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from the Mayor's Desk

There has been much coverage in the media recently about the NSW Government's housing reforms, in particular around low and mid-rise housing, and I wanted to share with you Council's response to these and how we are advocating for our community.

Following the December 2023 announcement by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to exhibit its *Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing*, we resolved to make a submission on the proposal, outlining our concerns and recommendations. We will encourage the NSW Government to set clear housing targets and allow councils to develop and implement their own responses having regard to the character of their local area and community expectations.


Our submission will highlight our concerns that the density of development proposed under the state-wide approach to deliver housing will impact the character of the Shire's suburbs, heritage, environment and tree canopy, infrastructure and over-development in hazard areas (prone to risks such as bush fires and flooding) and parts of the Shire without adequate supply of wastewater as well as sewerage infrastructure.

It will also underscore our commitment to deliver a diverse range of housing under our adopted Local Housing Strategy which has been prepared following extensive consultation with our community. We will request an exemption from the proposed changes to progress our own local medium density housing strategy.

We are committed to continuing to deliver housing to meet the needs of our community. But we're concerned by the 'one size fits all' approach that is outlined in the proposal. The density of development that would be permitted would simply be far too great and would be devastating to other objectives of environmental and heritage conservation in Hornsby Shire. As your Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that we achieve our housing targets appropriately, and I hope the state government works with us to ensure this is achieved.

Philip Ruddock AO
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

What's on



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Hand Sewing & Mending Workshop
Saturday 16 March, 10.30am-12pm
Storey Park Community Centre

Repair Café – Electronics/Furniture
Saturday 16 March, 11am-1pm
Storey Park Community Centre

Clothing Swap
Saturday 23 March, 9.30am-11am
Thornleigh Community Centre

Meal Planning Workshop
Wednesday 27 March, 10.30am-12.30pm
Hornsby Library

For details and bookings visit:
hornsby.nsw.gov.au/waste



Maide Welch,
Still Life with
Pomegranates

INSIDE/OUT

Maide and Chris Welch exhibition

5 – 17 March 2024. Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre

An exhibition of works by Maide Welch, winner of the 2022 Wallarobba Outstanding Local Artist Award, and her husband Chris Welch

YOUR SAY HORNSBY

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

HORNSBY SHIRE SOCIAL PLAN – Register to attend a community forum or come along to a pop-up in March.

CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND – Peats Ferry Road and Bridge Road, Hornsby. Submissions close: 08/03/24

WOLLUNDY PARK, PENNANT HILLS – Playground upgrade. Comments close: 11/03/24

For more information visit: yoursay.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

REIMAGINE ART PRIZE

Theme: 'Crossroads of Consumption'

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entries close: 21 March 2024

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Ross Tamlin,
Scrap Metal
(detail), 2023

Next Council meeting Wednesday 13 March, 6.30pm

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HUNDREDS TURN OUT FOR HORNSBY'S 'TASTE OF THE WORLD' CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Taste of the World Cultural Festival launched by Hornsby Shire Council in February was a resounding success attracting an enthusiastic crowd who came to enjoy the colour, music, dance, drums and exotic tastes of countries far and near. This vibrant new free event celebrated the brilliant cultural diversity of the community with a dazzling display of performances and culinary experiences. Lighting up Hornsby Mall on Saturday 17 February, the event featured music and dance displays,

cultural workshops, a pop-up bar and a convoy of delicious delights from food trucks including Turkish Gozleme, Korean street food, Asian fusion and more. Funded in part by **Multicultural NSW**, the event featured performers including OMBE — a ten-piece Latin Band, Lucky African Dance Group, Capoeira Brazilian dancers and Bollywood performers. Hornsby Shire Mayor the Hon **Philip Ruddock AO** who enjoyed the festival immensely said, "Hornsby Shire is a fantastic place to live and work for many reasons, not least of which is the great

vibrancy that our multicultural community brings to the area." "At each of our citizenship ceremonies, I have the honour of welcoming new people to our community from a simply stunning diversity of backgrounds. I think this event is a great way to acknowledge the significant contribution of various communities to Hornsby Shire and to have a lot of fun while experiencing something new at the same time." The residents of Hornsby look forward to more events showcasing our diverse Shire and all it has to offer.

SAKSHI KUMAR DANCE STUDIO



Sakshi Kumar (centre of photo) is a creative director & founder of '**Sanskriti - A School of Indian Performing Arts**' in Sydney. She conducts classes in Hornsby, Pymble and Brookvale.

Kathak is one of the eight major classical dance forms of India. It prevails from northern parts of India.

The word **Kathak** means 'story telling'. Kathak comprises of intrinsic footwork, hand movements, pirouettes and facial expressions all of which the dancer uses to tell a story or to do the technical part of Kathak. The dancer ties bells called '**ghungroos**' around the feet so that he/she can show the intricacies of footwork.

Front cover photo: Sakshi's dance group performed at the Taste of the World Cultural Festival held in Hornsby Mall in February and hosted by Hornsby Shire Council. To find out more about SAKSHI KUMAR DANCE STUDIO, go to <https://sakshi-kumar.com>

HORNSBY ELECTS A NEW DEPUTY MAYOR

At the February General Meeting of Hornsby Shire Council, A Ward Councillor, **Nathan Tilbury**, was elected as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the council term.

Nathan has served as Deputy Mayor twice previously and is currently serving his third term as a Councillor. He also represents Hornsby Council as Vice President of the **Northern Sydney Regional Organization of Councils (NSROC)**.

Well known for his contribution to local community groups, Nathan previously served for many years as President of the **Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Cricket Association** and as Vice President of the **Ku-ring-gai Netball Association**.

In addition, he was a member of the original committee responsible for delivering the **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter** and, once it opened,

he served on the Shelter's Board for five years. He has been Vice President of the **Hornsby & District Historical Society** since 2016 and has published several books on local history. Nathan is also a passionate bushwalker, cricketer and mountain biker. He lives in Berowra Heights with his Brazilian born wife and two daughters.

His council priorities for the remainder of the term are:

- sensible management of council's finances
- ensure council is transparent with its decision making
- to continue to move forward in delivering public domain improvements, as well as with both Hornsby Park (the former quarry) and Westleigh Park as high priority recreation projects for the benefit of the entire community.



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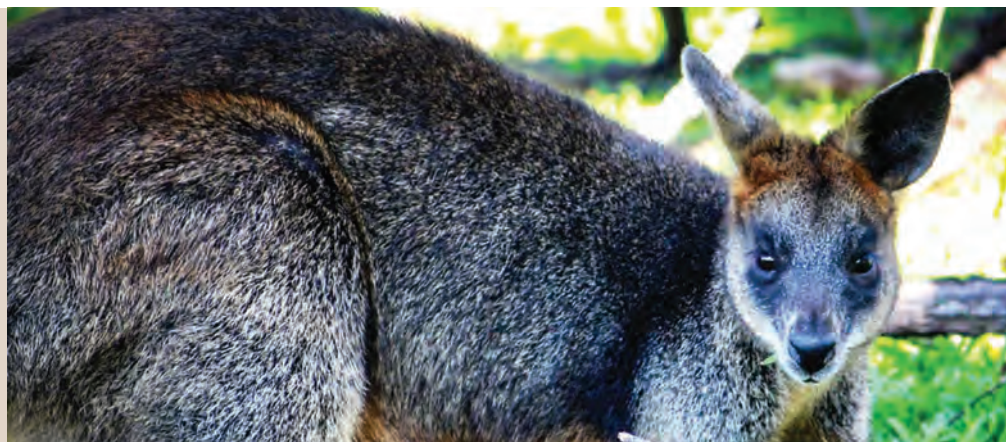
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WITH SUPPORT OF HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE MARVELLOUS WILDLIFE FOUND IN OUR BUSHLAND SHIRE

FRIENDS OF BEROWRA VALLEY, a community group committed to protecting our precious bushland and local environment, will be running the **BEROWRA FAUNA FAIR on Sunday 17th March from 10am to 3pm, at the Berowra Community Centre.**

EXPERIENCE live snakes, lizards, turtles, echidnas, birds and flying foxes and learn how to live near them safely and how to protect them.

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS INCLUDING:

- A didgeridoo performance from 1 to 2pm

- Nature walks
- Stalls to learn about how to protect our local wildlife
- Apex BBQ
- Berowra Sustainability Co-op will be bringing some electric cars to view
- Talks including our local birds, orchids, brush turkeys, spiders and marine life.
- Confused on climate science? Learn how to become a citizen scientist and the eDNA initiatives being run by your local council.
- Plants will be on sale from the *Australian Plant Society* and the *Berowra Garden Club*.
- The *Hornsby Heights Camera Club* nature photography display.

