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## 70 YEARS OF LOVE

Story & photo by Mick Gallagher of Mt Colah

### Happy Anniversary to a unique couple!

Alex & Betty Alexander of Mt Kuring-gai have celebrated their Platinum (70<sup>th</sup>) Wedding Anniversary with a family gathering at the Magpies Leagues Club, Waitara.

Betty and Alex were married on 30 December 1948 at St Mary's Church in Stirling, Scotland.

"I first met Betty at a dance in 1948 in Stirling, Scotland. It was after the last dance and I picked out the prettiest of 3 young ladies sitting together and asked her if I could walk her home. I wasn't a dancer but Betty was a very good one. We are still together after all these years," said Alex, who still holds you with that cheeky grin and twinkling eye.

Betty was born Kathleen Lashmar on 16 January 1928 in Crown Street Hospital, Sydney. Her mother Katherine (nee McLevy) had earlier migrated to Australia from Glasgow in Scotland. Betty was an only child and sadly her father died when she was about six years of age.

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# WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

**Berowra Heights resident and Hornsby Shire Councillor Nathan Tilbury reports:**

Just after 5pm on Thursday 20th December I was in my back yard filling my green bin. Almost out of nowhere hail started shooting down, and from the sound and explosion as it hit tiles near me, I knew it was big. I grabbed a large plastic tub and placed it over my head as I rushed to grab my car keys to move my car under the carport. A hail stone hit the top of the tub with a loud crack as it punched its way clear through the solid plastic.



The huge hail that landed in Berowra Heights

I managed to squeeze my car under cover before the worst hit. All I could do then was wait under the carport with the deafening hail crashing down on the flat aluminium roof. The size of the hail stones that hit the ground and did not shatter were the size of cricket balls, and just as hard.

After the 15 minute hail barrage, the sky cleared I came out to survey the damage. I could see a number of the surrounding houses had roof tiles shattered in various places. At that stage I thought my own house and property had come through ok other than a few broken sky-lights, dented carport and my company car. **I was soon to learn the hard way that I was very wrong.**

All the cars that were parked on my street (Lonsdale Avenue) suffered broken windows, most had multiple holes in both the windscreen and back windows. They had also been badly peppered leaving huge dents all over. Several of the neighbours were already up on their roofs and I thought to myself, "gee they're keen". Little did I understand at that point, they were the smart ones.

**Almost immediately after the hail storm I could hear many sirens up on the ridge going along Berowra Waters Road, Turner Road and Wideview.** In no time the RFS trucks turned up in Lonsdale with the local crew from Mt Ku-ring-gai dropping into badly affected residences.

Driving around later I could see almost every house tarped in places along Turner Road, Nayla, Lingellen, Wideview, Berkeley and Clinton Close.

The sun briefly returned however just half an hour after the hail storm finished the skies almost instantly blackened once again as a huge torrential rain opened up. The rain literally poured down for an intense 20 minute period. When I went inside my house I found my family racing around with buckets and bowls, trying to catch water as it streamed through our ceiling, down walls, light fittings, air-conditioning vents in virtually every room, and through our smashed sky-lights. **When the rain finally ceased the house looked like a battle zone.**



MATTAMAS Storm clouds gather over Berowra

I got up on our roof with the five spare tiles I had stored under the house only to see they were not going to go very far towards fixing our issues. I replaced five shattered tiles, leaving dozens of other broken tiles exposing our ceiling to the elements. I also covered the sky-lights with some canvas I had torn into appropriate size pieces. We were fortunate that the wet insulation batts we have in our roof did not weigh down the ceiling to breaking point and cause it to collapse. **I know many others in Berowra were not so lucky with a number of people having to leave their house and find alternative accommodation.**

I then got to thinking about what I actually had planned to do that evening, which was attend the much anticipated combined Berowra Churches **Carols Under the Star** event at Warrina Street Oval from 7.30pm. I called to confirm the event had been cancelled wondering to myself how the organizers had survived the hail as I had earlier seen them setting up and rehearsing on the Oval. *I then realized how lucky it had been that the storm hit at 5pm with most people on their way home or already at home, or at least sheltered somewhere.*

Had the huge hail storm come a few hours later it would have been absolute chaos at the Carols with crowds packed into the oval, limited shelter available and many parents separated from their children.

