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That's what we look for in every acreage project. The point where the land and the home stop being two separate things.

Where outside becomes inside

The interior of an acreage home carries a different weight than its suburban equivalent. Rooms are larger, but size alone isn't the point. Proportion is. The way a stone fireplace anchors a living room so the space doesn't feel adrift. The way natural timber and textured surfaces bring warmth to high ceilings. The way a kitchen island, curved rather than rigid, softens a room that needs to work as hard as it looks good.

Interior decisions and the land itself are in constant conversation. The orientation of a room determines its light. The materiality of a surface either echoes the landscape outside or fights it. We think about this from the first site visit, working closely with each client to understand their spaces, their rhythms, and what their home needs to do before a single decision gets made.

The whole picture

Across projects like Country Class, Aztec Estate and Arcadian, the approach is always the same: start with the land, work inward, and never let the two lose their connection. Landscaping that ties stonework from the garden wall to the chimney. Interiors that draw the paddock view into the room rather than compete with it. Outdoor entertaining spaces that feel like a natural extension of the home, not an afterthought bolted on at the end.

Acreage living, done well, is coherent from the fence line to the furthest interior wall. That coherence is what you feel, even when you can't quite name it.

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Celebrating \$4 Million: A Historic Milestone for Galston Community Bank

It was a day of celebration, reflection and plenty of cake on Friday 12th June, as Sydney's very first Community Bank—the Galston Community Bank—marked a monumental milestone, injecting over \$4 million back into Galston and the surrounding districts through sponsorships, donations, and grants.

The joyous occasion was shared over cups of tea, bringing together the people who make this community thrive. The celebrations were attended by esteemed donation recipients, Bendigo Bank representative Tom Woods,

Hornsby Shire Mayor Warren Waddell, alongside the branch's dedicated staff and board members.

During the event, Chairman of the Board, Ralph Steele, took to the floor to reflect on the remarkable success and growth of the community branch since its inception. His sentiments were echoed by the Branch Manager, who emphasized that such a monumental achievement would simply not be possible without a dedicated collective effort. Heartfelt thanks were given to the staff for their tireless and excellent work behind the scenes, to the proactive Board members for their guidance and most

importantly to the customers who choose to bank with their local community branch.

The profound impact of this \$4 million contribution was highlighted through moving testimonials. Representatives from the Galston Garden Club spoke warmly at the event, sharing that their beloved club would find it hard to exist if it wasn't for the vital financial support provided by the Galston Community Bank.

Hornsby Mayor Warren Waddell also addressed the gathering, praising the milestone as an incredible result for the community. He emphasized the tangible, widespread benefits these funds bring to local clubs, sporting grounds, schools and various other consortiums across the shire, cementing the bank's role as a crucial pillar of local support.

As the Galston Community Bank continues to grow, so does its unwavering commitment to the region. The team is already looking forward to the future, eagerly anticipating the day, hopefully very soon, when the \$5 million donation cake will be cut.

Congratulations, Galston, on a remarkable achievement!



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Combined Probus Club of Kenthurst

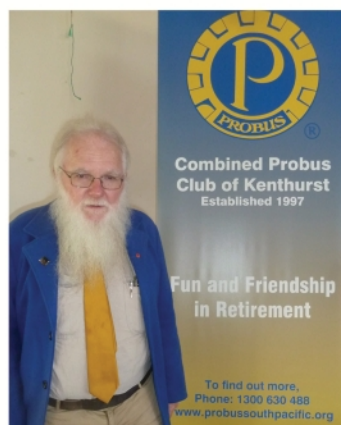
Kenthurst Probus Members and their guests welcomed the return of Guest Speaker Bill Phippen, (noted historian and author) to their meeting on Monday 15th June. Bill's topic was the 1889 construction of the Hawkesbury River Railway bridge. The bridge, in fact, completed the rail link from Brisbane to Adelaide via Sydney and, he said, created a facility necessary for the 1901 creation of the Australian Nation we have today. In detail, Bill showed

and explained the manner of the construction, using photographic evidence from the day. (Bill was instrumental in locating and publicising the detailed working notes photos and diary of the American site manager.) The construction was by an American company, but used entirely Australian site workers.

Kenthurst Probians will participate in a Christmas in July luncheon at the Fiddler at Rouse Hill: future activities include walking excursions, a visit to the Parramatta Female Factory, and possibly a return to Sydney Town Hall for a Good Old Days Concert.

Meetings are held at 9.30 am on the third Monday of every month (except December), and guests are always welcome to join us in a cup of tea and to enjoy the Guest Speaker's address.

Details can be obtained from Membership Director Rosalie Chaloner on 0410 911 917.



Round Corner Dural Probus Club

If you're thinking of picking up a new hobby in retirement, we'd love for you to join us at our monthly meetings!

This month, we had three visitors who came along to hear our guest speaker and learn about the fun activities our members enjoy.

