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WHY HITTING THE PROPERTY MARKET IN WINTER COULD PROVE TO BE THE RIGHT MOVE

Savvy home sellers should look to list their property ahead of what is anticipated to be a busier-than-usual spring market.

Kate Lumby from Lumby Real Estate said there are many advantages to listing in winter due to continued property price growth and strong buyer demand.

"There tends to be a glut of property coming onto the market once we hit September, but a better strategy is to go early and get a first-move advantage as there is less competition and buyers in winter tend to be more serious," she said.

Lumby Real Estate has been specialising in residential and acreage sales throughout The Hills and Hawkesbury areas for more than 50 years offering both private treaty and auction campaigns. The boutique agency has achieved some of Dural's highest sales results, more recently 17-19 Vineys Lane and 2 Haven Place.

It can take as little as one week to list a property for sale, giving those currently considering their options time to get ahead of the crowd.

"The best place to start is having your property appraised and this includes looking at comparative sales results in your area," said Ms Lumby, who is a two-time Australian Auctioneer of the Year Award winner.

Her father Barry, who started the business back in 1968, said he has seen many sellers waste valuable time and money by leaving their property sitting on the market due to being overpriced or with the wrong agent.

"It is important to have experience, the right strategy and the right agency behind you so that you can move on to the next stage of your life."

Interested in having your property appraised? Contact Kate Lumby from Lumby Real Estate on 0414 620 222.



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Dural & District Business Chamber End of Financial Year Evening

BY MARK COUPAR

Thursday 15th June saw the Dural Chamber hold an evening for local business owners at "The Centre" in Dural.

The night centered on the importance of small business being across all aspects of their end of financial year obligations.

On the night we had Keryn Stack our amazing BAS expert talking all things BAS and Business Banking, Joanne Lin from ANZ Banking and Business & Learning consultant Michael Parker.

Over 20 local business owners attended the night; half of these were home based businesses, and the event was a great networking opportunity.

One of the great take-outs from the presentations was from Michael: that the common problem of working AT your



business means you are not working ON your business. Owners need to invest time ON their businesses for a better future and learn what financial levers need to be used to build awareness around cash flow.

Keryn from Accounts All Sorted focused on 4 key areas that get businesses into trouble: Lack of financial visibility; Ignoring financial indicators; Reactive rather than proactive management; and Missed opportunities.

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

Wishing all our local businesses a Happy New Financial Year, and may all your resolutions come true!

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Ease Cost of Living Pressures with the Middle Dural Toy Library



As families across the region feel the pinch from rising cost of living, the Middle Dural Toy Library offers a budget-friendly solution that doesn't skimp on quality or fun. The toy library provides a sustainable way to keep children engaged and learning without the financial burden of purchasing new toys.

For an annual fee starting at just \$50, members gain access to a diverse collection of over 1300 toys, puzzles, games, and costumes. "Most people borrow more than \$50 worth of toys on their first visit alone and we have multiple members who have saved more than \$2000 over the past 12 months" says Emily Kothe, President of the Middle Dural Toy Library. "This provides incredible value, especially during these times when every penny counts."

The toy library also supports the community with an out-of-hours click and collect service, offering flexibility for busy families. By fostering a sharing culture, the library strengthens

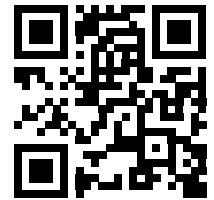
community bonds and provides a practical response to economic challenges.

Volunteers run the Middle Dural Toy Library, and their commitment to the library's mission is pivotal in its success. New volunteers and members are always welcome, and the library invites locals who wish to contribute to a meaningful community cause to join.

For more information on becoming a member or volunteer, or to explore the library's cost-effective offerings, visit <http://middleduraltoylibrary.org> or drop by the library on Saturdays between 10am and 12pm. Middle Dural Toy Library is located at 1 Sunnyvale Rd, Middle Dural.

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Shaw asserts that prostitution is not caused by moral failure but by economic necessity and, well over a century after its first performance, his play still resonates. How and why do we judge the choices of others – as well as the choices we make for ourselves?

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Selecting the Right Agent

PROPERTY & YOU – BY PAUL MCKENZIE, ABS CONVEYANCING

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Go onto realestate.com.au and domain.com.au, their sold sections, to get a feel of the prices sold in your suburb, and to compare those prices to your family home, if they are similar, superior or inferior. This gives you a fair indication, before you contact local agents,

for their marketing appraisals, fee structures, references, track record and their recommendations, which marketing and selling method to use, private treaty? or auction?

