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Open Day
Sunday 15 October
See inside for details



The Northholm Journey

Northholm Grammar is excited to be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Our students have returned with great energy and enthusiasm, our teachers are committed to establishing a pathway to excellence for our young men and women and our parents are supportive in fostering a learning environment that challenges and supports their children.

Our 'Challenging Minds, Creating Futures' Strategic Plan clearly articulates the importance of a Holistic Education (Pastoral Attentiveness) through our strategic direction to 'energise the School's holistic approach to the education of our students through the refinement of the co-curricular program, the significance of the House System and the development of our approach to character education and student wellbeing'. Our strategic direction in the endeavour is further articulated through four specific objectives.

A Northholm Grammar Education firmly believes that character and resilience are as crucial to young people's future success as academic qualifications, hence our commitment to an educational philosophy based on 'academic intentionality with pastoral attentiveness'. Underlined within the approach is the significance of pupils learning about the importance of positive personal attributes – such as self-respect and self-worth, honesty, courage, kindness, generosity, trustworthiness and a sense of justice. We aim at building on the great work already being done by many schools to ensure young people build strong and positive relationships and

embrace the character and resilience needed to deal with life's inevitable challenges.

The Northholm Journey for our students consists of the following growth stages: *Knowing your purpose in life, growing to reach your maximum potential and sowing seeds that benefit others.*

You can see by this definition that student success is a journey rather than a destination. No matter how long you live or what you decide to do in life, you will never exhaust your capacity to grow toward your potential, nor will you run out of opportunities to help others. When you see success as a journey, then you never have the problem of trying to "arrive" at an elusive final destination. And you'll never find yourself in a position where you've accomplished some final goal – only to discover that you're still unfulfilled and searching for something else to do.

Another benefit of focusing on the journey of becoming our best instead of on arriving at a destination or achieving a goal is that you have the potential to become the best version of yourself today. The very moment that you make the shift to finding your purpose, growing to your potential, and helping others, success is something you are right now, not something you vaguely hope one day to be.

Fundamentally education is about making sure the next generation have everything they need to realise their potential. That means offering them a broad and rich curriculum which gives them the knowledge and skills that will set them up for success in further study and the world and work. But it shouldn't stop there; a young person's time in education should help to build their confidence and resilience, helping them to deal with life's ups and downs.




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HOME OR THE OFFICE?

BY MARK COUPAR



This seems a big dilemma facing our community following Covid lockdowns, floods and Bushfires.

Working from home research has found 67% of people regularly work from home compared to 42% back in pre Covid days.

There are significant advantages and disadvantages on both sides of the argument so I will look a bit deeper into the question.

While working from home can offer a more balanced and efficient way to work as it avoids long commutes bad traffic and transport, it can also be a cost saver as it wipes out many travel costs. On the other hand, it can be said that office work provides a better environment for communication and networking, learning new things from others and creates good habits e.g. getting up on time, starting work on time, and can be a part of culture building.

Many businesses are starting to encourage people back to the office at least for a couple of day per week but it appears the working from home lifestyle balance is still a stronger option.

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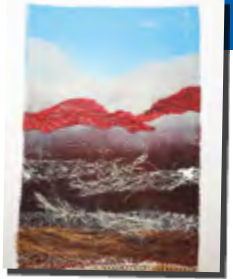
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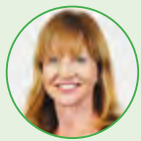
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AGE-RELATED HEARING LOSS

BY SANDRA RAZZAGHIPOUR

Age-related hearing loss, also referred to as Presbycusis, is a hearing loss that is caused by degeneration of the hearing organ over time. It is common that this hearing loss gradually occurs in most adults as they grow older through wear and tear and is one of the four leading chronic health conditions experienced by the senior population in Australia.

