be part of, not many clinics can do that and I wanted to be part of that too. To make people happy and make such a difference in their lives means so much to me."

Thuvaraka looks forward to meeting and helping you on your hearing health journey. She is here to offer her expertise, compassion, and unwavering commitment to improving your quality of life through better hearing. Call us at today on 02 9159 6122 or email us at reception@earstudio.com.au. Conveniently located in Lawton House in Castle Hill with off street parking, Suite 10 / 60 Cecil Ave, Castle Hill. Operating hours are from Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 5pm and Fridays 8:30am – 4pm.



Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings A Silver Celebration for 25 Years

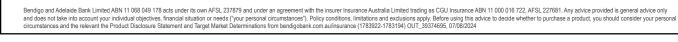
Recently members of the Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook celebrated the club's silver anniversary. The meeting included a fabulous birthday cake and a wonderful retrospective of the past 25 years. This was followed by a luncheon and entertainment at Cherrybrook for more than 160 members, many wearing a splash of silver to commemorate the occasion. There was plenty of dancing and a lot of laughter as members reflected on the fun, fellowship and friendships experienced as part of the club. Having celebrated the past, we are now looking towards the future with the induction of 5 new members in September.

We also shared dinner delights at Enzo's Cucina in Dural, a great social drive to Terry Hills, Happy Hour with delicious food, beverages and good conversation, theatre outings both locally and to the city, an energetic morning of Ten Pin Bowling followed by a cheery lunch and a stimulating Parramatta Park walk. These events complemented regular craft, book club, cards, games, golf, lawn bowls and Money Matters groups.

If you are active retirees or even semi-retired and have promised yourselves to get out, meet new people and have new experiences the Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook could be for you.

Our meetings are held at the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre on the first Thursday of each month. For information please contact Lynn on 0414 848 413. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.







Dural Bowling Club News

The month of August saw the completion of the North West Region Pennants and the Dural Men Minor Singles Tournament. The final of Men Minor Singles took place on Saturday 10th August between Rob Whiddon (the Club President) and Greg Smith.

The Men Single Final was a very intense game with Greg Smith leading narrowly at most ends. Rob won the game at the last end with the score of 25 to 22. Congratulations to Rob the winner and

Greg the runner up of the Men Minor Singles 2024.

The next tournament at Dural Bowling Club will start on the **7th September** being the Open Gender Pairs.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on August 17th in the Celebrity Room at Dural Country Club.

Anyone interested in playing bowls please contact Robert on 0411 375 580.







Open Day at Dural Public School



On Wednesday the 31st of July, Dural Public School invited members of the school community to join them for Open Day to celebrate Education Week. This was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those who contribute to our children and young people's educational journey, including school staff, parents, carers, community members and the P&C Association.

To begin the day, there were student performances from a wide range of extracurricular activities, including the Senior Concert Band, String and Recorder Group and the K-6 Choir groups. Dural Public School is lucky to have so many dedicated staff members who eagerly provide a wide range of extracurricular activities for students to engage in. After an adorable Kindergarten dance piece, parents and carers were invited into classrooms where they experienced a variety of activities that our students engage with in an inclusive, diverse learning environment.

In celebrating this year's Education Week theme, 'Proud to belong', it was wonderful to witness the students showing a sense of pride and achievement for their school on Open Day. Their enthusiasm for learning was evident as they shared their work with their loved ones and gave tours of their classrooms, the art room, the library and the music room to show what they had been working hard on all year.



After spending time celebrating the students' achievements, parents and carers were then invited for morning tea with their children on the playground. Luckily, the weather held off and it was a lovely morning.

Dural Public School staff and students appreciate everyone who visited the school on Open Day. They were very proud to share their hard work and dedication with the school community and look forward to future community events.



Pacific Hills Christian School: 100 Days of Rocking Kindy



At Pacific Hills Christian School, we celebrated the start of Term 3 with a 100 Days of Rocking Kindy event! Kindergarten students dressed up as rock stars to mark the occasion while staff and families also got in on the excitement with activities, a concert and sausage sizzle! "It is such a joy to see the children grow and mature with such a marked difference after 100 days of School life." says Mr Scott Cousins, Head of Junior School.