When selecting the right agent for selling, never choose the one, claims to offer you top price, as they are most likely bluffing to obtain the listing, with false expectations. Also, do not go for the 1% selling fee agent, who are so cheap, they perform little in service. Go for the selling agent that has a good track record, with good selling results, service, and references, in which past vendors are singing their praises.



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Finishing touches have just been completed on the new office at 538-540 Old Northern Road Dural, so if you're passing feel free to drop in and say hi.

Our team look forward to assisting you with all things real estate.

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A recently completed project in Kenthurst is a perfect example of how the Gremmo Homes team work to create a home that provides all of the modern living requirements whilst blending in seamlessly with its surrounding environment.

The outdoor kitchen and al-fresco of this property functions as an extension of the internal living areas of the home. The BBQ takes centre stage alongside a chilled beer fridge, everything that you require for effortless entertaining. Overhead ceiling fans work to cool the space during Sydney's warm summer evenings, while the built-in fireplace ensures the party can continue into the cooler months. The stone detailing featured on the front façade of the home is reprised here, creating further cohesion.

The alfresco looks over the stunning pool, offering a picturesque backdrop to the leafy backdrop beyond. Of course, a home of this calibre is not without its modern comforts such as automation, security systems, a ducted vacuum and video intercom. Photovoltaic panels, a Tesla battery and rainwater harvesting also help to limit the environmental impact of the home.

This fusion of modern contemporary design located in a bushland setting ensures that this home is a true statement piece, a luxurious sanctuary to sit back and enjoy the leafy surrounds.

Afternoon Tea



For the second year, The Y (YMCA) Oakhill Drive, in conjunction with Oakhill Drive Public School has held The BIGGEST Afternoon Tea to raise funds for Cancer Council research. We exceeded beyond belief to raise \$8034 for this worthy cause.

This was a whole community effort from The Y, the school, our families and children, Cancer council and over 25 local businesses, including Dural Bunnings.

As we know Cancer affects so many people in our community and we just wanted show our support and teach the children of tomorrow about volunteering, charity work and being part of being a part of something bigger that effects so many people.

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Getting Started

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Tools and Materials:

- Firelighters
- Kindling
- Firewood
- Poker stick
- Fire Starters
- Shovel and hearth brush

Steps:

1. Prepare your fireplace

Your fireplace may already be clean, but if it's not, you'll need to clean out any ash or coal before getting started. You should also open the flue, or vents to ensure there's good airflow when the fire is lit.

2. Stack and light the kindling

Take six to eight pieces of kindling and stack them in a crosshatch style arrangement, by placing two pieces on the base of the fire



Three generations of residents Jacob Taylor, founder of Taylor firewood, Ashley Taylor and John Taylor, a Dural resident for 50 years.

vertically, and two pieces on top of those horizontally, repeating again.

Following fire starter product instructions, place firelighter bricks amongst the kindling. Using a gas lighter or matches, light the kindling and wait for it to become well alight. Wait a few minutes before adding the larger firewood pieces to your fire.

3. Add the firewood

Once the burning kindling settles, it's time to add the first pieces of firewood. Place a few pieces of smaller firewood onto the kindling, being sure to allow space between

them so air can circulate. Once these smaller pieces settle and are burning hot, it's time to add larger logs. Again, be sure to allow good airflow between each log, to prevent smouldering and smoke. For best results ensure your wood is dry so that it lights well.

4. Relax and enjoy

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Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook

On 13th May we held our Pride of Workmanship awards at The Vicar, Dural. The award encourages pride of workmanship by providing employers with the opportunity, through Rotary, of recognising and acknowledging the efforts and contributions of an employee who consistently achieves an overall high personal standard and work performance. David Firth, District Chair and founder of Pride of Workmanship presented three worthy recipients, Michelle Friery, Lindon Paleracio and Luke McLeod, with awards.

On Saturday 18th May and Sunday 9th June we held two very successful BBQs at Bunnings Castle Hill with proceeds going to Domestic and Family Violence Charities and other Rotary charities. Our next BBQ is on Saturday 6th July.

