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HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING COMING FOR TRANSPORT HUBS

With a target of 45,000 residential accommodation by 2027, the NSW State Government will override local government in its drive to upscale zoning around railway stations in Sydney Metropolitan area as well as Wollongong and Newcastle.

In a move to 'protect the character of the Bushland Shire', Hornsby Council has recently adopted its **Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan** which provides opportunities for more than 4.900 new dwellings in towers varying in height up to 36 storeys situated around the railway station and Hornsby Mall. The State Government's initiative aims to rezone land 1200 metres not only around Hornsby railway station, but also includes Crows Nest, Macquarie Park, Kellyville, Bella Vista and Homebush, as well as Bankstown and Bays West.

Additionally, the State Government will further increase flexibility of housing styles, encompassing multi-storey housing, within 400 metres of railway stations in the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area. Ku-ring-gai Mayor **Sam Ngai** said, "To support the increased population resulting from the State Government's initiatives, we will need more public transport, more schools, more recreational facilities, better stormwater systems and more capacity on our roads. But whether we are talking about existing traffic bottlenecks on Archbold Road, Boundary Street and Pacific Highway, or the recent removal of \$9.8 million funding for commuter parking, the signs that I'm getting is that infrastructure funding is being decreased rather than increased."

Mayor Ngai will meet with the Planning Minister so he can 'fine-tune our understanding of proposed changes and explore how the housing needs of Greater Sydney can be met with appropriate infrastructure'.

FIND OUT MORE: https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/news/new-planning-rules-fast-track-low-and-mid-rise-housing



DEVELOPING A "CHILDREN'S FOREST" IN FAGAN PARK

By Cllr Nathan Tilbury

Hornsby Council has a section in Fagan Park that was used for growing saplings of varying species. THIS AREA BECAME KNOWN AS "THE TREE FARM". Once these trees reached an appropriate height, they were replanted in an appropriate area. However, if any of the trees developed a defect of any kind, that made it unsuitable for replanting it was simply left growing in the tree farm.

Over the years this has created a unique eclectic native, exotic, evergreen and deciduous forest of trees in an underutilized part of Fagan Park.

Hornsby Shire Council has taken the opportunity to open up the

old tree farm to make a place for children to get closer to nature, create and discover.

The CHILDREN'S FOREST is being developed in stages as funding becomes available with staging one nearing completion. This is being funded through a government grant that Member for Hornsby

Matt Kean has supported council in securing.

When fully complete this natural adventure play space will include tree climbing, a cubby building area, treetop canopy walk, bird hide, tree house with a slide and much more. The first stage of this unique play space will be available for adventurous children to use early in the new year.





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THE GRANGE RAISES \$6,000 FOR THE HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI WOMEN'S SHELTER

Community-driven initiative celebrated at The Grange at Waitara

The owners who reside at The Grange in Waitara have come together to raise over \$6,000 in the past year from residents initiating various functions including, guest speaker morning teas, bring and buy events, white elephant stalls and a silent auction of knitted jumpers.

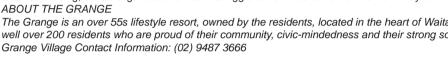
The funds will go to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter which offers safe emergency accommodation and support services to women facing domestic violence and homelessness.

The morning tea, on the 6th of December, was held at The Grange to officially hand over funds to the Shelter and is the culmination of a tireless campaign aimed at supporting women and families in need.

The event was truly a heartwarming gathering,

bringing together residents, staff, and representatives from the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. Without local fundraising, critical organisations would struggle to continue to deliver the work they do.

The Grange is an over 55s lifestyle resort, owned by the residents, located in the heart of Waitara. It is home to well over 200 residents who are proud of their community, civic-mindedness and their strong social connections. Grange Village Contact Information: (02) 9487 3666



The spotlight is on reading this summer with Hornsby Shire Council encouraging locals to participate in TWO FREE READING PROGRAMS and for a chance to

WIN EXCITING PRIZES!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER **READING CLUB**

The annual Children's Summer Reading Club, for ages 12 and under, encourages children to read and explore the amazing world of books over the summer holidays. The theme for this year's program is THE BIG SUMMER READ, offering children the opportunity to engage in reading with the chance to win weekly prizes and \$50 book vouchers. JOIN AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY OR JOIN ONLINE.

DROP IN AND DISCOVER

Attend the Launch at Hornsby Central Library where participants can "Drop In and Discover" construction skills and have fun with STEM from 4.30pm Wednesday 6 December. Have fun with craft kits, colouring in with Quiver and Sphero Minis and more, GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A \$50 BOOK VOUCHER!

ADULT SUMMER READS

Summer Reads for adults and teens (over 12) provides a list of reading prompts with each book read becoming an entry to a draw to win one of ten \$30 book vouchers. Hornsby Shire Mayor, The Hon Philip Ruddock AO said, "Our summer reading programs encourage residents to take time out and grow their minds by connecting with literature." Services offered at your Shire Libraries encompass all stages of life including STORYTIME for pre-schoolers, RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS, SCHOOL HOLIDAY



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SUMMER READING

PROGRAMS: 6 December 2023 until 24 January 2024. To find out more and to register visit: https:// www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/summerreading-club

Residents of all ages can register at any one of the Shire's library services - Hornsby, Berowra, Pennant Hills or Galston.