This hearing loss typically affects both ears equally and it progresses from the high pitches of sound to low pitches of sound with ageing. Presbycusis most commonly impacts on high pitches of speech sounds which greatly impairs an individual's ability to understand speech. This degradation in the ability to understand speech becomes even more challenging in noisy and reverberant environments like cafes and restaurants. Tinnitus has also been associated with hearing loss. This is because as hearing sensitivity decreases, the perception of a ringing or buzzing noise can become more noticeable to the individual.

Although age-related hearing loss is not a life-threatening condition, it can still have a significant impact on an individual's quality of life if it is left unmanaged and untreated. It can cause people to withdraw from social situations or limit interactions with family and friends without even noticing that it has to do with their hearing. This can lead to loneliness, isolation or depression as the individual stops communicating with people around them.

It is important to remember that hearing cannot be restored once it is lost. So be aware of potential sources of damaging noise such as loud music, power tools and firearms. Ensure that you are wearing earplugs or earmuffs if you are exposed to these sounds.

Age related hearing loss happens slowly over time and often people are not aware of the change at first. It is important to have regular hearing assessments to understand if your hearing is slowly deteriorating over time.

Common signs that this hearing loss may be affecting you, include finding speech sounds to be muffled and having more difficulty understanding words, especially when there is background noise. Adults with Presbycusis often find that they are straining to hear conversation and they need to use more effort than normal to listen when there is

background noise. This can often make people feel tired or fatigued as they are concentrating more than ever to hear. It is also common to find yourself asking people to repeat or rephrase themselves more and more. Often it is a person's significant other or family that notice that the volume of the television or radio are slowly being made louder over time.

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from the Mayor's Desk

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 bushfires 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.

As I have shared before, we are committed to open and transparent communication and consultation with our community. Just over a year ago, we launched Your Say Hornsby on a new online engagement platform. In its first year, our community made 117,000 submissions about 67 projects. We thank those who have engaged with us on the new portal and encourage everyone get involved at hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

This month, we are launching a new quarterly publication, bringing you news of what's been happening across Hornsby Shire. From projects, services and initiatives to environmental news and useful tips and tricks, we hope you find it interesting and informative. Look out for it in your letterbox.

Last month, we said a fond farewell to much-respected Hornsby resident, Robin Timmins. Robin was a member of the Beecroft Garden Club, served as President of the Beecroft Probus Club and organised local heritage walking tours. A passionate supporter of rugby, Robin was an early trailblazer for women in sport. She was a ground breaker, being the first female referee in Australia, and was awarded an OAM for her services to the sport. I acknowledge her contribution to the community; she will be missed.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



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Saturday 16 September, 9am–2pm
Storey Park Community Centre

Chipping for Mulch Westleigh

Sunday 17 September, 7.30am–12.30pm
The Old Dog Pound, Westleigh

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HILLS SHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "PATHETIQUE."

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DURAL & DISTRICTS PONY CLUB 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Sat 16 Sept at the Dural Pony Club Grounds on Bannerman Road, Kenthurst. <https://www.trybooking.com/CKHND>

KENTHURST FAIR

Sun 10 Sept 10am – 3pm. John Benyon Rotary Park, Kenthurst. Food, Markets, Entertainment, Street Parade, Rides and Slide, Family Fun.

DURAL RFS BRIGADE

'Get Ready Weekend' to plan and prepare for the bushfire season. Sat 9 Sept, Pacific Hills Fair, Pacific Hills Christian School, 9 Quarry Road, Dural.

GLENORIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Will be hosting an informative bushfire preparedness event on 14th September at 7:15pm at Glenorie RSL, 3 Post Office Rd, Glenorie NSW 2157.

DURAL & DISTRICT PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 3rd Monday of month 7:00 pm. The Blue Gum Centre, Glenhaven Green, 607 Old Northern Rd.
Contact Graham 8677 7896 or 0402 421 060

ROTARY WPH/ CHERRYBROOK

Annual Garage Sale, Cherrybrook Uniting Church, 134 New Line Rd, 30 Sept 8am – 3pm. BBQ, Markets, Cakes, Coffee and Food, Homewares, Plants, Car Boot Sale and Tools.

