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In the master suite, expansive views across the paddocks and vineyards provide a backdrop of calm. A striking stone fireplace adds a sense of permanence, while a walk-in robe and beautifully appointed ensuite complete the feeling of everyday luxury.

At the heart of the home, the kitchen leads with sculptural curves and layered natural textures. From the scullery to the water station, every element was designed to support ease of living with understated elegance.

A Home That Flows, Inside and Out

Outside, the transformation is just as considered. The backyard is now a series of inviting, well-connected zones, with landscaped paths that guide you from the home to the pool and entertaining areas. Stonework features throughout, from the chimney to garden walls, tying the architecture and landscaping together with warmth and texture.

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MOTHERS DAY

BY MARK COUPAR

By now many of us are turning our thoughts toward Mothers Day which occurs on the 2nd Sunday of May since 1924 in Australia.

Mother's Day originated in the United States in 1907 by Anna Jarvis as a memorial for her late mother.

Mothers Day is seen as a celebration that honours our mothers and motherhood generally.

Remember if you are buying flowers for your mother, traditionally Carnations are the popular choice as they represent love and appreciation as does Lillies and Tulips.

In Australia the tradition of honouring Mothers Day was influenced by American customs however an Australian Janet Heyden



is seen as the pioneer of Mothers Day in Australia back in 1924 in Sydney who saw destitute and lonely women and children and decided to try and make their lives a bit brighter.

So as we celebrate Mothers Day this year our thoughts turn to our mothers, step mothers, sisters and aunties all of which have contributed in some way in enriching our lives.

So have a fantastic Mothers Day



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An inspection of the bag in the rear tray identified an amount of wiring, along with a 'Specialised' brand mountain bike.

An inspection of the adjoining building site identified an electrical box that had been stripped of wiring, along with another bag of copper and various plastic tubing with the wiring stripped out.

A police search of the site with the assistance of a police dog handler failed to locate the male who had been sighted earlier. The vehicle has been seized for forensic examination, with inquiries to continue to identify the driver.



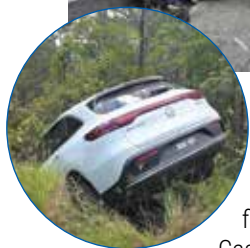
CARS CRASH

Firefighters from Riverstone Fire and Rescue NSW Station were called to a motor vehicle accident on Pitt Town Rd, Kenthurst, on 12th April after two cars were involved in a crash

with one person trapped in a car.

Given the potential for a serious incident, resources from Oakville Rural Fire Brigade, Annangrove Rural Fire Service and rescue firefighters from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 071 Castle Hill were all called to attend.

The Hills Police Area Command had the road closed in both directions to allow access for firetrucks and NSW Ambulance.



The NSW Rural Fire Service established fire protection whilst Fire and Rescue NSW crews used hydraulic rescue equipment to assist Ambulance Officers gain access to a patient.

Fortunately, there were no serious injuries, and the occupants of the vehicles were transported to the hospital for further checks.

SECOND MURDER CHARGE

A woman has been charged in connection to the alleged murder of Johnny Birch at Glenorie last month.

Police arrested a 35-year-old woman on the morning of 3rd April, at a property on Gleness Place, Glenorie.

She was taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where she was charged with accessory after the fact to murder and larceny – accessory before the fact.

Strike Force Halderen was established by The Hills Police Area Command and the State Crime Command's Homicide Squad to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of 39-year-old Johnny Birch, whose body was found on the property on Gleness Place on Friday, 14th March.

The woman was refused bail to appear in Parramatta Local Court on Thursday, 29th May.

She is the second person to be charged in relation to the man's death. A 24-year-old man remains before the courts charged with murder.

DRINK DRIVING CHARGES

Police are warning people not to drink and drive. At around 12.05 am on Thursday, 10th April, a 57-year-old male driver was stopped on Kings Rd, Castle Hill, while driving a 2018 white Holden station wagon.



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He returned a positive roadside breath test. He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station. A breath analysis was conducted, returning a reading of 0.107 grammes of alcohol in 210 litres of breath. As a result, the driver's licence was suspended, and he was charged with drink driving.

In another incident a woman failed a breath test after the car collided with multiple vehicles.

At around 5.40 pm on Friday, 4th April, a 20-year-old woman driving a blue Toyota Camry collided with multiple parked vehicles on James Mileham Dr, Kellyville. The driver continued driving after each collision, eventually stopping against a tree.

Police arrived around 6.10 pm and found the driver seated on a small brick wall nearby. A breath test returned a positive result, and she was arrested for a secondary breath analysis, which showed a reading of 0.144 grammes of alcohol in 210 litres of breath.

The driver was charged with Mid-Range PCA, her licence was suspended, and she was issued a 'Notice of Suspension'.

On Saturday 5th April at 9.30pm a stationary RBT unit on Mile End Rd Rouse Hill stopped a red Toyota Camry April. The red P-Plate driver admitted to having some beers with a mate and returned a positive breath test. Due to his level of intoxication police say he vomited in the back of the car. At the station he returned a reading of 0.116. He will face court at a later date on a mid-range drink driving charge.

