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"LESS THAN 2 MINUTES WILL SAVE LIVES AND UNNECESSARY TRAUMA*
THERE HAVE BEEN 20 MAJOR ACCIDENTS SO FAR IN 2023 ON THE OLD
PACIFIC HIGHWAY BETWEEN BROOKLYN AND COWAN" **BCA**

The Brooklyn Community Association (BCA) has been advocating on behalf of community members that are deeply affected by the increased reckless driving, accidents and fatalities on the Old Pacific Highway.

Transport NSW is currently reviewing the speed limit and safety options on this road between Brooklyn and Cowan.

It is quite likely that the issues of speeding and noise will continue unless we as a community can effectively highlight the impact on us resulting in more effective measures than currently being proposed.

The link to a SURVEY FOR LOCAL PEOPLE asks residents to comment if they have/are being impacted by speeding cars and motorbikes and/or noise from the Pacific Highway.

The results will hopefully provide a powerful argument for action.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE:

<https://forms.gle/T3LB8jkQBCovBH4UA>

Story by BCA

TESTIMONIAL FROM THE COMMUNITY

"I live in Brooklyn and always have the dilemma of whether to use the old Pacific Highway or the M1 and on this particular day I decided to use the Pacific Highway heading south to Berowra. It was a lovely sunny day. I usually travel in the left hand lane but this morning there were quite a few cyclists spread out in the left hand lane, therefore I had to use the right hand lane. As I came through a hairpin bend, low and behold there was a motor bike heading towards me on the wrong side of the road! There was no time to do anything and the motorbike hit my car, head on, with the biker smashing my windscreen and rolled over the top of my car. I came to a standstill against the guardrail still heading south. The biker was alive with only injuries to his shoulder/arm. He apologised and admitted that he was on the wrong side of the road as he was from Europe and had a momentary lapse of mind as to where he was. He was charged with negligent driving.
We were both lucky.

The accident did affect me for quite a while and I was very hesitant to drive on the Pacific Highway. I definitely do not travel on it either travelling north or south on weekends especially as it is very busy with motorbikes as well as cars doing "laps" from Cowan to Brooklyn and back again. I know it is very popular with motorbikes due to the many twists and turns in the road but there are constant accidents and the noise echoes into Brooklyn."

Evidence shows that small changes in speed can have a big impact on the outcome of a crash:

Going 5 km/h over in a 60km/h zone doubles your risk of having a crash.

Going 10 km/h over in a 60km/h zone means you're four times as likely to be involved in a crash.

If we all had a less casual attitude towards speeding and did not drive above the speed limit, together we could help prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

Source: <https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/casual-speeding>

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town and unlocking its untapped potential.

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reality, and the town centre shines with unparalleled vibrancy.
Together, we'll illuminate the night and usher in a new era of
prosperity for our cherished community.

"Say Hi to your NEW Local"



"Delivering Excellence: Meeting Customer Needs for Small Business Success"



Photo above: October Coffee Check in with the Chamber at **Blu Eatery** Hornsby Mall: **L - R** Di Finch, Sandra
Charleston, Harrison George, Buddy Khouri, Rob Cox, Julian Sing, Wally Gebrael, Sandra Zalud, Justine Reed,
Ben Townsend, Robyn Rottinger, John Waren, Dean Finch, Patricia Droguett.

**Understanding and meeting customer expectations is essential for small business
success.** It establishes customer satisfaction, loyalty, and positive word-of-mouth.

Here are five examples of what customers expect from small businesses and why it is important:

- 1 **QUALITY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES:** Customers expect small businesses to deliver high-quality products or services that meet or exceed their expectations. Quality is crucial as it builds trust, enhances customer satisfaction, and encourages repeat business.
- 2 **EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE:** Customers expect small businesses to provide exceptional customer service throughout their entire experience. Prompt and friendly responses to inquiries or complaints, personalised interactions, and going the extra mile to meet customer needs are essential.
- 3 **COMPETITIVE PRICING:** Customers expect small businesses to offer fair and competitive pricing for their products or services. While price is not the sole factor, it plays a significant role in customer decision-making.
- 4 **TIMELY DELIVERY AND RESPONSIVENESS:** Customers expect small businesses to deliver products or services within the promised time frame. Meeting deadlines and being responsive to customer inquiries or concerns, demonstrates reliability and professionalism.
- 5 **PERSONALISED EXPERIENCES:** Customers expect small businesses to provide personalised experiences that cater to their specific needs. Understanding customer preferences, tailoring recommendations, and offering customised solutions, creates a sense of being valued and understood.

**By consistently meeting and exceeding customer expectations, small businesses can build strong
customer relationships, increase their market share, and achieve long-term success.**

The Hornsby Chamber of Commerce, its members and its valued partners are all available to support you and
your business. For more details go to www.hornsbychamber.com.au

John Warren | President Hornsby Chamber of Commerce

BEROWRA DISTRICT HALL

125th Anniversary Celebration



Many Berowra people will know that the **Berowra Lions Club** manages the old **District Hall** (at the Crowley Road, Berowra roundabout).

What most people won't realise is that the original part of the

building will be 125 years old in 2023.

Berowra Lions Club, with help from community groups, intends to **CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY on 29th October 2023**, with a day of various activities related to the history, usage, heritage value and current role of the hall.

Berowra Public School began operating from a room in the house of **Mary Wall** (*The Laurels* in Waratah Road, Berowra) in 1896, and was moved to its own building when the original section of the building now known as the **Berowra District Hall** was opened in March 1898.

The Lions Club of Berowra has been managing the District Hall under lease from **Hornsby Shire Council** since 1983 and has been restoring and improving the hall to ensure its continuing availability to the Berowra community.

The District Hall is now a valuable community resource, used regularly for dance classes, playgroups, markets, community meetings, music and drama, and some memorable parties.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES WILL START AT 10.00 AM

Throughout the day there will be a number of static **DISPLAYS** by community organisations, related to the past and present uses of the Hall.

The Berowra Lions Club will be giving away

FREE SAUSAGE SANDWICHES!

2023 is also the 50th anniversary of the Berowra Lions Club and we are proud to be the custodians of the District Hall as part of our commitment to serve the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION visit www.berowralions.org.au or www.berowradistricthall.com.au or contact Berowra Lions Club President, **Brian Engert** OAM on **0414 553 240**.



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THANKS FOR THE YARN!

THE BEROWRA KNITTING GROUP would like to send A BIG THANK YOU to all in the community who have kindly donated wool and knitted squares.

The group has made over 100 blankets this year which have been donated to the charity, Wrap With Love, for distribution to those in need.

The Berowra Knitting Group meets every Monday at the Berowra Library from 1:30 to 3:30. New members are always welcome, whether you are a beginner knitter or crocheter, or have more advanced skills. A thank you also to the Berowra librarians who are very supportive of the group, setting up the room and providing tea and coffee each week. They are also happy to accept donations of wool on behalf of the group any day that the library is open.

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FROM THE DESK OF MATT KEAN MP

THANK YOU To the many residents who have written to me regarding the restrictions placed on our local Fire & Rescue NSW brigades (in Metropolitan East area) responding to and dealing with "SNAKE IN HOUSE" calls. I have written to the Minister for Emergency Services, and I am hopeful this issue can be addressed quickly and with a satisfactory outcome.



COINCIDENTALLY, The day after I sent my letter to the Minister, my son's early learning centre, in Hornsby, had a red belly black snake appear in the building. The children and staff were evacuated while a professional snake catcher was called in to deal with the errant reptile. Whilst the situation had a positive outcome for all concerned, including the snake, the closest snake catcher had to come from Ryde which took a lot longer than a response from our local NSW Fire Brigade would have.