Photo above: Hornsby Shire Mayor enjoys reading with Oscar and his Dad at Hornsby Central Library.



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Adrienne McLean is the new President of the Ku-ring-gai Chamber of Commerce.

As the founder of *The Speakers Practice* and a dedicated advocate for the local business community, Adrienne (*pictured right*) brings a wealth of experience and passion to the role.

Under Adrienne's dynamic leadership, the Chamber has seen substantial growth over the past two years, launching impactful initiatives and hosting monthly events that have become invaluable for local business owners, especially during challenging times. Her appointment marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the Chamber.

The Chamber wishes to extend

heartfelt gratitude to **Peter Vickers**, the outgoing President, whose tenure was marked by dedication and significant contributions to the business community.

Continuing to support and unite business owners in 2024, the Kuring-gai Chamber of Commerce is poised for further growth.

The Chamber extends a warm invitation to all business owners to join as guests or members in the journey towards greater prosperity and collaboration within the Ku-ringgai community.



For information about the Ku-ring-gai Chamber please visit kuringgaichamber.com.au

About the Ku-ring-gai Chamber of Commerce The Ku-ring-gai Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and supportive business environment in the Ku-ring-gai area. By facilitating networking opportunities, providing resources and advocacy, and celebrating the achievements of local businesses, the Chamber plays a pivotal role in the economic development of the region.

www.kuringgaichamber.com.au

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- Normanhurst Uniting Church Musical Society (NUCMS)
- Wideview Primary School
- The Woodchop Festival including Berowra APEX
- The Berowra RSL including Social Golf Club
- Berowra Wallabies Junior Rugby League Club
- Berowra Cricket Club
- Berowra Rural Fire Brigade (Carols Under The Star Platinum Sponsorship)

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Summer Edition

HORNSBY AFTER DARK

Hornsby After Dark is well into the activation stage, and the district team is working hard to revitalise the night time offering that Hornsby town centre has to offer our community.

Some of our events have included:

- OktoberFest at the Asquith Club with a few hundred locals enjoying the entertainment of the Merrivales, and a special Oktoberfest brew prepared by Local brewers Ekim Brewing Co, as well as meats prepared by Adam from Tender Gourmet Butchery Hornsby.
- The Hornsby Inn hosted "The Hornsby High" featuring a vast collection of NSW based artists and celebrating up and coming talent of the Australian music scene and is the first of what is going to be a popular regular event for all you live and local music lovers out there.

• The Hornsby High Musical Extravaganza showcased an eclectic mix of talent, from indie vibes to rock anthems that captivated the audience. In addition to "Atlantic Avenue" the night also featured "The Tin Heads" "Gilded Rose" Goblet" "Pocketwatch" "Pilot Buffalo" and "Streless".

CHECK OUT Hornsby RSL, Magpies Waitara, The Railway Hotel, Hornsby Inn, Events Cinemas, Westfield Hornsby, Asquith Club, Asquith Golf Club and of course all of our local bars, cafes, restaurants, hospitality and fitness venues that are ready and waiting to make your night that little bit special.

You'll see a lot more happening over summer and the coming months, so please follow our "Hornsby After Dark" social pages to keep up to date with WHAT'S ON.

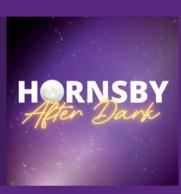


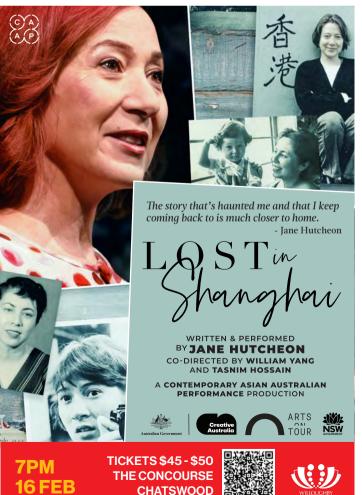
Please check out our website 2077AD.com.au and most importantly, if you have ideas on how as a community we can enrich the place with live and love, send us an email to connect@2077AD.com.au

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HORNSBY AFTER DARK IS VOCAL ABOUT LOCAL

With your support, feedback and patronage, the town centre we all love, is going to grow to a new level over the coming seasons.









IT IS 90 YEARS SINCE THE OPENING OF HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL



The residents of our local district are fortunate to now have access to the most modern hospital in New South Wales - Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital.

To mark the occasion of 90 years since opening, a celebration was held at the Hospital where several speeches were made acknowledging the hospital's origins, challenges and recent major redevelopment. There was also a special ceremony to recognise 94-year-old Don Campton, the hospital's Head Gardener between 1978 and 1992. In his time working at the Hospital the gardens won many awards particularly for the magnificent rose garden which was the centre piece of the grounds and Don's pride and joy.