Club members visited our Sister Club, The Rotary Club of Coonabarabran, to help run the canteen in the Showgrounds for the 32nd Equestrian Expo, from 31st May to 4th June. This is the largest equestrian event in Australia, involving a lot of hard work and fun.

On Friday 21st June the Club held its change over dinner to induct our new Board, at Springfield House, Dural.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook, be involved or join us for dinner please call 0412 064 336 or visit <http://www.wphcrotaary.org/>

Rotary Club of Kenthurst

Vale Keith McGill

It is with very heavy hearts that we farewell our Past President, Keith McGill aged 90 who passed away on Wednesday 22nd May after falling ill that morning.

He will be truly missed by all who were privileged to have known him. A member of The Rotary Club of Kenthurst since December 1983, Keith was President in 1994-95 when he started up Burn's Night, sharing his proud Scottish heritage. He was instrumental in building the Rotunda stage in John Benyon Rotary Park. Keith was also President in 2014-15 and organised our 4 main events through that year, he was always up for a challenge and to help in our activities.

We may have said farewell to this fine daoine-uaisle (Scottish Gentleman) but his legacy will remain. Rest in Peace Keith.

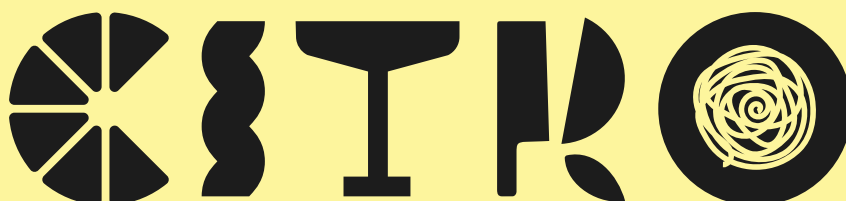


Kenthurst Fair

Our main fund raiser, the fabulous Kenthurst Fair (as part of Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival) is happening again this year at John Benyon Rotary Park. We are seeking stall holders and entertainers for the event being held on **Sunday 8th September 2024** from 10am to 3pm.

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Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings

The Wintry weather proved no deterrent for the Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook!

A delicious Lebanese dinner warmed a chilly evening and a most convivial happy hour. Members enjoyed a pleasant drive from Annangrove to Ebenezer on picturesque roads less travelled. A wonderful walk from Leichardt to Summer Hill combining bus, train and light rail culminated in a great lunch. A visit to the State Library was enlightening as interesting exhibitions are regularly rotated and of international importance.

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

In July regular monthly pastimes will be supplemented with tennis, an outing to

Camden for Christmas in July, a garden-lovers day to the Chinese Gardens at Darling Harbour and a theatre outing to Chicago providing something for everyone. In August members will celebrate the club's 25th Birthday.

If you are able bodied, semi-retired or a 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 meet at the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre on the first Thursday of each month. For information please contact Lynn on 04 1484 8413. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.



Round Corner Probus Club

The club started 2011 and has been very well attended at all times. The guest speakers have been excellent in their talks, the last being 'Scam Alert' (the latest with all the warnings first).

Club members have guided bus tours at regular intervals. There is something to interest all members.

Meetings are the second Monday of the month, 10am start at the Galston Club. We would love to see you there. You will be most welcome!

Combined Probus Club of Kenthurst

Kenthurst Probus held its monthly meeting on the 17th of June: due to the cold weather, members and guests met in the morning tea room adjoining the body of the Uniting Church on the corner of Jones Road and Kenthurst Road. Notwithstanding the inclement conditions the Club welcomed seven guests to the meeting, to hear an address by historian Ian Small.

Ian's topic was the Kurrajong recruitment drive in the State's North West during the First World War: as a result of which over a hundred young men volunteered to join up, and thereafter went on to serve in the trenches in France. Ian has written a book on the phenomenon: his enthusiastic talk was very well received.

The Club members were pleased to welcome their guests to experience a Probus meeting, which as always, included a refreshing cup of morning tea, before hearing from the Club's guest Speaker.

Anyone wishing to participate or observe the Kenthurst Probus experience at first hand is welcome to attend: details are always available from the Club membership director Burt Stuuat on 9652 1239 or 0424 247 003.



