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The New York Room: Vintage Meets Modern

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Getting Comfortable with Ageing in Australia

BY MARK COUPAR

As I progress into my twilight years of working I have been starting taking more notice of reforms that have been introduced for our ageing population.

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.

Australia is getting older faster as all the baby boomers start reaching retirement age.

Figures indicate that by 2026 over 22% of our population will have reached this age, which up from 8.3% back in the 70's.

It went on to say that by 2050 a quarter of Australians would 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 seem to be the top issues.

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.

Finally, I am letting everyone know that I am retiring on **30th June 2025** after 48 years of working with the last 8 as Membership Officer of Dural & District Business Chamber which I have thoroughly enjoyed and met some amazing people along the way.

As for me I have nothing major planned past June 30 but having some relaxation time.

Also thanks to those people who stopped me in the street to give feedback on my articles.

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Shared Pedestrian/Cycling Pathway Proposed for Old Northern Road

Hornsby Shire Council is progressing with a proposal from Councillor Nathan Tilbury for the delivery of an off-road Active Transport corridor adjacent to Old Northern Road, between Glenorie and Dural.

At their June meeting Council unanimously supported Councillor Tilbury's motion to work directly with The Hills Shire Council and seek the support of the relevant NSW government Ministers, local State and Federal MPs, as well as Transport for NSW, to develop a feasibility study to the proposal.



Peats Ferry Road at Hornsby (near Asquith)



Brooklyn Road's

As a clear sign of support, it is understood The Hills Shire Council will consider a similar motion via Councillor Mitchell Blue at an upcoming meeting.

Councillor Tilbury explained, *"At present there is no safe pedestrian or cycling pathway along Old Northern Road between Glenorie and Dural, which spans approximately 11.5 km. Tragically, pedestrians have been killed walking along Old Northern Road, with the most recent death in November 2024. For some time, Mid Dural Public School has also raised serious concerns about pedestrian safety along Old Northern Road due to lack of paths and road crossing facilities around the school."*

In addition, I have been regularly contacted by many local residents about the lack of a footpath along Old Northern Road, including residents living with disabilities that affect their mobility."

Local community groups have already enthusiastically rallied behind the proposal including the Glenorie Progress Association (GPA) and Arcadia Galston Residents Association (AGRA).

GPA President, Di Coxon-Ellis said, *"It is far too dangerous to move around as a pedestrian and we have limited public*

transport options between Glenorie and Dural. We commend this proposal that aligns with our vision of connectivity and safety of our residents."

It is important to note that Old Northern Road is State Road controlled making it the responsibility of Transport for NSW. The Councils will be jointly requesting funding support, through opportunities such as NSW Government grants, to undertake the feasibility study for the project and for its eventual delivery that is likely to be split over several stages.

A major challenge that needs to be overcome is that Old Northern Road is the boundary between Hornsby Shire and The Hills Shire, as well as the local State and Federal electorates boundaries. It is crucial that the two councils and all local MPs work collaboratively, to give the proposal every chance of success.

It is expected that the feasibility study will highlight the issues and complexities of this project to inform its design and the best way to apply for grants.

Hornsby Council has previously delivered similar, albeit shorter, shared pathway projects, including between Hornsby and Mt Colah, along Peats Ferry Road and the Pacific Highway. More recently one was completed along Brooklyn Road, between Hawkesbury River railway station and Kangaroo Point, that was delivered in stages and funded by NSW Government grants.

Dural Town Centre Gets Approval

The shopping centre development at 488 Old Northern Road Dural (currently a green field alongside Stonelea Court), has received approval. Redevelop announced this on Tuesday 24th June:

"Anchored by a major national Supermarket and complemented by a diverse lifestyle offering, Dural Town Centre is set to become a vibrant local hub for shopping, wellness, dining, and everyday living.

What's Coming:

- A full-line Woolworths Supermarkets
- ALDI Stores Australia Supermarket
- A full-line Dan Murphy's Liquor Store
- A large-format medical and allied health Precinct
- A modern fitness and wellness centre
- A curated food and dining precinct
- 30+ specialty retailers offering convenience and variety



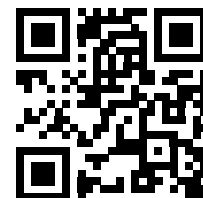
The centre will deliver over 10,000 sqm of Lettable Floor Area and feature 500+ car parking spaces, including dedicated EV charging stations to support sustainable mobility.

To enhance access and safety, the project will also deliver a new signalised all-ways intersection and roadwork upgrades along Old Northern Road, improving traffic flow and connectivity for the wider community."

This is separate from the proposed Shopping Centre at the existing Round Corner Mall which was presented to locals at a community meeting at the Dural Country Club earlier this year.

The Dooral Roundup has so many stories, we can't print them all!

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Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings – Adventuring Near and Far

Recently members of the Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook enjoyed a wonderful walk through Bella Vista. Many members had driven down Norwest Boulevard but never ventured into this delightful suburb with lovely homes set among a number of village greens. Our walk went from Norwest Metro to Bella Vista station and was followed by a well earned delicious lunch.

We also shared a picturesque drive beginning at Pie in the Sky for coffee and on to the Wyong Milk Factory for lunch, a very sociable Happy Hour, a most interesting talk at the Cumberland State Forest Plants Plus Nursery (well worth dodging the inclement weather for!) and theatre visits both to the city and locally to the Castle Hill Players.

These special events complemented regular craft and book clubs, games including cards, mahjong and Mexican Trains, golf, lawn bowls and Money Matters groups.

Upcoming outings include a walk around Barangaroo, a tour of the Sydney Museum, Malaysian evening dining at Thornleigh and Christmas in July at Gledswood Homestead and Winery.

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 0414 848 413. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.