A plaque was unveiled under the name THE DON CAMPTON ROSE GARDEN to honour him in the new garden on the hospital grounds.

Photo above: Matt Kean - Hornsby MP, Pip Middleton - clinical director of surgery and anaesthesia Hornsby Kuring-gai Hospital; Anthony Schembri - Chief Executive, NSLHD; Trevor Danos - Board Chair, NSLHD; Mary

Chiarella - Deputy Board Chair, NSLHD - Adam Johnston, Board member, NSLHD & Simon Hill -General Manager, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital. Photo inset above: Matt Kean MP with Don Campton.

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ASQUITH COMMUNITY MARKET Cnr Baldwin Ave & Royston Pde every 4th Sat, Feb-Nov 9am to 2pm. Stall bookings: Barbara, 0468 390 292. ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets 1st Thurs monthly at Magpies, Waitara - 10am. New members welcome. Eng: Barry: 0419 985 458. ASQUITH VIEW CLUB luncheon meeting 3rd Wednesday at Magpies Waitara 11am for 11-30 Bookings essential. Enq: Kerry 9476 5910. ASQUITH SENIOR CITIZENS meet Mt Colah Community Centre, Tuesdays 9.15am-12.15pm morning tea, carpet bowls & outings. Enq:

BEROWRA COMMUNITY MARKETS first Saturday monthly, excl Jan, 9am-2pm. Berowra Uniting Church 4-6 Alan Rd, Berowra Hts www. berowrauniting church.org.au/markets https://www.facebook.com/ BerowraCommunityMarkets

Yvonne on 0438 195 377 or Jennie on 9477 1855 or 0422 474 669.

BEROWRA DISTRICT MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets 10am first Tuesday each month at Berowra RSL Club. Eng. Keith Carson 9456 2948. BEROWRA GARDEN CLUB meets 2nd Thursday monthly Warrina Street Oval Clubhouse at 7.30pm. Enq: President Paul White 0426 109 149. BEROWRA LIONS CLUB meets 7pm on 3rd Wednesday monthly at Club Berowra. Book: 0414 553 240. More info at wwwberowralions.org.au

BEROWRA PROBUS CLUB INC. meets 1st Friday monthly at St Mark's Church hall, Berowra Waters Rd, 10am. Enq: Phillip Boyle 9456 2280. BEROWRA ROTARY for information Ph: Peggy 0413 481 854 or check www.berowra.net/rotarv

BEROWRA RSL SOCIAL GOLF CLUB Sunday mornings monthly. New members welcome. Enq: berowrarslgolf@gmail.com Geoff 0412 597 707. BEROWRA SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets every Wed, 9am, Berowra Community Centre. Enq Cheryl 9456 2139 Tom 9456 0407. BEROWRA TOASTMASTERS meet 2nd & 4th Thurs 7.15pm for 7.30pm Berowra Community Centre. Eng: Anne 0491 138 832. BEROWRA WATERS VIEW CLUB meets Club Berowra 11am 4th Wed monthly. Enq: Geraldine 9456 2680.

BUSH DANCE WORKSHOPS at Pennant Hills Community Centre below Library Mondays. Beecroft Bush Dances/live band. Ph: 0413 673 339. CWA GALSTON meets 2nd Wed,10am. Cnr The Glade & 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Enq: 9485 7599 galston.cwa@gmail.com

CWA HORNSBY & DISTRICT BRANCH meets 10am 2nd Fri 10am 4th Friday, St Peters Church Hall Hornsby. Eng: Lyn 0422 580 922.

DURAL & DIST PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP Blue Gum Centre, ARV, 599-607 Old Northern Rd Glenhaven, 7pm Macular Disease Foundation. Enq: Denis 9629 2645 or Graham 8677 7896. GALSTON VIEW CLUB monthly lunch meeting 4th Wed 11am at The

Galston Club 21-25 Arcadia Rd. Bookings: President Lesley 0413 996 783.

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HORNSBY ACHIEVERS Toastmasters Club meet 2nd & 4th Mondays at Hornsby RSL Club. Enq:dkstoastie@gmail.com Diane 0409 605 055. HORNSBY BEROWRA MEN'S SHED meets Weds & Thurs 8.30-12noon 836 Pacific Hwy Mount Kuring-gai. Enq: Ross 0493 376 984.

HORNSBY DISTRICT ULYSSES MOTOR BIKE CLUB meets first Wednesday monthly at Berowra RSL 6.30pm. Enq: Robert 0409 665 356. HORNSBY HTS CAMERA CLUB meets 3rd & 5th Tuesday monthly Mt Colah Community Centre - 7.30pm. Enq: Bob 0448 257406. HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE Free Digital

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HORNSBY LADIES PROBUS CLUB meets first Tues morning monthly at Magpies Club. Enq: Helen 0417 687 765.