For our outing this month, we organised a bus trip to the new Sydney Fish Markets at Glebe. The new Sydney Fish Markets is the biggest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. The weather was just perfect for the day, and some members brought cooler bags and esky bags to take home some of the freshest seafood.

The lunch options were amazing! This trip is definitely a must for everyone.

Our guest speaker for the June meeting was Noel Phelan from the National Maritime Museum. Noel came back to share a well-researched and visually stunning presentation about the Australian team's incredible achievement in winning the America's Cup in 1983, which is one of the most amazing moments in Australian sporting history.

Round Corner Dural Probus Club has a variety of activities each month.

Members get together monthly for a morning meeting at The Galston Club on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am. We're really excited to welcome new members and visitors.

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Recent meeting highlights were welcoming six new members to the club to share the fun.

In the coming weeks regular monthly pastimes will be supplemented with a visit to The Quarantine Station in Manly, theatre outings, a social drive, a walk and investigation of the Kakoda Memorial walkway, a cheap and cheerful 'Opal' outing and excitedly a Christmas in July trip away providing something for everyone.



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 Vicki on 0417 200 351.

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

Cherrybrook collection for the Hungry

Thanks to the generosity of our local community and Woolworths at Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre our Lions Club last Saturday collected 9 large trolleys of grocery related items for The Dish

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MORE ARRESTED IN BAGHSARIAN MURDER CASE



Robbery and Serious Crime Squad detectives have charged another two men following an investigation into the alleged kidnapping and murder of Chris Baghsarian.

Just after 5 am on Friday, 13th February 2026, officers from Ryde Police Area Command received a report that an

85-year-old man had been kidnapped from his home in North Ryde.

Local police attended before detectives attached to State Crime Command's Robbery & Serious Crime Squad began a coordinated response to recover the man under Strike Force Chabot.

Early inquiries established that Chris Baghsarian was not the intended target of the kidnapping and had been taken in a case of mistaken identity. Mr Baghsarian's remains were located about 8 am on Tuesday, 24th February 2026 near a golf club in Pitt Town. Four people have previously been charged and remain before the courts.

Following further extensive inquiries, about 7.15 am on Tuesday, 16th June 2026 strike force detectives, with assistance of Northwest Metropolitan Operations Support Group, executed a search warrant in Shalvey, where they arrested a 19-year-old man. A short time later, strike force detectives arrested a 21-year-old man in Silverwater. Both men were taken to Mt Druitt Police Station, where they were charged with murder and take/detain in company with intent to ransom occasioning actual bodily harm. The 19-year-old man was also charged with failing to comply with a digital evidence access order direction. They were refused bail to appear at Mt Druitt Local Court on Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Strike Force Chabot inquiries are ongoing.

Anyone with information that may assist investigations into organised criminal activity is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>

SUSPICIOUS FIRE ROCKS GALSTON COMMUNITY

Residents of Galston awoke to an unpleasant surprise on Sunday 21st June, discovering a recently opened business in the Galston Village shopping centre ablaze. Local homeowners rushed to extinguish the fire before emergency services arrived on the scene. Neighbouring food premises, Thai Square Cuisine escaped relatively unscathed except for some apparent smoke damage to the front facade.

NSW Police provided the following statement:

About 5.40am on Sunday (21st June 2026), emergency services were called to a business on Galston Road, Galston, following reports of a fire.



Officers attached to Ku-Ring-Gai Police Area Command attended the business and found the fire had been extinguished by residents nearby.

There was minor structural damage to the building with no injuries reported. A crime scene has been established with an investigation into the cause the fire underway. Inquiries continue.

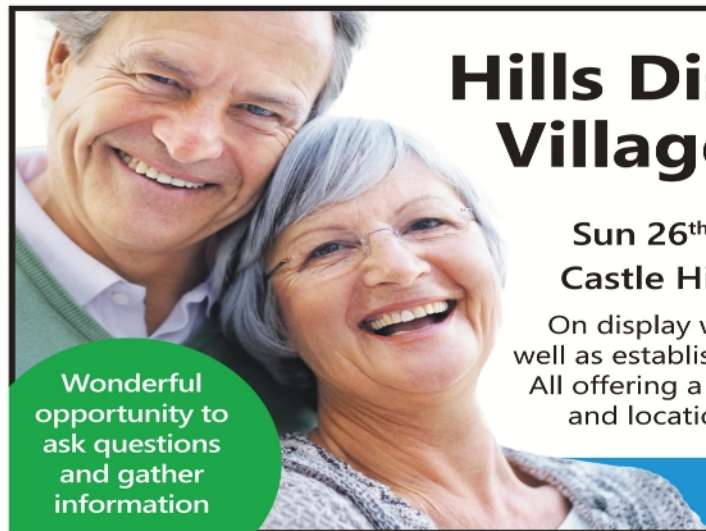
CASTLE HILL MURDER

On Sunday, 14th June, Detectives investigating the death of man at Castle Hill last month have charged a fourth person with murder.

