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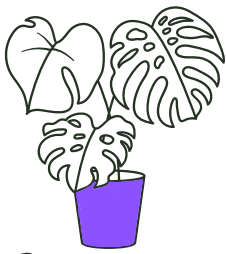


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DURAL & DISTRICT BUSINESS CHAMBER END OF FINANCIAL YEAR EVENING

Thursday 15 June saw the Dural Chamber hold an evening for local business owners at "The Centre" 1 Pellitt Lane Dural, centred on the importance of small business being across all aspects of their end of financial year obligations.

Over 20 local business owners attended the night with half of these being home based businesses and proved to be a great networking opportunity.

Guest speakers included Keryn Stack our amazing BAS expert talking all things BAS, ANZ Business Banking Joanne Lin and Michael Parker, business and learning consultant.

Keryn Stack from Accounts All Sorted focused on four key areas that get businesses into trouble: lack of financial visibility; ignoring financial indicators; reactive rather than pro active management; and missed opportunities.

One of the great take-outs from the presentations was from Michael Parker: it's a common problem to work at your business (on the tools) rather than on your business, ie: structuring your business for a better future and what financial levers need to be used to build awareness around cash flow.



Joanne Lin from ANZ finance gave valuable insights into lending opportunities that are available to small business and startups.

Any business wishing to grow their business and support the local community is welcome to join the Dural and District Chamber of Commerce. Call me anytime for a chat! Mark Coupar 0497 014 950.

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RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE AT HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL

BY MATT KEAN

As part of the \$440 million dollar redevelopment Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, I am ecstatic to announce that, renal dialysis is now available locally.

The new 10-chair renal dialysis unit initially became operational at Hornsby in February, and has already provided over one thousand dialysis treatments.

Having this life-saving treatment available in Hornsby means, patients that require it no longer are forced to travel to other hospitals in Sydney. I know this makes a



significant difference to those patients and their families.

This new facility is a satellite dialysis unit of Royal North Shore Hospital and provides patients with treatment six days a week.

When I was first elected in 2011, the upgrade to our local hospital was my

number one priority and I am extremely satisfied to see Stage 2A is nearing completion. This final stage of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital's redevelopment will include;

- Fit out of two rehabilitation inpatients units
- Refurbishment & expansion of psychiatric care centre
- Outpatient ambulatory care services, including a day chemotherapy unit
- Expansion of oral health services
- Integration of community health services
- A helipad

PROBUS CLUB OF THE HILLS

The Month of May was a very busy one for our club. It started with an interesting speaker on the subject of Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages, including details of costs and where to get help.

As well as our usual activities of golf, snooker and finance, we enjoyed additional activities including an afternoon of barefoot bowls at the Hills Bowling

Club, a bus trip and tour of Ansto at Lucas Heights, and a group walk along Parramatta River with lunch at the Rose and Crown.

We still have vacancies and look forward to welcoming you.

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HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL ADOPTS WESTLEIGH PARK MASTERPLAN AND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



Following extensive community and stakeholder engagement, Hornsby Shire Council last night formally adopted a revised draft Master Plan and the draft Plan of Management for its Westleigh Park project, a major new parkland to be developed in Westleigh.

Formerly owned by Sydney Water, the site for the new Westleigh Park comprises around 36 hectares of cleared open space and bushland. The redevelopment will create a major parkland with spaces for play and sporting activities, and a choice of 'unstructured recreation experiences' including mountain biking, walking and cycling, while conserving important bushland areas.

The draft Master Plan was first exhibited in 2021. Following additional engagement, Council endorsed a revised draft Master Plan for the site and a draft Plan of Management. These were exhibited through March and April 2023 and a significant number of

submissions were received, demonstrating strong community interest in the park.

Hornsby Shire Mayor, Philip Ruddock AO said that this outcome was a major step forward in advancing Council's vision for Westleigh Park.

"We are pleased to take this significant step forward with the Westleigh Park project. After years of careful consideration, the adopted Master Plan and Plan of Management detail how we will provide an outstanding recreational experience for the community at Westleigh while ensuring the long-term protection of the previous bushland," said Mayor Ruddock.

"We have worked hard to engage extensively with the community and thank everyone who has contributed. All the community's views are important to us, and this Master Plan and Plan of Management will now support the preparation of a Development Application (DA) on the site which will be assessed by an independent body," Mayor Ruddock said.

Council will continue to prepare the DA for Westleigh Park; it is anticipated it will be lodged by the end of 2023. To view the adopted Master Plan and Plan of Management visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/westleighpark.

NEW EV CHARGING STATION IN BEECROFT

Hornsby Shire Council is proud to announce the unveiling of a state-of-the-art public electric vehicle (EV) charging station in the Beecroft Village car park.

Hornsby Mayor Philip Ruddock said "This new charging station here at Beecroft provides our residents with greater access to charging networks in our local area." There are currently 879 EV owners in Hornsby Shire.

The charge station was installed by JOLT Charge, on the Ausgrid substation kiosk at the location. JOLT Charge is powered by 100% certified GreenPower energy and provides EV drivers with free, fast charging. Australian EV users are eligible for up to 7kWh for free across the JOLT network each day, providing 50kms of driving range.

This new JOLT addition sees three fast chargers now available in the Hornsby Local Government Area, with further charging sites planned to be introduced as the interest in EV grows.

Council adopted an Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Public Land Policy in April 2020 to improve EV charging infrastructure and support the community in reduction of carbon emissions. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/sustainability/electric-vehicles.

To view a map of available EV chargers in Hornsby Shire, visit <https://electricvehiclecouncil.com.au/about-ev/charger-map>.

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Winter bushwalking season kicks off

With the winter season now underway, Hornsby Shire Council has unveiled its upcoming schedule of free guided bushwalks, which are aimed at providing a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience for residents.

Missing link of norwest cycleway to be built

Cycling through Norwest Business Park will become much easier and safer thanks to a brand-new 2.6km shared pathway along Norwest Boulevard.

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Do you have a local mental health champion?

