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NEW AMBULANCE STATION FOR BEROWRA

FRONTLINE EMERGENCY CARE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE BEROWRA DISTRICT IS SET TO RECEIVE A MAJOR BOOST, WITH THE AREA EARMARKED AS THE FUTURE LOCATION FOR A NEW AMBULANCE STATION.

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** welcomed the news, saying, "I am incredibly pleased to announce residents living in Berowra and surrounds will have improved access to emergency care when and where they need it most.

"In identifying Berowra as the future location for a new ambulance station, NSW Ambulance has confirmed what locals have been saying for some time,"

said Mr Kean.

The new station will feature internal parking for emergency ambulance vehicles, vehicle wash facilities, multipurpose spaces to support staff education and rest, logistics and storage spaces, an office area for administration as well as staff amenities.

"In addition to improved frontline emergency care, the investment will also bring more jobs to our local area as well as providing a better working environment for our paramedics," Mr Kean explained.



The exact location for the new ambulance station will be determined once further planning is completed which includes working with key stakeholders to identify a suitable site.

"With funding committed and Berowra confirmed as the location for a future ambulance station, the next step is to identify potential sites for the build. This process will ensure we best meet the needs of the local community and our emergency staff."

NSW Ambulance uses best-practice modelling software that maps out Triple Zero calls to determine the most suitable location for emergency care, ensuring that new stations are located to support the effective delivery of timely paramedic care to patients across the area.

The new ambulance station at Berowra is being delivered as part of the \$615.5 million NSW Ambulance Infrastructure program, which is also delivering a new ambulance station at Cherrybrook.

BEROWRA FAUNA FAIR

"BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL WE CELEBRATE THE MARVELLOUS WILDLIFE WITH WHOM WE SHARE WITH OUR BUSHLAND HOME"

Friends of Berowra Valley, a community group committed to conservation and advocacy for our local environment, will hold the **BEROWRA FAUNA FAIR**.

On **SUNDAY 12TH MARCH** from 10am to 4pm, at the Berowra Community Centre the Berowra Fauna Fair will commence with a **Welcome to Country** and smoking ceremony by **Uncle Laurie**. The centre will be a hub of fauna-based activity including native animals, information from **WILDLIFE RESCUE**, local **PLANTS FOR SALE**, a workshop on **BUILDING A BEE HOTEL** and a **BBQ** run by Apex. Throughout the event there will be continuous 30-minute talks by experts on **bats, birds, frogs, fungi, marine animals, koalas and more**.

The greater Hornsby area is a native animal hot spot and home to some of Australia's most iconic animals such as the echidna and threatened species such as the platypus and koala. *Learning about these animals is a great step towards making sure they are still here for*

future generations to enjoy.

With support from a Hornsby Shire Council's Event Grant and participation by the Frog and Tadpole Study Group of NSW, the Cattai-Hills Environment Network, the Australian Plants Society and Sydney Wildlife Rescue, Friends of Berowra Valley are pleased to be able to expand and run this event for another year.

Keep an eye on <https://www.friendsberowravally.org.au/2023-berowra-fauna-fair> to see the schedule of talks and the full list of events on the day.



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IT'S AN HONOUR!

'For service to the community of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai', Managing Editor and owner of *The Bush Tele* Kathie Comb has been honoured with a 2023 Australia Day Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia.

Photo right:

The Bush Tele Team has something to celebrate!

L-R Christine Nichols, Kathie Comb OAM, Sue Hurdell and Ashlie Robinson.



Thankyou to Carolyn McMurtrie for her 'Koala Congratulations' image.



John Stavert OAM

On Australia Day 2023, **John Stavert of Brooklyn** was awarded an OAM for services to the community. *John has volunteered in many and various ways, too numerous to list.*

John's activities are severely limited now as his deteriorating health means he is a resident in Bowden Brae Nursing Home, Normanhurst. Until recently, he was for many years the chairperson of the **Hornsby Diabetes Support Group** and the committee members led by **George Barker, Diabetes**



Educator, were pleased to nominate John for the OAM.

Photo above: L to R. John's wife Carmen, John Stavert OAM, George Barker, Diabetes Educator, Hornsby Hospital.

Story & photo: Rae Rosten.

COWAN QUARRY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The NSW Government has commissioned a geotechnical investigation into a former sandstone quarry at Cowan to determine if the bushland site could one day be opened to the public for recreation use.

Member for Hornsby, **Matt Kean** said the study, which is currently being undertaken, will help determine if it would be safe and cost effective to one day open up the former Cowan Quarry site for recreation such as bushwalking and BMX riding, while honouring its heritage value.

"Northern Sydney has some fantastic bushland areas and this Geotech study will help determine if it could be safe and economically feasible to open up this 1.5-hectare spot near Cowan Oval for more open space recreation," Mr Kean said. "First we need to find out if the ground in the in-filled quarry site is sufficiently stable to allow walking and riding over the area." The former quarry site is in a hilly area accessible via locked vehicle gates off **Bujwa Fire Trail** near Cowan Oval and at the Pacific Highway entrance to **Wedgewood Fire Trail**. Cowan Quarry is part of a Crown reserve managed by Crown Lands. Mr Kean said, "This project will try to activate more open space as part of ongoing efforts to maintain and improve Crown reserves across NSW to ensure local communities can enjoy public assets, while still protecting the surrounding environment."

Photo right: A Geotech team investigates the Cowan Quarry to assess its suitability for future recreational facilities.



'POT-HOLE ROAD REPAIRS' NSW GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS URGENT LOCAL ROAD REPAIRS IN HORNSBY LGA



An appeal to the NSW Government from a group of Sydney Mayors, led by Hornsby Mayor, **Philip Ruddock AO**, has resulted in the grant of funding of \$220 million to be shared by thirty-five Sydney councils to repair roads damaged by last year's storms.

The Minister for Metropolitan Roads, **Natalie Ward** said, "Councils can act now on urgent road and pothole repairs, as well as protect against reoccurring challenges through the use of technology such as cold mix." Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** said, "I know how tough it has been for the badly impacted community of Hornsby and this funding will go a long way in delivering immediate improvements."

"This funding ensures people across Greater Sydney can have their roads returned to even better condition than they were prior to the record rainfall last year." Hornsby Council has been allocated \$6.9 million and Hornsby Mayor, Philip Ruddock AO said, "While we have been proactive in responding to reports of road damage to ensure safe travel for our residents, we have already expended much of the \$3.2 million we had allocated for road restoration this financial year." "Following numerous representations to the State Government seeking funding for flood and rain damage, including damage to our local roads, we are pleased that the Premier has listened to us and has committed significant funding to help remediate the severe pothole damage across NSW," Mayor Ruddock said.



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This is a **DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT** so residents are asked to stay in their vehicles while goods are collected by volunteers on the day.

The linen will be used by Blocktexx to be repurposed in packaging, manufacturing and building materials. St Vincent De Paul will also repurpose unwanted textiles as cleaning products.

Mayor Jeff Pettett said, "For each truckload of clothing and linen we collect on the day, 10 tonnes of textile waste will be kept out of landfill."

St Ives Showground is located at 450 Mona Vale Road St Ives.
DETAILS krg.nsw.gov.au/whatson

An Introduction to **Walks and Talks** at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden

A gentle 1-2 hour walk at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens, 420 Mona Vale Road St Ives.