Arcadian Quilting

This WINTER the Arcadian Group is enjoying a "fresh look" at what we consider to be something that is ... comforting, reassuring and reliable.

YES, 'the members' of the quilting group. We are looking and listening to each other. President Carole decided to encourage members to share their background stories in a QUILTING HISTORY CHAT during our meetings.

Where did their quilting story start; what was the 'first quilt' project attempted, was it ever finished and where is that 'first quilt' now?



Our members have come from a very wide variety of backgrounds, commerce, teaching, nursing, banking, librarianship ... for examples.

This amazingly colourful quilt (picture top) titled "Gypsy Wife" was made by our resident Librarian Chris.

This kaleidoscope of medallions (photos below) also made by Chris is a hand-pieces la Passacaglia quilt by Dutch designer Willyne Hammerstein.

This intricate design is also known as a Millefiore quilt, an interpretation of Venetian Millefiori Glass, meaning "a thousand flowers".

This is proving to be such an interesting way to enjoy our days together and leads to quite different conversations at the 'sewing table'.

We meet at the Community Health Centre, Galston, 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month.

Further information can be obtained from Carole on 9894 774



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Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Despite a third of voters casting their vote prior to Election Day our Club held a very successful BBQ and cake stall at West Pennant Hills Public School on 3rd May. Proceeds from the day will go to our Rotary charities.

On 17th May we were invited by Bunnings Castle Hill to assist them with a FightMND Fundraiser BBQ. We were joined by another charity, Supertee. A wonderful result was achieved for a great cause.

The Club held its Pride of Workmanship Awards on 19th May at Hotel Pennant Hills. The Pride of Workmanship Award is designed to acknowledge an employee or volunteer who displays outstanding qualities in terms of dedication and commitment to their work.



This year our awardees were Amelia Hansen, who works full time in a managerial role within the NDIS sector, Nicole King who works with Riding for the Disabled, an organisation that provides people with a disability the opportunity to enjoy all the activities connected with horse riding. Susan Young, a dedicated volunteer and Veronica Kentwell, Food Services Leader at Bella Vista Gardens, an aged care facility at Norwest.

David Firth, the District Pride of Workmanship Chairman, presented the awards.

A regular program of lawn mowing, line trimming and pruning is carried out by members at several transitional houses at Kenthurst.

If you would like to know more about Rotary, be involved or join us for dinner please call 0412 064 336.

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Taking place at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Racecourse Road, Clarendon this roadshow brings together some of the biggest names in the industry. This event is the perfect opportunity to explore a vast range of caravans, camper trailers, motor homes, motoring and 4x4 accessories, and camping gear. Whether you're looking to upgrade

your current setup or just browsing for inspiration, you'll find plenty of options to compare, touch, and buy. Beyond the exhibits, visitors can enjoy live entertainment, demonstrations, and free activities for kids, making it a fun-filled experience for the whole family.

There over 70 major brands on display including Jayco Caravans, Motorhomes & Campervans, A Van, Crusader Caravans, Design RV, Newage, Millard Supreme, Nova, EasyTrail, Mars, Snowy River, and lots of Accessories. Look, compare and buy at show only prices.

Whether you're in the market for a new caravan or simply want to explore the latest innovations, these exhibitors will provide expert advice and top-quality products. Mark your calendar and get ready for an exciting weekend of outdoor adventure and exploration!

Dates: July 25th – 27th

Location: Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Racecourse Road, Clarendon NSW

Time: 9am – 4pm each day

Admission: Adults \$18, Concession \$15, Accompanied Children

Free Parking: Free on-site parking available

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Dural Cub-Scouts



Dural Cub Scouts have been busy doing several exciting activities these last two terms: Camping, Canoeing, Cycling, Bushcraft, and Bushwalking skills.

B R A V O to Dural Cubs for winning a fierce Hills District intra Cooking competition recently and qualifying for the GWS Regional Cook Out Competition, where they were winners once again!

In the coming Terms our Cubs will take part in several short and long-distance hikes challenging themselves over steep ascents and descents enjoying nature and hopefully finishing with a great sense of accomplishment.

Each week at Cub meetings there is lots of excitement and fun, learning and doing various activities at the same time building confidence and acquiring problem solving skills.

If these are the skills and opportunities you'd like to offer your child, then don't hesitate. Dural Scout Group welcomes visitors who would like to come and spend a couple of weeks trying out Scouting.



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SPEEDING

A man with a suspended licence is expected to appear in court after he was caught speeding in Glenorie on Thursday morning.

At approximately 9:20 am on 19th June, Hills Highway Patrol officers were conducting speed enforcement duties along Cattai Ridge Road when they detected a white Toyota Land Cruiser travelling at 83 in a 60 km/h zone.

The vehicle was stopped on Smith Lane, where police spoke to the 31-year-old male driver. During the interaction, the man reportedly told officers, "I am suspended."

Inquiries confirmed his NSW licence had been suspended following a separate offence on 19th April, in which he was allegedly clocked at more than 45 km/h over the limit on Old Northern Road in Dural.

Despite the suspension, the driver was again found behind the wheel and allegedly exceeding the speed limit. A roadside breath test returned a negative reading.

He will face court for driving while suspended and for speeding. Police said the incident highlighted a disregard for road safety and licence conditions.

OFFICER AWARDED



The Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, visited Warrah Specialist School in Dural on Wednesday, 20th June, to tour the facility and meet with staff and students.

During the visit, the Governor-General presented Senior Constable Mick Barnes, the local Vulnerable Persons Officer, with a challenge coin in recognition of the efforts of Hills Police in supporting people with disabilities in the community.

The presentation acknowledged the ongoing work by local police to assist and protect vulnerable individuals through dedicated engagement and support initiatives.

