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The Dooral Roundup loves to receive contributions from our community!

Guidelines for contributors:

- Please send stories in editable text, eg Word or email (no PDFs), maximum 250 words.
- Please email pictures as separate files (not embedded into Word document).
- Deadline for community stories: 15th of the month.
- Deadline for advertisers providing your own art: 22nd of the month.
- The paper is distributed in the first few days of the new month.

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An Invitation to Young People (Aged 18-24)

The *Dooral Roundup* is inviting two young people from our local area to help us get to know the people in our community. No journalism or content creation experience is necessary. You'll receive free training and mentoring support to *create digital stories* that will be showcased in this magazine in December. The stories will also be featured on our website and social media channels.

We want to amplify your voice, explore issues that matter to you, and celebrate the people around us.

If you are interested, please email your details to diana@adelphi.net.au. Please provide details of why this project appeals to you and a rough idea of what stories you would like to cover remembering that the overall campaign is about Know Your Neighbour. This could also include your family or some amazing things one of your neighbours or friends have done.



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Echoes at Bella Vista Farm

Friday, 5th September 2025 | 06:15 PM to 09:00 PM
At Bella Vista Farm, Elizabeth MacArthur Drive,
Bella Vista, 2153

Cost - Adults: \$17.50 | Children: \$12.50 | Family
(2 adults, 2 kids or 1 adult, 3 kids): \$49 | Infants aged 2 and under: FREE



Come and Try BMX Day

Saturday, 6th September 2025 | 01:00 PM to 04:00 PM
At Castle Hill BMX Track, Fred Caterson Reserve,
Caterson Dr, Castle Hill, 2154

Cost - Free



Run for The Hills

Sunday, 7th September 2025 | 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM
At Bella Vista Farm Park, Norwest Blvd &
Elizabeth MacArthur Drive, Bella Vista, 2153

Cost - Entry Fee: \$50 Adult, \$20 Child under 17,
\$30 Senior over 60, Children under 5 Free

Orange Blossom Festival Street Parade



Saturday, 13th September 2025 |
11:00 AM to 04:00 PM

At Rouse Hill Town Centre, Main
Street, Rouse Hill, 2155

Cost - Free



Kenthurst Fair

Sunday, 14th September 2025 | 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM
At John Benyon Rotary Park, 135 Kenthurst Rd,
Kenthurst, 2156

Cost - Free



Emergency Expo with NSW SES

Sunday, 14th September 2025 |
10:00 AM to 05:00 PM

At Castle Hill Showground, Showground
Road, Castle Hill, 2154

Cost - Free



Sydney Hills Garden Competition

Monday, 15th September 2025 | 12:00 AM to
Friday, 26th September 2025 | 11:59 PM

Across The Hills

Cost - Free to enter



Jazz at The Pines

Sunday, 21st September 2025 |
12:30 PM to 03:30 PM

At The Pines Roughley House,
656A Old Northern Road, Dural, 2158

Cost - From \$25



Taste of Wisemans

Sunday, 28th September 2025 |
10:00 AM to 03:00 PM

At Wisemans Ferry Park, 5602 Old
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Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook



Members of our Club provided BBQ services at West Pennant Hills Public School as the School held its 175th anniversary celebrations on 5th August. We were challenged to cook around 600 sausages for the students and teachers. We rose to the challenge and had a lot of fun being involved.

The Club held its annual Trivia Night, on Saturday 16 August at the Cherrybrook Community Centre. Trivia Night is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. It was a great night of fun and fellowship. Last year's quiz master, Robert Bredin,

again did a fabulous job. The event was well attended with clubs from across our Zone getting involved. All proceeds will go to Escabags and other Rotary charities. Escabags is a vital charity distributing 'Escape Bags' filled with the necessities for victims fleeing domestic and family abuse.

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

Upcoming Events

The Club will be running a BBQ and cake stall at Bunnings Castle Hill on Saturday 27th September.

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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CAR PLUNGES INTO RIVER

Emergency services located two bodies during a search after a car crashed into the Macdonald River.

About 11.20 am, Thursday, 21st August 2025, NSW Police Divers located a vehicle in the waters nearby.

A further search led police divers to find two bodies in the water. According to police, they are yet to be formally identified.

Police were called to Settlers Road, St Albans, about 20 kilometres north of Wisemans Ferry, just before midnight on Wednesday, 20th August. Officers attached to Hawkesbury Police Area Command arrived to find a car had entered the river.

One passenger, 24, managed to exit the car and reach the riverbank. He was assessed by NSW Ambulance paramedics but did not require hospital treatment.

Police were told two other men were inside the vehicle.

The State Emergency Service and NSW Rural Fire Service assisted police in the search of the river and the surrounding area.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Hawkesbury Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information is treated in confidence, and police remind the public not to report details through social media.