Meet at 9.45 am, Monday 13th March, at Caley's Patio (behind Caley's Pavilion) in KWG. This will be the first meeting this year of a program sponsored by North Shore Group of Australian Plants Society. No charge. Bookings not essential but appreciated! Enq: Wendy 0419 323 035.



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Hornsby Council continues to take steps to revitalize the westside of Hornsby and celebrate that area's rich heritage.



Funded by a NSW Government Grant through the **Your High Street program**, Hornsby Council is currently undertaking construction works on the corner of **Coronation Street and Jersey Lane, Hornsby**. This work is repurposing part of an old carpark area to create a new, permanent micro plaza under a "ghost building", as well as a pop-up community event space. *This will reinvigorate an old run-down precinct and increase the area's uses during both the day and evening, whilst improving safety and comfort.* The project will also improve accessibility and connections, increase pedestrian traffic and provide a boost for local businesses in the Coronation Street area.

It is anticipated the facility ready for use by May 2023, with the final stage being a street mural to be painted by artist **Fintan McGee**. *The mural will recognize the location's history, being the old Judge's Bakery site.* In a second project nearby, Hornsby Council again commissioned the services of renowned artist and muralist, **Hugues Sineux**, who has just completed a magnificent mural in **Beattie Lane, Hornsby** (the small laneway between Jersey Lane and Jersey Street front cover & photo above). **Sineux is best known in Hornsby for his historic themed "Ginger Meggs" mural in Dural Lane which he painted in 2016.**

This impressive new mural in Beattie Lane also has a historic Hornsby theme and is well worth checking out. The mural project was also funded by the NSW Government through their **Graffiti Management program**.

By Nathan Tilbury, Hornsby Shire Councillor

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ASQUITH MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets 1st Thurs monthly at Magpies, Waitara - 10am. New members welcome. Enq: Barry: 0419 985 458.

ASQUITH VIEW CLUB luncheon meeting Wed 15th March Magpies Waitara 11am for 11-30am. Bookings Essential. Enq Kerry 9476 5910.

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES Sydney Hills District Branch meets Fri 3rd March Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham St, 10.30am. Speaker: NSW Ageing & Disability Commission "How to protect Family & Friends subjected to financial or other abuse?" Investors Discussion 12.30pm: "How to design a Financial Portfolio".

BEROWRA DISTRICT MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets 10am 1st Tuesday each month at Berowra RSL. Enq: Enq: 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 www.berowralions.org.au

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BEROWRA SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets every Wed, 9am, Berowra Community Centre. Enq Cheryl 9456 2139 Tom 9456 0407.

BEROWRA TOASTMASTERS meet 2nd and 4th Thursday 7.15pm for 7.30pm Berowra Community Centre. Enq: Anne 0491 138 832.

BEROWRA WATERS VIEW CLUB meets at Club Berowra at 11am 4th Wed monthly. Next meeting 22nd March. Enq: Geraldine 9456 2680.

BUSH DANCE WORKSHOPS at Pennant Hills Community Centre above 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 Friday 10am 4th Friday, St Peters Church Hall Hornsby. Enq: Lyn Braico 0422 580 922.

DURAL & DISTRICT PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets 3rd Mon monthly at Blue Gum Centre ARV. Enq: Denis / 9629-2645.

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 HEIGHTS CAMERA CLUB meets 3rd & 5th Tuesday monthly Mt Colah Community Centre - 7:30pm. Enq: Bob 0448 257 406.

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI PARKINSON'S ASSOC Snr Citizs' Centre, Turramurra Thurs 10am-11.30am. Exercise: Mt Colah Community Hall Fri 11.30am-12.30pm. Meetings: 1st Fri Mt Colah Community Hall 10am-12 noon. Contact: Dick Babb: 0404 944 477.

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

HORNSBY MIXED PROBUS meets 2nd Wed monthly 10am Hornsby Uniting Church, 24 William St, Hornsby. We welcome new members.

HORNSBY NATIONAL SENIORS meet first Wed monthly Asquith Bowling Club. Enq: Kaylene on 0413 29768.

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

HORNSBY SHIRE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP meets 3rd Wednesday each month 2-4pm at Hornsby Library. Enq.: Coral cshand21@gmail.com

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MOUNT COLAH MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets last Mon monthly 10am "Magpies", Waitara. W: mountcolahmixedprobusclub.org.au

MOUNT KURING-GAI & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB meets Uniting Church, Mount Colah, 9.45am, second Tues monthly. Next meeting: AGM 14th March 2023. Enq: Lynn 0427 087 709 website 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.

PRIME TIME over 55s meets 3rd Wed monthly St Luke's Hornsby Hts 155 Galston Rd 12 to 2pm. Church Service, Lunch, and Speaker. RSVP primitime@stlukeschurch.com.au Enq: Merle 0438 773675. All welcome.

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Following a *Welcome to Country* and *Smoking Ceremony* conducted by **Uncle Neil Evers**, distinguished guests tried their hand at bowling to one of the sport's most celebrated batsman before local cricketers took to the nets to show them how it's done

Stage Three of the Waitara Park Precinct project focusses upon upgraded off-field supporting infrastructure to accommodate the needs of women, girls and people with disability by improving the changerooms, access and amenities in the pavilion. Whilst some remaining grant money is available for this stage, additional funding is being sought by the club and Council to ensure the complete project can be fully realised.

Keep up to date with the progress of the project at Waitara Park Precinct | Hornsby Shire Council (nsw.gov.au)

Photo above: CUTTING THE RIBBON *left to right* The Hon Cr Philip Ruddock AO, Mayor of Hornsby Shire; The Hon Alister Henskens, Member for Kuring-gai; Mark Taylor AO; The Hon Matt Kean, Member for Hornsby; Jeremy Hook, President, Northern District Cricket Club; Blowfly cricketer (at back in green); Lee Germon, CEO, Cricket NSW; Lauren Smith, Northern District Cricket Club women's 1st grade Captain & NSW Breakers cricketer.

Photo top right: The new Mark Taylor Indoor Cricket Centre.

Photo right: Northern District Cricket Club members: L-R Sophie Shelley, Lauren Smith 1st Grade Captain, Elissa Andrews and Sharon Dass.

