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AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES IN THE SHIRE

FREE EVENT

Hornsby Shire Council invites residents to join the fun at Hornsby Park on Australia Day 26 January for:

- **PERFORMANCES**
- **FIRST NATIONS SONGS AND DANCE**
- **FOOD TRUCKS**
- **FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES**
- **FREE ENTRY TO THE HORNSBY AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE** (capacity limits will apply)
- **FREE FACE PAINTING**

Following the OFFICIAL CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY, entertainment will kick off from 12pm as *Gawura Cultural Immersions* — a dance company of First Nations performers who perform all their songs in *Dhaurug Dalang* — take to the stage, then local legends *The Funky Monkeys* and *Lily Guerrero & Band* will spice things up with their Latin flavour and big sound. While adults can sit back and enjoy the entertainment, kids can take on all kinds of free fun including face painting and when you've danced up a good sweat, Hornsby Leisure & Aquatic Centre next to the park will have free entry from 12pm-4pm with

lots of inflatable fun in the outdoor pool! For pool entry, please see the Aquatic Centre front desk. Capacity limits will apply. Hornsby Shire Mayor the Hon Philip Ruddock AO said, "I'm very much looking forward to the Citizenship Ceremony as we welcome our newest citizens while bringing our community together with some fun and entertainment that all can enjoy." For more information visit: www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY

"Australia is the best country in the world. "Every year, Australia Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate Australia and being Australian. Australia Day is a day of beginnings — about how the Australia that we know and love today has come to be. It is a chance for all of us to reflect on how our families came to be here. "As Noel Pearson has rightly said, there are three parts of our national story: our Indigenous heritage, our British inheritance, and our multicultural success. "Australia Day is a chance to celebrate these three strands of our society, and in particular to reflect on

the arrival of the First Fleet, which brought with it many of the British institutions which are so central to Australian life today — our system of Parliamentary democracy, the rule of law, property rights, and the right to vote. Our unique Australian sense of humour is a mix of the British and the Irish, and the British gave us a language that connects us to English-speaking people in every continent around the world. "As Australians, we have hand-picked the best bits of British culture (while rejecting the class system which holds Britain back) to create the exceptional Australia which is so dear to each of us today. "To everyone across the electorate, I am wishing you a very happy Australia Day!"

Julian Leeser Member for Berowra

MICK SINGS FOR OZ DAY 2024

Local identity **Mick Gallagher** (pictured above) of Mt Colah will contribute to the Australia Day celebrations by providing free Aussie entertainment on Friday 26 January 2024.

Mick with his iconic Aussie guitar will get you joining him in some great Australian favourites such as 'Botany Bay', 'Click Go the Shears,' and 'Home Among the Gum Trees.' Catch Mick up at the **Hornsby Mall fountain / time sculpture at 10:30am, Hornsby (Aquatic) Park at 11:30am and the SAVVY Cafe at Asquith shops at 12:30pm.**

"Australia Day is a day where we can all be proud and thankful to be living in this great country!" said Mick.

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CONCERNING SHORTFALL OF SPORTS FACILITIES REVEALED IN NEW REPORT

"Based on modelling outlined in the report, by 2026 Hornsby Shire will see a deficit in supply of sportsground area of 45 hectares, and this will only increase. The rate of shortfall is predicted to be more than any other LGA in the region."

Hornsby Shire Mayor the
Hon Philip Ruddock AO

A new report commissioned by the **Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils** (NSROC) reviewing the supply and demand for sports facilities in the northern Sydney region has revealed a significant and growing shortfall in supply across LGAs in the region.

The 81 page report prepared by *Otium Planning Group*, assesses supply and demand in the region in line with forecasted population growth along with identifying both threats and opportunities to mitigating the shortfall.

Accounting for a projected 11.3% population increase in the NSROC area by 2036, the findings of this report help to inform both NSROC Councils and State and Federal Governments on the need for the continued rollout of such critical infrastructure in northern Sydney—infrastructure that will support the recently released increased supply of housing via the **State Environmental Planning Policy Amendment (Housing) 2023** that the northern Sydney region is preparing for: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/epi-2023-664>

The launch of the event took place at the site of Hornsby Shire Council's **Westleigh Park** development—a future premiere sporting complex that will feature three sporting platforms encompassing six sports grounds including five fields and an athletic track. Commencing construction in late 2024, the facility, funded by Hornsby Shire Council and the NSW State Government, is the most significant single opportunity in the northern suburbs area to



address the shortfall.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT INCLUDE:

- The need to increase the current supply capacity of NSROC sports facilities by 40% to 2026 (equivalent to 181Ha of total space) and 49% to 2036 (equivalent to 222Ha of total space)

- Identifying suitable land located in proximity to the majority of our population and high costs attributed to creating new sports facilities including sportsgrounds. NSROC President and Mosman Mayor Cr **Carolyn Corrigan** was joined by Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon **Philip Ruddock** AO and President of Parks and Leisure Australia, **Les Munn** for the launch of the report. They collectively called on the State and Federal Governments to recognise the importance of on-going commitments to funding and grant programs for such facilities in the region.

Mosman Mayor Corrigan said, "Unfortunately, this latest report highlights that despite our best efforts, the mounting pressure of population growth is making it very tough for our member Councils to keep up with the demand." Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO said, "The site of our Westleigh Development will become the largest single contributor of sports and recreational land in the NSROC region. In light of the findings of this report, that makes this facility simply crucial to the amenity of the

northern Sydney region. And as the land is already acquired, it is a rare and significant opportunity to dissuade the impending shortfall that the modelling of the report indicates — one that we're proud to be delivering for our community and for neighbouring LGAs."

