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The Turrell Legacy

30 Years of Building with Heart

When Neil Turrell walked onto his first solo job site in West Pennant Hills back in 1995, the deck beneath him was so rotten it barely held his weight. Fresh out of his carpentry apprenticeship, with his dad typing up quotes and a dream to build something better, Neil got to work. That \$6,000 deck replacement wasn't just a job; it was a lesson in doing things right the first time.

Fast forward three years, and Neil's growing reputation for quality craftsmanship had caught on. The real turning point came in 1998, when he completed his studies in Building Supervision. With a builder's licence now in hand, Turrell Building evolved from decks and pergolas to full-scale custom home additions. Clients trusted him to design and deliver spaces that brought families together, and he has never looked back.

Over three decades, the Turrell team has become known for more than just high-end builds. "There've been lots of faces over the years," Neil reflects. "But some of our crew have been with us for 25-plus years, and that says something." Their secret? A shared focus on quality, open communication, and complete transparency. "Any great business is only as good as its worst employee, and I'm that person," he laughs. "But our team? They're brilliant people on and off the tools."

Of course, the journey hasn't been without its tests. The COVID years hit hard. Skyrocketing material costs, supply chain blowouts, and fixed contracts squeezed the business like never before. "We copped a 39 per cent average increase across full projects. But we kept the doors open. We stuck together." The key to surviving? A simple rule. Recognise that pain is temporary, even when it persists, and surround yourself with people who share your mission. **The resilience that got them through those years is now built into the very foundations of the homes they create.**

So what does the future hold? When someone walks past a Turrell home in 2055, Neil, who'll be 80 by then, hopes they feel the pride that built it. "I'm not a fan of this throwaway culture. If you're going to build something, build it to last." And after 30 years, it's clear. The Turrell name doesn't just stand for building homes; **it stands for building trust, connection, and something that will stand the test of time.**

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Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Again this year, members from our Club travelled to the Entrance on 28th September to assist at the annual Australian National Busking Championships run in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Erina and The Entrance. They were assigned to busking stations where they looked after performers. Musicians of all ages, skill levels and musical genres performed and were judged by three judges and also by a popular public vote where the public bought tokens and gave them to the buskers they liked. A great time was had by all. Proceeds from the day were given to charities supporting domestic violence.

The Club hosted three Years 9 and 10 students from Coonabarabran High School and one from Northholm Grammar School when they attended 'The Science Experience' at the University of Technology Sydney on 24th-26th September. Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists and participate in problem-solving challenges. The students got to see the sights of Sydney while they were here.

The Club held another successful BBQ and cake stall at Bunnings Castle Hill on 27th September with proceeds going to Rotary Charities.

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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MALABAR REDUCTION BURN



Fire crews from Hills and Hornsby brigades such as the Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade and Maroota RFB performed the Malabar Hazard Reduction burn in Dural on Sunday, 19th October.

With a total area burn of approximately 8 hectares in the areas surrounding Yuruga and Malabar roads, crews were up throughout day and night in shifts to manage the burn.

Residents were advised to keep doors and windows shut due to smoke. Crews managed traffic disruptions.

NSW has entered into its statutory 'Bush Fire Danger Period' on the 1st of October and will stay until 31st March next year.

During such period, residents are now required to have a fire permit from their local Fire Control Centre or NSW Rural Fire Service brigade.

On Tuesday, 22nd October, the NSW RFS declared a Total Fire Ban on Greater Sydney, Illawarra/Shoalhaven, Greater Hunter, Upper Central West Plains and North Western areas. This was due to a forecast of hot, dry, and windy conditions.

SWITCHEROO

Around 2:30 am on late-September, conducting proactive patrols spotted a grey BMW travelling southbound on Old Northern Road, Dural, displaying green P-plates and carrying two passengers.

Officers stopped the vehicle just before Galston Road and observed the driver move into the back seat alongside his two passengers. Further checks revealed the teen was a suspended learner driver.

The driver was charged with driving while suspended and appeared before Parramatta Local Court on October.

MAN FELL FROM HORSE

Emergency responders attended a call from an address in Kenthurst after a man in his 60s fell from his horse on Friday, 17th October, right before 9 am.

Tasked by NSW Ambulance, the Mounties Care CareFlight Helicopter and its crew flew to aid the man who suffered pre-pelvic injuries.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance paramedics provided critical care after landing in a paddock 100 meters from the patient before he was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital in serious but stable condition.

When you or someone needs immediate help, dial NSW Ambulance at Triple Zero (000) or CareFlight at 1300 655 855 (Australia).



TRUCK CRASH

On Wednesday, 15th October, a truck crash temporarily halted the traffic flow on Old Northern Road.

Authorities closed the southbound road in Wlyds Road, Glenorie, and drivers travelling southbound were advised to take Wlyds road, Arcadia Road, Galston Road, and back onto the Old Northern Road.

At around 12.19 pm, alternating traffic conditions were in place and, an hour later, all lanes reopened.

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Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings - A Taste Of Tranquility

Recently members of the Combined Probus Club of Cherrybrook enjoyed a wonderful day trip to the Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong. The day was a mix of tai chi, fascinating information, outstanding buildings and tranquil and beautifully maintained gardens. Closer to home we experienced an excellent guided tour of Cockatoo Island, the uplifting 'Here You Come Again' Dolly Parton show, a social drive to the Central Coast on a picture perfect day and these are just the tip of the social iceberg!

Upcoming activities to look forward to include a tour of the Anzac Memorial, a round trip walk from Brooklyn to Kangaroo Point on the newly constructed boardwalk, theatre outings locally and in the city and a public transport 'Opal' outing to Newcastle and as always captivating guest speakers at our monthly meetings.



Regularly scheduled activities of craft and book clubs, games including cards, mahjong and Mexican Trains, golf, lawn bowls, ten pin bowling and Money Matters groups offer members the opportunity to be stimulated physically and creatively every week.

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.