Very quickly help arrived for affected Berowra residents in many forms. The State Emergency Services (SES) became the lead agency and commandeered the **Andy Paterson Clubhouse** – at Warrina Street Oval, the sports field itself and adjoining car parks to the Oval and St Bernards school. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 10**

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# "COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIKE NO OTHER ..."

Berowra certainly did bear the brunt as one of the areas worst hit by a hail storm on 20 December, according to the Insurance Council of NSW.

The estimated value of lodged insurance claims in Sydney for the hail storm which damaged houses and vehicles, hitting hardest in Berowra Heights, is \$673,904,638 as of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 and the number of lodged claims is 81,194

The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) held a local Berowra community meeting on Monday 7 January 2019 in conjunction with the **Berowra Mixed Probus Club** to assist local residents with their insurance queries.

There were around 100 local residents at the meeting.

The ICA will be further engaging with the Berowra community over the coming weeks to further assist with insurance related processes and queries.

Source: Lisa Kable | Manager, Communications and

Public Relations Insurance Council of Australia [www.insurancecouncil.com.au](http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au)



SES and NSW RFB at Warrina Street Oval after the hail storm

## Residents' comments after the storm:



"New name for Berowra Heights ... 'Tarpaulin Heights' ... because tarps cover nearly every roof"

"Just like a country town, we all pulled together and helped each other."

"Neighbours I had never met before were on my doorstep with bottles of wine, gifts for the children as well offers to help clean up the damage"

"We all had a story to tell of 'where were you when the storm hit?' and we all supported each other"

"Future name of Berowra ... 'Place of Many New Cars'"

"I got hit on the foot by a huge hailstone ... went to the doctor who told me to 'put ice on it'."

## MATT KEAN MP REPORTS:

*I saw firsthand the devastation the storms caused in December to people's homes and cars. I know this has made it a tough Christmas for those with major damage.*

I want to thank the hundreds of SES and RFS volunteers who came from all over the State to help assist in the clean-up effort and continue to do so as we get more rain. I also want to thank the entire Berowra community who have come together to support each other and the volunteers from the SES and RFS.

Any residents needing more information on disaster recovery funding can contact my office on 9476 6411.

### HELP AFTER THE STORM

With hailstones the size of tennis balls decimating parts of Berowra it is important there is assistance to individuals, small business and councils to help with the recovery efforts.

For many traumatised by the storms and the resulting clean-up, counselling is available through NSW Health's Mental Health Line. This is a free 24/7 telephone support and counselling for everyone.

People are also encouraged to contact other free support services if they prefer.

► NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511

► Lifeline 13 11 14

► Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36

► Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

► Hundreds of SES and RFS volunteers have given up their Christmas to help the residents of Berowra.

Those same volunteers were out again last week as we were hit with more rain and further water damage happening in people's homes. Thank you to each and every volunteer who has helped the residents when they need it most.

**ASSISTANCE** available for those affected by the storms and floods in the Hornsby include:

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## MATT KEAN MP REPORTS:

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**ASSISTANCE** available for those  
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in the Hornsby include:

- Assistance to help people who are uninsured, have sustained damage to homes or contents, and meet an assets and income test;
- Assistance to help councils in the affected Local Government Areas with the costs associated with cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
- Concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations;
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## WHAT'S GOING ON AT BEROWRA MARKETPLACE?

Exciting activity is afoot at Berowra Marketplace!

The new, locally-based owners of two downstairs units are busily renovating the former Lions Op Shop and Running Wild premises.

By February the combined area will be converted to two purpose built Health and Wellness Studios which will be available for hire by local health instructors and practitioners for classes such as yoga, dance, martial arts, pilates and more.

