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Cherrybrook Probus Ponderings – 27 Great Years but No Time to Rest

Recently the Combined Probud Club of Cherrybrook celebrated its birthday complete with party hats and cake. The happy meeting provided an opportunity to reflect upon many wonderful times through reminiscences of Past President Robin and a Power point retrospective of some of the events over the past 27 years. The presentation brought back memories to long standing members and offered newer ones an insight into the club's history.

But there is no resting on laurels and we have been out enjoying the here and now with lots of activities including golf, bowls, ten pin bowling, mini golf at

Thornleigh and a challenging walk from Barangaroo to Woolloomooloo. However these physical activities have been balanced with Money Matters talks, theatre outings to 'Fiddler on the Roof' and 'My Fair Lady', a lovely social drive to Avoca, a visit to HARS for the aircraft fanatics and plenty of wine and dining.

Upcoming events include a trip to Davistown by ferry, Cronulla by train and Norfolk Island by plane.

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 Probud 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 Probud Club to share the good times.



Come and join Round Corner Dural Probud Club

- Make new friends
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- participate in a wide range of activities

This month we've enjoyed a car rally, trivia fun, lunch banquet, and much more at the Probud Club of Round Corner Dural.

The Round Corner Dural Probud Club is always welcoming new members and this month we welcomed 3 visitors and inducted 3 new members. Coming up, we will be enjoying a BBQ at the Castle Hill Heritage Park, a tour of Hyde Park Barracks, a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens, and later this month, we are excited to be setting off for a six-day coach holiday to Belligen and the Coffs Coast.

We meet every second Monday at 9:30 am at The Galston Club.

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SHOTS FIRED

An 11-year-old boy died after he was allegedly shot at a Norwest home.

Police were called to a Fairway Drive unit about 5 PM on Monday, 21st September, where the boy was found with a gunshot wound to his face and neck.

He was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to hospital in critical condition. Police were informed of his death on Thursday, 24th September.

Five other people inside the home were not injured.

Three 18-year-old men were arrested. Two were later released pending further inquiries, while the third was charged with concealing a serious indictable offence. The matter remains before the courts.

Police inquiries are continuing.

STABBING

Three men have been arrested and charged following an alleged stabbing at a Glenwood service station in July.

Two 20-year-old men were arrested at a Leilani Street home in Kellyville Ridge about 7:10 AM on Wednesday, 23rd September. A 19-year-old man was also arrested at a Caddens home.

All three were charged with multiple offences, including wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and were refused bail before appearing at Penrith Local Court.

The arrests follow an alleged brawl at the Old Windsor Road service station on 29th July, where a 19-year-old man suffered a serious stab wound to his arm.

A fourth 19-year-old man was previously arrested and charged over the incident. Police inquiries are continuing.



BRING HOME THE BACON

The Hills Catering Brigade, known as the High Rollers, secured the 2nd place in the RFSA Eat Street Challenge during the NSW RFS State Championships (11th to 13th September).

The High Rollers were one in six catering teams that ensured food was ready for all marshalls, judges, crews, and participants. Northern Tablelands' Hound Dogs is this year's top team while Hawkesbury's catering brigade, Double or Nothing, placed third.

Teams of four were tasked to plan, prepare, and serve one item each from the breakfast and lunch menus, and a bonus Double Down Salad Bar.

Team Leader Stephanie Carter said their breakfast and lunch items, the *Bacon and Egg Burger* and *Chuck Norris Waffle*, were very popular.

"Our breakfast team was a hit with the public, especially since we were the only team that offered hollandaise sauce (which was highly popular)," she said.

"[G]iven that we had an unusual lunch item, a lot of people were a bit skeptical to try our adaptation of chicken and waffles. However, once news spread of how delicious it was, the flood gates opened, and we ended up with 2 queues lining up."

"The judges were quite impressed with how we re-created America's classic, keeping it simple yet really tasty. Being so unique, as we don't really have chicken and waffles here in Sydney, let alone Australia, made us stand out against the competition."

They also had the 1994 tour *Barry Manilow Supreme Tossed Salad*, a famous simple tossed salad, consisting of lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, a light dressing, and few additions of chopped carrots, green beans, and an oil and balsamic vinaigrette.



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BREAK-IN

A 42-year-old man has been charged following an alleged break-in at a Castle Hill construction site early Monday, 21st September.

Police were called about 4 AM after two men were reportedly seen entering the Windsor Road site and removing items.

Officers located a vehicle nearby with number plates allegedly stolen from North Parramatta. A man was later found in a nearby property's rear yard and arrested.

He was charged, refused bail and remains before the courts.

TRUCK CRASH

A man died following a truck crash in Hornsby early Thursday morning, 17th September.

Emergency services were called to Leighton Place shortly before 3 AM after reports a truck had rolled and struck a pole.

Kuring Gai Police Area Command officers attended and found the man inside the vehicle. He is yet to be formally identified.

A crime scene was established and police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash. A report will be prepared for the NSW Coroner.

VEHICLE CRASH

On Wednesday, 16th September, crews from Kenthurst, Rouse Hill Rural Fire Brigade and 083 Riverstone Fire & Rescue NSW attended a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Annangrove Road and Blue Gum Road.

All occupants were out of the vehicles when crews arrived, with no one trapped.