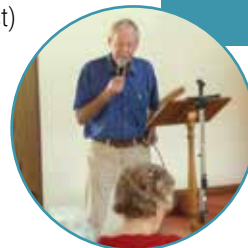
For information please contact Lynn on 0414 848 413. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our Probus Club to share the good times.

Kenthurst Probus Club

Kenthurst Probus Members have been experiencing a range of activities in September and October: visiting Balcombe Heights Museum to experience a talk from Pam Trimmer of the Hills District Historical Society over morning tea: a bus trip to the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens Sculptures, and a visit to Castle Towers Movie Theatre for the latest (and last) feature on Downton Abbey.

Our October Club meeting heard a talk by Jeff Muller from Dural (pictured) who spoke about his lifetime experiences flying military aircraft, from World War One Propeller driven machines to modern jet aeroplanes. The Club was pleased to welcome several guests.

Club meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) in the Kenthurst Uniting Church building in Jones Road at 9.30 AM. Guests are always welcome.



Information can be obtained from Membership Officer Burt Stuut on 0424 247 993.

ADVERTORIAL

A New Chapter for Aged Care

BY REJIMON PUNCHAYIL

If you or someone you care for receives help through My Aged Care, there's a big change coming on 1st November 2025. The new Support at Home program will replace the current Home Care Packages (HCP) and Short-Term Restorative Care (STRC) systems.

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The Wanderers, as we are affectionately known, is a Bushwalking Club that was founded by an enthusiastic group of outdoor lovers in the Hills area and is approaching its 50th anniversary. With over 100 members, the Wanderers possess a special camaraderie and we are always on the lookout to welcome new members

If you:

- find it difficult to find places to walk and explore
- want to explore more but have a fear of getting lost
- simply enjoy the friendship of walking as a group and learning more about local history and our surrounds

Why not consider joining us.

The Wanderers have an organised quarterly activities program run by knowledgeable leaders. The activities include bush, coastal and local historical walks suited to a person's fitness ability (grades of length and difficulty). Activities extend to cycle rides and longer away trips.

Importantly the Club is affiliated with Bushwalking NSW Inc which benefits from the aspects of walk safety and the comfort of insurance protection while taking part in club activities. Walking is a physical activity and whilst there needs to be an acknowledgement of potential risks, accidents can occur resulting in injury to a member, fellow members or caused to members of the public.

If you are interested in enquiring about our Club, further details can be obtained from the following link; <https://www.bushwalkingnsw.org.au/wanderers/> Or email the Secretary at wanderersbushwalking@gmail.com

Round Corner Dural Probus Club

What a fantastic time we've had this month at Round Corner Dural Probus Club—truly a Life of Riley experience.

Thirty enthusiastic members packed their bags and headed off on an unforgettable trip to Jindabyne. With stunning lakeview rooms for our accommodation, we were treated to three-course meals daily while each day was time to explore the best of the Snowy Mountains region.

Highlights included a visit to Cooma where we visited the information centre of the Snowy 2.0 project, learning about this feat of engineering. We continued on to Thredbo and Perisher, where we were lucky enough to see snow falling. A gondola ride up the mountain offered breathtaking views. Visits to local museums provided a fascinating glimpse into the history of the area and of course, there was time to browse the local shops and take in the panoramic views from scenic lookouts.

At our monthly meeting we were treated to a very informative presentation from our guest speaker, who spoke about the pros and perils of Artificial Intelligence. It was an extremely interesting topic generating plenty of questions among members.

For our social outing this month we made our way into King Street Wharf to join the Naval Historical Society of Australia on a 3 hour cruise that showcased the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) activities and facilities in Sydney Harbour from 1788 to the present, especially during WW II, taking in the historical sites from Dawes Point to Watson's Bay.

Round Corner Dural Probus Club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am at The Galston Club.

For further information please contact: Phone: Lei on 0412 585 741 or Email: rcdprobus@gmail.com

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Dural and District Historical Society Inc.

News from History Cottage

This year's Annual General Meeting for the Historical Society lived up to expectations.

It was an encouraging expression of commitment when some fifty members attended and heard a review of the past year and how it looks to the next. Positions for the Management Committee were filled. A brief special meeting, to bring the DDHS constitution in line with new legislation, was then held and changes were approved.

Then followed a most pleasant and informative part of the afternoon; when members heard why eight of them were keen to pass on information about their special items; with a Show and Tell. Antique garden tools, the changes in the technology of hand held computers,

a connection to de Groot of Harbour Bridge notoriety. And the letters and cards to a young lady, written during the First World War, from a Glenorie boy who did not return.

With Remembrance Day on the **11th November** so close; the guest speaker for the Saturday 8th November, at 2.00pm in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston, will be Ron McIntosh, history researcher; his topic "The Lost Boys". Maybe readers have seen memorials engraved with the words 'Known Unto God, Unknown Australian Soldier' or 'No Known Grave'. The Society welcomes all to come and learn some of the histories of the 11,000 Lost Boys from the battle fields where Australians have served.

The November meeting will be the last for the year but enquiries can still be directed to 02 9653 1365. The first meeting for 2026 will be on the **14th February** when our guest speaker will be well known, and heard piper, John Graham. John will tell us The History of Bagpipes.

Meetings are in the Galston Uniting Church School Road Galston. Entry is free with a gold coin donation for afternoon tea.

History Cottage open 1.00 to 4.00pm **30th November**. All welcome.



Members, Margaret and Mal exhibit valued family craft. Ph by Ken Bradley

ADVERTORIAL

The Bottle-O Cherrybrook

The all-new Bottle-O Cherrybrook has recently undergone a stunning refurbishment, offering a clean, fresh, and inviting atmosphere for shoppers.

With a massive increase in product range, the store now provides an even greater variety of beverages to suit every taste and preference. The new layout is thoughtfully designed to be more personalized to the Cherrybrook community, ensuring a tailored and welcoming shopping experience.

Nick, the store manager, brings a wealth of experience as a chef, which enhances his expertise in food pairing, wines, and craft beers. His summer wine of choice is the Belena Range from Calabria Family Wines, a perfect refreshing option for the warmer months.