"We hope to provide a much-needed venue for hire, dedicated to health and wellness activities for use by the community," said the owner.

The Health and Wellness Studios will be the latest addition to Berowra Marketplace which is fast becoming quite the 'boutique' centre!

**Other shops at Berowra Marketplace include:** Infinity Hair Design, Hexicom Software, The Sentimental Florist, The Bush Tele Shop, Antonio's Shearing Shed, Berowra Chemist, Darcies Seafood & Sushi Café, Berowra Medical Centre Bulk Bill Surgery, Krispy Audio and Rebecca Christensen Chiropractic.

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## ZOO BABIES SHINE THIS SUMMER AT DUBBO ZOO

**Taronga Western Plains Zoo has BABIES GALORE to see this summer!**

The Zoo has experienced a **BABY BOOM** over the past six months, with the arrival of an Asian Elephant calf, Cheetah cubs, Ring-tailed Lemur babies, Takhi foals and a rare Bongo calf.

Female Asian Elephant calf **Kanlaya** is six months old and growing fast, as are the six Cheetah cubs, now confidently exploring their surroundings and interacting with each other.

The Zoo also welcomed three **Ring-tailed Lemur babies** in early spring. All three babies are starting to regularly spend time on their island home with their mothers, even venturing away independently from time to time.

In addition to the Ring-tailed Lemur babies, two **Spider Monkey babies** born late last year are now one and are keeping their mother's on their toes! They are very active and cheeky, often taking food from the adults in the group or swinging from the trees and ropes on their island.

*"There has been a real baby boom over the past six months. We have so many new arrivals and they are all thriving and doing well,"* said Director, **Steve Hinks**.

Another arrival, a rare **Bongo calf** born in September, is also growing up fast. This critically endangered species is on the brink, with less than 100 individuals (est) remaining in the wild. Every birth is critical.

Two **Takhi (Przewalski's Horse)** foals were also born just one day apart in October. The male and female foals are doing well and enjoy a gallop around the paddock in the mornings with their mothers.

*"Summer is a really great time to visit not only to see all the growing new arrivals but to enjoy the warmer weather and explore the Zoo by bike or electric cart. The daily keeper talks are a great way to learn about the animals and see them at feeding time, and there are animal encounters and behind the scenes tours to choose from to add something extra special to your zoo visit, including visiting the Zoo for an early morning walk before the gates open and the day heats up"* said Steve.

**The Zoo is open every day of the summer holiday period from 8:30am – 4pm. Taronga Western Plains Zoo is located in Dubbo in Central Western NSW.**

Source: Taronga Western Plains Zoo

## ATTENTION STORM-AFFECTED RESIDENTS

*A Message from Paul's Lighting Mt Colah*

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**Galston VIEW Club** which raises money to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program will hold its monthly Luncheon Meeting at The Galston Club, 21-25 Arcadia Road Galston, at 11am. The Annual General Meeting will be held with election of Officers for 2019. Visitors are always welcome. Bookings Vivien 98941189.

### Thursday, 31, January

**The Sydney Hills Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees** will be meeting at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church Hall, Welham Street Beecroft at 10.45 am. Speaker Kinda McKean Wealth manager, from Yellow Brick Road on "Retirement Planning and Aged Care". We Welcome Visitors and New Members Enq Lauris Rennie 9634 1186

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## INVITATION TO AN ENTERTAINING TIME WITH MEDIEVAL KINGS

By Gael Walker

The 'Plantagenet Era' began in 1154 when Henry II won the English throne. It lasted for 331 years until 1485, when Richard III died in battle and the 'Tudor Era' began. However, during the last 30 years of the Plantagenet period the 'Wars of the Roses' were fought by two royal families, York and Lancaster, each of whom claimed the English throne.