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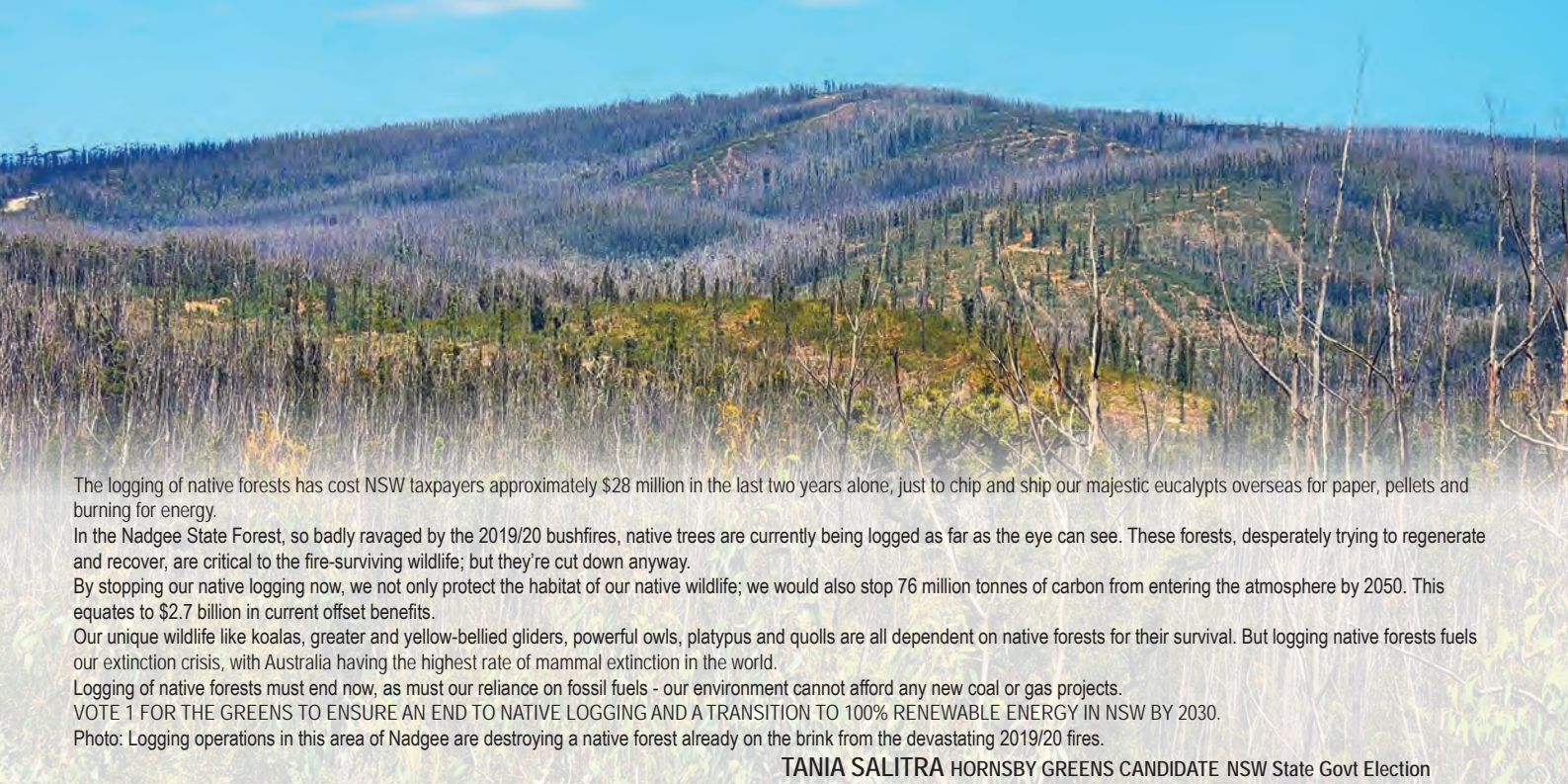
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By stopping our native logging now, we not only protect the habitat of our native wildlife; we would also stop 76 million tonnes of carbon from entering the atmosphere by 2050. This equates to \$2.7 billion in current offset benefits.

Our unique wildlife like koalas, greater and yellow-bellied gliders, powerful owls, platypus and quolls are all dependent on native forests for their survival. But logging native forests fuels our extinction crisis, with Australia having the highest rate of mammal extinction in the world.

Logging of native forests must end now, as must our reliance on fossil fuels - our environment cannot afford any new coal or gas projects.

VOTE 1 FOR THE GREENS TO ENSURE AN END TO NATIVE LOGGING AND A TRANSITION TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY IN NSW BY 2030.

Photo: Logging operations in this area of Nadgee are destroying a native forest already on the brink from the devastating 2019/20 fires.

TANIA SALITRA HORNSBY GREENS CANDIDATE NSW State Govt Election

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Berowra Sustainability Co-Op is busy with TWO UPCOMING EVENTS this month! All welcome to join us!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY March 5th

Berowra Sustainability Co-op are participating in Clean Up Australia Day! Our beautiful environment is no place for rubbish and debris so we're teaming up to clean up the Berowra area.

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<https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/berowrasustainability>

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When: Monday 6th March 2023, 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Where: Warrina Street Clubhouse (upstairs), 65 Hillcrest Rd Berowra

The session is free, but registration is essential.

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Matt Kean MP has announced a project to provide new female friendly amenities at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights.

These upgraded facilities will be used by female football, netball and cricket players, and will include universally designed and accessible, female friendly change room and equipment storage areas (for football, netball, and cricketing equipment).

Matt Kean said, "This investment in community sport infrastructure is improving facilities for women and girls, and boosting female participation in sport, in line with our **Her Sport Her Way** strategy."

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*Alexandra Torrens,
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Medication misadventure is estimated to be responsible for up to a third of all unplanned hospital admissions among older Australians.

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When you receive a prescription in Australia, it now lists the name of the medication's active ingredient rather than the brand name. **If you are confused by the names, our pharmacists can spend time with you to discuss your medicines, their names and dosages and ensure you are getting the most out of them.**

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HORNSBY HAS A NEW DEPUTY!

Hornsby Shire Council's first general meeting for 2023 was held 8th February. Councillor **Warren Waddell** (pictured) was elected by his peers to serve as Hornsby Shire's new Deputy Mayor for a 12-month term.



PERFORMANCE REPORT

Council also tabled its latest Performance Report, detailing strong progress with its 2022–2026 Delivery Program including the 2022/23 Operational Plan, and Budget outcomes for the first half of the 2022/23 financial year.

Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** AO said, "The community has outlined its vision for the Shire through the Community Strategic Plan and the Delivery Program and Operational Plan roadmap which show how we will achieve these goals."

"Across the Shire, we spent \$36 million, much of it received as grants from the NSW Government, on services for the community. Completed capital projects included upgrading four parks and playgrounds such as Warrina Street Oval, Berowra and a new dog park at Hunt Reserve. We upgraded four sporting facilities, which included completing the upgrades to the Mark Taylor Oval and we delivered a new indoor cricket centre at this facility. We built a new scenic viewing platform at Quarter Sessions Road in Westleigh and delivered a new accessible path at McKell Park in Brooklyn."

COUNCIL DELIVERS

- five new footpaths,
 - two new pontoons
 - opened the new three-lane boat ramp at Wisemans Ferry (main photo above)
 - drainage project in Mount Colah and
 - installed a device to keep our streams and rivers clean in Dural
- Mayor Ruddock continued, "We promoted arts, culture and resilience across the Shire through events and activities and welcomed voluntary community members to several committees and advisory groups and consulted on a large range project and programs."

LONG TERM PLAN

"While we forecast a moderate surplus, a review of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) identified the need to secure long term financial

stability and maintain our high levels of service for the community. Following extensive consultation, we updated and adopted a revised LTFP, and Council resolved to advise IPART of its intention to make, and subsequently submitted, an application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to ensure we build a strong financial future for Hornsby Shire." The December 2022 Performance Report is available to view at hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

ALSO AT THE MEETING ...

