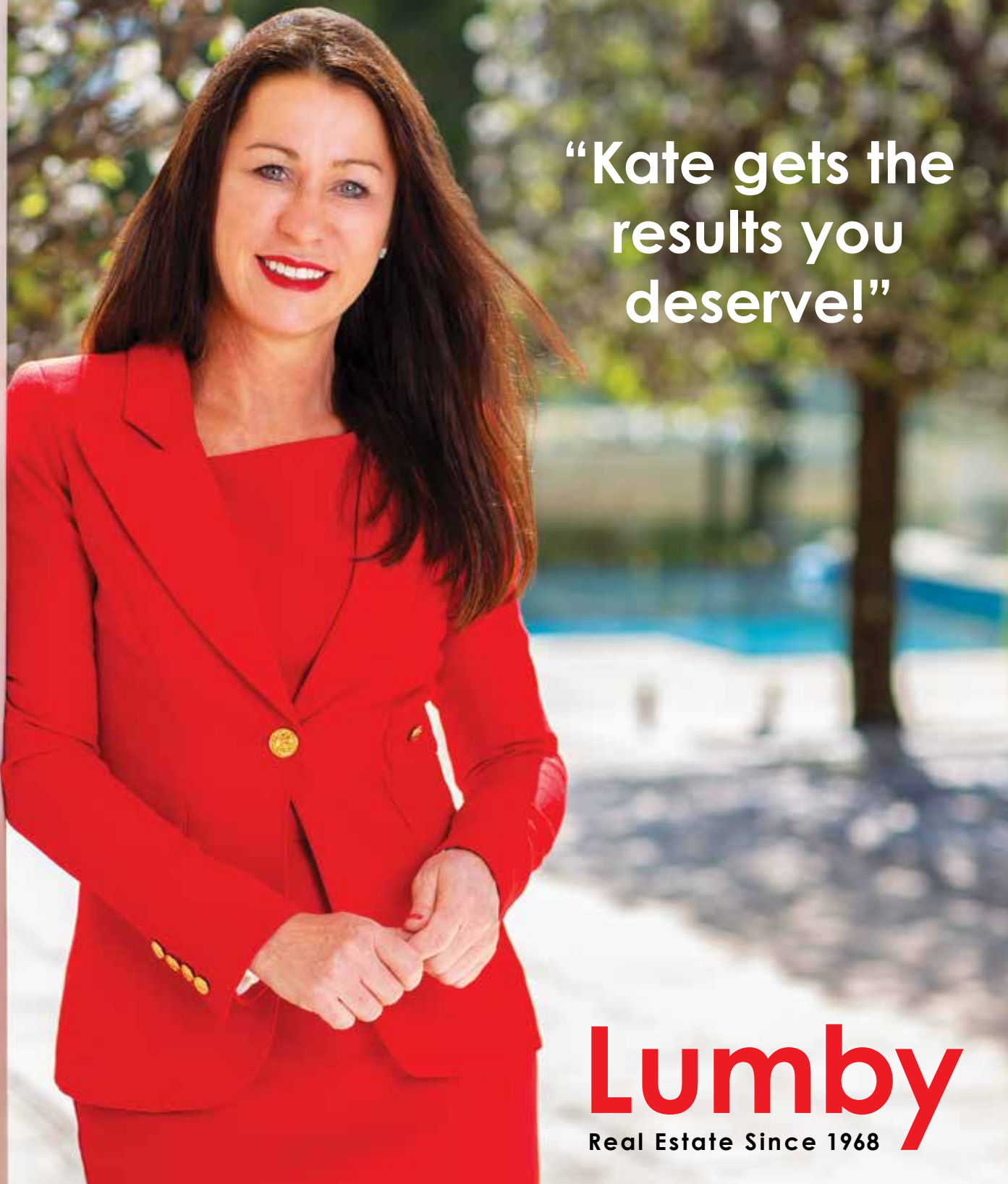


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Getting Comfortable with Ageing in Australia

BY MARK COUPAR

I was recently reading an article in the paper about how as community we need to seriously look at how our society will be reshaped as our population ages.

Australians are getting older faster, as the baby boomers start reaching retirement age. Figures indicate that by 2026 over 22% of our population will have reached this age, which is up from 8.3% back in the 70's.

By 2050, a quarter of Australians will be over 65.

Our government spend is approx. \$10 billion a year on the aged care sector, with two-thirds of this on residential aged care.

The main issue for our elderly population is poor communication, lack of choice and control of their own decisions.

Demand for care and support staff in this sector with pay and conditions the biggest issue in the near future.

There is so much more that can be said on this subject and I think people are starting to take notice and action.



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A statement from Mayor Philip Ruddock



As I approach the end of my second term as Mayor of Hornsby Shire, also marking the end of over 50 years of public service, I reflect on my deep-rooted connection with local government and passion for my beloved Hornsby Shire. Like my Shire President father before me, who I watched preside over Council meetings in the 1960s, it is my strong belief that there is nothing more satisfying than to serve my community. I have dedicated my life to improving the lives of others.

Hornsby Shire is a special place. I am passionate about preserving its unique character – both from an environmental and heritage point of view. I have always maintained that our role as a Council is to ensure we meet the development demands that are put upon us in a way which has respect for the special character for the Shire, and in doing so, there needs to be constructive community engagement.

I am proud that during my term of office, I successfully oversaw the adoption of the Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan. More recently I have advocated on behalf of Council to the NSW Government around its medium density housing reforms. It is important that we get the balance right between development and preserving our precious bushland and open spaces.

Following in my father's footsteps, who famously coined the phrase 'The Bushland Shire', I have tirelessly campaigned to preserve and grow Hornsby Shire Council's tree canopy – the lungs of Sydney. Under my guidance, Council initiated its successful 'Greening Our Shire' campaign, which saw 30,000 trees planted across the Shire, ensuring our bushland is preserved for future generations.