ERRATIC DRIVING

An 18-year-old male has been charged with mid-range drink driving after being stopped for erratic driving in Kellyville during the early hours of 19th June.

At around 3:30am, Hills Police observed a vehicle swerving across lanes on Samantha Riley Drive. The driver turned onto Glenhaven Road and then Bannerman Road, where police activated their lights and stopped the vehicle.

The driver underwent a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result. He was arrested and taken to Castle Hill Police Station, where a breath analysis recorded a mid-range reading of 0.083.

Further checks revealed that the vehicle had previously been issued with a Major Defect Notice (Red Label) and was not permitted to be driven after 5:35pm on 18th June.

The driver's licence was immediately suspended. He has been issued a Court Attendance Notice and the matter is now before the court.

APPLE PAY PRANK

People are being warned about an "ApplePay pranks" following a violent confrontation in Castle Hill on Thursday, 5th June.

Police were called after a 17-year-old male approached an older man pretending to receive money via Apple Pay by holding his phone near the older man and playing a beeping sound. The teenager was detained by the older man and escorted to Castle Hill Police Station.

The trend misleadingly implies that money is being transferred between phones by playing a sound similar to a digital transaction.

Police say while the videos may seem like harmless fun, these pranks may escalate into dangerous situations as they can cause confusion and may even create fear and aggression among people, especially those who are unaware of what's happening.

"We remind everyone that filming strangers without consent and engaging in conduct that causes alarm or distress can have legal consequences," The Hills Police said.

If you witness or experience similar behaviour, please report it to your local police station or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

ROAD RAGE

The Hills Police is appealing for information about an alleged road rage incident involving a grey 2012 Toyota Camry in the Norwest and Castle Hill areas, that happened between 8 pm to 10.20 pm on Monday, 2nd June.

At around 8.05 pm, the Camry driver allegedly flashed a knife and threw a vape at another driver. The victim followed the vehicle and notified police.

The situation escalated when the victim and the Camry driver arrived at Spurway Drive, Norwest, where several persons armed with knives and machetes approached the victim.

After the incident, police engaged in two pursuits on Showground Road, Castle Hill.

Both attempts were stopped due to the Camry's manner of driving. Police say despite patrols, the vehicle was not located.

Anyone who witnessed or may have dashcam footage about the incident is urged to report the information to The Hills Police Area Command on 02 9680 5399 or Crime Stoppers.

DRINK DRIVING P-PLATER

An 18-year-old P1 driver will face court after allegedly crashing into two parked vehicles while over the legal alcohol limit in Castle Hill.

At approximately 1:09 am on Saturday, 21st June, Hills Police responded to a collision on Warwick Parade. The driver's silver Mitsubishi ASX had struck a parked Hyundai i30 before continuing forward and crashing into the rear of a Holden Colorado, causing significant damage.

The impact pushed the Holden several metres and onto the kerb. The Mitsubishi sustained major front-end damage and came to rest against the eastern kerb.

Nearby residents, woken by the crash, assisted the driver and contacted police. The driver told officers he had reached down to pick up his mobile phone moments before the collision.

He was subjected to a roadside breath test, which returned a positive result. A subsequent breath analysis at Castle Hill Police Station returned a mid-range reading of 0.117.

The driver allegedly admitted to consuming four alcoholic ciders earlier that evening. His licence was immediately suspended, and he was issued a Court Attendance Notice for mid-range drink driving.

**If you have any information on any of the above, please contact
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Vale Allan Beard

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Allan Beard was a storyteller, a farmer, a sportsman, a gardener, and above all, a devoted family man. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the stories he shared, and the warmth he brought to those around him.

Born in Windsor and raised in Glossodia and Glenorie, Allan's childhood was filled with adventure, mischief, and a deep love of sport. He played cricket for Glenorie and West Pennant Hills clubs and competed in tennis across various courts in the Hills District, at one stage maintaining the Glenorie courts and contributing to the local committee.

Following in his father's footsteps, Allan left school at 14 to pursue farming. After his father's passing when he was 17, he took on the responsibility of the family's mortgage at Maroota, ensuring their stability while growing a diverse range of fruit and vegetables. In 1979, he returned to Glenorie, where his



exceptional stone fruit became highly sought after, drawing customers from across Sydney. Later, his love for gardening led him to bromeliads, earning him life membership in the Bromeliad Society of Australia and deep involvement in local gardening communities.

His garden became more than a passion - it was his sanctuary, a place of creativity, solace, and pride.

Throughout his life, Allan's generosity shone - whether supporting his wife Dorothy through illness, lending a hand to friends, or sharing knowledge with fellow gardeners and sports enthusiasts. His companionship with Trish and her family became an important source of joy, comfort, and connection in his later years.

A beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Allan cherished family gatherings, especially Christmas, filled with laughter and storytelling.

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Round Corner Dural Probus

Our guest speaker for the June meeting was Noel Phelan from the National Maritime Museum, who gave a fascinating presentation on The Halvorsen Story. This remarkable boat-building family traces its roots back to Sweden before becoming a household name in Australia. Noel provided an insightful and engaging overview of their legacy, offering members a deeper appreciation of this iconic name in maritime history.

Our Musical Theatre group enjoyed a fantastic outing to see the ever-popular MJ The Musical at the Lyric Theatre this month. The day began with a comfortable group trip from The Galston Club via a small bus, allowing plenty of time for members to enjoy lunch together before the show. The performance was a hit and made for a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

This month's lunch outing took us to The Fiddler, a well-loved venue among our members. The menu offered a great selection of main meals, and members appreciated the opportunity to take advantage of the senior discount. A lovely afternoon of good food and company was had by all.