HORNSBY NATIONAL SENIORS meet 1st Wed monthly at Asquith Bowling Club. Newly retired, companionship, all welcome. Eng: Kaylene on 0413 297 681.

HORNSBY OLDER MEN'S NETWORK INCORPORATED The Brickpit Golf Range meeting room, 1st & 3rd Wed monthly, 10-12.30pm followed by lunch. Eng: Jock 9484 7041.

HORNSBY RSL COMPUTER CLUB meets 2nd Sunday monthly 3pm. Hornsby RSL Club. Contact Mark 9482 4294.

HORNSBY RSL SUB-BRANCH Eng: hornsbyrslsb@gmail.com HORNSBY SHIRE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP We are not meeting in January, but returning in Feb 2024. Enq: Coral, cshand21@gmail.com HORNSBY SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY general meeting 3rd Sunday monthly (except Dec) at 2pm with guest speaker at our museum in Kenley Park Normanhurst. All welcome. Enq Julie 0414 686 480.

KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY general meeting 3rd Sat, 2-4pm, Meeting Room 1 & family history 2nd Sat, 10-12m/d Research Room, Old Gordon PS, Pac Hwy. All welcome, www.khs.org.au/events LET'S CHAT IN ENGLISH Fridays (school term) 10am-12am Mt Colah Uniting Church. Morning tea gold coin donation. Enq: Diana 0427 405 416. LIONS CLUB OF HORNSBY meets Magpies Club Waitara 2nd Tues monthly except Dec & Jan. 6.30 for 7.30. Enq: Ted 0414 806 840. MEDITATION ON TUESDAYS Free, non-religious. 7.30 - 8.30pm Sundays, 79 Edgeworth David Ave, Enq: Jane Crancher 0404 445 490. MOONEY WOMEN'S BOWLS Social bowls every Wed @ 4pm, Competition 2nd Sun @ 9.30am. Mooney Club, Eng. Liz 0414 733 714..

MOUNT COLAH MEN'S PROBUS CLUB meets Asquith Golf Club 10am third Friday monthly. Enq:Geoff 0411 020 050.

MOUNT COLAH MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets last Mon monthly 10am "Magpies", Waitara. web: mountcolahmixedprobusclub.org.au MOUNT KURING-GAI & DISTRICT PROBUS meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.45 for 10am Mt Colah Uniting Church, Cnr Pac Hwy & Amaroo Ave. Enq: Barry Mews 0414 887 888 or mkgdprobus.org.au

NSW JUSTICES ASSOCIATION HORNSBY BRANCH meets 2nd Monday monthly, 7pm. Magpies Waitara. Enq: Jane 0427 998 004.

PENNANT HILLS VIEW CLUB meets for lunch 2nd Tuesday monthly at Oatlands Golf Club at 11am. Bookings: Margaret - 9873 2402. PENNANT HILLS GARDEN CLUB meets 4th Wed at 10.15am at Pennant Hills Bowls Club. Enq: pennanthillsgardenclub@gmail.com or just come along to a meeting.

PRIME TIME FOR OVER 55s & friends meets 3rd Wed monthly St Luke's Hornsby Hts 155 Galston Rd, 12- 2 pm. Mini Church Service, Lunch & Speaker. RSVP primetime@stlukeschurch.com.au Merle 0438 773675.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HORNSBY meets Pennant Hills Bowling Club 1st Wed monthly. Enq: Pam: 0425 229 615.

SYDNEY HILLS DISTRICT BRANCH OF ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES meets Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St, 10.30 for 10.45am. Visitors Welcome. Eng: Mal Steel airsydneyhills@gmail.com

TURRAMURRA SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GROUP meet 10am -12noon Turramurra Seniors Centre, Enq: leonie_peterson@hotmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT!

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PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

By Alister Henskens SC MP

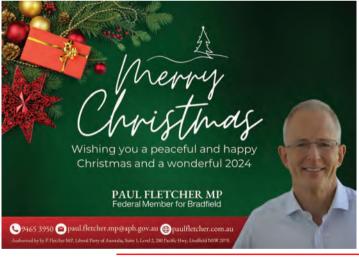
The ability to speak in public is a very valuable skill. I have supported our local primary schools to encourage excellence through the Wahroonga electorate **Primary School Public Speaking Competition** which is held annually in the *'bear pit'* or the Legislative Assembly Chamber of the New South Wales Parliament. Students from Gordon West, Normanhurst, Pymble, Thornleigh West, Turramurra, Wahroonga, Waitara, Warrawee and West Pymble Public Schools prepared a *three minute* speech on the topic "What does it mean to be a creative country in a world increasingly challenged by AI?".

Every student delivered incredible speeches on the opportunities and challenges presented by AI to our modern world, and how it can coexist with creativity to build a better world.

Each student was then asked to prepare a *two minute* impromptu speech on the topic "I should've listened". Each student rose to the challenge and had unique stories to share.