We are also running a **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** for kids with two age groups, 8-12 and 13-17 with the 10 finalists from each category displayed. The overall winner will be announced on the day. **MORE INFO:** <https://www.friendsberowravalle.org.au/kids-photography-competition>

Keep an eye on <https://www.friendsberowravalle.org.au/berowra-fauna-fair-2024> to see the schedule of talks and the full list of events on the day.

BEROWRA FAUNA FAIR

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THIS MONTH MARKS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR **CLUB BEROWRA** AS WE UNVEIL OUR BRAND-NEW MENU. *Crafted with care and brimming with delicious options, our menu promises to cater to everyone's tastes.*

Also, we're excited to announce the creation of a new role at *Club Berowra*: **Food and Beverage Manager**. Taking on this role is **Stephen Russell**, who will be joining us full-time starting March 5th. Stephen brings a wealth of experience as a high-end Head Chef, having successfully managed kitchens in big hotels and well-known clubs.

As *always*, we cherish our local community and encourage you to support your neighbourhood Club. *Your patronage helps us thrive and maintain our dedication to providing excellent service. Your feedback is valuable to us, and we invite you to share your thoughts as we continuously strive to enhance our offerings.*

And *lastly*, a friendly reminder: **DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**. For just \$40, you can enjoy the benefits of *Club Berowra* membership for the next five years.

Join us at **Skydeck Bistro** for a quality dining experience, where good food and great company await.

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Bistro Lunch 12pm Fri-Sun | Dinner 5pm Tues-Sun



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Stephen Russell, Food and Beverage Manager at Club Berowra.

IT'S AN HONOUR

There were two recipients in the Hornsby area of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division for the Australia Day awards.



Mrs Penelope Anne Becchio OAM received an OAM 'For service to the community through a range of organisations'. These numerous organisations include extensive involvement with Scouts NSW where she currently serves as State Commissioner, Special Projects; Community – Justice of the Peace; member of various school committees including St Leo's Catholic College and St Patrick's Asquith School; Hornsby Shire Council – member of the Hornsby Art Prize committee since 2010, Youth representative Arts committee.



Ms Clover Dawn Bradley OAM received an OAM for 'service to the community through a range of organisations'. Clover Bradley is renowned for her orchids and involvement in Orchid Societies including her current position as Honorary Secretary, North Shore Orchid Society, since 2016, and Member, since 2013 and President, Berowra Orchid Society since 2022, and Member since 2012. Community - Member, Ukulele Friends, current, Volunteer, New South Wales, Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT, current and Manager, Domestic Staff and

Catering, Hornsby Hospital, 1967-1989, to name a few. Awards and Recognition include: Volunteer of the Year, Lawn Bowls Division, New South Wales, Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT, 2001 and 2002, Pride of Workmanship Award, Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, 1978 and James D Richardson Honour Award for Outstanding Contribution and Support, Australian Lions Foundation, 2010.



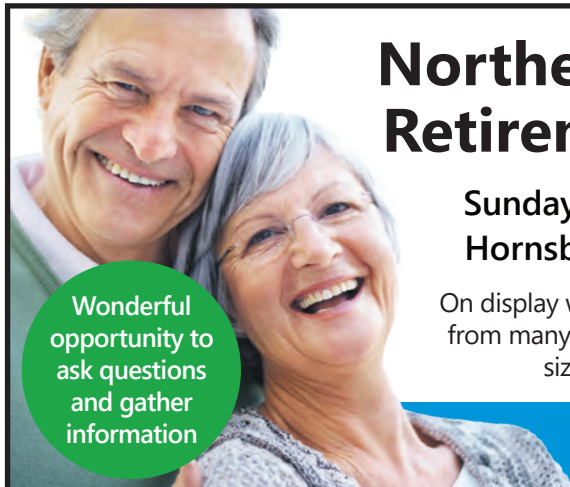
BEROWRA CYCLEWAY PROJECT UPDATE By Matt Kean MP



My office has received around two dozen emails concerning the **BEROWRA CYCLEWAY PROJECT**, the majority of which have expressed concerns. These emails are being collated to be sent to *Transport for NSW* for their consideration.

If you would still like to provide your own feedback, please send this to my office in the next week.

hornsbys@parliament.nsw.gov.au or PO Box 1687, Hornsby Westfield NSW 1635



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2024 KU-RING-GAI LOCAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

FOUR OUTSTANDING KU-RING-GAI NOMINEES RECEIVED THEIR AWARDS AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY ON 26 JANUARY.

This year four awards were presented – Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Environmental Citizen of the Year and the Mayor's Award for an Outstanding Contribution by a Community Group.

The awards were presented by **Mayor Sam Ngai** and Ku-ring-gai councillors at the Australia Day citizenship ceremony.

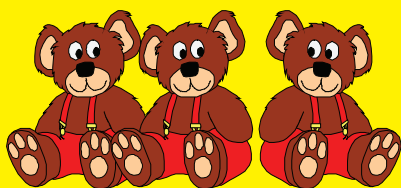
- The Mayor's Award for an *Outstanding Contribution* by a Community Group was presented to **The Men's Kitchen**. This service provides an opportunity for older people to attending monthly cooking sessions.
- Ku-ring-gai's *Environmental Citizen of the Year* is **Jemma Wlasichuk**, a local small business owner of Shed Eleven who freely donates her time and expertise to bring resources and joy to the Ku-ring-gai local area.

- The *Young Citizen of the Year* is **Kevin Hao** who co-founded *Youth 4 Difference*, which is an innovative, student-led community organisation aiming to solve the issue of low student involvement in volunteering and advocating for environmental conservation.

- Ku-ring-gai's *2024 Citizen of the Year* is **Michele Bell**. Michele joined the *Ku-ring-gai Neighbourhood Centre (KNC)* as a volunteer in March 2013. *KNC is a not-for-profit community organisation assisting the elderly and disabled stay in their homes as long as possible with assistance as well as social interaction through group activities.*

Mayor Sam Ngai said, "Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the many hundreds of other volunteers who work round the clock to help the local people of Ku-ring-gai."

"These awards are a great way for our community to thank and recognise these special people like Michele, Kevin, Jemma, and the folks at The Men's Kitchen. I encourage others to nominate local legends for next year's awards."



Three Bears Kindergarten 4 Railway Parade, Hornsby



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EXCITING NEWS FROM BEROWRA LIONS

LIONS YOUTH of the YEAR

The Berowra Lions Club conducted its Club level round of the Lions International Youth of the Year program on Sunday 11th February at the Berowra Community Centre. Lions Youth of the Year is a program that challenges senior school students to put themselves forward in an adult environment, through a written application, a 40 minute interview, and two sessions of public speaking.

Senior students from **Knox Grammar, Abbotsleigh, Loreto Normanhurst** and **Mt St Benedict College Pennant Hills** competed in front of four eminent members of the Berowra community, for the experience, personal satisfaction, a small prize and the opportunity to compete at the next level against representatives of other Lions Clubs.

Our Overall Winner was **Mr Arjun Vishnu** from Knox Grammar, and our Public Speaking Winner was **Ms Tahlia Moses** from Loreto Normanhurst, by the very narrowest of margins.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FIVE OF OUR CANDIDATES.

Arjun will now compete against candidates representing other northern Sydney Lions Clubs in the Area Final, also to be conducted

by Berowra Lions Club at the Berowra Community Centre on Sunday 24th March. Members of the public are welcome to attend the Public Speaking session from 1:30pm, to see and hear five inspiring young people. Admission will be free, but a donation on the day would be appreciated.

BRICK FAIR

The next activity for the Berowra Lions Club is the spectacular **Brick Fair**, to be held on 3rd March 2024 in the Berowra Community Centre, in support of **Lions Childhood Cancer Research, CaringKids** and other Lions Community programs. Come along and see the display by the SYDNEY LEGO USERS GROUP and the SYDNEY YOUNG ENGINEERS and get your Lions Sausage sizzles and Snow Cones.

For more information about Youth of the Year, future Berowra Lions Club activities, or any other enquiries about the Berowra Lions Club, please feel free to contact Secretary **Colin Hunter** at Secretary@berowralions.org.au

Photo above: left to right - Noa from Mt St Benedict College, Tahlia from Loreto Normanhurst, Gabriel from Knox Grammar, Audrey from Abbotsleigh, Arjun from Knox Grammar, and judges Greg Steptoe, Nathan Tilbury, Lorraine Wilson and Jenny Hutchinson.

CLICKETY-CLACK! THEY'RE BACK!



THE BEROWRA KNITTING GROUP has now recommenced for 2024!

The group meets every Monday 1:30-3:30 in the Berowra Library, knitting and crocheting blankets for the charity, **Wrap With Love**.