Another issue covered by **The Bush Tele**, for which I have received a considerable amount of feedback, is the PACIFIC HIGHWAY BETWEEN COWAN AND BROOKLYN. I have written to the NSW Minister for Roads and called for changes to address the mounting number of serious motorbike accidents occurring on this 8.6-kilometre stretch of road. This includes: **the installation of a speed camera and a reduction in the speed limit from 80 to 60kph**, to make it consistent with the Pacific Highway north of the Hawkesbury River, and I have also requested this section of the road be included in a trial being planned **to test new noise activated camera technology**.

I will keep residents updated with the results from the review into this section of the Pacific Highway and to any response I receive from my letter to the Minister.

Finally, there have been some understandable concerns with the PROPOSED CYCLEWAY ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY IN BEROWRA Whilst it is important cyclists can use the Pacific Highway safely, I share concerns that many residents have expressed to me. In that the proposed cycleway would not improve safety and have an unacceptable impact on motorists in the affected area. I spoke directly with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and raised several specific issues including the consultation process, connectivity with other cycle paths and design details. **I am pleased to report TfNSW have taken this feedback on board and agreed to a briefing for both me and Hornsby Council. They have also agreed not to proceed until the issues I have raised can be addressed.**

Bush Creativity abounds!



Where do artists get their inspiration and what drives them to create?
A sneak peek into the lives of over 35 Artists will be available 11 & 12 November when 6 rural studios open their doors and display the talents of many wonderful artisans.

Just a short trip over the Berowra Ferry will reveal many remarkable individuals whose enthusiasm and passion have set the **Arcadian Artists** apart for many years. Among them are glass artists, jewellers, painters, sculptors, felt artists, printmakers, wire sculptors and textile artists.

The rural properties on the trail are in Dural, Galston and Arcadia on the edge of Sydney, and are a delight to investigate.

All Studios vary in their approach and expression and are well worth a visit. There is plenty of time for visitors to ask questions and talk with the creators.

Why not buy a Christmas present for someone special?

Many of our venues will have food and beverage trucks available. Some property owners are even encouraging their visitors to bring a picnic lunch and blanket to use on their lawns. Bring your glass of bubbly and rest while you take in the delights of the country and purchase unique and quality artworks. The local cafes also provide delicious treats.

November 11-12

9.00am – 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday

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To find out more please visit online: www.arcadianartists.net.au

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HORNSBY'S WATER SCULPTURE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

Everyone knows the Hornsby Water Sculpture, but not many people know it is called, **MAN, TIME and THE ENVIRONMENT.**

The Hornsby Water Sculpture is comprised of three clocks, a kinetic sculpture, a musical instrument and decorative fountain, *all rolled into one.*

It took two and a half years to create, and was finally unveiled in the centre of Florence Mall on 19th March 1993 to a huge fanfare including a laser show. The cost to Council at the time was one million dollars (\$2.5 million dollars in today's money) including \$500K to its creator, **Victor Cusack** and his artistic team.

The sculpture, built out of non-corrosive material, is constructed to the standard of a solid mining machine.

In its creator's own words: "This water sculpture is designed to evoke curiosity and fascination, being a fantasy, a cacophony of movement and flying water, half solid, half liquid, constantly changing its facets and profiles. It is a celebration of joy and complexity of living, and its polarity; a reminder that we must invest responsibly or lose that joy, together with our history, our art, the environment and the ability to live as we know it."

The eight-metre-high structure weighs an incredible 21 tonnes and has a wide variety of parts that are all interwoven to both work together and tell the story of Hornsby's local environment. It is also a musical instrument with its 17-note carillon that can be played.

Victor Cusack said, "This beautiful sculpture, created to put Hornsby on the map, was so different that it got caught up in a political brawl for more than two decades. A tangle of excuses, bad management and incorrect cost decisions, instead of being exploited properly to become world famous, as intended. This has deprived the community of what they paid for."

Finally, in 2018, Hornsby Council began liaising agreeably with the creator, who was by then well into his 80s. Together an agreeable plan was devised to restore the sculpture, clocks and fountain back to a proper working order.

This brought to an end over two decades of squabbling and inaction over Hornsby's fountain. Recently Victor Cusack was quoted, "I am delighted that, near the end of my long life, the people of Hornsby will experience the potential benefits from the sculpture".

Hornsby's sculpture, MAN, TIME and THE ENVIRONMENT, is a meeting place and the spiritual centre of Hornsby. It pays tribute to Hornsby Shire's environmental beauty and the need to preserve it for our children's children. *Love it or hate it* Hornsby Shire residents have come to accept it as the central landmark. In 2023 the sculpture celebrates 30 years since it was officially opened. Recently impressive new lighting system has been installed around the public artwork making it a most spectacular sight both during the day and night. These repairs and improvements were funded through State and Federal Government grants. Late last year Hornsby Council put out a concept Masterplan for Hornsby's CBD which showed the Hornsby Sculpture as the centre piece on the east side. This was overwhelmingly supported by residents that responded. Hornsby's most important and impressive piece of public artwork is here to stay for now and long into the future.

Mayor **Philip Ruddock** AO said, "Our unique fountain-clock, Man, Time and the Environment, as it's officially known, has been a central point of Hornsby Mall and part of our lives for 30 years."

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U3A AFFAIRS OF INTEREST IN THE CURRENT WORLD meets Berowra: Community Centre, The Gully Rd, 2nd & 4th Mondays (not pub hol) 10am–12pm. 13th Nov, Australian WWII History, What happened when Darwin was bombed? What became of the midget submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour? Presenter: Noel Phelan. 27th Nov, Far out: Music in Space. Space has been the inspiration, setting and even venue for music and music stories. Presenter: Graham Spindler. Book: Joan Scott, email: djscott@tpg.com.au Ph: 0405 453 396.

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 VIEW CLUB luncheon meeting 3rd Wednesday at Magpies Waitara 11AM for 11–30 Bookings essential. Enq: Kerry 9476 5910.

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

BEROWRA COMMUNITY MARKETS first Saturday monthly, excl Jan, 9am–2pm. Berowra Uniting Church 4–6 Alan Rd, Berowra Hts www.berowraunitingchurch.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 7.00pm, Berowra RSL Club - order meal from Bistro. Visitors welcome. Ph: Peggy 0413 481 854 to book, info & details on guest speaker www.berowra.net/rotary

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

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

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

BEROWRA WATERS VIEW CLUB meets Club Berowra 11am 4th Wed monthly. Next meeting Wed 22nd Nov, Birthday Lunch & Craft Table and Entertainer. Enq: Geraldine 9456 2680.

BUSH DANCE WORKSHOPS at Pennant Hills Community Centre below Library Mondays. Beecroft Bush Dances/live band. Ph: 0413 673 339.

CWA GALSTON meets 2nd Wed, 10am. Cnr The Glade & 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston. Enq: 9485 7599 galston.cwa@gmail.com

CWA HORNSBY & DISTRICT BRANCH meets 10am 2nd Fri 10am 4th Friday, St Peters Church Hall Hornsby. 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 & 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 ACHIEVERS Toastmasters Club meet 2nd & 4th Mondays at Hornsby RSL Club. Enq: dkstostie@gmail.com Diane 0409 605 055.

HORNSBY ART SOCIETY DEMONSTRATION by Wendy Prince 13th Nov - discussion & demo of her art-making practise, & hands-on. 7pm tea/coffee, 7.30pm start. Beatrice Taylor Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Ave Hornsby, Free Entry.

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 Enq: hornsbyrslsb@gmail.com

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

HORNSBY SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY general meeting 3rd Sunday monthly (except Dec) at 2pm with guest speaker at our museum in Kenley Park Normanhurst. All welcome. Enq Julie 0414 686 480.

KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY general meeting 3rd Sat, 2–4pm, Meeting Room 1 & family history 2nd Sat, 10–12m/d Research Room, Old Gordon PS, Pac Hwy. All welcome, www.khs.org.au/events
LET'S CHAT IN ENGLISH Fridays (school term) 10am–12am Mt Colah Uniting Church. Morning tea gold coin donation. Enq: Diana 0427 405 416.