Review of Supply and Demand for Sports Facilities in the NSROC Region is available for download at: <https://nsroc.com.au>

Hornsby Shire Council's Westleigh Park Master Plan is available for download at: https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0017/255311/HSC7123-Adopted-Westleigh-Park-Master-Plan.pdf

Photo above: L to R Hornsby Cr Nathan Tilbury, Willoughby Mayor Tanya Taylor, Mosman Mayor Carolyn Corrigan, Hornsby Shire Mayor Philip Ruddock AO and Ku-ring-gai Cr Barbara Ward.

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EVER WONDERED IF THOSE ROPE BRIDGES SAVE WILDLIFE FROM BECOMING ROAD KILL?

GOOD NEWS! An experiment by Ku-ring-gai Council staff to see if local possums could learn to use rope bridges to safely cross one of Ku-ring-gai's busiest roads appears to have been a success!

High above the bustling traffic on Ku-ring-gai's Lady Game Drive, possums are using purpose-built rope bridges to safely cross the road. Two rope bridges were installed earlier in the tree canopy above a section of Lady Game Drive. Now a joint team of Council staff and academics from the University of Sydney have begun monitoring the rope bridges which sit above the road.

Using eight remote cameras, all powered by solar panels, the team began investigating how many possums were using the rope bridges.

Much to the delight of the team, the cameras have detected both ringtail and brushtail possums regularly using the bridges, including mothers carrying their young.

Some possums have learnt to cross the road using the interior of the bridge, while others are using the top of the rope bridge.

Ku-ring-gai Mayor Sam Ngai said, "We all know that sense of grief when we see wildlife injured on the roads."

"It's encouraging to see these rope bridges have provided ringtails and brushtails with a safe way to move between feeding areas, and I look forward to the outcomes of the trial."

PINK IS THE COLOUR OF ACTION, OF FUN, OF CARE, OF LIFE WE PLAY

You're Invited to the **Berowra Cricket Club PINK STUMPS FAMILY FUN DAY** at Warrina Street Oval, Berowra Sunday **28th January 9am - 3 pm.**

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BEROWRA CYCLEWAY PROJECT

As most residents of the Berowra area are aware, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have forged ahead with the installation of their Berowra Cycleway Project along the Pacific Highway at Berowra.

The Berowra Cycleway Project was first proposed in October last year but paused when residents raised concerns especially regarding the consultation process, strategic priority of the project, connectivity with other cycle paths and design details.

After receiving feedback TfNSW representatives undertook further consultation with affected residents and businesses along the Pacific Highway, and modified their cycleway plans slightly.

TfNSW have always been determined to install this bike lane in this section of the Highway. I appreciate this has frustrated many residents but now it is in place all that can be done is for us to report any issues that arise, so this feedback can be provided directly to TfNSW with possible modifications made.

FEEDBACK

If you have any negative experiences or you feel this has created an unsafe situation, please send me your feedback for collation and to be passed onto Transport for NSW for consideration.

Matt Kean | Hornsby MP | hornsby@parliament.nsw.gov.au



Main photo: Pacific Highway Berowra looking south. Inset: Looking north.

HORNSBY COUNCIL SUPPORTS NSW GOVT'S VISION FOR FUTURE OF HOUSING

In line with the stage government's objective to accelerate housing supply, the Masterplan facilitates the delivery of over 4,900 dwellings and 4,500 new jobs in towers up to 36 storeys. This boost in population requires careful planning and commitment by all levels of government to ensure coordinated delivery of supporting infrastructure.

At its General Meeting in November 2023, Hornsby Shire Council cautiously welcomed plans unveiled by the New South Wales Government to address the supply of housing in the state by rezoning land around eight rail stations, including Hornsby. Council believes that it provides an opportunity to enhance the progression of Council's own Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan.

The Masterplan seals Council's commitment to long-term future housing provision and after five years of strategic planning, supported by comprehensive studies and analysis and prepared in collaboration with state agencies, land-owners and significant community consultation.

Hornsby Shire Mayor the Hon **Philip Ruddock** AO said, "Hornsby Shire Council has a proven track record of successfully preparing local housing strategies in close consultation with our community while respecting its unique bushland setting."

"We welcome the State Government's recognition for this need and look forward to a collaborative approach in delivering the Masterplan's facilities, improvements and upgrades as identified by our extensive planning and consultative processes," said the Mayor.

For more information about the Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan visit: <https://yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hornsby-town-centre-masterplan>

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THE GULLY ROAD BEROWRA FIRE TRACK & BUSHFIRE MITIGATION WORKS

The NSW Rural Fire Service has been working in collaboration with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) to reduce the amount of vegetation behind the properties in The Gully Road at Berowra.

This has enabled the creation of an **Asset Protection Zone (APZ)** behind the houses in Gully Road on the Eastern Side and the removal of vegetation off The Gully Road Track to allow it to be navigated more readily. Disposal of the removed vegetation continues to take place.

Residents can see considerable works have taken place and many have expressed their thanks for making it happen. The works have been carried out under the auspices of the recently approved **Hornsby/Kur-ring-gai Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP)** that can be accessed here:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/managing-bush-fire-risk/bush-fire-management-committees/hornsby-kur-ring-gai>

Thanks go to: **MLALC staff; RFS Cowan Mitigation Crews; RFS Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai District Staff**

Further Hazard Reduction Burning Works are planned in that area in the future.