The blankets are then distributed across Australia and overseas.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, WHETHER YOU'RE A BEGINNER OR AN ADVANCED KNITTER. Being part of the group is an opportunity to socialise with others from our community as well as support those in need.

Donations of wool are always appreciated and the group tries to ensure that nothing goes to waste. The ever-helpful Berowra Librarians are very supportive of the group and will happily accept donations any day that the library

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U3A AFFAIRS OF INTEREST IN THE CURRENT WORLD 2nd & 4th Monday monthly. (Tues if Mon public holiday) 10 – 12 Balcony Room. 11 Mar 'Who is Xi Jin Ping' He has been leader of China since 2013. Who is he and what is he trying to achieve? Presenter: Peter Nixon. 25 Mar 'Adventures in Advertising' Highs and lows of the advertising industry from major international campaigns to a local agency. Presenter: Tom Glynn Bookings: Joan Scott djscott@tpg.com.au (Email Pref) Tel 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 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 Wed monthly 11am at Magpies Waitara. Bookings essential. Enq: Kerry 9476 5910. New members welcome.

BEROWRA & DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY meets at Berowra Community Centre, Gully Road, Berowra 3rd Thursday monthly 7-10pm except Jan & Dec. Enq: jenalsar @ozemail.com.au

BEROWRA COMMUNITY MARKETS 1st Saturday monthly, 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 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: berowrarslsgolf@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. Next meeting 27TH March Berowra 10.30am 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.

COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS TURRAMURRA General meeting, 3rd Thursday monthly 2pm. Afternoon tea prov. Seniors Centre I Gilroy Lane, Turramurra. All welcome. Enq: 9983 0774.

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 Ave, Hornsby. Gallery open Wed-Sun 10am to 4pm www.hornsbyartsociety.com.au

HORNSBY ART SOCIETY Demonstration "Landscape in Oils" by Marijke Greenway 7-9pm Mon 11 March Beatrice Taylor Hall 25 Edgeworth David Ave Hornsby. Free. Tea/coffee avail. www.hornsbyartsociety.com.au 9476 8869.

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 1st Wed monthly at Berowra RSL 6.30pm. Enq: Robert 0409 665 356.

HORNSBY HTS CAMERA CLUB meets 3rd & 5th Tuesday monthly Mt Colah Community Centre – 7.30pm. Enq: Bob 0448 257406.

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE Free Digital Mentoring for Seniors, Tues during term, 10-11.30am. Bookings: 9482 1189, enquiries@hkcc.nsw.edu.au

HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION inc. Choir at Snr. Citz's Centre, Turramurra Thurs 10-11.30am; Exercise Mt Colah Community Centre Fri 11.30-12.30pm., Meet: 1st Fri monthly 10am-12noon. Enq: Dick 0450 542 423 www.parkypeople.org

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. 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 PRINTMAKING STUDIO meets Fridays school term 9.30 - 2.30pm Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre. 25 Edgeworth David Ave. Enq: Michelle Robinson 0435 082 670 thecreativeteacher@yahoo.com

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 24th March 2024 Hornsby RSL Club. All local veterans welcome. Contact hornsbyrslsb@gmail.com

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

HORNSBY SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY meeting 3rd Sun monthly at 2pm guest speaker, museum Kenley Park Normanhurst. Enq Julie 0414 686 480.

KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY 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

MT COLAH UNITING CHURCH Cnr Pacific Hwy & Amaroo Ave, 2nd Tues monthly, 10am. Guest speaker Colin Christie 'the intricate world of amateur radio'. Enq: Barry Mews 0414 887 888 or mkgdprobus.org.au

MOUNT KURING-GAI & DISTRICT PROBUS meets 2nd Tues monthly 10am Mt Colah Uniting Church, cnr Pac Hwy & Amaroo Ave. Next meeting 12th March. AGM & morning tea. Enq: Barry Mews 0414 887 888 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.

PLANTAGENET HISTORY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA meets Turramurra Uniting Church Hall, Sat 16 March 2pm. Guest speaker: Peter Headley "The Paston Letters - everyday life of a 15th Century family". Enq plantagenetaustralia@outlook.com or 0499 031 146 All welcome.

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, Travel & hosting opportunities for members. Enq: Pam for details, 0406 306 401.

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

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

UPDATE MT COLAH RAILWAY STATION UPGRADE

By Matt Kean MP



A number of residents have contacted my office asking for an update as to what is happening at MT COLAH RAILWAY STATION.

In 2022, I helped secure the long-awaited upgrade to this station which includes a major accessibility improvement. This was important not just for commuters but also for residents travelling between the east side and west side of Mt Colah. **For too many years locals had complained about being forced to tackle the steep steps on the railway's pedestrian bridge.** This was a particular issue for mums with strollers and the elderly. The upgraded railway station will include a new footbridge with three lifts to access the railway platform,

Pierre Close and the Pacific Highway.

The century old existing footbridge has just about reached the end of its life and it will be removed once the new one is operational. As part of the \$17 million project the railway station will have upgraded security, lighting and refurbishment works to the existing toilets to house a new family accessible toilet and an ambulant toilet. In addition, there are accessible pathways at the station's entrances, the platform will be resurfaced, and it will include extensive landscaping. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. Recently, Thornleigh, Normanhurst and Waitara railway station upgrades were completed.



42nd Annual Meccano Modellers Exhibition 4/5/2024

42nd Annual Meccano Modellers
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Photo above: Late 1950s era mechanical grader in 1/8 scale.

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MY TEAM AND I ARE HERE TO HELP

People often ask me what my favourite part of this job is. Without trying to sound like a cliché, it is undoubtedly the opportunity to help our community. While part of that role is representing you in Canberra, another important part is helping members of our community to access and navigate Federal Government services.

I am hearing more and more about people suffering because the wheels of bureaucracy are turning far too slowly. When that happens, we are here to help.

One of the main areas where we assist is with Centrelink, Medicare and the NDIS. For instance, Jess from Mount Colah applied for paid parental leave but, 3 months later, it still had not been approved. My office raised the issue with Centrelink and, four days later, she started getting those much-needed payments.

I've long advocated for better telecommunications for our electorate. If you

have telecommunications problems, we may be able to help. Recently, Lee from Cherrybrook contacted our office about issues with his phone and internet connection which had continued ever since he moved into his home 6 months before. My office raised the problem with Telstra, who fixed the problem within a week.

Additionally, while we can't influence the migration process, we can draw the Department's attention to applications and seek updates on your behalf. For example, last year, Thornleigh resident, Taylor has a niece who had applied for a visa to come to Australia for her wedding. When it still was not approved 3 months later, despite her family's visas being granted, our office escalated it with the Department. A few days later it was approved – making for a much happier wedding!

**If I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me on
9980 1822, or email Julian.Leeser.MP@aph.gov.au**



Matt Kean MP

Member for Hornsby

Keen to Help you by

- Representing you in the NSW Parliament
- Assisting you to access State services
- Communicating your issues to the relevant Ministers
- Organising Justice of the Peace applications
- Recognising State achievements



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As your Federal Member, I am here to:

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

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.



JULIAN LEESER MP
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you by the carnival director behind the very successful *Penno High Winter Carnivals*, **Michelle Scott** (pictured right) who knows how to put together an event! So expect a great monthly market which is a first in the Pennant Hills area.

Michelle is also introducing another first, **Market Mentor Merchant**, an

opportunity for up and comers to test the market scene without all the set-up expense.

DOWNTOWN MARKETS WILL BE HELD IN WOLLUNDURY PARK ON THE THIRD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH It aims to bring the community together in a great location.



Conveniently located behind Pennant Hills Library & opposite the train station Wollundry Park, Pennant Hills is easily accessible for everyone.

INSIDE/OUT

MAIDE AND CHRIS WELCH

EXHIBITION TO OPEN 5 MARCH

The winner of the 2022 Wallarobba Outstanding Local Artist Award, **Maide Welch** will exhibit a collection of her works, supported by Hornsby Shire Council at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Hornsby.

Maide Welch won the 2022 *Wallarobba Outstanding Local Artist Award* and received a fully supported exhibition, along with prize money for her winning painting, **Sweet Temptation**.

Welch's exhibition, in partnership with her husband **Chris**, is titled **'Inside/Out'** and will showcase 70 works including paintings, drawings, etchings, prints and ceramics, produced over a lifetime of making art together.

Maide works predominantly in her studio producing beautiful still life works, while Chris works outdoors in the local environment, completing his intricate charcoal drawings 'plein air'. Maide is a well-established artist and has been painting for decades, attending an art school in New York in the 1980s and working in London before undertaking a Fine Arts degree at Curtin University. Her work has been included in exhibitions in Sydney, New York, and London; most recently in the Collabor8 Women's Prize at Ellipsis Gallery in Woollloomooloo in November 2023. Her art is held in various private collections in Australia and internationally.