Kindergarten is a significant milestone in the life of a family and celebrating these moments is important as a school community. At Pacific Hills our core values in Junior School are reflected across each grade with Kindergarten's focus being Courage. In the Bible the verse often referenced is Joshua 1:9 which states "... Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." It is our prayer that our little Kindy 'rock stars' are encouraged and equipped to keep on trying as they grow.

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MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

The war on graffiti

Earlier this year some local residents and shop owners talked with me about the level graffiti in Normanhurst. Like many of you, I have seen the amount of graffiti grow in our suburbs this year. On shop fronts, fences, in parks and community spaces, it was there and just like in Normanhurst, graffiti right across our area is a problem that has been overlooked.

For shop owners and local small businesses, the presence of graffiti gives an impression of the area being run down or neglected and that doesn't help attract new or return business. On people's fences and in community spaces the graffiti made it feel like our area was unsafe or not the great place to live that it actually is.

Something had to be done. I began looking into the problem and devising a solution.

After speaking to local Police, Hornsby Shire Councillor Sallianne McClelland and Wahroonga MP Alister Henskens, I convened a meeting with community leaders about how we tackle graffiti around our area. We developed a plan of attack and began to rally the troops.

I put out a call for volunteers and was overwhelmed with support from community organisations, local church groups, small

businesses and families. We assembled our local graffiti-busting army and we prepared for battle.

What I didn't realise until then was just how easy removing graffiti is once you have the right supplies and know what you're doing... perhaps that's why graffiti has



been left so long and has only gotten worse across Berowra.

Roger Norman from Turramurra Rotary provided the expertise and know-how and trained over 30 volunteers to get the job done. Together we donned gloves and masks, and scrubbed and scraped. Volunteers from Hillcrest Uniting Church and St Agatha's Pennant Hills joined local Rotarians along with families and friends from across the community and we got the job done.

Local businesses were also on hand to support the war on graffiti with Dulux, Southern Cleaning Supplies, Kennards Thornleigh, Inspirations Hornsby, Uni-Pro, Bunnings Thornleigh, R Hair 4 U, On Dough, Wooden Mill and Jo from Well Versed Homes all providing supplies and sustenance.

We started in Normanhurst and Thornleigh but I know this is a problem across the electorate.

If you look around and notice a part of the area that may need a little TLC, please get in touch and let me know so that I can continue to fight for our community.



Clr Dr Verity Greenwood HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

Its Official: Beecroft Village Green Now Open!

On Sunday, 4th August, our long-awaited Beecroft Village Green was officially opened with much support from our Beecroft community and the many visitors who took advantage of perfect August weather and a range of free activities, food and for the children (and young at heart) plenty of ice cream.

The cutting of the ribbon by the Mayor Philip Ruddock and the Councillors who were present, marked a remarkable and often bumpy journey of community consultation and negotiation.



The result is an architectural design that recognises properly reconstructed exercise, recreation and social spaces can bring multiple social, cultural, economic, and environmental benefits to the Beecroft-Cheltenham community and surrounding region. The Village Green is a truly valuable community asset which retains its heritage character and supports its turpentine ironbark forest treescape.

Special thanks to our Hornsby Council team who ensured the Village Green was

designed and built with an understanding of our community wants and needs. They approached the Village Green project with the same enthusiasm, care and interest as if they were creating their own backyard, which has resulted in a project of overall excellence.

If you have any concerns or issues where I may assist, please do not hesitate to contact me at vgreenwood@hornsby.nsw.gov.au







Rural Roundup Update CLR WARREN WADDELL

August is the last full month of my council term, prior to the September 14th Local Government election.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have spent two terms representing the Shire of Hornsby and in particular, the A Ward residents.

I am humbled by the faith this community has placed in me to undertake this role and the confidence expressed by many in my prospects for the future.