DOG BREEDER CHARGED

A man linked to a notorious dog breeding group has been charged following an alleged assault at a Castle Hill dog show.

Police allege that on Saturday 3 May, a banned dog breeder and his associates attempted to gain access to an American Bull Terrier event. The man reportedly pushed an employee in an effort to enter the show ring, where he displayed a dog breeding banner on the floor.

When a female staff member tried to remove the banner, a physical altercation allegedly took place. The group then left the venue.

Following investigations, officers from the State Crime Command's Raptor Squad arrested a 33-year-old man in Greenfield Park around midday on Thursday, 24th July.

He was taken to Fairfield Police Station and charged with affray, common assault, and unlawfully entering enclosed lands.

The man was granted strict conditional bail and was set to appear at Fairfield Local Court on Wednesday, 20th August.

POLICING AWARDS

The Castle Hill Rotary Club hosted the annual Excellence in Policing Awards for the Hills Police Command on Wednesday night.

About 135 officers and guests attended the event, including Superintendent Naomi Moore, Mayor Michelle Byrne and local members of parliament. The evening recognised the work of local police across a range of categories.

Six awards were presented:

- Metropolitan NSW Field Operations Police Officer of the Year – Constable Kaia Chapman
- Rotary Community Award – Detective Senior Constable Heidi Sieders
- Customer Service Excellence Award – Constable Kyle Steward
- Terry O'Mara AM Constable of the Year Award (in honour of the late Terry O'Mara) – Constable Hendrik Nel
- Consistent High Performance Award – Ellie Heenan
- Outstanding Role Model Award – Sergeant Michael Roach

Each recipient reflected on their role and acknowledged the support of colleagues. The event also highlighted the culture within the Hills Police Command under Superintendent Moore's leadership.

Castle Hill Rotary Club said they were pleased to recognise the officers and staff for their service to the community.

BURGLAR ARRESTED

Hills Police are investigating a series of break and enter incidents that occurred in 1st July.

At around 2 am, a resident on Evans Road, Glenhaven, awoke to find three intruders inside the home. The offenders fled when confronted.

About 30 minutes later, another resident on Sandpiper Place, Kenthurst, reported seeing three individuals in their pool area, one allegedly raised a pole in a threatening manner before fleeing. No injuries were reported.

A white hatchback was seen near both locations and later identified at a service station in Dural.

Following inquiries, police arrested an 18-year-old male on 31st July. A search warrant was executed at his Glenorie home, where officers located clothing believed to have been worn during the incidents.

The teen was charged with aggravated break and enter dwelling with intent to steal and attempted aggravated break and enter dwelling with intent to steal.

He was refused bail and appeared in Parramatta Local Court the same day. Investigations continue to locate the other two individuals involved.

FRAUDULENT SLIPS

Highway Patrol officers have charged three men following an investigation into fraudulent safety inspection reports issued at a Castle Hill car dealership.

On 13th May, officers from North-West Traffic and Highway Patrol, with assistance from Transport for NSW, began investigating reports that fraudulent "pink slips" were being supplied in northwest Sydney.

The investigation was sparked after two heavily modified cars, a Nissan 200SX and a Nissan 180SX, were found in Seven Hills during an unrelated matter.

Police allege both vehicles had been granted inspection certificates in April despite serious defects, including missing airbags, removed anti-lock braking systems, non-compliant suspension and dangerous frontal protrusions.

Following further inquiries, three men aged 39, 40 and 42 were charged with knowingly producing a false or misleading document and breaching the conditions of an examiner's authority.

The two older men were also charged with issuing false or misleading inspection reports.

Police will allege the men, all employees of the Castle Hill dealership, issued 22 fraudulent safety inspection reports between January and May this year.

All three were set to appear at Parramatta Local Court on 30th July.

RETIRED POLICE DAY

Retired NSW Police officers from Castle Hill, Parramatta, and Riverstone are invited to attend the special Retired Police Day event this September, recognising their contribution, sacrifice and legacy.

The gathering will be held at Castle Hill RSL from 10:30 am to 12 pm on Thursday, 4th September. Registration is essential by emailing Detective Chief Inspector Phillip Brooks at 24625@police.nsw.gov.au

Police say the events will offer an opportunity for former officers to be recognised for their service and to reconnect with the policing community.

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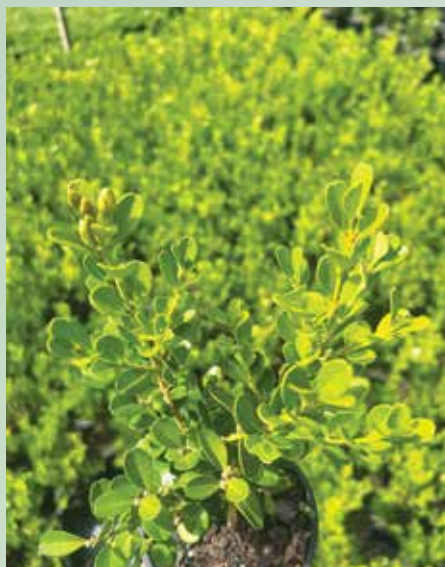
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In today's property market, there's a growing allure to the rare "small acreage" lifestyle – and it's not hard to see why. For downsizers ready to leave behind the upkeep of large estates, or families moving from suburban blocks craving more space, these properties provide the perfect balance.