Strike Force Sunbach was formed to investigate the death of a 44-year-old man, who was found critically injured outside a unit complex in Crane Road about 2.40 am on Sunday, 17th May 2026. The man was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics at the scene; however, he could not be revived. Officers attached to The Hills Police Area Command and North West Metropolitan Region, assisted by State Crime Command's Homicide Squad, commenced an investigation. Since then, detectives have arrested and charged two men, aged 30 and 38, and a 34-year-old woman with murder; they remain before the courts.

About 2.45 am on Sunday, 14th June 2026, officers attached to Kings Cross Police Area Command arrested a 31-year-old man on Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo, on an outstanding warrant for the offence of murder. He was taken to Kings Cross Police Station and has now been charged with murder. He's been refused bail to appear at Bail Division Court 7 on Monday, 15th June 2026.

If you have any information on any of the above, please contact Crime Stoppers NSW at 1800 333 000.



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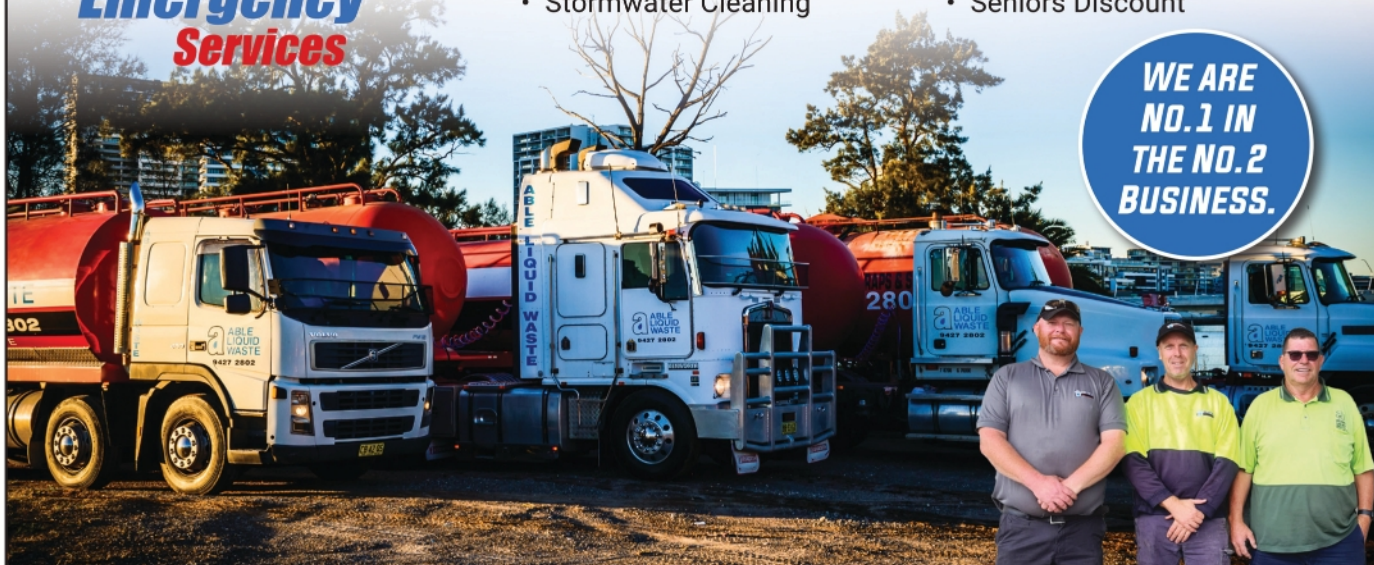
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from the Mayor's Desk

I'm pleased to share that Council has adopted its 2026-2030 Delivery Program and 2026-2027 Operational Plan, our roadmap for the next four years and a detailed plan for the year ahead. It sets out what we will deliver, how we will do it and how it will be funded, turning community priorities into real outcomes. Shaped by extensive community consultation, the plan responds to key challenges including growth, housing affordability, transport, climate action and social connection. This year, we will deliver \$61 million in 95 capital projects alongside \$150 million in essential services.

We're also investing in vibrant town centres, with major public domain improvements in Galston, Asquith, Mt Colah, Pennant Hills and Hornsby - creating safer, more attractive and connected places for our community.

This month is Plastic Free July, when we focus on taking action to reduce plastic waste. The people of Hornsby Shire are passionate about preserving our precious environment, and Council is committed to supporting this. We're hosting events to inspire you to reduce your use of plastic and live more sustainably. From online webinars to in-person workshops, there's something for everyone.