When he's not at work, Nick enjoys exploring NSW on his road bike and shares a passion for cars. His diverse interests and professional background make him a fantastic resource for customers seeking expert advice and personalized service.

Overall, the revamped Bottle-O Cherrybrook combines modern aesthetics, community focus, and genuine expertise, making it a must-visit destination for beverage enthusiasts.

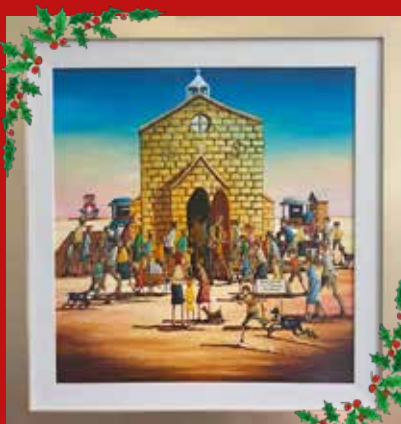


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Rediscover Jesus

I visited The Vicar recently for Tuesday night trivia (which is fantastic by the way). Part of the night includes a 'Who am I?'.

I'm terrible at trivia. But on this rare occasion – after 3 clues – I had the answer! In my enthusiasm, I called out... my hand in the air, ready for 'high-fives' and back slaps.

But I was wrong... and in a very public way! The youngsters said I had 'negative aura'. I'm not sure what that is... but it can't be good.

When I talk with people about Jesus, what strikes me are the perceptions they hold. People think they know who he is.

It's common to hear "Jesus was a good moral teacher", or "Jesus set an example of how to love people". There's truth in these statements... but they don't go nearly far enough. Perceptions like these don't do justice to the real Jesus - the one we meet in the Bible.



I'm willing to bet that Jesus is more loving, more interesting, more powerful, and more necessary to your life than you ever dreamed.

From **November 9th**, Dural Anglican is dedicating Sundays to the theme 'Rediscover Jesus'.

Using key events in the biography of Jesus - called the gospel of Mark - we'll see Jesus in action... teaching, healing, arguing, performing miracles and more.

In each episode, Jesus reveals more of his identity. And, as he acts in God's world with God's authority... we'll find ourselves being encouraged to draw the obvious conclusion – in Jesus we meet the heaven-sent Son of God!

Jesus once asked his closest friends. "Who do people say that I am?". It was a classic 'who am I?' set up. But this was no trivial question.

Jesus followed up with the most important question you will ever hear: "But what about you... who do you say I am?". Your answer really matters.

Join us at Dural Anglican from **November 9th** as we Rediscover Jesus together.

**- DOUGAL MICHIE
SENIOR MINISTER,
DURAL ANGLICAN**

www.duralanglican.org.au

Wellbeing of body, mind and spirit

One of the biggest worries for many older Australians is their health. I've met plenty of older people who carry a heavy emotional load because of health issues they didn't have to think about when they were younger. We all hope to stay healthy, but often we only realise how valuable good health is once it's gone.

It's not just health, either. There are many beautiful things in life – like happiness, love, family, and friendship – that we don't always notice or appreciate while we're living through them.

For Christians, the grace of God is one of those gifts. Sometimes we only recognise how blessed we were when we look back, or after something has been lost. That's part of being human. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all enjoy not just physical health, but also mental and emotional wellbeing, and truly understand how precious that is?

The Roman poet Juvenal once said, "You should pray for a healthy mind in a healthy body." It's a reminder that while many people focus on physical health, they often overlook the health of their minds and spirits. Today, many Australians don't recognise their spiritual needs or the importance of inner wellbeing. God invites us to live with faith, to wake up to the gift of life shared in community and service through Jesus Christ. I believe that when our bodies, minds, and spirits are all in good shape, we can find real peace. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

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from the Mayor's Desk

This month, Hornsby Shire Council is proud to shine a spotlight on sustainability and the small changes we can all make to live more lightly on the planet. We're inviting residents to explore practical ways to reduce waste, reuse valuable resources, and repair rather than replace through a range of exciting community events and activities.

On Sunday 9 November, we kick things off with our popular Second Hand Market at Coronation Street, Hornsby where you can pick up a preloved bargain and support the circular economy. That day, there's also a community chipping day at our Galston depot, where residents can drop off tree branches and garden waste to be turned into free mulch.

The following weekend, Saturday 15 November, Storey Park Community Centre will come alive with hands-on workshops that celebrate the art of repair. Whether you're interested in mending clothes, or restoring small electronics and furniture, our Repair Café and workshops offer the tools, guidance, and community spirit to help you breathe new life into old items.

For those curious about sustainable living on a larger scale, we're hosting a guided tour of the Kimbriki Eco House & Garden on Thursday 20 November. This inspiring site showcases how everyday choices in the home and garden can make a big environmental impact.

And if you're considering making the switch to solar, we're offering free solar and battery information sessions at Hornsby Library on 4 and 5 November, as well as an online webinar on the evening of 5 November. These sessions are a great opportunity to learn how renewable energy can reduce your household emissions and energy bills.

I encourage everyone to get involved, learn something new, and take a step toward a more circular and climate-conscious future.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire



Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle



Get hands-on this November and join one of our events.

Chipping for Mulch

Sunday 9 November 7.30am-12.30pm
Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

Stitch and Fix: Clothes Mending workshop

Saturday 15 November 10.30am-12.30pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

Repair Café – Electronics/Furniture

Saturday 15 November 11am-1pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

Kimbriki Eco House & Garden Tour

Thursday 20 November 9am-2pm
Departs from Hornsby Park bus stop

Furoshiki Gift Wrapping workshop

Saturday 29 November, 10am-11.30am
Hornsby Library

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■ Ulolo Community Park, Hornsby Heights - Playground Upgrade

Submissions close: 4 November

■ Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre Playground

Submissions close: 4 November

■ Local Planning Panel Community Representatives

Submissions close: 5 November

YOUR SAY HORNSBY

■ Review of Council's Code of Meeting Practice

Submissions close: 6 November

■ Asquith Oval Amenities Upgrade

Submissions close: 18 November

■ Salt Pan Dog Park

Submissions close: 2 December

■ Asquith Dog Park

Submissions close: 2 December

For more information visit:
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Next Council meeting Wednesday 12 November, 6.30pm

hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Elouera Cottage Crafts' Pop Up Arrives

A fantastic opportunity to discover unique, locally made treasures is here!! **Cherrybrook Uniting Church's Elouera Cottage Crafts** opened its doors to the much anticipated

POP UP Shop on Friday 24th October and it will continue every

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

9AM – 1PM until Saturday 15th November 2025.