The Hills Council and Hills Police are calling for anyone in the area to check their CCTV and DashCam footage on the early morning of 4th April to help narrow down the offending vehicle.

COMMUNITY ALERT!

On 4th April 2025, there was a massive clean-up along Annangrove Road & Bannerman Rd Glenhaven after an unknown vehicle deliberately ran down several garbage bins. According to GPS tracking, the earliest truck in the area was a recycling truck at 5:23am around the affected properties on Annangrove Road. Based on the property locations, if the damage was caused by a vehicle, it would have been traveling up Bannerman Road and turning left onto Annangrove Road.

The Hills Shire Council and Hills Police are calling for anyone in the area to check their CCTV and DashCam footage to help us narrow down the offending vehicle. This is a really crap thing to do on so many levels, and it's not okay. Let's come together as a community and find this fool!



MASSIVE CLEAN UP

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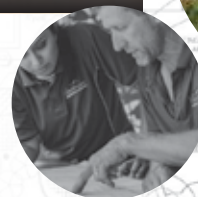


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Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings - Cheerful Changes

Recently The Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook celebrated its Changeover Lunch with an attendance of 105 members. In reference to incoming President Jenni's career in education her arrival was heralded by two 'naughty schoolboys' who were kept in check by her escorts. While all are mindful of the responsibilities of the President and her Management Committee the fun indicates the happy vibe of the club in melding great organisation with good times. The first of Jenni's meetings involved welcoming a new member with more to come next month when we will also be participating in a trivia quiz.

All regular activities continued with strong support and recent special events included theatre outings to 'Annie', 'And Then There Were None' and local productions

at Castle Hill, a social drive through the Hills to Tractor 828 at Ebenezer, a walk around Bicentennial Park, a trip to Western Sydney Airport and Happy Hour in Cherrybrook keeping all entertained.

Upcoming outings include Ten Pin Bowling, MJ the Musical and a day at the Hawkesbury Races.

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 current information please contact Lynn on 0414 848 413. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.

Galston CWA

With Autumn now blessing us with milder sunny days and cooler evenings, the ladies from Galston CWA

are busily creating, baking and organising stalls, with the aim of contributing our efforts to those in need.

We are eager to focus where we can the most effective. To that end we had a visit from Karen Lindley, an inspirational advocate, nationally recognised with an Order of Australia for her services to social welfare and business. She has over two decades of voluntary work, supporting victims of child sexual assault, collaborating with legal teams, police and victim advocacy groups to secure justice and restitution.

A wonderful speaker, Ms Lindley inspired and educated us.

We are now hard at work preparing for our Mother's Day Stall on **May 10th**, outside the Bendigo Bank in Galston, from 9am to 1pm. We will have some lovely handicrafts, home made jams & preserves and tasty baked goods and look forward to visitors. FYI our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month in the Galston Community Centre, starting at 10am.

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Round Corner Dural Probus Club

This month, our group ventured to the picturesque Hawkesbury region to visit The Secret Garden—a not-for-profit community hub nestled on 15 acres at Western Sydney University, Hawkesbury and managed by North West Disability Services (NWDS). The garden offers a welcoming space for the community to connect, learn, and grow.

We enjoyed a guided tour of the facilities, followed by a relaxed lunch in the serene surroundings. Many of us couldn't resist bringing a piece of the garden home, purchasing a variety of plants from the on-site nursery.

Back at our monthly meeting, we welcomed a representative from Service NSW who delivered an informative presentation on a "Guide to Older Driver Licensing"—a helpful guide full of practical advice and important updates.

This month also saw the introduction of a new and exciting segment: Show and Tell. Each meeting, a member is invited to give a short presentation on a hobby or collection they're passionate about. It's a wonderful way to learn more about each other.

Round Corner Dural Probus Club offer a range of activities each month. Meetings are held at the Galston Club on the second Monday of each month at 9.30 am.

We look forward to welcoming new members and visitors.

Enquiries contact email: rcdprobus@gmail.com or phone Lei on 0412 585 741.

Dural Bowling Club

Pennant and Consistency Competitions

The wet weather on the 29th March saw the postponement of the Pennant competition match against Greenlees at the Dural Bowling Club which was rescheduled for Sunday 6th April 2025. Dural bowlers were thus compelled to play a double header the following weekend.

The Consistency Competition started on Tuesday 8th April on a beautiful autumn day. The first round of the competition was played in great spirit and enjoyed by all.

A fervent and dedicated member of Dural Bowling Club - Judith Harris

Judith Harris has been a member of Dural Bowling Club for over 25 years. She has dedicated her time in welcoming and coaching new members. Judith is now in her eighties and is still coaching the new female members and is not ready to pass the baton yet. She is still very zealous in her coaching.

A very competent bowler, Judith won many events at Dural and away, including pennant wins and the Dural local tournaments.

She is admired by many at the Dural Bowling Club with her encouragement to all bowlers to improve their games.