Originally from the UK, Chris has worked in animation, underground comics, experiential printing, and illustration before moving to Sydney where he joined a 'plein air' drawing group around the *Hawkesbury River and Brooklyn* area. Chris's work has been included in exhibitions in Australia and internationally and he was a finalist in the **Plein Air Prize** in Parliament House, Sydney.

The Wallarobba Outstanding Local Artist Award is designed to celebrate and support highly talented local artists, whilst sharing the locally developed bodies of work with the community.

"Council is pleased to continue its support of the arts and creativity in our local area. This is another great opportunity for local art lovers to view exceptional artworks up-close in Hornsby Shire," Mayor Ruddock said.



The exhibition will run from 5-17 March at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 4pm. Free entry. For more information on the 'Inside/Out' exhibition, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/arts

Photo above: Chris & Maide Welch.

Photo right: Still Life with Pomegranates





MONTHLY MARKETS

SUNDAY MARCH 17th

9AM - 3PM

Wollundry Park, PENNANT HILLS

BEHIND LIBRARY/OPPOSITE TRAIN STATION
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KU-RING-GAI'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FORUM IN MARCH



JOIN THE KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FORUM ON ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY.

The event, which will be held at Killara Golf Club on Wednesday 6 March 2024, aligns with the 2024 IWD theme: "ACCELERATING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT" and seeks to celebrate women's achievements and address challenges hindering their equal participation in the economy.

Two keynote speakers **Chiou See Anderson**, President of the *National Council of Women*, who will share insights into the barriers hindering women's economic equality and **Dr Mihajla Gavin** from the *University of Technology Sydney* will contribute her expertise in education, work, employees, and gender.

A roundtable will include topics of overcoming structural barriers, addressing the carer economy and enhancing women's access to economic education.

Lunch will be provided, offering attendees the opportunity to network in a supportive environment. This event promises to be a unique platform for individuals and organizations to connect, collaborate, and foster meaningful discussions around economic empowerment and gender equality. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. krg.nsw.gov.au/womensdayforum

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PROPOSED PLANNING CHANGES TO OUR AREA

Premier Chris Minns and the NSW Labor Government are proposing to allow flats and duplexes throughout our community on sites which have previously only allowed a 2-storey freestanding house. The new policy which was announced without any public consultation has been rushed and will start as early as April.

The changes will:

- damage the special character of our neighbourhoods;
- destroy tens of thousands of trees in our local area and greatly damage our local wildlife and environment;
- overcrowd our public schools which cannot take more students - more than 50% of schools already have staff vacancies;
- congest our local roads with traffic and parking; and
- overwhelm our other local infrastructure such as hospitals, trains, buses, sewage and drainage facilities without any new infrastructure to accompany these changes.

Make Your View Heard

For more information and to sign my petition that will be presented to Premier Chris Minns and the NSW Government, visit the 'Useful Links' page on my website at

alisterhenskens.com.au



Alistair HENSKENS SC MP

Member for Wahroonga



How can I help you?

- Represent you in the NSW Parliament;
- Provide information on NSW Government services and policies; and
- Arrange congratulatory messages.

Please do not hesitate to call my office.

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MEETING NEEDS OF SENIORS IN HORNSBY SHIRE

LinC

To meet some of the needs for Seniors in our community, many Christian churches in Hornsby Shire provide volunteers who are working together in an organisation called LinC.

Love in the name of Christ (LinC), provides the following services, free of charge for all local residents:

- Transport to medical appointments,
- short-term general assistance and short-term shopping - generally following a medical procedure
- as well as regular phone calls to those who've indicated they would like to be contacted for a chat

To access these free services, please ring the referral centre on 0411 688 933.

A volunteer at the referral centre assesses each request, taking into consideration the urgency, locality and availability of helpers. Please allow several days for LinC to find a volunteer.



The office is usually attended Tuesday to Friday from 10-12 noon; otherwise please leave a message. Our volunteers are supported by their church. If you would like to enquire about volunteering, please also ring the referral centre for more information. We can also be found at lincnational.org.au/linc-hornsby.



THE PRINTMAKING STUDIO IS BACK!

Continuing the printmaking group which **John Crawford** ran for 10 years, (known as The Press Gang), the community-based, non-profit Printmaking Studio has re-emerged with the much appreciated support of Hornsby Council.

The Printmaking Studio is run by volunteers, for artists or printmakers, and those who would like to improve their skills, in a friendly environment.

The group meets Fridays in school term time from 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Contact Michelle Robinson for details:

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With the return of school, perhaps stories from the holidays are not all that your kids are sharing. **Statistics indicate that more than 1 in 5 primary school students may have head lice.**

Head lice are small wingless insects. They live on the human scalp and feed on blood. Lice move easily from head to head. **Sharing combs, hair ties and hats also can result in lice spreading.**

Female lice lay their eggs (known as nits) close to the scalp, where they remain firmly stuck to the base of the hair shaft until they hatch a week or so later. **Headlice can cause severe itching and this can lead to scratching and skin infections.** Fortunately there are simple, safe and effective strategies to eliminate and prevent headlice. Various shampoos, lotions, sprays and conditioners are available. Some contain insecticides and others are essential oils based. **It is important to use any treatment correctly according to their instructions.** A fine tooth comb to help facilitate the removal of the sticky nits is also essential.

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CELEBRATING KU-RING-GAI SENIORS IN 2024

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS ALL SET TO BE JAM-PACKED WITH EVENTS FOR OLDER RESIDENTS AS KU-RING-GAI CELEBRATES SENIORS FESTIVAL.

Ku-ring-gai Council's SENIORS FESTIVAL includes **come and try** sessions for chess and yoga, excursions to the movies, Gosford's Japanese Gardens, Camden's Belgenny Farm, and La Perouse, a lunchtime harbour cruise plus free workshops on aged care services.

- **WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH** seniors have the opportunity to travel to Gosford for a guided tour of the Japanese Gardens and gallery, followed by lunch at the Gosford Sailing Club
- **THURSDAY 7 MARCH** a special Volunteer Expo for residents to meet the volunteer coordinators. If you are thinking of volunteering, this is the expo for you!
- **MONDAY 11 MARCH** Learn tips and tricks on how to add colour to your garden and grow herbs that add some 'pop' of fresh flavours to your cooking on at the Gordon Library. Come along for morning tea and take home your own pot of flowers or herbs
- **WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH** everything for Seniors - find a favourite club or community organisation, join a social, learning or exercise class, discover our local support-at-home service providers or sign up to become a volunteer
- **THURSDAY 14 MARCH** a trip to Belgenny Farm in Camden to tour an early colonial farm established by John and Elizabeth Macarthur in 1805
- **MONDAY 18 MARCH** Open Day at the Senior's Chess Club which meets every first and third Monday of the month at Turramurra Seniors Centre. A tutor will be there to help you learn how to play. All levels of expertise welcome.
- **TUESDAY 19 MARCH** a tour of La Perouse Museum on where almost 2000 items document the 1787 – 1788 expedition of French explorer Comte de Laperoise, including the complete Atlas of the Voyage of La Perouse
- **THURSDAY 21 MARCH** A special lunchtime Sydney Harbour cruise for the Seniors Festival includes a two-course meal
- **TUESDAY 26 MARCH** seniors can enjoy a film and talk at Roseville Cinema featuring the silent movie 'The Sentimental Bloke'.

For more information and to book your spot for these events please visit krg.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival

You are invited to **Free** **Hornsby Info Expo**

19 March 2024
Tuesday | 10:30am to 3:30pm
Hornsby Library
28-44 George St, Hornsby NSW 2077

INFO STALLS
10:30am - 12:30pm
Everything you need to know about the community

HEALTH CHECK
11:00am - 12:30pm
Booking essential or enquire @ stall
Hearing, High blood Pressure, Glucose, etc

MINI SEMINAR
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FREE INFO EXPO AT HORNSBY LIBRARY

The Hornsby Information Expo will be held at Hornsby Library on **TUESDAY 19 MARCH** from 10:30am - 3:30pm. There will be Info Stalls, Health Check, Mini Seminars, CASS Care news, Plan Your Retirement & Ageing, Keeping Your Brain Healthy, Scam Watch and Personal Safety Info AND MORE! Hornsby Shire Libraries, Hornsby Shire Council.

Enquire & Register: CASS 9789 4587 (English & Chinese) or 9063 8808 (Korean).

