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# AFTER THE STORM ... EDITOR'S UPDATE

"After the hail storm more than 6 weeks ago (20th December) most Berowra Heights residents have been living under tarps or worse, with some forced to move out of their home altogether after their ceilings collapsed. With limited or no information about when residents' houses will be repaired, even the most patient people are starting to feel frustrated" Cllr Nathan Tilbury.

Thanks to Seven News last Thursday night for reporting on our plight, as we are starting to feel a little forgotten. As the damage is localised to such a small area (Berowra/Berowra Heights), it can feel like we are alone.

The insurance companies have been holding local forums in Berowra to meet those affected and discuss claims face-to-face. Suncorp Group is bringing multiple client managers to Berowra every Thursday for four weeks, so every Suncorp Group client (AAMI, GIO, APIA, Shannons, Bingle etc) who has put in a claim will be contacted to come and meet their client manager at some stage. If you have not had an invite yet, you have not been forgotten. Suncorp Group is trying to get as many people as possible to meet their client manager, however some of the staff cannot travel. Those who have not been contacted yet are welcome to attend and speak to senior management, assessors and the approved builders to ask for advice.



Residents speak to their insurers at the recent Insurance Recovery Hub

One local resident said, "I attended the Suncorp forum in the Berowra RSL last Thursday evening and found it very helpful. It was great to meet my client manager in person after speaking on the phone to her everyday over the past months. She answered my questions and reassured me that they would organise all the repairs to my house."

The Suncorp Group management told attendees that regardless of what disasters occur in the rest of Australia (i.e. Townsville Qld floods), they are committed to helping the residents of Berowra. They have dedicated teams to help, so they will not be reassigned to another event and forget about Berowra claims.

They said they understand how complex insurance is, so the forum was set up to help people work through those complexities with a client manager. (The client manager's role is to project manage your claim through to finalisation. They deal with trades and specialists and make sure your home is rebuilt. They are also your help point, so you should reach out to them when you need help or have a question.)

On February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, The Insurance Council of Australia hosted an insurance recovery hub in Berowra for claimants affected by the hail storm. Disaster recovery experts from the Insurance Council of Australia and insurance company representatives were on-site to help lodge claims and gave general insurance guidance.

Sue of Berowra Heights who attended said, "I had a very positive experience when I attended the Hailstorm Insurance Recovery Hub. The YQUL representatives were very helpful and replied to my concerns with understanding and immediate resolutions. They contacted the builders and discussed timing on fixing my roof."



Julian Leeser MP listens to residents' stories at the Insurance Recovery Hub at Berowra Community Centre last week.

## WHAT OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT INSURED OR UNDER-INSURED?

There are two types of disaster assistance available.

- ▶ Disaster Relief Grants: Administered by the NSW State Government via the Office of Emergency Management.
- ▶ Disaster Recovery Payment. This is a one-off Commonwealth Government payment, which is not means tested.

Are you eligible for a Disaster Relief Grant? Only if you meet these criteria:

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A Natural Disaster Declaration does not automatically trigger the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Payment which is determined by the Federal Attorney-General's Department. To apply call 1800 018 444.

For those affected by the storm who were not insured, find out more about the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements: [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au)

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## HELP MIKA REACH THE TOP!

**My name is Mika and my family and I are taking part in the Krazy Kosci Klimb. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for people living with cerebral palsy to reach the top of Australia! I would love to have your support!**

Your support of the Krazy Kosci Klimb will provide essential funding for the Accessible Gym and Sports Program at Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

Will you make a donation to help provide this essential funding?

**Pim Kulk of Berowra**

**Writes:** Our family is taking part in the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Krazy Kosci Klimb on Saturday 16 February 2019.



Our daughter, Wideview Public School student Mika (pictured above) who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy, along with her family and corporate sponsor Chadwick Real Estate, will aim to trek to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko as part of this wonderful event.