BUSH FIRE

On Friday, 13th September, at 5:20 PM, crews responded to a Triple Zero call of a bushfire on Porters Road in Kenthurst. RFS Brigades from Kenthurst, Dural, Glenhaven, Annangrove, Kellyville Ridge, and Round Corner quickly assessed and contained the fire, while some units remained on scene.

According to the Kenthurst RFB, eight emergency assets were present.

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Kenthurst Combined Probus Club

Kenthurst Probus Members gathered on the 21st of September, which was in fact the three hundredth meeting of Club since its inauguration in 1997, an impressive record.

The meeting commenced with President Burt Stuuat inducting Rhonda Brown as the Club's latest recruit and welcoming her into the Club. (picture)

Our Guest Speaker was Mai Nguyen (picture) who spoke on the topic "Traditional Chinese Culture". Mai in fact is a spokesperson for

Australia's Falun Dafa Association: Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong), she explained, embodies exercises in keeping with traditions that Chinese people have embraced for many years, even centuries. Its devotees practice simple daily physical exercises that are believed to enhance personal wellbeing. For all its simplicity of intentions and practices the Communist Party of China has banned the practice and customs of the movement.

After her address, she and her colleague Emmy led Club members in some Falun Dafa exercises, which nowhere seemed a threat to civilisation. (picture)

Some Club members are to join the audience in the Theatre Royal for "Fiddler on the Roof" later this month. Other activities include a walk at Boongala Gardens, Kenthurst, and afterwards lunch at the Vanilla Cream Café, Annangrove.

Some Club members will be enjoying a bus tour to the Yarrawonga in October: also in October there will be a visit to the Dural History Cottage in Galston.

Our Club meets at 9.30 AM on the third Monday of every month, except December, at the Kenthurst Uniting Church cnr Jones Road and Kenthurst Road, visitors are always welcome to attend, enjoy morning tea, and listen to our Speaker's presentation.

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



Arcadian Quilting News

Spring has arrived, followed by hope; hope for those caught in the world's catastrophes; hope for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Arcadian Quilters

Group continue to make these brightly coloured fabric bags (picture) which are offered to homeless families and women escaping domestic violence.

The Charity shop at Galston Helping Hearts Survive, who distributes our bags has named these bags ... "Dignity for Women Bags"

The generous Patchwork/Quilting ladies also fill these bags with personal toiletry items, wrapped in love and hope for someone's future.

The busy AQ ladies also donate Quilts for beds and smaller Quilts for knee rugs for wheelchair residents and participants who live and attend Warrah Society in Dural.

"What goes around, comes around" ... as the saying goes and donations of wonderful fabrics become bags for less fortunate families.

Arcadian Quilters meet in the Community Health Centre, Crn, The Glade and Arcadia Rd, Galston on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of every month at 9.30 am.

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By value, Trees of Joy is often Rotary's largest charity activity, and its success is made possible by the incredible generosity of the community.

This year, Rotary is working with more than 10 local charities, helping provide Christmas gifts to children and adults who may otherwise go without.

We will be running our annual Trees of Joy Program at Cherrybrook Village Shopping Centre, Westleigh Village Shopping Centre, Pennant Hills Marketplace and Thornleigh Marketplace from Monday 2nd November until Thursday 10th December.

Shoppers choose a person to support, based on their story and their Christmas wish on the bauble, purchase the required gift and return it, with the bauble attached, to the drop off points at the shopping centres by 10 December. That gift is delivered to the family for Christmas.

Please visit one of our Trees of Joy, select a bauble and help put some extra joy into Christmas for children and families who are less fortunate.

We encourage people to donate early as this helps with distributing the gifts.

Your generosity can make a real difference this Christmas. Thank you for helping us spread the joy!

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

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook

Web page: <http://www.wphrotary.org/>



Community Spirit Reunites Missing Cat Max with Owner

Max, a beloved black-and-white cat, went missing in Cherrybrook, sparking a determined search led by his owner, Katy. After two anxious weeks and with the help of the local community, Max was joyfully reunited with his family.



Katy didn't give up hope. She personally put up 200 missing posters across the neighbourhood and canvassed the streets, reaching out to schools, daycares, and local students. The community responded with enthusiasm and care, sharing numerous tips that even led to the reunion of another missing cat — a 17-year-old feline who had been lost for over a year.

When Max was finally spotted, the challenge of safely capturing him began. "FosterJen", a dedicated animal rescue volunteer, stepped in and successfully brought Max back to Katy within 24 hours of his sighting.

Grateful for the outpouring of support, Katy returned to the streets to post "Found" posters, thanking the Cherrybrook community for their kindness and teamwork.

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Dural and District Historical Society Inc.

News from History Cottage

The well attended September meeting heard member and archaeologist, Elyssa Freame, explain The Convict Trail Project for the Great North Road. This is a volunteer organisation that receives Council assistance to record and preserve a road

constructed between 1826 and 1836.

The upper Hunter Valley settlers had pressed for a serviceable road to Sydney. As it was to go through our community, its development was, and has been, of great local significance. Feats of engineering and world heritage constructions were created. But by 1836 coastal steamers and later, the railway, made the road redundant and it fell into disrepair. Elyssa's report greatly increased our knowledge of this most significant part of our local history.

The Society will hold its Annual General

Meeting on the 10th October. This is always a happy and supportive highlight of the year. After a few formalities; members and friends who have brought an object that is of value to them, give a short explanation of why this is so. The Society invites the community to participate and to hear about some intriguing interests during this Show and Tell.