- Mayoral Minute about the passing of Mr **Allan Watson** who worked tirelessly for the *Darug* people for many years and was one of the founding members of *Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee* (HATSICC).
- Report on the status of investments and borrowing for 2022/23
- Endorsed the amended 'Conflict of Interest Policy for Proposed Council Development' for public exhibition
- Report on variations to development standards for development applications approved
- Question on Notice from Councillor **Nathan Tilbury** about the traffic impacts associated with Westleigh Park

CATS

In response to a Notice of Motion from Councillor Nathan Tilbury, Council reaffirmed its position that there is a need to proactively address the impacts of cats on the environmental qualities of our Shire. Council resolved to write to the NSW Government, the Opposition, NSW Greens and Independent Members of Parliament calling for support in managing the impacts of cats on the environment in a range of ways. These include changes to the Companion Animals Act 1998 to enable Council to introduce containment policies in consultation with the local community, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Invasive Species Council, the RSPCA and other agencies to meet the specific needs of the area, including phase-in periods, a selection of areas within the area to which the policy applies and monitoring frameworks including consideration of resource allocation.

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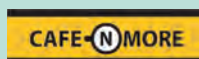
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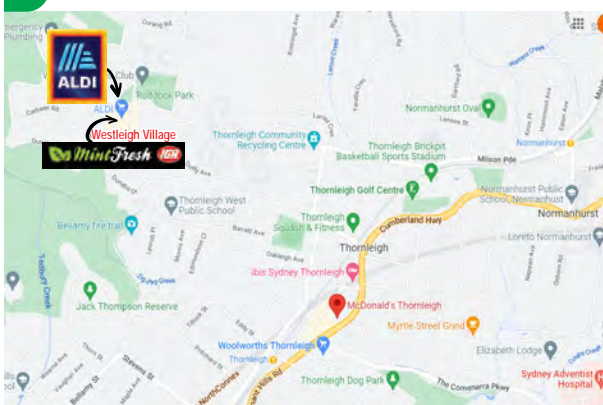


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This month we celebrate International Women's Day, St Patrick's Day & Global Recycle Day!

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All of our cafes & restaurants are OPEN for dine in or take away and the perfect local option for lunch / dinner / coffee to celebrate International Women's Day with an amazing Women in your life! See our amazing gift selections for gift ideas/cards or why not book a special get away for an extra-long weekend? See Monique and her experienced team from Cherrybrook Travel.

Don't forget! It is Global Recycle Day on 18th March - Did you know...ALDI accepts recycled batteries?



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LOCAL COMMUNITY HEROES

By Alister Henskens MP

DEMENTIA is an important issue many families in our community face.

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The volunteers are generous with their time and genuine in their care, providing invaluable social support, connection, and friendship. It is also rewarding for them in return.

As a State Member of Parliament, I have had the privilege of meeting many incredible people who give of themselves to bring our community together, volunteering their skills and time to make our area a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. *The NSW Government created the Community Heroes initiative as an opportunity to recognise and thank those in our community who go above and beyond for the benefit of others.*

It is a pleasure to recognise five locals as Community Heroes for their contribution to DCaf Connections over many years: **John Cronly, Margaret Drylie, Gerry Foley, Robert Jenkins, and Laurel Thiessen.** We also thank the program co-ordinator, **Fiona Jenkins,** for her dedication.

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To find out more, go to: <https://elections.nsw.gov.au/voters/electoral-districts-redistribution/names-and-boundaries-of-electoral-districts>

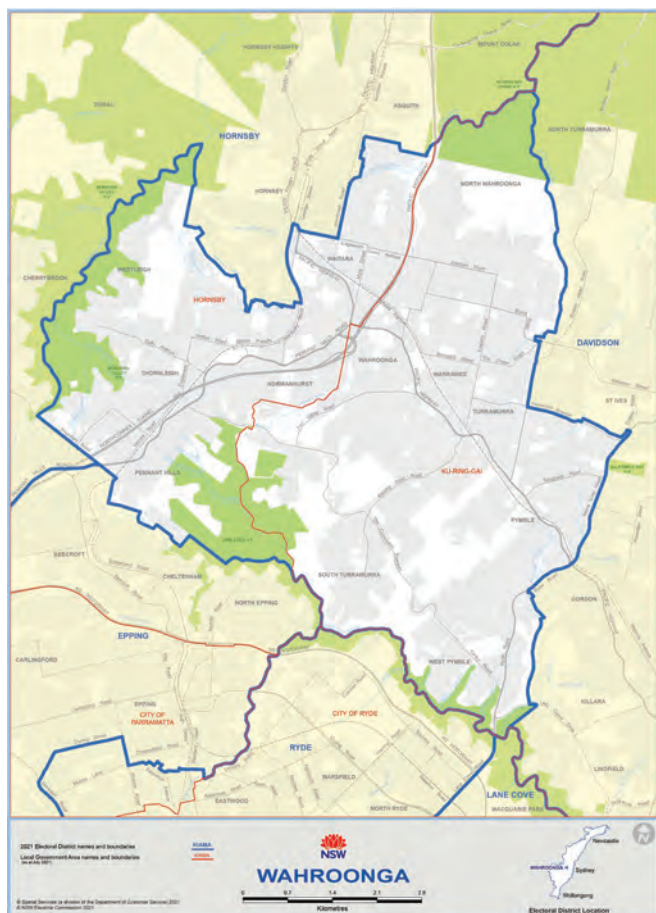
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FOR HORNSBY

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Authorised by A. Blake, The Greens NSW, 19A/1 Hordern Pl, Camperdown NSW.



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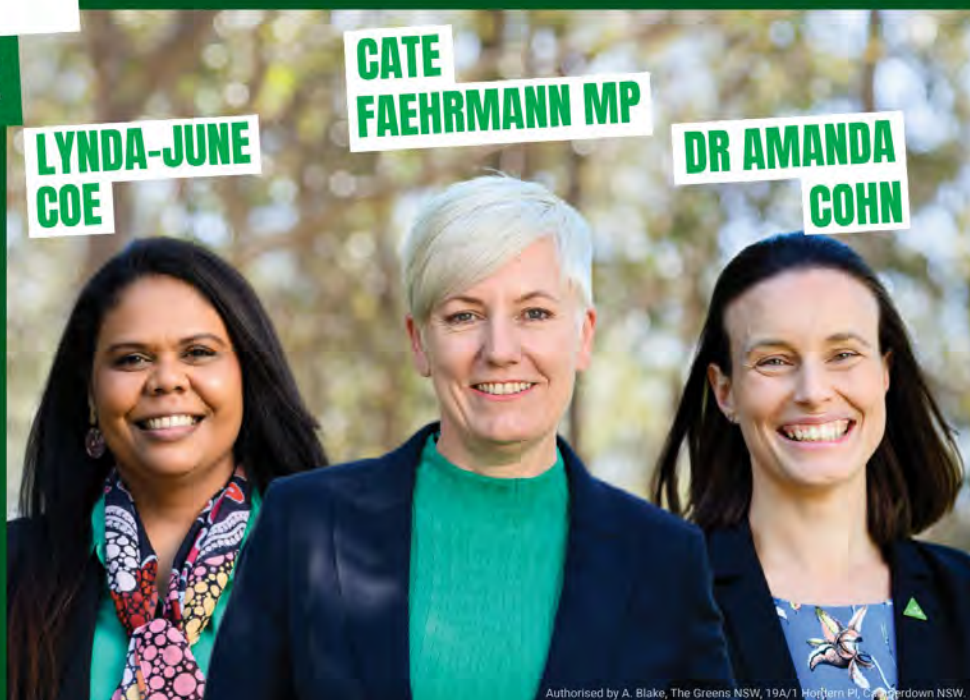
In the last four years, your Greens Upper House MPs have exposed dodgy pork-barrelling, brought the plight of our koalas to the world's attention and improved laws to reduce gambling harm, protect nature and make government decisions fairer and more transparent.