The display is located in the Reid Room (at the rear of the main building and adjacent to the car park) at Cherrybrook Uniting Church, 134 New Line Road, Cherrybrook. Featuring a

stunning array of beautiful handcraft, each piece made locally in Cherrybrook, shoppers can expect to find a delightful assortment of high-quality items including appliqued tea towels, crocheted top kitchen towels, cross stitched bath towels and hand towels, cushions, patchwork quilts, Christmas cards and decorations and a whole lot more!! Come and visit, bring a friend, and discover the charm of one-of-a-kind handmade gifts, selling at very reasonable prices.

Full details www.cherrybrookuc.org.au or follow Elouera Cottage Crafts on Facebook/Instagram.

Fire Season from Hell

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."

We can all be grateful for the services of the volunteer Brigades. They do a brilliant job and give up their time to train and act when called on, but they can't be everywhere at once.

You can get your property bushfire ready with Aussie Pumps free 'Bushfire Survival Guide'. The guide is loaded with invaluable information to help you make informed choices and be prepared with a bushfire plan.

Aussie's Guide covers the basics of preparing a home or property regardless of whether you intend to stay or leave. It also assists with fire pump selection, hose kits, setting up sprinkler systems, and routine maintenance to keep gear primed and ready for an emergency.

A quality firefighting pump and adequate water source are key to setting up a protection system. Aussie's Fire Chief range, are designed and built for Australia. All Aussie Quik Prime pumps are backed with a 5-year pump end warranty. That demonstrates



the company's confidence in the long-term reliability and performance of their products. It's capability that counts. Unfortunately, not all pumps are designed to deliver top performance, and second-rate gear can risk property, pets, stock, and even lives.

When buying a pump, ask lots of questions, do your research and choose a quality pump, based on performance, features and value. Check out the Aussie Pumps website for more information.

The Aussie Bushfire Survival Guide is free and is available from Aussie Pumps directly or through your local Aussie Gold Distributor.

For further information, visit aussiepumps.com.au or give Aussie a call on 8865 3500.



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As spring draws to a close and the weather warms up, our pets are spending more time outdoors exploring the grass, bushland and backyards they love so much. But with the extra sunshine and new growth come a few hidden hazards.

Snakes are becoming increasingly active as temperatures rise. Curious dogs can easily stumble across one whilst exploring long grass or creek banks. It is a good idea to keep lawns mowed, avoid off-leash walks near thick scrub, and stay alert when out and about.

Grass seeds are another common troublemaker this time of year. These sharp little barbs can wedge themselves into paws, ears or coats, causing painful infections if left unnoticed. A quick check and brush-down after a walk can save a lot of discomfort.

Warm weather also means fleas and ticks are thriving. These tiny parasites can cause irritation and serious illness, but there are now excellent preventatives available - including yearly injections - to help keep pets protected throughout summer.

Allergies to pollens and grasses may flare up too, leading to itchy skin and ear irritation. Regular grooming and bathing can help, and owners should be aware that effective medications are available to relieve these symptoms and keep pets comfortable.

As the season changes, a little extra awareness goes a long way. With some care and attention, our pets can enjoy the best parts of the warmer months safely by our side.

**- DR CASSIE O'CALLAGHAN,
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Simone Louise Boutique: A Fresh Chapter in Cherrybrook

For more than three decades, Simone Louise has been a trusted name in fashion across the Hills — a family-owned boutique known for timeless style, warm service, and genuine connection to the community.

After over 20 years in Kellyville, Simone Louise has now returned to Cherrybrook Village, where the boutique once had a store many years ago. For owner Claire Turpin, it feels like a full-circle moment — honouring her family's legacy while shaping the future with her own vision.

"Simone Louise has always been about more than fashion," Claire shares. "It's about creating a space where women feel confident, comfortable, and truly cared for."

Each piece is exclusively chosen by Claire, with a focus on classic, wearable fashion from boutique labels you won't find everywhere else. From everyday staples to standout occasion pieces, the collection reflects quality, style, and individuality.

What truly sets Simone Louise apart is its team. Experienced and passionate about fashion, they offer personalised guidance and genuine care, ensuring every customer feels welcomed and confident in their choices.

To keep up with new arrivals, many customers follow Claire's weekly try-on videos on Instagram and Facebook, where she shares fabrics, fits, sizing, and styling tips. With pieces selling quickly in-store, the boutique is also working to rebuild its website so shopping online becomes even more accessible soon.

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Tomalong Christmas Tree Farm

Kenthurst's Tomalong Christmas Tree Farm is excited to be celebrating their 30 year anniversary this year. Christmas tree farmer, Greg Thomas, says "We've been doing this for three decades now, and have just grown our best crop of trees ever."

Tomalong is a small family run business and has enjoyed wonderful friendships with customers over the years. Greg went on to say that he has "families visiting now with their children who used to come when they themselves were young, which is pretty special. The children love running around our five acres of gardens and paddocks, getting to choose their perfect tree."

Customers also enjoy their annual photo opportunity and transporting their tree is made easier with wrapping facilities and assistance with loading trees. They also have the option of purchasing a pre-cut tree from the shed.

Greg works year round trimming the trees to make sure they are perfect for the Christmas festivities.

Greg added, "Our anniversary year has been tremendously enjoyable as we've just hosted our daughter's wedding at Tomalong and our Tomalong Art Gallery hosted its first exhibition in June."