Vale John Gonzo

John Gonzo passed away on the 2nd April. He wasn't a member of Dural Bowling Club for very long. He is remembered for reminiscing his football playing time with Parramatta and his hobby for racing pigeons.



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from the Mayor's Desk

This month, we mark National Volunteer Week from 19–25 May, when we recognise the important role of volunteers in our community. As Mayor, I am impressed and humbled by the outstanding contribution volunteers make in Hornsby Shire, donating their time, skills and services for others.

Volunteering can be incredibly enriching. It provides opportunities to form connections and gives you a sense of fulfillment. Council has many opportunities to volunteer, through our Bushcare program, at events, our library and even in our Waste team. Find out more about how you can contribute on our website.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who gives their time freely for the benefit of others – whether for Council, emergency response, charities, sports clubs, schools and many more, I thank you all.

As I mentioned last month, our Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan is on public exhibition. I encourage you to comment on this important document, which outlines the many projects and initiatives Council will work on in the next four years, before 12 May.

Also in May, Council is again supporting the Australian Liveability Census. This nation-wide research project will help us understand liveability from you, our community's perspective and see how we are faring compared to the rest of the country.

The Australian Liveability Census is open until 30 June 2025 and I encourage you all to share your views at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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- **Draft Planning proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston**
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- **2025-2029 Delivery Program including the 2025-2026 Operational Plan.** Submissions close: Monday 12 May
- **Heritage Development Control Plan Review**
Submissions close: Sunday 25 May
- **Dual Occupancy Development Control Plan provisions**
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- **Library Customer Satisfaction Survey**
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Round Corner Village Planning Proposal

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was packed, with standing room only by the time the meeting started at 7.30. A presentation of the proposed development, together with traffic flows etc were shown. Once it was question time, it was clear that a large majority of people in attendance were concerned about traffic congestion. Kenthurst Road was already bumper to bumper at peak times, and everyone appeared to see this as the major stumbling block. Other concerns raised were the heights of some of the buildings.

It was clear from the presentation that a lot of work had been done by the development team to sell the proposal to the public. The video of a walk through the new centre was very professionally done. One on one discussions were offered at the conclusion to try to answer more questions.

Once the proposal is lodged with Hills Shire Council, it will go on exhibition for community feedback.

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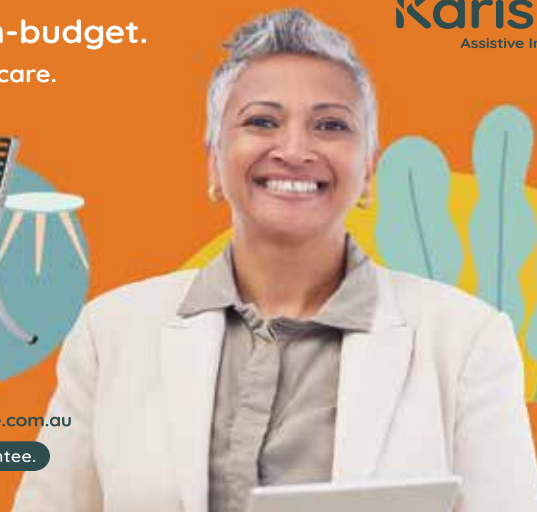
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Dural Scout Prestige Award

Dural Scout Group recently held their Awards and Report Presentations, celebrating another fabulous year of Scouting. They welcomed the Mayor, Hon. Warren Waddell, who presented Kristina Taylor with her King's Scout Plaque. The King's Scout replaces the Queen's Scout and was renamed after His Majesty King Charles III confirmed his patronage of the Scout Association of Australia.

It is the highest award a Venturer Scout can achieve. Venturers must demonstrate a capability across core outdoor skills and progression across additional outdoor adventure skills such as paddling, cycling, aquatics, rock climbing etc. They must also demonstrate leadership and achieve personal challenges across six identified special interest areas. Kristina challenged herself across a wide range of interests from developing barista skills, learning a new sport, and demonstrating her commitment to community service through volunteering with the Galston Rural Fire Brigade.



The King's Scout Award, and Scouting more broadly, develops resilience and confidence in our youth members. These awards encourage them to build essential skills preparing them for leadership roles within the community.

A huge congratulations to Kristina and a special thankyou to the Mayor for his continued support of Dural Scout Group.

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

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It's called tinnitus – the perception of sound when no external noise is present. It might be a high-pitched ringing, a low-frequency humming, buzzing, roaring, or even a chirping or clicking sound. Tinnitus can affect one or both ears and may come and go or persist constantly. While most people have heard of tinnitus, it can be hard to understand how much it can impact someone's quality of life—unless you've experienced it yourself.

Tinnitus is broadly categorised into two types:

- **Subjective tinnitus**, which only the person affected can hear (the most common type)
- **Objective tinnitus**, which can occasionally be detected by a hearing care professional during examination (very rare)

Around 15–20% of the population experiences some form of tinnitus. For some, it's mild and manageable, but for about 2%, tinnitus can be debilitating—disrupting sleep, concentration, emotional wellbeing, and social interactions. Because of this, it's important not to ignore or dismiss tinnitus, but to investigate it thoroughly.