Thank you to the fantastic judges, parents and teachers for giving these wonderful students the opportunity to participate this year in the Public Speaking Competition.

Photo above: Alister Henskens SC MP with participants of the Wahroonga Electorate Primary School Public Speaking Competition in the Parliament of NSW.













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Seasons Greetings and best wishes for the New Year

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To avoid a long wait, sort your waste before you visit, consider postponing your visit to later in January, and ensure you

follow traffic instructions. If you are dropping off items including batteries, excess

cardboard or clothing, visit our A-Z Guide for alternative recycling options.

For more information visit:

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crc



ADULT SUMMER READS

Win prizes for adults and teens 12+. Adults and teens are invited to join the summer reading fun. Enter online or pick up a form from your local Hornsby Shire library.

Visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



CHILDREN'S SUMMER **READING CLUB**

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TAKE A TRIP ON HORNSBY'S WEST SIDE

"I'm delighted to see this place – once for cars, transformed into a unique place for people" Mayor Philip Ruddock AO.

Visitors to Hornsby's West Side may have noticed an interesting new structure which has popped up on Coronation Street. Commissioned by Hornsby Shire Council, THE 'GHOST BUILDING' is a nod to the Judge's Bakery which once stood on the site and is a major feature of a new 'micro plaza' bringing vitality to Hornsby's West Side.

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Funded by the NSW Government 'Your High Street' grant program, the **Coronation StrEAT! project** was officially opened by Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** on Friday 1 December 2023.

At the south end of the car park, the new ghost building is a permanent fixture, providing a public space for people to gather and enjoy something tasty from a local eatery. The northern end of the car park features new catenary lighting, surrounded by bushland themed murals and new landscaping.

Built to 1:1 scale of the former Judge's Bakery, the ghost building pays homage to Hornsby's rich (and delicious) history. Established as a bakery in 1886 by C.B. Smith, the former building remained a bakery for over 70 years and was part of the earliest shopping precinct in Hornsby. Sydney muralist Fintan Magee who was commissioned by Hornsby Council created the ghost piece inspired by a wartime newspaper article seeking women to work at the bakery.

In Beattie Lane the mural by **Hugues Sineux** (who also created the renown Dural Lane mural) features a patchwork of images of historic photographs and references of the neighbourhood from the 20th century. **Rowena Bryce**, descendant of the Judge family who ran the bakery, expressed her pride in having her family's history recognised in this way, by saying, "My great grandparents, as with many others from that era, had such courage and determination in establishing bakeries at all of the



places they lived in. We are so proud of the fondness with which they are remembered in the stories of our local community."

A landmark tree gives scale to, and is the centrepiece of the historic site.

Under the Judge's Bakery ghost building, an abstract mural by **Elliott Routledge** is heavily inspired by the Hawkesbury River and the Shire's native flora.

The ghost building and micro plaza features seating, facilities for cyclists, provides opportunities for pop up day or night celebrations, food trucks, outdoor dining, farmers markets, live music and other activities to attract people back to the West Side precinct.

The Coronation StrEAT! project is proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Hornsby Shire Council.

For further information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/coronation-streat



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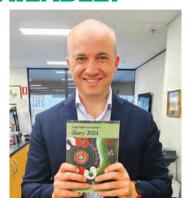
The FREE Seniors Diary is now available from the office of Matt Kean MP.

Member for Hornsby, Matt Kean MP said, "This helpful Diary provides practical tips and information about common issues impacting seniors."

"Avoiding scams, planning for retirement, making a will or getting financial help are just some of the topics included in the free 2024 Legal Topics for Seniors Diary."

Mr Kean encouraged local seniors to collect their free copy of the 2024 Seniors Diary to help them plan for the year ahead.

The information in Diary helps seniors to understand their rights, and details where they can access



advice and support if they are experiencing discrimination, elder abuse or financial exploitation.

"I encourage seniors to collect a diary from my office while stocks last at Suite 5, The Madison Building, 25-29 Hunter Street Hornsby," Matt Kean said.

FOR SUMMER

By Councillor Nathan Tilbury
It is pleasing to see the Rural Fire
Service working cooperatively
with the landowner, Metropolitan
Aboriginal Land Council, to
clear the vegetation and reduce



the fuel load along the back of houses on The Gully Road. As reported in The Bush Tele's October

Edition, this overgrown area was a concern for many residents in The Gully Road in the event of a bushfire.

It is pleasing this work was able to be undertaken by the RFS's MITIGATION CREWS before we entered the bushfire season which is shaping up to be a challenging summer for the district.



Alexandra Torrens, Pharmacist at Hornsby Heights Pharmacy

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM HORNSBY HEIGHTS PHARMACY!

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On the third day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... help to deal with gastrointestinal upsets. The risk of food-borne illnesses is high in Summer.

On the fourth day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... help to choose wound dressings. Often needed after gifts of new bikes and scooters at Christmas!

On the fifth day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... a MedsCheck. If you have complex medication needs, our pharmacists can undertake a free review to help you understand your medicines.