We would love to have community support through donations to "Team Mika" at <https://www.krazykosciklimb.com.au/fundraisers/kulkfamily/krazy-kosci-klimb>

All donations go to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance accessible gym and sports program to help improve the lives of those living with this debilitating condition.

## STUDIO ARTES HITS THE AIRWAVES

Story: Deb Sazdanoff

Whether it's discussing social graces or narrating a radio play, when the **red light** is ON, the Studio ARTES radio group is intent to strike a *communal chord*.

In a hasty swoop, Community Radio Triple H 100.1 FM has provided a platform, as Studio ARTES radio cohort Emily says, "To speak up for people with disabilities and share who we are with the world", which is critical to shifting the tides of the airwaves.

**Nothing is out of bounds during this one-hour weekly radio show.** Mark and Louise discuss L.O.V.E and David chimes in with some stand-up comedy, that usually only he laughs at.

Special guests have included the legendary Hornsby Fire Brigade, health experts and local business heroes. This week you can hear them chat with **Alister Henskins MP**, who has just unveiled plans to make Waitara Railway Station wheelchair accessible. *Yeowwww!*

If you're willing to embrace *top tier colloquial faux pas*, this will be a memorable hour. The unbridled traits of these 12 local scallywags, is the quintessential spice for creating a radio version of a Jamie Oliver dish, rustic but delish. *Cracked pepper, Madam?*

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## HELP MAKE OUR WATERWAYS PLASTIC FREE

Bag Free Pennant Hills, Sydney Water, Hornsby Shire Council and the Pennant Hills District Civic Trust have joined forces to combat the impact of plastic on the local environment.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Extra helpers are sought to join them on **Sunday 17 February**, when they will clean the **Blue Gum High Forest** along **Upper Pyes Creek**.

Hornsby Mayor **Philip Ruddock** said, "We are fortunate to have such spectacular natural heritage in the Bushland Shire and we are all determined to preserve it."

The clean-up is part of the Sydney Water "Beat the Bottle" initiative that supports grass roots community events and aims to raise awareness of the impact of plastics on local waterways.

**Katie Shammas**, from **Bag Free Pennant Hills**, says, "The most common types of plastic waste in local waterways are polystyrene, plastic bags, bottles, straws, cigarette butts and coffee cups. We hope that involving the community during the clean-up will bring more awareness to the issue."

Hornsby Shire Councillor **Emma Heyde** said, "We hope that events like this will also encourage locals to care for our beautiful local environment."

**Upper Pyes Creek forms the boundary between the suburbs of Cherrybrook and Castle Hill, flowing to Berowra Creek and the Hawkesbury River.**

Volunteers are invited to participate in "Beat the Bottle in the Bushland" on **Sunday 17 February** between 10am and noon at **Erlestoke Park** (end of Erlestoke Place) **Castle Hill**. The event will commence with a Welcome to Country ceremony.

It won't be all work, with percussion performers **Junkyard Beats** on hand to entertain the volunteers.

More Info: [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/events) or [www.facebook.com/events/1014858425340984/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1014858425340984/)

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WORLD ANIMAL PROTECTION

## HAPPY YEAR OF THE PIG!

by Simone Clarke, Executive Director, Australia & New Zealand, World Animal Protection

With the Lunar New Year World Animal Protection highlights some interesting facts about these intelligent animals, **Pigs**.

### Eight interesting facts about pigs

Pigs are capable of performing advanced tasks, strategizing and demonstrating teamwork. Unfortunately, in industrial farms, pigs housed in cramped cages are prevented from doing so many things.