LIONS CLUBS AUSTRALIA YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Lions Club of Berowra will be conducting its round of the Lions Clubs Australia Youth of the Year competition at the Berowra Community Centre on Sunday 11th February.

Lions Youth of the Year is a program which offers senior school age students the opportunity to experience putting themselves forward in an adult environment, with a formal written application, an interview with a judging panel, and two forms of public speaking. **Berowra Lions Club is one of many Lions Clubs that are running their Club rounds of YOTY in February.** The winner of Berowra's round will go on to compete at Zone or District level, and if they keep winning, could go as far as competing at National level at the *Lions Clubs Australian National Convention* in May.

Five Year 11/12 students from schools in the Hornsby area are presenting on Sunday 11th Feb, with interviews in the morning and public speaking in the afternoon. Members of the public are more than welcome to come and join the audience for the afternoon session, to hear our candidates firstly address two impromptu questions for 2 minutes each, then give 5 minute presentations on topics of their choice.

COME ALONG TO THE BEROWRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE GULLY ROAD from 1:30pm on **Sunday 11th February** to see leaders of the future in action. Admission will be a contribution of \$10 per adult towards our costs on the day.

For more information about this event or the Berowra Lions Club, please feel free to email Secretary Colin Hunter at secretary@berowralions.org.au



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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. Enq: Barry: 0419 985 458.

ASQUITH SENIOR CITIZENS meet Mt Colah Community Centre, Tuesdays 9.15am-12.15pm morning tea, carpet bowls & outings. Enq: Yvonne on 0438 195 377 or Jennie on 9477 1855 or 0422 474 669.

ASQUITH VIEW CLUB luncheon meeting, 3rd Wednesday monthly, 11 am at Magpies Waitara. Bookings essential. Enq: Kerry 9476 5910.

BEROWRA COMMUNITY MARKETS 1st 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

BEROWRA DISTRICT MIXED PROBUS CLUB meets 10am first Tuesday each month at Berowra RSL Club. 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

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 meets 2nd & 4th Wed, 6.30 for 7pm, Berowra RSL Club, order meal from bistro. Visitors welcome. Enq: Peggy 0413 481 854 www.berowra.net/rotary

BEROWRA RSL SOCIAL GOLF CLUB Sunday mornings monthly. New members welcome. Enq: berowrarslgolf@gmail.com Geoff 0412 597 707.

BEROWRA RSL SUB-BRANCH Meets 1pm last Sunday monthly at Club Berowra. For enquiries please email: berowrasb@rslsw.org.au

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. Enq: Kate 0439 604 369.

BEROWRA WATERS VIEW CLUB Chinese New Year dinner BerowraChinese Restaurant, Wed 7 Feb. Next meeting Club Berowra 10.30am Wed 28 Feb. AGM & Elections. Enq: Geraldine 9456 2680 or visit www.view.org.au

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. Enq: 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.

HORNSBY ACHIEVERS Toastmasters Club meet 2nd & 4th Mondays at Hornsby RSL Club. Enq: dkstoastie@gmail.com Diane 0409 605 055.

HORNSBY ART SOCIETY ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS EXHIBITION Wednesday 21st Feb - 3rd March: Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Gallery open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm www.hornsbyartsociety.com.au

HORNSBY ART SOCIETY DEMONSTRATION Mon 12th Feb: correct preparation of art works for an exhibition by Dennis Fisher & Tony Prince. 7pm Beatrice Taylor Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. No charge. Email: hornsbyartsociety@gmail.com www.hornsbyartsociety.com.au

HORNSBY & DISTRICTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB meets 2nd Tues 8pm Hornsby-Manly Rifle Club, 66 Rosamond St, Hornsby; 4th Tues Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Cl, Enq: info@hadarc.com.au Ph: Matt (VK2BAI) 0401 992 430

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.

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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. Enq: 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. Enq: Jock 9484 7041.

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

HORNSBY RSL SUB BRANCH monthly General Meeting & Veterans lunch 11am Sunday 25 February 2024 Hornsby RSL Club. All local veterans welcome. Contact 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.

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MOONEY WOMEN'S BOWLS Social bowls every Wed @ 4pm, Competition 2nd Sun @ 9.30am. Mooney Club, Enq: 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

MT COLAH UNITING CHURCH, Cnr Pacific Hwy & Amaroo Ave, 2nd Tues of the month, 9.45 for 10.00am start. Guest speaker Colin Christie, a mechanical engineer turned radio enthusiast will be speaking about the intricate world of amateur radio. Enq: Barry Mews 0414 887 888 or mkgdprobus.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 FRIENDSHIP FORCE meets the Blue Gum Hotel Waitara, Tuesday 13th Feb 11am. Travel & hosting opportunities for members. Contact Pam for details, 0406 306 401.