The Plantagenet History Society of Australia will stage a dramatic DEBATE between four historians with special expertise in this area to illustrate what was really happening. The Hon. John Bryson QC & Bob Guntrip will represent 'The House of York' while Isolde Martyn & Rachel Allerton will champion the claims of 'The House of Lancaster'. Visitors are welcome to join with Society Members to participate in this lively and enjoyable event. Then they can all vote to decide who really should have won this war and become the King of England in 1485! **Hornsby Central Library from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday January 19.**

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Less than two weeks from Christmas, the St George Bank, in its wisdom has removed the ATM.

Such a move reminds me of Ebenezer Scrooge by removing the Money Box. Good on you St George Bank: you really are A DRAGON.

Paul, Berowra  
(name supplied)

Dear Bush Tele,

Christmas has passed and I looked in vain in my stocking to see if there was a Brooklyn Masterplan there.

Readers may recall that Council decided that Brooklyn should have one, consulted huge numbers of people from elsewhere, created a Reference Group in which local residents were swamped by outsiders and promised that all in Brooklyn would be fixed by this plan.

The consultants' work was presented to Council but was never made public. Using their "power of ten" they neither approved nor rejected the plan, leaving all of us wondering what was in it. So, we may never know whether the cover was an improvement on the previous six plans that have all been virtually ignored by Council.

Those previous plans all had something in common. Not one suggested that McKell Park should be used as a free car storage area for people without road access. I wonder if that is the problem with the latest one.

Tom Richmond, Brooklyn

### SEND YOUR LETTERS TO

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## 70 YEARS OF LOVE

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Betty and her mum then left Australia for Glasgow Scotland to live with relatives. Katherine later remarried William Smith from Falkirk not far from Stirling.

Alexander 'Sandy' Alexander was born on 10 March 1927. His parents were John Patrick Alexander and Mary (nee McLean). His home was beneath the walls of Stirling Castle. Alex had two younger brothers Tom and Ian and a sister Eileen, the youngest.

Alex joined the British Army in 1945 as WW2 was coming to an end serving with the 6th Airborne Div (1945-1949), in Italy, Greece and also Palestine where he lost 5 of his mates.

Alex is a fellow member of the Hornsby A.O.O.B Children's Hospitals Charity which was formed in Australia at the end of WW2

Betty and Alex moved to Australia in July 1962 with their only child Carol (b 1950) settling in the Sydney North Shore area.

"We lived at the Bradfield Park migrant hostel in Lindfield for 3 years which had been used as an army barracks during WW2," said Alex. "We then rented in Roseville and Hornsby and Lindfield," said Betty. In Hornsby they lived on the Pacific Hwy (now Peats Ferry Rd) opposite the fire station on the corner of Bridge Road. The house was replaced by units in the 1970s.

The Alexanders moved to their current family home in High Street, Mt Kuring-gai in 1971/72.

"Back then there were no street lights and no railway bridge, just a railway crossing," said Betty. "We only had dirt roads and the Council rate was 10 shillings a year," added Alex.

Betty celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 16 Jan and Alex's his 92<sup>nd</sup> on 10 March 2019.

Their daughter Carol has blessed her parents with 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandson (Diesel).







## LOOKING FOR A LOCAL PLAYGROUP?

Berowra Uniting Church is the venue for a fun-filled community playgroup running from 10 am to midday every Tuesday during School Terms.

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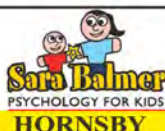
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The "cut down then stop" method is now commonly used. Evidence has shown that reducing the number of cigarettes smoked with the assistance of NRT, makes it easier for some heavily addicted smokers to ultimately quit completely.

The simultaneous use of more than one nicotine replacement therapy product was once not considered appropriate. But experience has shown that some smokers who continue to have cravings with single therapy, or those who have quit in the past and then relapsed, will benefit and become long-term quitters by using patches and gum together.

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# WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

Berowra Heights resident and Hornsby Shire Councillor Nathan Tilbury reports. *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2:*

SES and Rural Fire Service (RFS) crews arrived from literally everywhere. RFS crews were from Campbelltown, Hunter Valley, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, South Coast and everything in between. SES also had crews from all over NSW including ACT, Broken Hill and Lightning Ridge.