LGBTI+ Healthy Ageing and Learn about Dementia



Free Event

Healthy Ageing Community Forum

Tuesday 12th March
From 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Fowler Hall,
Storey Park, 12 Old Berowra Rd, Hornsby

Join us for:

A discussion for individuals in the LGBTI+ community about enabling healthy ageing



RSVP/Enquiries: 9988 4966 or community@knc.org.au
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Upper North Shore Volunteer Expo

Discover volunteer roles in the Upper North Shore areas. It suits all age groups from 12 years old and over. Find out what volunteering experience can meet your interests in:

- Building new social connections and skills
- Giving back to your community
- Building confidence and sense of purpose
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Work experience

Thursday 7 March 2024 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Gordon Library 799 Pacific Highway

Please register for a free volunteer information pack on the Expo day.

Scan the QR Code to see more details of the Expo and other events for volunteers.



HORNSBY

After Dark

The Hornsby After Dark program continues to make headway gaining more traction on social media, signing up more businesses and garnering more collaborative support for promotion.

HORNSBY RSL CLUB

IWA PRO WRESTLING – HOSTILE TERRITORY
8:00pm 15th March 2024

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THE HORNSBY INN

GET READY HORNSBY FOR SOME OLD SCHOOL SOUL and some of the coolest duet work to come along since *Ike and Tina Turner*.

Andrea Marr and John McNamara, both well respected and experienced Australian Soul and Blues artists in their own right, combine forces to become **The McNamara Project**, and they are playing at the **Hornsby Inn on Friday night April 5th**.

Based in Melbourne and originally coming to Sydney for 2 shows, they are performing a "warm up" show away from Sydney and locals **Greg Smith** from **Triple H** and keyboard player **Dan Parise** have secured this show for Hornsby.

The Hornsby Inn has been a stalwart supporter of live music every Friday and Saturday night so the locals are in for a real treat. Put it in your diary and save the date. Friday night April 5 at the Hornsby Inn.



THE TASTE OF ABSOLUTE THAI

AFTER DARK recently showcased what the **ABSOLUTE THAI** group offers in Hornsby with their two Thai restaurants – **Hornsby Westfield** and **William Street, Hornsby** – as well as **'Cozy Cups – Café and Dessert'** located in Hornsby Mall. **Korean BBQ has taken off in popularity in recent years, but did you know about THAI BBQ, KNOWN AS 'MOOKATA'?** **ABSOLUTE THAI WESTFIELD**, allows guests to experience 'Mookata' and the unique flavours that are achieved with this style of

barbeque. It is a delicious soup flavoured by lean cuts of meat cooked above it. *If you haven't tried it, you're missing out!* For the sweet-tooths, **COZY CUPS** is right around the corner. Their desserts are something special and unique and in-house made as well! *Cozy Cups is open until 8pm including weekends too!*



HORNSBY AFTER DARK – JOIN US!

If you're a business owner or manager in Hornsby that serves directly to the public at night-time, reach out and join the program. It's easier than you think. Who knows, your business, services and staff could be featured with us next!

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HORNSBY COUNCIL EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING REFORMS



Following a December 2023 announcement by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to exhibit its Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing, Hornsby Shire Council will make a submission outlining its concerns and recommendations. It will encourage the NSW Government to set clear housing targets and allow councils to develop and implement their own responses appropriate to the character of their local area and community expectations.

At its General Meeting on 14 February, Council resolved that its submission highlight concerns that the density of development proposed will impact the character of the Shire's suburbs, heritage, environment and tree canopy, infrastructure and risk over-development in areas prone to risks such as bush fires and flooding and parts of the Shire without adequate supply of wastewater as well as sewerage infrastructure.

The submission will also underscore Council's commitment to deliver a diverse range of housing under its adopted **Local Housing Strategy**. It will request an exemption from the proposed changes to progress its own local medium density housing strategy. In November 2023 Council adopted its **Hornsby Town Centre Masterplan**, that sealed Council's commitment to the provision of over 4,900 new dwellings in slender residential towers complemented by open spaces reflective of the Shire's bushland identity, a new multi-purpose community facility, pedestrian and cycling networks and enhanced public transport access.

Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon **Philip Ruddock** AO reiterated, "Local Government should be provided the opportunity to address the supply of housing under the guidance of their own adopted strategies and plans."

NO SUPPORT FOR 'ONE SIZE FITS ALL' STRATEGY

"Hornsby Shire Council is committed to continue delivering housing to meet the needs of our community. But we're concerned by the 'one size fits all' approach that is outlined in this proposal. The density of development that would be permitted would simply be far too great and would be devastating to other objectives of environmental and heritage conservation in Hornsby Shire," said Mayor Ruddock.

"We're urging the State Government to communicate their wants with clear targets for low and mid-rise housing and to allow us to deliver on those targets, informed by our local expertise and in collaboration with our community."

Also at the February meeting:

- Received and noted the December 2023 Performance Report showing progress of the 2023-2026 Delivery Program
- Elected **Councillor Nathan Tilbury** as the new *Deputy Mayor* for the remaining seven months of the term and thanked **Councillor Warren Waddell** for his service as Deputy Mayor for the last twelve months*
- Resolved to submit to the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales a proposal to correct the spelling of '**Forsters Reserve**' in Middle Dural to '**Fosters Reserve and Waterhole**'
- Resolved to progress the *Rural Lands Planning Proposal*
- Appointed interim Panel Chairs on the *Hornsby Local Planning Panel* until 30 June 2024
- Adopted for public exhibition the draft *Galston Village Public Domain Plan*

- Notice of Motion from *Councillor Tilbury* on public infrastructure in **Mount Kuring-gai and Berowra**, resolving to write to the Minister for Transport and Transport for NSW seeking permission for a **mural to be painted on a pedestrian overpass, road bridge and water tower.**
 - Resolved a schedule of grants to local community groups, schools and associations under Council's *Community Event Grants* program
- The full agenda and video of the meeting can be found at hornsby.nsw.gov.au

UNLOCK YOUR BUSINESS'S POTENTIAL AND ACCELERATE YOUR BUSINESS NETWORK!



By becoming a member of the Hornsby Chamber of Commerce, you're not just investing in your business's success, you're investing in the collective prosperity of our vibrant community. Together, we can unlock new opportunities, overcome challenges, and build a brighter future for businesses and residents alike.

We invite you to take the next step towards realising your business goals by joining us at the Hornsby Chamber of Commerce.

Let's embark on this exciting journey together.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

By connecting with fellow business owners, industry leaders, and decision-makers, you can forge valuable relationships that may lead to collaborations, partnerships, and new business opportunities. Networking events, seminars, and workshops organised by the Chamber offer a platform to exchange ideas, share experiences, and learn from peers, ultimately expanding your professional network and opening doors to growth and success.

ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

The Chamber serves as a unified voice for the business community, advocating for policies and initiatives that promote economic growth, business-friendly regulations, and a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem. Additionally, members receive personalised support, guidance, and resources to navigate regulatory compliance, overcome obstacles, and capitalise on emerging opportunities, empowering businesses to succeed and thrive in a competitive market.

VISIBILITY AND CREDIBILITY

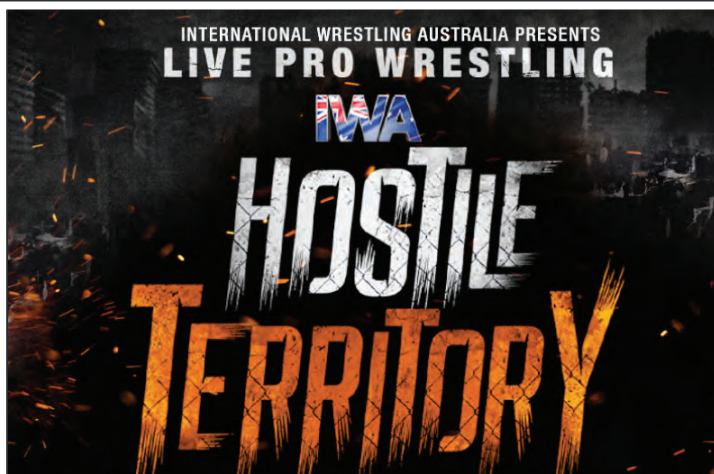
By associating your brand with the Chamber's esteemed reputation and commitment to excellence, you signal to customers, clients, and stakeholders that you are a reputable and trustworthy business. Membership offers opportunities for increased exposure through Chamber-sponsored events, marketing initiatives, and promotional channels, amplifying your brand's presence and attracting potential customers. 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 or email us at connect@hornsbychamber.com.au