Hornsby Shire has a well-deserved reputation for sound financial management, a strength that has been built upon further during my term of Council. Indeed, during my tenure, my fellow Councillors and I have made tough decisions to ensure continued financial sustainability. I'm proud that Council's most recent Long Term Financial Plan puts it in good stead to maintain financial sustainability for the next 10 years.

During my time as Mayor, Council progressed major projects for our community including the ambitious plan to build a major recreation space at Hornsby Park, soon to see the first stages come to fruition; the Galston Aquatic Centre upgrades; a new boat ramp at Wisemans Ferry; Storey Park Community Centre; public domain improvements in Asquith and countless parks and playgrounds.

My time in Council has not been without its challenges and shocks. It has been my privilege to be a steady hand, successfully steering Hornsby Shire through the many trials of recent years including the COVID-19 pandemic with all its uncertainties and complications, severe storms and multiple unprecedented floods. My campaign with other Sydney Mayors saw the NSW Government commit substantial funds to repair flood-damaged roads across Sydney, including Hornsby Shire's rural areas, helping to keep Sydney moving.

I consider myself to be a person for the people. It has been my great pleasure to preside over hundreds of Citizenship Ceremonies, coming face to face with thousands of new residents from all over the world. I have been proud to attend countless community and civic events and helped numerous people through regular Mayoral meetings, which I initiated when I first came to office. My goal to extend the capacity for community consultation has seen Council establish a new digital engagement platform and other initiatives to greatly increase the opportunity for residents' voices to be heard.

Importantly, under my leadership Councillors have worked together collaboratively to deliver positive outcomes for the people of Hornsby Shire. That's a rare achievement, where Liberals, Greens and Labor have come together in the best interests of the community.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to dedicate my life to service, and to see out my career in public office by making a difference in my own community has been incredibly special to me. I thank my family – my wife Heather and daughters Caitlin and Kirsty – for their continued support. I also thank my fellow Councillors, the staff of Hornsby Shire Council, and most of all the community, for the opportunity to be your Mayor – it has been an honour.



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Mayoral Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Candidate	Party/IND	FP Votes	% Formal Votes
WADDELL Warren	LIB	25,939	40.59%
MCINTOSH Janette	ALP	12,392	19.38%
TILBURY Nathan	IND	11,727	18.34%
WOODWARD Roger	IND	1,813	2.83%
SALTRA Tasia	GRN	12,063	18.86%
Total Formal Votes Counted		63,934	100%
Total Informal/Other Votes		2,240	3.38%
Progressive Total Votes		56,194	

Ward A Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
W A	Group Votes	LIB	5,562	1.75	43.82%
W B	Group Votes	GRN	3,267	0.99	24.75%
W C	Group Votes	IND	2,955	0.87	21.72%
W D	Ungrouped	ALP	1,215	0.39	9.69%
Total Formal Votes Counted			13,003		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			4,268		23.88%
Progressive Total Votes			17,871		

Ward B Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
W B A	Group Votes	ALP	4,249	1.08	36.88%
W B B	Group Votes	LIB	6,870	1.74	43.66%
W B C	Group Votes	GRN	3,494	0.88	22.11%
W B D	Group Votes	IND	1,135	0.29	7.18%
W B E	Ungrouped	IND	58	0.01	0.37%
Total Formal Votes Counted			15,806		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			3,194		16.81%
Progressive Total Votes			19,000		

Ward C Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
W C A	Group Votes	ALP	3,529	0.88	21.91%
W C B	Group Votes	GRN	3,405	0.84	21.08%
W C C	Group Votes	LIB	8,257	2.04	51.13%
W C D	Group Votes	IND	826	0.2	5.11%
W C E	Ungrouped	IND	122	0.03	0.76%
Total Formal Votes Counted			16,139		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			2,533		13.56%
Progressive Total Votes			18,672		



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Candidate	Party/IND	FP Votes	% Formal Votes
KASBY Mia	GRN	15,790	19.12%
BYRNE Michelle	LIB	51,067	61.87%
SELWARAJ Immanuel	ALP	15,685	19.00%
Total Formal Votes Counted		82,542	100%
Total Informal/Other Votes		3,290	3.76%
Progressive Total Votes		85,792	

Mayoral Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
Ⓐ	Group Votes	LIB	7,043	2.37	59.19%
Ⓑ	Group Votes	ALP	2,960	0.96	24.04%
Ⓒ	Group Votes	GRN	1,945	0.62	15.51%
Ⓓ	Ungruoped		150	0.05	1.24%
Total Formal Votes Counted			11,958		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			2,627		18.69%
Progressive Total Votes			14,525		

Central Ward Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
Ⓐ	Group Votes	ALP	4,488	0.9	22.58%
Ⓑ	Group Votes	GRN	4,186	0.84	21.07%
Ⓒ	Group Votes	LIB	11,195	2.23	56.35%
Total Formal Votes Counted			19,869		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			3,418		14.66%
Progressive Total Votes			23,285		

East Ward Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
Ⓐ	Group Votes	ALP	2,844	0.72	18.03%
Ⓑ	Group Votes	GRN	2,750	0.7	17.43%
Ⓒ	Group Votes	LIB	10,182	2.58	64.54%
Total Formal Votes Counted			15,776		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			3,396		17.71%
Progressive Total Votes			19,172		

North Ward Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes

Group	ATL/Candidate	Group/Party/IND	FP Votes	Quota Ratio	% Formal Votes
Ⓐ	Group Votes	ALP	4,992	1.32	22.89%
Ⓑ	Group Votes	LIB	9,138	2.41	60.21%
Ⓒ	Ungruoped	IND	3,048	0.8	4.90%
Total Formal Votes Counted			15,178		100%
Total Informal/Other Votes			3,817		20.09%
Progressive Total Votes			18,995		

West Ward Councillor Election – Summary of First Preference Votes



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Explore nature this spring with Hornsby Shire Council's Free guided bushwalks

With the spring season now underway, Hornsby Shire Council has unveiled its upcoming schedule of free guided bushwalks, aimed at providing an educational, safe and enjoyable outdoor experience, exclusive for Hornsby Shire residents.