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

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

STATE GOVERNMENT HOUSING POLICY ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

"If the proposed policy goes ahead, it could have a drastic effect on Ku-ring-gai" Mayor Sam Ngai



Ku-ring-gai Council believes that the proposed State Government Housing policy will mean far-reaching changes to new housing in Ku-ring-gai. Residents had only until 23 February to give feedback. Under the government's proposed changes, dual occupancies will be allowed in most low-density residential zones in Ku-ring-gai on minimum block sizes of 450sqm, which effectively cover every suburb. Terraces, townhouses, apartment blocks and shop top housing of up to seven storeys will be permitted near Ku-ring-gai's railway stations and local centres. In the case of apartment blocks and shop-top housing, developments with a 15% component of affordable housing will be allowed to have up to nine storeys in height. The Ku-ring-gai Council area has been nominated by the state government for an additional policy called 'transport oriented development' (TOD). This would introduce a blanket six to seven storey height rule for unit developments near Killara, Roseville, Gordon and Lindfield railway stations. Other proposed changes to the government's planning rules would allow reduced landscaping and tree cover for new buildings developed under the proposed controls. The public exhibition of the new housing policy made available on the government's website from 18 December. **Public comments will be accepted until 23 February 2024.**

"The government has chosen to advertise one of the most radical changes to housing policy during the summer holidays. Our residents deserve to understand the implications and have input into what is proposed," said Mayor Ngai.

To view the draft policy and comment visit Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment (nsw.gov.au)

Photo above: Ku-ring-gai is renowned for its leafy streets and preservation of its heritage. Will the changes in the housing policy bring an end to this?

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JULIAN LEESER MP
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Authorised by Julian Leeser MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Level 11, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

SENIORS IN THE WAHROONGA ELECTORATE

By Alister Henskens SC MP

Age really is just a number.

Before Christmas, I went with my brother to hear an 81 year old Paul McCartney perform a great concert.

He still makes incredible music and seems much younger than his age.

SENIORS play an important role locally in the life and spirit of our community. Over 27% of people living in the Wahroonga electorate are over the age of 60 (2021 Census data) and many of them are active in our essential voluntary organisations.

Two locals from Turrumurra and Pennant Hills have their stories featured in Volume 9 of the New South Wales Seniors' Stories, available online <https://www.nsw.gov.au/community-services/seniors-card/news-events-0/seniors-stories-vol-9-pdf>

Lynette Di Florio's story tells of the challenging and rewarding nature of ageing in her work 'Take a Deep Breath'. The closing remarks state, "I am not 'that' old. I am just ME! As ageing is a colourful mosaic of lessons."

Martha Mollison from Pennant Hills wrote 'Beneath a Waning Gibbous Moon,' a beautiful story of a woman reflecting on her life and watching her granddaughter grow and live a similar life to herself.

These stories are just two of the many published that share a diverse range of experiences from seniors across NSW. People in New South Wales have the opportunity to nominate a senior that deserves to be recognised in the community for the 2024 NSW Seniors Festival Local Achievement Awards. **If you would like to nominate a deserving senior, you can contact the Wahroonga electorate office by email at wahroonga@parliament.nsw.gov.au to receive a nomination form and return it by Monday 25 March 2024.**

The 2024 NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL 11-24 March 2024. Visit www.nsw.gov.au/arts-and-culture/seniors-festival

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Alister HENSKENS SC MP

Member for Wahroonga



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COMMUNITY
EVENT GRANTS
CLOSE 31 JANUARY

Hornsby Shire Council's COMMUNITY EVENT GRANTS PROGRAM, with more than \$17,000 on offer is still open for submissions until 31 January 2024.

Not-for-profit organisations located within the Hornsby Shire Local Government Area (LGA) are encouraged to apply for funding that will be made available to support local community events. Hornsby Shire Council Mayor the Hon **Philip Ruddock** AO said Council remains committed to supporting local events, which will ensure residents feel engaged and connected in the community.

Mayor Philip Ruddock AO said, "I encourage local not-for-profits of any kind to apply for this financial assistance on offer."

\$17,638 will be available through a Place Activation Grant funding pool. Cash funding, in kind support and sponsorship are available up to a total value of \$3,000 per annum, per applicant organisation. These grants are designed to be a one-off only. Events must be held prior to 31 December 2024.

Previous recipients of the Community Grants Program include the likes of the **Berowra Fauna Fair** and **Chinese Australia Services Society Migrants Information Day**.

**The closing date for applications is
Wednesday, 31 January at 5pm.**

For more information on the Community Event Grants Program and to apply, visit: <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/cegp>



Photo right: Berowra Fauna Fair is a previous recipient of the Community Grants Program.

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There's a lot to like about Ku-ring-gai Council's low-cost fitness program, with new classes and activities costing as little as \$12 a session.

ACTIVE KU-RING-GAI OFFERS A RANGE OF OUTDOOR FITNESS ACTIVITIES TO RESIDENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS KU-RING-GAI.

Activities include social tennis, junior golf and yoga, as well as outdoor group training and special classes for new mothers and their babies.

An Active Ku-ring-gai membership costs just \$12 a session, with walking groups free of charge. Walking groups are coordinated by the Heart Foundation in Killara, Wahroonga, Gordon and Turramurra.

This year Active Ku-ring-gai is offering two new classes – Tai Chi for beginners and the Bandfit program.

Bandfit is a 45-minute circuit style workout at Roseville Park that uses resistance bands as the main form of equipment. This program aims to increase general fitness, strength and mobility and is suitable for all ages.

Mayor Sam Ngai said bookings for the first term of Active Ku-ring-gai were now open to people of all ages and fitness levels.

"Active Ku-ring-gai gets you out of the house and socialising with others while getting fit, without spending a lot of money to do it."

For more info about Active Ku-ring-gai and to book visit krg.nsw.gov.au/active

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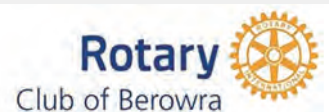
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BEROWRA ROTARY PRIMARY SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

For over thirty years Berowra Rotarians have personally presented this Award to the Students (selected by the staff of each school) of the 7 public schools in the local area to promote 'Service above Self'. In November/December 2023 our members were delighted to be invited once again to participate in the School Presentations.