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.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As Mayor, I am passionate that our towns and centres are vibrant and lively places for our community and local businesses. I'm delighted to share that we have recently secured a grant to support the creation of a Special Entertainment Precinct in Hornsby Town Centre, enlivening it for the whole community to enjoy in the evening.

We are engaging with the community around potential changes to planning controls to elevate the night-time social, cultural and economic activity in the precinct. As we prepare to deliver the Hornsby Town Centre of the future, now closer on the horizon thanks to the NSW Government's designation of Hornsby as a Transport Oriented Development, the grant for our entertainment precinct will help it become a place of choice for families to gather and enjoy themselves in the evenings after work and on weekends. There's still a chance to have your say until 4 July at yoursayhornsby.nsw.gov.au

This month is Plastic Free July, when we focus on taking action to reduce plastic waste. The people of Hornsby Shire are passionate about preserving our precious environment, and Council is committed to supporting this. We're hosting events to inspire you to reduce your use of plastic and live more sustainably. From online webinars to in-person workshops, there's something for everyone. If you're passionate about making a difference, why not sign up to become a Waste Warrior as part of our new volunteer program?

Also this month, we mark NAIDOC Week from 6 – 13 July, when we celebrate and learn about the first custodians of our land. On this significant week, I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn more about the Traditional Owners of Hornsby Shire, the Dharug and GuriNgai Peoples.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

What's on

HORNSBY ART PRIZE 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE 7 AUGUST Total prize money \$23,000

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize

Reduce Reuse

Green Cleaning: Switching to solutions that work
Wednesday 2 July, 7.30pm-8.10pm
Online

Living with less plastic
Thursday 17 July, 10.30am-12pm
Hornsby Library

Bookings essential hornsby.nsw.gov.au/waste

PLASTIC FREE JULY

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6-13 July

Celebrate NAIDOC Week at Hornsby Libraries!

Join us for Dharug language classes, Truth Telling with Aunty Edna Watson OAM, storytime, discovery sessions, and Indigenous Australia in VR.

Details at: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

- **Hornsby Town Centre Special Entertainment Precinct**
Submissions close: Friday 4 July
- **Redgum Avenue, Pennant Hills**
Submissions close: Friday 4 July
- **Hornsby Park Embellishments Stage 2**
Submissions close: Monday 7 July
- **Hastings Park Tennis Court Complex, Castle Hill**
Submissions close: Thursday 10 July

For more information visit: yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Next Council meeting Wednesday 9 July, 6.30pm

hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Men's Kitchen is coming to the Hills District

Men's Kitchen was started nearly a decade ago to teach older men basic kitchen skills in a social setting.

Men's Kitchen, a registered charity, is now launching in the Hills District in late September and is seeking some key volunteers to bring it to life.

How does Men's Kitchen work?

At each cooking session, up to 10 men work together to prepare a two course meal under the guidance of three experienced volunteer instructors. Everyone chooses the part of the meal they would like to prepare and once cooking is completed, everyone sits down together to talk about and enjoy the meal.

Why is it so important?

Good nutrition and strong social connections are critical to promote longevity and good health. Says founder and president, Peter Watson, "It has been proven that people live longer when they feel more connected. We are what we eat, so learning to cook and making new mates along the way is a win-win."

In the Hills District, there are over 15,000 men aged 60 or more, many of whom have never ventured into the kitchen. Says Peter, "With retirement some men lose their sense of purpose and miss their interaction with work colleagues. In some cases, they lose their partners, or circumstances mean they need to start doing the cooking in their household. We fill that gap by positively increasing their life skills, along with helping them make some new mates."

Says Men's Kitchen Head Chef and lifelong cooking professional Chris Chandler, "Our men learn that with a little bit of patience and skill they produce pastry as good as any chef. The pride they feel at producing something they never thought they could achieve keeps me doing this. I've had men who have never cooked a cake in their lives produce a stunning dessert on day one with an instructor by their side."

Says Peter, "We started the first Men's Kitchen in the Northern Beaches of Sydney in 2016. Since then we have launched on the North Shore of Sydney, Canberra, and the Gold Coast. The goal is to keep growing, one area at a time to offer this opportunity to some of the two million older blokes around the country."

Like to get involved?

The Men's Kitchen is looking for help from a leader to become the local district manager, a bookkeeper as our district treasurer plus a district admin. If you would like to assist to get the Men's Kitchen started in the Hills District, or would like more information about joining the Men's Kitchen contact Peter Watson on info@menskitchen.org.au or 0411 476 532.

Kenthurst Combined Probus Club

Kenthurst Probus met again in June, to hear an interesting and detailed talk by Graham Simms on the life of Arthur Stace, best known to Sydneysiders as the mysterious "Mr. Eternity". Graham told Probians and our guests of Arthur's life of poverty, degradation and alcoholism until his conversion to Christianity and apparently compulsive activity for many years thereafter in writing his one word message in chalk or crayon on the footpaths and occasionally walls around the City and suburbs: at the same time concealing his identity.

President Rosalie Challoner was pleased to induct a new member: Barry Hutton and members heard a brief resume of recent inductee Rhonda Phillips's personal story, from the lady herself.

Probus meets at 9.30 am on the third Monday of each month except December, at the Kenthurst Uniting Church building. Guests are always welcome.



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The Last Five Years was named one of TIME Magazine's ten best shows of 2001 and a film adaptation was released in 2014, starring Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan. This is sure to be a unique, intimate production that will demonstrate the power of storytelling through song.

"The Last Five Years is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical. Anyone who has ever loved, dreamed, or drifted apart will recognise pieces of themselves in Jamie and Cathy's story."
Julian Floriano, Director

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On Wednesday, July 23rd we will be having a "CROCHET DAY" and invite

anyone who would like to spend a morning learning to crochet, or perhaps just improve their skills, or even just to come along and share a morning tea with like minded ladies. We will have some teachers and some supplies available. Morning tea will be provided and bring some lunch if you would like to stay longer.