1. **Pigs show empathy towards one another:** 'tail wagging' in response to seeing other pigs being treated well, and 'putting their ears backward' in response to seeing other pigs treated badly.
2. **Pigs can use mirrors to assess their environment.** When eight pigs were shown a reflection of their food bowl, seven of them located the food bowl using the reflection, while only one went behind the mirror to try and find it.
3. **Did you know that pigs are good swimmers?** In the Bahamas there is a small uninhabited island where many feral pigs enjoy a good swim.
4. **Pigs can use decoys!** They have been shown to conceal the 'prize' food source from other pigs by leading others to smaller food sources first.
5. **Piggy Stardust!** Playing music encourages piglets to play together.
6. **Pigs are highly vocal animals** and have special calls for different situations. For example, they 'scream' when in pain, 'bark' when they are surprised and 'grunt' when nursing. Negative situations (such as castration, isolation, and restraint) produce much higher and longer vocalisations than positive situations (such as nursing, playing, and reunions).
7. **When young pigs are reared in enriched environments** with other pigs and objects to play with, they are more socially and cognitively developed than pigs raised in confinement.
8. **Mother pigs recognise their piglets' calls.** In a study where mother pigs were played recordings of piglet sounds, they responded more strongly to the calls of their own piglets than those of unfamiliar piglets.

Last year, World Animal Protection launched its global **Raise Pigs Right** campaign, and more than 250,000 people have come on board since.

Around the world, in industrial farms, pigs suffer body mutilations and spend their lives alone, bored and cramped in cages where they barely have space to move or socialise with other pigs.

**Pigs can't make New Year's resolutions to transform their own lives but together we can stop their suffering.**

On behalf of pigs everywhere, World Animal Protection wishes you a happy and healthy 2019. [www.worldanimalprotection.org.au](http://www.worldanimalprotection.org.au)

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Members from CWA Northumberland Group with members from PNG Women's Association of NSW.

## CWA DROUGHT AID

Story: Ros Hopwood

Rural NSW is currently in the midst of one of the worst droughts on record. Droughts affect entire communities in all manner of ways, including lost employment opportunities, missed schooling, and mental health challenges. Enduring one is exhausting, relentless and monotonous.

**This drought is a long way from over.** Rain has fallen in some places and provided some relief although it has been patchy.

**CWA Drought Aid grants** are available to cover day-to-day expenses such as money for grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rates, telephone bills, dental and medical costs. **Since June 2018, the CWA of NSW Drought Aid scheme has distributed nearly \$7 million dollars and processed over 4000 applications.**

The CWA of NSW held its Country of Study for 2019 - **Papua New Guinea** - at Dubbo last Saturday. Over 200 members attended, with numbers down due to current drought. There were wonderful speakers from the PNG Association of Australia and the PNG Women's Association of NSW. *Heartfelt thanks to all who participated and shared their life experiences of this beautiful country.*

Information on how to apply for a drought aid grant can be found here: [www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid](http://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid).

## SAVE A LIFE AWARDEE: MATT KEAN MP

Story: Amanda Long

"Every year, we recognise people who helped save a life – whether they're members of the public, St John volunteers, or our colleagues from other emergency service organisations" **Sarah Lance**, CEO, St John Ambulance (NSW)

Usually it is the Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean MP** who gives out the awards, but recently he was pleased to accept the 'Save a Life Award' from St John Ambulance Australia (NSW).

*The prestigious 'Save a Life Award' was awarded to Mr Kean after he administered first aid to a woman who collapsed at a recent event.*

Having only just completed his St John training, Mr Kean was able to respond by checking the woman's airways and moving her into a recovery position until paramedics arrived.

"I'd encourage everyone to sign up to a St John Ambulance course today. You never know when it might come in handy," said Mr Kean.

The St John (NSW) Annual Awards celebrate the actions of those who have used first aid to save or sustain the life of another person. All recipients have been nominated by their peers or a member of the community, and show how first aid skills can be the difference between life and death in an emergency situation.

St John (NSW) CEO, **Sarah Lance**, said, "These awards are an important opportunity to acknowledge the actions of those who have saved lives using first aid. The first five minutes after an emergency or accident are the most crucial, and knowing how to help in even a really simple way can truly be the difference between life and death. These stories are clear examples of why it's so important to know first aid," says Ms Lance.