Also, this month, we mark NAIDOC Week from 5-12 July, when we celebrate and learn about the first custodians of our land. This year's theme, '50 Years of Deadly', highlights the strength and pride of First Nations communities over the past five decades. On this significant week, I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn more about the Traditional Owners of Hornsby Shire, the Dharug and GuriNgai Peoples.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire



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Tuesday 14 July, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Hornsby Library



Composting and Worm Farming

Thursday 16 July, 10am-12.30pm
Community Recycling Centre, Thornleigh

Common Threads: Make and Mend

Tuesday 21 July, 10.30am-12.30pm
Hornsby Library

Clothes Swap

Saturday 25 July, 9.30am-11.45am
Thornleigh Community Centre

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What Makes a “Good” Hearing Aid? It is More Than the Price Tag

Walk into any café conversation and you will hear it sooner or later: “Which hearing aid is the best?” With new models released every couple of years, it is an understandable question. In clinic, however, I often meet people seeking a second opinion who tell me they “bought the best hearing aid available”, and by “best,” they usually mean “most expensive.” The uncomfortable truth is that price alone does not guarantee a great result, and the people who learn that the hard way are usually the ones who need help the most.

A better way to think about hearing aids is not as a single product, but as an outcome made up of many ingredients. I like to compare it to ordering a burger. On the surface, most burgers have the same basics: bun, patty, sauce, maybe cheese and pickles. Yet we all know the experience can range from disappointing to outstanding. Hearing aids are similar. The hardware matters, the software matters, and most importantly how the whole solution is put together matters.

Let us start with the hardware, the device worn behind the ear or, in some cases, in the ear. A good first step is choosing technology from a reputable, mainstream hearing aid manufacturer with

a strong service network and proven reliability. One practical issue consumers do not always hear about is “white labelling” devices branded with the name of a retail chain rather than the original manufacturer. In some cases, white-labelled devices can be difficult, or even impossible, to service, repair or reprogram elsewhere. That matters if you move, travel, or simply want the freedom to change providers without starting again.

Next is the software inside the hearing aid: the features that help shape and clean up sound. Modern devices can include advanced noise reduction, think of it as a “sound washing machine” directional microphones that focus on speech in front of you, and automatic programs that reduce the need to constantly fiddle with settings. Typically, manufacturers place the most advanced version of these features into their premium models, then offer mid-and entry-level versions with some functions reduced or removed to make them more affordable. In this sense, you often do get what you pay for, but only up to a point, and only if those features match your real listening needs.

The biggest factor in success is not just what you buy, but how it is fitted

and supported. This is the “recipe” and “cooking” part of the burger analogy. In hearing care, that recipe is known as best-practice principles: independent, evidence-based recommendations designed to help clinicians achieve the best outcomes with any brand of hearing aid. Proper best-practice fitting requires specialised equipment and, crucially, time. In our clinic, it is common to spend six to eight hours of clinical time across the first two months, including the fitting and several follow-up appointments, to refine performance in real life, not just in a quiet test room.

Ongoing care matters too. Regular check-ins, often every four to six months help ensure devices remain optimised, comfortable and reliable, much like a safety checklist helps pilots prepare for landing. When clinics cut corners on time, process or measurement equipment, patients may end up with premium technology that never performs to its potential.

The takeaway is simple: a “good” hearing aid is not defined by a model name or a price tag. It is the combination of reputable technology, appropriate features for your needs, and a clinician who follows a thorough, best-practice process with ongoing support. If you are considering hearing aids, ask not only what you are buying, but how it will be fitted, verified and maintained over time.



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Dural and District Historical Society Inc.

News from History Cottage

There is not doubt of the increasing interest in our local history. More than 100 were in the audience at the Society's meeting on the 13th June, to hear member, Judy Horton give the story behind those stone cottages, cenotaphs and fences that are a feature of our landscape. They are the work of Joseph Aaron Booth.



Speaker, Judy Horton, right and Elyssa Fraeme with the magnificent Sonter's maidenhair fern that has its origins in Galston

Judy's meticulous research took her down many "rabbit holes" as she made connections between this local resident and master mason; his family, his clients, his search for the perfect stone and long gone residents, whose influence reached far beyond our community. A most informative and entertaining afternoon.

The guest speaker for the 11th July meeting will be the ever popular Malcolm Johnston, who will tell the story of The Round Corner Dural. This junction of roads was an important setting off point for the early settlers, with Coach changes, supplies and early settlement making it a place of interest for all local history.

A date for the diary is the June Roughley Memorial Lecture on the 8th August. Dr Michael Griffith, will tell of the life and work of Francis Webb, whom Les Murray described as "one of Australia's greatest poets". Webb lived for a time in our community and wrote a quartet of poems set in Galston.