Our State seems to be run for the benefit of the wealthy few, with fossil fuel corporations, big developers and the powerful gambling lobby receiving special treatment at the expense of the rest of us and the environment

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Cate has taken the plight of Australia's koalas to the world, while the Liberal-National state government continues to log native forests to export as woodchips.

Cate has been working hard to protect NSW from over-development, exposing the zombie DAs approved in the 1980s that allow large tracts of bushland to be cleared for housing estates with no environmental impact assessment or appropriate infrastructure. **Check out Cate's report 'Concreting Our Coast' for more information.**

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TANIA SALITRA THE GREENS HORNSBY ELECTORATE

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With my background in production manufacturing management and running a small business, I have the proven energy and focus to deliver results.

I'm proud to stand with The Greens because like you, I'm tired of the rorts, jobs for the boys, the head-in-the-sand approach to the climate crisis, housing crisis and cost-of-living.

After twelve years of Liberal-National neglect, our children's future is bleak.

They can't afford to buy a home let alone rent and are locked in to huge debt, just to qualify for a job.

Our public schools and healthcare system are under-funded by billions each year. Nurses, midwives, paramedics and teachers deserve better pay and conditions.

Our communities' voices are ignored to the benefit of developers. But you can change this.

Vote 1 The Greens to put people before profit.

We are the only party with the policies to fix this mess – <https://greens.org.au/nsw/policyplatform2023>



ALISTER HENSKENS MP LIBERAL PARTY WAHROONGA ELECTORATE

Alister Henskens has been the Member for Ku-ring-gai in the NSW Parliament since 2015 and is a Minister in the NSW Government.

Alister is committed to protecting the special quality of our local community and to keep it as a great place to live, whether it is to grow up, be educated, raise a family or retire.

Alister and his wife, have a daughter and son and have lived locally for over 25 years.

A passionate community advocate, Alister has served his local public school as a P & C President and has been a director of Basketball NSW

and coached and played the sport.

Born, raised and schooled in public schools in Newcastle, NSW, Alister has degrees in economics and law from the Universities of Sydney and Toronto.

A barrister, Alister was appointed a Senior Counsel in 2011. He worked principally in the areas of general commercial litigation and was also Counsel Assisting the Equine Influenza Inquiry.



MATT KEAN MP LIBERAL PARTY HORNSBY ELECTORATE

ENERGY BILL RELIEF FOR FAMILIES A re-elected NSW Liberal Government will slash energy bills by \$250 and help households unlock up to \$400 in further savings by switching to a better deal.

The NSW Energy Bill Saver program will allow households to receive \$250 off their energy bills by simply comparing their current energy deal. They could also unlock up to \$400 in further savings by switching energy plans to a lower deal.

Households are feeling the pressure on their budget which is why we're delivering immediate bill relief as well as helping them get a better energy deal.

This \$250 short term saving is relief for today while also helping families slash their bills into the future. Eligibility will be open to every household in NSW, including existing rebate recipients. The comparison tool will be provided by Service NSW and households will still receive \$250 off their energy bill even if they don't switch plans.

The NSW Energy Bill Saver will be available from 1 July through to 31 December 2023.



JUSTIN THOMAS SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY

Justin Thomas resides in Berowra with his partner and two young children.

He completed a *Bachelor of Commerce* and works in trade services administration. Away from work, Justin loves spending time with his family, reading non-fiction (political economy, history, etc) and sports. He was drawn into politics by a desire for sensible policies, world class public services and better economic management.

Sustainable Australia Party is an independent community movement with a science and evidence-based policy platform fighting to protect our environment, stop overdevelopment and stop corruption.

Sustainable Australia Party will protect endangered species habitats, native forests and local tree canopies, reduce NSW's waste footprint, take action on climate change, stop rampant high-rise development and sprawl, deliver new infrastructure before more housing, stabilise Australia's population, implement transparent reporting of political donations and lobbying, and ban political donations from big business and unions.



Sustainable Australia Party



Sustainable Australia Party is an independent community movement with a science and evidence-based policy platform.

Visit: www.sustainableaustralia.org.au

Authorised by Councillor William Bourke for Sustainable Australia Party, 20 Burlington St Crows Nest NSW.

Justin believes he would be a worthy local representative and also urges support for Sustainable Australia Party's Upper House team lead by Councillor William Bourke.



BENJAMIN CASWELL

COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT FOR HORNSBY ELECTORATE

YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATE FOR
NSW 2023 STATE ELECTION

I'm standing in the upcoming NSW State Election as I believe Hornsby needs a voice in Parliament that is beyond party politics and can vote for the community interests.

Key areas includes:

- Overhauling education to allow better outcomes for students
- Improving local infrastructure
- Better funding for health
- Protecting our environment
- Investigating ways to secure our energy future
- Keeping transparency and integrity in politics
- Supporting better housing initiatives for vulnerable people

Remember, as your community candidate, I am here to represent your voice. The issues I stand for are the ones you have told me are important. More information on what I'm standing for can be found on my website.

Upcoming Meet & Greet Events

BEROWRA

Date: 24th February 2023
Time: 9:30-10:00am
Location: Wise Monkey Cafe

HORNSBY

Date: 27th February 2023
Time: 11:30am-12:00pm
Location: Brewhaha

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

Date: 28th February 2023
Time: 9:30-10:00am
Location: CoHo Berowra

BEROWRA HEIGHTS

Date: 9th March 2023
Time: 9:30-10:00am
Location: Cafe Laurella

COWAN

Date: 9th March 2023
Time: 11:00-11:30am
Location: The Shoppe @ Cowan

MT COLAH

Date: 10th March 2023
Time: 10:00-10:30am
Location: Wooden Mill Cafe

Visit my website to find dates of more upcoming events across the electorate.
I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you in person.



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COMING SOON TO HORNSBY RSL CLUB



FOREVER ROD

SATURDAY 25TH FEB | 7.30PM | TICKETS \$41



THE SCREAMING JETS

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH | 8.00PM | TICKETS \$47



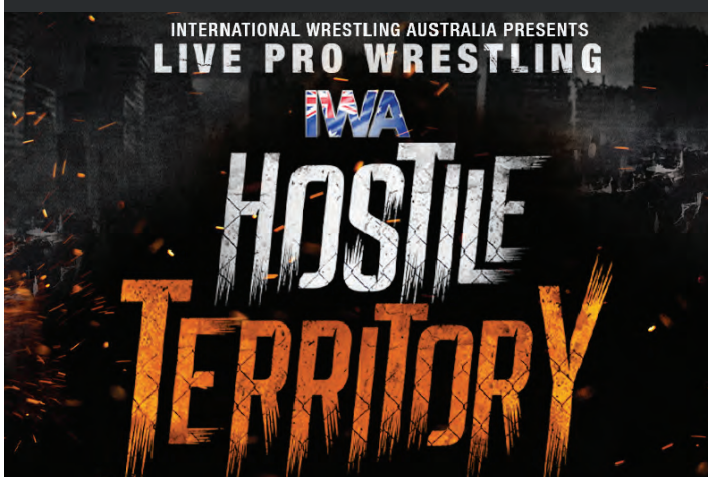
HELLO WE'RE THE WIGGLES

FRIDAY 17TH MAR | 10AM & 12:30PM | TICKETS \$34



AUSSIE COMEDY LEGENDS

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH | 7.30PM | TICKETS \$47



IWA - HOSTILE TERRITORY

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH | 8.00PM | FROM \$26



CRAZY SCIENCE

FRIDAY 14TH APR | 11AM | TICKETS \$15



HORNSBY RSL CLUB

Visit www.hornsbyrsl.com.au or
phone 02 9477 7777 for full details

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Offering classes in

- Karate (6yrs & up) • Boxfit
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www.service.nsw.gov.au/
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HORNSBY LIONS