What Causes Tinnitus?

The exact cause of tinnitus can be complex and varies from person to person. In many cases, it's not a condition itself but

a symptom of an underlying issue.

Known triggers include:

- Exposure to loud noise
- Stress and anxiety
- Sleep disturbances
- Hearing loss
- Earwax build-up
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Each person's tinnitus journey is different, which is why individualised care is key. While there is no universal cure, many people find relief and regain control over their daily life through the right support and management.

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Adapted by D.D. Brooke from the Teleplay by William Link & Richard Levinson and directed by Grant Brennan

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Thomas Southwell Rehearsal Photo Penny Johnson

Playwright Alex Dennison is a man with a mission.

It's been one year since the Broadway debut of his then fiancé, Monica Welles. A debut which ended in tragedy when her body was found in her apartment, an apparent suicide.

On the anniversary of her death, Alex has called together the cast and crew of that ill-fated Broadway production. He is eager to start rehearsing his new play, *Killing Jessica*, whose heroine bears an uncanny resemblance to Monica.

As they progress through *Killing Jessica*, Alex's colleagues grow wary of his intentions. Did Monica take her own life or was she murdered? And which one of the assembled thespians, if any, committed that deed? Packed with red herrings, thrills and wit, is this a rehearsal for a new play? Or a rehearsal for murder?



Chris Scarpellino, Ella Titterton, Gina Willison, Brett Watkins, Brett Joachim. Rehearsal Photo Penny Johnson

"Rehearsal for Murder is an intriguing spin on the classic whodunit, set against the backdrop of an empty Broadway theatre. Playwright Alex Dennison invites the members of an ill-fated production to a reading of his new play - where he intends to catch which one amongst them killed his fiancée."
Grant Brennan, Director

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Castle Hill Art Society

Demonstration Saturday 2.00pm June 7th
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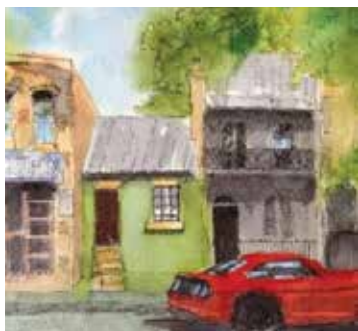
In this demo Amanda will show you how to find the horizon line, how to do 1/2/3pt perspective and the different ways of illustrating aerial perspective with colour. This will greatly assist when you come to do Urban Sketching in pen and watercolour washes.



To understand perspective, you have to start with the horizon line, which is not just a line dividing earth from sky, it is the foundation from and to which everything is either physically or visually connected, making the objects we draw on a flat surface actually have depth and dimension.

This demonstration will be held on Saturday at 2.00pm and visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgescrop Drive, Castle Hill.

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Lion's Club Youth of the Year Award - Cassie Ptolemy



Pacific Hills Christian School student Cassie Ptolemy has achieved an amazing result in this year's Lion's Club Youth of the Year Award. Competing at the State Level held in Tamworth in April, Cassie performed brilliantly across the varied components being judged holding high marks for each section and was awarded winner of the public speaking portion of the competition!

Mrs Baldry, one of the English teachers at Pacific Hills, writes "Cassie was able to speak about her fundraising initiative for foster kids, leaning sign language and her busy role as school captain, amongst other things. Her heart to serve others and her strong ability in public speaking (and plain hard work) have helped her achieve so well with this award."

The School is immensely proud of all that Cassie has achieved and the use of her talents and giftings to aid and assist others in both her local and School communities.



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Middle Dural Public School



Five of our local small school all came together recently to share their expertise and resources so that they could offer wonderful educational experiences for all of their students. Together they created an event which maximised variety for their students and opened them up to experiences they may never have had access to before.

Arcadia PS, Annangrove PS, Hillside PS, Macdonald Valley PS, as well as Galston HS, all gathered at Middle Dural PS for a great day of learning. Teachers planned a range of activities which were designed to offer opportunities to our 'High Potential and Gifted' students. All of their students were invited to participate because all students have potential and just need the right opportunity to shine!

Activities were selected based on the four domains of High Potential and Gifted Education: Intellectual, Creative, Physical and Social Emotional. Student voice was also used to gain insight into particular interests which resulted in a comprehensive list of eighteen different tasks. After reaching out to the Environmental Education Centres in our network of schools we were also able to gain specialist knowledge and resources from Longneck Lagoon EEC and Brewongle EEC.

The activities offered on the day included a variety of sports, supported by coaches, including OzTag, Basketball and soccer. There was a selection of creative tasks to choose from including Aboriginal Art, dance, music, drama and film-making. Academic activities include STEM, Escape Room and Mission Codebreak



(which involves using GPS markers to break the code). Social-emotional experiences were incorporated through unique activities like Traditional Indigenous Games, Gunya building (traditional shelters) and interactive games like chess, connect 4 and Jenga.