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Iconic new swing bridge opens in Pyes Creek Bushland

This new iconic local asset will reconnect access between Keighran Place, Cherrybrook, and Fallon Drive, Dural.

My Kids Market helps local families with cost of living pressures

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Soroptimist International of The Hills 12th Annual Public Speaking Competition

With a strong focus on education for women and girls, topics for both Junior and Senior Sections have been chosen to build on the theme for International Women's Day 2023 relating to access to digital technology.

Hornsby Shire Council welcomes IPART's approval of a Special Rate Variation

Hornsby Shire Council today welcomed news that the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has approved in

full its application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV), giving Council the opportunity to advance plans to secure a sound financial future for the Shire.

Spiritual Events Witness Overwhelming Response

Chinmaya Mission Sydney organized a series of impactful events that attracted over 800 spiritual seekers and devotees over the course of ten days, catered to all age groups, fostering spiritual growth and mental well-being.

Time to Blow the Whistle on Synthetic "Turf"?

The number of plastic sports fields in NSW has rapidly exploded over the past 5 years, but a new report from the NSW Chief Scientist publishes research emerging around the harmful impacts of synthetic turf.



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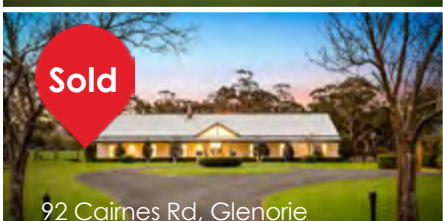
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Selling Agent, **William Brush** reported massive online and Social Media interaction with 5 offers from 5 separate individuals all in just 5 weeks on the market for a phenomenal result.

On the back of continuing interest rate hikes and the associated current media doom and gloom, the result is all the more exceptional, or is it?

The LJ Hooker Acreage Team ... Neil Keene, Peter Colusso, William Brush / Patrick Barba and Rob De Oliveira report other recent successes being :

\$6.0mil Glenhaven \$9.55mil Dural \$14mil region and \$9.4mil Middle Dural
\$4.25mil Glenorie \$6.25mil Kenthurst

"This should not come as a surprise" says Principal Neil Keene. "The Dural district properties being mostly 2Ha (5 acres) in area offer the unique opportunity for families to enjoy the benefits of a semi-rural lifestyle on acreage as they are all ideally positioned between the older Sydney to the east and the vibrant new Sydney developing in the Norwest. Including that the many well-established schools, the beautiful "Country" Villages of Galston, Glenorie and Kenthurst along with the magic of Berowra Waters and it comes as no surprise that the secret is out and it's not just acreage sales" adds Neil.

Our Residential Team of Steve Ford and Kerry Wilson report that much is happening in Glenhaven with **LJ Hooker Dural selling 12 properties in Glenhaven during March to May, grossing over \$33mil.**

It also continues to be a very busy time for the whole Property Management Team at LJ Hooker Dural with Commercial Specialist Michale Egiziano reporting "all leased at Round Corner Commercial".

"**Overall ...** the above paints a very positive property picture going forward for our local market in 2023" concludes Neil Keene.

LJ Hooker Dural has been a part of the Hills Community for over 40 years and as such has had the privileged opportunity on many occasions over the years to set suburb records right across the board.

Principals Sam Russo, Neil Keene and Peter Colusso congratulate the whole team for their super achievements this year!

In a constant changing market place ... Experience Counts! If you are thinking of selling or a market updated, talk to us as it costs no more to Sell / Lease with the experienced team at LJ Hooker Dural.



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WHY IS HEARING IN NOISE SO DIFFICULT?

BY SANDRA RAZZAGHIPOUR



When we gather with friends and family around the dinner table, at a BBQ or at the local pub for a meal and a catch-up. In those situations, many people experience they have difficulties following the conversation as everything seems to get 'muddled up'. Why is this and what can be done?

If one struggles to hear and understand in social settings it bears the risk of 'tuning out' and social withdrawal may be a result. It is difficult for most people to communicate in situations with lots of surrounding noise.

The problem has multiple reasons. Human speech consists of many parts. Some parts like letters such as "M, N, L, A, O" are low in frequency but high in intensity so they carry well and have lots of power. These parts of the speech transfer volume from a speaker to a listener and they do that very well as they have plenty of energy. Other parts of speech like sounds such as "TH, S, C, F, SH," are essentially only pressed air through the teeth and tongue. These unvoiced sounds are very high in frequency and extremely low in energy. The purpose of those sounds is to transfer speech clarity and help to distinguish one word from another. Often the smallest part of a word makes all the difference. For example, "Faith" and "Face" – the difference between 'th'

and 'ce' is very small. In most cases our eyes 'hear' these sounds better by lip-reading than the ears really hear them. A major problem with these highly important part of speech is that they can be masked and literally squashed by louder sounds.

In social settings the "cocktail-party-effect" makes the noise level increase quickly. There is a little bit of music, that makes it harder to hear – so everyone starts speaking louder and as we 'shout' the energy of A, E, M, N, O etc. gets so high that they overpower the important sounds for clarity. So, in a situation with many people talking everything sounds really muffled and it's difficult to make out the words the other person is saying. Additionally, most age or noise related hearing losses start in the higher frequency only adding to those issues.

Some people with even a mild hearing loss choose not to go to functions and meetings anymore as they cannot participate in



conversations. It is very tiring for the brain to constantly strain to try hearing what is being said and the choice to withdraw is quickly made.

But it does not have to be this way. There is help available! We want our community to hear well and have fun when they are in company and not feel lonely and isolated.

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Welcome to Hillside Metalworks in Glenorie, a small family business run by the Wenban family that started some 30 years ago with Phil and Sue's original business, Horse Float and Trailer Repairs.

The Wenbans have solved many challenges since those good old days, the business and its team have worked tirelessly to become one of the local success stories we can all be proud of.

Jack, their son joined the family business 10 years ago with his Certificate III in Engineering (Boilermaker). Jack's input, skills and fresh approach have facilitated the development of a

dedicated fabrication and welding arm to their business, Hillside Metalworks.