LIONS CLUB OF HORNSBY meets Magpies Club Waitara 2nd Tues monthly except Dec & Jan. 6.30 for 7.30. Enq: Ted 0414 806 840.

MEDITATION ON TUESDAYS Free, non-religious. 7.30 – 8.30pm Sundays, 79 Edgeworth David Ave, Enq: Jane Crancher 0404 445 490.

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

MOUNT KURING-GAI & DISTRICT PROBUS meets 2nd Tuesday monthly, 9.45 for 10am Mt Colah Uniting Church, Cnr Pac Hwy & Amaroo Ave. Next meeting: Tues 14th Nov. Speaker: David Rosenberg - his book "Inside Pine Gap". Enq: Barry Mews 0414 887 888 or mkgdprobus.org.au

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

PENNANT HILLS VIEW CLUB meets for lunch 2nd Tuesday monthly at Oatlands Golf Club at 11am. Bookings: Margaret - 9873 2402.

PENNANT HILLS GARDEN CLUB meets 4th Wed at 10.15am at Pennant Hills Bowls Club. Enq: pennanthillsgardenclub@gmail.com or just come along to a meeting.

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

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

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

THE COTTAGE BROOKLYN Exhibition by Local landscape artist Wendy Prince, September 30 until November 5. Weekends: 10am–3pm. Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/CottageBrooklyn>

TURRAMURRA SPINNERS AND WEAVERS GROUP meet 10am–12noon Turramurra Seniors Centre, Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November. Enq: leonie_peterson@hotmail.com

WHEEL'N'WEFT CHRISTMAS ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION & SALE, \$5 entry incl refreshments. Supporting Hornsby Connect: A hand up for people in need. Friday 27th 1pm–5pm, Saturday 28th 9am–5pm and Sunday 29th October 10am–4pm. Thornleigh Community Centre, corner Phyllis & Central Aves.

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HSC AIMS TO AMP UP FOR EV FUTURE

Anticipating forecasted uptake of electric vehicles in New South Wales, Hornsby Shire Council last night resolved to exhibit proposed amendments to its *Hornsby Development Control Plan* that would ensure ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS in new developments, avoiding the need for expensive retrofits in the future.

Hornsby Council's action is in line with the State Government's prediction that electric vehicle sales are expected to INCREASE TO 52% by 2030/31, drastically increasing the need for access to electric vehicle charging units.

Controls within the proposed amendments would include a mandated minimum of one EV-ready connection for each dwelling-allocated car space to ensure practical, safe and compliant access to charging infrastructure across low, medium and high-density residential and commercial developments.

Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** AO said, "We've seen evidence across Sydney already that the ballooning demand for electric vehicles in this city is outpacing the infrastructure to support it."

"These proposed controls will allow Hornsby Shire to get on the front foot with anticipating further uptake of this technology and support our residents with the facilities they need for a practical approach to the future of transport," said Mayor Ruddock.

Following the 28-day exhibition period, a report on submissions will be presented to Council for consideration.

Residents will be able to have their say on the proposal at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au



WHAT COUNCIL DECIDED IN NOVEMBER:

- Determined Mayoral minutes about the passing of tireless local sports advocate Cate Newman and scientist, botanist and bush regenerator, Jenifer Lewis.
- Noted Written Returns of Interest recently lodged with the General Manager by Councillors and designated staff.
- Received and noted a report on Investments and Borrowings for the Period Ending 31 August 2023.
- Determined that the number of Councillors for the next term of office remain at ten.
- Endorsed the Operational Land classification for six Crown land parcels at Brooklyn, Canoelands, Cowan, Mount Colah, Berowra and Maroota and determined to request approval from the NSW Government for these.
- Approved the draft Agritourism amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan.
- Resolved to exhibit draft Development Control Plan amendments for Seniors Housing in Heritage Conservation Areas.

The full agenda of the meeting, along with details of each item discussed, can be found at hornsby.nsw.gov.au

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SEE THE HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS' FEATURE IN THE NEXT EDITION



In next month's edition of *The Bush Tele* we will publish the Winners of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards 2023.

The Gala Presentation Night was held on Wednesday 11th October in the magnificent showroom of Hornsby RSL Club where hundreds of excited local business people cheered as Winners for 2023 (pictured above) in each category were announced.

So, don't miss our next edition which will be published online on our website: www.thebushtele.com.au on Monday 20th November, and letterbox delivered during the week.



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non-shedding coats. They come desexed, vaccinated, heartworm free and chipped. Their adoption cost is \$850 together.

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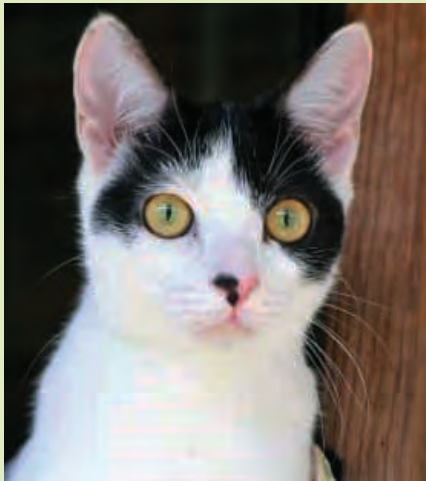
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MEET FLY

Fly, one of our Bug litter who came to us at 2 days old, is a 6 month old domestic short hair feline. She is a sweet easy to handle kitten who came from the pound with her Mum **Queen Bee** who is also listed on our web site. Fly is a very cruisy kitten who does not mind other cats or dogs. All our cats come desexed, wormed, F3 vaccinated, FIV/FelV tested if

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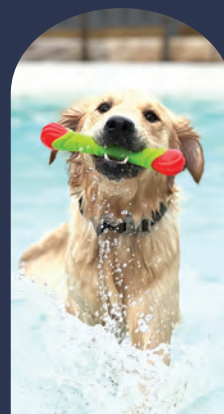

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from the Mayor's Desk

In Hornsby, one landmark stands out as an icon of the town centre – our famous Hornsby fountain. Love it or hate it, our unique fountain-clock, *Man, Time and the Environment*, as it's officially known, has been a central point of Hornsby Mall, and part of our lives, for thirty years.

To celebrate three decades of the fountain, and a raft of recent upgrades made possible by a grant from the Australian Government, we are hosting a community event in Hornsby Mall on Friday 24 November. Friday at the Fountain will be an opportunity for us all to come together and enjoy music, food, kids' activities and more. Check hornsby.nsw.gov.au for details. I hope to see you all there.

Community events like this are part of Council's range of initiatives to build resilience in the community, and help combat social isolation, by providing opportunities for people to connect. Other initiatives include our Hello Hornsby program for seniors and our work with young people. We've also partnered with Lifeline to launch Lifeline Connect each Thursday at Hornsby Library. This free service, staffed by compassionate and non-judgemental Lifeline volunteers, is an opportunity for people to have a confidential conversation in a safe space. Please feel free to drop in for a chat if you need support.

Our major project to build a new park at Westleigh reached a major milestone last month as we lodged a Development Application (DA). Adopted earlier this year, the Westleigh Park Masterplan outlines how the redevelopment of the former Sydney Water site will create a major recreation facility with much needed spaces for sports including football, rugby, AFL, athletics and cricket, and activities such as mountain biking, walking and cycling. You can view the DA and provide feedback until 20 November at yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



FRIDAY
at the
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Come and celebrate the 30th anniversary of Hornsby's unique fountain-clock with food trucks, popup bar, live entertainment and family-friendly activities.