Kate Lumby of Lumby Real Estate said "There is not a week that goes by that I hear, 'I just want an acre.'"

Rare to find but highly sort after, nestled among expansive acreage estates, small acreage holdings provide the same sense of privacy, green outlooks and prestige without the burden of maintaining vast grounds. Enjoying borrowed views of rolling paddocks and leafy tree lines with manageable gardens and lawn. It's rural atmosphere without rural workload.

For families, small acreage properties open up room to grow – space for kids to play, for pets to roam, and for outdoor entertaining to become part of daily life.

Downsizers, meanwhile, find comfort in knowing they can retain a sense of scale and lifestyle without sacrificing weekends of maintenance.

What makes these properties truly desirable is their scarcity. With limited supply in sought-after pockets across the Hills and surrounding districts, they offer not only a lifestyle upgrade but a solid long-term investment.

There are only under 180 properties between the size of 2000sqm to 6000sqm within the area. Dural Under 100, Middle Dural 15, Galston 50, Arcadia 15.

Small acreage living is about breathing room, beauty and balance – a unique opportunity to enjoy space, community and convenience, all wrapped into one enviable lifestyle. With the Spring market showing buyers doubling in numbers, Spring is nature's way of saying "It's time to move".

Kate Lumby of Lumby Real Estate 0414 620 222

Open Homes & Making Offers

**PROPERTY & YOU – BY PAUL MCKENZIE,
ABS CONVEYANCING**

The spring months in Sydney, tends to be the busy time, for residential selling and open homes, with the warmer months. Always good to make sure, your loan pre-approval is fine, money ready for deposit payment and you have prepared your checklist of the right residential property to buy. Going onto websites like realestate.com.au and domain.com.au to find suitable the right suitable property and prepare a short list of ones to inspect at open homes.

At the open home inspections, take your time, to check the lighting/electricals, plumbing, kitchen, bathroom and outdoor features. Speak to any of the neighbours in the street, about the property and the neighbourhood, to get a better insight. When making offers, make it based on comparable sales in the local area, especially when you getting a loan to buy the property. Websites like realestate.com.au and domain.com.au are useful information, of past local sales.

Important either prior to auction, or signing a contract during cooling off, important you have formal loan approval, building/pest inspection report, strata inspection report (if a strata property, apartment or townhouse), and for your solicitor / conveyancer to review the contract.








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It's an opportunity to make new friends, possibly to do something you've always wanted to do, and even maybe to increase your knowledge on the topics presented by the varied external speakers who address us every month. Our activities and interest groups range from those beginning with "A" [an enthusiastic book club] and finishing with "W". "W" is a wonderful walking group, which offers you comfortable exercise with great, friendly people at many

varied and interesting Sydney wide locations. Rest assured that if and when we discover more things to do, we will confirm and include them.

We meet monthly on every 2nd Tuesday at 10am Castle Hill Bowling Club, 79 Castle St, Castle Hill.

Opportunity is knocking... so come along to a meeting. We'll make you feel welcome.

And if you like to know more, please access our website; secretary.glenhaven.probus@gmail.com



Hope for Little Hearts Charity Fundraiser at Dural's Deli Heights

Saturday 14th September 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Sydney, will hold a charity fundraiser lunch event, to raise money for HeartKids. HeartKids is an Australian not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting and advocating for families and individuals impacted by childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD). They provide lifelong support, resources, and advocacy for those affected by congenital heart disease (CHD) and rheumatic heart disease (RHD).

As part their our mission to serve the children of the world, The Kiwanis Club believes every child deserves a chance to live a full and healthy life. HeartKids NSW walks beside families during their most difficult times—with compassion, care, and real help.

The Kiwanis Club's charity fundraiser lunch, to be held in **Saturday 14th September 2025, 12 Noon**, at Dural Delhi Heights Indian Restaurant & Function Centre. Includes entertainment, guest speakers, raffles, and auctions.

Tickets are \$80 per person and can be purchased using the following link - <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1439543?qr=true&qr=true>

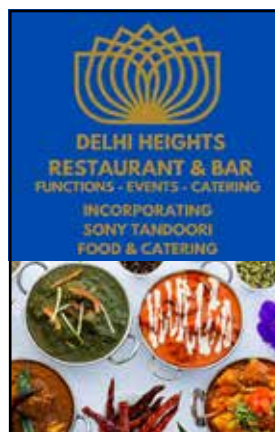
Donations can also be made to support HeartKids, using the following link - https://heartkidscommunityfundraising.org.au/t/kiwanis-club-of-sydney-hope-for-little-hearts?utm_source=qrcode

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For further information, including any business firms who wish to kindly donate prizes for the raffle or auction, can contact Sree Lakshmi from the Kiwanis Club of Sydney on Mb 0467 306 444.