This bushwalking program certainly has something for everyone, with a wide range of events planned, some targeted at beginners looking to take an easy stroll, others to bushwalking enthusiasts looking for a challenging hike.

Bushwalkers will be sure to learn a lot on these outings, with professional guides and organisers providing fascinating insights into the natural and cultural history of the Bushland Shire. Upcoming guided bushwalks this spring include:

- Edgeworth David Garden and Hornsby Creek meander, Hornsby
- Endangered Forest Walk, Cherrybrook
- Wild Investigators Activity for 7-12 year olds, Fagan Park, Galston
- World Migratory Bird Day Walk, Brooklyn
- Fagan Park Nighttime Family Bushwalk, Galston
- Mount Kuring-gai Station to Berowra Station

Hornsby Shire Council General Manager Steven Head has encouraged residents to take up the opportunity to explore nature with this bushwalking initiative.

"The guided spring bushwalks offer a fantastic opportunity for residents to immerse themselves in the Bushland Shire's natural



beauty and learn about local plants and wildlife from our experts, whilst also getting some exercise," Steven said.

The spring bushwalks are part of Hornsby Shire Council's rolling program of guided walks which showcase the Bushland Shire through the changing seasons. Programs are announced three times per year and are very popular – residents are advised to book early so they don't miss out.

For dates and further details of the upcoming spring events, or to register, visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/bushwalks>



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Councils invite community to engage in future management of the Hawkesbury Nepean River

People who live, work or play along the Hawkesbury River are invited to share their thoughts on how it should be looked after as part the Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program (HNRS CMP), a project between six councils to establish a long-term plan for its coordinated management.

Led by Hornsby Shire Council and in partnership with Central Coast Council, Hawkesbury City Council, The Hills Shire Council, Ku-ring-gai Council and Northern Beaches Council and the NSW State Government, the HNRS CMP will include a 10-year program of works to improve waterway health, increase hazard resilience, and protect social and cultural values.

The community can learn more about the HNRS CMP and provide their feedback online or by visiting a drop-in session to have a chat with the project team and share their input.

In Hornsby Shire, the dates for the drop-in sessions are as follows:

- **26th September:** 8am-4pm at Hornsby Organic Food Market, Hornsby Mall, Hornsby
- **29th September:** 9am-1pm at Second Hand Hornsby Market, Jersey Lane, Hornsby
- **3rd October:** 9am-2pm at Wisemans Ferry Boat Ramp, Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry
- **4th October:** 9am-1pm at Parsley Bay Boat Ramp, 25 Karoola Street, Brooklyn
- **4th October:** 2pm-5pm at The Cottage, 10 Dangar Road, Brooklyn
- **9th October:** 12pm-5pm at Berowra Waters Marina, 199 Bay Road, Berowra Waters

Community members are welcome to drop by at any time during the sessions.

Once community consultation is complete on **24th November**, the partner councils and state government agencies will review and consider the feedback. The councils will then prepare, exhibit and finalise the plan before submitting it to the NSW Government for certification and adoption.

Hornsby Shire Council General Manager Steven Head said the river means something different to everyone, so it's important as



many people as possible come forward with feedback.

"The Hawkesbury River plays a vital role in the lives of our community, supporting recreation, livelihoods and cultural significance, while also being a critical nature habitat. We encourage everyone to share their thoughts and help shape the future of our estuaries, lagoons and beaches to ensure their sustainability for future generations."

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First Home Buyers & Parents Helping Their Child

PROPERTY & YOU –
BY PAUL MCKENZIE, ABS CONVEYANCING

As Sydney's residential property prices are getting more expensive, young people are finding it harder to save that the first home property deposit, to afford their dream.

Becoming the trend now, parents helping their kids out, young people, financially and other ways, to help them save for that deposit. Also, with other assistance along the first home buying journey, such as stamp duty and legals.

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Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings Travels across the city and the world

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in perfect weather and dining out at Enzo's Cucina in Dural with no cooking or washing up! Our other interest groups continue to cater for the varied passions of members including craft, book and Money Matters groups, cards and games.

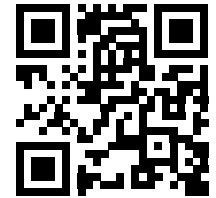
Upcoming events include Ten Pin bowling, social drive and happy hour gatherings and theatre parties to Sunset Boulevard, Sister Act, a local production of Ghost Train and visits to two local gems, Fagan Park and Boongala Gardens.

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

Our meetings are held at the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre on the first Thursday of each month. For information please contact Lynn on 04 1484 8413. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.

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Why Is Hearing in Noise So Difficult?

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Many people struggle to follow conversations in noisy environments, such as family gatherings, BBQs, or meals at a busy pub. In these situations, conversations can seem “muddled up,” making it difficult to communicate. But why is this, and what can be done to improve hearing in noisy settings?

The Challenge of Hearing in Noise

Struggling to hear in social settings can lead to tuning out, and in some cases, even social withdrawal. When there’s a lot of background noise, it becomes harder to distinguish speech, and this challenge affects many people, not just those with hearing difficulties. The issue arises from how human speech is composed and how different sounds behave in noisy environments.

Speech consists of many different sounds. For example:

- Letters like “M,” “N,” “A,” and “O” are low in frequency but have a lot of intensity and have lots of power, so they carry well as they have plenty of “energy”.
- On the other hand, sounds like “TH,” “S,” “F,” and “SH” are essentially only pressed air through the teeth and tongue. These unvoiced sounds are higher in frequency but have very little intensity. These sounds help provide clarity by distinguishing one word from another.

The difficulty is that these softer, high-frequency sounds are easily drowned out by louder noises. In a noisy social setting, as people raise their voices to compete with the surrounding noise, the louder, low-frequency sounds overpower the softer, high-frequency ones, making speech sound muffled. This effect is often called the “cocktail-party effect.”