Our local small schools have demonstrated that they are rich in opportunities for their students and they can offer so much variety by sharing the expertise they have to offer. At the same time the day-to-day school routines offer small class sizes, individualised attention and a nurturing and caring environment where every child is seen and known. Small schools can do it all!



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Off to Africa

Local pump manufacturer, Aussie Pump Industries, have just shipped another four of their big 6" heavy duty trash pumps with a view to making every effort to save the city of Juba from the equatorial monsoon floods. The United National already have 25 of these big Aussie 6" pumps working to divert the Nile River around Juba.

This shipment, going by urgent air freight directly to Africa, will give them the extra capacity to move 24,000 litres per minute to keep the city safe.

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Aussie's Export Manager, Mel Jansen does the final checks with the freight forwarder before the big pumps are air freighted to save South Sudan

The big pumps were wrapped up like mummies and skidded for air freight and then "Off to Africa".

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Embracing a Sustainable Future: The Sydney Tiny Home Expo



As urban living continues to grapple with soaring housing prices and environmental concerns, the Sydney Tiny Home Expo at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds emerges as a beacon of innovation and hope. This event is not just about cute houses; it symbolizes a transformation in our understanding of what home truly means. The expo showcases a diverse array of tiny homes, from beautifully crafted models featuring cutting-edge sustainable technologies to creative designs that maximize minimal space.

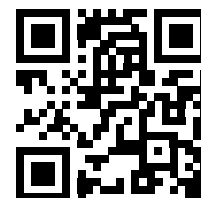
Visitors can expect not only to witness stunning designs but this is a wholly informative event with a community and industry that combines a thorough knowledge of what a Tiny Home could mean for you.

In a world where material excess often leads to stress, the notion of living in smaller, more intentional spaces promotes a lifestyle centered around mindfulness and purpose. This event, which is in its 4th year at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds, can help us reimagine our living spaces, foster community, sustainability, and a deeper appreciation for the world around us.

Open on Friday 6th June (10am-3pm), Saturday 7th June and Sunday 8th June (9am - 5pm), the event fosters a staggered entry to avoid over-crowding. Visit the website for information on tickets and entry.
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Hornsby Woman of the Year Myf Webster

Myf Webster has been recognised for her long and exceptional record of philanthropic community work.

During her decade-long tenure as a centre leader at Fusion in Hornsby, Myf developed a food rescue program that salvaged surplus food from local supermarkets to provide community dinners twice a week for up to 70 people. The program also distributed food hampers to over 100 people weekly, powered by a dedicated team of adult and student volunteers.

More recently, Myf has founded The Social Local Collective, a charity dedicated to enhancing community wellbeing by creating opportunities for intentional connection and enjoyment. The charity started as a result of Myf's research into the profound health impacts of social isolation and loneliness.

Myf's guiding philosophy is simple: Be the change you want to see in the world. This is a philosophy that each of us in the Parliament should live by. Myf's work in our area has consistently driven positive change and strengthened our local community. I can't imagine anyone who is more deserving of being recognised as the Hornsby Woman of the Year.



Warrah Society in Dural

I recently visited the Warrah Society on Harris Rd Dural nestled into the bushland of Dural Nature Reserve.

Warrah Society has been operating for more than 50 years and provides a vital and comprehensive range of services for people with profound intellectual disabilities. This includes the Warrah Specialist School which cares for local kids, as well as independent living homes for adults living with complex disabilities. The unique location provides a beautiful and enriching place for the community that Warrah supports.

The campus is also home to Sydney's only certified Biodynamic farm.

Warrah is a special place and beloved within the greater community. It cares for our most vulnerable and enriches the lives of people living with a disability.

I urge the wider rural community to visit and support this society. You can do so by:

- visiting the Waaia Café every Friday morning from 10am – 12pm. Waaia Café takes pride in offering a unique and inclusive experience. Its passionate team comprises people with disabilities and their dedicated support staff.
- shopping for fruit and vegetables at the Warrah Farm Shop which is open each day except Sunday.



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.



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Julian Leaser
MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

As this is my final editorial before the Federal Election on Saturday, 3rd May, I want to sincerely thank every reader for your support and the trust you've placed in me to represent our community.

Together, we've achieved real change—from delivering NorthConnex, to improving telecommunications and protecting the Hawkesbury River. It is a privilege advocate on your behalf every day, and to work alongside the hundreds of local organisations that make our community so special.

In the lead-up to the election, you'll hear big announcements from all parties. But what's often overlooked are the local commitments that are also just as important — the support that will be provided to our local clubs, charities, and community groups.

It is why I have worked closely with several of them and have been proud to announce that after months of advocacy, an elected Coalition Government will fund the replacement of the communication tower at Hillside RFS, assist Warrah in the progression of their livestock management initiative, and fund the construction of a new two-level community centre at Christ the Redeemer Parish in Dural.

If I have the honour to continue as your Federal Member for Berowra, I will always stand up for you, your family, and the future of our community.