The Society has been asked to assist "Warrah" in Harris Road, off Quarry Rd, Dural, with archiving its records. "Warrah" was a leader in establishing an organisation to help those who require

special assistance with their lives. Their work has been of national significance and may not be fully understood within our community. For this reason the Society is pleased to help.

The next open afternoon at History Cottage, beside the Galston Cenotaph, is on Sunday 25th October between 1.00 and 4.00pm.

On the 14th November, David Jehan will talk on the Hudsons and Clyde Engineering.

All meeting are held in the Galston Uniting Church, School Rd Galston starting at 2.00pm. Enquiries to Michael 02 9653 1365.



Elyssa Freame enjoyed the audience's interest



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showcases for the history room, located at the historic Netherby Homestead within Fagan Park.

At Community Branch Galston, we are deeply committed to supporting local initiatives that preserve our history and enrich our shared community spaces. The Netherby Homestead is a local treasure, and these new, high-quality display cases will help properly protect and showcase its rich historical artefacts for all visitors and future generations to enjoy.

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Arcadian Artists Exhibition and Art Trail 2026

Where do artists get their inspiration and what drives them to create? Visitors are invited to take a sneak peek into the lives of over 35 Artists over the weekend of the 7th and 8th November when 5 rural studios open their doors to the public to exhibit and display the talents of many wonderful visiting artisans, including their own.

As you drive around our beautiful rural enclave of Dural, Galston and Arcadia, arrows will direct you to the exhibiting studios where you will meet artists and artisans whose enthusiasm and passion have set the Arcadian Artists apart for many years. Among them are glass artists, jewellers, painters, sculptors, wood turners, felt artists, printmakers and textile artists – to name a few!

The rural properties on the trail are a delight to visit. All studios vary in their approach and expression so it is well worth trying to visit each one. This is a golden opportunity to chat to the creators and learn about their creative processes. There will be thousands of artworks in the exhibition to simply enjoy or purchase. Why not buy a Christmas present for somebody special?

Many of the venues will have food and beverage trucks on site over the weekend. The CWA will be in attendance this year

serving tea and scones and a barbeque supporting our local Arcadia Public School will also be cooking up a storm. The local cafes will also be open for business on both days.

This unique art trail, which was launched some 40 years ago by a small group of local artists, has grown and developed into an iconic, annual rural event featuring 35 talented artists. Put the date in your diary and come along with your family to enjoy a great day out.

November 7th and 8th

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www.arcadianartists.net.au for all details and a map showing the location of the studios which are part of the trail.

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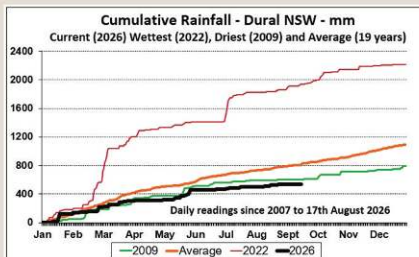
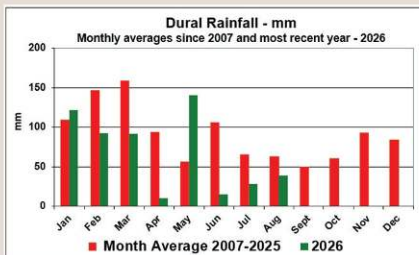
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Cooked in black pepper sauce.

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Cooked in almond flavour sauce.

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Modern hearing aids are smaller, smarter, and more powerful than ever, but technology alone doesn’t “fix” hearing. Hearing is not just an ear issue, it’s also a brain issue, a lifestyle issue, and a communication issue. Everyone’s hearing loss is different, and so is its day-to-day impact. Someone struggling in work meetings needs different solutions than someone mainly struggling at family dinners. Likewise, an active person outdoors may prioritise different settings than someone mostly at home. When the focus is only on brands, models, and feature lists, the bigger picture can be missed and even excellent devices can underperform.

Best-practice care starts with a thorough hearing assessment. This stage matters because it becomes the foundation for everything that follows. It’s not only about the audiogram; it’s about what those results mean in real listening situations. Your clinician should explore where you struggle most, what matters to you, and what goals you want to achieve. If the assessment suggests you need medical input (via a GP or ENT), a clear report should be provided to support the next steps.

The second stage is a discussion about devices and solutions. Sometimes this happens on the same day, but it can be better as a separate appointment, so you have time for questions and reflection. This conversation should cover suitable options, costs, and realistic expectations. If you decide to proceed, preparation may include ear impressions for custom earpieces and pre-checking devices before the fitting. This often takes one to three weeks.

Next is the fitting appointment (typically 60–90 minutes). This is where devices are programmed and fine-tuned from your test results, while recognising your brain needs time to adapt. You’ll also learn how to handle, charge, insert, and clean them, and what to expect in the first few weeks. Your first follow-up should be booked before you leave.

Follow-up care is where outcomes are built. The first review (often one week in) focuses on comfort, consistent wear, and confidence. Early on, the goal isn’t dramatic improvement; it’s wearing the devices comfortably for most of the day. Over the next few weeks, further adjustments and listening strategies can help, especially for speech in background noise.

By around six weeks, progress can be measured against your original goals, and the plan can be refined if needed. Great outcomes don’t come from a single appointment or a single device, they come from a complete care journey. You can also find more information in our YouTube video. Scan the QR code below and subscribe to Ear Man Dan.