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from the Mayor's Desk

I was deeply shocked and angered to receive news from the state government that they will no longer fund the development of much needed sporting facilities at Westleigh Park. Simply put, it is the local community that will miss out. Hornsby Shire is in desperate need of recreational spaces and new sports facilities - there will be shortfall of 34 grounds by 2026 and the NSW Government's housing targets makes this need even more critical.

The site for Westleigh Park comprises around 36 hectares of open space and bushland. The redevelopment will create a major parkland with spaces for play, sporting activities including football, athletics, rugby, AFL and cricket, and other recreational activities such as mountain biking, walking and cycling.

This project is well under way, with a masterplan and plan of management adopted, detailed designs prepared, and construction expected to start by the end of this year (subject to DA approval).

Council has regularly updated the state government about progress and followed due diligence to advance this critical project. We also have cooperated with them by accepting additional housing targets above what we already planned for in our Hornsby Town Centre masterplan. These targets come with the promise of funds for infrastructure, so to take away this already allocated money is ridiculous.

The residents of the Hornsby Shire deserve better. Without these facilities our community will suffer declining physical and mental health.

I urge you to fight for the infrastructure you were promised and to save our sports grounds. Pledge your support on our website and write to the Premier for New South Wales, the Minister for Sport, the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Planning and your federal and local members. For more information and contact details for the Members of Parliament, use the links in our ad on this page.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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The Unique Approach of Ear Studio: Elevating Hearing Device Fittings Through Best Practice Principles

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Dural Bowling Club News

Three of Dural's newer bowlers, Elizabeth Goode, Cheryle Hobart and Lyn Luxford had their first taste of success at the Wattle Two Bowls Triples Carnival conducted by Pennant Hills Women's Bowling Club on Monday 27th May 2024 at Pennant Hills.

Undeclared in the two-game format, they were delighted that their opponents were notable bowlers. Our Dural team was awarded



the Prize for the Overall Winners of Game 1 of the Carnival. Approximately 20 other teams competed in the Carnival, which saw an excellent day of bowls.

Meeting new people is one of the bonuses of joining a bowling club. New Members are always welcome and free coaching is available to acquire the skills to make the game even more enjoyable.

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

Dying to Know Day

8 August

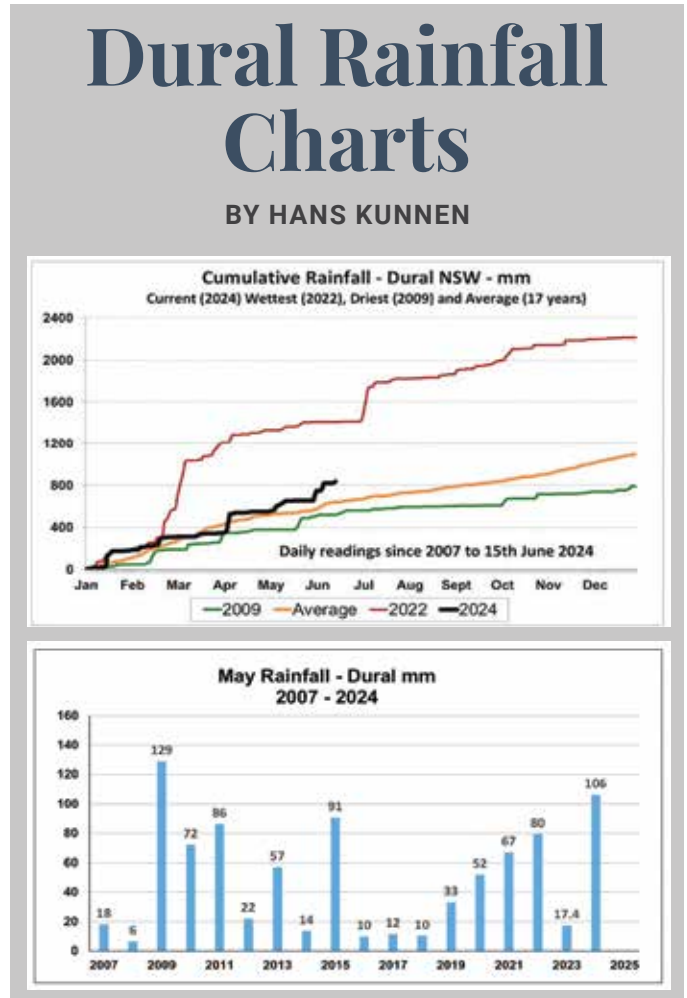
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Students develop resilience at Dural Public School



Our teaching staff, SLSOs and administration staff have recently completed six hours of training in The Anxiety Project, and next term we will run training sessions for parents and carers.