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ALPHA COURSE – EXPLORE FAITH, LIFE AND MEANING

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The Dural Bowling Club hosted the Men Minor Singles competition 24 June – 15 July. The finals took place on 15th July between Norm Nicholson and Steve Barrett. Norm is the minor singles champion for Dural Bowling Club. The Men Major singles is currently in progress with the final scheduled for 26 August.

Anyone interested in playing bowls or having a Barefoot Bowls Party please contact Robert on 0411 375 580.

ADVERTORIAL

SPRING FEVER: BLOOMS TO WELCOME THE SEASON

The arrival of spring brings a renewed sense of growth and vibrancy and as winter fades, our gardens begin to reflect the lively spirit of the season. Our friends at Sydney's Plant Market are here to provide any assistance and advice that you need to embrace our favourite season of the year!

CLASSIC SPRING BLOOMS:

At the forefront of spring blooms is the reliable Wattle (Acacia), with its distinct golden flowers. Following closely is the Boronia, notable for its pink or brown blossoms and pleasant fragrance. And for our Hills residents, the streets are often lined with the sweet pink flowers of the well-love cherry blossom.

DIVERSITY IN SPRING PLANTING:

For those looking to diversify their gardens, several colourful options bloom in spring. The Kangaroo Paw offers both colour and an attraction for local birds. The Waratah, with its robust red flowers, is an unmistakable Australian native. Or you might favour the variety of blue hues Delphiniums display or the dash of purple that the Hardenbergia introduces. Azaleas, with their

striking bursts of pink (or other colours) provide a vibrant addition. And if you could bottle up spring, it would smell like Jasmine which will climb beautifully through your space.

TIPS FOR PLANTING SPRING BLOOMS:

- **Soil Prep:** Ensure the soil is well-aerated and enriched with necessary nutrients using compost.
- **Spacing:** Allow adequate space between plants to facilitate growth and proper air circulation.
- **Depth:** Planting depth is crucial. Typically, it should be around twice the size of the bulb or the root ball of seedlings.
- **Watering:** Water sufficiently post-planting to settle the soil and roots, eliminating potential air gaps.

CARING FOR YOUR SPRING BLOOMS:

Maintaining the health of these plants requires attention to details like soil drainage, adequate sunlight, and regulated watering. For specific advice or queries, Sydney's Plant Market is can assist. Open 7 days, 7am-5pm, 184 Annangrove Rd, Annangrove or visit www.sydneyplantmarket.com.au



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GEARING UP FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

The past three La Nina years have brought heavy rainfalls and fuelled vegetation growth. Now the BOM has recently declared an El Nino alert. With the vegetation growth and hotter and drier weather conditions ahead, this lifts the risk of drought and bushfires.

Dural Brigade is ramping up on crew training days and honing in on our core skills to ensure we can respond appropriately, effectively and safely in times of emergency. The Dural Brigade and other brigades in the district are conducting a number of hazard reduction burns (HRs), most recently on Quarry Rd.



WE ARE PREPARING, ARE YOU?

The RFS will host 'Get Ready Weekend' on 16 - 17 September with events held by brigades across NSW. The campaign is designed to encourage communities to plan and prepare for the bushfire season ahead. We aim to refresh the community's knowledge of fire risks and encourage everyone to create or review their Bushfire Survival Plans and start preparing their properties.

To help our community prepare, Dural Brigade will have a crew on **Saturday 9 September** at the Pacific Hills Fair located at the Pacific Hills Christian School (9 Quarry Road, Dural). It will be great to see many of our community members, have a chat about your Bushfire Survival Plan and provide information on how to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season. We will also have the fire truck on show and some fun freebies to give away, so please come by our stall and say hello!

The top four tips to getting ready for bushfire season are:

- Discuss what to do if a bushfire threatens your home;
- Prepare your home and get it ready for bushfire season;
- Know the bushfire alert levels; and
- Keep all the bushfire information numbers, websites and the Hazards Near Me app handy.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

DURAL RFS IS RECRUITING – ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS A NSW RFS VOLUNTEER?