For people with age- or noise-related hearing loss, this situation is even more challenging because their ability to hear high-frequency sounds is already reduced.

The Impact On Social Life

For some people, even mild hearing loss can make social settings overwhelming. When conversations are hard to follow, it requires a lot of mental effort to keep up. Over time, this can be exhausting, leading some to avoid social gatherings altogether. The strain on the brain to make sense of the muffled sounds leads to fatigue and frustration. The good news is – that it doesn’t have to be this way!

The Path to Better Hearing

Fortunately, there are ways to improve hearing in noisy environments. If you or someone you know struggles to hear in social settings,

here are some steps you can take (at Ear Studio we welcome your family member or significant other to any of your appointments):

1. Get a Professional Hearing Assessment

Get your hearing professionally assessed (not a quick 15min hearing check as you may find them in many shopping centres). At Ear Studio we conduct in-depth evaluations with measurements of many parameters like middle ear pressure, acoustic reflexes to assess some nerve functions, assessment of air and bone-conduction hearing as well as speech tests in quiet and in noise.

2. Discuss the Results

After your hearing assessment, your hearing care professional will discuss your results with you and prepare a written report for your GP. In some cases, medical conditions may need to be addressed before proceeding with hearing solutions.

3. Consider a Customised Hearing Rehabilitation Program

If a hearing loss is the reason for your difficulties, you can start your hearing rehabilitation through our Best Practice Fitting Program at Ear Studio. This involves a series of appointments throughout which you work closely with a hearing care professional. We start off by choosing devices suited to your needs and customised items for a perfect fit. During your fitting and follow up appointments over the coming weeks we measure your progress, continue with small adjustments if required and answer your questions to ensure the best possible outcome for you.

4. Enjoy Conversations Again

With the right hearing solution, you’ll be able to enjoy social gatherings, participate in conversations, and reconnect with family and friends without feeling isolated or frustrated.

Conclusion

Hearing in noisy environments can be challenging, but it doesn’t have to limit your social life. By taking steps to assess and address hearing issues, you can improve your ability to communicate in noisy settings and enjoy social interactions once more.

If you’re experiencing difficulties with hearing or know someone who is, reach out to our friendly team at Ear Studio on (02) 9159 6122 or reception@earstudio.com.au to book an appointment. We provide off street parking with easy access, we are located inside Lawton House, Suites 9-10 / 60 Cecil Ave Castle Hill, NSW, 2154. With our best practice principles and being a member of the “Hearing Up Network” you can ensure that you will receive top quality care in a warm and caring environment. www.earstudio.com.au to find out more.

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Message from the General Manager

As a council, we are passionate about developing arts and culture in the Shire and strive to support local artists, while providing cultural opportunities for our residents. We are fortunate to have the wonderful Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in Hornsby which hosts exhibitions, print making, workshops and more. This month, the centre will be filled with 65 exceptional contemporary artworks when the Hornsby Art Prize exhibition returns from 25 October – 10 November.

Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the national art prize has attracted 600 entries from around Australia. The quality of this year's entries was particularly impressive, and I encourage you all to visit the exhibition to experience the fabulous Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Digital Art Stills and Sculpture works. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize.

With the wonderful spring weather, it's a great time to get out and about and enjoy a range of other activities this month in the Shire. Discover our beautiful natural surrounds on a spring guided bushwalk, help #SayHighForest by joining our community planting event in Castle Hill or become a Bushcare volunteer. Take a dip in the heated pool at the Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre or book the kids in to learn to swim.

And if you're planning to have a spring clear out at home, please consider having a garage sale, donating unwanted items to a charity shop, giving them to someone who can use them, or bringing them to the Community Recycling Centre in Thornleigh.

By the time this column is published, the results of the NSW elections are likely to have been declared. Please keep an eye on our website for information about our new Mayor and Councillors – hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Steven Head
General Manager,
Hornsby Shire Council

What's on

HORNSBY ART PRIZE 2024
25 OCTOBER – 10 NOVEMBER
TUESDAY – SUNDAY
10AM-4PM
FREE ENTRY

Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre
25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize

EXHIBITION

#SayHighForest
Community Planting – Castle Hill
Sunday 13 October, 10am – 12pm. All ages welcome. Includes short, guided walks through Blue Gum High Forest. Meet at the end of Woodlark Pl. near Erlestoke Park, Castle Hill.

Hornsby Shire Aussie Bird Count
Saturday 19 October, 8am – 11am
- Rosemead Road picnic area, Rosemead Road, Hornsby.
- Day Road Trail, Day Road, Cheltenham.
Learn tips and tricks on how to identify local birds. The survey includes a short bushwalk and a picnic breakfast. Bookings essential.
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WASTE WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Your Recycled Kitchen Garden
Saturday 12 October, 10am – 12pm
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

Chipping for Mulch - Galston
Sunday 27 October, 7.30am – 12.30pm
Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

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Grandparents Day
Sunday 27 October
9am – 3pm

Koala Park Sanctuary Sydney,
84 Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills

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JOIN THE CONVERSATION

MILLS PARK PLAYSPACE, ASQUITH
Exhibition closes:
Tuesday 15 October

SMALL DOG PARK – GREENWAY PARK, CHERRYBROOK
Comments close: Tuesday 29 October

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN RIVER SYSTEM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
Submissions close: Sunday 24 November

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EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS FOR HSC STUDENTS

Tuesday 8 October – Thursday 7 November, student entry 9am – 9.15am

Hornsby and Pennant Hills libraries are opening their doors early for HSC students from 9am on weekdays. Present your Student ID card.

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HORNSBY SPRING FEST

Saturday 16 November, 2pm – 9pm

Dural Lane and Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby

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NSW GOVERNMENT

The Galston Gala: Founders Farewell

Galston Concerts return to Galston Uniting Church Sunday 27th October for their 2024 finale - a Galston Gala with Classical stars from the Sydney Symphony and Sydney University Conservatorium.