The year spent serving as Deputy Mayor was another special opportunity. I thank my Council peers for electing me to that position

The rural area of Hornsby Shire required more direct representation and I hope that I have effectively provided that. I believe by being an accessible conduit for residents and businesses to the Council administration, better outcomes have been achieved. I am proud to part of a team that delivered on a range of rural initiatives such as:

- Upgrades to park facilities
- Identifying and installing new footpath links
- Upgrade of Galston Aquatic Centre
- Refurbishment of our memorials and cenotaphs
- New boat ramps and parking facilities
- Sustainable environmental initiatives
- Installation of outdoor gym equipment
- Streamlined pile burn procedures
- Rural Land Study
- Galston Village public domain plan
- Activated an Economic development and Tourism strategy
- Scheduled verge slashing and drainage maintenance
- Identified new bus stop locations
- Implemented rural road safety features
- Ensured that the monitoring of on-site wastewater did not attract extra rates

For the duration of the term, I am happy to assist with any other enquiries. wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au Ph: 0499 004 861



Mark Hodges
MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL

Raising Hope in The Hills: Confronting the Growing Homelessness Crisis

On Saturday, 17th August, I joined The Hills community at the Annual Hills Winter Sleepout—an event raising vital funds and awareness for homelessness in The Hills, and across NSW and Australia. It was an eye-opening experience for many.

Homelessness is a growing issue in New South Wales and Australia. Across the country, over 122,000 people lack stable housing, including more than 35,000 in NSW. The 2024 Statewide Street Count recorded 2,037 people sleeping rough in NSW—a staggering 26 percent rise from the previous year. We are in a homelessness crisis.

In 2021, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported 28,204 youth aged 12-24 and 19,378 older Australians aged 55 and over were experiencing homelessness. The 2024 Mission Australia Youth Survey reveals that nearly 1 in 10 youth aged 15 to 19 experienced homelessness in the past year.

Nearly half of these young people faced loneliness, mental health struggles, and difficulties maintaining relationships. The primary reasons they seek help include housing crises, family and domestic violence, and relationship breakdowns.

Unfortunately, services for these vulnerable groups are stretched thin. Wait times for Link2Home skyrocketed from 7 minutes to nearly 39 minutes between June 2023 and June 2024. The homelessness sector is under immense pressure, compounded by rising cost-of-living pressures.

Investing in immediate relief and long-term solutions is crucial. By focusing on prevention and sustainable solutions, we can work towards a future where every person in NSW has access to safe and secure housing.

If you or someone you know is at risk of homelessness, contact Link2Home at 1800 152 152. If experiencing domestic, family, or sexual violence, contact 1800RESPECT at 1800 737 732.



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Hidden In The Hills

Ferals and Invasives

BY LACHLAN TURNER

Hills district residents may be surprised to know that there are a considerable number of feral animals roaming unchecked throughout the region.

Residents may also be surprised at the number of invasive garden escapee plant species that are colonising our bushland and adjacent areas.

Most feral and invasive pests are the direct result of historical human decisions, some supposedly made with good intentions. Some were to help eradicate other introduced species. Recent history has proven otherwise. It has now become the responsibility of everyone to be aware of the devastation caused by these exotic species which have no place in the Australian environment. All have the potential to destroy various elements of our unique Australian Biodiversity. Many have toxic effects on humans, domestic animals, livestock and native Australian birds, mammals, fish and insect species. By doing nothing about the adverse consequences of these species, the sad history of feral infestations continues to be perpetuated.





It is illegal to keep, sell and trade (swap) many of these declared plant and animal species designated as having a detrimental effect on Australia's biodiversity.

There are strong requests for community members to notify appropriate authorities where any of these species are observed in their locality, as well as in other environmental situations elsewhere.

Some known local feral animals include foxes, cats, rats, rabbits, dogs, deer, cane toads and possibly horses and goats. All are a death sentence to native birds, mammals, reptiles and riparian dwellers.

Some invasive plants known to overwhelm native bushland plants are Asparagus Ferns, Lantana, Blackberry, Privet varieties, Wandering Jew (Trad) and Scotch (English) Broom.

Feral birds such as Indian Myna, Starling and Feral Rock Pigeon harass and compete with native species for food and nesting spaces.

To read more about the destruction of Australia's Environmental Biodiversity, visit https://online.fliphtml5.com/awdd/jsni/

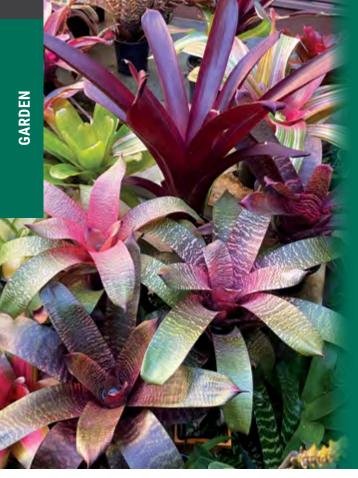
Gardeners, register now!