There are many reasons to join the NSW RFS. You may want to protect your families, friends and community or you may want to meet a like-minded group of people. No matter the reason, if you would like to join or find out more, please refer to the RFS website or send us a message on our social media pages.

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KENTHURST RFS



200 firefighters undertook hazard reduction burns in Kenthurst, northwest of Sydney. The burns are one of the largest to occur within the Sydney area for some time and will assist in protecting

properties and businesses during the upcoming fire season.

These important burns have been planned over two years and is occurring in bush that last burnt during the 2002 fires. Fire agencies are doing as much as we can to prepare ahead of the fire season and it's important you do too. Kenthurst RFS have an open day on the **16th of September** where you can pop in and talk to fire fighters and collect information anytime between 10am – 2pm at 1 porters rd. Kenthurst.

Kenthurst RFS had 24 members attend over both days of the McClymont's Road Hazard Reductions fulfilling roles such as crewing vehicles, post burn patrols and IMT positions.

We would also like to acknowledge other parties, including the massive efforts put in by the District Office team to get these burns across the line at such short notice and the support from district and out of area crews. On behalf of Kenthurst RFS, and The Hills District RFS, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody involved in the successful Study Centre Hazard Reduction. And the Aloha stage 1 and 2 and the McClymont's Road hazard Reduction

We would also like to thank our Kenthurst Community for your wonderful cooperation and support throughout these events.

To all Brigades who travelled near and far to help make this happen, thank you, we couldn't have done it without you.

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Living Choice Regional Manager, Gail Eyres, said the sales and display centre would open its doors to invited clients on **Thursday 14th September** with interested members of the public welcome to visit from **15th September**.

"Initially, the centre will be open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. The opening hours will be extended as

the first homes near completion," she said.

"Many clients have already expressed their interest in Stage 1, comprising 13 two and three-bedroom villas with one or two garages. We are looking forward to working with them to ensure the moving-in experience is stress-free. We also have an experienced panel of real estate agents who can assist them to get the best possible price for their home."

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OAKHILL DRIVE PS DANCE THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

Oakhill Drive Public School, in Castle Hill, is a school that values the creative talents of their students. As well as gifted school band groups and an angelic choir, this year the school has two particularly successful dance troupes.



So far this year, the ODPS Junior and Senior dance troupes have performed at eisteddfods including the St George Dance Eisteddfod as well as the prestigious 'Sydney Eisteddfod' at the Sydney Opera House.

After vibrant performances at Sydney's iconic Opera House, the troupes were awarded second and third places, receiving scores as high as 94 out of 100. Judges stated that the groups had

brilliant energy, very good precision, and professional execution.

At the St George Dance Eisteddfod at Hurstville, the school troupes once again received second and third places. A pleasing result overall for the Oakhill Drive dance troupes.

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NEW HOPE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY



New Hope Christian School has been educating children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and intellectual delay for the past eight years. August 16 was a special day for staff, families and students, with the official opening ceremony of their new campus at Quarry Road, Dural.

The modern, purpose-built facilities are laid out to create a relaxed 'village-like' feel. There are bright and airy classrooms, a Life Skills centre, time-out zones, playground, communal spaces and beautiful landscaping. The School looks on thick bushland to add to its serenity. Further expansions are planned for the future.



Dr Ted Boyce, Principal, Dianne Dowson, Director, Julian Leeser MP, Chairman of the Board, Mark McCrindle, Matt Kean MP

New Hope Christian School caters for children from Years 1-12. In the words of Director, Dianne Dowson, the school reflects "a philosophy of high care and support for the students." The Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser MP, and the Member for Hornsby, the Honourable Matt Kean MP, attended and spoke to the gathering of over 100 parents, teachers, students and friends of the school.