## STATS

The total Fire & Rescue NSW, RFS, SES teams in Berowra for the first week was 280 with an average of 40 crews per day and at the peak (Saturday 22nd December) 75 teams in the field. Total jobs attended to for Berowra, Berowra Heights and Cowan areas was 1,395 and for the Hornsby Shire area 1,566 (20th December – 9th January) with at least 2,000 tarps used and 24 tonnes of sand shovelled into sandbags by volunteers.

The other thing that happened almost immediately, which helped those badly affected enormously, was the event being declared “catastrophic”. By lunch time Friday the *Disaster Relief* staff, and the Insurance Council had set up a *Disaster Relief Centre* at Berowra Community Centre which stayed for several days. This included representatives from the insurance companies, SES representatives (to book in required emergency repair work and or hand out tarps), Red Cross, Anglicare and FACs representatives to help with emergency accommodation as required. A Chaplain was also available for anyone spiritually in need.

**The thing that really stood out from the very beginning of this event was the way the local Berowra community stuck together and supported each other as and when required.**

This included:

- Any time volunteers were requested by the SES for sand bagging at Warrina, crowds of young and old immediately arrived ready to work
- Neighbours checking on neighbours, especially the elderly and sick. The SES with the help of resident volunteers doorknocked every house in the affected area
- Positive advice and support that flowed through, and is still coming, from local community Social Media
- Cafes and local restaurants providing an easy pay it forward system for people to pass on a drink or a meal to a SES or RFS volunteers as a simple sign of thanks.



*Storm disaster welfare at Berowra Community Centre*

In many cases these local businesses just provided their goods and services to the volunteers for free anyway

► The day after the storm volunteers put on free drinks and sausage sizzle at the Berowra St Marks Church car park so residents could drive through and get a drink and sandwich without even having to leave their car. This was particularly handy for my family (& I am sure many others) to not have to worry about dinner that night as we continued our clean up

► Local service clubs (Apex, Rotary and Lions) and representatives from the Berowra Wallabies running BBQs for the emergency services volunteers on the final day (Thursday 27th December) and the Wallabies who kept all the amenities at Warrina in working order throughout and running a BBQ on Christmas Day for the volunteers

**This stand out community spirit was very evident and noted by many visiting emergency crews and senior personnel.**

This Berowra spirit in times of need is our greatest asset and the envy of many other communities. I believe it also helped many storm victims keep their “chin up” during some pretty testing times.

On behalf on the Berowra community we sincerely thank the many volunteers from the SES, RFS and all the other support groups for the incredible and quality work they undertook in a very timely manner during a challenging period of the year. We should not forget many crews were already engaged in the clean-up from the huge Cherrybrook storms that occurred just five days prior to Berowra’s storm.

*Story: Andy Paterson – Berowra Wallabies & Nathan Tilbury – Hornsby Shire Councillor (both affected Berowra district residents)*

*Statistics provided by Reinoud Beijerink – SES Hornsby Unit Commander (and affected Berowra Heights resident).*

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT KICKS IN AFTER SEVERE STORMS



Thousands of residents called upon Hornsby Shire Council for assistance after last year’s major storms damaged homes, left roads blocked by debris and caused multiple power outages.

Then came the record-breaking tennis ball hail storm event which hit Berowra with a vengeance.

Mayor Philip Ruddock said, “We are also very grateful to the State Emergency Service (SES), Rural Fire Service (RFS), Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), Ausgrid and Sydney Water response teams, who have all worked cooperatively – and very hard – to assist affected residents.”

“All of the emergency agencies, as well as the residents affected, pulled together very effectively to help each other and clean up the damage. I would like to thank all residents for their neighbourly support and their patience as we work hard to clean up the most affected suburbs first.”