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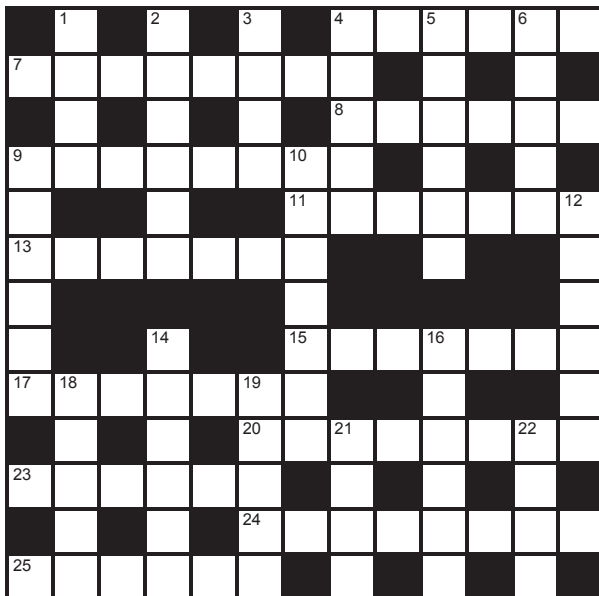
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ACROSS

- 4 Which European river flows from the Black Forest to the Black Sea (6)
- 7 Name the principal ore of iron (8)
- 8 To be present, is to do what (6)
- 9 What, generally, is a million times a million (8)
- 11 What are Inuits also known as (7)
- 13 Which term describes a non-professional person (7)
- 15 Name another word for treachery (7)
- 17 To deliberately sink one's ship, is to do what to it (7)
- 20 What are naval officers of the highest rank called (8)
- 23 To bury or inter someone, is to do what (6)
- 24 Name one of the rulers in a form of government in which power is vested in a few (8)
- 25 Name another term for a boarder (6)

DOWN

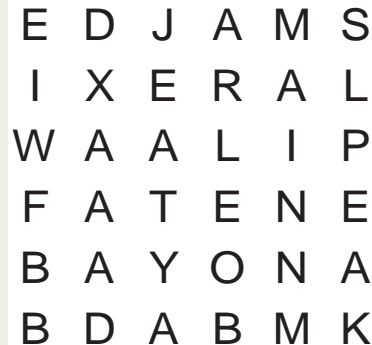
- 1 What is an alternative name for an inheritor (4)
- 2 Which style of dancing is characterised by grace, and precision of movement (6)
- 3 Name a New Zealand flightless bird (4)
- 4 What are heads of medical schools, university faculties, or the like (5)
- 5 Name an extremely powerful acid (6)
- 6 Name a mild gambling game also known as housie-housie (5)
- 9 What is an expression of gratitude (6)
- 10 Name the unit of magnetic field strength (7)
- 12 By which nickname is either St Kilda or St George known (6)



- 14 To be physically robust, is to be what (6)
- 16 Name the main trunks of arterial systems (6)
- 18 What is one of the larger divisions of a long poem (5)
- 19 Name one of Australia's political parties (5)
- 21 Name a less formal term for the high sea (4)
- 22 What is an alternative expression for good fortune (4)

MINI WORD FIND

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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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| Are | Bat | Inn | Main |
| Atlas | Bay | Jams | Net |
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| Axe | Eat | Lie | Way |
| Bad | Fat | Lip | |

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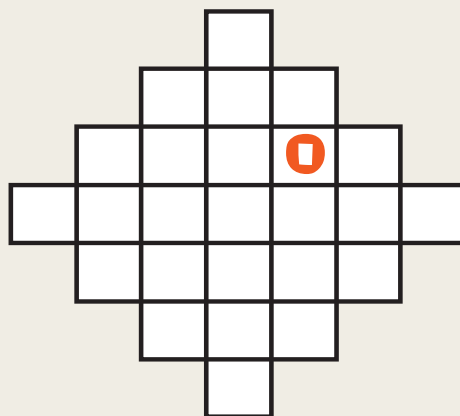
Around 1900, women wearing pyjamas to bed was considered shocking and daring! Girls schools and colleges started using the slang term 'Cat's Pyjamas.' Cool cats of the 1920s picked up this scandalous phrase and it became known to mean something modern and hip.

E-EQUATIONS

073

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

A	Z×Z	9
H	Q×Z	15
J	V+R	26
Q	H÷Z	
R	H-Q	
V	J-R	
Z	A÷Z	



BIYWORD

063

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:

- Bronze medal position (5)
Chicken (coll) (5)
 Chief Medical Officer (3)
 Citing another's words (7)
 Constellation: The Hunter (5)
 Digital Noise Reduction (3)
 Engine (5)
 Kentucky (abb) (3)
 Love-struck (7)
 Stomach (coll) (3)

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QUICK THINK

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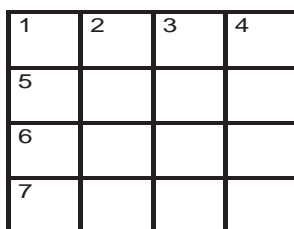
Solve the crossword. Each answer has four letters.

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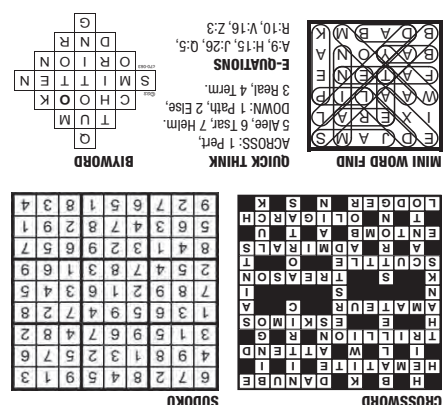
- 1 Vivacious
- 5 The sheltered side
- 6 Romanov ruler
- 7 Ship's wheel

DOWN

- 1 Walkway
- 2 Otherwise
- 3 Genuine
- 4 Duration



SOLUTIONS





WAHROONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

ACROSS NSW, 77 NEW PRINCIPALS HAVE STARTED MEETING STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES TO OUTLINE THEIR LEADERSHIP PRIORITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

OF THE NEW PRINCIPALS, 41 ARE LEADING SCHOOLS IN REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS OF NSW WHILE 36 ARE STARTING AT SCHOOLS IN THE SYDNEY METROPOLITAN AREA.

NSW Department of Education Secretary **Murat Dizdar** said it was his pleasure to welcome 77 new principals to their new schools for the start of 2024. "I know they will be exceptional role models to staff by improving the quality of learning and engagement of our students," Mr Dizdar said. "Our school principals are the driving force behind creating a positive and inclusive learning environment that empowers teachers and inspires students to reach their full potential."

Wahroonga Public School students and teachers started the 2024 school year by welcoming new principal **Philippa Fox** (pictured above with students) who said, "My aspirations for the school include providing a school environment where all students can thrive and achieve their individual best."

STRONG DEMAND CONTINUES FOR ST LEO'S HOLISTIC EDUCATION

In the heart of our community, St Leo's Catholic College continues to grow as a nurturing environment of academic excellence. The College's outstanding 2023 HSC results reflect the hard work of students and the dedication of staff.

St Leo's continues to be one of the most in-demand local schools, with waitlists already for 2025, and enrolments up to 2036.

The College's focus on knowing students and fostering their holistic development and wellbeing alongside academic success is clearly resonating with parents and drawing interest from far and wide.

For families considering St Leo's, the annual OPEN EVENING is an opportunity to experience the welcoming community, state-of-the-art facilities, dynamic curriculum and many enriching opportunities.

This year, the event will be held on Wednesday 3 April, from 3.30-6.30pm at the College's six-hectare Wahroonga campus. Interested families are encouraged to register their attendance.

Families from St Leo's Priority Feeder Schools – a program strengthening ties with local Catholic primary schools – are eligible for priority entry when applying within enrolment windows.

Come along to the Open Evening to celebrate achievement, embrace opportunity, and embark on a journey of excellence at St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga.



St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga



2024 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 3 April, 3.30-6.30pm

Experience everything St Leo's has to offer:

- Tour our campus
- Hear from the Principal
- Speak with our staff and students
- Information stands and displays
- Activities, performances & rides
- See our community in action!

Scan Now to Register:



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



Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11 March 2024
4-6pm

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

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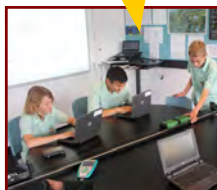
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Mr Bryce Grant | Principal

Photo above: 2024 School Leaders - School Captain: Jayden Mark (Centre), Vice Captain: Samuel Kingston (Left), Senior Prefect: Riley Heasman (right).

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New English and Maths Syllabi for Years 7-10 Students in 2024

This year, the NSW Education Standards Authority has implemented new syllabi for Maths and English for Years 7-10 students.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES FOR ENGLISH?