Jack and the team not only do custom welding jobs but also work collaboratively with a couple of tiny home builders fabricating their trailers. With so much work, it was time to add to their talent pool. Introducing a super talented local lad, Andrew, to Hillside Metalworks, was a game-changer. As Jack's apprentice, it seems they could not have found a better person than Andrew to fit with their business values, objectives, and future goals.

It's good fortune to meet a group of people from the same family who work together daily, with a true sense of mutual respect, transparency, and honesty from them all. Let's make it clear, if you spend any time with these guys, you'll agree they have all those things in spades.

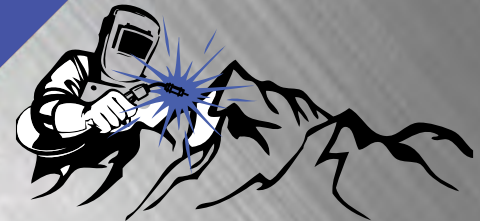
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To make it extra enjoyable, try melting marshmallows on a stick or making smores, a campfire dessert with your favourite chocolate and biscuits. Be sure to completely extinguish your fire after usage to prevent wildfires. Do not leave combustible materials unattended when engaging in outdoor activities. An adult should supervise the campfire at all times. We also suggest you keep a bucket of water or hose and shovel nearby.

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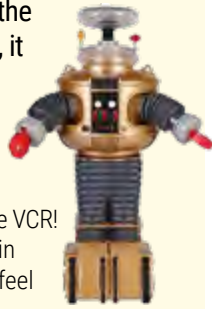
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GALSTON CWA NEWS

Our Galston CWA June meeting was held recently. After our business meeting the sewing machines and crochet hooks came out as we are starting to make new items to sell on stalls or donate to those in need. Popular items being made include Microwave Bowl Covers, which make heating a bowl of food easy, and also make it easy to transfer the hot bowl to the table.



Hand towels which have a crocheted top and a handle are very useful in the kitchen, and we never have enough to sell.

We hope to hold another stall later this year, and will be doing more sewing and knitting on our Craft Day 28th June.

We held a mini morning tea, and donated to the Cancer Council, and we enjoyed a visit to the historic church at Ebenezer.

We will be holding a Fashion Parade in September, so we will have details of this next month.

Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 12th July**. We meet at the Galston Community Health Centre, cnr The Glade and 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Please arrive at 10am for a cuppa, followed by our business meeting. We plan to hold a Latvian Lunch.

Visitors are very welcome to attend this meeting, and our craft days.

The photo shows a member with some Microwave Bowl Covers.

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

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from the Mayor's Desk

Following extensive community and stakeholder engagement, I am pleased to advise that Council has formally adopted a revised draft Master Plan and the draft Plan of Management for our Westleigh Park project. The redevelopment will create a major parkland with spaces for play and sporting activities, and a choice of unstructured recreation experiences including mountain biking, walking and cycling, while conserving important bushland areas.

We are pleased to take this significant step forward in advancing our vision for Westleigh Park. Council received many submissions when the Plans were exhibited earlier this year, demonstrating strong community interest in the project.

We worked hard to consult extensively with the community, and I thank everyone who has contributed. We look forward to providing an outstanding experience for the community while ensuring the long-term protection of the bushland.

Community engagement remains central to everything we do, and we currently have several important projects that we are seeking your feedback on.

At our 14 June General Meeting, Council endorsed two studies, recommended in the Comprehensive Heritage Study aimed at protecting and interpreting Hornsby Shire's rich heritage, for exhibition. The draft Aboriginal Heritage Study and draft Heritage Interpretation Strategy and Action Plan will be on public exhibition for community feedback until 4 August.

At the same meeting, Council endorsed Agritourism Development Control Plan amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan 2013 for exhibition until 4 August.

All of these important documents are available for you to view and make comments at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au. We look forward to receiving your thoughts.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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We are seeking your feedback on the following Hornsby Shire Council community projects:

- Draft Agritourism Development Control Plan Amendment. Submissions close Friday 4 August
- Draft Aboriginal Heritage Study. Submissions close Friday 4 August
- Draft Heritage Interpretation Strategy. Submissions close Friday 4 August
- Proposed Litter Collection Device – Oorin Road, Hornsby Heights. Submissions close Friday 4 August

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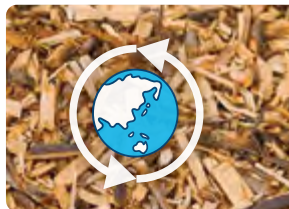


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Hornsby Shire Council will hold several events to celebrate this year's Naidoc Week including an illustration workshop with award winning Indigenous illustrator Dub Leffler, at Hornsby Library, a guided bush-walk on the traditional lands of the Darug and GurinGai peoples and a special 'Hello Hornsby' Riverboat Postman excursion.

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Next Council meeting Wednesday 12 July, 6.30pm

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KENTHURST SENIORS TAI CHI GROUP WELCOMES NEW UNIFORM

The Kenthurst Seniors Tai Chi Group could move through their exercise routine with ease thanks to their new team shirts.

The personalised blue polo shirts were funded by The Hills Shire Council, which allocated a \$900 Community Grant to the group to make their dream request a reality.

"Having these shirts creates a sense of identity for our members," Meryl Mifsud, the group's Coordinator said.

This was seconded by the group's Secretary and Treasurer, Rosalie Chaloner.

"It promotes our group and also the benefits of Tai Chi which helps with balance, breathing and a sense of calmness," she added.

Meryl and Rosalie started the group more than 15 years ago with five people and it has now grown into a team of thirty like-minded individuals who seek out the physical, social and spiritual benefits of Tai Chi.

They meet weekly on Wednesday mornings during the school term at John Benyon Rotary Park, in Kenthurst, to practice the soft-moving Chinese martial arts with its two teachers Frank and Jan Lee.



The group members enjoy social interaction after class over a coffee at the café opposite the park.

The Kenthurst Seniors Tai Chi Group meets Wednesday mornings at 9.30am at the park and welcomes new members with open arms.

For more information, contact Meryl on 0439 645 321 or Rosalie on 0410 911 917.