Retiring Artistic Directors Robert Harris and Dorit Herskovits

Artistic Directors Robert Harris and Dorit Herskovits, Galston residents when founding the concerts, have invited favourite musicians to perform what will be Rob and Dorit's farewell, with their own music-making (and a 195-acre farm) taking them to a new home near Canberra. Sydney Symphony Principal Harpist alumna Louise Johnson, a 2023

series highlight, returns with her symphonic harp to perform Handel, Spanish, French music - and a setting of Danny Boy!

Sydney Conservatorium violin lecturer Evgeny Sorkin with pianist Rachael Lin return from series past with a new program: a Fantasy on Gershwin's Porgy & Bess - in virtuoso Russian style!

Highlighting Galston Uniting's concert grand piano will be complemented with music by the great J S Bach (including the famous Air), featuring the church Forster & Andrews pipe organ, performed by Samuel Giddy, formerly at St Andrew's Cathedral, now Music Minister at St John's Darlinghurst, recently returned from competitions successes in Germany and Holland.

There's also rumour of Rob and Dorit making a 'cameo' in a tango farewell.

Following a pre-concert talk at 1:40pm, the performance runs from 2pm till about 3:15pm, followed by a 'meet the musos' afternoon tea. Tickets can be purchased at the church in the hour prior to the concert (cash sales only please) while advanced bookings are available on trybooking.com, search for "Galston 27 October".

Art Demonstration

"Pastels – Florals" by Ku Wijeratne

Ku loves working with pastels as they enable her to speedily create compositions, are easy to blend or work with precision as in portraits, very easy to manage and not very messy! Come and learn her pastel secrets.

Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society 7.30pm on 6th November, 2024 at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill.

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The Hornsby State by-election on Saturday, 19th October 2024 is to elect of a member of the Legislative Assembly.

Do I need to vote?

If you are eligible to vote in New South Wales and live in the electoral district of Hornsby, you must vote in this by-election.

Check your enrolment and state electoral district details here: <https://roll.elections.nsw.gov.au/NSWLookUp/>

If you are not enrolled in or are not eligible to be enrolled in the electoral district of Hornsby, you cannot vote in this by-election.

Early voting opens on **Saturday, 12th October 2024.**

For more information, visit the NSW Electoral Commission website <https://elections.nsw.gov.au>



Tania Salitra – Greens for Hornsby

As your Councillor, I've heard your frustration at being treated like a political football kicked between the two major parties – taken for granted by Liberals, punished by Labor.

Residents are angry with the Liberal incompetence that led to the recent rate increases. Handing over Epping to Parramatta Council resulting in a loss of \$10 million in rates each year; the \$90 million in pork-barrelled money forcing us into trophy projects we can't afford to complete or maintain - with an unachievable deadline that could have been extended, but wasn't. While essential services are ignored.

With over a decade of neglect by Liberals and now Labor, parents are desperate for more public schools. Proper resourcing is needed for critical learning support, but our public schools are underfunded by \$2 billion a year.

Teachers and nurses deserve more pay and better working conditions. Hornsby Hospital needs more funding. We urgently need well-connected cycle paths, better bus services and more parking at Cherrybrook Metro. Immediate and substantial investment in government-owned affordable housing is crucial for essential workers.

Our state roads are a mess. I want solutions for New Line Rd that improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow. Our community needs to know the findings in the \$20 million traffic study so we can do more than just widen 1km of road.

As I proved on Council, I will be the strong voice needed to stand up to state planning changes about to destroy our neighbourhoods and tree canopy. I will push to end private certification. I will fight for action on climate change and stronger laws to protect Hornsby's precious environment.

With my background in manufacturing management and running a small business, I know how to get the job done. I have the tenacity and experience to make our community voices heard. Hornsby, I will represent you, not property developers.

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Having grown up in the Hornsby Shire, James is passionate about serving the community which has given him so much.

James has practised for almost a decade at a leading national law firm. He has worked with major Australian companies in the technology, privacy and communications fields, and gives back through pro bono work.

Raising his two-year-old son Ben with his wife Sarah, James understands the challenges that many households face as house prices, rents, and cost-of-living pressures increase, while more strain is placed on the services we rely on.

James will fight to ensure funding for **New Line Road upgrades** is finally delivered to ease local congestion. Labor has delayed this funding at a time when traffic and congestion is worse than ever before.

With your support, James will **protect the unique character and lifestyle** we all enjoy, **fight for more support** for families and households, and **stand up against Labor's** cuts to schools, hospitals, and cost-of-living support.

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Dural and District Historical Society Inc News from History Cottage

A group of Society members toured Windsor and Richmond on the 31st August. Our guide was Stuart Read, Senior Heritage Officer from the NSW Dept of Environment. On this occasion special attention was given to the evidence of Governor Macquarie's town planning and the remaining early heritage buildings. The group was privileged to be given a guided inspection of *Durham Bowes* by its owners. The earliest part of the house was built during the first ten years of settlement. After lunch in Smith's Park, a talk in St Peter's Anglican Church and cemetery and Stuart giving a talk in Richmond Park on the reasons for such places, we headed for home.

Our guest speaker in September was Pamela Melocco. This was a fascinating insight into a true success story of brothers from Italy who influenced Australian architecture. Their tiles are such an



integral part of Art Deco and our public buildings, they have become part of what we think of as Australian. A walk through Sydney and the larger country towns, can be made even more interesting if it includes keeping an eye out for works using the Melocco tiles.

The 12th October meeting is the Society's AGM. Rather unusually attendance at our AGM is a well-attended happy event. It is a Show and Tell, when members and friends bring an object that is of special interest to them and always to others. It is sometimes the first occasion a member has spoken to an audience but their enthusiasm and understanding listeners, make it a most enjoyable afternoon. Please come and test your knowledge on some of the mystery items. The 9th November. David Jehan will tell us about the Hudson Brothers.