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Warrah Principal Recognised in National Teaching Awards

by Lance Zafe

Warrah Specialist School Principal Dawn Grant-Skiba was recognised among 13 educators nationally in the 2026 Schools Plus Teaching Awards.

The awards were celebrated at Parliament House in Canberra on 15th September, recognising educators developing innovative approaches to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes.

Grant-Skiba said the award was an honour for herself and the Warrah team, which supports students with significant intellectual disability and complex additional needs.

"Being named a winner was an incredible honour and a wonderful

recognition, not only for me personally, but also for the dedicated and hardworking team at Warrah Specialist School," she said.

The award includes a \$20,000 Teaching Fellowship, with Grant-Skiba planning to use the 12-month program to further develop an initiative with her school team.

"One thing is certain: our students will remain at the centre of whatever we do," she said.

"The initiative is ultimately about ensuring that their voices, choices, and aspirations shape what happens next."

Warrah Specialist School is located at 20 Harris Road, Dural.



Supporting Young People in A Fast-Paced World



We live in a world that never seems to slow down. Young people today are navigating academic pressures, social expectations, digital influences, and an endless stream of information. While technology has brought many benefits, it has also contributed to a culture where comparison, anxiety, and isolation can quickly take hold.

This is why conversations around mental health have become more important than ever.

Recently, at Pacific Hills Christian School, our school community joined thousands of Australians in recognising R U OK? Day.



Through activities, discussions, and meaningful conversations, students were encouraged to check in on one another and to recognise that a simple question can have a profound impact and asking, "Are you OK?" is more than just a slogan. It is a reminder that every person deserves to be seen, valued, and supported and their worth is not determined by grades, sporting achievements, social media followers, or the opinions of others. Rather, it is found in the unchanging truth that they are known and loved by God.

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from the Mayor's Desk

As a council, we are passionate about developing arts and culture in the Shire and strive to support local artists while providing cultural opportunities for our residents. We are fortunate to have the wonderful Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in Hornsby. This month, the centre will be filled with 86 exceptional contemporary artworks when the Hornsby Art Prize exhibition returns from 16 October to 1 November.

Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the national art prize has attracted entries from across Australia. The quality of this year's entries was particularly impressive, and I encourage you to visit the exhibition to experience the outstanding works on display across the categories of Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Digital Art Stills and Sculpture. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize.

As we head into spring, it's great to see some warmer weather. While spring is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beauty of our Shire in bloom, it's also a good opportunity to start preparing for bushfires and other emergencies.

I encourage you to create an emergency plan using the Australian Red Cross Get Prepared app. The free app helps people make important decisions ahead of time, create personalised emergency plans, establish support networks, prepare emergency checklists and share plans with family and friends.

Finally, for students preparing for the HSC, extended library hours will be available to help them focus during this busy time. All the best to our students across the Shire as they prepare for this important milestone.

Warren Waddell
Mayor of Hornsby Shire

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Tuesday 20 October, 10am-12.30pm
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■ Common Threads: Make & Mend 18+

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Molly Taylor's Film 'Drive Like A Girl' Up for International Film Award

by Lawrence Machado

Drive Like a Girl, featuring Australia's top racing driver, Molly Taylor, has been nominated for the Best Documentary Feature at the 2026 International Motor Film Awards in Los Angeles.

The slick documentary follows the pioneering Arcadia driver's incredible rise to become the World Rally Champion and lift the World Extreme E Championship.

It's been a momentous year for Taylor and her partner Daniel Gardner, who welcomed their first child, Georgia, in August. She said she will take a short break before returning to racing, hopefully later this year.

Drive Like a Girl was screened on Australian free-to-air and pay TV, already winning an award from Motorsport Australia. The awards ceremony will be held on November 14th.

"It's something we've been working on for about two years, so for it to see the light of day is a special thing," Taylor told Motorsport Australia. "We wanted to show not only our season last year in rally and Extreme E, but also a behind-the-scenes that goes into making motorsport happen, all the highs and the lows, the nights in the workshop, the teamwork and all of the people who volunteer their time to make it happen."

"Just trying to be a fly on the wall and offer a unique perspective, one that covers our experience in motorsport."

The first Australian woman to compete and finish in the fearsome Paris-Dakar Rally, Taylor won many titles, including the E All-Electric Championship, the Australian Rally Championship - being the youngest and first woman - and the European Ladies Championship.

In 2015, Taylor was awarded the prestigious Peter Brock Medal, named after the legendary motor racer. Incidentally, her mother, Coral Taylor - a six-time Australian rally champion - also won the same medal 10 years later.

The film is directed and produced by award-winning Sean Lander, alongside Gardner and Taylor. It has been produced by Lander's *Unleaded Films*, in collaboration with Gardner and Taylor's *The MaD Garage*.

"The International Motor Film Awards is the place of legends," said Lander. "For our low-budget documentary to be nominated alongside some of the titans of the film industry is an honour and a privilege."

"I think it goes to show that Molly's story resonates across industries, and that seeing someone give their all to reach the top



of their chosen vocation is compelling, no matter the track surface."

Drive Like A Girl is in one of the most competitive categories at the leading automotive film and television awards event.

The film exposes the reality of what it takes to succeed in an unforgiving sport. "Everyone's experience will be different," said Taylor, who starred in Seven's *SAS Australia*. "But I think hopefully it sheds light on conversations and perspectives that haven't really been spoken about because there just haven't been as many women in motorsport and we're getting more and more, which is fantastic," Taylor added.