REGISTER NOW

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE
2023 WINTER COMPETITION
CLOSE ON 15 MARCH

NETBALL CLUB

WELCOME TO HORNSBY LIONS NETBALL

We are a Not for Profit Club and we play at Pennant Hills in the Hills District Netball Association (HDNA).
The club was created in the early 2000's and has grown over the years. We are a close, family oriented club and welcome any new members.



REGISTER HERE

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Players Wanted Hornsby RSL FC is looking for players



ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 3

Hornsby RSL FC is looking for players to strengthen their Age Division 3 squad for the 2023 season.

Pre-season begins Sunday 22nd January 5-7pm at Mills Park. Regular season training will be held every Wednesday from 7pm until dark during February and 7pm-9pm from March onwards at Mills Park

If you are interested contact
president@hornsbyrslfc.com.au or Alex on 0481 087 554

YOUTH PLAYERS 5yrs+

Hornsby RSL FC are also seeking youth players, 5 and above for our youth teams

Registrations are now open, go to our website www.hornsbyrslfc.com.au and follow the registration links

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LET'S GET BACK TO NETBALL!

KNA FAMILY FUN DAY

Bring the whole family and join us for an awesome fun filled morning. Everybody welcome!

WHAT:

- Come and Try games for all ages including parents
- Giveaways, prizes and competitions
- Coaching clinics, Umpires clinics plus Club and Rep tents
- VIP guests
- BBQ
- Refreshments available at our canteen

WHEN: Sunday March 05, 2023
TIME: 10am - 1pm
WHERE: Canoon Road Netball Courts, South Turramurra




Latest News



To lodge, view and track the latest Development Applications in your area please visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property



from the Mayor's Desk

Hornsby Shire Council held its first general meeting for 2023 on 8 February and elected Councillor Warren Waddell as Hornsby Shire's new Deputy Mayor for a 12-month term. Congratulations to Councillor Waddell and thank you to the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tilbury for your ongoing valued contribution to the community.

This month, people across Australia will join together to do their bit for the environment by taking part in Clean Up Australia Day. This wonderful Australian tradition gives people the opportunity to take positive, practical action to clean up their surroundings and make where we live a better place.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the community groups, schools, young people and businesses who will roll their sleeves up and give their time on 5 March. Your contribution to our beautiful Bushland Shire is much appreciated.

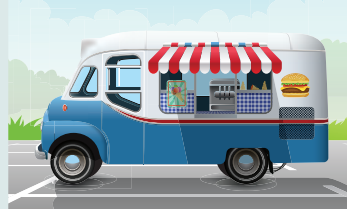
What we do with our waste is the central theme to our annual Rethink environmental art prize and exhibition. And we're calling on all kinds of artists across the Shire to submit a piece of work for this year's competition. This year's theme is 'Wasteland or Wonderland' and it is open to digital stills, sculpture, mixed media, painting, photography, print making, ceramics and drawing. Entries are open until 26 April. Visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/rethink to find out more.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on

GET READY FOR THE WEEKEND AND ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND MUSIC IN YOUR SHIRE

Food Truck
FRIDAYS



FRIDAY 10 & 24 MARCH

5-8.30PM

BEROWRA OVAL
CAR PARK

For venue details visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ftf

YOUR SAY HORNSBY

We are seeking your feedback on the following Hornsby Shire Council community projects:



- **Community Engagement Plan – Housekeeping amendments:** Exhibition closes 16 March 2023
- **Normanhurst Oval – Proposed Lease:** Exhibition closes 28 Feb 2023
- **Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan:** Exhibition closes 31 March 2023

To have your say visit yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

REIMAGINE
ART PRIZE
2023

Theme: 'Wasteland or Wonderland'

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entries close: **26 April 2023**

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/rethink

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HORNSBY
SHIRE COUNCIL

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Your Local Waste Management Partner



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Find out why local businesses are switching to bizwaste@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Next Council meeting Wednesday 8 March, 6.30pm

hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Local Schools Feature

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



OPEN NIGHT
Monday 6 March 2023
4-6pm

- Ask questions of our Principal, School Executive, Staff and Student Leaders.
- Experience a taste of all that Asquith Boys High School has to offer.
- Learn about the wide range of extra-curricular and additional programs available to our students.

REGISTER
TO
ATTEND

To attend this event please register by emailing
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your name, contact details & number attending.

ENRICHMENT CLASS Year 7 2024

APPLY
NOW

Asquith Boys High School is offering places
in their 2024 Year 7 Enrichment Class.

The Enrichment Class caters for students who
are talented in literacy and numeracy, providing
challenging extension opportunities that include
creative and critical thinking.

Applications are now open. For an application
package please go to the school website
www.asquithboy_h.schools.nsw.gov.au



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Leadership, Citizenship, Science, Technology, Creative Arts and Sporting Excellence



STRIVING TOWARDS PERSONAL BEST AT ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Asquith Boys High School is a comprehensive community school
committed to achieving exceptional learning opportunities for boys.

*The school prides itself on its ability to engage all boys through innovative
programs in academic enrichment, leadership, community service, the
arts, sport and many other areas that ensure that our students become
fine young men.*

In 2022, Asquith Boys High School students achieved excellent results in
the HSC despite the learning disruptions caused by COVID-19 and the
delayed start to the HSC Examinations.

Rory McFarlane was awarded the distinguished academic award of Dux
for the 2022 HSC cohort.

Matthew Conlon, Lewis Pendrick, Riley Berzins and **David Barnes** all
excelled achieving excellent ATARS and Band 6 results.

The students at Asquith Boys High School achieved Band 6's across
4 different subject areas, including Mathematics Standard 2, Industrial
Technology - Timber, Construction, and PDHPE.

Nicholas Read and **Kieran Heap** were nominated for Industrial Technology
- Timber major works HSC showcase for INSHAPE and INTECH.

Asquith Boys High School's excellent HSC results and exceptional learning
opportunities for boys, is credited to the quality relationships established
between the students and their passionate, dedicated teachers.

Mr Bryce Grant, Principal

Photo: 2023 School Leaders: School Captain - Joshua Hegarty (centre), Vice
Captain - Elliot Rossington (left) and Senior Prefect - Luke Handsworth (right).

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*creating futures
education changes lives*



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WIDEVIEW KINDY STUDENTS: AHEAD OF THE GAME

Nothing beats the excitement of your child's first day at school.