On the sixth day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... help with dehydration. Hot weather, exercise and excessive alcohol consumption can all contribute to this.

On the seventh day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... help in treating swimmer's ear.

On the eighth day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... advice on medicines to treat bites and stings. It's important to have suitable products on hand to both prevent and treat them.

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On the tenth day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... help to treat dry skin. Changes in temperature and humidity can cause skin dryness.

On the eleventh day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... assistance organising prescription needs. Make sure you check all your regular medications and have your prescriptions filled before the holidays.

On the twelfth day of Christmas Hornsby Heights Pharmacy gave to me ... help finding last minute Christmas gifts. We have a great range in store and would love to help you choose something perfect!

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Thank you to everyone who has shopped locally and supported our pharmacy this year. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy 2024.

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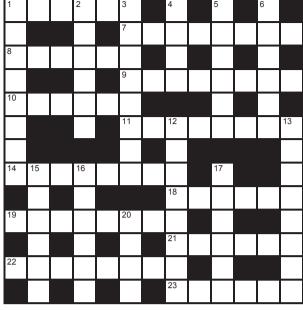
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 What is a rumour or a water cart (6)
- 7 Which AFL team won the premiership in 2000 (8)
- 8 Name a plant of the rhododendron genus with handsome variously coloured flowers (6)
- 9 What is a diligent and systematic inquiry into a subject (8)
- 10 To utter a more or less prolonged sharp, shrill cry, is to do what (6)
- 11 Which persons have access to exclusive information (8)
- 14 Name the US building containing most Defence Department offices (8)
- 18 What is another name for an African antelope (6)
- 19 Which nearly pure forms of carbon are valued as precious stones (8)
- 21 Name a form of headdress of Muslim origin (6)
- 22 What is a bitter and violent denunciation (8)
- 23 Which grasslike plants are found in wet or marshy places (6)

DOWN

- 1 Which craft carries a flag officer of a fleet (8)
- 2 What is another name for the thumb (6)
- 3 Name an animal in the second year of its age (8)



- 4 Name an Egyptian goddess of fertility and nature (4)
- 5 The Australian outback is also known as the what (6)
- What is association football known as (6)
- Which term indicates the left side (8)

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- 13 What are grassland regions with scattered trees, also known as plains (8)
- 15 Name an alternative term for a panacea or cure-all (6)
- 16 Which widely cultivated fruit is used as a vegetable (6)
- 17 Name a colloquial term for an electrician (6)
- Which slender piece of metal is driven into wood as to hold separate pieces together (4)

Find the following words in the grid. They may be read in any direction, even diagonally. Some letters are used more than once.

Grey	Nanny	Ruin
Guy	Nor	Young
Inn	One	
Into	Pad	
Lend	Ride	
	Guy Inn Into	Guy Nor Inn One Into Pad

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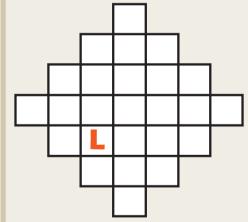
In 1883, the eruption of the volcanic Indonesian island of Krakatoa was so loud it reverberated around the world several times before diminishing. The amount of dust and gas thrown up into the stratosphere changed the global weather patterns for the following year.

E-QUATIONS

Letters A to Z have a number value. Some are shown in the right-hand cells. Create remaining values using clues in centre cells.

Α	M÷M	
M	N-A	
N	Y+Q	11
Q	A+U	
U	Q-A	
V	Y×U	
Υ	V÷U	7

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Build it yourself using the clues and each of the twenty-four letters once only to form ten words: five across and five down. A key word (bold clue) builds on the letter set in the grid.

CLUES:

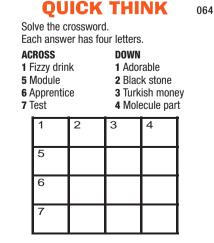
Amusingly clever (5) Break suddenly into pieces (7) Carpenter's tool (3) Chapter heading (7) Commonest English word (3) Letter (3)

Marine mammals (5) Oriental sauce source (3) Privileged group (5)

Luke-warm (5)

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1 6 5 7 3 4 8 9 3 8 4 7 5 6 1 9 3 8 9 6 5 1 6



SOLUTIONS



4:1, M:10, N:11, Q:4, **E-QUATIONS** 3 Lira, 4 Atom. DOWN: 1 Cute, 2 Onyx,

\:Y, \rS:V, E:U

5 Unit, 6 Tyro, 7 Exam CROSS: 1 Cola,



BIXWORD ОПІСК ТНІИК

1	4	9	8	L	3	S	6	5
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3	8	2	6	Þ	Į.	1	g	9
Þ	9	6	g	L	8	L	2	3
L	7	g	9	3	7	8	Þ	6
9	2	3	L.	8	g	6	1	Þ
6	9	L	3	9	Þ	2	1	8
8	1	b	1	2	6	9	3	9





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PIE is a very gentle calm cat, about 10 years old.