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It was a special privilege to represent Hornsby Shire on Veteran's Day. The occasion marked the 50th Anniversary of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, and with the day itself, (18th August), marking the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966.



In addition, to the Hornsby service in Railway Park, a local service was held at the recently refurbished cenotaph in Glenorie's Wal Buckingham Park. Joined by RSL subbranch members and Hills Deputy Mayor, Mitchel Blue, a fitting memorial was delivered for the 60 000 Australian service personnel that served over a 10-and-a-half-year period and recognising the 523 lives lost and the 3000 wounded.

Importantly, it was a reminder of how the declining support for the war resulted in the poor treatment of our returning veterans. This should never occur again. With the cenotaph now

restored, it is also fitting that the next stage of the park plan will now be rolled out. Improvements to paving, landscaping, furniture etc. will be features of proposed work. The eventual plan being an overall precinct upgrade from the Bus terminus to the Memorial Hall.

More welcome news this month included the State Government back down on changes to rural land use. Much of last years proposed changes increased opportunities for rural landowners to value-add to their existing activities. However, one change relating to visitor numbers on farm, has now been revised to remove the numbers cap. This has been a long journey and testament to the community and Government agencies working together for common-sense outcomes. We look forward to our remaining rural businesses enjoying the opportunity to share farmgate experiences with the public.

As always, happy to be contacted in regard to any issues.
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2023-24 VOLUNTEER GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN

MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Every community in Australia is built on volunteers. I know that our community has one of the most thriving groups of volunteers in the country.

People in our local area are exceptionally generous with their time and energy. That is evident across the hundreds of local volunteer organisations in our area. Those volunteers show up week in and week out to support the people, causes, and groups that they care about. Through those community organisations, local volunteers help to lift people up and bring people together.

Recently, I attended the North Western Sydney Regional Volunteer of the Year award ceremony, where it was an honour to present the Volunteer Group of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. It was wonderful to see so many unsung heroes be recognised for all of their hard work and commitment to their community. I particularly want to acknowledge my constituents, the Young Volunteer of the Year Jade Pinar and the Hills Relay for Life committee, who were awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Applications for the 2023-24 Volunteer Grants are now open. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations.

The Grants are designed to support the important work of volunteers in our local community organisations. I recently visited St John Ambulance Hornsby Division, one the many fantastic organisations that have benefited from a Volunteer Grant. Previously, volunteers had needed to use generic backpacks to store their supplies. The grant has enabled them to upgrade to toughened, compartmentalised, purpose-built response kits.

This simple change will help the volunteers to better serve our community and improve their experience in doing so.

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant, please contact my office via Julian.Leeser.MP@aph.gov.au applications are open until Friday 8 September.



HAPPENING UP NORTH

CLR MITCHELL BLUE

Now is the time to start preparing for the upcoming fire season. Three years of La Nina rainfall has caused significant growth in vegetation. A drier than usual winter points to a potentially dangerous bush fire season.

You need to be bush fire ready. That means knowing your risk and having a plan for what to do during a fire. The best way to do this is to make a Bushfire Survival Plan. www.myfireplan.com.au

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MESSAGE FROM MATT KEAN

MEMBER FOR HORNSBY

PREPARE FOR THE BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD

The Greater Sydney Bushfire Danger period commences on **1st October**. To prepare for this bushfire season I strongly encourage all residents, landowners and businesses to prioritise their bushfire preparedness. We have been very lucky in the past 20 years to have had no major bushfires in Hornsby area, and after several very wet summers, I have noticed a concerning level of complacency amongst many in the community.

The Hornsby local government area is the Bushland Shire which we all love. However, because of this we will always be exposed to the risk of bushfire. The upcoming summer will bring an escalated potential risk in our region due to increasing bushfire fuel levels.

To assist with protecting lives and property the RFS emphasise the need for residents to plan and prepare themselves, and their property for the upcoming summer. To support these efforts, they are holding their annual state-wide 'Get Ready Weekend' on **16th and 17th September**. This aims to provide the community an opportunity to connect with their local brigades to discuss their specific bushfire risks. The event underlines the significance of individual responsibility to create bushfire resilience.