The Wideview Kindergarten team loves welcoming all the new faces and helping them feel safe and settled. By attending Wideview's highly-regarded **Kinderlinks** program before the year starts, children are excited to go to big school.

Kindy teacher **Chelsea Hefford** explains, "So when students arrive on day one, they are already familiar with their teachers and the classrooms".

Kindy teacher **Danielle Donahue** adds, "Our *buddy program* means every Kindy student has a friend in Year 6 who helps them feel welcome and comfortable." Further, Wideview's dedicated student wellbeing team ensures every child can engage in the school's learning opportunities.



The freshly-furnished and air-conditioned classrooms are calm spaces that aid student learning. Wideview's English program emphasises oral language, reading, writing and phonics, while Maths develops children's reasoning skills and deeper understanding through hands-on activities. Wideview boasts dedicated library and music teachers, sports, gymnastics and dance programs as well as new playground equipment, science resources and a vegetable garden for real-life experiences.

Please contact Wideview Principal Rebecca Pitts today for a school tour.



BEROWRA HEIGHTS



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Igniting a love of lifelong learning through an environment of pride, respect and responsibility

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- ★ Caring and compassionate teachers and staff dedicated to your child's learning needs and goals
- ★ A positive and inclusive school community for every child
- ★ A rich program of extra-curricular activities including radio club, debating, drama, gardening, waste warriors, band, drawing and more!
- ★ Comprehensive sports and gymnastics programs
- ★ Kinderlinks program to transition your child to 'big school'



Scan the QR code to visit the Wideview Facebook page

NEW FACILITIES

MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS COURTS OPENING APRIL 2023
DANCE STUDIO OPENING EARLY 2024

TO CHALLENGE OUR CURRENT MINDSETS AND EXPECTATIONS THROUGH INNOVATIVE WHOLE-SCHOOL PRACTICES THAT CREATE A CULTURE OF

CULTURE OF SUCCESS

2022 top ATAR 98.80

School Musicals

Region & State Champions

Sports Teams

State Runners Up Debating

ASPIRATIONS, AGILITY AND AGENCY

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT
TUES 28 FEB
FROM 5.15PM



REVISED CATCHMENT AREA

www.schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au

www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Asquith Girls High School is proud to have been a part of the Hornsby and Berowra communities for over sixty years. The school takes a holistic approach to education so that our students develop into confident, self-aware and globally minded citizens.

The school is renowned for a culture of success in a broad range of fields. This includes consistently high HSC results, individual athletes and school sporting teams regularly competing at region, state and national levels, and our debating teams excelling in the *Premier's Debating Challenge*. Our renowned music, dance and drama programs regularly provide students with the opportunity to perform at significant events.



To support our students to achieve their potential, there are a number of new facilities being built this year, such as new multipurpose sports courts due for completion in April 2023, as well as a new high specification dance studio to be completed by the end of this year.

Upgrades to our Resource Centre, a whole school roof replacement, and the provision of air conditioning in all classrooms complement our beautiful open spaces and curated gardens to create a positive, inclusive and engaging learning environment.

The students and staff welcome you to experience this for yourself at our upcoming OPEN NIGHT.



Waitara Open Now!



Check out our awesome extra-curricular activities!



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ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Having been an educator for over 20 years, **Gill Austin**, Principal at St Bernard's Catholic Primary is passionate about all aspects of teaching.



Gill believes environment, opportunities and extra-curricular activities all have a significant impact on a child's overall learning experience, and at St Bernard's, Gill has ensured each aspect is addressed.

Offering specialist programs tailored to student needs, flexible learning spaces, both indoors and outdoors, and a variety of extra-curricular activities, students at St Bernard's are given the opportunity to grow and thrive as they develop their own love of learning at their own pace. *Supported by dedicated professional and specialist teachers, every child at the school is known and valued, and whilst academics is what gives an important foundation for future success, wellbeing is also a priority.*

Gill explains that being a **'Rock and Water School'**, St Bernard's offers dedicated programs to build confidence, respect and creativity within each child, which addresses their physical emotional and spiritual needs. This, when combined with a strong academic program, is what helps to build confident, caring children with inquisitive minds and a genuine love of learning.

ST LEO'S STUDENTS SET FOR 'GREAT THINGS'

There is a real feeling of anticipation and excitement in the air at

St Leo's Catholic College, Warrunga this year.

Following the trials of the past few years, there is a focussed effort to challenge students, staff and the entire community to step up in 2023 with the theme *"Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"*



The quote by **Pope Francis**, asking young people everywhere to explore their talents, is already having an impact. There is a renewed focus on students setting high expectations for their own success and growth across all areas of College life – the *St Leo's 'Growth Domains'*, covering Academic, Spiritual, Social/Emotional, Creative, Physical and Environmental aspects.

Zinta Hartmann and **Tony Baynie** (pictured), 2023 College Captains, addressed students at the Opening Assembly:

"Pope Francis recognised the growing influence of young people in our ever-changing world. The ability we have to shape the future of our communities, our countries, our global connections," said Zinta. 'It asks us to have the courage and audacity to dream while we are awake. This is how we change our lives, and how we change the world," added Tony.

No doubt 2023 will hold 'great things' for St Leo's!

Photo: College Captains, Zinta Hartmann and Tony Baynie.



OPEN DAY 2023

Tuesday 14 March

9am - 11am & 6pm - 7pm



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Meet our Principal, our teachers and our students.

Visit our classrooms and find out more about our facilities and programs.

Come and experience St Bernard's first-hand to gain a real sense of our community.



Gill Austin, Principal

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St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

What's on!

- Speak to our staff and students
- Hear from the Principal - hourly addresses
- Information stands and displays
- Tour our \$30m campus upgrade
- A range of activities and performances
- Gain a real feel for our community in action!

Our innovative learning environment, strong academic results, focus on student wellbeing, caring community and personalised approach make St Leo's an exceptional place to learn - and in such high demand!

Come along and see for yourself!

Enter via Woolcott Ave, Wahroonga, or main event parking via Yardley Ave, Waitara



*Enter with passion –
graduate with greatness*

You're invited!

*Come
and see our
community
in action*



Open Evening & Expo

Wed 22 March, 4-7pm

Register at:

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- Excellence in evidence-based teaching and learning
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in our community ...

BEROWRA BOY, NEIL DAVIS

6th February 1931 to 18th January 2023

Neil was born at Glenbrook in the Blue Mountains.

In 1933, he moved to Berowra with his parents, **Bob and Gladys Davis**, and his sister, **Elaine**. Neil's father was appointed *Station Master* at Berowra and after 44 years working for the NSW Railways, he retired in 1968.

Initially the Davis family rented a house in **Rickard Road** for 10 shillings a week, later purchasing this house in 1943. *Before WW2, Berowra was a remote outpost and the Davis family home had no power, nor water supply.*

Neil attended *Berowra Public School* from 1937 and he always had bare feet at school: in those days shoes were a luxury few could afford, and being shoeless was a practice Neil happily continued throughout his life. Growing up in the Berowra bush, Neil and his friends had great times riding bikes, racing billycarts down steep hills like *Hillcrest Road*, swimming in *Berowra Creek*, local waterholes, fishing, camping and playing football.