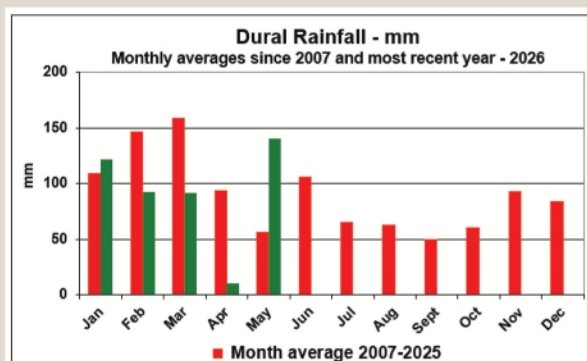
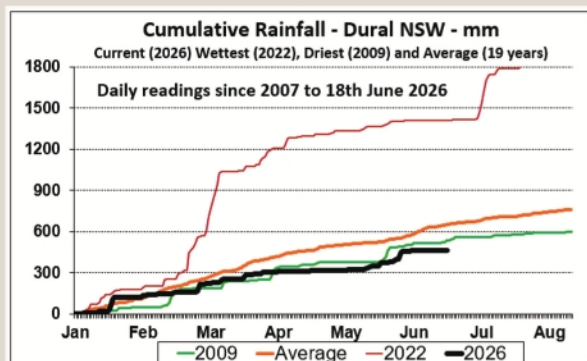
Meetings starting at 2.00pm, are held in the Galston Uniting Church, School Road, Galston. Entry is free with a gold coin for afternoon tea. All welcome.

Cottage research open day 28th June between 1.00 and 4.00pm. Visitors welcome.

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West Pennant Hills Sports Bowls Club

Another busy month at West Pennant Hills Sports Bowls Club. The mixed triples championship kicked off in May with all teams keen to do well. After some very close games in the preliminary rounds the teams of Harry Furst, Janne Reynolds and Albert Bosco faced off against Con Ganis, Vicki Brown and Graeme Oddy in the final. This was a close fought match with the scores even, 6 all, after 7 ends. After 14 ends the score was 16 to 10 to Albert's team. Graeme's team fought back and levelled the score at 20 all on the 19th end, however a game changing 5 was scored by Graeme's team on the next end. This was too much for Albert's team to make up and Con, Vicki and Graeme ran out winners 25 to 21. Congratulations to both teams on a great final.



We have now moved to the Novice Singles competition. This competition is open to all bowlers who have taken up bowls less than 3 years ago and haven't won any other club championship. We have 9 entries into this competition, and it will be fought out over the next 3 weeks (weather permitting).

Bowls is a great social activity for people of all ages and we cater for everyone. We have dedicated coaches who can teach you all the aspects of bowls. If you are thinking about taking up bowls, make West Pennant Hills Bowls Club your first choice.

West Pennant Hill Sports Club is located at 103 New Line Road, West Pennant Hills.

If you are at all interested in playing bowls with a friendly and very social club, please contact Lyn Van Wyk on 0417 752 997.



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Dural Bowling Club

The winter months bring a busy playing calendar for the Dural Bowlers as described below.

Consistency Final

The Consistency Final took place on Tuesday 2nd June. Reg Munusamy defeated Kate Liu to become the 2026 Consistency Champion. Our congratulations to Reg and commiserations to Kate.



Living Choice Carnival

The carnival that is sponsored yearly took place on the 15th June with 30 teams from neighbouring areas competing for prizes. Our thanks to Living Choice for their continuing contributions.

Drawn Pairs Competition

This competition is currently in progress with the semifinal scheduled for Saturday 20th June and the final on 27th June respectively.

Men's and Women's Minor Singles

The Women and Men's Minor Singles are scheduled to start on the 30th June and 4th July 2026.

AGM and 60th Anniversary

The AGM will take place on the morning of the 8th August and will be followed with a celebratory lunch for the 60th anniversary. An article in the previous edition highlighted the club's milestones through the years. Invitations will be sent in the coming days to current and retired bowlers for the celebratory lunch.

Anyone that is interested in playing Lawn Bowls, Free lessons by qualified coaches are available Phone: Rob Whiddon 0411 375 580.

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Castle Hill Players presents

A SHOT IN THE DARK

at the Pavilion Theatre from 24th July – 15th August

Adapted by Harry Kurnitz from the play "L'Idiot" by Marcel Achard. Directed by Jason Spindlow

One body, one bullet, and a dozen scandalous secrets.

When a crime of passion is committed in a respectable Parisian household, newly appointed Chief Magistrate Paul Sevigne takes on what should be an open and shut case. After all, the accused – good natured and guileless maid Josefa – has been found unconscious, nude, clutching a gun, with her lover dead beside her.

Yet, armed with nothing but gut instinct and a knack for sniffing out buried truths, Sevigne uncovers a tangled web of mistresses, motives, and mistaken identities that puts his new position in jeopardy.

With razor-sharp dialogue and a cast of delightfully flawed characters, expect shocking twists and a murder investigation that dances on the edge of absurdity.

A Shot in the Dark is a riotous whodunit that flips the murder mystery genre on its head and was the inspiration for Peter Sellers' 1964 film of the same name.