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from the Mayor's Desk

As we head into spring, it's great to see some warmer weather. While spring is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beauty of our Shire in bloom, it's also a good opportunity for us to start preparing for bush fires and other emergencies. Start getting prepared by completing an emergency plan on the Red Cross Get Prepared app. It's a free, easy-to-use tool to help you prepare for any type of emergency. You can use it to establish a quick and easy network of support with three key contacts, review the risks relevant to where you live and create checklists. Watch a video and discover more at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/emergencies. This month, we are proud to support Dementia Action Week (15-21 September) with a series of inclusive events aimed at raising awareness and reducing stigma. A highlight will be a complimentary Riverboat Postman lunch cruise on the Hawkesbury River on 16 September, for residents living with dementia and their carers. This special outing offers a chance to relax, connect, and enjoy the beauty of our Bushland Shire, while recognising the vital role carers play in our community. Our river cruises are always incredibly popular, and tickets are sure to be in high demand!

Council is committed to becoming a Dementia Friendly Community through initiatives that foster understanding and social inclusion. Alongside the cruise, there will be a Dementia Awareness Seminar at Hornsby Library on 12 September and a screening of the award-winning documentary *Everybody's Oma* on 18 September. Weekly DCaf catch-ups in Galston, Hornsby and Waitara also provide ongoing support for those living with dementia and their carers. Find out more at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby I encourage everyone to get involved, learn more, and help us build a community where every person feels supported and included.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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A couple of times each year we head off on an "away week" and spend a week exploring new areas, towns, and tracks. In the evenings we'll usually spend time together sharing stories over dinner. Recent destinations include Merimbula, Snowy Mountains, Bermagui, Gloucester, and Mittagong.

The Wanderers welcomes active people wanting to explore Sydney's wonderful bushland! There are no joining or walk fees.

If you're interested in joining our group – or just to come along to one of our walks to see what it's all about – you can contact us at thesydneywanderers@gmail.com or call Allan on 0414 674 899.

Cherrybrook Litter Warriors

BY PHILLIP COMBE

On Wednesday, August 13th, 11 people met at The Brook Eatery, Cherrybrook. The aim that day, was to cleanse Greenway Park of litter.



So how did this come about? Initially, Natalie Bryant was so disgusted by local litter, she was regularly picking up near her home and environs. Natalie soon realised the task was bigger than she realised.

Nat contacted Hornsby Council to discuss and was put in touch with Phillip Combe, a volunteer council Waste Warrior. Phillip is also one of your local magazine delivery riders, too. A hasty meeting was arranged and Phillip invited Tom Rubin along too. Tom never leaves home without a bag to collect rubbish during his walks! And that's how Cherrybrook Litter Warriors got started.

We had a fantastic result at Greenway Park. Almost an "otto bin" full of loose litter. I hope none of it was yours! The camaraderie and community spirit was infectious. The fresh air enjoyable, as we wandered around the park. What wonderful social facilities we have. Why do some people trash them? The good news is that we felt, as a group, that we can do more. And we want to.

Further events are scheduled for **Thursday, September 11th**. This time meeting at Appletree shops and targeting the lovely park behind the shops.

More volunteers wanted to keep our shire beautiful. To meet like-minded people and make friends. Maybe you want to start your own local group. Let us help you get started.

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Kenthurst Combined Probus Club

Members and Guests of Kenthurst Probus Club received an intriguing address from guest speaker Norman King at their meeting on the 18th of August: his topic was "The 707 Aircraft", but his talk was all about one particular aircraft.

This was the very first 707 bought by Qantas, and which was sold by the company at the end of its useful life. Norman was amongst



a group of his fellow Qantas engineers who discovered that it was no longer flying, in fact in virtual abandonment on an airfield in Britain, waiting to be scrapped. The Qantas personnel were responsible for the Company acquiring it once more (at the price of one British Pound), and after purchase restoring it to flight capability, thence it was flown back to Australia where it now resides in the Qantas Museum in Longreach Queensland. The full story of its restoration and return made compelling listening.

The Club has planned bus excursions to Mount Tomah and the Mt Ku Ring Gai Wildflower Garden at St Ives in the near future and a Melbourne Cup lunch in November.

Kenthurst Probus will meet again at 9.30 AM on the 15th of September in Kenthurst Uniting Church for an address on Captain James Cook. Guests are, as usual, very welcome.