The Anxiety Project is designed by psychologist, Michael Hawton and the NSW Primary Principals Association to assist Primary students to manage anxious behaviour. It is a large-scale, evidence-based project, delivered through a series of

teacher-led cognitive-behavioural lessons and parent-led conversational techniques.

Over the remainder of the year our dedicated team of K-6 teachers will be implementing The Anxiety Project lessons as part of our PDHPE Curriculum. Our SLSOs and administrative staff will also be supporting our students manage anxious feelings by using research based conversational techniques.

Dural Public school is excited to be part of this program to empower our students to develop resilience, confidence and emotional well-being.

They're creepy and kooky, mysterious and spooky...

The Addams Family visits Galston High School!



The Addams Family is traveling from Cemetery Ridge, Westfield, New Jersey, to visit Galston High School this July, in our school musical from July 25th–27th.

This musical comedy celebrates the eccentricity of every family, focusing on the Addams Family's misadventures. The story revolves around Wednesday Addams, the 'Princess of Darkness,' who has fallen in love with Lucas Beineke, a sweet, intelligent young man from a respectable family. Her parents, Gomez and Morticia Addams, have never met him. Wednesday confides in her father, Gomez, and begs him to keep her relationship a secret from her mother. This forces Gomez to do something unprecedented: hide a secret from Morticia. The entire family's dynamics are tested on the night they host a dinner for Lucas and his parents and Wednesday requests that the family behave like "normal" people do.

To find out just how "normal" the Addams Family can be, you'll need to come along and see for yourselves. With a mix of spider webs and dancing ghosts, this musical is more kooky than spooky and suitable for all ages.

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Pacific Hills Christian School

The Importance of Gratitude in Community



At Pacific Hills Christian School we consider gratitude, and teaching gratitude to students, an important part of what makes up our school community.

Pacific Hills student Flynn McManus recently competed at the Lions Youth of the Year State Finals where he did an outstanding job representing our school and the local Lions Club. This is a significant achievement, and we are incredibly proud of him. As a Year 12 student preparing for the next season of his life, Flynn reflects on the School and community with gratitude:

"Whether it be taking part in the Lions Youth of the Year competition or just the day-to-day work in the classroom, I am so very thankful

for the servant hearts all my teachers possess, and the love they bear for all their students. Such an attitude to education is so evidently rooted in the Biblical example and teachings of Jesus. Although the future may seem ambiguous and challenging, there is such a hope and comfort found in our loving community of friends and staff..."

As a School we are thankful for our students, families, staff and the wider community we are part of.

May stories like Flynn's encourage you to consider what you might be thankful for and to look forward with hope, acknowledging God's goodness in the past and trusting Him with what lies ahead.

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Wesley Uniting Church Candlelight Vigil

On May 31st, 2024 the Wesley Uniting Church in Castle Hill hosted a Candlelight Vigil, marking the conclusion of a series of Domestic and Family Violence events in The Hills for Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Month. A safe, quiet space was provided for members of the community to come together to reflect and to light a candle in remembrance, honouring those we have lost, those who have suffered, and those who continue to endure the impacts of domestic and family violence.



Left to Right: Dr. Michelle Byrne, Rev. Carmel Ieraci, Clr Mitchell Blue, Mark Hodges MP

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2023, the prevalence of domestic and family violence remains alarmingly high, with 1 in 4 women (27%) and 1 in 8 men (12%) experiencing violence from an intimate partner or family member since the age of 15. These sobering statistics highlight the urgent need for communities across New South Wales and Australia to unite in raising awareness and working towards ending domestic and family violence.

Special thanks to Bryan and Jan Mullan and Reverend Carmel Ieraci for their dedication in hosting this event and creating a space for remembrance and reflection. Together, let us continue to strive for a future free from violence, where every individual can live in safety and dignity.



Rural Roundup Update
CLR WARREN WADDELL

June is always the time that we take stock of our finances. I am pleased to report that Hornsby Shire Council continues to track well in balancing the books.

We carry no debt and the budget for the year ahead contains a modest 1.9 million surplus. Given an overall annual budget of \$200 million containing capital works of \$67 million, we see the outcome as both responsible and moderately progressive.