Berowra Rotary congratulates the following Awardees for 2023:
Asquith PS: **Jervis A;**

Berowra PS: **K-2 – Grace S; 3-6 – Seren D;**
Brooklyn PS: **Emily;**
Cowan PS: **Eve B;**
Mount Colah PS: Citizenship - **Tama W;** Year 6 English - **Penelope R;**
Mount Kuring-gai PS: **Zac K;**
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QUILTS FOR DEFENCE FORCE

Since the inception of AUSSIE HERO QUILTS in 2012 by RAAF and Navy Veteran **Jan-Maree Ball** OAM from her home in West Pennant Hills, the company has grown to dozens of quilting groups and hundreds of volunteers Australia-wide.

Over the last decade, Aussie Hero Quilts volunteers have made 16,000 quilts and over 34,000 laundry bags.

Founder Jan-Maree Ball said, "Aussie Hero Quilts is a small charity that makes personalised quilts and laundry bags for our past and present serving members – be it a contemporary veteran on deployment overseas, perhaps a veteran of service from WWII or Vietnam, or one of our veterans in compassionate need or struggling with ill-health."

Although Aussie Hero Quilts largely relies on donations, the local quilting group recently received \$2000 under a *Commonwealth Volunteer Grant*

Volunteers for Aussie Hero Quilts make quilts and laundry bags for serving members of the Defence Force, veterans, and their families.

to purchase fabric and materials. The funding will help the volunteers to produce almost 200 new quilts for our servicemen and servicewomen.

Julian Leeser MP commended their charitable efforts. "Aussie Hero Quilts is an exceptional, locally-built charity which does such thoughtful work to support veterans and serving members of the ADF.

It was a pleasure to meet Jan-Maree and members of the local quilting group recently to hear about their passion for what they do, and to see their amazing work first-hand."

If you would like to support Aussie Hero Quilts, either through a donation or by volunteering, you can email contactus@aussieheroquilts.org.au

Photo above: Member for Berowra Julian Leeser with the Aussie Hero Quilt volunteers.

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A special thank you to the Bendigo Bank for supporting us.

Funds and food collected from the Vinnies Christmas Appeal enabled Berowra St Vincent de Paul Society to distribute food hampers, financial and material relief to struggling households over Christmas and into the New Year.

John Ryan | President Berowra Conference



Alexandra Torrens,
Pharmacist at Hornsby
Heights Pharmacy



DEHYDRATION

To function correctly and remain healthy, our body requires the correct internal balance of water and electrolytes. At this time of year it is easy to become dehydrated when this balance is disturbed.

The signs of dehydration include dry mouth, thirst, fatigue, dizziness, headache and muscle cramps.

Hot weather, vigorous exercise, vomiting and diarrhoea can all contribute to dehydration. Excessive alcohol consumption can also be to blame because despite being liquid themselves, alcohol containing drinks actually take water away from the parts of our body which need it most. *Drinks containing caffeine such as coffee, tea or cola can do the same.*

To prevent dehydration drink plenty of water. Avoid sugary drinks as they can impede the rehydration process and consider specially formulated electrolyte replacement solutions. *If you've been drinking alcohol a glass or two of water or electrolyte replacement solution before you go to bed can help to minimise the effects of dehydration in the morning.* Our pharmacists can provide you with more information and advice on dehydration and its management.

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Pennant Hills College for Seniors

Friday mornings

WHERE? **BEECROFT- PENNANT HILLS UNITING CHURCH**
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WHEN? **Friday, Feb. 2nd** Registration for Term 1, 2024 from 9.30am until 12 noon
Group Activities begin **9th Feb**

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WHAT WILL BE ON?

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At 10.30 a.m. FREE Morning Tea and time for a chat

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Free
Event

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Monday 5th February
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Let's celebrate all that make's Hornsby shine AFTER DARK.

WHAT'S ON FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

With its international flavours and live music, Hornsby Shire Council welcomes back its popular series of Food Truck Fridays this March and April.

Council's 'FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS' showcase some of Sydney's best food truck offerings and live music at locations across Hornsby Shire, with residents of the LGA and neighbouring areas invited to come along and enjoy the delicious offerings from international food trucks plus a pop-up bar and family friendly music and entertainment by local artists for everyone to enjoy.

IN MARCH, the trucks will be at the car park at **PENNANT HILLS LIBRARY** (5pm - 8.30pm, 1 March) and **BEROWRA OVAL** (5pm - 8.30pm, 15 March).

IN APRIL the trucks will visit **GALSTON** (5pm - 8.30pm, 5 April) and the **GREENWAY PARK OVAL CARPARK IN CHERRYBROOK** (5pm-8.30pm, 19 April).

Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon **Philip Ruddock** AO said, "Gather your family or friends and make it an occasion to wind down for the week and have a wonderful time!"

For locations and details, see hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ftf



THE SCREAMING JETS AT HORNSBY RSL



THE BOYS ARE BACK... get ready for The Screaming Jets as they tour with their new album "PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT" in The Showroom at Hornsby RSL Club!