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One murdered chauffeur. One unconscious maid holding a gun. A houseful of accusations. Did she do it, or is there more at play in this seemingly open and shut case? Jason, Director

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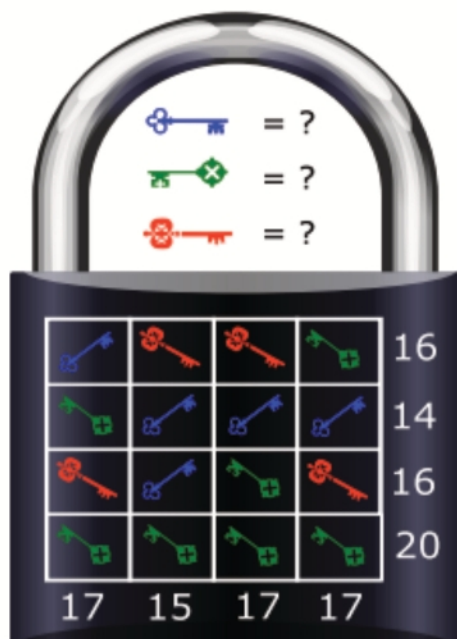
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The production showcases the dedication, creativity and talent of students who have worked tirelessly to bring the iconic story to life. From lead performers and ensemble members to musicians, stage crew and technical teams, students have embraced every aspect of the production process.

Rehearsals have been filled with energy and enthusiasm as students refined challenging musical numbers, perfected



choreography and developed the confidence required to perform before a live audience. Their commitment reflects the strength of the school's creative and performing arts programs and the opportunities available for students to pursue their passions.

Audiences can look forward to a spectacular family-friendly production featuring memorable songs, colourful costumes and plenty of theatrical magic.

More than just a musical, *Mary Poppins* is a celebration of teamwork, perseverance and student achievement, highlighting what can be accomplished when young people are given the opportunity to shine.

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James Wallace
HORNSBY MP

Cutting the ribbon on new classrooms marks a milestone for Warrah students



Warrah is one of those special places in our community, providing a specialist school, housing and support services for children and adults with a range of disabilities.

I was honoured to attend the official opening of two new purpose-built classrooms at Warrah Specialist School on 12th June.

This well attended event marked the culmination of renovations at Kaltenbach Cottage to create custom-designed classrooms to support students' sensory regulation and enable small group learning and high staff-to-student ratios.

Investments like these enable Warrah to continue its 60-year vision to forge an exemplary community, way of life and education for people with intellectual disability. The rooms will help staff better meet the multi-faceted needs of their students and have a lasting impact of the entire Warrah community.

Full circle moment

It was particularly special for the many current and past school families, students, teachers and community members present to meet Hannelore, one of Warrah's original founders. In 1965, Hannelore and Karl Kaltenbach established a suite of educational and vocational programs to provide support for adults and children with disabilities on a bushy block in Dural. Today, Warrah continues to create a welcoming space for its community and advocate for their needs.

Stronger together

Part of what makes representing the Hornsby state electorate so meaningful to me is witnessing the impact of what a community of values-driven individuals working together can achieve for the betterment of those around them.

Without the enthusiasm, sacrifice and dedication of those who contributed their time, expertise, finances, in-kind support and at times – weekends, these classrooms simply wouldn't have been built. This service to the community means 14 more students and their families will have access to Warrah – along with the respect, integrity, community and excellence that are its core values.

I encourage everyone to drop in and visit the Warrah organic farm shop and Waaia café soon.

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Julian Leaser
MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Community Leaders Come Together for New Line Road Upgrade

I recently brought together community leaders and representatives from local schools, sporting clubs, cultural organisations, churches, and community associations to discuss the long-awaited widening of New Line Road.

While the organisations represented different parts of our community, the message was remarkably consistent: congestion on New Line Road is worsening and the impacts are being felt by everyone.

School representatives spoke about the challenges families face during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Community groups highlighted the difficulties many seniors experience travelling to activities and events, while sporting organisations described the impact traffic has on members travelling across the region for training and competition and how it restricts their growth potential.

A key concern raised throughout the discussion was the growing pressure being placed on local roads as surrounding areas continue to develop. Participants also highlighted how worsening congestion is creating "rat runs" through residential streets, with motorists increasingly diverting through local neighbourhoods to avoid



traffic delays. This is placing additional pressure on roads never intended to carry significant through traffic and raising concerns about safety for local families and pedestrians.

Safety was another recurring theme, with concerns raised about pedestrian access, busy intersections and increasing traffic volumes. Many attendees also noted that congestion now extends well beyond traditional peak periods and affects people throughout the day and on weekends.

The meeting reinforced what local residents have been telling me for years: our community has waited long enough for action. That is why I am continuing to advocate for the widening of New Line Road and encouraging residents to support the community petition calling for this critical project to be prioritised.



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Stronger Action Needed on Gang Violence

Families throughout the community are increasingly concerned by the surge in gangland violence across our society.