"We've still got a lot of work to do, so hopefully we can be a big part of that change and make a space where more women can have more fulfilling and longer careers in motorsport."

The film is available to watch on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/U6CnsWIVAKc>

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West Pennant Hills Bowls Club

It has been very busy at West Pennant Hills Bowls Club in recent times with two club championship events being decided. Firstly, the club Classic Pairs was won by Bandula Aluwihare and Tinus Van Vuuren. Bandula and Tinus defeated Barry O'Rourke and Con Ganis 19 to 15 in an



Vice President Brian Barton with pairs winners Tinus and Bandula

exciting final. Following this competition a Consistency competition was held. The semi finals saw Michael Williams win bragging rights over his son Lachlan 125 to 112 and Kevin Tuckerman advancing to the final after edging out Geoff McIntosh on an extra end, following the scores being tied at 125 all. The final between Kevin and Michael was the close game that everyone expected with Kevin drawing away at the end to win 125 to 114. Congratulations to Bandula, Tinus and Kevin on their wins.

In October a group of 33 bowlers their partners and friends are heading off on our annual "Travelling Bowlers" bus trip away. This year's location is Wagga Wagga. We will be based in Wagga Wagga for

10 days and playing bowls against 3 local clubs during our stay. An exciting itinerary has been planned with highlights including a visit to the RAAF museum, a wine tasting, a visit to Junea Liquorice and Chocolate Factory and an afternoon at the Murrumbidgee Races for those interested. These tours have been held for many years with previous tours including locations such as Batemans Bay, Tamworth, Cowra, Caloundra, Mudgee, Cairns, Norfolk Island, Tasmania plus more. This tour is always looked forward to by the members.

If you are interested in playing bowls with a friendly progressive club contact Lyn on 0417 752 997. New members are always welcome and coaching is available.

Dural Bowling Club News

The Nominated Pairs Tournament has delivered some incredibly tight, high-quality matches on our greens over the recent weeks.



Saturday afternoon on the greens

After a series of hard-fought rounds, we have reached the final stage. The championship match is officially locked in with the finalists: Stuart Yeend & Phil Laing vs. Graeme Giles & Rob Whiddon for the Big Match on Saturday, 19th September 2026. A huge congratulations to our finalists.

There are further major club titles to be disputed before the end of the year. Our premium Major singles tournaments are scheduled as follows:

- **Women's Major Singles:**
Starting 6th October 2026.
- **Men's Major Singles:**
Starting 24th October 2026.

Our club carnivals always generate a fantastic atmosphere, and this spring is no exception. The Carnival Triples on the

28th September is proudly sponsored by the Dural Club. The Carnival Pairs on 26th October is proudly sponsored by Living Choice.

Our club's two Pennants teams have officially completed the first two of their six rounds for the season. It has been a mixed bag of results so far, with some hard-fought battles and excellent displays of sportsmanship on the greens.

The competition is fierce this year, but with four rounds still to play, there is everything to play for. The club wishes both teams the very best of luck for the remainder of the season.

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More Than Just Sport

by Independent Hornsby Councillor,
Nathan Tilbury

Last Sunday at Greenway Park, I witnessed something so much more than sport.

The Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Stags U/19s were hosting the Wentworthville Magpies in a semi-final. With the Stags the higher-placed team, a draw would send them to the grand final.

At 10–10, with seconds remaining, Wentworthville attacked the Stags' line. On the final tackle, their powerful centre charged for the try-line out wide, but desperate cover defence stopped him just short. The referee awarded the Magpies a penalty directly in front of the posts, seemingly a certain match-winner.

But the centre, brought down in a completely legal tackle, appeared badly injured. An ambulance was called. Staff from both clubs, including the Stags' president, stayed by his side.

The game was instantly forgotten. Players from both teams instinctively came together in a circle, sharing a thought or

prayer for their teammate, or opponent. It was deeply moving.

After more than 30 minutes, the match had to be abandoned at 10–10 under the rules. The Stags, not wanting to qualify this way, raised the possibility of a mid-week replay, but officials had no choice.



Although extremely disappointed, the Magpies congratulated their opponents and wished them well for the grand final.

Happily, the injured player has since left hospital and will make a full recovery.

Despite the negative perception too often attached to teenage men, these players showed genuine maturity, compassion and respect.

Congratulations to both teams for reminding us that sport can be about so much more than the result.



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Minns Government Finalises Cherrybrook Development Plan

The Minns Labor Government has now finalised its rezoning of the Cherrybrook Metro Precinct, paving the way for up to 10,000 new homes and buildings of up to 27 storeys.

From the outset, when this proposal came to light last year, I strongly opposed it, and I maintain my opposition to the rezoning in its current form.

This is not an argument against housing or sensible growth. The Hills has accommodated significant growth for decades. But growth must be properly planned and supported by the infrastructure needed to maintain our community's quality of life.

What is particularly concerning is how dramatically the plans have changed.

In 2022, following years of planning work, the former Liberal-Nationals Government released a strategy for approximately 3,200 new homes around Cherrybrook Metro Station. After Labor was elected, that strategy was put on hold.

The Government has now approved a plan allowing for more than three times that number — up to 10,000 dwellings.

When I spoke about this proposal in Parliament last year, I asked a simple question: **what changed?**

What new infrastructure planning justified increasing the scale of development from 3,200 homes to 10,000?

Unfortunately, the final rezoning still leaves many of the most important questions unanswered.