Friday 24 November, 4pm-8pm. Hornsby Mall
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■ **Hand Sewing and Mending Workshop**

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Hornsby Library

■ **Have a Very Merry Sustainable Christmas**

Wednesday 15 November, 10-11.30am
Hornsby Library

■ **Beeswax Wrap Workshop**

Saturday 18 November, 10.30am-12pm
Pennant Hills Community Centre

■ **Solar and Batteries with Adam Corrigan**

Tuesday 21 November, 7-8pm
Online, bookings essential

■ **Clothing Swap**

Saturday 25 November 11am-1.30pm
Thornleigh Community Centre

■ **Chipping for Mulch – Galston**

Sunday 26 November, 7.30am-12.30pm
Council Depot – Johnson Road, Galston

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Hornsby Development Control Plan Amendments
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Monday 6 November

Westleigh Park Development Application
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SENIOR SING!

A "pub choir" style inclusive singing event for seniors, during Social Inclusion Week, Tuesday 21 November.

Join up to 200 seniors in the Showroom of the RSL to have fun, meet new people, learn a song and sing together at the grand finale of the event.

More details: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/hellohornsby

NEW QUARTERLY HORNSBY COUNCIL BOOKLET BRINGS NEWS TO YOUR LETTERBOX!



Hornsby Shire Council has begun delivery of the first edition of a new, free publication to all residents of the Local Government Area (LGA).

The 'Our Council' publication is to be letterbox delivered quarterly to residents throughout Hornsby Shire. Hornsby Shire Mayor **Philip Ruddock** AO said, "Now more so than ever, we can

appreciate that residents of the Shire expect to be kept up to date on exactly how their rates are being spent and what we are doing to deliver timely and effective projects and services. We hope that this publication will not only make residents feel informed but also empowered to have their say and help us shape the future of our Shire."

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publication includes: updates on Council's flagship projects at Hornsby Park and Westleigh Park, details the latest in waste and recycling news, explains Council's efforts in mitigating significant road damage over the previous years and maps recent upgrades and new builds delivered for the community.

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Australian Disability exists to create a more equitable Australian society for people with disabilities through the production of online media and platforms to increase the visibility of issues facing the disability community.

Our organisation is looking to form a SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP for people with disabilities targeting young adults primarily with physical and sensory disabilities.

Meetings would be located in between the Northern Beaches and North Shore of Sydney.

The primary aim of our group is to give people with disabilities more opportunities for social inclusion through partaking in social and recreational activities.



Australian Disability
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The group would run for 2 hours on a weekend afternoon.

If people are interested in joining the group, they can fill in an intake survey:

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attacks humans is the paralysis tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*).

Tick bite reactions include redness, swelling and irritation around the bite site but some people also experience headaches, sore glands and flu like symptoms. More severe allergic reactions to ticks, requiring urgent medical attention are also possible and tick bites have been linked to mammalian meat allergies.

Squeezing or agitating a tick will make it more likely to inject its saliva into you, so the latest advice on the most effective way of removing an adult tick is to **FREEZE** it with ether-containing spray (eg *MediFreeze*, *Tick Off*).

It should die and drop off in about 5 minutes.

For small ticks (larvae or nymphs) a cream containing permethrin (eg *Lyclear*) should be used.

SOME TIPS for preventing tick bites include keeping your skin covered in areas where there might be ticks, using an insect repellent that contains DEET and brushing your clothes and checking your skin for ticks when you come inside.

Our pharmacists can also provide advice on treatments for tick bite irritation such as antihistamines and creams to treat inflammation.

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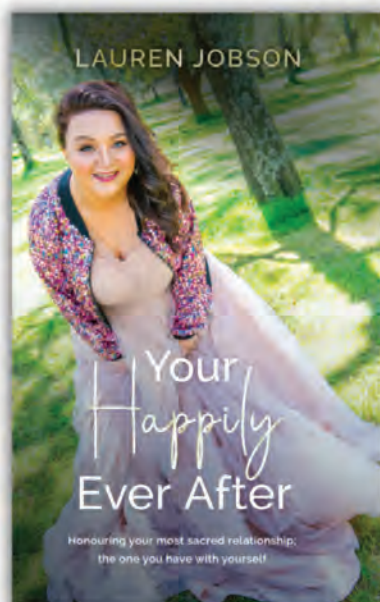


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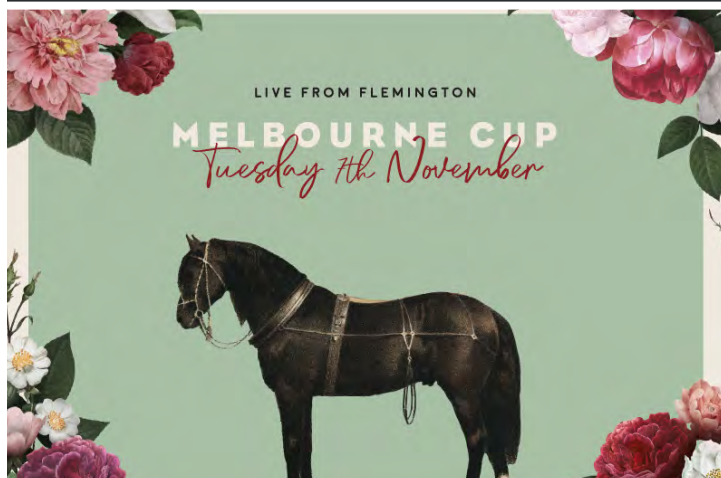
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ACTION PLAN NEEDED FOR CONTAMINATED SITES

THE MOVE FROM FOSSIL FUELS AS AUSTRALIA PROGRESSES TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Renowned Former Politician, The Honourable Ted Pickering AM, Urges Action on Contaminated Sites in NSW

The Honourable Ted Pickering AM, a distinguished figure with a legacy of service in the NSW Legislative Council, has sounded the alarm on the growing issue of contaminated sites in New South Wales.

Mr Pickering sheds light on the environmental challenge posed by redundant petrol stations and historical fossil fuel industry activities. He highlights the fact that there are currently 794 contaminated redundant petrol station sites in NSW, with potentially 130,000 more contaminated sites throughout the state. **This alarming situation, coupled with the rise of electric vehicles, is expected to result in an additional 1,800 redundant petrol stations over the next eight years.**

Mr Pickering emphasizes the need for retrospective legislation to hold the fossil fuel industry accountable for the remediation of these sites. *He advocates for a return to the original requirement for remediation after two*



years of redundancy, with the responsibility falling on the fossil fuel companies that operated the sites.

The financial implications of addressing these contaminated sites are substantial, with Mr. Pickering's conservative estimate reaching \$30.6 billion.

"The fossil fuel industry, given its historical role in creating these sites, should bear the moral and legal responsibility for their cleanup," said Mr Pickering. "I urge the community at large to take notice and advocate for a cleaner and safer environment," said Mr Pickering.

The Honourable Ted Pickering AM is a distinguished former politician who served in the NSW Legislative Council for nearly two decades. He holds the title Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and is committed to addressing pressing environmental issues in New South Wales.

Photo: Old petrol pump at Fosters Store Berowra, 1920s.

VULNERABLE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SUFFER AS LAW REFORM STAGNATES

Story: Cllr Monika Ball

Over recent weeks it has come to my attention that property developers and energy retailers are able to establish energy contracts that leave tenants paying inflated energy prices.

This exploitation of tenants is due to the establishment of an **Embedded Network** where services for the basics of water, gas and electricity are installed by an energy company, instead of the developer. The developer therefore saves money by not having to build this infrastructure and allows the energy provider to embed a long-term contract that tenants cannot negotiate, leaving them tied to the profiteering of that energy company.

One resident of an embedded network received a hot water bill for \$2,000 for a 9-month period, while another was charged \$9,700 for a 14-month period!

When a resident complained about their exorbitant prices, they were threatened with disconnection despite knowing the customer was registered for life support. Vulnerable people on fixed incomes are going without hot showers or essentials such as food and medicine, and many are having to turn to charity for support to manage their bills.

Embedded Networks are not new and are common practice in shopping centres, retirement villages, apartment complexes and caravan parks. However, regulation has not kept up, and with the rise in residential apartments, the consumer/tenant is getting ripped off.