Lachlan Liao the Divisional Superintendent for Hornsby, Matt Kean MP and Dr Linda Xu Medical Officer for Hornsby.

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### Hornsby-Berowra Men's Shed

9am to 12noon. We carry out projects of social benefit such as physiotherapy aids for Hornsby Hospital, a new deck for the girl guides, playground equipment for child care facilities and similar projects. New members welcome. Enq: David 0490 149 262

**Berowra Garden Club** meets at Warrina Street Oval Clubhouse 7:30pm. Benching of Plants, Guest Speaker and Supper. Enq: Pam Naylor 9456 2070

**Aglow International Australia - Hornsby.** Uniting Church Worship and Activities Centre, 24 William Street, Hornsby at 7pm, cost \$10, includes Supper.

**The Smocking Arts Guild of NSW** will display their work at the Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour from 14th to 17th Feb. Visit our stand to speak to any of our committee members who will be present there each day. Enq: Sandra 0417431387.

## Friday, 15, February

**Circle Dancing** Enjoy meditative and lively, traditional and new, dances to music from around the world. No partners or experience needed. 10am-11:30am Wahroonga. Enq: 0449646492 or hornsbycircledancing@gmail.com

## Saturday, 16, February

**Soroptimist International of Hornsby**, part of the world's leading women's service organisation, invites you to come

and meet our members at a Friendship & Information Afternoon Tea at Westleigh at 2.30 pm.

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**Rosemount Quilters** group of the Quilters Guild meet at Pennant Hills leisure and Learning Centre From 9.30am - 3pm. New members welcome. Enq: Robyn 9654 8081  
**Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Inc** - 2pm Saturday afternoon Speaker: Robert Mills: Sydney Postcards: History through the mail. Robert draws on his extensive collection of Edwardian postcards - some of them taken by Frank Hurley - to show us the streetscapes, buildings and people of Sydney and its suburbs more than a century ago. Former Gordon Public School, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon. (Adjacent to Gordon Library). Free, refreshments served.

## Sunday, 17, February

**For Dural & District Prostate Cancer Support Group** - Blue Gum Centre, ARV Glenhaven Green, 599-607 Old Northern Rd, Glenhaven. Dr. Kris Rasiah Urologist. 7pm Enq: Denis 9629-2645 or Maurice 9654-2138

## Monday, 18, February

**U3A Current World** - Balcony Room, Berowra Community Centre, 10am - 12pm. Ian Thompson, A Look at the Fascinating World of Patents, Inventions and Intellectual Property Law. Enq: djscott@tpg.com.au or 9456 0697

**Dance Group** - Social & Australian Dances taught, 7:30-9:30pm. Pennant Hills Community Centre, Under Pennant Hills Library. Enqs: Wilma, 0413 673 339.

## Tuesday, 19, February

**Asquith Indoor Carpet Bowls** meet at Mt Colah Community Centre, Pierre Close, Asquith 9.30 -

12.30. Enq: Jenny 9477-1855

### Berowra Uniting Church

**Community Playgroup 10am** to midday during School Terms. Parents, grandparents and carers of children from birth to 5 years (or till they start school). Playgroup is a great place for your children to play and make friends in a secure environment and for you to have the opportunity to meet, relax, chat and make friends. Enq: Julie 0427561656 or Ann 0414464135.  
**Hornsby Heights Camera Club** welcomes new members and visitors. Join us for comps, outings, workshops and guest speakers. 7.30pm Mt Colah Community Centre. Enq: Bob 0448 257 406.