It is always nice to fund more initiatives and to get things done faster, however, spending beyond our means comes with significant risk.

Council manages 2.5 billion dollars in assets. Our budget caters to the maintenance of those assets in a staged and considered way that seeks to keep up with assessed need and the needs put forward by the community.

- Our play plan will continue to see a roll out of upgrades to local parks and recreation facilities.
- With the assistance of State funding, we have been able to progress essential paving works on roads impacted by flood water.
- Community centre and facility upgrades continue as scheduled.
- Sustainability and environmental initiatives have progressed.
- Staged drainage works continue to be scheduled.
- Waste management functions efficiently despite unprecedented pressures.

It is unfortunate that State funded projects of regional significance continue to be at risk. First the suspension of the New Line Rd upgrade that has left residents of the rural area battling the daily traffic jam at each and every merge point.

Now the State Government has announced it would like a return of funds set aside for Westleigh Sport and Rec facilities. A project that has progressed to a point where all non-construction costs have been expended.

In my view, starting and stopping infrastructure projects attracts an unacceptable level of waste. In every case, a considerable amount of human and financial resourcing has already been committed. To have nothing to show for this work is a poor reflection on government.

As always, happy to assist with any issues by contacting me on the following: wwaddell@hornsby.nsw.gov.au Ph: 04 9900 4861

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Matt Kean resigns as Member for Hornsby

Today (Tuesday 18th June 2024), after 13 years as the Member for Hornsby, I announce my retirement from the NSW Parliament.

During these incredible years, I have been lucky enough to proudly serve as a local member, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs as well as Treasury, Committee Chair, Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, Energy and Environment, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, and Treasurer of NSW.

I have been grateful to serve the people of Hornsby and make lasting and positive impacts on the electorate.

I want to thank my family, my partner, my colleagues and staff, the people of Hornsby, and my mentors, especially Premier Gladys Berejiklian who showed me the importance of service, hard work, dedication and commitment to the people of NSW. I particularly want to thank the Liberal Party whose broad church is there to serve all Australians.

I am leaving parliament but will always look to serve the public and I intend to continue making the biggest contribution I can to the community and the causes I am passionate about.

Read the complete announcement at <https://dooralroundup.com.au/latest-news/>



Julian Leeser

MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Celebrating the Local Sporting Champions in our Hills Community

If you're a family with a child who is a gifted sportsperson, it can be a great joy. However, I know that it can also place a great financial strain on your family, especially when they are called upon to represent their club, state, or country at major competitions.

One of the great grant programs that I always encourage people to apply for is the Local Sporting Champions. It's an opportunity for families to secure some funding to help manage the costs of going to interstate and overseas sporting competitions.

We need to encourage the next generation of sports stars to pursue their dreams and develop their skills through competition. Developing a competitive ethos in young people makes Australia stronger in the future.

I was delighted recently to provide grants from the Local Sporting Champions program to several students in the Hills. It was a great pleasure to have many of those students and their families join me recently for a presentation afternoon where we celebrated their great achievements.



I want to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge:

- Hayley Schultz, Megan Chia, Leaneaka Bugeja, Angus Wilson, Madeleine Wilson, Elodie Sebire, and Gabriella McBrien, who each swam at the 2024 Australian Age & Multi-Class Age Championships;
- Emma Cherry and George Abbott, who both swam at the 2024 Australian Open Water Championships;
- Vera Gerasimova who competed in synchronised swimming at the Australian Artistic Swimming Championship;
- Jaiden Yu and Sophie Polkinghorne who competed at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships; and
- Aaron Xu, who competed in Judo at the Teplice Cadet European Cup 2024.

If you're interested in applying for a local sporting champions grant in the future, please contact my office by emailing Julian.Leeser.MP@aph.gov.au

As your Federal Member, I am here to:

- ↳ Assist with accessing Federal Government services
- ↳ Attend your local community event
- ↳ Arrange congratulatory messages

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

JULIAN LEESER MP

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Matt Kean MP

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Clr Mitchell Blue

DEPUTY MAYOR – THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

Thanks for the residents' comments on traffic management issues during roadworks on Old Northern and Wiseman's Ferry Roads. I was glad to liaise to find a better outcome.

I am also glad the big pothole on Old Northern Rd has now been repaired.