- A greater focus on improving grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, sentence structure and paragraph-writing skills
 - An emphasis on critical thinking, reflecting and problem-solving through essay writing and textual analysis earlier on to prepare for English in Year 11-12
 - Strengthening understanding of stylistic elements so students can apply this in their own creative writing
- If your child struggles with these English areas, get support to prepare them for senior high school.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES FOR MATHS?

- Maths is planned to become compulsory in Year 11 from 2026
- The original 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 Maths structure in Years 9 and 10 has been changed to a Core-Paths structure that aligns with Standard and Advanced Maths, which is studied in Year 11-12
- This means that the level of Maths your child takes in Year 9 and 10 will impact the options they have for Maths in Year 11 and 12, and university



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The climbs were very technical and challenging, however her amazing efforts saw her finish 2nd in her age category.

This has qualified Zali to compete at the Nationals in Carrara QLD on 18-19th April this year.

Zali is 1 of 8 kids that make up the official NSW/ACT National Youth Climbing Team.

Her parents **Aidan** and **Gemma** & brother **Duke** are unbelievably proud of her determination and strength. Zali is very excited and will continue her training for the upcoming competition.



GIRL THRIVE

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For more information please contact:

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GALSTON AQUATIC CENTRE OFFICIAL REOPENING

ON SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024 THE GALSTON AQUATIC CENTRE WAS REOPENED AFTER REFURBISHMENT.

SOME HISTORY

"The Galston Aquatic Centre is a highly valued asset for the rural community and it has been since it was first opened nearly 55 years ago, on Saturday, 11th October 1969. Back then, delivery of the pool was described at the opening as "a fine example of Council – community cooperation".

Talk of a community pool for the rural area of Hornsby commenced in the 1950s and local residents were fiercely committed to see it become a reality. *And they really wanted it to be a special facility.*

To get things moving in council, the Galston community managed to get one of their more active residents elected onto Council in 1968.

Councillor Charles William Rogers drove the support and approvals within Council and the community did the rest.

Of course, the biggest challenge for any piece of infrastructure is the cost. However, the determined rural residents saw this as only another hurdle for them to jump over to achieve their ultimate goal.

Incredibly the Galston community overwhelmingly supported a SPECIAL RATE VARIATION, applied on just the local Galston residents, in order to pay for their new pool. However, to keep this burden to a minimum the community was also willing to get their hands dirty, *literally.*

Resident volunteers were led by a local man, "Red" Hansen. He was described in the local media as *"a tiger for voluntary work who never seemed to be off the job"*, throughout the entire construction period of the pool.

Galston locals physically cleared the land for their new pool. Red Hansen, who was an earth-moving contractor by trade, then moved in with his machinery to prepare the earthworks readying the site for construction. *As part of his labour of love, Red also tidied up the grounds to prepare it for the final landscaping work.*

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING WAS UNDERTAKEN. This was led by **the Dural & District Progress Association**, whose members also provided voluntary labour.

The pool facility was designed by renown and award-winning Hornsby architect, **Ross Aynsley**. Aynsley was a local WW2 veteran who designed many impressive buildings in Hornsby in the 1950s and 60s. This included **Hornsby's CWA building** (in 1958) and (in 1956) the **Hornsby War**

Memorial Hall building, that is still located next to *Hornsby RSL Club*. The construction work was undertaken by **WJ Bryant**, with the builder's foreman, **Eric Bliss**, given the challenging but welcome task of managing the volunteer labour continuously provided for the job by Galston locals.

The enormous contribution by the community kept costs to a minimum and when facility was completed it came out at just \$120K. Originally the pool at Galston was officially known as *The Hills Community Swimming Pool*.

At the opening of the new 25 metre indoor heated pool, by **Shire President Gordon Curby**, appropriately, he announced that the contract to manage the new facility had been awarded to a Galston local, **Mr J. Lois**.

At the opening Australian freestyle champion swimmer and Olympic medallist, **Greg Rogers**, was invited to swim the first 100 metres. *He set a pool record of 58 seconds, swum over four laps.*

Over the years times have changed, as have workplace & health safety measures. This prevents the *hands on* volunteer contribution that was once enjoyed when building community facilities, such as this, in the 1960s and 70s.

However, one thing that has not changed is this community's absolute love for this highly valued facility.

When Council realised much more work was required than what was originally identified, *being just a simple roof replacement*, the available funding was stretched well beyond what Council could manage.

In 2021, State Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** was approached by *Hornsby Council* and asked to support a NSW Government grant application, so the rebuild of Galston Pool could be completed to the highest possible standard.

At that stage Matt already had residents from Hornsby's rural community frustrated and screaming that they did not have their public pool available, and he said, it was an easy thing for him to throw his support behind Council's, ultimately successful, *Greater Cities & Regional Sport Facility Fund* application. This was signed off by the then Sport's Minister **Stuart Ayres** in early 2022.

"I know what it means to have this aquatic facility once again available to the residents of Galston and surrounding district," said Matt Kean MP.

"It will also allow for the **Galston Swim Club** to be revived and return to once again become the strong club it was before the pool had to close."

"I also know it is a great relief to **Di Coxon-Ellis**, the President of the *Hills Masters Swimming Club*, and her members, who have now returned to swim here at Galston, rather than having make the journey all the way over to Hornsby," said Mr Kean.

"The **Hornsby RSL Frogs Swim Club** can once again use the 25 metre heated indoor pool facility for their swimming meets, rather than the colder *Hornsby Aquatic Centre*," said Mr Kean. "In addition, many local schools are very pleased the new facility at Galston is set up to once again host school swimming carnivals."



GALSTON AQUATIC CENTRE RE-LAUNCH ATTRACTS COMMUNITY EXCITEMENT

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Representing The Hon Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Sport, Hornsby Shire Councillor Janelle McIntosh was joined by Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO and Member for Hornsby Matt Kean MP at GALC for a ribbon-cutting and an official unveiling of the Centre's new features and accessibility improvements. (Photo facing page).

Delivered with support from the NSW Government through a *Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund* grant, the refurbishments to GALC included the installation of a new roof and the addition of a large, family changing room as well as a multi-purpose changing area equipped with hoists and adult changing tables – **greatly improving accessibility for people with disability or undergoing rehabilitation.**

This family-friendly Centre attracts thousands of locals from the learn-to-swim families, attendees of the popular aqua fitness classes as well as squad training and events for local swimming groups.

Hornsby Shire Mayor The Hon Philip Ruddock AO said, "It was an honour to cut this ribbon today and reopen the doors to such a treasured community asset in Galston which is crucial for our local children to learn to swim and be pool-safe."

Councillor Janelle McIntosh commented, "As a Councillor, I am passionate about representing and supporting our residents living with disability along with seniors in our community. The upgrades ensure that the facility is accessible for all. I am delighted and proud that their needs, and those of their families and carers, have been considered and addressed through these upgrades so they too can enjoy the health benefits of swimming."

For more about Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre, visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/galc



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HAWKESBURY'S FERRY STRIKES

The **Maritime Union of Australia** organised industrial action which ran for 24 hours starting at 6am on Monday 19th February in response to contracting company Birdon Group's refusal to raise wages above the industry minimum.

The NSW Opposition joined fed-up Hawkesbury residents on 21st February 2024 to call on **Premier Chris Minns** and Transport Minister **Jo Haylen** to urgently intervene in the rolling Services affected were in Berowra Waters, Wisemans Ferry, Webbs Creek, Sackville and Mortlake. The cancellation of ferry services at Wisemans Ferry, Webbs Creek and Sackville forced people to drive up to an extra five hours on remote roads. Member for Hawkesbury **Robyn Preston** said the local community was at their wits end with households and businesses severely hurt by these strikes.

"It isn't good enough that residents are being held to ransom," said Ms Preston. "I am very concerned that emergency services are being delayed during time-critical incidents. Police, fires and ambulance cannot be kept waiting for a ferry service to resume operation. Transport Minister Jo Haylen needs to resolve this urgently."

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Hornsby Council invites residents of the Shire to participate in the popular Native Plant Giveaway in March by **booking an appointment** to collect FOUR FREE NATIVE PLANTS. Taking place at Council's **Warada Ngurang Community Nursery in Pennant Hills on FRIDAY 15 AND SATURDAY 16 MARCH**, residents can select plants from a great variety of grasses, groundcovers, shrubs, climbers and various-sized trees — *all cultivated by dedicated volunteers and staff at the nursery*. Council nursery staff will be on hand to advise residents on the best plant species to suit everyone's needs so that you will be able to place the right plant in the right location on your own property. FUN FACT: During the previous Native Plant Giveaways event held in Spring of 2023, residents from over 800 households collected approximately 3500 plants! Mayor Philip Ruddock AO said, "We've been holding our native plant giveaways for a number of years now and have seen them really flourish over time."