## Wednesday, 20, February

**Hornsby Shire Family History Group** meets at Hornsby Library 2-4pm topic - Asylum Records Enq: www.hornsbyshfng.wordpress.com

**Hornsby Connect Inc.** providing support to those that need it within the community, 11.30am - 2pm. Financial hardship, domestic violence, drug and alcohol dependency and loneliness, isolation and dislocation, low-cost Food Distribution centre. Free tea, coffee & cakes with company. Hornsby Youth and Family Community Centre cnr Muriel and Burdett Streets Hornsby. www.hornsbyconnect.org.au

**Hornsby District Lantern Club** - Pennant Hills Leisure and Learning Centre, 8 Warne Street, Pennant Hills. 10am. Affiliated with the Royal Blind Institute for Deaf and Blind children. Money raised for the Teleschool provides education and therapy services to children in regional and remote services. Enq: Helen helenrue@msn.com  
**Asquith VIEW Club** - luncheon meeting at Asquith Golf Club,

Lord Street, Mt Colah, 11 for 11.30am. A.G.M. and Games.

Why not try something new, come as a guest and see if it is for you. New members and guests most welcome. Enq: Vivienne 9481 8431.

**Hornsby View Club - AGM & Meeting** at Asquith Bowling Club - 11am for 11.30 start. All welcome. Enq: Pauling King 9476 1510

### Helping Hands Craft Group.

10am to 2pm, Hornsby Heights Community Centre, 104A Galston Road Hornsby Heights, \$5 incl morning tea, bring own lunch, Carolyne 9456 5316

## Thursday, 21, February

### Mt Colah Group of the Embroiderers' Guild of NSW Inc.

meets at Hornsby Heights Community Centre, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights from 10am to 2pm. Enq: Helen 9987 4438

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The Smocking Arts Guild of NSW will have a display of their work at the **Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair** being held at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour from 14th to 17th February 2019.

Anyone interested in obtaining details of our organisation, or wishing to learn to smock, is welcome to visit our stand to speak to any of

our committee members who will be present there each day.

Alternatively, details can be obtained by phoning Sandra on 0417 431 387.



## RELAX IN THE TROPICAL VIBE OF SUNSET SESSIONS

Every Friday in February, Sunset Sessions is back at Hornsby Mall.

Immerse yourself in this tropical vibe with exotic cocktails, chill-out music and mouth-watering food from around the world.

Hornsby Shire Council Mayor Philip Ruddock said, "This time of the year is perfect to spend a relaxing Friday evening with friends and family, listening to acoustic live music and while enjoying some of the fabulous food on offer."

With a 5:30pm start, you can bring the whole family to the Mall for a few hours of relaxed fun after work - just follow the pink flamingos.

'Lolo the Gypsy Caravan Stage' will host various acoustic artists with each week featuring a different music genre including tropical, Latin, folk, jazz, Balkan, gypsy and Caribbean.

Sydney's best food trucks will dish up a selection of burgers, delicious gnocchi, Asian delights and scrumptious desserts, while the licensed bar will serve exotic cocktails, local beer and a variety of red and white wines.

The next Sunset Session will be held Fridays 8, 15 and 22 February.

For more information including a full list of artists and food trucks, visit <http://sunsetsessionshornsby.com.au>



## LAUGHTER IN THE PARK

Hornsby Laughter Club meets at Hornsby (Aquatic Centre) Park 9- 9:30am Saturdays. Join in for some laughing yoga and light stretching to get you started for the day.

After 9:30am the club then goes for a cuppa and chat at nearby Bees Knees Cafe in Coronation St. Enquiries Maria Keeler 0420 387 180.

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## HORNSBY'S HISTORY IN THE MAKING

With the last truck lumbering in to the Hornsby Valley to fill the quarry hole, Hornsby Council has put together a video which is a 18 month time lapse of the transformation of the landscape.

Watch this high definition version on YouTube! <http://bit.ly/HSCFinalTruckload>

You can also see the video on Bush Tele's facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BushTelegraphWeekly](http://www.facebook.com/BushTelegraphWeekly)

## ANOTHER HILLS GRAMMAR ORIGINAL

The most recent inductee into the Hills Grammar Original Alumni Award collective is scientist, researcher and academic Dr Amelia Hynen (Class of 2008).

Not yet 30 years of age, Amelia has achieved much in her ten years since graduating from Hills Grammar.