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## PAUL'S TRAVELS THROUGH ASIA

Berowra artist Paul Sumner will be leaving Australia in January on a six-week adventure through Thailand and Cambodia to continue his visual recording of the people that have 'Fallen through the cracks' as the title of his last exhibition of artworks was entitled.

With a small grant from the Exodus Foundation organised by the Reverend Bill Crews at his Ashfield centre, Paul gets references for many of his works and produces artworks of some of the many homeless and needy that attend there. Paul made a brief visit in early 2018 to the 'Hub' in Bangkok, to a refuge for abandoned, abused and trafficked young people run by the Exodus Foundation.

"I am determined to go and spend more time with them and produce more artworks to tell their story," said Paul.

After visiting Bangkok Paul will be travelling through Thailand to Cambodia via Poi pet, a border town synonymous with the smuggling of drugs, prostitution and people smuggling.

"The homeless and destitute in Australia have a hard time and I will continue to help them in the only way I can, through my drawings," said Paul. "But the young people in Thailand that I have met are open to a much higher risk of abuse on the street. There is no social security there and little official help. I feel I must do something however modest that may be for the people like 'Beer', a boy that died aged 15 from the AIDS virus. I can't sit back and do nothing."

"I hope to be back in Berowra on the 15 of March 2019, maybe with another story to tell and artworks to produce," said Paul. Information & image supplied by Paul Sumner.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2018

The Rotary Club of Berowra congratulates all those who have received citizenship awards at the local state primary schools. Berowra Rotary was pleased to donate the funds for these awards in each school, and honoured to have their members make the presentations. The schools make the decision over the number of awards made, what the award will be called, how the funds are allocated, and the recipients.

### Congratulations to the following:

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## FREE DRINKS FOR THOSE 'HEROES'

Story: Michael Hohensee

They clambered over hail-damaged roofs, anchored tarpaulins to protect them from further damage, and in any way they could supported Berowra Heights' residents who'd been ravaged by a Christmas storm that created news round the world.

We refer to those committed members of the Rural Fire Service and the SES, many of whom came from other parts of Sydney to lend a hand in the mop up. And their efforts didn't go unnoticed locally, in what became known as 'Tarpaulin Heights'.

As the sign (pictured) suggests, Berowra Village's CoHo Café offered free coffee to RFS and SES 'heroes' who tirelessly and without fuss got on with the job of making residents secure and safe and their homes fit to live in.

CoHo owner Brett Nipper said the idea of offering free drinks, which also included smoothies and soft drinks, happened almost simultaneously.

"Members of the public began to give money to us for their free drinks, just as we'd decided to do the same," said Brett. "I estimate we dished up about 150 coffees, plus some cold drinks."

While Brett's private premises suffered little damage from the 'tennis-ball hailstones', wife Katherine was caught in her car. "Not surprisingly she was freaked out and I talked her through it," said Brett.

It was not long before other Berowra coffee shops followed suit with Café Laurella and The Wise Monkey chalking up free beverages for our volunteer heroes. Ed.



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Photo of Samuel Music student Luella Tingle playing Jingle Bells on the Wellington NZ waterfront



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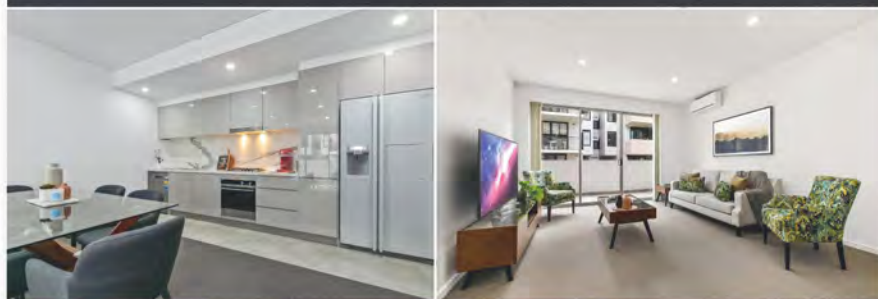
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