There have been many enquiries into Embedded Networks over the last six years with many recommendations including calling for an immediate ban on charging for hot and chilled water. The Victorian State Government has realised this is an issue and banned Embedded Networks in most new residential apartments.

The laws governing Embedded Networks are not fit for purpose so if you would like to get involved, please send me an email

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Right now, Hornsby has some serious challenges: businesses have closed, government departments and corporations have left.

Hornsby was once seen as the Northern Gateway to Sydney and there were enormous opportunities to create an exceptional Commercial and Residential centre.

Parking is the biggest single issue that affects every new business wanting to come to Hornsby. If you don't park in Westfield, where do you park? Parking has been disappearing and Council's future planning is to reduce parking in Hornsby even more. They plan to redevelop the Library Car Park and this is the only public parking on the east side.

A recent development near the Hornsby Aquatic Centre had almost 200 car spaces taken out of the plan by Council. The developer wants to put the parking in and even offered the Council free parking, but this was refused. This forces people to park in local streets instead of parking underneath the buildings.

The new Master Plan for the East Side appears unlikely to happen, and virtually has no parking. Council did not consult with property and business owners to ascertain what is possible, viable or feasible.

Council wants everyone to ride push bikes or catch trains, but this isn't suitable for everyone. Our public transport system is just not good enough. We need a change of attitude for Hornsby to fulfil its potential and become the vibrant commercial and retail centre that it could be.

Have you had a parking issue? What does Hornsby need to do to attract large employers and corporations back again?

If you would like to comment, please email us at info@camelle.com.au and we will pass them onto Hornsby Council and Matt Kean MP.

Murray Byrnes | Director | Camelle Property



LOCAL COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Alister Henskens SC MP



Our area is physically defined by its beautiful gardens and abundant trees. The Wahroonga electorate is also full of vibrant and enthusiastic volunteers. Approximately 1 in 5 adults engage in volunteer work, which is one of the highest rates of any area across New South Wales. Our volunteers find the time and energy to assist the community in a number of ways. Some people volunteer by providing disaster relief with the SES, others volunteer for the RFS or help run local sporting teams, Scout groups and P&Cs.

Some volunteers spend time taking care of our local gardens to keep them looking radiant all year round.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Turramurra Community Garden for the opening of their new shelter funded by a State Government grant. This shelter will come in handy as people spend time in the gardens this summer. The community of volunteers care for and tend to the Turramurra Community Garden of flowers, fruits and vegetables, ensuring that the garden is well maintained and presentable. Just as importantly, the garden is a way for people to socialise and feel part of our great local community. Congratulations to everyone who dedicate hours of their week to maintaining the garden, ensuring that it thrives.

The Community Gardens are located at 1328 Pacific Highway Turramurra, and I encourage everyone to get their green thumb active this summer!

Photo above: Alister Henskens SC MP with volunteers at the opening of the Turramurra Community Garden shelter.



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SI HORNSBY'S SUCCESSFUL SPRING FLING SEPTEMBER



Members of Soroptimist International (SI) Hornsby held another very successful fundraiser for the local women's refuge in September. Raffle tickets were sold to raise funds as well as members holding afternoon teas for friends to come along to in their own homes.

\$7000 was raised for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Refuge which helps victims of domestic violence.

Soroptimist International is an international organisation for women working through service projects to raise the status of women, advance human rights for all and promote equality, development and peace.

For further information please contact Pam on 0425 229 615

COMMUNITY CALL OUT FOR KU-RING-GAI PLANNING PANEL

The Ku-ring-gai Local Planning Panel was set up in 2018 to make decisions on local development applications.

Ku-ring-gai Council is seeking community members to help decide future development in the area by joining Ku-ring-gai's Local Planning Panel.

The current community members of the Panel have served two consecutive three-year terms and the Council is now seeking new representatives. Up to three community panel members will be recruited, serving on the panel on a rotational basis. Property developers, real estate agents and current Councillors are ineligible to apply. The Panel meets monthly and is composed of a Chair, two independent experts and up to three community members at each meeting. The community member is paid a fee for their time and will commence in 2024. Community panel members are expected to contribute constructively to panel discussions, attend meetings and help make decisions for development in the Ku-ring-gai area.

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KU-RING-GAI WINS KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL AWARDS



The 2023 Keep Australia Beautiful NSW awards were presented in October to recognise the sustainability initiatives of metropolitan councils, businesses and community groups.

Shed 11 at St Ives took out a top award with two Ku-ring-gai Council programs receiving high commendations. Co-founder of the upcycling business Shed 11 at St Ives, **Gemma Wlasichuk** won the **Local Legends** (25-65 years) category for her **Paint to Donate Australia** initiative. *Paint to Donate* is a partnership between Shed Eleven and Annie Sloan Interiors, with the goal of redirecting unwanted furniture to not-for-profit organisations. Shed 11's Paint to Donate project helped the **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter** in their **House to Home** project. **All up, 98 items of furniture and homewares donated by local residents were upcycled at volunteer working bees for the Shelter.**

Ku-ring-gai Council received two high commendations in this year's awards. The Council's 'Loving Living Ku-ring-gai' program received a commendation in the Communication & Engagement category. A joint partnership with **AusMapp** and the Council investigating ways to reduce rubber crumb loss from synthetic sportsfield surfaces received a commendation in the Litter Prevention - Clean Waterways category. *Ku-ring-gai Council was also a finalist in the overall Sustainable Cities award.*

When deputising for the event, Deputy Mayor **Christine Kay** said, "We will continue supporting community initiatives whenever we can that reduce pollution and waste, and work towards achieving our Net Zero goals." For more information about the Keep Australia Beautiful awards visit <https://kab.org.au>

Photo above: left to right Acting General Manager of Ku-ring-gai Council David Marshall, Deputy Mayor Christine Kay, and a judge from Keep Australia Beautiful Layla McNeil.

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"This is a story for Remembrance Day. I have been working on it for a while. It follows closely from the story I wrote last year about Robert Frederick Young. In fact, there are quite a few uncanny links between these two men. Looking through my files, it seems that this is the twelfth year I have written stories for the Bush Telegraph. Time does fly!" Scott Wilson.

BEROWRA'S FORGOTTEN SOLDIER

Remembering

Private Roy Warwick Salmon

You won't find Private Roy Warwick Salmon's name among the Second World War servicemen named upon Berowra War Memorial, although, you could make a case that it should be there. Roy and his parents were living in Berowra in the early to mid-1930s and naturally a young Roy mixed with the local youth he grew up with, some of whom would also serve in the war less than a decade later. Roy moved away from Berowra only a few years before the war started but is still remembered by some. At this year's Anzac Day Service, I was asked by the Berowra RSL Sub Branch to talk about a local soldier who had served during the war. I spoke about Gunner Robert Frederick Young from Mount Kuring-Gai, who was killed in action off the beaches at Gona, New Guinea, in November 1942, whilst moving field guns on barges into the area to support Australian and American infantry fighting the Japanese.

Shortly after making that speech, I was approached by Ian Fox, son of Harry Fox, who had grown up in Berowra. Ian told me, "I should look into Roy Salmon". He mentioned that Roy had grown up in the area and had died somewhere in the Pacific during the war. Ian had become aware of Roy Salmon through his father's relationship with Bill Foster. Ian, when he was young, had asked Bill if there were any local service people not named on the war memorial and Bill had told him that Roy wasn't. According to Ian, Roy was a close mate of Bill's during their school years. I told Ian that I would look into Roy's history, which leads us to this story.

THE BEROWRA CONNECTION

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists only one Roy Salmon as having died in the Second World War: VX62053 Private Roy Warwick Salmon of the 39th Infantry Battalion. Roy died on 9th December 1942 and was buried, like Robert Frederick Young, in Bomana War Cemetery. Roy was the only son of James Joseph Salmon and Katherine McEwan Salmon of Port Melbourne, and later served in a battalion raised in Melbourne, which frustratingly doesn't tie him to Berowra.