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Mark Hodges

MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL

ANZAC Day 2025: A Legacy Alive and Well

ANZAC Day holds a sacred place in our nation's heart. Marking 110 years since the Gallipoli landing, commemorations across The Hills highlighted our community's enduring reverence for those who have served.

The day began with the Dawn Service at Centenary of ANZAC Reserve, hosted by the Castle Hill and District RSL Sub-Branch. In the cool morning air, student leaders from four of our local high schools shared personal stories of men and women who have served Australia with courage and dedication. Their heartfelt reflections were a moving reminder that the spirit of remembrance is alive in the next generation. As the sun rose through the mist, it was breathtaking to see so many people, young and old, gathered in solemn tribute to honour the ANZAC legacy.

Later in the morning, I attended the Rotary Club of Kenthurst's ANZAC Day Service at John Benyon Park. The community's heartfelt participation — including a local march and a service rich with moving tributes — reflected Kenthurst's deep respect for our servicemen and women. Vin Consgrove OAM from the Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia delivered a powerful address, sharing the story of his family's service across generations of conflict. His reflections were a poignant reminder of the personal sacrifices made by so many Australian families in the defence of our nation.

At Annangrove Park, I joined the local community for a moving flag-raising ceremony. I had the honour of offering a few reflections on the sacrifices made by those who have served, including members of Parliament who answered the call to arms during the



First World War. Two New South Wales MPs, Lieutenant Colonel George Braund and Sergeant Edward Larkin, were among those who gave their lives at Gallipoli. Their example is an inspiration to me that true leadership demands great personal sacrifice, and it was a privilege to honour their memory alongside our local community.

The day continued with a wreath-laying ceremony and lunch at The Hills Club, where the ANZAC spirit was honoured in a warm gathering of friends, veterans, and community members.

Later, I attended the Glenorie RSL Service, another proud tradition that brings together generations to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Each event carried its own unique character, but all shared the same deep spirit of gratitude, unity, and national pride.

ANZAC Day is not just a time to remember the past; it is a time to recommit ourselves to the enduring values of courage, mateship, and sacrifice that define us as Australians. In The Hills, the traditions of ANZAC Day are alive and well, as we discharge our sacred duty to pass on this torch of remembrance to future generations.

Lest we forget.



Mark Hodges MP
Member for Castle Hill

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THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

Did you know the Hawkesbury-Nepean River Catchment is the longest coastal catchment in New South Wales? Spanning an impressive 470 kilometres from Goulburn to Broken Bay, this vital waterway drains a massive 21,400 square kilometres—equivalent to 2.14 million hectares. It also forms the western boundary for around 60 percent of The Hills Local Government Area.

But the Hawkesbury River is more than just a geographical marker. It's a multi-faceted resource that supports everything from recreational activities and commercial fishing to transport, environmental flows, tourism and a thriving agricultural industry worth close to \$300 million annually.

Over the past few years, I've had the privilege of attending meetings of the long-established Upper Hawkesbury River Users Group—a passionate group that includes representatives from ski parks, power boat clubs, commercial fishers, maritime agencies, local councils, and other community stakeholders. All are united by a deep, genuine commitment to the health of this precious river.

In March, the group convened a special meeting to address a growing list of concerns. Triggered by noticeable changes in the river's condition, the session aimed to discuss the river's long-term health. Key issues raised included sediment runoff, effluent disposal, invasive weed growth, environmental flow management, sand accumulation on the riverbed, and shifts in the location of brackish water.

The gathering brought together an impressive array of agencies and departments—including the EPA, Sydney Water, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, and council staff from The Hills, Hawkesbury, and Hornsby. I was joined by my fellow North Ward Councillors, as well as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and several Hawkesbury Councillors.

What emerged was both heartening and revealing. On one hand, it's clear that extensive work is already underway through various agencies, particularly with the development of the new Coastal Management Plan. On the other, the meeting highlighted a gap—there is no overarching body coordinating these efforts. As a result, valuable work risks being duplicated, overlooked, or misaligned. Once, the Office of the Hawkesbury Nepean existed. Is it time this is re-established?

Looking ahead, I'm committed to continuing to further my understanding of the river and advocating for its health - along with collaboration with our councils. Protecting the Hawkesbury-Nepean River isn't just about today—it's about ensuring a healthy, vibrant river system for generations to come.

A heartfelt thank you to the Upper Hawkesbury River Users Group for organising such an informative and impactful meeting. Your passion and dedication—especially that of Gary, Ray, and Joy—is both inspiring and essential.



Jane Seaglove
HORNSBY COUNCILLOR

Hello Residents,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the preview screening of The Last Anniversary series at Event Cinemas, Hornsby Westfield. It was wonderful to see so many of you there for the first episode, which beautifully showcases the stunning scenery of Brooklyn and the Hawkesbury area. I look forward to watching the rest of the series on Foxtel and hope you enjoy it too!