PROBUS PONDERINGS – BIG BOYS AND THEIR BIG TOYS



The Wintry weather proved no deterrent for the Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook with members again embracing a variety of outings. We enjoyed a great Hornsby RSL concert featuring Charlie Chech who entertained us with songs of the Ratpack followed by a very sociable dinner. Our walk ventured out to Windsor on a brilliant blue sky day and featured some history and a fly past from the RAAF making it a month of special interest for the big boys as it also included a nostalgic tour to the Loftus Tram Museum complete with rides and carriage inspections. However there was plenty for the ladies too! A picturesque drive to Kurrabung for lunch was another winner.

A June meeting highlight was welcoming eight new members to the club to share the fun.

In July regular pastimes will be supplemented with a two night stay for Christmas in July, a tour of Badgerys Creek Airport and Allianz Stadium (even more for all to enjoy but especially the men again!)

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

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.

Our meetings are held at the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre on the first Thursday of each month.

For information please contact Ross on 0411 104 863.

ATTENTION: INDEPENDENT RETIREES



The Association of Independent Retirees, Sydney Hills District Branch, will be holding our next meeting on **Friday 7th July, 2023**, at Bescroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St, Bescroft at 10.30 for a 10.45 start.

We welcome all Members and Visitors.

Our guest Speaker this month will be Donna Sabine. Donna is from "Your Side" and will be speaking on "Know your rights with Aged Care in your own home".

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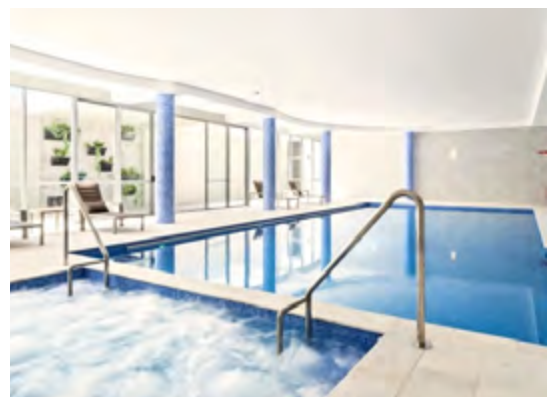


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DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE

The June meeting's guest speaker, Doug Philpott, gave members an understanding of the wonderful work of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) museum at Albion Park. Their collection is internationally recognised as a centre of excellence and is a must see for aircraft enthusiasts and an ideal place for a family outing.

When fire destroyed the Galston High library the Historical Society offered to assist in the rebuilding of the research material. The Society library has a large collection of local history books, projects kindly donated by past students, microfiche and Colonial records. In the near future the School will assess what will be made available.

Many readers will remember the late, Mr. Tom Richmond OAM, former history teacher



at Galston High. His enthusiastic methods introduced many students to the joy of local history study. As would be expected, he accumulated a considerable library, this he left in the care of a friend to be used to the best advantage.

It is hoped that the combination of the Society's records and Mr Richmond's generosity, will soon be available for history students, perpetuating his love and commitment to local history.

In line with the obvious interest in local people and places the guest speaker for the 8th July meeting will be historian and lifetime resident of Kenthurst, Mal. Johnston. His topic "*The Way We Were*" will give us an insight into how life was in the days when Kenthurst was a scattered community of small farms. He and his wife, Jenny, are well known for their creation of *Boongala Native Gardens*.

The June Roughley Memorial Lecture will be held in the Arcadia Community Hall, Arcadia Road, Arcadia on the 12th August at 2.00pm. The guest speaker is Mr John Brock, who has internationally presented papers on his profession of surveyor and others from his wide interests in history and Egyptology.

Meetings:

- 8 July, Uniting Church, School Rd Galston at 2.00pm Mal Johnston.
- 12 August, Arcadia Community Hall, Arcadia Rd. Arcadia. At 2.00. *Kosciuszko and Strzelecki, The Mountain and the Men.*

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REMAGINE ART PRIZE 2023 WINNER ANNOUNCED

The winner of the Remagine Art Prize 2023 is Canberra glass artist Jennifer Kemmae Martiniello, taking out the first prize of \$5,000 for her sculpture, *Not Wasted*, made from recycled television screens. Of Arrernte (Australian Central Desert), Chinese and Anglo-Celtic descent, Martiniello embraces 60,000 years of Indigenous Australian culture through her identity and the medium of glass.

The annual Remagine Art Prize is hosted by Hornsby Shire Council in partnership with Hornsby Art Society. The theme for this year was 'Wasteland or Wonderland', referring to the decisions that we make each day about how much waste we create.

Kyogle-based painter Ross Tamlin was named runner up, winning \$3,000 in prize money for his painting, *Scrap Metal*, who was amazed by the massive pile of industrial and household waste at the local tip.



Orlando Luminere with his photograph, *Wasteful Photography*

Talented Hornsby photographer Orlando Luminere collected the Local Artist Award and a \$1,000 prize for his photograph, *Wasteful Photography*. Claire Engkaninan Low from Kirribilli secured the Recycled/Reused Materials Award and \$1,000 in prize money for her painting on a discarded skateboard, *All Monsters Are Real*. Kiacatoo's mosaic artist Kelly MacKey was also acknowledged in this category, with a Highly Commended by the judges. Mt. Victoria's Scott Collins won the Youth Award (16-21 years) and \$750 in prize money for his artwork, *Ethereal Wasteland*.

The respected panel of judges for 2023 was Australian contemporary artist, Leila Jeffreys, curator Nick Vickers, and John Cheeseman, Director of Mosman Art Gallery.

For further details, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/remagine



Jennifer Kemmae Martiniello, *Not Wasted*, recycled glass, 2023.

ART DEMONSTRATION 2ND AUGUST, 2023 LUKE KELLY "BEAUTIFUL BIRDS"

Luke is a self-taught painter who's inspired by Australia's natural beauty and boisterous wildlife and has an ongoing obsession with painting Australian parrots. He's exhibited in galleries across NSW, was awarded first place in the global online competition "Art Wars" in 2017, has been published in the book by Outback Creative.