Being that local residents who resided in Berowra during the Second World War are now particularly thin on the ground I turned to Mick Joffe's book from 1987 'Yarns and Photos'. Mick described his book as not an official history but a 'light-hearted look at Berowra and district through photographs and yarns'. Mick interviewed and collected photographs from many long term residents, most of whom have now passed, and created something of a time capsule for anyone interested in local history. **Sure enough, I found mention of both Roy and his mother Katherine within the book.**

Early in the book Mick Joffe created a year by year timeline for Berowra. The entry for 1945 listed several men from Berowra who lost their lives whilst on active service during the war, among them is Roy Salmon. Later in the book there is a photograph, provided by Josie McDonald, of a fund-raising afternoon tea stall that was set up in Berowra Park, circa 1933, and among locals identified is Mrs Katherine Salmon. Sadly, a search through newspapers of the 1930s informed that in April 1936, James Joseph Salmon, Roy's father, died in Hornsby Hospital. A funeral procession from the family's Goodwyn Road, Berowra home to the Presbyterian Cemetery at Northern Suburbs Cemetery was held on 25th April 1936. At some stage after that I believe Katherine and Roy (by that time twenty one years old) left Berowra to return to Melbourne where her family resided.

ROY ENLISTS

When Australia entered the war on 3rd September 1939, Roy, who was born on 23rd April 1915, was nearing twenty five years of age. He was single and working as a barman and chose not to enlist straight away. **He later enlisted with the 2nd AIF on 19th August 1941, signing up with a Royal Australian Artillery unit at Melbourne Town Hall.**

He was taken on strength by the Recruit Retention Depot on that day and early in September 1941 he was sent to the 6th Infantry

Training Battalion for basic training. It is worth mentioning that Roy had some previous military experience with a militia engineers' unit, so military life was not entirely foreign to him. It is likely that he and the men serving with him were being trained as reinforcements for the AIF battalions that were at the time serving in the Middle East.

Roy was hospitalised during November and December 1941 and did not complete his training until early in the New Year. **Events were changing rapidly in the Pacific region and after Pearl Harbour and the Fall of Singapore there**

were grave fears that the Japanese were moving ever southwards. With most of the 2nd AIF serving in the Western Desert the defence of Australia fell largely at the feet of the militia forces, who were young, poorly equipped and poorly trained. If they had a strength it was that most of their officers and non-commissioned officers were largely First World War veterans with plenty of experience.

On 16th March 1942 Roy was transferred to the militia's 39th Infantry Battalion and embarked on S.S. Tarooma that day for Port Moresby. The restriction on militia forces serving within Australia did not cover New Guinea, which was considered an Australian territory. Consequently Roy arrived in Port Moresby on 26th March 1942 with sixteen other reinforcements and joined the rest of the battalion who had been there since early January 1942 carrying out garrison duties.

THE KOKODA CAMPAIGN

The 39th Infantry Battalion had been raised in October 1941 to relieve the 49th Infantry Battalion from Queensland, who were garrisoning Port Moresby. *That was the initial plan*, however, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour the 49th Infantry Battalion were combined with the 39th and 53rd Infantry Battalions to form the 30th Brigade. Their initial duties were to protect Seven Mile Airfield at Port Moresby and unload supplies arriving at the port. As the situation deteriorated their work turned to building defences around the area until June 1942 when the battalion was ordered up to the **Kokoda Track** to check any Japanese forces moving south via the overland route.

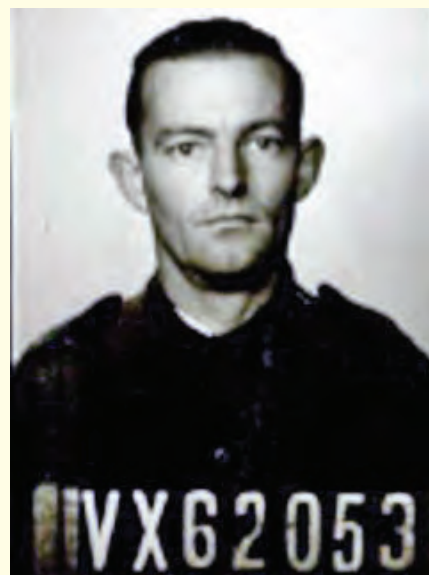
As some will know, it was **B Company of 39th Infantry Battalion** who were among the very first Australian soldiers to engage the Japanese forces at Awala, near the Kumusi River, on 23rd July 1942. What followed was a period of battles, particularly at Kokoda Village and Isuruava, where the militia men of the 39th Infantry Battalion acquitted themselves with distinction against a better prepared and equipped enemy who had experience in jungle warfare. **Their fighting spirit far exceeded the gloomy expectations the regular AIF had of them prior to Kokoda, where they had been described as 'chocos' - chocolate soldiers who would melt when heat was applied to them.**

The 39th Infantry Battalion continued a fighting retreat down the track until 2nd September 1942 when they were taken out of the line at Koitaki. There is a famous photograph taken by the photographer Damien Parer of the survivors of the 39th Infantry Battalion parading at Menari on 6th September 1942, *defiant but ragged looking.*

It wasn't just the Japanese that took a toll on the men. It was the weather, the jungle environment, the lack of supplies and the disease that gnawed away at them. The battalion spent a month at Koitaki before being sent back to Port Moresby in mid-October 1942 to help prepare more defensive positions should the Japanese breakthrough, which luckily never happened.

THE BATTLE OF THE BEACH HEADS: BUNA-GONA

Roy's service records contain no entries for the period between 28th March 1942 and 1st October 1942, the period in which the 39th Infantry Battalion served on the Kokoda Track. He had been lucky and had survived without being wounded, however, the stress of the campaign





caught up with him on 30th September 1942, when he was hospitalised with suspected renal problems at the **46th Australian Camp Hospital**. He spent ten days there before returning to the battalion. Sadly his physical health was not good and he was hospitalised again with an unknown fever on 17th October 1942. He was discharged five days later and returned to hospital once more after another five days with the battalion. This time, on 27th October 1942 he was diagnosed with *Malaria* and did not return until 4th December 1942.

When Roy returned to the 39th Infantry Battalion they had just been airlifted to the frontline around the Buna-Gona area. They had taken up positions around Gona on 2nd December 1942 and were having a rough time forcing the entrenched Japanese out of their positions. This was the battle that Robert Frederick Young and his fellow gunners of the 2/5th Field Regiment were bringing the field guns up for when they were attacked and lost off the nearby beaches on 16th November 1942.

The Australian 16th and 25th Brigades, along with two American infantry regiments had made little headway when the 39th Infantry Battalion were flown into the area and were attached to the 21st Brigade. It is reported that Roy was a member of 'C' Company, and although the 21st Brigade had captured *Gona Village* on 1st December 1942, fighting continued for the capture of *Gona Mission*. It was during the fighting for the Mission on 8th December 1942 that Roy was mortally wounded. No details are known, however, the battalion's war diary recorded that during an attack on the mission "*C Company's losses were heavy and it was replaced by B Company*". **Roy died of those wounds the following day, the day that the mission was taken and the famous message 'Gona's gone' was relayed back to 21st Brigade Headquarters by men of the 39th Infantry Battalion.** The battalion remained in the area, cleaning up Japanese positions until the New Year when they were taken out of the line. When they returned to Port Moresby on 25th January 1943 the battalion could only muster seven officers and twenty five men. They gradually returned to strength, however, by July the entire 30th Brigade was disbanded, remaining members of the 39th Infantry Battalion being absorbed into other 2nd AIF units.

Roy was buried in the field, before his body was later moved to the temporary War Cemetery at Soputa on 31st March 1943. At a later date he was moved to **Bomana War Cemetery**, where he now rests, *only a few rows ahead of Robert Frederick Young*.

Roy was an only child and within the space of seven years Katherine Salmon had lost her husband and son. She chose as the inscription for Roy's grave '*Sacred Memories of My Son Roy. At Rest*'.