When parents can be targeted during school pick-up, when brutal machete attacks occur in our suburbs, and when innocent family members become caught in the crossfire of organised crime disputes, it is clear that something is seriously wrong.

As I said in Parliament recently, these criminal organisations are operating with increasing brazenness. They are showing contempt for the Government, the Police and the rule of law. Despite repeated announcements and new legislation, these gangs do not appear to fear the consequences of their actions.

The Minns Labor Government has failed to curb escalating gangland violence. Communities expect governments to stay one step ahead of organised crime, yet criminal networks continue to adapt their methods, recruit younger offenders and outsource violence to others to distance themselves from the crimes they orchestrate.

The public is entitled to ask a simple question: what is the Government doing to restore control?

The Government points to its recent legislation as evidence that it is taking strong action. However, tough headlines do not automatically translate into tough outcomes.

During debate on the legislation, the Opposition sought to strengthen non-parole periods for serious gangland offences to ensure

the worst offenders face meaningful consequences for their actions. The Government voted with the Greens to reject those amendments.

The Opposition has now unveiled a suite of new measures that would combat the rise of gang violence, including:

- New offences of using a violence broker or acting as a violence broker with a maximum penalty of 16 years or 20 years if a child is involved;
- Double the funding to the NSW Crime Commission to allow it to identify more participants in organised crime and confiscate their unexplained wealth;
- Extending unexplained wealth orders so they apply to anyone reasonably suspected of acting as or using a violence broker.

Our families deserve to feel safe in their homes, at their schools and in their local communities. They deserve confidence that governments are doing everything possible to protect them and stay ahead of increasingly sophisticated and ruthless criminal organisations.

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THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

Rural villages across Sydney's fringe play a vital role as social, economic and cultural centres for their surrounding landscapes. In The Hills Shire, places like Glenorie offer a rare blend of rural charm and essential services—supermarkets, schools, medical facilities and community spaces. These villages are not intended to absorb large-scale residential growth; instead, state and local planning frameworks emphasise protecting their character, supporting rural industries and responding to local needs through careful, place-based planning.

This underpins The Hills Shire Council's Rural Strategy and Local Strategic Planning Statement, which identify Glenorie as a village that could benefit from modest, sympathetic growth. Glenorie has become the first focus area. Hornsby Shire, which shares the village centre along Old Northern Road has recently completed their own Rural Lands study for Glenorie.

The Glenorie Study Area spans 86 hectares and includes a mix of low-density homes, rural lots and shop-top housing. The draft Glenorie Place Strategy sets out a long-term vision for a thriving village that supports local agritourism, nurseries and floriculture,

while offering more housing choice through semi-rural and environmental living lots. A small population increase would help sustain local shops, hospitality and services, strengthening Glenorie as a place to live, visit and thrive.

Community engagement has been central to shaping the Strategy. The draft was exhibited alongside detailed technical studies, with material available online, at Council's administration building, and at multiple drop-in sessions and a facilitated community workshop which I attended back in November 2025. Council officers met with residents, landowners and stakeholders to discuss ideas, concerns and aspirations. The workshop attracted strong attendance and revealed a wide spectrum of views—from better pedestrian and transport infrastructure to mixed opinions on housing diversity, road connections and retail expansion.

More than 120 submissions were received, reflecting the community's interest in Glenorie's future. While views varied, one theme was clear: people care deeply about preserving the village's rural identity. The Glenorie Place Strategy aims to hold that sentiment. The plan aims to supporting renewal, enhancing character and ensuring the village grows not bigger, but better.

I have been genuinely impressed by the engagement of the community in this plan and the conversations that I have had with many in the study area and Glenorie more generally. Resident and landholder feedback and input help shape plans such as these.



Dr Michelle Byrne

MAYOR OF THE HILLS SHIRE

Council Opposes Dural Subdivision Proposal

The future of our rural areas is incredibly important to The Hills community, and that's why Council remains firmly opposed to the proposed redevelopment of rural land into a 110-lot residential subdivision surrounding Dural Public School. Council has already carefully considered and rejected this proposal, only for the State Government to move forward with it anyway. This decision highlights a growing disconnect between local planning priorities and State-led approvals, with outcomes being imposed on our community that do not align with Council's carefully considered local plans.

We cannot support additional development in this location without the necessary infrastructure to sustain it, particularly when key routes like New Line Road are already under significant strain and are not equipped to handle further pressure without substantial upgrades.

Catch the FIFA World Cup at The Hills Football Fan Zone

Council is proud to once again partner with Rouse Hill Town Centre to bring the excitement and energy of the 2026 FIFA World Cup to The Hills Shire. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together and support their favourite teams in a vibrant, local setting.