Have Your Say on the 1-3 Johnson Road Proposal

Hornsby Shire Council is currently undertaking a voluntary exhibition of a draft planning proposal for 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston. We are seeking community feedback on the proposal via our website. Your input is invaluable in shaping this project, and all feedback will be carefully reviewed as part of the decision-making process. To share your thoughts, visit the link: **Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston | Yoursay Hornsby**

Help Shape Our New Website

Hornsby Council is designing a new website, and we'd love your feedback! If you've found it challenging to locate information in the past, this is your chance to let us know how we can make improvements. Share your suggestions by completing the survey here: **New Website 2025 | Yoursay Hornsby**

New to Hornsby Shire? Join Our Community!

If you're new to the area and looking to connect with others, Hornsby Shire is home to a wide range of community groups and organizations catering to various interests. Here are a few to consider:

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- **Rotary Clubs:** Participate in community service projects and support local initiatives. ROTARY.ORG
- **Lions Clubs:** Engage in community improvement and fundraising for charitable causes. LIONSCLUBS.ORG.AU
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Some trees are naturally straight and tall whilst others have the habit of producing branches at irregular intervals. Some too have branches that appear to twist and turn in many directions.



At times trees may be damaged as a result of severe weather impacting the structure of the tree anywhere from its base to its canopy.

Occasionally, there has been some direct human intervention that causes a tree to grow in a not so normal manner.

As you walk through the bush regularly you become aware that there is also an

incredible variation in the colour and texture of any given tree's bark. Not only do variations occur close to the ground, but also further up the trunk. Changes in colour are also evident with the change of seasons.

The images opposite are just a selection of the many examples of unusually shaped trees that can be found Hidden In The Hills.

Bromeliad Society of Australia - Guest Speaker Robyn Bible, Australian Geranium Society

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 10th May with plant sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 12noon.

Guest speaker will be Robyn Bible, from the Australian Geranium Society and she will speak about the different varieties of geraniums and pelargoniums, she will also bring along a large selection of examples.

Robyn will explain about their growing conditions, where best to use the various types including a demonstration on how to prune and propagate. Robyn will also have several plants available for purchase.

She has specialised in the growing of geraniums and pelargoniums for more than 50 years and will happily share her immense knowledge with the BSA members and guests.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle, Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called



just "Show" for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.

There is also an opportunity to meet like minded people in a friendly and inviting environment. Contact Ian Hook, mobile 0408 202 269, email: ianhook1@bigpond.com website: www.bromeliad.org.au

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Sydney to Hobart the Hard Way

At our next Probus meeting (**May 13th**) we will be privileged to have Lindsay May speaking. Lindsay is a veteran of 50 consecutive Sydney Hobart races (a record), mostly as a navigator. Lindsay will talk about the changes he has observed over 51 years and some of the highlights of this world-renowned ocean racing classic that attracts competitors from across the globe. He has been the winner of the Tattersalls Cup 3 times (twice as a navigator and once as a skipper)

He has also sailed in all the world's leading ocean races. His presentation includes video and sound that should give some feel as to what it's like out there. I heard Lindsay talk at a large mixed function (just after one of the tragic races) and the whole audience was enthralled.

If you would like to come and hear Lindsay, he will be speaking at our Probus Club meeting on May 13th at 9.45am. We meet at Cherrybrook Uniting Church Hall. 124 New Line Road, Cherrybrook NSW 2126.

**If you would like to come, please contact Dick Bushell
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Faith on the road

Life after Easter is like traveling along the Yellow Brick Road in "The Wizard of Oz". Dorothy's longing to return home reflects our own desire to be closer to God's kingdom. Easter reminds us that Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection have shown us the way to our true home, just as Dorothy's ruby slippers hold the power to take her home. The road is not without challenges. Dorothy faces struggles and fear, and our journey, too, is filled with difficulties like doubt, setbacks, or distractions that pull us away from God. But just as Dorothy has the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion to support her, our faith community strengthens us. Together, we learn to rely on God for wisdom, love, and courage.

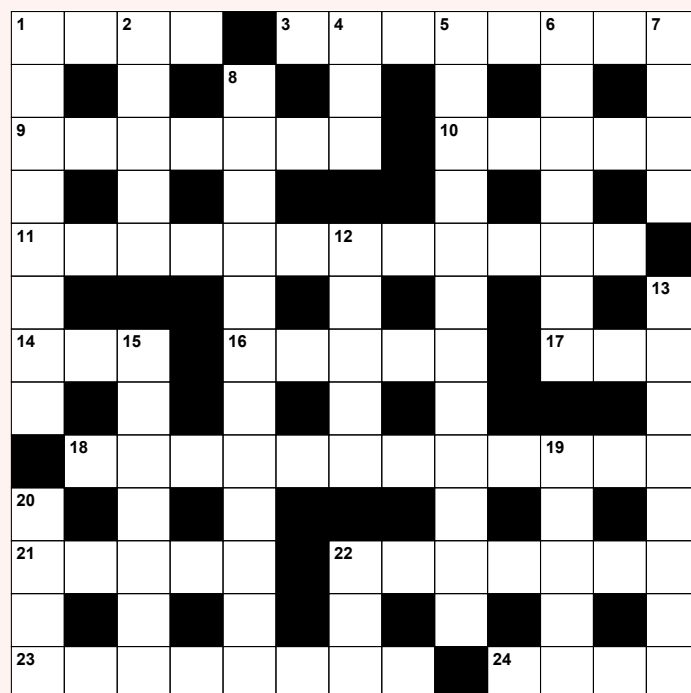
Anna Chung, a young clarinetist, is following her dream to study in San Francisco. Like Dorothy, she is stepping into the unknown, facing obstacles but trusting in God's plan. Her faith and dedication guide her closer to her goal, a life celebrating God's gifts.