In 1990 these five blokes from Newcastle took the Aussie music scene by the scruff of the neck and gave a red-hot shake. Before they had even signed their first record deal, The Screaming Jets had already clocked up more than 200 live shows, won the "Triple J Battle of The Bands" competition and established themselves as an onstage, powerhouse of Aussie rock 'n' roll. Since then, the band have kept their peddle to the metal, releasing 9 studio albums scoring multiple gold and platinum records & notching up thousands of touring miles under their belt. The band's new album "PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT" pays homage to the band's roots while showcasing their musical evolution. (SEE AD P16)

HORNSBY AFTER DARK'S DIRECTORY

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COMING SOON TO HORNSBY RSL CLUB



THE SCREAMING JETS
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from the Mayor's Desk

As a Council, we're committed to delivering events and activities across the Shire for the whole community to enjoy. So, we're excited that our popular 'Food Truck Fridays' are returning in 2024.

'Food Truck Fridays' will showcase some of Sydney's best food truck offerings at different locations in Hornsby Shire on Friday evenings from 5pm to 8.30pm. The events will feature great live music, too.

In March, the trucks will roll into Pennant Hills and Berowra, then in April they will visit Galston for the first time as well as Cherrybrook.

More than just providing delicious treats, our 'Food Truck Fridays' are an opportunity for residents to come together and enjoy our public spaces. And they help activate our local evening and night-time economy. For locations and other details, see hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ftf

We're also excited to present a special event celebrating our diverse multicultural community on Saturday 17 February in Hornsby Mall. For more information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au

I'm proud that Hornsby Shire is a diverse and welcoming community. To support all our residents, we are developing a Plan to foster social cohesion and encourage community connectedness, resilience, and wellbeing. Please help shape the new Hornsby Shire Social Plan by sharing your thoughts. Find out more and complete a short survey at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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Ross Tamlin, *Scrap Metal (detail)*, 2023


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Wednesday 21 February, 10am-12pm
Storey Park Community Centre, Hornsby

Chipping for Mulch – Galston
Sunday 18 February, 7.30am-12.30pm
Council Depot, Johnson Road, Galston

Compost and Worm Farm Workshop
Thursday 29 February, 10am-11.30am
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre

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KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL DISPUTES MEDIA TREE CANOPY LEVELS

"We pride ourselves on having more trees than most council areas in Sydney and we are working hard to build further on our current canopy levels through the Urban Forest Strategy"

Mayor Sam Ngai

Recent media reports have stated that Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area has lost 8.2% of its tree canopy between 2019 and 2022.

Ku-ring-gai Council disputes this finding by Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue and has since released the findings of its own study of the local tree canopy between March 2020 and March 2022.

Council commissioned ArborCarbon to assess Ku-ring-gai's tree canopy using their multispectral fixed wing camera in March 2020 and again in March 2022. *These multispectral fixed wing data sets are comparable and conducted with the same methodology at the same time of year and under similar environmental conditions.*

Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue, which compares with data from statewide assessment using satellite imagery in 2019 and again in 2022 uses multispectral fixed wing cameras.

According to Ku-ring-gai Council, these findings are incorrect as they compare two very different data sets.

The Council's data obtained between 2020 and 2022 states that Ku-ring-gai lost a total of 1.4% of its tree canopy. *Tree canopy was defined in the assessment as vegetation more than 3 metres in height.*

Mayor Sam Ngai stated that while the media reports on tree canopy loss in Ku-ring-gai were incorrect, they highlighted a serious concern with the state government's proposed changes to housing policy.

"Council does have serious concerns about tree cover in the future as the state government's proposed changes to its housing policy would mean a serious reduction in greenery not just in Ku-ring-gai, but right across the state," said Mayor Ngai.

The Mayor said that Ku-ring-gai Council had adopted an Urban Forest Strategy in 2022 to boost its tree canopy and mitigate tree loss.

"This strategy aims to have a 49% canopy cover by 2036, which means an additional 44 thousand trees planted in Ku-ring-gai."

The Mayor added that residents should make their views known to the state government on its housing policy changes by 23 February.

"If the government adopts their proposed changes in the current form, tree loss will be vastly accelerated in Ku-ring-gai and elsewhere,"

Mayor Ngai said.

To view the NSW Government's housing policy changes and give feedback go to <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/explanation-intended-effect-changes-create-low-and-mid-rise-housing>



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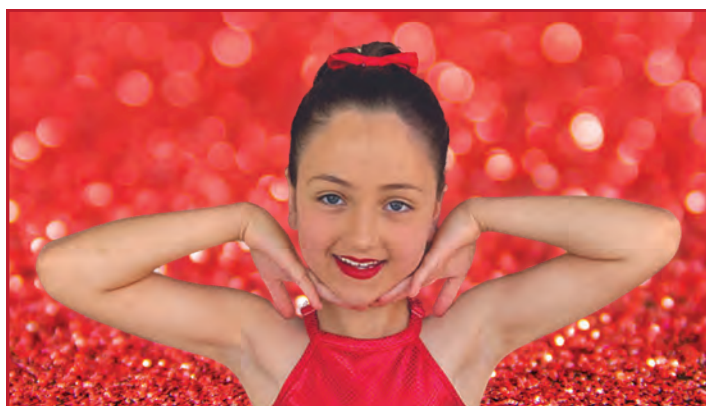
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MCFC HAS NEW COACHING PARTNERS FOR 2024

Mount Colah Football Club (MCFC) has two new Coaching Partners for 2024 – **KANO** and **XLR8**.