He also grew up in Berowra during the War. *Neil clearly remembered how there were trenches dug on the school grounds to conduct regular air raid practices.* On both the school building and at home, all windows were taped up to stop flying glass. The community experienced the severity of war rations, including food and petrol. **The army set up a camp between Bambil and Rickard Roads to practice manoeuvres.** Of course, as young boys this was very exciting for him and his mates, but in 1941, Neil was sent to *Dubbo* to stay with relatives for a time due to growing fears of a *Japanese invasion via Berowra Waters*.

Just after the War had ceased, Berowra was a close-knit community with a small population of around 300. In 1945, Neil's sister Elaine, who was 10 years older than him, married a local man, **Bill Foster**. Bill's parents ran the well-known *Fosters Store*, which was the social centre of the community. Bill and Elaine Foster built their home in *Goodwyn Road* where they raised their family. Bill passed away in July 2012 aged 95, but Elaine lived on to her hundredth year in 2021.

During the 1940s and 50s Berowra's "Younger Set", as they were known, organised social outings to which Neil was a member enjoying Saturday dance nights at Mt Kuring-gai's *Harwood Hall*, Hornsby Cabaret and in the city. He also relished watching live boxing and wrestling matches at *Leichardt Stadium*, which included following local boxers, such as **Vic Patrick from Brooklyn** and **Arnold Hamilton from Berowra**. *Always keen to record memorable moments Neil put together a scrap book of newspaper cuttings and tickets from those events.*

In 1953, his father, Bob Davis, gifted Neil a parcel of land at the rear of the Rickard Road family property, which actually fronted *Waratah Road*. The following year Neil married "a lovely Hornsby girl", **Merle Jewell**, at *St Peters Church* in Hornsby. The young couple moved to 8 Waratah Road where they remained and raised their four children **Mark, Janelle, Clinton and Michelle**.

Neil completed his Intermediate Certificate in 1946 at the *Hornsby Central Technical School* with glowing results. "A steady and hard-working boy," wrote the headmaster. The following year he started a plumbing apprenticeship at Pymble and by 1956 at the age of twenty-six Neil joined *Cedric McCready* as they set up their own local plumbing business known as, *C. McCready & N. Davis*, and their partnership ran for 14 years. In 1970, Neil worked for the local concreting company *Aston and Burke*, as he travelled around NSW constructing bridges. He secured steady employment in 1973, joining Hornsby Council as a plant operator. He was a familiar sight driving a bright yellow Volvo front end loader around the Hornsby area, highly skilful and meticulous when operating that machine, which was very impressive to watch.

In 1996, and on his 65th birthday, Neil retired after 23 years of working at Hornsby Council. Neil was held in the highest regard and a surprise BBQ was organized with over 100 people in attendance. For his exemplary service the General Manager awarded Neil a gold watch, an honour usually reserved only for employees who achieved 25 years' service. *Neil proudly kept his watch for the rest of his life.*

Neil always kept chooks at home, and they ran free range in the back yard with ducks, pet dogs and even a horse at one stage. He got much pleasure out of gardening and tended to it most days, as well as growing a range of vegetables.

In retirement, Neil thrived on doing jobs around the house and if he didn't have the right tool, he would make one to fit the task. He knew where every single tool was kept out of the hundreds he stored in the garage!

Obsessed with keys, he could have easily set up his own locksmith business, as he had keys and locks for just about everything in the house, garage and yard. *Each key was differentiated by a coloured ribbon, however, no one else could crack his colour code!*

Neil would make detailed and endless lists, ticking off each task as completed:
* Chop firewood ,
* Clean chook house ,
* Check fishing gear ,
* Check rat holes and traps ,
* Plant tomatoes ,
* Plan next trip away.

In his retirement years, Neil travelled extensively around Australia with Merle. When they drove their car across the desolate plains of the *Nullarbor*, Merle was always filling up the car with artefacts and natural items that she collected along the way, to use later for her floral art. As a sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration, Neil and Merle went on **The Ghan** to Darwin, which was one of their most memorable trips. *Recently their family discovered that Neil and Merle came from a generation that never threw anything away and Neil was an avid collector, especially of local memorabilia.* He had a crystal-clear memory of growing up in Berowra which he loved to recount whenever given the opportunity. In his younger years Neil was a member of the **Berowra Bush Fire Brigade**, snow skied at *Mt Kosciuszko* and water skied at *Windsor*. However, he was not so good at tennis and Merle used to recount that he'd hit the ball far too hard, and it would constantly end up out of the court! Neil also loved lawn bowls and was a very active member of the **Berowra Bowling Club**, when of course, he wasn't suspended for *disruptive behaviour!*

In recent times, Neil relished the quietness and focused on reading history books which transported him into another place and time. He particularly loved the weekly visits from his family especially his little great grandchildren. The conversation, the stories and laughs, all mixed with Neil's sharp wit and sense of humour, never waned right up until the end. **Sadly, Neil had been struck by an overwhelming grief when he lost the love of his life and soul mate, Merle, last year.** They had been married for 68 years, only parting ways for seven months, and now they are joined together once again.

Some of Neil's family still live in Berowra - daughter Janelle & Mick Marr, son Mark (dec 2020) and his wife Rhonda Davis and granddaughter Kelly, and great granddaughter Ada.

I thank Neil Davis' family for providing much of this information about Neil's life.

*On a personal note, Neil Davis had a passion for both history and the Berowra district. I would like to recognize him for the generous support he provided me over many years. Along with other recently passed "Berowra Boys" **George Thompson** and **Jim Hatfield**, Neil's information, advice and access to family photos greatly assisted me in putting together Berowra's history, particularly during the pre-WW2 period, as it provided first-hand knowledge of that time.*

RIP Neil Davis.

Both you and Merle are greatly missed by your large family and many friends, and will be fondly remembered for many years to come.

Written by: *Nathan Tilbury*



WEAVE FOR WELLBEING

AWARD-WINNING LOCAL ARTIST **Kirrily Jordan** is teaching basketry in a series of workshops as a way of building connection.

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Weaving has become a big part of Kirrily's life after her own crisis. "After facing cancer in my mid-30s I knew I needed to find deeper meaning. With weaving, I connect with nature, meet new people and have so much fun."

Kirrily has been teaching nationally and is keen to bring her workshops home to Hornsby Shire.

"I've had the amazing opportunity to learn with incredible weavers, and was honoured to be *Highly Commended* in the **Hornsby Art Prize**. I'm excited to share weaving with as many people as I can," said Kirrily. **You can join Kirrily's Hornsby workshops on 25 February and 25 March.**

Tickets and more dates: kirrilyjordan.com/workshop

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Galston CWA's next meeting is Wednesday 8th March at the Galston Community and Health Centre, corner The Glade and 17 Arcadia Road at 10am for a cuppa, followed by our business meeting, and BYO lunch – *a sandwich or something to heat in the microwave. Stay for a Craft afternoon!* Members and friends who have made craft items for competition will bring them along for judging. *Visitors are very welcome to attend.*

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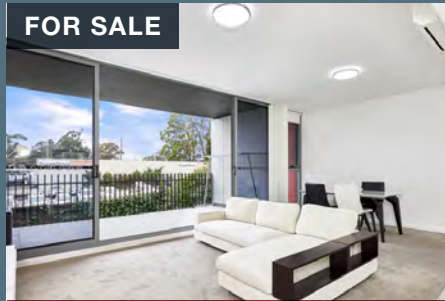
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