"I wasn't the best student, or at the top of the class at school but from a young age I always knew I wanted to be a scientist," said Amelia. "The inspiring teachers at Hills helped foster and drive my passion for science."

A passion for microbiology and infectious diseases saw Amelia pursue scientific research and undertake an Honours research project at the University of Technology, Sydney. The project in biomedical research characterised the Australian Epidemic Strain 1 of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a chronic bacterial lung infection in cystic fibrosis. For this ground-breaking work, Amelia was awarded first class Honours and the Dean's Merit Award for Academic Excellence.

In 2018, Amelia was given the opportunity of a lifetime – an invitation to the World Health Organisation in Geneva Switzerland, as an intern for the Global Influenza Programme.

"I am proud to be standing here today accepting this award as a woman in science. In our modern technological age, STEM has become an integral part of our everyday lives, and I believe it is more important now than ever before that we come together as a community to encourage the development of our future scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians" said Amelia.

A quiet achiever with a passion for Science, Amelia's tenacity and character embody the School's motto Strive for Excellence.



Dr Amelia Hynen with Year 12 student Claire Shi.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER NEWS

Report: John Ryan, President Berowra Conference

Berowra Conference for St Vincent de Paul packed 60 boxes of food, toiletries and Christmas goods in its 2018 hamper drive.

Deliveries went to Berowra, Berowra Heights, Mt Kuring-gai, Brooklyn, Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point. Deliveries to Cheero Point required mountain-goat footwear and strength to get to the front door – 50 steps plus!

All clients were extremely grateful for our hampers.

We would like to thank the following organisations for the donations that contributed to the hampers:

- Bendigo Bank – who without their help we would not have been able to collect in the centre
- The very generous community of Berowra, who left their donations at the Bendigo bank in Berowra
- Our local school – St. Bernard's Primary School
- The parishioners of St Bernard's Parish
- The Waitara Conference. We raided their donations to "top-up" our hampers. Thank you to Shirley and her band of helpers.
- Thank you to those committee members and parishioners who volunteered to pack and help deliver the hampers.
- The Bush Tele Weekly who sponsored our notices.



One of the delivery cars packed full of goodies.



## SENIORS FESTIVAL 2019 ... A CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL HORNSBY SENIORS

Source: Office of Matt Kean MP

Senior residents give back to our community in a variety of ways, from volunteering as Pink Ladies at Hornsby Hospital to the local Men's Sheds and those who put in hours to local charities.

In recognising the contribution that seniors make in the community, **Matt Kean MP** said, "We are lucky to have so many active seniors helping make this community the amazing place it is. More savings are now on offer with additional businesses signing up to the NSW Seniors Card program."

Mr Kean also confirms the continued funding in 2019 for the very popular Tech Savy Seniors program. "These classes are free and are held at Hornsby Library," said Mr Kean. "Along with English courses, Mandarin courses will also be offered this year."

**CELEBRATE!** If you are looking for a celebration for Seniors Week there will be a Morning Tea held at **Lisgar Gardens** by the **Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Parkinson Support group**. Run by **Dick Dabb**, there will be singing performances as well as tours of the gardens. **This will be held on Thursday the 28th February from 10-12pm and is free.**

"Thank you to all the Seniors for your contribution to our community," said Mr Kean.

If you would like more information on the **Seniors Cards** you can contact my Hornsby office on **9476 3411**. *Lisgar Gardens is located at the end of Lisgar Road Hornsby.*

### Get your FREE LEGAL DIARY

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean MP** is encouraging seniors to come to his office in Hornsby and pick up a free copy of the **2019 Legal Topics for Older People Diary** which covers issues including scams, elder abuse, funerals and pensions helps keep seniors informed of their legal rights.

With a forward by Premier **Gladys Berejiklian**, the diary provides information about seniors' rights, consumer law, aged care, community phone numbers and a list of agencies and services for older people. You'll find tips to help you get the most from life, with information about Seniors Cards and allowances for which seniors may be eligible.