There remains no certainty around critical upgrades to Castle Hill Road and New Line Road, despite both already experiencing significant congestion during peak periods.

There is still no identified site for a future primary school, despite the Government acknowledging that additional school infrastructure will ultimately be required.

There is also no clear strategy explaining how Metro capacity will accommodate the additional population, or how sufficient sporting fields, parks and community facilities will be delivered.

During the consultation process, residents made their concerns abundantly clear. Yet rather than substantially reducing the scale and intensity of the proposal, the Government has proceeded with a rezoning that will permit dramatically increased density and buildings reaching up to 27 storeys.

I welcome sensible development around public transport. But simply drawing a circle around a Metro station and maximising apartment numbers within it is not genuine strategic planning.

Cherrybrook and West Pennant Hills are established communities with unique environmental characteristics, challenging topography and already strained infrastructure. A genuine transit-oriented community requires more than apartments near a railway station. It requires schools, roads, parks, services and transport capacity to support the people who will live there.

My concern is that the Government has approved the housing first and left the infrastructure questions for later.

We have seen what happens when growth gets ahead of infrastructure elsewhere in The Hills. We cannot continue repeating the same mistakes.

If the NSW Government is willing to approve up to 10,000 new homes in Cherrybrook, it should also be willing to guarantee the roads, schools, public transport and community infrastructure needed to support them.



Mark Hodges MP
Member for Castle Hill

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THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

As Chair of The Hills Bush Fire Management Committee, I am asking every resident in The Hills to take part in the 4 Weeks to Fire Ready Challenge this October.

Over many years, our community has experienced significant bush fires that have threatened homes, families and livelihoods. While The Hills has changed dramatically, with new suburbs, new developments and thousands of new residents, one thing has not changed: bush fire remains a very real risk.

Too often, people assume they are safe because they do not live next to bushland. Unfortunately, bush fires do not respect suburb boundaries. Embers can travel kilometres ahead of a fire front, igniting homes well away from the bush. Smoke, road closures, power outages and disruptions to essential services can affect entire communities.

That is why being fire ready is about much more than preparing your property. It is about having a plan and making sure every member of your household knows what to do if a fire threatens.

Ask yourself: Would your family know when to leave? Where would you go? What would you take? How would you stay in

contact if family members were at work, school or travelling? These are simple questions, but they can make a critical difference during an emergency.

The 4 Weeks to Fire Ready Challenge, delivered by The Hills Shire Council and the NSW RFS Hills District, makes preparation easy. Over four weeks, you will receive practical guidance to help you discuss your plan, prepare your home, understand warnings and stay informed throughout the fire season.

I have seen firsthand the dedication of our local RFS volunteers. They train, prepare and stand ready to protect our community when fire threatens. The best way we can support their efforts is by taking responsibility for our own preparedness.

The reality is that no one expects a bush fire emergency to affect them—until it does.

Please don't wait for smoke on the horizon before you start thinking about a plan. Take a small amount of time now to protect what matters most.

Join me, join your neighbours, and join thousands of Hills residents in taking the 4 Weeks to Fire Ready Challenge. Sign up today at <http://www.4weekstofireready.com.au> and help make The Hills a safer, stronger and more resilient community.



Dr Michelle Byrne

MAYOR OF THE HILLS SHIRE

Be Bush Fire Ready

As bush fire season approaches, now is the time for residents to take practical steps to prepare their households early to help protect their family, home and property.

One simple way to get started is by signing up to the Four Weeks to Fire Ready program. Council has partnered with NSW Rural Fire Service to deliver this free initiative, which gives residents clear, practical advice to better understand their bush fire risk and prepare in manageable steps.

Week 1: Discuss - Know what you and your family will do if a bush fire threatens.

Week 2: Prepare - Take simple steps around your home to get ready for bush fire season.

Week 3: Know - Understand Bush Fire Danger Ratings, alerts and warnings.

Week 4: Keep up to date - Know where to find reliable bush fire information when you need it.

The program also includes a Community Preparedness Survey, which allows residents to check how ready they are and identify areas where their bush fire planning could be improved. After completing the survey, participants receive a personalised score and feedback with suggested actions to help prepare their household.

Preparing for this year's bush fire season is especially important as authorities continue to monitor forecasts of hotter and drier conditions, which can increase bush fire risk and place extra pressure on emergency services. Conditions may change across the season, but preparation remains one of the most effective ways to reduce risk and help households respond safely if needed.

I'd like to thank the RFS for bringing this initiative to our community. As well as being on the frontline to protect us from bush fires, the RFS do so much work behind the scenes to help build a safer and more resilient community in the lead up to bush fire season.

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HORNSBY COUNCILLOR

Hello Residents,

Living in Hornsby Shire means enjoying beautiful bushland and rural landscapes, but it also means being prepared for the challenges that come with living in a bushfire-prone area, while planning for a sustainable and connected future.

Bushfire readiness is something we all need to take seriously as we head into the warmer months. I encourage residents to prepare their properties by clearing gutters, managing vegetation around homes, checking that hoses are accessible, and ensuring everyone knows what to do if a fire threatens. Having a bushfire survival plan and staying informed about conditions and warnings is also essential.

There are also simple ways we can make our homes more sustainable through Council's *Love Your Home* video series of home energy hacks, featuring residents from Cowan and Berowra. Small changes such as installing solar panels, sealing drafts, improving insulation, collecting rainwater and choosing native plants can reduce energy and water usage while helping lower household costs.