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PROPERTY & YOU – BY PAUL MCKENZIE, ABS CONVEYANCING

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When renovating for selling, only do the basics and keep to a budget. Paint the walls in conservative colours. The buyer will always repaint the walls to the colours of their choosing. New carpet will not help sell the home if the buyer plans to rip out the new carpet and prefers timber or tiled flooring.

Real estate agents inspecting the home for market appraisals, are helpful to give tips in doing the home up for marketing and selling. Just be careful also, that the agent does not try to "buy the listing" with false expectation of prices, along with false tips, such as putting in new carpet, as illustrated above.

If planning to sell a house or duplex, get the pest control inspection and treatment done. Do a check list and get all the repairs done. Booked a council garage pick up and removed all the rubbish from the garage and other areas. Bruise up the gardens, adding plants that would flower for a spring-time sale. Make sure, the property starts to present well when selling in spring, to be clean, neat, and tidy.



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See everything from established villages and lifestyle resorts to brand new luxury developments, in Sydney and throughout Australia – all under one roof.

Visitors are encouraged to take their time and explore the Expo at their own pace. With many different retirement communities represented, you can discover everything you need to know about retirement living.

The Expo is open from 10am -3pm both days. The Club offers free parking to members and guests. Admission is free.

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FROM THE TEAM AT EAR STUDIO

Sometimes, your hearing can suddenly change. You might feel like your ear is blocked or underwater, or notice ringing or buzzing sounds. This can happen to anyone, even if you've never had hearing problems before. One possible cause is something called *sudden sensorineural hearing loss* – a type of inner ear issue that's considered a hearing emergency and needs quick attention.

WHY DOES THIS HAPPEN?

Sudden hearing loss can happen because tiny blood vessels in your ear get swollen or don't work properly. This can stop your ear from working the way it should. Sometimes the exact cause isn't clear, even to specialists, but getting the right treatment as early as possible gives you the best chance of protecting and restoring your hearing.

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR?

If your hearing changes quickly—in just a few hours or a day—it's important to see someone right away. Don't wait to see if it gets better on its own, because the sooner you get help, the better your chances of recovery.

For people who wear hearing aids, a sudden change in hearing is sometimes mistaken

for a device fault. In reality, the hearing itself may have changed. This is why regular annual hearing assessments are so important—to monitor your hearing health, track any gradual changes, and ensure your devices are working as they should.

However, if you notice a sudden or unexpected shift in your hearing, it's important not to wait. Sudden changes should be assessed promptly. If you're concerned, call our team at Ear Studio. We can arrange a thorough check of both your hearing and your hearing aids to determine what's going on and guide you on the next steps.

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to delivering hearing care that meets the highest international standards.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If one of our clinicians at Ear Studio identifies sudden hearing loss, they will prepare a detailed report outlining their findings and advise you on the next steps to take – acting swiftly to ensure you receive the appropriate care.

While hearing care professionals cannot prescribe medication, your GP or ENT specialist can provide treatment or further investigations to determine the cause.

Sometimes, hearing changes are caused by factors like earwax buildup or an infection. In these cases, we can offer prompt treatment in our clinic, including safe and effective earwax removal using micro suction.

HOW TO GET HELP

If your hearing changes suddenly, call Ear Studio on **02 9159 6122**. You don't need a referral—just book an appointment. We will take a detailed history, conduct a thorough hearing assessment, and work with your GP or ENT as needed.

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Young Leaders representing the area at the YMCA Youth Parliament

Three outstanding local Year 11 students have been selected to represent the Hornsby Electorate as part of the 2025 YMCA Youth Parliament.

Taylor Chilwell from Cherrybrook Technology High School, Alyssa Pinchbeck from Pennant Hills High School, and Abby Pistachia from St. Leo's Catholic College are joining almost 90 other students from across the State to

take part in the program. Taylor and Abby are developing a Bill on the Women's Affairs Committee, while Alyssa is developing a Bill as part of the Aboriginal Affairs Committee.

Students participate in Youth Parliament over the course of 6 months. The program includes training on leadership and policy development, a Youth Parliament Training Camp in the Easter holidays, and writing Bills with other participants from across the State during Term 2. The culmination of the



YMCA Youth Parliament participants Abby Pistachia, Taylor Chilwell, and Alyssa Pinchbeck with James Wallace MP, Member for Hornsby

program is a week-long mock sitting week in NSW Parliament House during July.

Dennis Perry - well-deserved recognition in the King's Birthday Honours List

Mr Dennis Perry has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the community of Papua New Guinea through Operation Life. A long-time resident of Cherrybrook, Dennis co-founded Operation Life and has been its President since 1998.

Operation Life provides food, clothing, education and other forms of support to some of the most vulnerable people in Papua New Guinea.

Around 300 students now have access to education thanks to Operation Life. As a dedicated Seventh-Day Adventist, Dennis has said that he is committed to showing unconditional love, care and concern to change lives.

The State Member for Hornsby, James Wallace, warmly congratulated Dennis on his well-deserved recognition. "Dennis has demonstrated tireless commitment to helping vulnerable people. Through his work, he has changed countless lives. Congratulations Dennis."



Newest upgrades at Greenway Park unveiled

The newest upgrades to the Greenway Park Precinct were recently unveiled in Cherrybrook. The Precinct is important sporting hub for the community and local sporting clubs, with families and club members young and old regularly gathering for local sport.



This upgrade includes changerooms, a canteen, club storage areas, public male and female toilets, and improved landscaping. These developments have been made possible through a combination of State Government grants and Council funding.