I have mentioned Robert Frederick Young several times within this story as both men were of similar age and grew up in the same area. Did they know each other? I do not know. I do find it very sad that two soldiers who grew up within the same area now lie within a stone's throw of each other in Bomana War Cemetery. It does seem that writing about one has led to a remembrance of the other.

Lest We Forget



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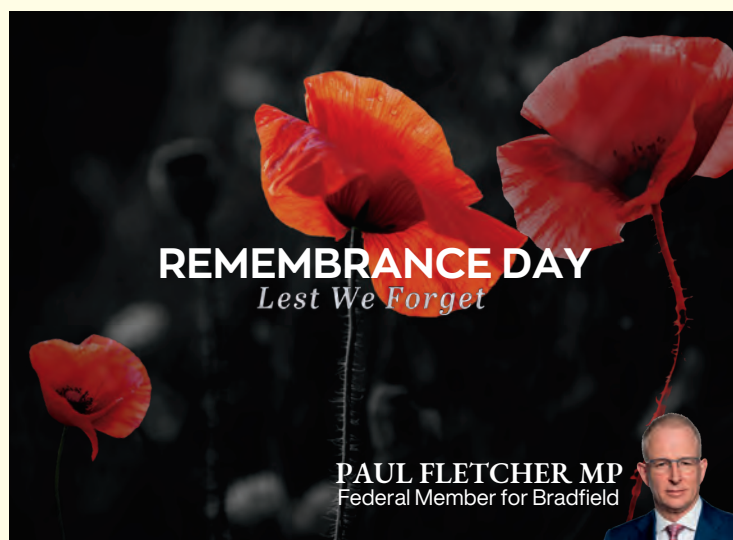
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Photo opposite page: Roy Salmon service file image

Photo above top: Bomana War Cemetery, Port Moresby, New Guinea (CWGC)

Photo above: Salmon 39th Battalion parading at Menari (AWM)

Written & researched by Scott Wilson (09/2023)



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ENQ: Kylie 0412 716 716, Sandra White from Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Mob: 0419 426 454
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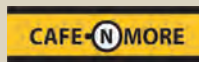
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BEROWRA RFS CELEBRATES

Story: Cllr Nathan Tilbury

Berowra RFS brigade is the oldest, largest and most respected volunteer organization in the district.

Since being formed there have been no homes in the Berowra district lost to a bushfire. *This is extraordinary as most houses in Berowra are built on the top of ridges, where they are at most risk from bush fire and the area is surrounded by bushland.*

In 1939 bush fires in the district were particularly bad. A fire started at Berowra Waters and burnt for three days finally ending in the Asquith area. Each ridge in the Berowra area was threatened as it blazed southwards, including where **Currawong Road** is today, the Lookout area (**Barnetts Road**), **Rawson Road**, **Yallambee Road** and **Beaumont Road**. And each time properties were saved by desperate residents urgently back burning around populated areas and quickly extinguishing spots fires. **It was widely recognized Berowra had been very lucky to escape major damage.**

In February 1940, **Berowra Progress Association** Secretary, **Chas Woof**, wrote a letter to authorities requesting the establishment of a **Volunteer Fire Brigade**. The reply informed the Association that Berowra did not fall within the boundaries of the **Sydney Fire District**, and they should consider working with **Hornsby Council** to form a **Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**.

In December 1941 another bush fire threatened Berowra that was actually two separate but simultaneous blazes. One fire came up the valley from behind **Arcadia Crescent** and a second fire, believed started from sparks from a locomotive, came via **The Gully Road** area. **The Crabtree family were burnt out of their property that was located in bushland behind modern day Berowra Public School.**

The prolonged drought and these repeated bushfire threats gave the Berowra residents a strong incentive to initiate the formation of a local brigade.

The Berowra District Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade was formed on 24th October 1943, under the supervision of Hornsby Council. The first elected officer bearers were **Bill Gainsford** (Captain), **Wally Payne** (Senior Deputy), **Jim Butler** (Secretary) and **Stan Johns** (President). In its first few years of the Berowra brigade was very active and they responded to many fires. **With very few telephones connected in the 1940s, the former army air-raid siren was transferred to the brigade.** *Whenever there was an incident, the siren sounded and was heard across the entire village.* Volunteers gathered, ready for their instructions from Captain Gainsford, who was marvellous at leading the brigade.

Just before Gainsford left the brigade in September 1946, he was recognized by his fellow volunteer fire fighters and the community, with the presentation of an impressive hand-painted certificate, decorated with various native wild flowers.

Roy Corrigan was well-known in the district. He owned a local bus company based on **Berowra Creek Road** (*where the BP servo is today*) and was very active in the Catholic church amongst other organizations. He served as the Brigade's president between 1949 and 1971. **Roy promoted the brigade's profile which helped provide a steady stream of new members.**

In those early years of the members' protective clothing was non-existent and firefighting equipment was rudimentary. An inventory in 1946 was as follows: 8 shovels, 15 rakes, 6 knapsacks, 8 axes, 2 canvas waterbags, 6 hurricane lights, 8 brushhooks and 2 garden hoses. This was complimented by green leaved tree branches and hessian sacks that were soaked prior to being used.

The brigade's first vehicle was a converted army ambulance with a galvanized iron water tank on the back, and the brigade's base consisted of one member's garage for the truck and various member's homes for the equipment.

Council purchased land in High Street for the brigade in 1949. With mainly volunteer labour, a basic fibro fire house was constructed in 1952. *In the 1950s the brigade had become jaded.* New membership applications had ceased, several experienced members had resigned, and it was suggested brigade politics had become unbearable for many. *In addition, despite several large fires threatening the district, residents displayed general apathy.* **This all came to a head in April 1954 after a poor response to a dangerous bushfire.**

On Sunday 28th March a small campfire was left unattended in the valley below Yallambee Road. By 11pm a large section of bush was burning, and the brigade Captain decided it was too big to extinguish and was not an immediate threat to property.

However, on Monday morning the siren was given a blast, as the fire had become a concerning danger to houses in Yallambee Road. *The result was a total of five men and two women assembling to protect the properties of Berowra.* At 3pm the seven volunteers needed a break and decided to call for reinforcements.

Two blasts of the siren resulted in the appearance of just two fresh volunteers. *Incredibly, the loud blast from the siren also resulted in a noise complaint to council from a shop owner on the Pacific Highway.* The lack of response was frustrating as when the siren was double sounded no less than seventeen men were observed in the vicinity of the corner of Pacific Highway and Berowra Creek Road. *In addition, several men preferred to continue to calmly to lay bricks in a house being built in Yallambee Road, even as the fire approached the site where they were working.*

The small band of firefighters, two of which were elderly, continued to battle the bushfire using the brigade's ancient and limited equipment, some of which had become broken and defective. By sunset the fire fighters were exhausted but houses in the immediate vicinity were finally out of danger.

A review that followed revealed:

- The fire was noticed and should have been reported earlier to be extinguished before it became an unmanageable blaze
- The brigade's old equipment should have been better maintained and some of it replaced entirely
- Some of the brigade's well-functioning equipment, such as hoses, had been lent to citizens for domestic use and therefore was not available to fight the bushfire. It was unclear who was responsible for this occurring
- The brigade's truck was also not properly maintained nor permanently kept in the fire house
- It was discovered the brigade had not had a formal meeting for the past two years

As the brigade was under the supervision of Hornsby Council which had to take some of the responsibility for the problems. Immediate measures were implemented to address the issues but, a fully renewed and enthusiastic brigade was not entirely in place until after **Jim Hatfield** took over as captain in 1960.

Berowra often had terrible problems with regular access to water which was very dangerous in bush fire conditions.



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80 YEARS OF SERVICE

In 1953, fifty fire fighters, on the Pacific Highway about a mile from Berowra, were severely hindered by a lack of water as Berowra had run dry and they were fortunate to escape unscathed. The need to fight bush fires was one of the main convincing arguments to have Berowra's water supply upgraded with the second reservoir added in 1960.