For boys and girls Under 8 to 11 we see SAP League replaced with **Junior Development League** (JDL) to offer even more football development for the kids. For over 12 years KANO has been MCFC's pre-season training partner for MiniRoos and it's great to partner with KANO for MCFC's JDL program. MCFC's Super League program is also being refreshed with new coaching partner XLR8 Development (NSFA) to provide our boys and girls more opportunities to advance to professional football with Northern Tigers (NSFA).

For our **Community Grassroots Teams** U6-U16 (non-JDL, non-Super League and non-Diamond League) MCFC has teamed up with its Coaching Partners KANO and XLR8 to launch the new Collaboration Coaching Program.

The Coaching Partners will assist the Volunteer Parent Coaches, MCFC (MiniRoos – KANO and Juniors – XLR8) and Northern Galaxy (XLR8) throughout the season with professional mentoring, advice and support.

REGISTRATION for boys and girls, men and women opens in January.

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We look forward to welcoming new members of all ages and abilities, from complete beginners to accomplished musicians, both adults and children, at our upcoming open rehearsals:

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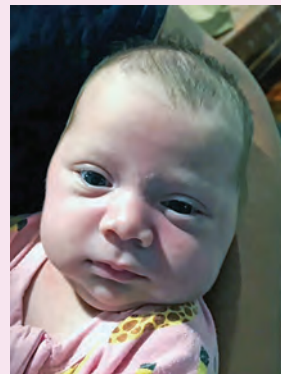


HORNSBY SANTA PARADE A BIG HO HO HO TO THE COMMUNITY!

Once again, the streets around Hornsby South had a special visitor on Christmas Eve, **Santa and his elves**. Santa was thrilled to keep this over 40-year local community tradition going again this year and had his super 'CCOOLL' sleigh for his journey. Santa and his elves were thrilled to see so many folks on the streets to wave him along. Santa and his team would like to send a massive shout out to our wonderful community supporters: **Kaycie and Rob from Hot Rod Hire Sydney** who so generously donated their time and vehicle to this event; **Hornsby RSL** for leaflet printing; **Adam Gillbanks**, from **McGrath Real Estate** for his ongoing donation support; **The Bush Tele** for their assistance in promotion; and the **Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade** (and **Josh**) for the generous donation of lollies. The biggest thanks goes to the **HORNSBY SOUTH COMMUNITY** for its amazing support hosting banners, helping with leaflet deliveries, donation of lollies, fostering the community Christmas spirit through their amazing lights, decorations, inflatables, (**especially in The Rampart!**) street competitions. *And of course, the wonderful Christmas spirit that is shown by the Old Man's Valley residents with their Christmas tree and Christmas Carols.* The leftover lollies were once again donated to the hardworking staff at the **Hornsby Hospital Emergency Department**, and also to the volunteers from the **Hornsby Rural Fire Brigade**. **Santa wishes everyone a safe 2024 and looks forward to his next visit to Hornsby South in 2024.** We would love to see any photos of the event you may have, please share to **Hornsby Santa Parade** on Facebook, or send to **The Bush Tele** who can pass them on.

A NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Stuart and Vanessa Healy on the **birth of Evelyn Maree**, a sister for Benji, Marley and Daniel, from her adoring grandparents, Helen & Patrick Lemos and Chris & Clare Healy.



Erin Bartlett

Passed away 2 December 2023, aged 89
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50 YEARS AGO

BEROWRA WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM BEGAN!

This year is 50 years since the Berowra Women's Hockey Club formed. They had a period of success and won a number of premierships and grew to three teams at one stage.

The Berowra Women's Hockey team was first established in 1974.

A team was entered in the *North Shore Women's Hockey Association C Grade Saturday competition*, and they began playing even before the club was officially created.

After several rounds the club was formed on 8th July 1974 and a committee was set up. The club was made up of 16 women and some of their husbands. Fourteen women were from Berowra, one from Mt Kuring-gai and one member was from Thornleigh. In later seasons several teams were formed that included many of members from outside Berowra, who joined via connections with Berowra members.

The team played in a tartan skirt, made by the ladies themselves, with white socks and a white polo shirt.

The president was **Mick Naylor** and Treasurer **Mick Spencer**. Players **Del Spencer** and **Bev McDermott** filled out the committee. Bev's husband, a *Scotsman*, was the first team coach.

There was also an important sub-committee of three players: goal-keeper **Robin Gibbons**, **Sandra Hibbert** and **Lorraine Clark**. They were responsible for social activities.

Other players in that first year were **Lorraine Dallinger** (who was a *Wideview Public School* teacher and goal scoring machine), **Pam Naylor**, **Judith McQuillan**, **Margaret Kennedy** (captain), **Julie Randall** and **Margaret Allen** (who was a talented player from Thornleigh).

Training was held at Berowra's only sports field at that time, *Berowra Oval*, initially on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm.

In their inaugural season they were successful, winning more games than they lost. Their victorious results were recorded in the *Advocate* through their *Publicity Officer Dianne Stirton*. These showed big wins over *Dover* (11 to 1 & 10 to 0), *Manly* (8 to 0), *North Sydney* (6 to 1) and *Turrumurra* (4 to 0). The team finished second in the C grade competition after losing the Final to *Macquarie University*.

Following on from the successful first season members went on a recruiting mission and there were enough players for two teams to be entered in 1975, a B grade and a C grade team.

There were some experienced and talented players to join in that second season including **Yvonne Maundrell**, **Anne Goddard** (Mt Colah resident & former Indian international player) and **Coral Johns**.