Meetings are held in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston, starting at 2.00pm. Free entry with afternoon tea for a gold coin. Local jam on sale. Enquiries to Michael Bell 02 9653 1365.

Dural Bowling Club

The Dural Country Club has been rebranded as Dural Club with an updated logo. A reopening will take place on the 29th September with the slogan - to experience the new Dural Club. The bowlers as well as all the members are very excited as we have seen the gradual improvements over the last year. We have now a great expectation of a more promising future at Dural Club.



In bowls news, the Open Gender Pairs Competition is currently taking place on Saturdays at the Dural Bowling Club. The final is scheduled for Saturday 28th September.

The last weekend in September will be a busy one for the bowlers with the final of the Open Gender Pairs on Saturday 28th, the reopening of Dural Club on Sunday 29th and an Open Gender Triples Carnival on Monday 30th.

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

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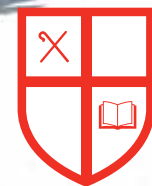
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Dural Public School Bands Shine at recent Eisteddfods!



We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our Concert Bands and Ensembles at the recent Eisteddfods. Our talented musicians showcased a diverse range of music, from folk tunes and classical arrangements to a nostalgic tribute to the silent movie era.

The dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail of our students have truly impressed us. Their hard work and commitment to excellence were evident as they once again took home 1st place at the Penrith Eisteddfod, marking the third consecutive year of this remarkable achievement. Notably, our Year 6 Ensemble and Flute Ensemble were competing against high school ensembles, earning fantastic results in their respective categories.

The Results from the Competitions:

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod:

- Senior Concert Band: 3rd place in Band Grade Level 2
- Beginner Band: Merit Award

Penrith Eisteddfod:

- Senior Concert Band: 1st place in the Primary Band Section
- Year 6 Ensemble: 2nd place in the Mixed Ensemble Section
- Flute Ensemble: 3rd place in the Mixed Ensemble Section



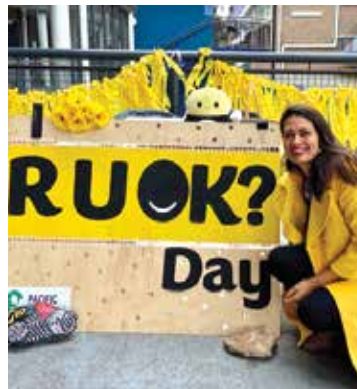
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful band parents for their unwavering support throughout the competition. Your encouragement and dedication have played a significant role in our success. Congratulations to all our talented musicians—your achievements make us incredibly proud!

Pacific Hills Christian School Supporting R U OK? Day



On Thursday 12th September, Pacific Hills Christian School community rallied around and supported R U OK? Day.

Students and teachers added yellow accessories to their uniforms and outfits in support of the day and mental health awareness. 500 RUOK? Day stickers were handed out and Wellbeing and Hospitality Prefects ran a BBQ with all funds raised going to Lifeline. Lauren Graham, Pacific Group Director of Wellbeing writes *"What I love about RUOK? Day, is the way it works to destigmatise mental health issues and*



normalise conversations about checking in with each other about how we are really going. It is such a powerful way to show interest in and support for those who are on this journey." A fundamental part of the Pacific Hills community is caring for each other and showing support, particularly when times are tough. We are proud to get behind a cause like R U OK? Day as we encourage students, teachers and parents to continue to check-in on each other throughout the year.

If you or someone you know need support and someone to talk to, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

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NSW Scout State Rally 2024

BY BRIGITTE ZAPLETAL,
DURAL VENTURER SCOUT

In August, I had the opportunity to attend the Scout State Rally in Cataract Scout Camp, Appin, with over 2000 scouts. Despite the freezing temperatures, our patrol, hilariously nicknamed the Beautiful Bananas, had an amazing time, with some incredible bases and epic night activities.



State Rally is an annual event that allows scouts to have more individuality and freedom over three wonderful days, while encouraging them to learn the importance of making the right decisions, being safe and careful while having fun in an open, rural environment.

The theme, Ready... Set... Adventure! was a fitting title, with some truly adventurous bases, including Predator, Fair's Fair, Flying Fox and Abseiling, bringing an adrenaline high to everyone. In particular, the Predator base involved teamwork and communication to successfully get a tag while not losing any lives to skillfully camouflaged and observant predators (aka Leaders) hidden throughout a bushy section of the enormous scout camp.

Afterwards, we had the choice to do some activities. We chose to do ring toss, go-carting and football archery. The famous Flying Fox was a great experience, going backwards to get a bit of a thrill. The second night was full of entertainment, with a large bonfire, carnival rides and a disco with an epic light show.

Dural Scout Group has vacancies for Girls and Boys from 5 to 25 years. Joey's (5yo), Cubs (8yo), Scouts (12yo) and Venturers (16yo).

Please contact Phirooza: 0411 731 976 or phirooza@bigpond.net.au or Simon: thewolf_1stdural@bigpond.com



Julian Leeser
MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Our electorate is changing. As you may be aware, the Australian Electoral Commission has finalised the new boundaries for Berowra which means I'll now be representing Waitara, as well of all of Normanhurst, Asquith and Hornsby, and also Epping and North Epping – areas once represented by former Prime Minister John Howard. Sadly it means that I'll be losing the Hills Council part of West Pennant Hills and Carlingford, which I've particularly enjoyed representing. I see the boundary changes as an opportunity to represent an even more diverse and interesting electorate. I'm looking forward to getting out to even more community events and meeting old and new locals, so please say hi if you see me around.

Many people in our community will know the wonderful local veteran, Ray Davis, as the principal organiser of local Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations. Sadly, Ray recently passed away after a life of service to our country and community both at war and in peace. I recently had the great privilege of speaking about him in the Parliament to recognise his remarkable contribution.