As part of their 30th anniversary, Tomalong are offering a 10% discount for customers who come from Monday to Friday.

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Oscar Baird & Ben Wheeler.
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London, 1888. Sherlock Holmes, his paramour Irene Adler and the stoic Dr John Watson find themselves at a loss. Holmes' latest cases have proved somewhat unprofitable. He fails to get paid for his efforts and the cases themselves have been less than thrilling, making for uninspiring subjects for Watson's published stories.

After a night of satiating their respective appetites, their prospects may soon brighten when a certain misbehaving, redheaded painter of very little renown turns up on their doorstep with a bloody hole where his ear used to be.

The trio embark on a rousing, funny, swashbuckling (not to mention spicy) adventure, confronting the vengeful daughter of Professor Moriarty in the attempt to solve one of the most audacious crimes of the Victorian era.

Oh, and Oscar Wilde pops in to lend a hand!

This play is a hoot and a great way for theatre lovers to finish off their year.

Paul, Director

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Arcadian Quilting News

The "scribe" from AQ has recently been missing-in-action for the past several weeks ... a few deadlines sadly missed, community news unfortunately went on hold ... so, an extended apology to fellow members and also to our readers and supporters of this wonderful group of ladies.

When accidents occur, "help can simply be an extended hand from a stranger... or from your next "new best friend"... and the only requirement from you is your genuine thanks!!

Be humble, be ever grateful for any help and always be prepared to say .. THANK YOU.

In an earlier article, a noted group-workshop had been planned, the theme was to recreate from an Aboriginal Dreamtime Artwork a quilt suitable for our shared Charity Work. Photo shown is the workshop quilt in progress.

What a wonderful beginning to a most colourful quilt!! Sorry to have missed that day.

Christmas themes can already be seen in the shops and as always time is moving quickly. Where has our year gone?



Creating quilts continues for busy hands as there is always a need in our community to help someone else!!

Part of the joy in the festive season can simply be to extend a helping hand, that in itself can be "gift enough" ... try it this season and share the JOY!!

Meetings continue on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month.

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HELPING YOUR LOVED ONE WITH HEARING LOSS: Tips for Better Communication

AN ARTICLE FROM EAR STUDIO

As we approach Hearing Awareness Week, it's essential to recognise the challenges faced by individuals with hearing loss and how we can support them in effective communication. While hearing aids are beneficial for many, some may still require additional assistance depending on the severity of their condition. Let's explore some practical strategies for helping your loved one navigate their hearing loss:

1. Face-to-Face Communication:

When speaking with someone with hearing loss, ensure you're in the same room. Avoid talking to them from another room or with obstacles obstructing your face. Seeing your facial expressions and lip movements can significantly aid their understanding, as many individuals with hearing loss have started to also employ their other senses to follow conversations. Also, adequate lighting is crucial for clear visibility, enhancing communication effectiveness.

2. Gain Their Attention: Before initiating a conversation, ensure you first get their attention. Address them by name or gently tap their arm to signal that you're about to speak to them. This simple gesture can help avoiding misunderstandings and frustration, fostering a more attentive and engaged interaction.

3. Speak Clearly and Slowly:

When communicating aim to speak clearly. Be mindful that some individuals may process speech slightly slower meaning they require more time to decipher what you are trying to say. Speaking a little slower can be therefore quite helpful to stay engaged. Avoid shouting, as it can make lip-reading more challenging. If they ask for repetition, refrain from simply increasing volume. Instead, rephrase your sentence or simplify your message. For example, if you state "the weather has been absolutely terrible all week" and they can't comprehend what you're saying, you could rephrase your sentence to "It has been raining all day!" Keeping things little bit simpler.

4. Minimise Background Noise:

Reduce environmental distractions by minimising background noise wherever possible. Appliances, televisions, and other sources of noise can interfere or compete with conversations, making it difficult for individuals with hearing loss to follow. Sometimes it may be possible to position yourself and the person with hearing loss away from noisy distractions for example outside seating at a café vs inside. If you can't eliminate background noise, make sure the noise is positioned behind the person with the hearing loss making the most of the natural shape of our ears.

5. Show Empathy and Patience:

Understand the frustration and challenges faced by your loved one with hearing loss.



Put yourself in their shoes by imagining how difficult it would be to understand conversations with blocked ears. Approach communication with empathy, patience, and dignity, avoiding frustration or annoyance. Remember, they desire to communicate effectively, and your understanding can make a significant difference.

In conclusion, supporting a loved one with hearing loss requires patience, empathy, and effective communication strategies. By implementing these simple yet impactful tips, you can help make conversations more accessible and enjoyable for both parties. Remember, your loved one wants to engage with you, and by creating a supportive environment, you can encourage open communication and strengthen your relationship.

So, as we observe Hearing Awareness Week, let's pledge to be more mindful of the communication needs of those with hearing loss. Let's ensure they feel valued, respected, and empowered to engage in conversations without barriers. Your efforts can make a world of difference in their daily lives.

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There were 32 teams, 96 Bowlers of men, women, and mixed teams competing. The teams came from Dural, Pennant Hills, The Hills, North Epping, Castle Hill, Burwood Diggers, Pittwater, Campbelltown, Nth Sydney, Bowral, Harbord, Wisemans Park, Corrimall, Ettalong, Mosman, Toongabbie, Dundas, St Ives, Northern Suburbs Brisbane, Wentworthville and Merrylands.

The games consisted of 3 games of 10 ends of 2 bowls triples, and the games were played in a very friendly manner with lots of good banter going around. Every bowler seemed to enjoy themselves, whether it was the fact that they were playing bowls or just out in the sunshine with a lot of mates.

A great lunch was had at the Dural Club. A great thanks to the sponsors as without sponsorship carnivals wouldn't happen and Dural Club is a great sponsor of bowls.