Round Corner Dural Probus Club

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Round Corner Dural Probus Club is always eager to welcome new members and visitors who are looking to stay active, meet new friends, and enjoy a variety of social and interest-based activities.



This August marked a special milestone—our 14th birthday!

We celebrated this joyful occasion with a special morning tea during our regular meeting. It was interesting to note that we still have a large number of founding members. In place of a regular guest speaker, adding to the celebration, we enjoyed a fascinating "show and tell" presentation by one of our members, who shared his hobby and passion of working with wood researching and crafting a violin and bass guitar.

Our monthly outing was equally enjoyable, as members spent a delightful afternoon at The Hills Lodge being entertained by a series of radio plays performed by Radio Active. The performances were light-hearted, nostalgic, and thoroughly entertaining.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am at The Galston Club.

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Castle Hill Art Society

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Chris loves to paint the landscape as well as other subjects in oils and acrylics. His style of painting is

contemporary realism influenced by classical painters and by recent impressionists.

Visitors are welcome to join with the Castle Hill Art Society at Castle Glen Community Centre, 157 Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill.

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For individuals using hearing aids, annual reviews are essential. Just as you periodically update your glasses prescription to maintain optimal vision, your hearing aids require adjustments to accommodate changes in your hearing.

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Regular hearing assessments are important even for those who do not currently use hearing aids or have very mild hearing loss. Hearing loss can affect anyone, not just older adults. Starting hearing tests earlier in life such as in your 40s, 50s or 60s provides a baseline of your hearing levels, which can be valuable for future reference. Hearing loss isn't static; it often evolves gradually.

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Conclusion: The Value of Regular Reviews

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Aussie Bushfire Survival Guide

Firefighting authorities are warning that Australia could be facing an early and intense bushfire season. With warmer than average forecasts and winter rain producing increased fuel for bushfires, early preparation is vital. Professor David Bowman, a leading Australian Fire and Pyrogeography scientist, says, "People are still in a daze after winter and can't imagine, that fires could be unseasonal and early."

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Rockstars to Space at Pacific Hills Christian School



Recently Pacific Hills Christian School held its annual '100 Days of Kindy' event.

As children entered the school dressed with sunnies, glam-rock hairdos and rock star attitudes, they were greeted to a day of celebration of their achievements and future stardom as young academics. Families soon joined in the festivities which only added to the excitement. With a range of activities focusing on the number '100', there were many games to be enjoyed like threading Fruit Loops and playing the classic *Snakes and Ladders*.

The excitement didn't stop there at Pacific Hills. This Year's 7 and 8 were gravitating towards their own exciting orbit - Science Week. These budding scientists were immersed in a world filled with complexities and curiosities, and all in the name of science. From liquid nitrogen ice-cream to racing propeller cars, this was truly an 'out of this world' day of learning and adventure.

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HORNSBY COUNCILLOR

Hello Residents,

Serving in my first term as an elected councillor for Hornsby Shire has been an incredibly rewarding, challenging and eye-opening experience. I entered this role with a strong commitment to community service,

and over the past term, I've had the opportunity to listen to residents, work collaboratively with council colleagues, and contribute to decisions that shape the future of our beautiful bushland shire.

One of the most fulfilling aspects of the role has been engaging with local residents - whether at community forums, on the street, or through correspondence. These conversations have grounded my work in the very real concerns and aspirations of those we represent. From advocating for better infrastructure, and improved public transport options to ensuring responsible development



that respects our natural environment, I've worked hard to help to deliver outcomes that reflect community values.

During this term, I've also taken pride in contributing to initiatives that support sustainability, local business, and cultural inclusion. Highlights include involvement in park upgrades, improved waste management policies, and strengthening support for local community groups.

Finding a balance with competing interests and working within budget constraints can be complex, but through it all, council's focus has remained on accountability and making thoughtful, informed decisions for the long-term benefit of Hornsby Shire.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to being a strong, approachable voice for our community. I thank everyone who has supported me so far and look forward to continuing this important work in service of Hornsby Shire.



Julian Leaser

MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Greater investment needed in our local mental health services

Every day in Australia, nine people lose their lives to suicide. For every death, there are approximately 20 attempts. These are not just numbers; they represent someone's parent, someone's son or daughter, someone's partner or mate.

Here in our own community, the need is real and growing. In 2021, 4,041 people presented at the North Shore public health network emergency departments with suicidal thoughts or other intentional self-harm. By 2023-24, that number had risen to 4,681. These numbers are devastating to see.

Over the past year, I've come to know a young man from our community who, based off his own experiences, has been a tireless advocate for improvements to our local mental health system, highlighting the enormous strain Hornsby Hospital and its mental

health unit are under every single day. Doctors and nurses on the frontlines are doing their absolute best, but they are completely overwhelmed by the sheer volume of people needing urgent help. This situation not only affects those seeking support but also takes a heavy toll on the wellbeing of the very people providing care.