In addition to the Get Ready Weekend, many local RFS brigades are holding street meetings that connect long-time and new residents with local firefighters. These gatherings intend to facilitate detailed discussions about the risks, consequences and steps residents must take to prepare for the impact of bushfires. Aimed at raising awareness and motivating early pre-emptive measures, these RFS events are designed to engage, inform and change behaviour in the community.

To find out more about how you can prepare your family and property for bushfires, visit <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>

For further details on the Get Ready Weekend, go to <https://www.facebook.com/nswrfs> or contact your local RFS brigade directly.

survive a bush fire. It is easier for you or firefighters to defend and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk. A well-prepared home will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave. For more information on 'getting ready' visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

Another way to get ready is to talk to your local RFS brigade. Here in The Hills, we have 18 RFS brigades, many of which will be participating in "Get Ready Weekend" on **16/17th September**. Check with your local brigade for their event schedule. Glenorie Progress Association will be hosting an informative bushfire preparedness event on **14th September** at 7.15pm at Glenorie RSL.

I will be there as the Chair of the Bush Fire Management Committee along with representatives from the Rural Fire Service and Glenorie Brigade.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Mitchell Blue
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NSW SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 2023

MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL



There is an exciting new opportunity for high school students in the Castle Hill Electorate! The Parliament of NSW Education team is inviting Year 11 students (Year 12 in Term 4) to apply to participate in the NSW Constitutional Convention 2023.

When: Monday 6 November 2023
Where: Parliament of NSW, 6 Macquarie St. Sydney

This annual program, now in its 29th year, seeks to promote understanding and informed discussion amongst young Australians about the Australian Constitution and system of government. Professor Emerita Anne Twomey of the University of Sydney is the keynote speaker, and students will also have the opportunity to engage in small group discussions with parliamentary experts on aspects of the selected topic. At the conclusion of the day, delegates peer select 30 of their number to attend the National Constitutional Convention to be held in Canberra in 2024.

Principals are invited to nominate one Year 11 (incoming Year 12) student from their school to be considered for participation in the 2023 NSW Schools Constitutional Convention. Unfortunately, multiple nominations cannot be accepted. Applications close **Friday 15 September 2023**.

To be considered for attendance at the Convention, each student must submit a single A4 page statement in their own words on the following question:

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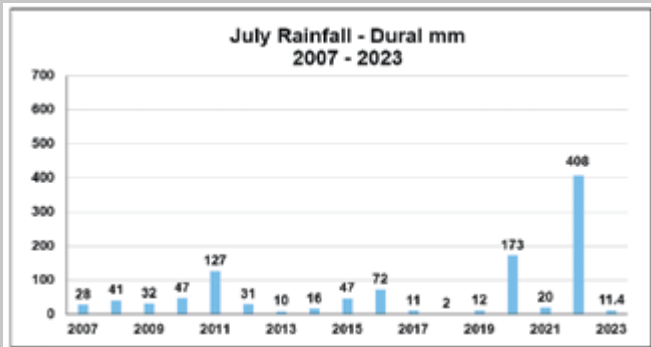
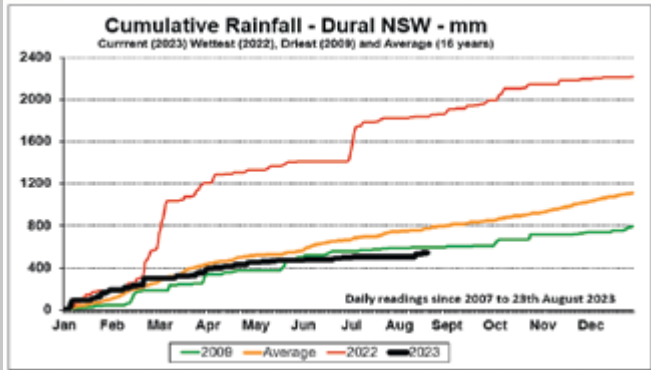
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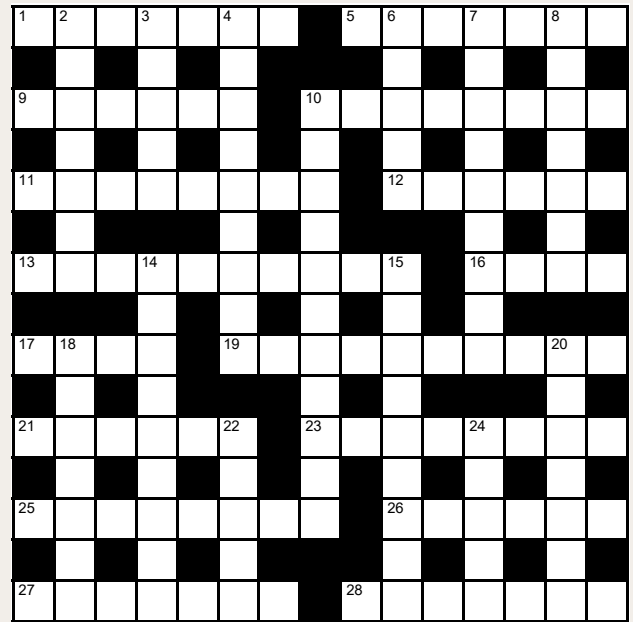
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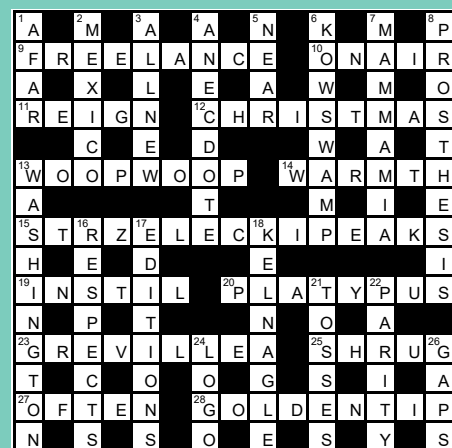
ACROSS

- 01 Gulps of air (7)
- 05 Assistance for the needy (7)
- 09 Big commotion (6)
- 10 Exploit (3,2,3)
- 11 In an emergency, it doesn't come second (5,3)
- 12 Small wave (6)
- 13 Field hockey player with Olympic gold and bronze medals (5,5)
- 16 Land of ayatollahs (4)
- 17 It may be half-baked (4)
- 19 Corresponding (10)
- 21 Sunk (6)
- 23 It goes, according to Cole Porter (8)
- 25 A dishonest flyer, by the sound of it (8)
- 26 Gum arabic (6)
- 27 Simulated on a computer (7)
- 28 Hang in there! (7)

DOWN

- 02 Knockoff (7)
- 03 Tiny particles (5)
- 04 White-flowered NE Queensland rainforest tree (4,5)
- 06 Go in (5)
- 07 Clue in the dirt (9)
- 08 Parrot variety (7)
- 10 Burnett River dry spot? (5,6)
- 14 Directly (2,1,6)
- 15 Bellarine Peninsula swamp (5,4)
- 18 Genuine (5-2)
- 20 Catholic welfare organisation (7)
- 22 Subject of Professor Higgins' experiment (5)
- 24 A lot (5)

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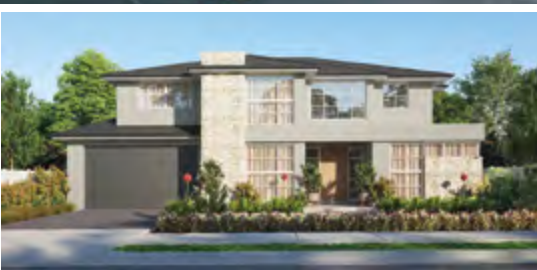
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