"This handy diary, produced by Legal Aid NSW, brings together important phone numbers and information about everything from helping your family financially, to updating a will, and understanding your rights when moving into a retirement village," Mr Kean said. The diary will also keep you up to date with events like the NSW Seniors Festival, NSW Grandparents Day and 2019 school holiday periods.

Mr Kean's office is located at Suite 5, The Madison, 25-29 Hunter Street Hornsby and is open 9-5pm Monday to Friday.



Matt Kean MP with Richard and Maureen Faraway in his Hornsby Electorate office.

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## EVERYTHING FOR SENIORS DAY AT ST IVES

Everything for Seniors Day will be on **Tuesday 19 February** between 10am and 3pm at St Ives Village Green and the Community Hall.

Residents aged 55+ are invited to this **FREE EXPO-STYLE EVENT** showcasing services, activities and entertainment for older people in Ku-ring-gai.

Nearly 50 community organisations, clubs and groups will be there to offer information, advice and 'come-and-try' activities such as chair yoga and dancing. *There will be stalls where you can chat to home support staff and talks by professionals about other health-related services.*

**Petrea King** from *Quest for Life* will be presenting, as will other specialists on different aspects of healthy ageing. A talk on home support services will be translated into *Mandarin* by **Ivan Wong** from the *Chinese Australian Services Society*. Entertainment will be provided by the *Eco-pella choir*, Bollywood singers and Chinese performers. A delicious buffet style lunch catered by the *House of Welcome* is available for a small fee. Low-cost coffee tea and pastries will also be served under cover at the Village Green.

All the activities at Everything for Seniors Day are free and residents can travel to and from the event on a **FREE SHUTTLE BUS** from North Turramurra Golf Club to St Ives Village Green, with buses running every 30 minutes between 9.30am and 3.30pm on the day.

For more details about the Everything for Seniors Day visit [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/events) or call the Council's aged services team on 9424 0000.



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As a member you will get access to exclusive discounts through the **Probus Member Benefits Scheme**, and you will also be able to access the exclusive **Probus Travel Insurance** plans, develop new interests and stay active.

There are a number of thriving Probus Clubs already in North Sydney open to local retirees to join, you can contact these clubs on our website: <https://probussouthpacific.org/directories/lookup>

To find out more about Probus head to the Mount Colah Uniting Church, Corner of Amaroo Avenue & the Pacific Highway, Mount Colah on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at 10:00am. To register your interest or for further information please call 1300 630 488 or email: [josh@probussouthpacific.org](mailto:josh@probussouthpacific.org)

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## SENIORS' FREE MINGLE MORNING AT HORNSBY RSL

Hornsby Shire Council will host a Seniors Week event on **Friday 22 February** 10.00am - 12.00pm at Hornsby RSL, 4 High Street, Hornsby.

With over 25 diverse groups and clubs on hand to represent their interests from healthy living, music and history, there will be something interest everybody. Mingle with other seniors and enjoy a delicious morning tea. There is no cost to attend and booking is not required.

For more information, contact: Jian Zhao, phone: 9847 6994 or email: [jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

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Hornsby Achievers L-R President Geni Rich, club member Leza Grundy and Vice President Dianne Sammut.

## NOTHING TO DO ON A MONDAY MORNING?

Source: Hornsby Achievers Toastmasters Club

Do you want to gain more confidence, 'boldness' and make some new friends? **Come along to Hornsby Achievers Toastmasters!**

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**The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 10am to 12pm at the Hornsby RSL Club, right near to the train station.**

For further information please email: [dkstoastie@gmail.com](mailto:dkstoastie@gmail.com) or phone Diane on: 0409 605 055. *All visitors will find a very warm welcome.*



## SPEND SATURDAY AFTERNOON WITH KHS

Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Inc invites you to its free Saturday afternoon meeting to hear speaker **Robert Mills** talk about "**Sydney Postcards: History through the mail**".