In Glenorie, planning is progressing to help shape the village's future while protecting the qualities that make it such a special part of the Shire. The Glenorie Village Investigation report considers opportunities for housing, local services, village facilities and improved connections, while recognising the area's rural and semi-rural character. As Glenorie spans both Hornsby and The Hills Shires, careful coordination and community input is important as planning continues.

I am also continuing to explore opportunities to improve walking connections in Dural. As part of Council's Active Transport Strategy, I am seeking further community interest in a potential shared footpath along Galston Road, between Carters Road and Old Northern Road. This would provide a safer and more accessible connection for residents, young families and anyone wanting to walk rather than drive for short local trips. I have received positive community feedback so far, which will help inform consideration of the proposal.

Together, these initiatives are about preparing for the future while protecting what we value most about Hornsby Shire – our people, our environment and our strong sense of community.

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Julian Leeser
MEMBER FOR BEROWRA

Listening to our local P&Cs

Our P&Cs play an incredibly important role in our local school communities. Parents and volunteers give their time, raise funds, support school activities and, most importantly, bring a strong voice for families.

Recently, I brought together P&C executive members from public schools across the Berowra electorate for an informal discussion about their schools, their communities and the issues that matter most to local families.

I always value the opportunity to sit down with local parents and volunteers and hear directly about their experiences. P&C members have a unique perspective because they are part of their school communities every day.

The discussion was a great opportunity to share ideas, hear about the priorities of different schools and better understand what families want to see from our education system.

As Shadow Minister for Education, I have the opportunity to take the perspectives of local communities into the broader national conversation about education policy. While our public schools are primarily a responsibility of the NSW Government, there are important areas where the Federal Government can contribute to improving education outcomes and supporting students, teachers and families.

I was grateful to everyone who gave up their evening to join the discussion and share their ideas.

I look forward to continuing these conversations with our local P&Cs and making sure the experiences of families in Berowra are part of the education policy discussions I take to Canberra.



As your Federal Member, I am here to:

- Assist with accessing Federal Government services
- Attend your local community event
- Arrange congratulatory messages

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

JULIAN LEESER MP
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James Wallace
HORNSBY MP

Warrah Spring Fair A Celebration of Inclusive Education



Warrah Specialist School Principal,
Dr Dawn Grant-Skiba, James Wallace MP
and Warrah CEO, Delia Gray (left to right)

James Wallace MP officially opened the annual Warrah Specialist School Spring Fair held in Dural on Saturday 12th September. James spoke about Warrah's important role not only in the lives of its students, but also in those of their families and the wider community. From growing and selling its fresh biodynamic produce at its farm shop and café, to the enrichment, social engagement and learning opportunities it offers, Warrah is a truly valued part of the community.

The Fair was a great success, with visitors spoilt for choice with the wide range of food stalls, entertainment, kids' activities and fresh produce on display. Dural RFS was on hand to talk all things fire safety, while Tangara School For Girls ran a very popular cupcake stall. If you didn't make it to the Fair, I encourage you to drop in and visit the Warrah organic farm shop and Waia café soon.

In a fitting acknowledgement of Warrah's positive impact, School Principal, Dr Dawn Grant-Skiba was recently awarded two highly regarded national awards, recognising her leadership and commitment to inclusive education. Dawn won a 2026 Schools Plus Teaching Award and was the inaugural recipient of the Lee Casuscelli Excellence in Special Education Award. This award honours the legacy of respected educator and disability advocate Lee Casuscelli.

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products and choose an Aussie Fire Chief so they can be better prepared."

Aussie Pumps is also supplying FREE copies of their Bushfire Survival Guide. It provides practical information to help property owners prepare before an emergency occurs. The guide covers essential bushfire protection measures, equipment checklists, fire drills and pump maintenance. This year's edition has also been expanded to include information aimed at helping property owners reduce risks to livestock.

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Bird Games Activities Booklet

Readers of my Hidden In The Hills columns each month have been introduced to many aspects of the diversity found in the local Hills District bushland areas.

Over recent years I have written a selection of short publications related to environmental sustainability, organic gardening practices and general bushland knowledge. Some of these publications have been prepared with younger children and adults in mind, in that several of the booklets contain puzzles and activities for them to work through, in a fun way, learning more about what may be discovered in local bushland areas and around the home.

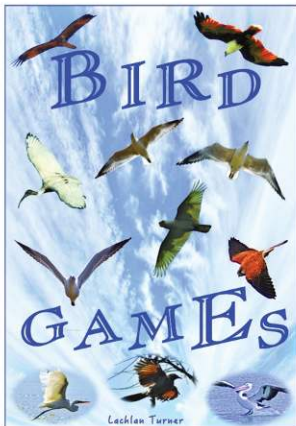
This month's column introduces the booklet entitled "Bird Games" which features Crosswords, Word Finders, Colouring In, Bird Identification, Jumbled Names and Observation Skills. Solutions are provided.

Some activities may be quite simple to solve, whereas others may require a little more thoughtful effort.

As School Holidays approach, the activities contained in this booklet could be an interesting, if not useful, diversion for

a rainy day when there may not be a great deal to keep the youngsters busy.

"Bird Games" can be accessed free of charge from my "FlipBook" Library, on-line at the following link:
<https://online.fliphtml5.com/awdd/iyux/>



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3.	NAME THE PARTS OF A BIRD
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Simply enter this link into your preferred browser, press "enter" (return) and the book will open as a "flipbook". Click on the arrows at the sides to progress through the book.