I've been talking a lot about the concerns of Berowra locals in the Parliament. One issue that I've been speaking about is the cost of living. I know that increased fuel, electricity, gas and grocery prices and the rise in mortgage repayments and rents is making life tough for people in our community. As your voice to our Parliament, I am determined that the Parliament hears the concerns of our community.

Did you know a local business grows most of the lettuce sold in New South Wales and Victoria? That is what Bonello Farms in Kenthurst does and I had the chance to visit and check out the operations recently. We have lots of agricultural businesses in our area which supply food for our nation. I am keen to ensure that our community always maintains its mix of suburban, rural, and river communities.

Finally, after a long wait, the new portraits of his Majesty the King have finally arrived. I've been presenting them to local community organisations recently. If you would like a portrait of the King, please contact my office.

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Mark Hodges
MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL

Celebrate Inspiring Women! Submit Your Nomination for the 2025 Castle Hill Woman of the Year



Melissa Monteiro & MP Mark Hodges

It's that time of year again when we get to celebrate the incredible women who make our community extraordinary! The Local Woman of the Year Awards are back, and I am thrilled to announce that nominations for 2025 Castle Hill Woman of the Year are now officially open!

This annual celebration is all about recognising and honouring the amazing

women who are making a real difference here in our electorate. Whether they are leading life-changing community projects,

inspiring others with their unwavering dedication, or making a significant impact in any other way, we want to hear their stories!

Now is your chance to give these remarkable women the recognition they truly deserve. Think about the extraordinary women you know - the ones who have been a force for good in our community. Nominate them today, and let's celebrate their achievements together!

The winner of the Castle Hill Local Woman of the Year will be acknowledged with a framed certificate signed by the Premier, Minister for Women, and myself, as your local State Member. She will also receive a special invitation to attend the NSW Women of the Year Awards ceremony during Women's week. Additionally, she will be acknowledged in the Honour Roll and may be considered for the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll (if eligible).

How to Nominate:

It's easy! Just scan the QR Code to submit your nomination through our official nomination form. Share their story, highlight their contributions, and let's make sure their hard work and passion don't go unnoticed.



Let's come together to celebrate the extraordinary women who make Castle Hill such an amazing place to live. Get your nominations in today - let's make this year's awards truly unforgettable!

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MARK HODGES MP
MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL

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Bromeliad Bulletin



The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday, 5th October with sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12 noon.

The guest speaker will be one of our dedicated committee member's Bob Sharpley who will discuss his trials and tribulations of installing a suitable watering system for bromeliads.

After too many plants being damaged by the heat, because he wasn't home to water, he knew he needed to organise a watering system where his plants could water whenever he was away from home.

He researched watering systems and decided to go with a WiFi watering system which could be turned on or off as needed. He installed UV protected Nylex tubing with several different misting tips every metre. The system can be preset to turn on up to 12 times a day, or can be turned on manually. Since using this system he hasn't lost or had any damaged plant due to excessive heat.

There will be our usual 'Show, Tell and Ask' session and the 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.

Galston Garden Club Open Garden Weekend 18th-20th October 2024

The Galston Garden Club is proud to present eight outstanding acreage gardens in Galston, Dural and Arcadia which will delight and inspire any visitor.

You will find a host of plants of all shapes and sizes, spectacular flowering shrubs, wonderful specimen trees, water features, garden architecture and lots of ideas. It is always fascinating to see how different owners have developed their gardens to suit the topography of the land and their own tastes and interests.

Our Gardens on Display for 2024

- **Garden 1:** "Taliesin" 5 Jane Place, Dural. Presented by John Bailey
- **Garden 2:** 78 Quarry Road, Dural. Presented by Wendy and David Ferguson
- **Garden 3:** "Wendover" 8-10 San Remo Place, Dural, Presented by Marcia and Ron Geekie
- **Garden 4:** "Savannah" 51 Mid Dural Road, Middle Dural Presented by Hugh Crompton and Richard Howard

- **Garden 5:** "Elgans" 21 Fishburns Road, Galston Presented by Bill Fleming
- **Garden 6:** "Boulevard" 20 Wylde Road, Arcadia Presented by Craig Teece
- **Garden 7:** "Willow Glen" 2 Marrakesh Place, Arcadia Presented by Karen Lindley
- **Garden 8:** "Highlands" 12 Ridge Road, Arcadia Presented by Esther Ronco

Tickets are available on Open days outside The Galton Club, 21 Arcadia Road, or at any of the gardens.

An inclusive ticket for \$25 per person gives entry to all the gardens (this ticket is valid for the three days) OR entry to a single garden is \$5 per person.

EFTPOS is available at The Galston Club and at Garden 4 "Savannah", to purchase plants and teas etc. But if you are going directly to one of the gardens, please bring CASH. Children under 18 years are admitted free of charge.



All the workers for this Open Gardens Weekend are unpaid volunteers from the Galston Garden Club and other community groups. All profits are distributed to medical research, charities, and community projects.

For more information, please visit galstongardenclub.com.au



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Observing the Grey Fantail

BY LACHLAN TURNER

Having a widespread distribution across most of Australia, the Grey Fantail is frequently observed feeding on flying insects, which it catches as it twists and turns in its agile aerial acrobatics, pursuing them from the edges of foliage trees at all levels above the ground.

Its nest is built in a thin tree-fork, around 2 to 5 metres from the ground, often quite exposed. Made of fine grass, it is bound together with copious amounts of spiders web. The bottom of the nest under the thin branch is drawn down into a long stemlike shape, resembling a wine glass without the flat base.

Both parents share nest building, incubation of the eggs and feeding responsibilities of the young when they hatch. There can be up to three hatchlings in the nest for the parent birds to supply with food. They must keep up persistent activity to catch small insects required to meet the needs of their hungry offspring.



Grey Fantails are almost continually on the move, constantly changing position when perched, with the tail swishing back and forth while being fanned out. Despite their fluttering flight, they have been known to fly relatively long distances.