The Sydney Hills Garden Competition is on again in 2024. Steeped in history and intricately linked to the Hills Shire, this year marks 65 years since the first competition ran as the brainchild of Councillor Eric Mobbs. It became the forerunner of the Orange Blossom Festival, so has a significant place in the cultural history of "The Garden Shire".

Hills residents, businesses and institutions are encouraged to register their gardens by 5pm on Friday 13th September 2024 for spring judging during the Orange Blossom Festival.

This is a call out to all gardeners ... register your gardens and get ready for the judging in the third week of September. Entry forms are available at www.hillsgardencomp.org.au or Council's website.





Bromeliad Spring Show

Spring time is the perfect time to check out the numerous varieties of Bromeliads flowering during Spring and with the additional sunlight they can colour up beautifully.

The Bromeliad Spring Show will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 28th September 9am-4pm and Sunday, 29th September 10am-3pm.

Rare and exquisite bromeliads from local and interstate growers will be on display and available for sale to the public including Jan and Jon Townsend from Bonville, Angela and Gary Fleming, Tillandsia experts Chris and Lap Larsen and BSA's competition winners Harold Kuan, Nina Woodcock, Elizabeth Mudriczki and Kerry McNicol together with Anna Ernst and her amazing artistic bromeliad wall hangings.

There will 20 plant sale tables continuously restocked, books, pots, information and free advice available from experienced bromeliad growers.

There is plenty of parking on site, admission is free to the show and please bring a box for your purchases.

For further information contact Ian Hook, President, Bromeliad Society of Australia on mobile 0408 202 269, email: hook1@bigpond.com, or check the website www.bromeliad.org.au/

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A children's colouring competition will be reviewed by a member of the Arcadian Artist Trail.

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This September, take the opportunity to connect with your local RFS brigade and participate in Get Ready Weekend events, which will be held at around 500 locations across NSW. These events are an excellent chance to raise awareness, enhance preparedness, and engage with your community.

Attendees will receive valuable insights on developing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, establishing a defensible space around their property, and understanding Fire Danger Ratings. Don't miss this opportunity to gain essential knowledge and resources, and to ensure you're well-prepared for the bushfire season.

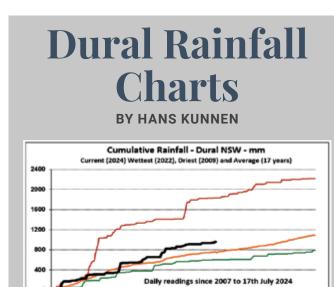
Mark your calendars for Get Ready Weekend 2024, with most events scheduled for September 21st and 22nd. Connect with Your Local RFS Brigade for Event Details and Follow Us on Social Media for the Latest Updates.

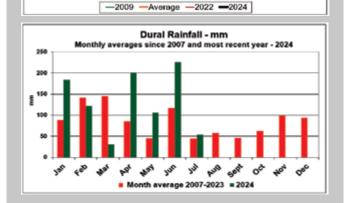


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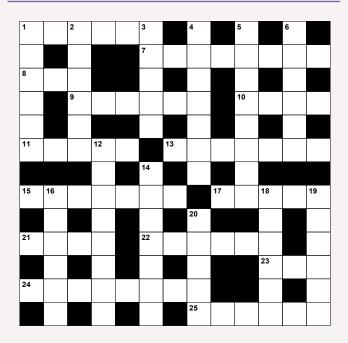




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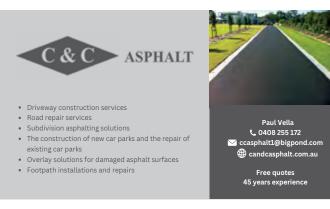
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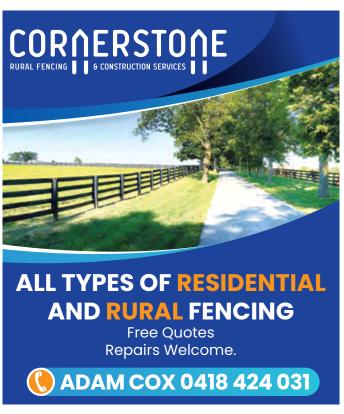












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