Luke's painting style has evolved in response to his appreciation for the photography technique of Bokeh – which creates the effect of soft out-of-focus backgrounds bringing attention to the subject. Luke finds that acrylic paints achieve the intensity of colour, sharp lines and soft layering he desires in his pieces.



Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.30pm at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgescrop Drive, Castle Hill. www.castlehillartsociety.org.au



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Castle Hill Players return with their fourth play for 2023. Provocatively titled, this romantic comedy will entertain and intrigue under the direction of the talented Meredith Jacobs. Renowned for high quality, local theatre in the Hills, be sure to get along to the gem that is the Pavilion Theatre.



L-R: Catherine Givings (Kate Gandy), Mr Daldry (Chris Scarpellino), Sabrina Daldry (Lana Hill), Annie (Kimberlea Smith) Photo Chris Lundie

In the Next Room, or the vibrator play is a provocative, funny and touching story about a doctor and his young wife.

Set in 1880s New York, enthusiasm is growing among the well-to-do for the miraculous new electric light bulb. The earnest Doctor Givings however, has been working on his own strange electrical device, designed to cure female hysteria ... the Chattanooga Vibrator.

Curious and not a little frustrated, his wife Catherine watches as more than one patient leaves with a renewed flush of health and a desire to return for further treatment. As a mere bystander in her husband's world, she must take matters into her own hands to discover what is going on in the next room.

"Ruhl has written a smart, charming, iridescently funny-serious jewel." Bloomberg News

Castle Hill Players presents *In the Next Room, or the Vibrator Play*

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The Centre's own Mitch can often be found hanging out with his kids at Inflatable World on a Monday morning, getting everyone's energy out before settling down over lunch.

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WINTER FOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF FOR 2023

The team at Dural Anglican Church are pleased to be launching the annual Food Drive for 2023.

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The good news is, there's a really simple way for you to make a big difference.

In partnership with Anglicare, Dural Anglican will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products for distribution across Sydney's neediest regions.

On the weekend of **August 5-6**, the people of Dural Anglican will be collecting at local supermarkets – IGA Galston and Dural with Woolworths Round Corner and Glenorie.



Plus, you can also drop off items to St Jude's Dural if that's more convenient.

Helpful items include non-perishable items like pasta and pasta sauce, rice, tinned soup and tinned fish, long-life milk, nappies, soap and other basic hygiene products.

Why does Dural Anglican do this? Motivated by the love we've received from Jesus, the people of Dural Anglican are

committed to doing what we can to share Jesus' love with others. If you want to find out more, join us one Sunday – 8am, 10am and 6pm at St Jude's Dural and 9:30am at Christ Church Kenthurst.

As well as the Food Drive and weekly Sunday services, Dural Anglican is an active local church in your community. During term time we run a Friday morning playgroup, a K-5 kids' program on Friday afternoons plus two youth groups for years 6-8 and 9-12 on Friday nights. We'd love to welcome you.

When it comes to the Food Drive, it can only happen because of the generous support of our amazing community along with our supermarket partners and the Galston Community Bank. Thank you so much.

- Dougal Michie, Senior Minister at Dural Anglican Churches

I'M SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE

There are people in life that you never want to see again – those who only know themselves, those who are always willing to point out your flaws and teach you a lesson, those who are always looking out for their own interests, those who persist in their violent words and deeds, those who have brought indelible disgrace into your life... If possible, I think it would be okay to live without meeting these kinds of people. However, I don't think we can be happy just by deleting someone from a page of our lives because we don't like them or because they are different. Because human beings grow by accepting differences within themselves. By acknowledging and respecting differences, we learn to live together with each other.

The conflicts of life are very difficult. They consume our psychological and

emotional energy so much. Therefore, many people try to avoid conflicts rather than reveal them and work through them together. So, many try to stay away from relationships with those who consume so much of our emotional and psychological energy. Especially on social media, this kind of attitude is even worse. We can simply block someone that we don't like very easily. We share news and photos with people who have the same interests and similarities as us, and the SNS algorithm keeps providing us with only the images and stories that are related to the images we consume. It is true today that things that are unfamiliar to us give us a sense of uncomfortableness, but when we accept that strangeness and uncomfortableness in our lives and try to coexist with it, the horizons of our lives expand. When we live

together, our lives become richer, and we have the strength to adapt to any change. One of the things that the Church does in the community is show them how we can live in harmony and peace and seek unity in diversity in Christ Jesus. We continue to play our role as evangelists of peace in Jesus. What is peace? I believe, "Peace exists when our inner mind says, "I'm glad you are here!" I want you to be able to say, "I am glad you are here in this world though you are different from me."

We are still dreaming of such a world. You are invited to join in this meaningful journey to share peace. Please join us in worshipping God of peace with us at 9.30am each Sunday.

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SCHOOLS FIGHT PLASTIC POLLUTION IN WASTE-FREE LUNCH DAY EVENT

Baulkham Hills North Public School joined 11 other schools across The Hills to eliminate single-use plastic and paper wrappers in school lunches as part of The Hills Shire Council's Waste Free Lunch Day initiative.

Students were encouraged to take their lunch and snacks to school on Thursday, June 8, in reusable containers, as a way to support this year's World Environment Day theme - 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

"One million tonnes of plastic is sent to landfill every year, with only 13 per cent of this being recycled," Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Peter Gangemi said.

"Plastic pollution is a growing problem, especially when it ends up in the wrong place; it can negatively impact the health of that community and everything that lives there.

"I want to thank our schools for getting behind this wonderful initiative, which aims to reduce our reliance on plastics, especially single-use plastics, such as food wrappers.

"It's also great to see our younger generation and their families finding environmentally-friendly ways of packing their lunches. I hope it flows into their everyday lives."



Baulkham Hills North Public School has been strengthening its sustainability focus over the last five years with the help of the school's Green Team student group.

The school also has a Return and Earn collection cage, composting bins, paper and cardboard recycling, and a co-mingled recycling bin.

"Students are encouraged to separate their waste in the playground using the bins provided," Sustainability and Green Team Coordinator at Baulkham Hills North Public School, Felicity Johnson said.