Viewing the book is best on a desktop or laptop using the fullscreen option.

If readers have a printer available there is the option to print a selected page or all pages. Locate the "print" icon and follow the prompts.

GARDEN NEWS

Bromeliad Meeting Guest Speaker Bronwyn Holm

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc will hold their next meeting at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground on Saturday, 10th October with plant sales to the public from 10am and the meeting commencing at 11.30am.

This month, we are delighted to welcome Bronwyn Holm, founder of Earthfood, for what promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking presentation.

Bronwyn's story spans generations. With family roots stretching back to Australia's pioneering winemakers of the 1880s within NSW Vineyards including Hermitage Estate.

She has spent decades studying living soil biology and working alongside home gardeners, commercial growers and farmers across Australia. Her practical, down-to-earth approach has helped many people look at their gardens and farms in a completely different way.

If you've ever wondered why gardening seems harder than it used to be, why plants

struggle despite all the fertilisers available, or what really makes a garden flourish, this is a presentation you won't want to miss.

Most gardeners haven't forgotten how to garden. The biggest change has been in the soil itself. Many modern soils and potting mixes no longer function the way they once did, and without living biology doing its job, plants become increasingly dependent on watering, feeding and constant attention just to survive.

The good news is that nature already has the answer. By restoring functioning living soil biology, gardeners can begin rebuilding the natural processes that help soil hold moisture, support stronger roots and grow more resilient plants. It's not about working harder, it's about helping the soil do more of the work it was designed to do.

Enjoy a talk of practical knowledge, fascinating stories and plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

There will also be our regular meeting activities such as competitions, Raffle,



Show & Tell, and a more recent activity called just "Show" for people who would just like to share a plant with others without it being critically judged or discussed.

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

Cherrybrook Uniting Church Celebrated 30 Years of Shared Ministry

In August, Cherrybrook Uniting Church celebrated a joyful milestone, 30 years since Bethlehem Uniting Church in West Pennant Hills joined with Cherrybrook Uniting Church to become one congregation. The anniversary service was warm, thankful, and full of community spirit.



We were honoured to welcome several guests, including Julian Leaser (Federal MP), James Wallace MP, and Hornsby Mayor Warren Waddell. Their attendance showed strong support for the church's long commitment to serving the local area.

The story of our shared congregation began in April 1995, when both churches agreed to unite. Bethlehem brought excellent buildings but limited room to grow. Cherrybrook offered a central location in a fast-growing suburb, along with a historic church and the Wesleyan Hall from 1846. For a time, worship continued separately while friendships formed. Then in August 1996, everyone began worshipping together at Cherrybrook, marking a new beginning.

During the celebration, we remembered important moments such as purchasing Elouera Cottage and completing Bethlehem Hall in 2006, which continues to support many community groups.

As we look back with gratitude, we also look forward with hope, continuing a 180-year tradition of worship and service. We give God glory, honour, and thanks.

Rev. Peter Chung
Cherrybrook Uniting Church

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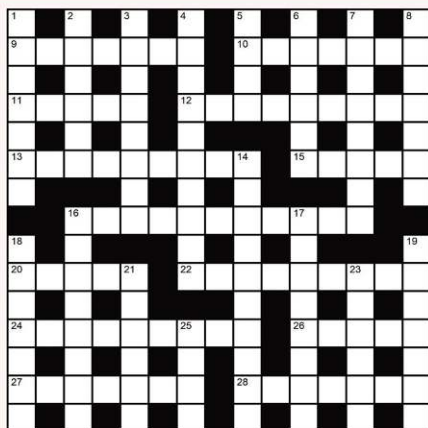
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Across

- 09 Highland (7)
- 10 Jimi ---, short-lived rock guitarist (7)
- 11 Hands off! (3,2)
- 12 World's largest mammal (4,5)
- 13 Based (9)
- 15 Nobel-winning Irish poet and dramatist (5)
- 16 Dual Olympic gold-winning cyclist (6,5)
- 20 Rearrange (5)
- 22 Today is the tomorrow you worried about --- (9)
- 24 Rugby commentator and seven times captain of the Kangaroos (3,6)
- 26 Common computer code (1,1,1,1,1)
- 27 Possibly ... (5,2)
- 28 Formally installed (5,2)

Down

- 01 Practically in one's face (2,5)
- 02 Sacred Hindu text (6)
- 03 Lisa is one, and so is Jessica (8)
- 04 NT sinkhole (5,5)
- 05 Grand (4)
- 06 No matter what (6)
- 07 Persist (3,5)
- 08 Outlay (7)
- 14 Run a commercial operation (2,8)
- 16 Move around (3,5)
- 17 Machine controller (8)
- 18 Revenge (7)
- 19 Ray sins badly, living in the Middle East (7)
- 21 Shots (6)
- 23 Respectable (6)
- 25 Gum or plum? (4)

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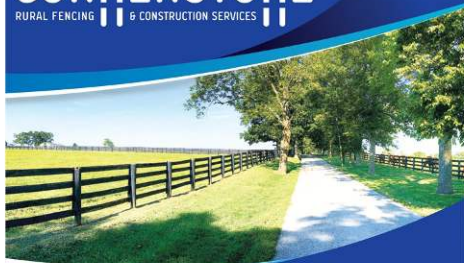


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