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Pie has just had a vet check (Apr 23) and he is in good health and weighs 3.7kg. He is best suited to

a guiet adult home with plenty of love. All our cats come desexed, wormed, F3 vaccinated, FIV/FeLV tested if over 6 months old and microchipped. Her adoption fee is \$220. For details call DoggieRescue on 9486 3133 or email Monika@DoggieRescue.com. RON R251000024



SKYLAR who is a 12 year old Husky cross and ASTRO who is a 10 year old Labrador cross, are a bonded pair that seem to have lived together all their lives. They are sweet, easy, low energy dogs. Warm and friendly, Astro is your typical Lab who likes everyone. He is always wagging his tail. Skylar is also sweet and gentle but a little more shy with people and needs the gentle slow touch, so she can trust you.

"They came from the pound in a pretty sad state," said Monika. "Skylar's coat still needs further attention but she is very accepting of bathing and brushing. They are both in very good health and looking for the quiet retirement life. They can be left alone for longer periods." Astro weighs 29kg and Skylar weighs 25kg. They suit apartment living and FT working hours. They come desexed, vaccinated, heartworm free and chipped. Their adoption cost is \$850 together. For further information call DoggieRescue on 9486 3133 or email Monika@DoggieRescue.com. RON R251000024

SAVVY @ ASQUITH REOPENS FOR CHRISTMAS 2023



The SAVVY Cafe at Asquith reopened under new management for Christmas 2023 on Monday 4 December 2023.

Savvy Manager Lucia Lim said, "We welcome new and past SAVVY customers to view our unique decor with its many curios, whilst enjoying our food and superb coffee - P & R (Pablo and Rusty's)".

Many may remember Lucia when she was manager at the Bees Knees Cafe in Coronation Street, Hornsby. Her curios and antiques there have now followed her to Asquith with some items up for sale.

Photo above: L-R Manager Lucia Lim and her staff: Chloe, Mandip, & Amy @ the SAVVY Cafe Asquith. Photo by Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah.

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Explain they may only need a little bit of help and it is not about losing control or independence. It is more just about getting a bit of support and services to help live a comfortable life at home. Highlight the fact that home and aged care services are designed to enhance independence, fostering a more enjoyable and fulfilling life. These services can open doors to social activities, expanding friendship circles and support networks. Research also indicates that increased home care services and social support can effectively delay the transition to residential aged care.

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"Tom is an outdoor enthusiast and keen gardener. We believe that he will fit in very well to the objectives and ethos of Easy Care Gardening" Hugh Hamlyn-Harris

Easy Care Gardening (ECG) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tom White (pictured right) as its new Manager.

Tom brings a wealth of experience, having previously worked for over 20

years in senior management and leadership roles within the social care industry and not-for-profit organisations.

Hugh Hamlyn-Harris, Committee Secretary and Public Officer of Easy Care Gardening said, "The Management Committee is very pleased to announce the appointment of Tom White as our new Manager at ECG, following the recent resignation of **Leanne Babic** who served in the role since July 2021."

"The organisation extends its gratitude to Leanne for her significant contributions," said Mr Hamlyn-Harris.



NSW FIRE & RESCUE RETURNS TO CALLS FOR REPTILE REMOVALS

v Matt Kean MF

GREAT NEWS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS!

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This is great news for residents, their pets and the reptiles

themselves. I recognize Fire & Rescue management for being so responsive and sorting out this issue so quickly, and I thank their front line firies for their willingness to perform this tricky service for the community. Whilst WIRES remain the main agency to deal with the situation of a snake on a property their availability in some areas, including Berowra, is not always great. To have the support of NSW Fire & Rescue is a great relief to all

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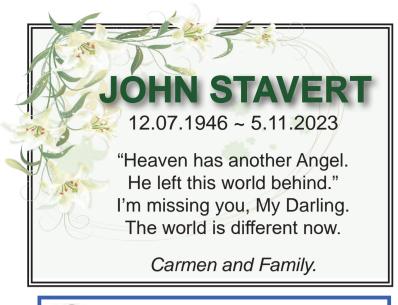


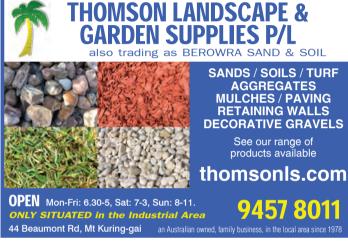
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KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL WINS TWO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ku-ring-gai Council's NET ZERO KU-RING-GAI CHAMPIONS program and SIMTABLE projects were winners at the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Excellence in the Environment Awards.

Council's Net Zero Ku-ring-gai Champions Program was the winner of the overall *Communication*,

Education and Empowerment category. Ku-ring-gai's initiative supports residents, schools and businesses to reduce emissions and create healthy liveable communities. Net Zero Champions host events, talks and webinars and share their own journeys to help residents achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2040.