"Most students use reusable containers for their fruit break time, and many are already preparing waste-free lunch boxes.

"This week's event just gave the school a further opportunity to demonstrate the environmental education practices the school has been working hard to develop and to educate the wider community about reducing waste."

EXCITING NIGHT AT DURAL SCOUTS

Cubs and Scouts from Dural Scout Group held a combined meeting at their Galston hall last week and all had a GREAT NIGHT, full of fun, games, and a pioneering activity. They played many games, including Indoor Hockey (the Scout Way) and it was exciting for all ages, including the Leaders' challenge!



The Pioneering activity in Patrols was to build a Chariot using poles and lashings and then compete in a light-hearted competition of racing them around the hall. The end results were interesting, as some barely made one lap of the hall before collapsing! The old adage 'Practice makes Perfect' certainly applies to Scouts tying lashings, as they become easier to do correctly, and that means that pioneering structures will be sturdy and more successful.

They finished off the night learning about fire-lighting techniques and toasting marshmallows. Leaders, Cubs and Scouts are all looking forward to their next combined meeting and exciting activities.

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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The opening of the building was a star-studded event, with Margaret Beazley, the Governor of NSW, and other esteemed guests in attendance. Her Excellency highlighted the significant contributions of the De La Salle Brothers to education worldwide and their vision that has influenced Oakhill's approach to teaching and learning. The College couldn't have accomplished this magnificent space without the professionalism, support, and collaboration of FDC, MostynCopper, BVN, Viridi, Urbis, and DCWC, to name a few, and the College thanked them for creating an enduring legacy.

This building represents Stage 3 of Oakhill's Master Plan, with the next two stages being the Canteen and The Commons. As the



Margaret Beazley, the Governor of NSW, addressing guests at the new building.

College embarks on this exciting new chapter, we look forward to seeing our students thrive in these new spaces and reach their full potential. Oakhill College is proud to offer learning experiences that are second to none and remains committed to delivering an exceptional education that prepares students for success in a rapidly changing world.



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RIDING THE WAVES OF HOPE

Pacific Hills Christian School and New Hope Christian School had the pleasure of hosting the world's only blind professional surfer, Derek Rabelo who shared his story of courage, resilience, perseverance, and hope at our school twilight event, "Riding the Waves of Hope". Derek also spoke at our Middle School and Senior School assemblies and inspired our students to never lose hope and to always stay anchored in God no matter what life may bring.

Derek shared the challenges he has faced being blind and how with God's help he has been able to pursue his dreams to be a professional surfer. Derek's life has been one of trust in God, and today he is one of the most inspiring young sportsmen in the world.

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Derek's story is inspirational and a testament to God's desire to for people to flourish in life. He has shared his story with millions of people around the world and stars in his own film "Beyond Sight". He has released his book "Beyond These Eyes" and has participated in numerous documentaries.

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MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

I was excited to receive an update on a Council project that is underway to deliver a "Children's Forest" in Fagan Park. This new play space is not your traditional kid's playground. It integrates living trees with trees houses, canopy walk and tree climbing, making it a more natural experience. I was very pleased to help fund this unique project with a half a million dollar contribution from the NSW Government towards what will offer a special children's play experience when it is ready by the end of the year.

As part of the final stage of the redevelopment Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, I am ecstatic to announce that renal dialysis is now available at the hospital. I know how important it is to have this life-saving treatment available locally as patients that require it on a regular basis are no longer forced to travel to other hospitals across Sydney. This makes a significant difference to both them and their families.

I continue to be asked by many residents about the much needed widening of New Line Road. Please be assured that this remains my number one priority. Last year I delivered \$70 million to fund stage one, and the preparation for the work to the section between Hastings Road and Purchase Road is well underway.

I will continue to advocate for New Line Road to be upgraded from the roundabout at Dural all the way to Castle Hill Road.



JULIAN LEESER

MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

RISING ELECTRICITY PRICES ARE HURTING LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

As I visit local residents and businesses across the electorate, I am consistently hearing about the cost of living. I am especially concerned about how rising electricity prices are impacting local small businesses.

I recently visited Anthony's Gourmet Meats in Round Corner. The owner, Tony, told me his business incurs a very high quarterly electricity bill, which is now consistently rising. Tony is doing what he can to reduce his energy usage, but he must consistently run air conditioning, freezers, and a cool room so that the meat he sells remains safe.

I also visited Popolate, a bakery in Hornsby Heights. Popolate is one of my favourite places in the electorate to pick up a cupcake. The owner, Su, told me that almost all of their costs have been increasing, with some costs doubling over just the last few months. Every time that electricity costs rise, the burden on local businesses becomes that much greater. The Government's failure to bring down electricity prices negatively impacts every household and every business in our electorate.

I am deeply troubled about this issue, because I know that businesses in our area are doing their best to reduce their energy usage.

The feedback I have heard from Tony and Su is very similar to the feedback I have heard recently from a range of other small business owners in the area.

Small businesses are coming to the table by doing everything they can to reduce their energy usage. But every time our local businesses find a way to make a saving, prices rise again.

It is time that the Government also acts. They must do more so that energy prices begin to fall and local businesses get some of the relief that they need.



RURAL ROUNDUP

CLR WARREN WADDELL

During the June meeting, Hornsby Shire Council resolved to progress several items for adoption or further investigation that relate to the rural area.

The State initiated land use amendments, designed to encourage and support Agritourism and associated activities linked to original rural uses. These changes support the viability of many of our rural enterprises.

The Heritage Interpretation and Action plan also mentioned the potential for our village precincts to celebrate and promote through interpretation, the district's close connection to historical fruit production. Reflecting on the origins of the district's farms could contribute positively to future economic development and tourism strategies.

As part of Council's ongoing review of its asset base and asset performance, a feasibility study of our Galston Johnson Rd Council depot

and former pony club site, has been conducted. The study suggested that despite being heavily encumbered with significant bushland, the RFS facility and a power easement, a financially sustainable outcome could be achieved from approx. 30 per cent of the site.

The inclusion of the RFS facility in the assessment of the site, also highlighted the opportunity to access the site directly off Mid Dural Rd.