The Precinct is home to clubs including the Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Stags, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Cricket, and Pennant Hills Demons, which have thousands of members between them. Greenway Park also hosts thousands of players from other clubs who visit for their 'away' fixtures throughout the year.

James Wallace MP said "Government invests in sporting facilities for two big reasons. Sport is a magnet that brings people together and helps build a stronger community. It is also on the sports field that we teach our kids important life skills like hard work, being part of a team, resilience and caring about something bigger than yourself."

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This year I was proud to be notified that nine members of our community were recognised.

In the General Division of the Order of Australia, Commodore Philip Stanford RAN was appointed a Member of the Order (AM) for his exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force, particularly in submarine capability development and military workforce planning.

Miss Winsome Collingridge and Miss Edith Collingridge were both awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for their

service to the Hornsby community. Professor Gerald Fogarty was recognised with an OAM for his service to medical research. Mr Dennis Perry received an OAM for his contributions to the community of Papua New Guinea, while Mrs Bindi Shah was also honoured with an OAM for her service to the community through a range of roles.

In the Meritorious Awards Division, Mr Andrew Cameron received the Australian Fire Service Medal. Detective Chief Inspector Sotirios Courcoulos and Detective Superintendent Matthew Craft were both awarded the Australian Police Medal in recognition of their distinguished service.

Their work supports families, protects lives, and ensures those who need it most don't get left behind. They are the people who often go without recognition, their achievements are a source of pride for our community.

I know many locals join me in warmly congratulating them on this well-deserved national recognition.

If there is someone in our community that you know deserves to be recognised, you can submit a nomination by visiting <https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>



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Smoke Alarms Save Lives

NSW legislation requires all residents to have one working smoke alarm installed on each level of their home. This includes owner occupied, rental properties, relocatable homes, caravans and campervans or any other residential building where people sleep.

I was recently contacted by a local resident who expressed a need for information to be published around smoke alarms for the hearing impaired.

For people who are deaf or severely hard of hearing, traditional smoke alarms may not provide enough warning—especially while sleeping. Standard alarms use high-frequency sounds that many with hearing loss can't detect.

Fortunately, specialised smoke alarms are available. These devices use flashing strobe lights and vibrating pads placed under pillows or mattresses to alert users when smoke is detected. Some models can be linked with standard alarms throughout the home, ensuring everyone is alerted—visually, physically, and audibly.

These alarms are suitable for all household members and offer peace of mind in emergencies.

When it comes to fire safety, everyone should have a working smoke alarm.

For more information around installation and maintenance, visit fire.nsw.gov.au

A visit to the Community Environment Centre at Annangrove

Tucked away in quiet Annangrove, the Community Environment Centre is a beautiful place where nature and learning come together. On my first visit many years ago, I was instantly drawn in by the scent of native trees, the colour and their display along with the gentle buzz of bees from the native beehive.

The gardens are more than beautiful—they're interactive. I explored compost bins, peeked into a worm farm, and admired the clever waterwise garden bed. There is even a place to donate your used plastic plant pots. Each feature offers a hands-on lesson in sustainability.

I found a book library filled with everything from kids' stories to cookbooks and gardening guides. I left with more knowledge than I entered with and a head full of ideas for my own backyard.

Open Thursdays and Saturdays, the Centre is a must-visit for anyone curious about sustainable living. The centre often runs workshops which are advertised on Council's website. It's a place to connect, learn, and grow—literally.

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James Wallace

HORNSBY MP

I recently had the pleasure of bringing together student leaders from local high schools for the Hornsby Student Leadership Day at NSW Parliament House. The day was designed to help those young leaders develop their leadership skills and explore how they could demonstrate community service within and beyond their schools.

Students spent time in the Legislative Assembly and each spoke at the dispatch box, which gave them a unique opportunity to share their reflections on leadership on the floor of the NSW Parliament. The students also heard from me and other young State MPs about what drew them to public service, what leadership means to them, and how they approach leadership in their roles.

The students and I also had some fascinating conversations about the impact of social media, the quality of our education system and the positive impact of school and the wider community on their lives. We also discussed how they could get involved with serving the community as the next generation of local leaders.

Congratulations and thank you to each of the students who participated – Janine Lee and Morgan Stanbury



James Wallace MP with student leaders at NSW Parliament House

(Pacific Hills Christian School); Caitlyn Loch, David Wu and Emily Woo (Cherrybrook Technology High School); Amelie Reeves and Morgan Glanville (Galston High School); Yvette Huang and Olivia Trinh (Hornsby Girls High School); and Jesse Lossel and Boston Cameron (Asquith Boys High School).

I hope the students left Parliament House with a renewed passion for leadership and public service. With these young people as the next generation of leaders, I'm confident that the future of Hornsby is in good hands.



Jane Seaglove

HORNSBY COUNCILLOR

Hello Residents,

One of the many reasons we choose to live in the Hornsby Shire is the beauty and significance of our urban forest environment. Our tree canopy not only enhances the natural character of the area but also provides vital environmental and community benefits. Trees offer shade, reduce urban heat, filter air pollutants, and provide food and shelter for our wildlife. These qualities contribute to the unique landscape that our community cherishes.

Preserving this precious resource is a priority for Council. At the June meeting, Hornsby Shire Council endorsed **reforms to combat illegal tree clearing**. These include stricter penalties, increased enforcement measures, and mandatory replanting conditions for tree clearing permits. These actions reflect our commitment to safeguarding the tree canopy for future generations.

In addition to our environmental focus, we are excited to explore the creation of a **Special Entertainment Precinct** in Hornsby Town Centre. This initiative will establish tailored guidelines for noise levels, trading hours, and outdoor dining through a Precinct Management Plan. By fostering a vibrant night-time economy, this precinct will attract visitors to the area, support our local businesses, and encourage artistic and cultural expression.