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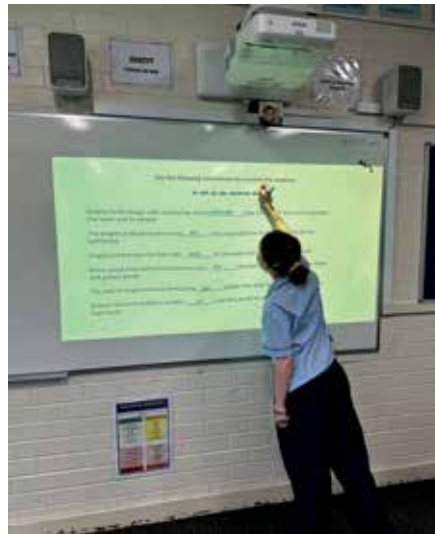
Celebrating Numeracy and Literacy Week at Galston High School



This year's Numeracy and Literacy Week proved to be a success, with students and staff coming together to celebrate and enhance essential skills through a variety of innovative activities.

Throughout the week, students engaged in dynamic learning experiences that blended reading, writing, and numeracy in creative ways. In English classes, pupils explored the numerical patterns

behind word frequencies, while Year 8 History lessons focused on sharpening writing by improving the use of connectives for clarity. Meanwhile, Hub classes fostered creativity and literacy as students drafted and edited original stories.



Teachers embraced professional learning sessions aimed at strengthening literacy teaching strategies, ensuring classrooms continue to deliver evidence-based approaches that effectively support student progress.

A highlight of the week was the lively celebratory assembly led by the Student Representative Council (SRC). Students participated in the "Heads Up and Tails" game, answering challenging literacy and numeracy questions, followed by a spelling competition showcasing impressive vocabulary skills. The event was met with friendly rivalry, and a strong sense of community.

Adding to the week's success, the Mathematics faculty engaged Year 12 students in a sequencing activity combining literacy and numeracy. Learners read and reordered mathematical problem-solving steps, deepening their understanding of concepts while honing literacy skills such as following logical structure and recognising key connectives.

Numeracy and Literacy Week exemplified the school's belief that 'A small school community creates BIG opportunities.' We thank everyone involved for making this week a memorable and inspiring celebration of learning.

Loving Kindness at Pacific Hills Christian School



Recently Pacific Hills Christian School had the pleasure of spending time with the 'Kids with Cancer Foundation'. This amazing opportunity gave the students an insight into the 'behind-the-scenes' look at the many on-going projects the Foundation is working on, making today easier for kids with cancer and

their families. Our team of students have been able to serve those in our community joyfully, packing 100 Care Packs for these very courageous and well-deserved kids.

Each pack is lovingly designed to offer moments of joy and a brief escape in an otherwise tough and emotional journey for kids and their families. Just under 6,000

care Packs have been delivered to children in 7 hospitals across Australia in Financial Year 2025.

This year, one of our school themes at Pacific Hills focuses on *Hesed*, which is a Hebrew term often translated as "loving-kindness". It describes a deeper love which is beyond simple kindness, such as God's love for His people. At Pacific Hills Christian School we continue to give thanks to God by serving those around us through *Hesed*. We are blessed to be given this amazing opportunity to serve our wonderful community and continue to pray for the amazing work that 'Kids with Cancer Foundation' do for those in need.



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Improving Access to the Cherrybrook Metro Station

We love the Metro. But getting to and from Cherrybrook Metro Station is a challenge.

Earlier this year, I launched a petition calling for improved access to the Metro Station. More than 1300 locals have got involved and signed the petition.

Following the overwhelming response to that petition, I committed to making a submission to Transport for NSW making the case for improved bus services to the Metro. Since I last updated you about this issue, I have now made that submission and I'm looking forward to receiving the Department's response.

The submission sets out the problems with access to the Cherrybrook Metro and proposed solutions, including the creation of new bus services and changes to existing ones. The solutions I proposed were to:

- Establish a new bus service east of Shepherds Dr to directly connect to the Metro without having to loop around Purchase Road.
- Establish a new bus service that directly connects residents on Jenner Rd and James Henty Dr with the Metro Station (replicating some of the stops of the 635) and loops back via David Road.
- Add a new stop along the 600 Bus route at Cherrybrook Metro Station. The 600 Bus route narrowly bypasses the Cherrybrook Metro and a small change would significantly improve access.
- Increase frequency of all existing services to the Metro Station during peak times.
- Improve connectivity from local retirement villages to the Metro Station.

I recognise that poor bus services to the Cherrybrook Metro are only part of the problem. I'm also continuing to push for improved parking access to the Metro.



Clr Mitchell Blue

THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

The Hills Shire Council's recent Orange Blossom Festival has again proven why it's The Hills' most beloved annual events. Held annually throughout September, OBF brought together families, friends, and neighbours to celebrate our community. This year's festivities were a blend of entertainment, history, and engagement. From the beloved street parade and live music to interactive workshops, children's activities, and garden competitions, every corner of The Hills was part of OBF. Local performers hit up the stage, food vendors served up delicious food and community groups showcased what makes The Hills so special.

At the heart of the festival was a tribute to the region's agricultural heritage—particularly the orange blossom orchards that once defined The Hills - once the premier orange growing region.

OBF was started in the 1959 with the Footpath and Garden Competition which continues to be an integral part of OBF each year. This year, something new - Echoes at Bella Vista Farm saw storytelling through a marvelous light show session offering a glimpse into the past. Wiseman's Ferry again hosted A Taste of Wiseman's - an event showcasing our wonderful rural areas. The Kenthurst Fair was again a wonderful event on the September calendar. There were so many events across the Shire from many different community groups - something for everyone.

The Orange Blossom Festival wasn't just an event—it was a time for connection, friendships and residents celebrated what it means to live in The Hills.

We are now in the Bush Fire Danger Period. As the Chair of The Hills Bushfire Management Committee and a local volunteer firefighter, you'll hear me talk a lot about bushfire safety and preparedness. It is crucial for NSW residents and landowners to be aware of their risk and take steps to protect their homes and properties. 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. A bush fire survival plan doesn't take long to make. But not having one? That could cost your home, your memories, or your life.