The lower graded team had several schoolgirls, including *Asquith Girl High School* student **Penny May** playing her first season of Hockey. The Club also secured a local field with some of their home games played on the *Asquith Girls High School* sports field.

To top off a great season in 1975, in August the B grade team upset the highly favoured *Gordon* team, 2 goals to 0, in the Final to become Premiers. The goal scorers in were **Lorraine Dallinger** (scored from a **Sandra Hibbert** cross) and **Margaret Allen** (scored directly from a corner). This was a sweet victory as *Gordon* had defeated Berowra 2 to 1 the previous Saturday, in the final week of competition and were hot favourites to win the Final.

Reportedly, that night there was a massive party held to celebrate the Berowra ladies' Premiership. **Anne Goddard** was voted "Best Player" for the victorious B grade team. School girl, **Penny May** was awarded **Most Improved Player** for the Club that season.

The girls wanted to continue their sporting enjoyment into the summer and decided to put together a women's cricket team, which was sponsored by the *Berowra Cricket Club*. However, this was short lived when they realised they had been put into a Sydney wide cricket competition and their first game was out at Botany. Many of the ladies simply could not make it out there and the team folded before it started. For their third hockey season, in 1976, fresh pre-season recruitment was again undertaken. The likes of **Sue Lindsay**, **Leslie Christensen** and **Denise Newton** joined the Club. It helped that *Asquith Girls High School* and *Hornsby Girls High School* were playing hockey for school sport. This meant many of the young ladies in the Berowra area, that joined the Club, had already played before.

To make it easier for players to attend training it was moved to Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm. The late time slot was chosen to work around other local sports teams using Berowra Oval including soccer and rugby league.

Berowra's A grade was to dominate and took out their premiership easily. The B grade team was also very strong but they were just beaten in their Final. In 1977 and 1978 Berowra Women's Hockey Club grew to the point



they could field competitive teams in Major A grade, A grade and B grade. Although they struggled for consistency in 1977 the following season the club often won all three grades in the same round.

The Berowra Women's Hockey Club fielded teams for a number of additional seasons until many of the key women drifted away for different reasons and what was left of the Club transferred to **Hornsby RSL** which continues today.

Over the years members from the former Berowra Women Hockey Club have held several well attended reunions to rekindle memories of the Club and their impressive successes.

Story: Nathan Tilbury

Can anyone help with the names of the two

"unknowns" in the photo (editor@thebushtele.com.au)

Photo above: Berowra Women's Hockey team photo c.1976 – Back: Bev McDermott, Pam Naylor, Lorraine Dallinger, Sue Bovis, Margaret Allen, Debbie De Souza & Coral Johns. Kneeling: Ann Goddard, Denise Osmand,?, Del Spencer &?



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

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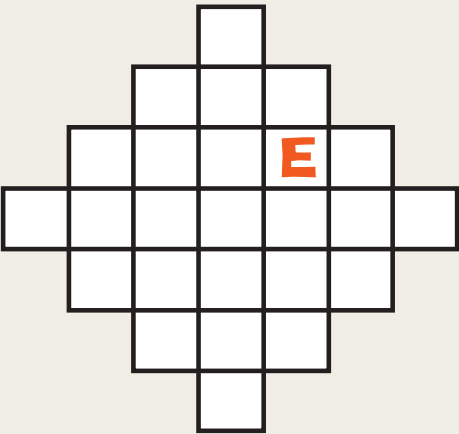
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Letters A to Z have a number value. Some are shown in the right-hand cells. Create remaining values using clues in centre cells.

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BIYWORD

062

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:**
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Before (poet) (3)
Consecrate (5)
Copy using a stencil (5)
Give height by combing hair (5)
Horse gaits (7)
Large tub (3)
Occupational therapists (3)
Roadside Mail Box (3)
Semi-transparent dress fabric (5)
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SUDOKU

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QUICK THINK

062

Solve the crossword. Each answer has four letters.

- ACROSS
1 Cooper's tool
5 Gratis
6 Bona fide
7 Night fliers
- DOWN
1 Retro hairdo
2 Attracted
3 Enthusiasm
4 NSW NRL team

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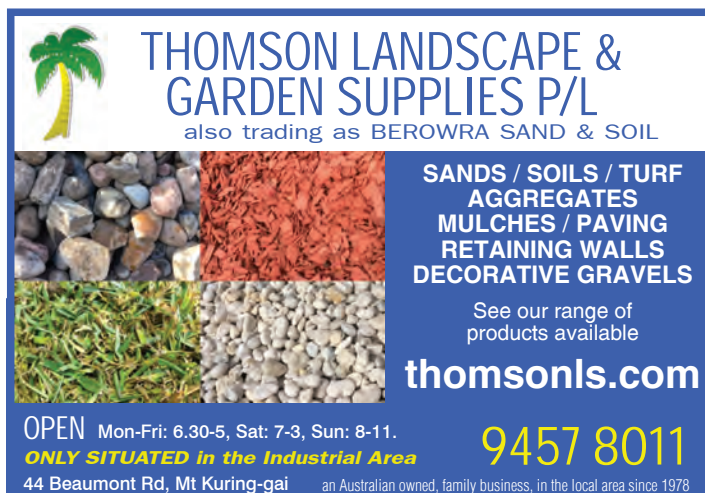
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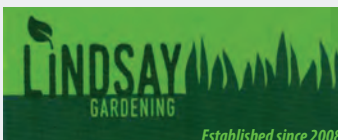
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