As the winter chill sets in, it's also the time when some residents may consider **pile burns** to manage vegetation, reduce fire hazards, and dispose of organic material. Given the coexistence of bushland and residential areas in our shire, pile burning is strictly regulated. Please ensure you review and follow the **RFS requirements** before proceeding with any burns this season, keeping in mind where burn offs may affect the elderly or children with breathing difficulties.

For those looking to embrace the colder months, why not join one of our **free guided bushwalks**? These walks are a fantastic way to explore and connect with our stunning natural environment. Professional guides will share fascinating insights into the cultural history of the area. With options for all fitness levels—from easy strolls to challenging hikes, and even activities designed for children—there's something for everyone. Please note, these events are exclusively for Hornsby Shire residents.



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Celebrating Local Talent: Congratulations to Steven Vardouniotis

I'm delighted to share the success of Steven Vardouniotis, a talented Year 8 student at Hills Grammar School in Kenthurst, who was recently recognised in the Transurban Canal to Creek Prize 2024 competition. This prestigious

competition invites students from Years 7–10 to create original artworks around a central theme—in 2024, the theme was 'Connections'.

Steven's prize-winning piece, titled 'My Papou & Bobby', is a stunning ballpoint pen portrait of his grandfather, featuring a budgie named Bobby, who has been a beloved companion to Steven's grandparents for many years. The artwork beautifully captures the bond between Steven's grandfather and Bobby, who often follows him around the house.

Steven's work was awarded first place in the Year 8 category—an incredible achievement! His artwork is now on display in my Castle Hill Electoral Office, and I encourage everyone to visit and see it for themselves.

Congratulations, Steven! We look forward to seeing where your artistic talents take you next.



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Sydney Wildlife Carers

It is more than likely that when driving along roads in and around the Sydney Hills District that you may have seen an animal on the side of the road that has been hit and possibly killed by a motor vehicle.

It is also likely that you may not be aware of a group of dedicated wildlife carers who are called out to render assistance to these animals, as in some instances they may still be alive. In many cases, the wallaby, possum or wombat may be a female carrying a joey. Frequently, the joey survives the resulting impact whilst still in its mother pouch.

There are selfless people who will come to the rescue of our native wildlife and wherever possible will look after any orphaned young,

nurturing them until they are old enough to fend for themselves before returning them back into the bushland nearby to where the rescue took place.

One such group operating in the Hills area is called "Sydney Wildlife Rescue" who will answer their phone number 9413 4300 any time of the day in order to attend to any animal or bird that may be injured in some way. These compassionate people perform their caring task, usually in their own home and frequently at their own expense.

Sydney Wildlife Rescue can also assist with advice on how local residents are able

to provide habitat protection for many native creatures, including reptiles, echidnas, possums and birds, that may venture into residential backyards, and need protection from prowling predators.

For more information about Sydney Wildlife Rescue, check out their website at <https://www.sydneywildlife.org.au/>



Bromeliad Society of Australia

Guest Speaker Mark Massey – Australian Natives

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

Our guest speaker is Mark Massey, Mother Earth Nurseries his presentation will focus on Australian natives and his addiction to preserve as many native plants that may be at of risk extinction.

His passion for plants has seen his collection outgrow his home. Together with his obsession with collecting and propagating even more plants led to his first nursery.

Mark's discussion will include a whole range of Australian natives from the rare plants to the most popular type we are familiar with and possibly grow in our own gardens.

Eucalyptus, Waratah, Banksia, Melaleuca, Paper Barks, Tea Trees, Myrtles, Spider Flowers, Flannel Flowers, and Golden Wattles.

He will also touch on soil preparation, the importance of good drainage, aspect for planting, watering and fertilisation specific to Australian Natives.

Mark will bring along many examples of Australian natives and there will be an opportunity to purchase plants following his presentation.

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



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

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When Jesus spoke to His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "You are the light of the world. ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16; ESV)

We will continue to lift God's light high and hope to be good neighbours who bring encouragement and joy to those around us.

Since July 2023, our HANDS AND FEET ministry has been supporting the community by providing free fresh fruit and vegetables to individuals and families facing financial difficulties.

If you or someone you know needs a little extra support, we invite you to join us every Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 am. To register or get more details, feel free to call or text us at 0493 707 912. If you're looking for a way to make a difference, we also welcome volunteers who want to share their time and compassion. Reach out to learn how you can get involved!

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SPORT NEWS

Dural Bowling Club

Dural Lawn Ladies bowlers had for their first social lunch of 2025 at the Green Vibe Café. The lunch was well attended and it was a great opportunity to connect with everyone in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The occasion was to celebrate the various birthdays that had occurred in the first half of the year and specially a milestone one (70) for Cheryle Hobart. Our good wishes to Cheryle.

Dural Bowling club welcomed three new bowlers at the luncheon and wishes them happy bowling for years to come.

The Open Gender Drawn pairs are currently in progress. The semi-finals took place on 14th June with 2025. Both teams that made it to the final won by the narrow margin of one shot. The final is scheduled for Saturday 21st June 2025.