Julian Leaser

MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

We need to back parents and lift student outcomes

We're fortunate in Berowra to have exceptional schools across the government, Catholic and Independent systems. I see firsthand the dedication of our principals, teachers and parents.

One of things I've enjoyed most as local member is building relationships with our local schools – the principals, teachers, student and parents - across my time in parliament.

That's why I am delighted to be the Coalition's new Shadow Minister for Education and Early Learning.

My view is simple: it's not my job to tell parents what's best for their children. Parents know what's best. It's my job to make sure

parents have a range of options so that they can choose what's right for their family. The education system should be set up to allow parents to make that choice.

Nationally, despite increases in school funding, student performance in literacy and numeracy has gone backwards. Australians are concerned that there is not enough of a focus on foundational skills.

As Shadow Minister, I want to champion the importance of foundational learning and see genuine transparency about the correlation with federal funding to our education system and student outcomes. I'll also continue to fight for stronger protections in early learning to keep our youngest Australians safe.

Education is nation-building. The choices we make today determine the Australia of tomorrow. We owe it to every child to give them the tools to thrive. Whether you are a teacher who would like to provide feedback on the curriculum, or a parent juggling work with the school run – I want the voices of teachers and families in our community to help shape the policy we will take to the next election.



Dr Michelle Byrne
MAYOR OF THE HILLS SHIRE

Infrastructure Campaign Surpasses 20,000 Signatures

I would like to thank the more than 20,000 people who signed the Fight for a Fairer Hills Future petition, which was debated in NSW Parliament on 18th September.

However, I was deeply disappointed that the debate lacked constructive dialogue and offered no clear plan to address the infrastructure crisis in The Hills.

Despite this, we've made an impact and achieved several key wins, including:

- \$220 million committed by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to upgrade Windsor Road at Rouse Hill
- \$20 million for a planning study to improve travel times on Old Windsor Road
- A pop-up high school announced for Box Hill (Years 7–8) while a permanent facility is built
- \$11.7 million for The Water Lane construction, land acquisition for a new fire station, planning and design of the Terry Road upgrade, and a temporary 150-space overflow car park at Kellyville Metro Station

I remain determined to hold this Government accountable and ensure our community receives the infrastructure we deserve.

I'd also like to thank the Member for Kellyville Ray Williams, the Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston and the Member for Castle Hill Mark Hodges for advocating on behalf of The Hills Shire during the debate.



Thanks for an Outstanding Orange Blossom Festival

This year's Orange Blossom Festival was our most successful yet. The brand-new Echoes event transformed Bella Vista Farm into a glowing spectacle every night throughout September. The OBF Parade united the community in a joyful celebration of music, colour, and local pride, while A Taste of Wisemans treated guests to a delicious array of local flavours set against the picturesque backdrop of the Rural North.

Christmas Bonanza

Get your Christmas lights fix at Illuminate The Hills. The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Rose Garden will transform into a magical, festive wonderland from **30th November 2025 to 1st January 2026**.

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Then join me for the Mayor's Children's Christmas Party on **7th December** at Bella Vista Farm. Kids will enjoy free face painting, crafts and cookie decorating – plus rides, ice cream, and fairy floss will be available for purchase.

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With the weather heating up, you will want to start thinking about Bushfire readiness in your local area. Hornsby Shire is one of the more bushfire-vulnerable parts of Greater Sydney, with around **40% of its properties** (over 28,500 homes across more than 41,000 hectares) designated as bush-fire prone land. To help manage this risk, the Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Risk Management Committee develops and implements the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Risk Management Plan, which identifies high-risk areas, plans hazard reduction burns, manages fuel loads via asset protection zones and fire trails, and involves local residents in preparedness and education.

Hornsby Council also has information on its website on Land Management and Community Preparedness. [https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/flora-and-fauna/fire-management/what-](https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/flora-and-fauna/fire-management/what-council-does/nested-content/land-management-and-community-preparedness)

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Hornsby Council are holding free information sessions regarding the decision to go Solar for your home. These sessions are being held at Hornsby Library from 23rd October until 5th November. Bookings can be made online at Council's Website: [Hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events/sustainability/solar](https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/events/sustainability/solar)

These projects are currently under discussion on our **Your Say** page on the Hornsby Council Website – we encourage your feedback on these projects

- Review of Council's code of Meeting Practise
- Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre playground
- Ulolo Community Park, Hornsby Heights - Playground Upgrade
- Draft Flood Risk Management Study – Learn about Hornsby Shire's flood map



Mark Hodges

MEMBER FOR CASTLE HILL

Out & About in Our Community

As a local resident, having lived in the Castle Hill Electorate for over 25 years, I am proud to represent our community in the NSW Parliament. We have so many wonderful volunteer community organisations. Thank you to all our dedicated community leaders and volunteers who work tirelessly to make events like these possible.

For example, on just one day, Sunday 19th October, I was proud to join local families and community members at some truly special events that showcase the heart of our community.

The Dural School P&C Country Fair was a wonderful celebration of local spirit. Families, students, teachers, and volunteers came together to create a vibrant and joyful day filled with activities, stalls, and entertainment. Events like this highlight the strength



of our local schools, which is built on the dedication of parents, educators, and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Funds raised at the fair will directly support Dural Public School, helping to enhance the learning environment for students and future generations.

Later in the day, I visited the Kenthurst RFS Get Ready Weekend at John Benyon Rotary Park. This event is an important reminder of the role our Rural Fire Service and community volunteers play in helping us prepare for bushfire season. I enjoyed meeting many of the local volunteers and lending a hand at the Rotary Club BBQ. Their commitment to protecting our community is something we can all be proud of.

To round out the weekend, I attended Jazz at the Pines at Dural—a cherished local tradition hosted by the Rotary Club of Hills-Kellyville. With music, friendship, and a warm community atmosphere, it was a perfect example of how local events bring people together.

It is your efforts that strengthen the fabric of our community and make our neighbourhood such a special place to live.



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INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR AT HORNSBY

The Independent's View

Having served as an A Ward councillor on Hornsby Council for over a decade, I am aware that many residents in our rural area often feel left out or under-valued. Whilst there are some challenges that need to be worked through, there are still plenty of positive things council has delivered or are in the pipeline for delivery.