Council recently approved its Hills Shire Plan for 2024/2025 which outlines councils' activities and budget for the next twelve months – one of the biggest budgets in this Council's history. \$162.8 million will be spent on infrastructure. I encourage our residents to view this on Council's website.

Traffic congestion on Annangrove Rd and Kenthurst Rd is increasing and becoming very frustrating. There are several contributing factors to this which are not easy to rectify. This year's budget sees over \$24 million for the widening of Annangrove Rd from Withers Rd to Windsor Road with a

signalised intersection at Withers Rd and The Water Lane which will provide better travel for those leaving our Box Hill new release area and onto Windsor Road. However, I acknowledge that there is a lot more to do here. As a council we acknowledge this is a significant issue and are working on resolutions to address this. There are no easy fixes, and this will take time. A complete solution will require considerable funding beyond the means of council. I will speak at greater length on this next month.

I am also continuing the push for the widening and improvements to New Line Road. This road is a key arterial road moving people from the northern parts of The Hills onto Pennant Hills Rd to travel up the coast or onto the M2/M7.

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. Follow me on Facebook, Instagram or give me a call for more information.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mitchell Blue

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Beecroft Village Green: Community Building partnership Grant Awarded for Exercise Stations

CLLR DR VERITY GREENWOOD

Wonderful news! Our Hornsby Council has been advised that its Community Building Partnership grant application, to install two further exercise stations as part of the Beecroft Village Green Park Renewal works, has been successfully awarded \$40,000.

The Beecroft Village Masterplan included four exercise stations, but funding for the Village Green only extended to allow two stations. Following a request from members of the Humans of Beecroft and Cheltenham community, I approached the Council to seek

further funding to enable two more exercise stations to be constructed during the time frame allowed to complete the Village Green. The application was submitted last October but the wait was worth it, and the funding announcement is timely. The installation of the two new exercise stations will enable all works to be fully completed at the Beecroft Village Green.

The exercise stations will be four sided and will be similar to the exercise station near Cherrybrook Oval. The four exercise stations are located as sets of two, one set near the Beecroft Tennis Courts and the other set edges the northern section of the Village Green path.



To see the Beecroft Village Masterplan go to <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/beecroft-village-green-masterplan#lg=1&slide=0>

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God, the meaning of life and Barbie!



MURRAY LAMBERT – PASTOR AT THE CENTRE DURAL



I finally got around to watching the film “Barbie” and was amazed at what it had to say about relationship, identity, and God.

In “Barbie” life exists in two parallel universes;

- “Barbieland” - a harmonious, hyper-girly, Edenic paradise; and
- The Real World - full of racism, sexism, corporate greed, and the general degradation of all humanity.

Barbie needs to leave paradise and learn how to move through the imperfect world as a human woman. But she can only achieve this by meeting Ruth Handler; the creator of Barbie. Both times that

they meet, Ruth takes Barbie’s hands, framed in a way that evokes Michelangelo’s Creation of Adam – coincidence? NO!

Greta Gerwig who wrote and directed the film highlighted this directive choice in a recent interview.

It is only once Barbie has met her creator that she discovers her identity, purpose, and value. “Barbie” explores humanity’s deep yearning to come back into relationship with their creator so that they can discover their fully realised selves and flourish amidst a broken world.

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Bromeliad Society of Australia

The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday, 13th July with sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12 noon.

Our guest speaker will be Amal Eid who would describe herself as a Bromeliad hobbyist, enthusiast, collector and grower.

She has been growing bromeliads for 9 years and has collected over 50 genera, and thousands of species, hybrids and cultivars.

Amal's presentation will focus on her recent visit to the World Bromeliad conference in West Palm Beach Florida, where she judged for the



BSA show competition. She will provide a summary on the seven keynote speakers and their topics covered, and a photo presentation of the gardens and conference show plants.

There will be our usual 'Show, Tell and Ask' session where members and guests can submit plants for discussion.

We also have our very popular plant raffle.

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

Hidden In The Hills Colourful Fungi

BY LACHLAN TURNER

Dramatic colours, unusual shapes and interesting patterns.

This can describe a whole range of fungi that may be found in some of the damp areas of creekside bushland.

It is easy to overlook many fungi as most prefer spaces where there is no, or, next to no sunlight. They are often seen growing on decaying vegetable matter such as dead branches and fallen trees, mostly in a damp location.