Late in 1961, Berowra's fire house was connected to electricity and upgraded by Hornsby Council with a concrete floor. This work finally allowed the brigade to house all their equipment in a single secure location. In 1969 it was completely rebuilt by council and an impressive new building opened that could finally be called a station.

In the mid 1960s a new method of protecting properties was introduced. Former brigade Captain, Jim Hatfield, pegged out a number of locations in the bushland valleys below residential areas. These were eventually cleared and levelled by volunteers to allow vehicle access, and it became fire trail network we know today. These allow firefighters to get ahead of an approaching bush fire with a controlled burn or be positioned between houses and the bush fire when it is safe to do so.

In 1964 a Fire Spotting Tower was erected at the **Barnetts Lookout** which was regularly manned by members' wives. This was dismantled in October 1994 when the surrounding trees grew to a height that they obstructed views. A replacement tower was finally erected at the Old Tollgates in 2000 but its regular use has been superseded with technology such as aerial spotting and the use of drones. The brigade outgrew their High Street location, and a new site for a station was required. This was established at Berowra Oval, on the old netball courts, and a new station opened there in August 2018. It provided the brigade with space for an additional truck that could not fit into the former station building. It also allowed the brigade to expand its membership.

Protecting property and keeping residents safe from bushfire does not occur by luck and is not just done by fighting bushfires when they inevitably flare up. This is achieved by RFS volunteers through a lot of hard work behind the scenes. Including; • planning & implementing hazard reduction burns • maintenance of vehicles, equipment and fire trails • educating residents about how to maintain properties • training new and up-skilling existing members • fundraising to supplement their government funding. Other responsibilities for Berowra RFS include responding to accidents on the Pacific Highway, assisting in searches for missing persons and rescue and recovery of lost and injured bush walkers.



In addition, Berowra RFS members provide active support to other agencies and brigades, as and when required, right across the district, Sydney, NSW, Australia and indeed the world. This work is done all year round, year after year and, even though it is performed by volunteers, it is always undertaken professionally and to a very high standard.

Berowra residents must remember the responsibility of protecting property and lives in the area does not solely rest with our local RFS brigade. We must prepare and maintain our own properties, and we must each have a clear Plan ready to be implemented in the event of the inevitable dangerous bushfire in the district.

We wish the Berowra RFS volunteers, both past and present, a Happy 80th anniversary and thank them all for their invaluable service to our community.

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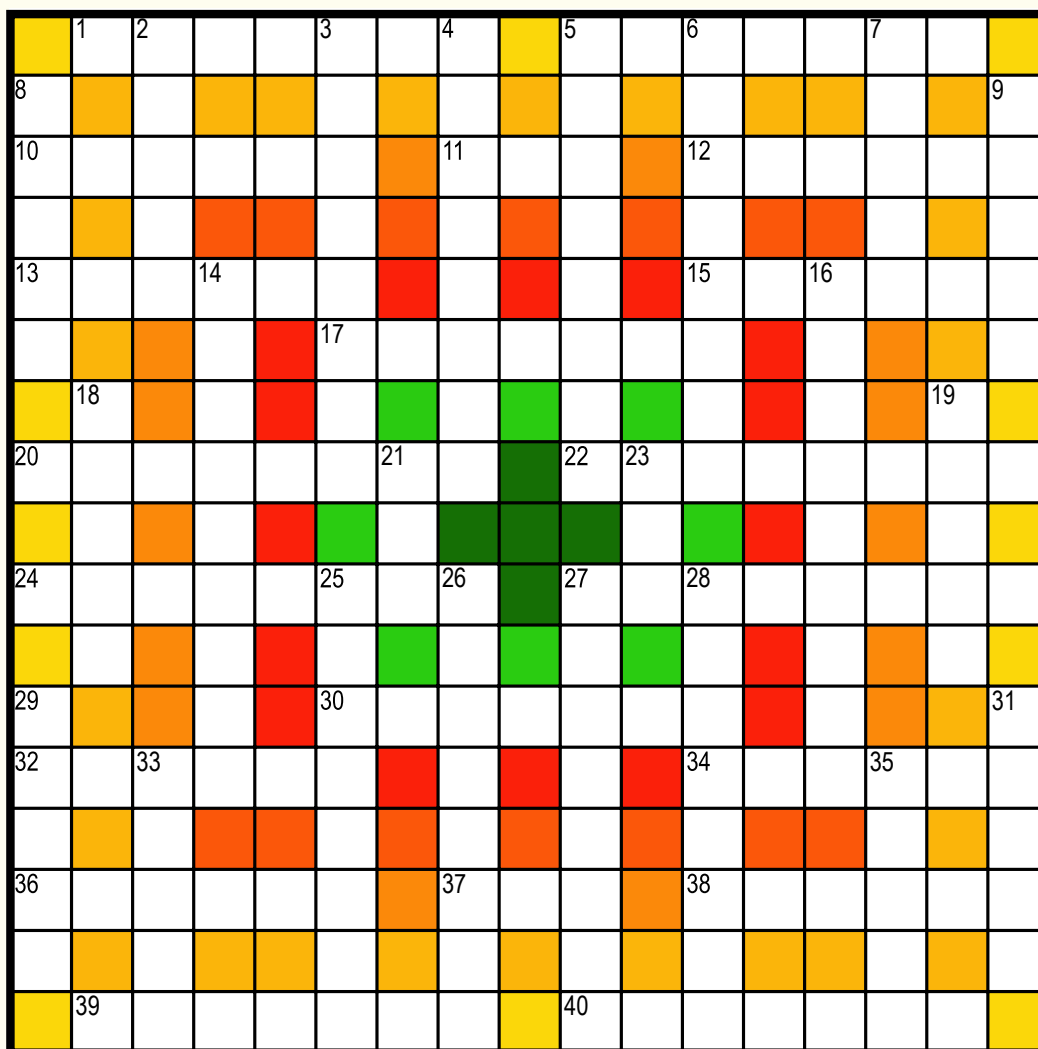
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ACROSS

1. Grinch creator (2,5)
5. Handel's oratorio, *The _____* (7)
10. Time of preparing for Christmas (6)
11. Funny online (1.1.1)
12. A lute player (6)
13. Covered in flowers (6)
15. Red nosed one (6)
17. *'Shepherds in the field _____, Watching o'er your flocks by night'* (7)
20. Which families usually eat KFC at Christmas? (8)
22. Lustre (8)
24. Christmas month (8)
27. Ceremonial speeches (8)
30. Gourmet (7)
32. Sumptuous repasts (6)
34. Country where Christmas is celebrated on 7 January (6)
36. Catholic prayer beads (6)
37. Lengthy time (USA) (3)
38. One the Twelve Apostles (6)
39. One who saves you (7)
40. Impose (7)

DOWN

2. Make merry (5)
3. The very best imaginable (8)
4. Longest or shortest day of the year (8)
5. One of the Three Wise Men (8)
6. Spent too much! (8)
7. A Spanish friend (5)
8. *'Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen his _____ star'* (5)
9. Fill a stocking (5)
14. Christmas tree decorations (9)
16. Contributions to charity (9)
18. 5D's desert transport (5)
19. Cake coating (5)
21. *'_____ didn't see me creep down the stairs to have a peep'* (3)
23. *'Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square, in the frosty _____'* (3)
25. *'And God _____ and send you a Happy New Year'* (5,3)
26. 15A is a _____ (8)
27. Sumptuousness (8)
28. Alcoholic drink served before a meal (8)
29. Burning (5)
31. Donald Duck's girlfriend (5)
33. Space bordered by seats, in church (5)
35. Tart Middle Eastern spice (5)

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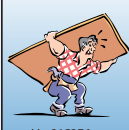
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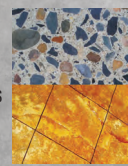
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