One of those things is the Galston Village Public Domain plan that will make access it safer to access for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, and a nicer place to be for everyone. The tender process is nearing competition with the intention of commencing construction early next year. It is a huge project that is anticipated to take over 12 months. I have requested that during construction council take active steps to minimize interruptions to shops, shoppers and the community in general. I am also committed to keeping you informed as this project nears commencement and throughout its delivery.

Congratulations to the Friends of Fagan Park with their recent hosting of an open day around the Netherby Cottage. This initiative was driven by the new curator Julie Graham and it was a terrific success for all who participated and visited. I would also like to congratulate the former Curator, Ian Browning who has just been

appointed onto council's Heritage Committee as a community representative, along with Dural and District Historical Society Executive Member, Ms Elyssa Freame who was appointed as a technical representative.



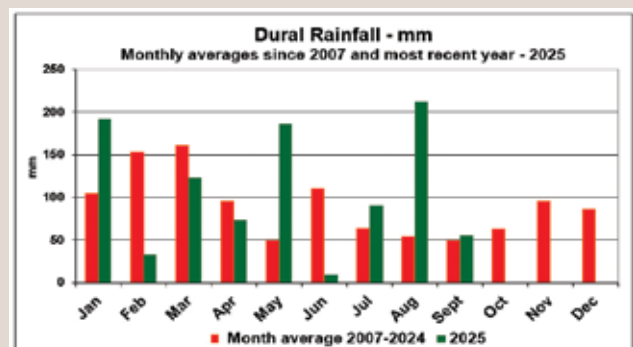
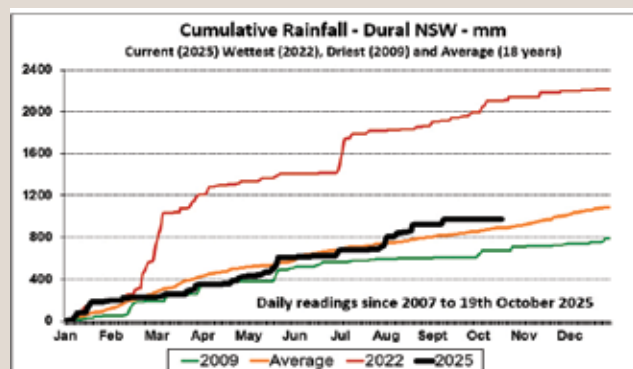
Another positive improvement for our rural area has been the magnificent sandstone enclosure around the Glenorie War Memorial on Old Northern Road, the *Ray Whiteman Heritage Fence*. This project was funded by local residents & businesses, and built by local contractors, to recognize local servicemen and women. It was an easy community initiative for council to support and I would like to recognize the endless hard work of the Glenorie Progress Association for driving its delivery, particularly its President, Di Coxon-Ellis. I look forward to it being on full display for Remembrance Day on the 11th of November.

Finally, I recognise the frustration and anxiety that many Galston residents have endured over council's ongoing proposal to rezone its land in Johnson Road for industrial units. This issue has dragged on far too long and exhausted far too many community resources. It's time for council to resolve the matter decisively. Residents deserve clarity and closure and allow council to move forward and focus on what truly matters: improving our libraries, playgrounds, and local footpaths.

If you have any questions or concerns with the issues mentioned here, or any other Hornsby Council related issue, please feel free to contact me, as your independent councillor, at any time on 0403 227 560 or ntilbury@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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Bob Sharpley one of our talented committee members will demonstrate how to develop a video with the assistance of a software package that allows him to edit, enhance, and customise his videos with ease. Bob is now producing amazing videos of his beautiful bromeliad collection.

Bob will walk the members through the simple steps so they can develop their own videos that they may wish to share with the BSA members and guest at their monthly meetings.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle, Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called just "Show" for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.

There is also an opportunity to meet like minded people in a friendly and inviting environment.

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



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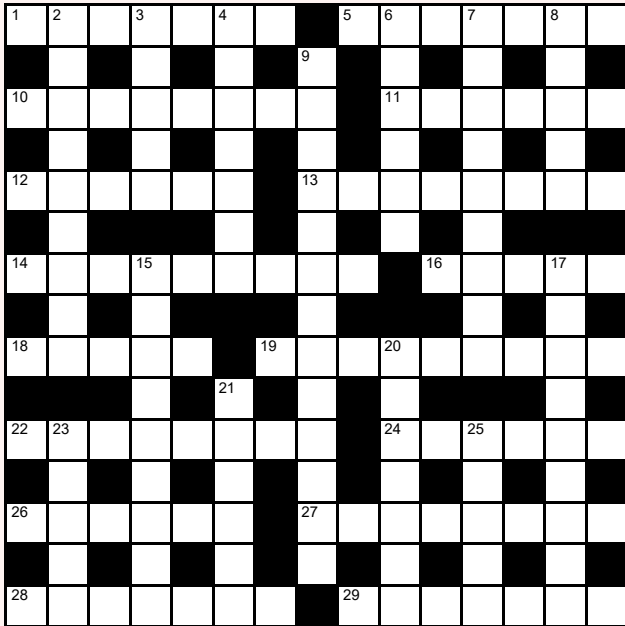
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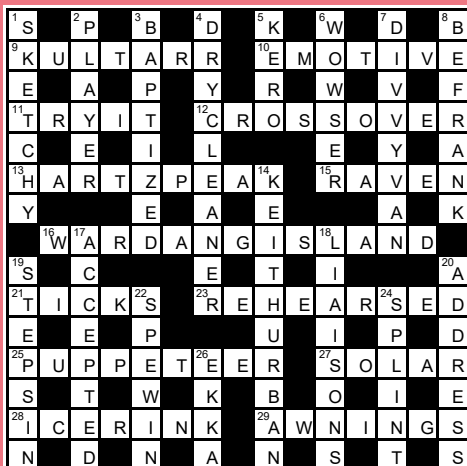
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