Although, only a feasibility study at this stage and with a couple of years of planning ahead, it is encouraging that the established bushland would remain and serve as a natural interface between neighbouring residential.

I look forward to working with the community in ensuring the best and most balanced outcome. In particular, conveying what additional recreational features may be factored into a future detailed design.

As always, happy to be contacted in regard to any issues.

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MARK HODGES

MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL



MORE CULTURE IN THE HILLS

Following the success of the first, sold-out event, Culture in the Hills, I had the great fortune of being invited to speak at the second Culture in the Hills event for June. The event was hosted by the Hills Community Aid, the Community Migrant Resource Centre, and the Hills Multicultural Network.

The event was put on in celebration of 'The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development'. There were people and groups from many cultures, including First Nations, Filipino, South African, and Malaysian cultures.

The event was opened with a Welcome to Country and a Cultural Performance from some First Nations students from Northmead High School. There were Cultural performances from the Filipino Dance Ensemble and from Malaysian performer, Juliana Jamal. There was a panel discussion held in which someone from each culture was asked a variety of questions about their culture and about diversity within the Hills.

During the break, everyone was invited to browse the stalls, contribute to a communal painting, and enjoy some delicious food from the participating cultures. People wandered around, soaking in and celebrating the fun and the diversity of the cultures.

The Hills Community Aid, Community Migrant Resource Centre, and Hills Multicultural Network have been doing outstanding work with the community of the Hills. They continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the members of our community and with the wider communities of Sydney.

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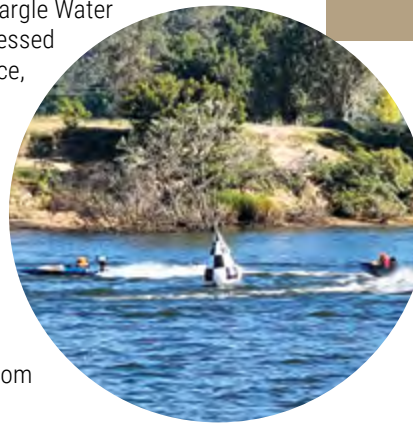
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HILLS COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE

CLR MITCHELL BLUE

The Hawkesbury River communities, recovering from fires and multiple floods, rejoiced in June to celebrate the Dargle Valley Boat Club's 'Winter Spectacular' at Dargle Water Ski Park, Lower Portland. I was impressed by the number of people in attendance, the skill of the boat drivers and the atmosphere. It is amazing how the Dargle property has been repaired and has recovered from the flood of last year where some parts were under at least 10m of water. All that reminded us of the flood was a plastic chair in a tree! Events like these are fantastic for local tourism, with this event seeing competitors from right across Australia.



Major patching has been completed on Sackville Ferry Rd. Over 9000m2 of pavement has been rectified, making the residents in this area very happy. Recently I was approached by the Lower Portland Sackville North Progress Association about safety concerns regarding a bend on Sackville Ferry Road just up from the ferry, tricky to navigate in the dark or extreme fog, which is common at this time of year. I am now pleased that these concerns will be addressed with the installation of an 85 metre length of double centreline (BB) line marking.

I celebrated World Environment Day with a guided walk in Glenhaven/Castle Hill, and learned about the local Bushcare group. The Council's Community Environment Centre is an educational resource, community hub and environmental demonstration site for residents, visitors, and volunteers on various topics such as gardening, planting natives and sustainability in the home and backyard, and is open to visitors and volunteers every Thursday and Saturday.

The Hills Council's Bidjwong Community Nursery at Ted Horwood Reserve produces local native plants for the shire's reserves, and residents are welcome to four free plants every year. Volunteers are involved in looking after the native bush, plant identification, fauna monitoring, weed control and seed collection for propagation.

For more news and updates, follow me on Facebook or Instagram. As always, feel free to contact me at Clr.Blue@thehills.nsw.gov.au

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Hidden in the Hills

SILKY NEEDLE BUSH

BY LACHLAN TURNER

When venturing along walking tracks in our local bushland it is always a pleasant surprise to come across an unexpected wildflower. One of the more noticeable and abundant varieties during cooler months would be the Silky Needle Bush (*Hakea sericea*).

This attractive spreading, open shrub may grow up to 3m high in favourable conditions. It can be found in both open forest and scrubby heathlands which have sandy or clay soils.

Depending upon its habitat, flowering may commence in June and continue into September.

The narrow, fairly rigid leaves are about 50mm long, right angled to the branch, having a sharp tip at the end. Hence the word "Needle" in its name. The other word in its common name appears to be derived from the silky hairs that are present on new growth.

Delicately formed white flowers are mostly clustered towards the ends of reddish brown branches. These flowers possess a mild scent that can be detected if you are able to get close enough to them without coming in contact with the sharp spiky leaves while doing so.

The fruits of this shrub develop into a rounded and wrinkled, woody hard shell reminiscent of a walnut shell. The matured fruit may remain on the plant for several years before it opens to reveal a flat, winged seed.

As with many species of our native flora there are frequently similar varieties. In the case of this one, a close relative is known as the Warty Needle Bush (*Hakea propinqua*) which may be mistaken for the Silky Needle Bush.

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Our special guest speaker will be one of our younger talented members Harold Kuan. Harold joined BSA, 3 years ago after discovering his passion for the Tillandsia online.

Finding that his Tillandsias needed a stand for showing purposes he pushed himself to make the wire stands his entries required for display in Bromeliad competitions.

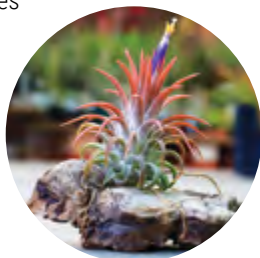
With no previous training in metal work, he just figured out how to make them as he went along. Harold obtains the mesh from Bunnings, which he cuts with bolt cutters and then bends. For wood mounts he finds branches and large pieces on walks around his neighbourhood but purchases cork from an orchid supplier.

Currently he estimates Tillandsias make up 80% of his collection, but he also likes Billbergias, Dykias, Neoregelias, Aechmeas – really any bromeliad with colour, sculpture or unusual form.