Adam's courage and openness are a reminder that we have much more to do to make our system work for everyone in our community. That is why I have called on both the New South Wales Government and the Federal Government to invest more in our local hospitals' mental health units and associated community programs. We need to ensure that mental health services in our community are properly resourced to meet the growing need.

It is also vital that we break the stigma around mental health and suicide. Adam's willingness to stand up is powerful because it encourages others to speak up too. We must make it normal to ask the hard questions - including directly asking a friend, "Are you contemplating suicide?" - and to walk with them towards the help they need.

Community deserves a system that works. And with the right investment, the right support, and the courage to keep speaking out, we can build it.

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James Wallace

HORNSBY MP

Many who choose to live in our area do so because of the world-class schools in our community. Parents want a well-rounded education for their children with access to sport, the arts, and organisations like scouts and guides. Inside the classroom they want their children to excel and when they fall behind, help to catch up.

The incredible teachers in our schools don't just come to school each day relying on their existing knowledge. They are also undertaking dedicated training outside of the classroom to

build their expertise and experience, before bringing that back to their classroom and their colleagues. It's a powerful reminder that when we equip teachers with the right tools, our children benefit.

But we know there is more to do to make these improvements possible. I recently spoke in NSW Parliament about the importance of raising education standards across the board. While we are seeing exciting leaps in results for schools with access to those training programs, we need a systematic implementation plan for every school in the area and not just some, and a meaningful program to follow up and evaluate implementation.

Some of the schools in our community, because of their size, face additional challenges in doing this. That needs to change and it's the State government's job to make that happen, which is what I'll be fighting for on behalf of our community.



Clr Mitchell Blue

THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

Orange Blossom Festival

The much-loved Orange Blossom Festival (OBF) is back this September. This is the largest annual event in The Hills all and runs all month long. One of this year's highlights is the return of the OBF Parade at Rouse Hill Town Centre. Main Street will come alive with local performers, community groups, and vibrant floats, making it a fantastic event for all to enjoy. The parade will be held on **13th September**.

Also returning is the popular A Taste of Wisemans at Wisemans Ferry Park on **28th September**. Set against stunning natural surrounds, this foodie event showcases the best in local produce, wine, and gourmet treats. Enjoy live music, free family activities, and an array of offerings from local wineries, distilleries, and food vendors.

One of The Hills Shire's most historic landmarks, Bella Vista Farm, will be reimagined through light and sound as part of Orange Blossom Festival. Residents and visitors will be captivated as they step into 'Echoes – Luna Light Journey' where they will experience the rich history of Bella Vista Farm like never before - from the Dharug people and their study of the stars to the early settlers and the citrus orchards the region was known for. All retold through custom soundscapes, light installations and pulsating special effects. Travel along the reimagined convict road, wander through fluorescent farms and flower fields, and witness the story of Elizabeth and John Macarthur, the founders of the Australian wool industry.

Visit www.orangeblossomfestival.com.au for more information.

Bushfire Preparedness

As the Chair of The Hills Bushfire Management Committee and a local volunteer firefighter, I am so passionate about bushfire safety and preparedness. As the bush fire season approaches, it's crucial for NSW residents and landowners to be aware of their risk and take steps to protect their homes and properties. To help you prepare, the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) hosts Get Ready Weekend events every September, providing valuable information and resources to ensure you're ready for the upcoming bush fire season. This year, Get Ready Weekend will be held on 20th and 21st September with many of our local RFS brigades holding events.

Bush fires have always been part of life in The Hills. From Glenhaven and Annangrove in 1975, Kenthurst in 1991, through to the devastating fires in 1994 and again in 2002 at Maroota South, Glenorie, and Kenthurst - our community has seen how quickly the landscape can change. It has been more than five years since Australia's last major bush fire season made headlines around the world. In that time, population growth and new developments have transformed suburbs like Box Hill, North Kellyville, and Annangrove. But while our streets may look different, the risk of bush fire has not changed. That's why The Hills District Rural Fire Brigades invite you to take part in the **4 Weeks to Fire Ready Challenge**, a program designed specifically for The Hills community. Most homes are lost not to flames but to ember attack; burning embers carried on the wind that can travel kilometres ahead of a fire, igniting gutters, gardens, and even brand-new homes in suburban streets. Fires also move so fast that you cannot rely on a fire truck being there when you need it.

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Mark Hodges

MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL

Calling All Young Artists: Design My 2025 Christmas Card

Each year, I invite students from across the Castle Hill Electorate to design my official Christmas card—and I'm delighted to announce that entries for the 2025 competition are now open!

The competition is open to all students in Years 3 to 6 who live in or attend a local school. This year's theme is 'What Christmas Means to Me'. It's a chance for young people to reflect on what makes Christmas special to them and bring it to life through their artwork.