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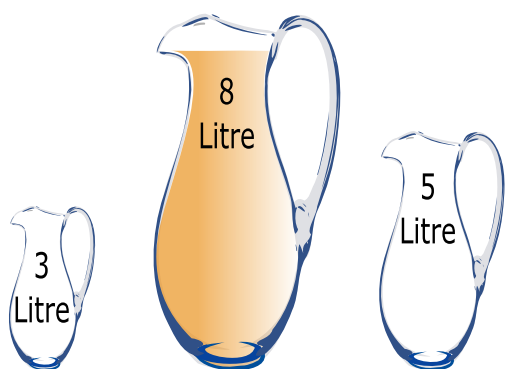
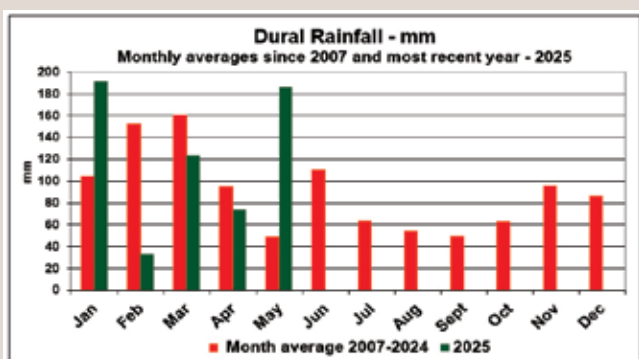
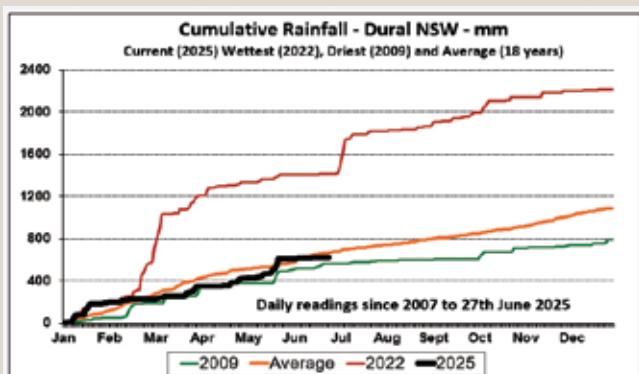
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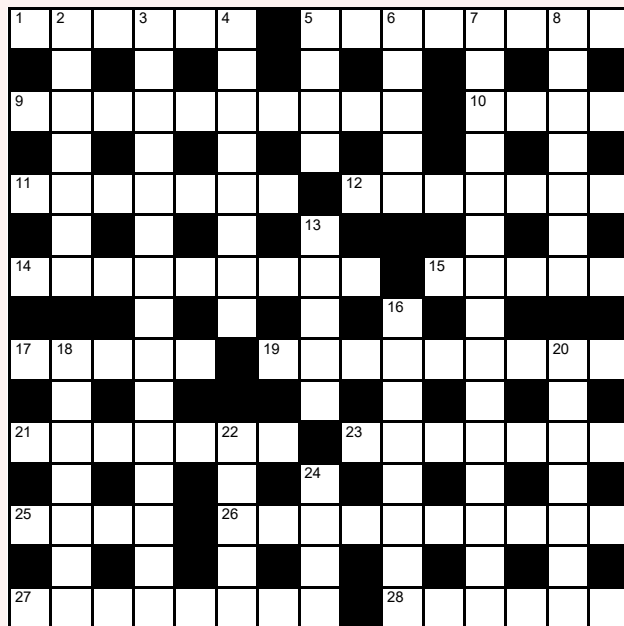
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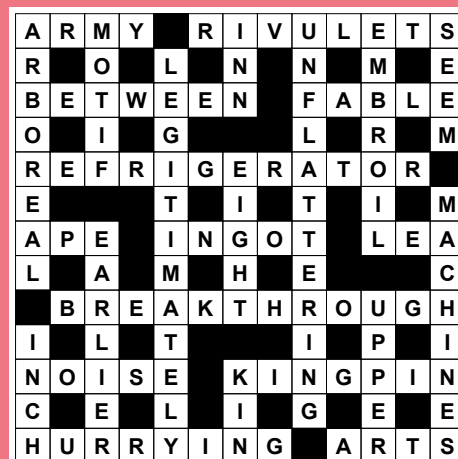
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- 01 Some optical drives (1,1,1-1,2)
- 05 Scotch rocks? (3,5)
- 09 Supersonic disturbance causes bangs (10)
- 10 Brown ---, a large seabird (4)
- 11 Hopes (7)
- 12 Lend a hand (4,3)
- 14 Inordinately greedy (9)
- 15 OK? (5)
- 17 Fatty acid (5)
- 19 Plug (9)
- 21 Side by side (7)
- 23 Priests' subordinates (7)
- 25 E ---, which can be very bad for you (4)
- 26 Type of music (10)
- 27 Firmly inserted (8)
- 28 The preceding generation (6)

DOWN

- 02 Type of fishing, often well away from land (4-3)
- 03 Rare (4,2,1,8)
- 04 Like some weedkillers (8)
- 05 Bin chicken (4)
- 06 Actor --- Dingo (5)
- 07 Psychotic Tito punishes cad - it's natural (15)
- 08 Silver-leaved shrub with purple flowers (3,4)
- 13 Delicious type of crab (5)
- 16 "Not this story again ..." (4,2,2)
- 18 Flowering (2,5)
- 20 Lie on the beach (7)
- 22 Kendo prop (5)
- 24 Wind-driven clouds (4)

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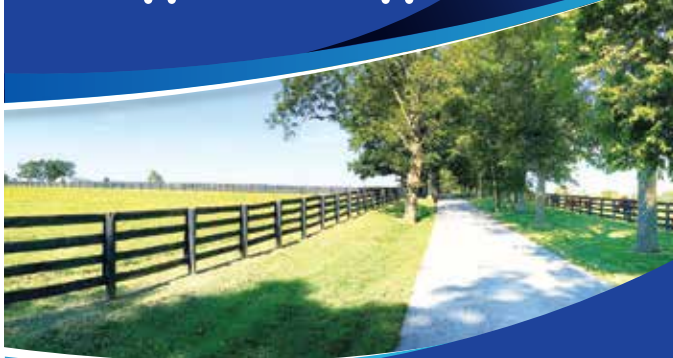
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