Faith is like walking the Yellow Brick Road. Even when the path is uncertain, God's grace leads us home. **Join Anna's Saturday Afternoon Concert at Cherrybrook Uniting Church on 24th May, 3PM (Your donation of \$20/adult plus will be greatly appreciated).**

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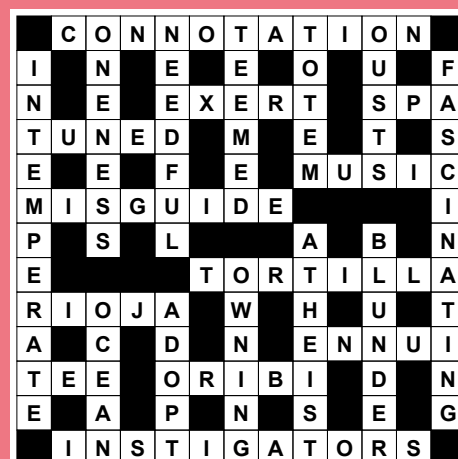
ACROSS

- 01 Rank (4)
- 03 Type of tooth (8)
- 09 Trap for the unwary (7)
- 10 Relative by marriage (2-3)
- 11 Lack of practical knowledge (12)
- 14 Increase in amount (3)
- 16 Stares (5)
- 17 Timid (3)
- 18 Formal announcements (12)
- 21 Good sense (5)
- 22 Sentiment (7)
- 23 Delaying (8)
- 24 Intertwined segment of rope (4)

DOWN

- 01 Act of retaliation (8)
- 02 Name of a book (5)
- 04 Unwell (3)
- 05 Educational institutions (12)
- 06 Royal houses (7)
- 07 Wet with condensation (4)
- 08 Carefree (5-2-5)
- 12 Sharp blade (5)
- 13 Vision (8)
- 15 Vessel that cleans rivers (7)
- 19 Edible pungent bulb (5)
- 20 Having a level surface (4)
- 22 Wetland (3)

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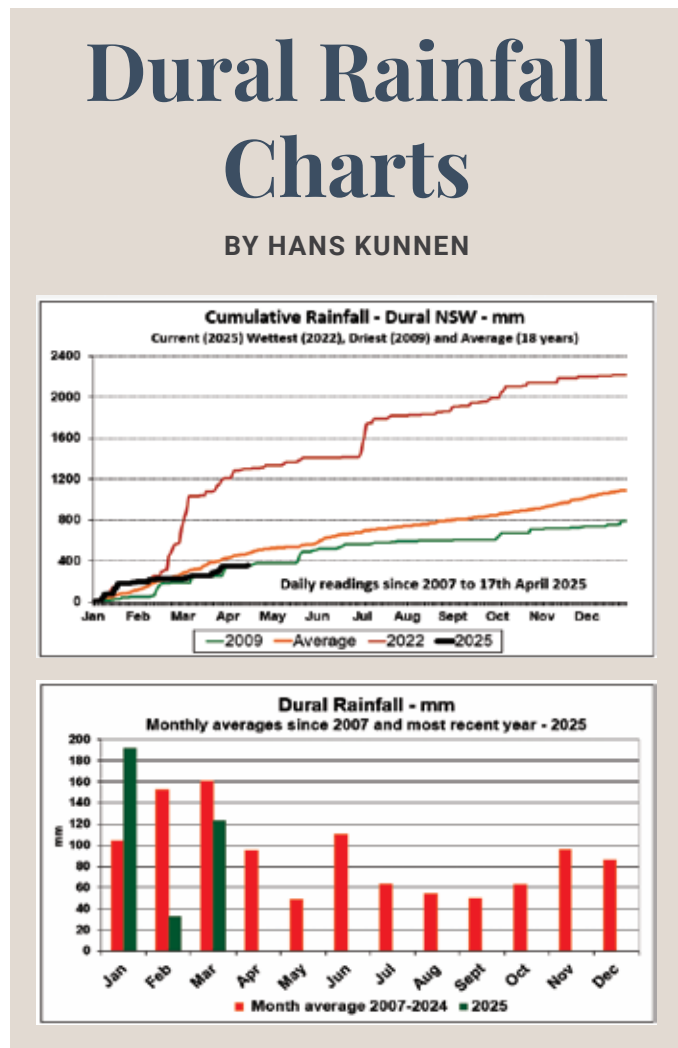
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