This is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to show their talent and imagination. The winning artwork will appear on my 2025 Christmas card, which is sent to a wide range of community leaders—from the Premier and Governor of NSW

to local councils, schools, and community groups. The winner will also receive a \$100 gift voucher, and three runners-up will each receive \$50. All four will be recognised with a special Community Recognition Statement that I will deliver in Parliament.

Entries close on Friday 24th October, with winners to be announced by Friday 8th November.

To enter—or to read the full competition guidelines—please scan the QR code. For any questions, contact my office at castlehill@parliament.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9686 3110.

This is always a highlight of the year for me, and I can't wait to see what Christmas means to our young artists in 2025.

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Bromeliad Society of Australia

Mark Belot's passion for Alcantarea

The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held in the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday, 13th September.

Sales to the public are from 10am with the meeting commencing at 12 noon.

The guest speaker is a member of the BSA Mark Belot who specialises in the larger bromeliads such as the Alcantarea and the Vriesea.

Mark grew up on a quarter acre block with an old garden, filled with camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons a passion of his late Father's.

However, Mark developed an interest in Bonsai and at one stage had a huge collection.

His interest and passion for bromeliads increased when a neighbour shared some of her plants with him and he was hooked.

Currently, Mark doesn't have a shade house, so most of his bromeliads are out in the full sun. The more delicate and precious species are located on his deck. The sunny end is for the Neoregelias and the other shaded end is for Vrieseas.



Mark has a bit of everything in his garden including beautiful Neos, with the large hybrid variegated Alcantarea being his favourites.

Mark will bring along a variety coloured flowered and about to flower Alcantarea bromeliads.

He will demonstrate the removal of pups and grass pup from the mother Alcantarea bromeliads and how to assist with the survival of accidentally neglected bromeliads.

Mark will also have some of his crossed genus of Alcantarea and Vriesea that he has bred from seed.

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Dural and District Historical Society Inc. News from History Cottage



"Herbie" Hemphill receiving the June Roughley Memorial Lecture" memento.
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The annual June Roughley Memorial Lecture, given by Ian "Herbie" Hemphill, "My Life In Spices", was a chance for old friendships to be renewed, to learn about the history of herbs and spices and to receive most welcome cooking suggestions.

Somerset Cottage at Round Corner became an institution that led to a world wide operation; involving publishing and the education of the Australian diet. A most enjoyable afternoon for the audience of more than one hundred.

A landmark feature of our district is Galston Gorge. Depending on how it is viewed; it is either the barricade against the westward spread of suburbia or a hindrance to a trip to Hornsby. However it is looked at, it is among many things; a feat of engineering, an ever-changing oasis of natural beauty and a key to our community becoming the leading producer of citrus fruit.

The next Society meeting on the 13th September, will be given by the Society's President, Michael Bell; his subject, *The Archaeology of Galston Gorge*. The speed of traffic through the Gorge makes it almost impossible to really take note of features that tell its history but over the years Michael has been able to photograph and talk to old hands, about what remains. This will be another chance to learn about our local history and to add more personal recollections to that history.

History Cottage archiving is proceeding at a pace and the cottage is open for closer inspection on the last Sunday of the month, between 1.00 and 4.00pm. Visitors are most welcome and the research facilities cover early Colonial records as well as a large photograph collection.

Meetings are in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. Free entry.
Enquiries to 02 9653 1365.

SPORT NEWS

Dural Bowling Club

The finals for the Ladies and Men Minor Singles took place on Tuesday 22nd and Saturday 26th of July respectively. Ann Wilson is the new Ladies Minor Single Champion and the runners up is Kate Liu. Greg Smith defeated Mike Keane to become the new Men Minor Singles champion. Congratulations to the winners and wishing the runners up go one better next year.



Registrations are currently in progress for the Open Gender Pairs with the competition starting 16th August 2025.

The Dural Bowling Club took place on the 9th of August and welcomed new and returning committee members.

Dural Bowling Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in August 2026. It is a great milestone considering the many challenges that the club faced through the years. It is a tribute to the previous members to have worked relentlessly to ensure its survival.