A second award went to Council's Simtable project – an innovative 3D model that uses sophisticated computer technology to simulate extreme weather and the impact it can have on homes in Ku-ring-gai. The project won its division in the Climate Change Adaption category, and the Simtable is part of Council's Climate Wise Communities program and simulates the impact of bushfire, storm and flooding events on a specific area. Residents can recreate the topography of their suburb, overlaying it with aerial photos creating the 3D effect, then input weather, fuel and vegetation data to see the potential impact of extreme weather scenarios on their homes and neighbourhood.

Mayor **Sam Ngai** said, "Both the Net Zero Ku-ring-gai Champions program and the Simtable project are great examples of the types of hands-on, innovative work Council is doing collaboratively with our residents to ensure Ku-ring-gai has a bright, safe, and sustainable future. I'd like to congratulate everyone involved in both projects."







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CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2023 were Lexi Reinhardt, Molly Moore-Mulcahy, Marlee Carroll, Evie Moore-Mulcahy, Nya Blake, Grace Lawson, Liliana Krishnaratna, Zoe Reynolds, Matilda Visscher, Araliya Krishnaratna, Natalie Gibbons, Sophie Batchelor, Karen Fisher, Caroline Moyle, Cass Charlton, Kristy Hudson and Leanne Peltonen.

MARCHING CHAMPIONS were Lexi Reinhardt, Zoe Reynolds, Sabrina Williams and Ashlie Robinson.

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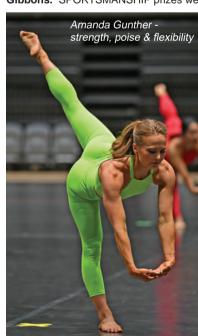
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A Service of lament & hope A combined service with Berowra Baptist & Berowra Uniting Church on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm at Berowra

Baptist Church



Sunday 24th December

9.30am - Join us for a Christmas Eve Family Service with readings, stories and carols.

Monday 25th December

9am Christmas Day Service 4/6 Alan Rd, Berowra Heights www.berowra.unitingchurch.org.au

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

5pm Vigil (Children's) Mass

St Patrick's, Asquith

6pm Vigil (Children's) Mass 9pm Youth Mass

12am Midnight Mass



Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

9am Family Mass

St Patrick's, Asquith

8am Family Mass & 10am Family Mass

(NB: No 6pm Mass on Christmas Day)

Contact: 9456 2450 or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Christmas brings a multitude of emo

Many of us can find it exhausting – overwhelming: with extra activities, social functions and expectations. It can also be a time of absolute joy as we watch children gaze with delight at the sparkle and colour of the Christmas lights. Perhaps a difficult time: as we think upon the year that's been and are acutely aware someone is no longer with us, or that relationships have changed.

One of my favourite aspects of the Christmas Story about the birth of Jesus, is the Shepherds. God didn't make his announcement to the kings or leaders of the day. Instead, he chose to announce this wonderful news to a bunch of humble shepherds, working hard, in the cold of the night, out in their dusty fields.

The announcement of Jesus entering our world is for us all, as we are, whoever we are. We are invited into this season whether you 'have it all together' or are 'falling apart' or just feeling in the middle.

Jesus entered our world because of his LOVE for ALL humanity.

Please join us to celebrate and find out more of who Jesus is, at any of our local Church Christmas Services. Or if you're finding it all too hard this year, a Blue Christmas Service - everyone is welcome. Many blessings,

Rev Christine McPherson (on behalf of the Combined Churches of Berowra)

Ku-ring-gai Council Christmas and **New Year operating hours**

Friday 22 December - 8.30am to 12.30pm

Monday 25 December - closed

Tuesday 26 December - closed

Wednesday 27 December – call centre open

8.30am to 5pm; customer service centre closed

Thursday 28 December – call centre open 8.30am

to 5pm; customer service centre closed

Friday 29 December – call centre open

8.30am to 5pm; customer service centre closed

Monday 1 January 2024 - closed

Tuesday 2 January 2024 – back to normal hours

Ku-ring-gai Council wishes you and your family a safe and happy festive season.

krg.nsw.gov.au Enquiries: 9424 0000



HORNSBY RFB SANTA RUN

In a first ever, Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade will escort Santa along the east side of MOUNT COLAH, ASQUITH AND HORNSBY on Saturday 23rd December from 2pm onwards!

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We'll also be stopping at three parks along the way to let the kids (and adults of course) meet Santa and jump in the fire truck!

> Berry Park - 2:20pm Mills Park - 3:45pm Lessing Park - 5:10pm

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You can check Santa's progress along the route on the SANTA TRACKER LINK on our Facebook page. For more details, and to stay bush fire ready this Summer, please follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/HornsbyHeightsRural FireBrigade



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LISTEN OUT FOR THE HORNS, BELLS AND MUSIC AS SANTA GETS CLOSE. To cheer Santa along, dress yourself, your family, your house and *your dog* in the finest Christmas outfit! Or have kerbside picnic – *but keep those carrots hidden away from Rudolf!*

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