These small birds are easily recognised by their constantly open fan shaped tail when perched on a branch.

Both male and female birds are similar in appearance: grey above, a light grey underbody, with a thin white eyebrow, throat and tail edges. It is not unusual for this bird to fly in close proximity to human observers both in bushland and garden environments.

This year the "Aussie Backyard Bird Count" will be held during Bird Week from Monday October 14th to Sunday October 20th. For more information visit <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

The Community Environment Centre will be hosting a "Do You Know That Bird?" workshop on Thursday October 17th at 10.00 am.

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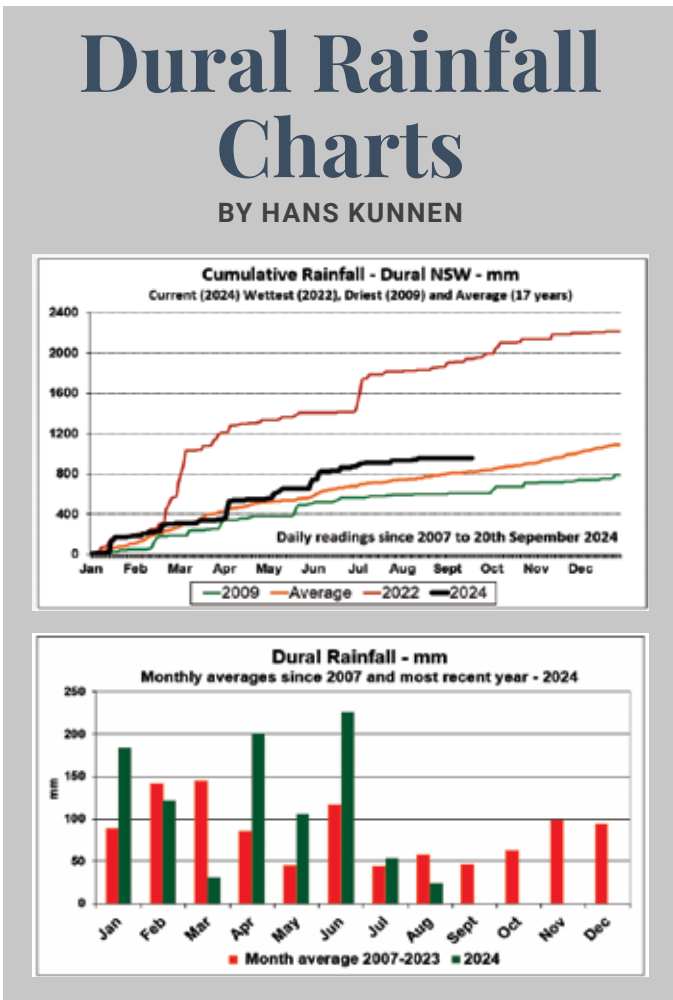


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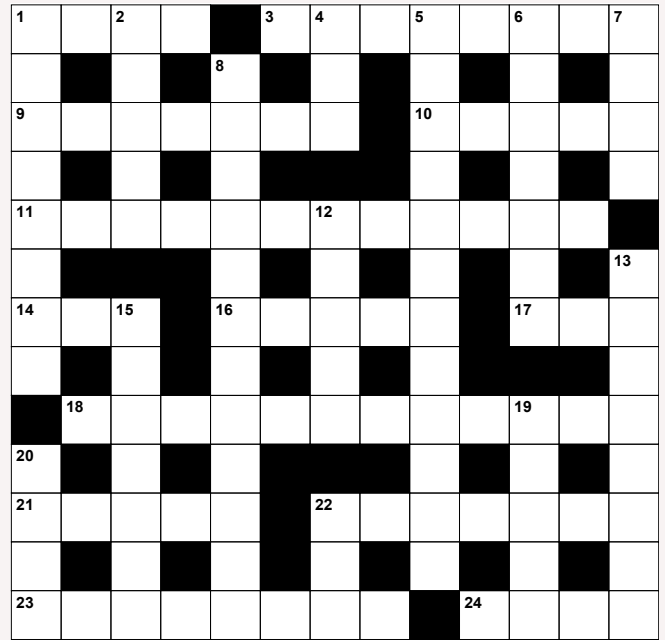


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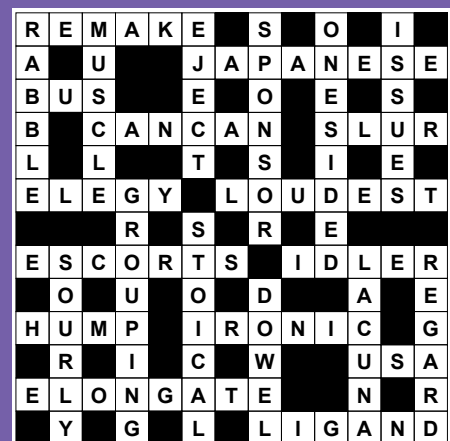
ACROSS

- 01 Engrossed (4)
- 03 Responded to (8)
- 09 Soothsayer (7)
- 10 The beginning of something (5)
- 11 Large Brazilian city (3,2,7)
- 14 Flightless bird (3)
- 16 Cleanse the body (5)
- 17 Gang (3)
- 18 Malfunction or fail (of an electrical device) (5-7)
- 21 State of the USA (5)
- 22 Resistance to change (7)
- 23 Go beyond a limit (8)
- 24 Vegetable matter used as fuel (4)

DOWN

- 01 News journalist (8)
- 02 Camera image (abbrev.) (5)
- 04 Item for catching fish (3)
- 05 Showing total commitment (12)
- 06 Platform (7)
- 07 Facts and statistics collectively (4)
- 08 Small garden carts (12)
- 12 Loft (5)
- 13 Theoretical (8)
- 15 Lift up (7)
- 19 Unfasten (5)
- 20 Italian acknowledgement (4)
- 22 Frozen water (3)

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