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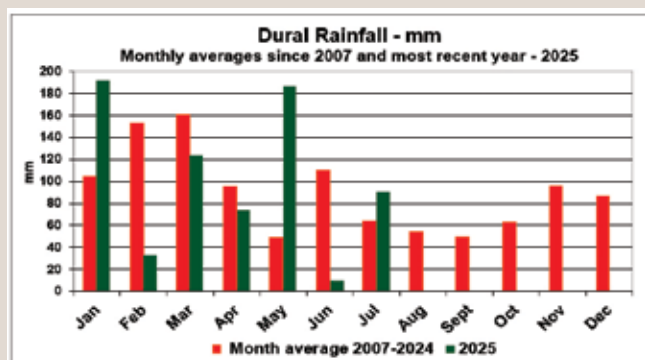
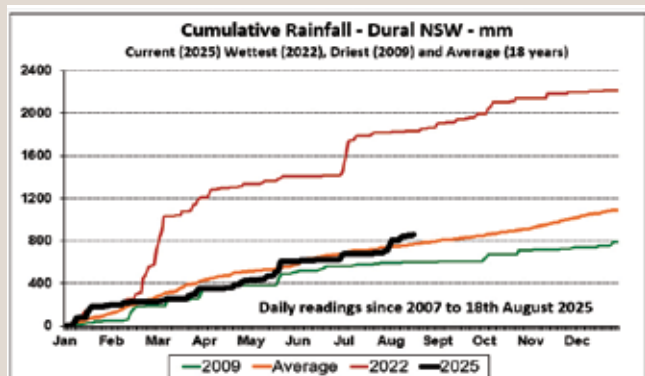
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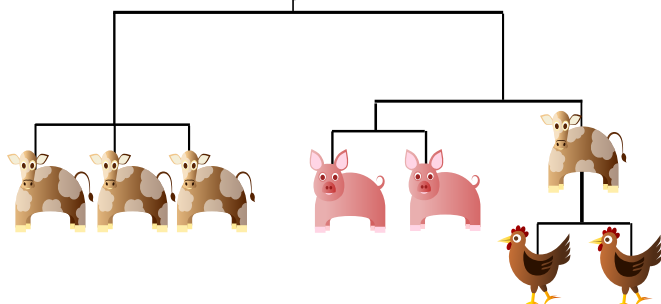
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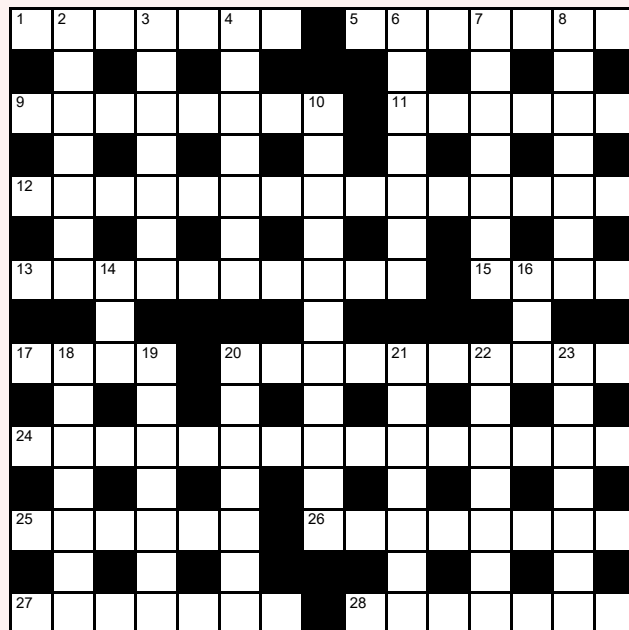
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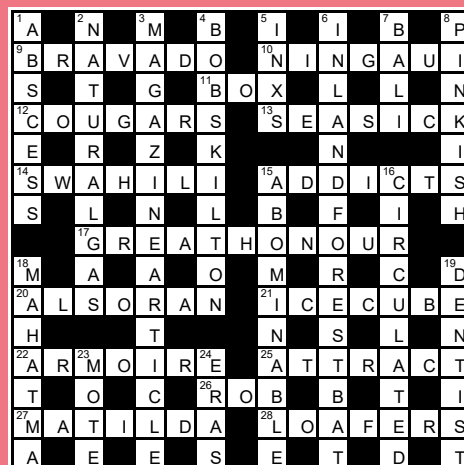
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- 01 Four-sided pillar (7)
- 05 Gulp down (7)
- 09 We drones got drunk, went downhill (8)
- 11 Former South Vietnam's --- Van Thieu (6)
- 12 Sky worker (6,9)
- 13 They're not rural (5,5)
- 15 Ollie's ally (4)
- 17 Tom Clancy hero Jack --- (4)
- 20 Small NSW seaside resort with brilliant white sand (5,5)
- 24 Arising at the same time (15)
- 25 Panda food (6)
- 26 Moron (8)
- 27 Bizarre (4,3)
- 28 In a tasteless manner (7)

DOWN

- 02 A very hot day (7)
- 03 Italian restaurant choice (7)
- 04 Artisan fixed singer (7)
- 06 Players at the edge (7)
- 07 Saint Bernadette's city (7)
- 08 Australia is its biggest component (7)
- 10 "--- Holt", and disappear (2,3,6)
- 14 Fur scarf (3)
- 16 "--- With Mussolini" (1999 Zeffirelli film) (3)
- 18 Salty Western Australia Nature Reserve (3,4)
- 19 In a remarkable way (7)
- 20 Olympic hockey gold-medallist Robert --- (7)
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