Where the environment is consistently cool and damp and there is a thick leaf litter you can almost be sure that you will find a variety of fungus nearby. However there are some fungi that prefer a drier location in the open forest. The main requirement appears to be the availability of decaying vegetable matter in the form of fallen sticks, limbs or even trees.

It is not the intention to identify the fungi shown in the images accompanying this column, as that process requires considerable knowledge gained from experience and research.

Some varieties are edible but most are not. It is known that Aboriginal people possessed the knowledge to discern which ones were suitable for food.



White Vase Fungus



Yellow Fungus



Pink Fungus



Blue Fungus

The advice is -- do not pick any fungus with the intention of taking it home to cook and eat -- at worst the consequences could be fatal.

It is much better to look out for examples of fungus, then marvel at their ever differing patterns, colours and shapes.

If you take your camera with you when bushwalking, take a photograph. Don't get too close, as it may be better to stand back and zoom in, as this allows more of the natural light to reach where the fungus is growing. It may be advantageous to experiment with the camera's flash if the surroundings are dark.

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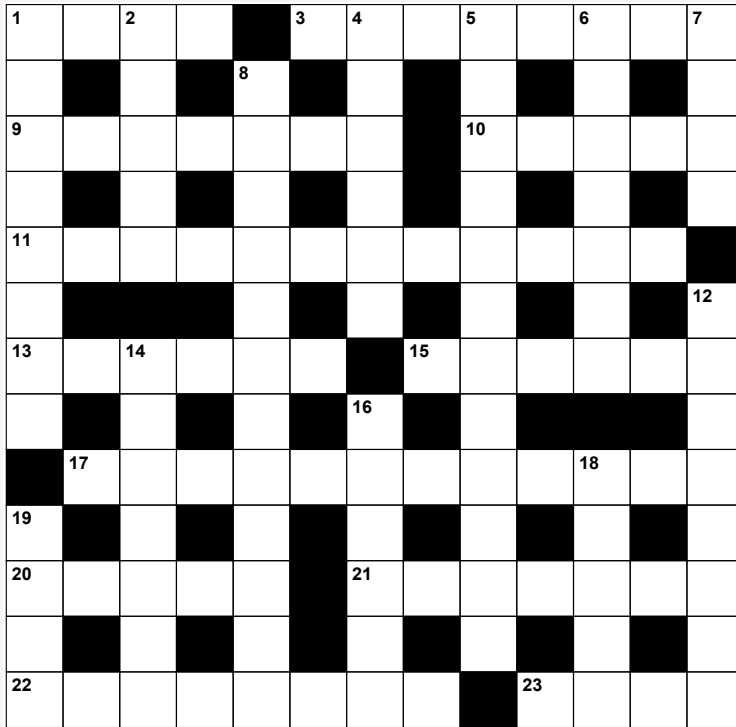
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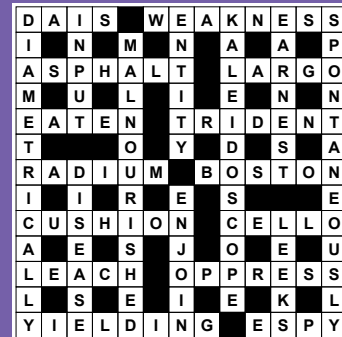
DOWN

- 01 Pays homage to (8)
- 02 Large mast (5)
- 04 Universe (6)
- 05 Disregarding the rules (5,3,4)
- 06 Drug that relieves pain (7)
- 07 Hold as an opinion (4)
- 08 Incessantly (12)
- 12 Freed from captivity (8)
- 14 Archer's weapon (7)
- 16 Hinder the progress of (6)
- 18 Active cause (5)
- 19 Biblical garden (4)

ACROSS

- 01 Erase (4)
- 03 Sheath for a sword (8)
- 09 Refiles (anag) (7)
- 10 Momentary oversight (5)
- 11 From this time on (12)
- 13 Courteous (6)
- 15 From that place (6)
- 17 Animal lacking a backbone (12)
- 20 Moneys owed (5)
- 21 Hammers (7)
- 22 Recently married person (5-3)
- 23 Metal fastener (4)

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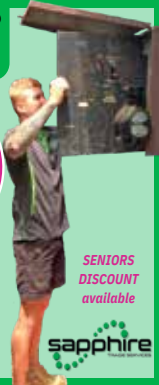
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