Harold will give a hands on demonstration during his presentation at the meeting on “how to mount Tillandsia.”

Guests are most welcome to come along to Harold’s presentation.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle, Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called just “Show” for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.



For further information please contact Ian Hook, President of BSA on mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com or refer to www.bromeliad.org.au for the latest updates.

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Dural Rural Fire Brigade would like to thank all of those who support us through donations. These donations help us buy various items to keep our brigade running including maintenance tools, new equipment for the trucks and food for crews. Most recently we used our funds to purchase a second working on roofs kit to assist during storm damage operations. We also purchased a new radio that will be permanently fixed to our breathing apparatus sets. These are the sets that allow our firefighters to enter structure fires, having a radio permanently fixed on the set helps to speed up the time that it takes for them to finish setting up and entering a building.

We would like to especially thank Round Corner Newsagency, K S Dhoha (Sam), and brigade Deputy Captain Peter Bray holding the donation helmet



The owner of Round Corner Newsagency, K S Dhoha (Sam), and brigade Deputy Captain Peter Bray holding the donation helmet



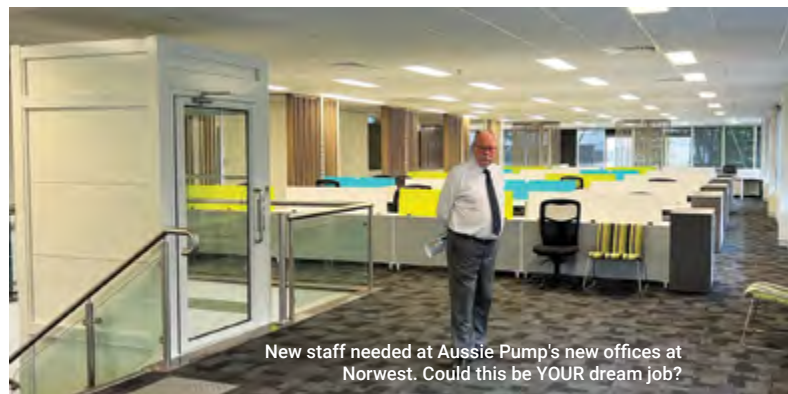
A group photo from the recent Breathing Apparatus Course with Dural’s first female breathing apparatus operator

TRAINING

Winter is a busy time for our volunteers with training. On top of our usual brigade training, we have members currently upskilling themselves on various district-run courses. Over the last two months, we have had members on a

number of different courses including Village Firefighter, Advanced Firefighter, Fire Boat Crew, Safe Working on Roofs, Rural Fire Driver and First Aid. We also had our first female member complete the Breathing Apparatus Operator course which allows members to work in environments where the air is not breathable.

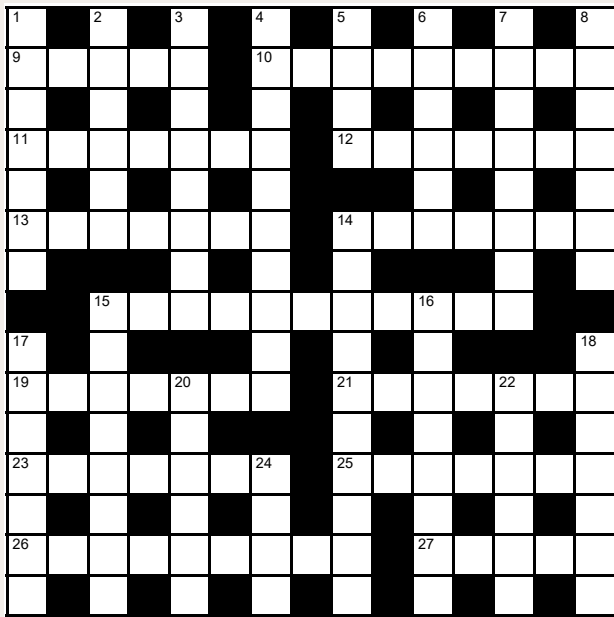
Good luck to all of those currently on courses and congratulations to those who have recently completed courses.



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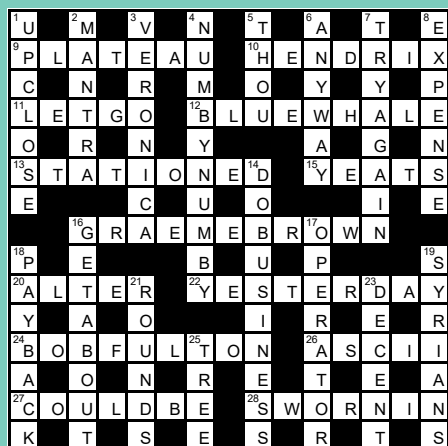
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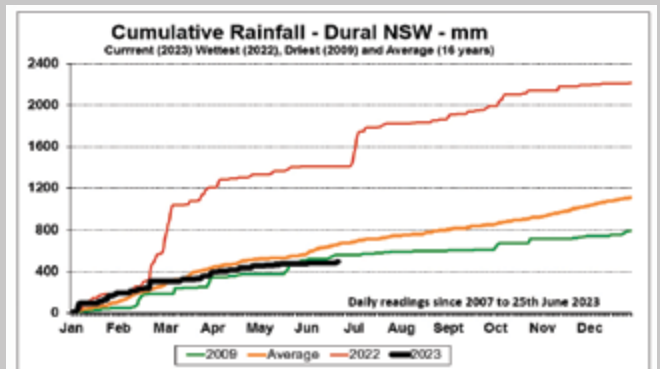
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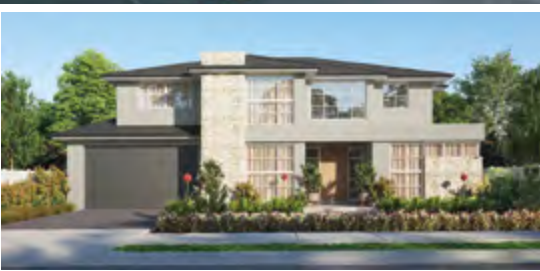
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