Robert Mills will draw on his extensive collection of Edwardian postcards – some of them taken by **Frank Hurley** - to show us the street scenes, buildings and people of Sydney and its suburbs more than a century ago.

The meeting starts at 2pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the former Gordon Public School, 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon. (Adjacent to Gordon Library.) There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be served.

Enq: [david@boutade.net](mailto:david@boutade.net)



## LIONS HORNSBY AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION AT HORNSBY MALL

Report by Ted Henebery

**What a successful day despite the searing heat!**

The Entertainment and children's amusements were a huge success, including the free face painting attracting over 250 kiddies as well the popular Australia Day children's 'tattoos'.

With Hornsby Council's support the Lions Club of Hornsby made a profit for the community of \$2005, despite sausages sizzle sales being down 30%: not surprising with the heat!

Hornsby artist **Mick Joffe** created caricatures for the delighted festival goers and the atmosphere was fantastic.

The Animal farm a favourite as well as the jumping castle and the colourful performers entertaining us with traditional dance.

Hornsby Lions President **John Lockyer** said, "*Thanks to everyone for your help and support*

*of the Lions Club of Hornsby, working together with Hornsby Council. Thanks to Jemima Stratton and Dennis Mageropoulos from Hornsby Council, Cathy Bedwell, Ted Henebery from Lions Club of Hornsby for their efforts in*

*making this a successful Event. Thanks also to all the entertainers who volunteered their time in the searing heat as well as all our volunteers who helped out at stalls and activities."*

Our community had a great day and helped to raise \$2000 for Need 4 Feed and Walk Talk & Fly helping Kids with Cerebral Palsy.

**Would you or your friends like to join Lions Club of Hornsby to serve your community and others?**

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Rebels Netball club is pleased to welcome a new committee to lead the club into the future and we are grateful to the outgoing committee members of Jenny, Vicki, Pat, Karen & Jocelyn.

Some of the outgoing committee were responsible for starting the club and have served Rebels netball since it's commencement in the early 80's.

David Van Akker, Berowra

Dear Bush Tele,

Thank you for the article TBTW 7 Feb 2019 on page 3 "Former Hornsby Mayor quits Liberal Party position amid conflict of interest claims".

So good to see this information finally in print.

Keep it coming!

Friend of CWA building,  
Hornsby

Dear Bush Tele,

I felt I should point out that the clouds pictured in TBTW 17 January 2019 edition are known as Mammatus clouds, not "mattamas clouds" as in the caption. The name comes from 'mammary', as they are pouches or lobes that hang down from parent clouds, which are usually Cumulonimbus.

These seem to be either a new phenomenon or new classification. When I was at school in the 80s there were 10 cloud types we learned about, which were various combinations of cirrus, cumulus, stratus and nimbus. A check of the dictionary of terms confirms it.

You may say the book is out of date, but then, that's the point. There are a welter of new terms appearing, such as 'megafire', 'pyrocumulus', and 'east coast low' to describe phenomena that are either new or becoming more common. It's no accident.

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We would like to thank NorthConnex for the skilled and efficient manner in which they have carried out their part of the task. The residents of Hornsby Shire are going to emerge from this as double winners, with a new 50-hectare recreational space and a tunnel that will remove much of the traffic from Pennant Hills Road.

Council's plans for the next stage of the rehabilitation are well-advanced, with a development application for the required earthworks soon to be submitted. Council's rehabilitation of the quarry will revolve entirely around community consultation, as the final park will be the centerpiece of the Shire's recreational facilities for generations to come. This will be a park that is designed by the people of Hornsby Shire for their needs and their future. Visit [hornsbypark.com.au](http://hornsbypark.com.au) to find out more.

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Council have engaged the Miller Group to facilitate a series of focus groups exploring housing affordability in the local area. For more information visit [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/affordablehousing](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/affordablehousing)