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Yarn at the Farm: Celebrate NAIDOC Week

Yarn at the Farm returns this NAIDOC Week, and Council is inviting Hills residents to enjoy this cultural experience. In partnership with Muru Mittigar, the event features Indigenous markets, musicians, dance performances, workshops, arts, storytelling and amazing food. Come along and join us at Bella Vista Farm on Thursday 9th July, 10am–2pm.



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Water Courses and Waterfalls



Due to the somewhat rugged terrain in some of our local bushland reserves it can be expected that numerous creeks course through the narrow floors of steep gullies. In many places water tumbles over rock ledges as it makes its way downstream.

At times its progress is slowed where pools and ponds have formed due to

a rock shelf holding back the flow. This in turn can create picturesque scenes, many of which are accessible from walking tracks which generally follow these watercourses.

It is where the water flows slower that bushwalkers are more likely to encounter water birds and water dragons. Where there is suitable vegetation in which these creatures can hide the bushwalker may need to wait quietly for a time to make these creatures think that it is safe to come out of hiding.

In times of heavy rainfall however it is advisable to NOT be in the vicinity of these creeks as waters may rise quickly. This is due mainly to the more rapid run-off from built up areas accessing natural watercourses more quickly. At times a "wall" of water may flow with considerable force along the creek lines, joining forces with other tributary watercourses, forming a dangerous current

that can sweep away anything in its path that is not firmly attached to the ground.

Mostly though, watercourses and waterfalls in our bushland reserves present a much more peaceful, enjoyable and pleasant environment to stop and spend some time. It is along these creeks that can be found a wide variety of flowering plants, delicate ferns and colourful fungi, that thrive on the moist conditions provided by the flowing water.



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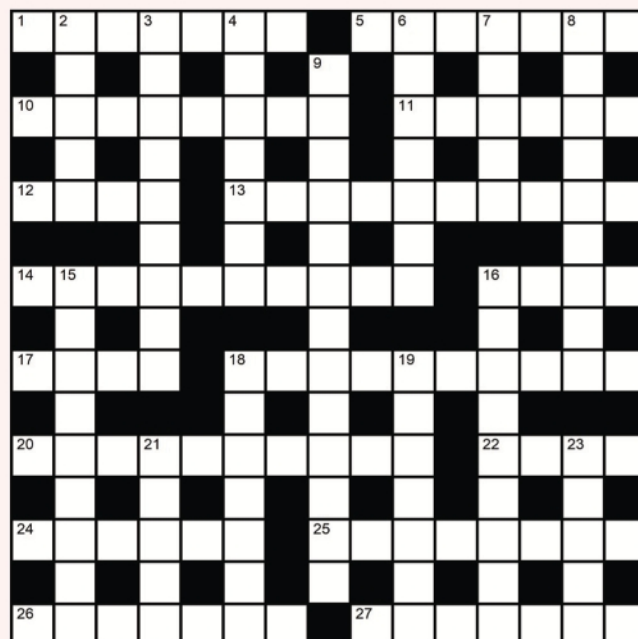
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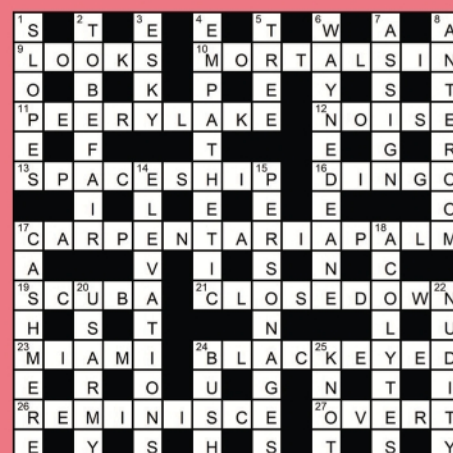
Across

- 01 Illness indicator (7)
- 05 Warning not to trust technocrats (7)
- 10 Type of bobsleigh (8)
- 11 Turbulent (6)
- 12 Wine press residue (4)
- 13 Where Oliver Twist and Jane Eyre were, for a while (10)
- 14 Dressmaker (10)
- 16 Complain bitterly (4)
- 17 Render speechless (4)
- 18 Apelike son thrashed a hockey player (6,4)
- 20 Bolder lady regenerated as punk rocker (5,5)
- 22 Sharp to the taste (4)
- 24 There's nothing in it (6)
- 25 Christian rockers (8)
- 26 Former Deputy Prime Minister Doug --- (7)
- 27 Led down the aisle (7)

Down

- 02 Hard work (5)
- 03 Claim peon is beaten up for a public servant (9)
- 04 Frontier settlement (7)
- 06 Student's whereabouts, preferably (2,5)
- 07 Hawaiian hello (5)
- 08 Fuzzy (9)
- 09 Sydney Harbour feature (7,6)
- 15 Amuse (9)
- 16 Held in esteem (9)
- 18 Middle part (7)
- 19 Follow-up punches, in boxing (3-4)
- 21 Moolah (5)
- 23 Banjo Paterson speciality (5)

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