"I think this is due in part to the incredible skill and devotion of our nursery volunteers, our residents' passion and the enthusiasm for native plants."

BOOK: Each residence in Hornsby Shire is entitled to collect four free native plants per calendar year. Bookings are essential. For additional information about the Native Plant Giveaway Program and to book your plant collection appointment, please visit: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/plants



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SRI LANKA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN SYDNEY

The 76th Independence Day of Sri Lanka was celebrated by the **Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc (SLA)** and the **Sinhalese Cultural Forum (SCF)** with the active participation of *Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim, Malay, and Burgher* communities on 4th February 2024 at the Roselea Community Centre, Carlingford.

In the absence of the *Sri Lanka Consulate* in Sydney, which was closed in 2022, the SLA and SCF took upon the task of celebrating Sri Lanka's National Day in an elegant and grand event graced by a large gathering of Sri Lankans from all ethnicities and well-wishers and dignitaries from the wider Australian community.

A highlight of the event was the blessings from the invited religious dignitaries from the four major religions Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam practised in Sri Lanka for a prosperous and united Sri Lanka.

The Independence Day Messages of His Excellency President **Ranil Wickremasinghe** and the Hon Prime Minister **Dinesh Gunawardene** were read out in *Sinhalese, Tamil, and English* as well as the message of the Foreign Minister Hon **Ali Sabry**. Among the highlights was hoisting of the Sri Lankan flag inside the hall by the President of SLA **Kalinga Wijeyewardene** and the President of SCF **Champa Buddhupala** amidst the beating of *Magul Bera*, the children's choir singing the national anthems of Sri Lanka and Australia, and lighting of the traditional lamp by dignitaries. Sri Lanka's diverse culture was showcased with several Sinhalese and Tamil music, dance and song items entertaining the guests. Morning refreshments with Kiribath and traditional Sri Lanka food was served for the guests and lunch with Hoppers and Rice and Curry was served after the event.

NOTE: Shehan runs the popular community radio show THE BRAD & KIARA SHOW (Saturday mornings 7-9am on Triple H 100.1 FM) which promotes most of the Sri Lankan community events showcasing the vibrant Friendly Sri Lankan community in our multi-cultural society. *Story: Shehan Fernando.*

Photo above: Shevera Gunasekera, Ramani Warusevitane Wijeyewardene, Kalinga Wijeyewardene & Champa Buddhupala & Family.

KAREN LIGHTS UP AUSTRALIA TO BATTLE CANCER

By Matt Kean MP



At the November 2024 **Hornsby Relay for Life** event, I met a truly inspirational local lady **Karen Humphries**, who is a Stage 4 cancer patient diagnosed with **Cholangiocarcinoma**.

Although undergoing chemotherapy treatment for her disease, Karen is an unstoppable force of energy for raising both awareness for this little-known cancer, and funds towards an effective treatment.

Cholangiocarcinoma is an aggressive cancer of the bile ducts and has a devastating impact on major organs such as the liver, gallbladder, stomach, pancreas and duodenum (small intestines). Currently the survival rate is only 3 – 8% for a five-year survival period, with an average survival rate of just 6 – 12 months. This cancer is rare, with limited treatment options. *It has no early detection methods with high-risk surgery as the only cure.*

February was **World Cholangiocarcinoma Month** and Karen organized to have over 90 buildings across Australia to be **LIT UP IN GREEN** throughout the month to raise funds and awareness to battle this deadly cancer.

Karen Humphries is also the woman behind the **Socks4Cancer** initiative which has raised thousands of dollars for **Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation Australia (CCF Australia)**.

CCF Australia is a Patient-Led Cancer, Genomic, and Advocacy Research Organisation (Not-for-profit). CCF Australia bridges this crucial knowledge gap for newly diagnosed patients as well as health professionals. The foundation is also tasked to ensure that today's science is fully utilised and accessible for patient's survival of this cancer.

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A little instruction for motorists may be required but you wouldn't think the precious intended users of this resource would need an explanation.

So why was I confronted with an orange and black peloton hogging the central lane this evening?

Is it too much to expect these selfish and self-righteous (road-users) to make use of a service implemented purely for their benefit and an inconvenience for everyone else?

David McCarthy, Berowra

Dear Bush Tele,

A Welcome Stranger

On the afternoon of Thursday, 4th January 2024 I opened my front door and found a beautiful Diamond Python (approx. 3 metres) curled up on the front door mat.

I said, 'Come in. Cup of tea, Anzac biscuit, tasty mouse?' Well, I didn't say 'Come in' but the rest is true.

We have a native garden and have lived in this house for over 30 years. Every year and often every week we've been visited by all the wonderful creatures who've made Berowra their home long before we arrived, but this was my first snake or at least the first one I'd seen. *John would have loved to have taken some photos and it makes me very sad that he's no longer with us.*

My warmest thanks to **Duncan and Daniel from Berowra Fire Brigade** for catching and relocating my new friend and to my kind neighbour,

Karen, for popping round to see that I was fine.

Margaret, Yarrabin Crescent, Berowra.

Dear Bush Tele,

My full praise to Hornsby Council for the recycling centre at Sefton Road, Thornleigh. Excellent highly organised, clean, attentive staff, brilliant.

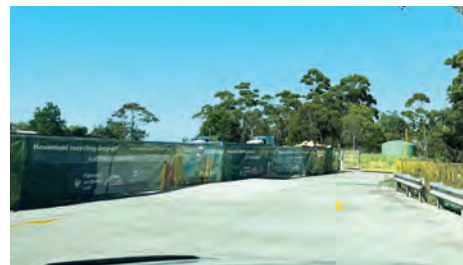
However, photo attached, the recently reconfigured recycling facility at Beaumont Road, Mount Kuring-gai is a disgrace and an embarrassment.

I go to a lot of trouble to take bottles and plastic items there and cardboard, but look at it!!

The bins for bottles and plastic are full of everything, and the cardboard skips are so high that trying to throw cardboard in it catches the wind. Don't blame the users, the facility is not fit for purpose, if anything it is worse than the earlier place on Beaumont Road.

A contract to Cleanaway??

Lindsay Johnston, Brooklyn



Photos below LEFT and CENTRE: The overflowing bins which caught the attention of correspondent Lindsay Johnston, and Photo below RIGHT: a more recent image of a much tidier Beaumont Road recycling facility.



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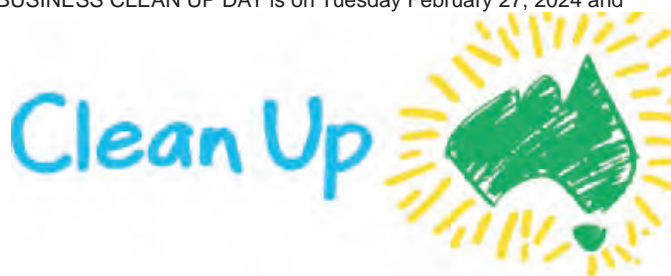
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Ku-ring-gai Council is getting behind Clean Up Australia Day and encouraging residents to roll up their sleeves for the environment. Council is urging locals to get a group of friends, colleagues or neighbours together and register a clean-up site or join an existing registered site. Ku-ring-gai Mayor **Sam Ngai** said, "We take pride in being the green heart of Sydney, and our residents are especially connected to preserving the environment."

"When people register their site with Clean Up Australia, Council will come and collect the rubbish from those specific sites after the event."

**Registrations for Clean Up Australia Day 2024 are now open at
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All volunteers receive a FREE CLEAN UP KIT, containing gloves and bags and other resources, with packs for individuals, families and community groups available (*businesses are asked to pay a small fee to cover costs*). COMMUNITY CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY is on Sunday 3 March 2024 BUSINESS CLEAN UP DAY is on Tuesday February 27, 2024 and





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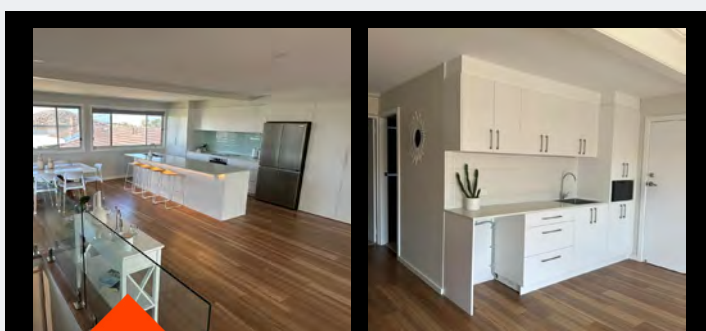
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